Welcome

Editor’s Note

Thanks for reading the 2013 American Association for Chinese Studies newsletter. This year’s newsletter may look a little different from previous issues, but don’t worry: The usual features are still here, along with some new content and a new format.

In the front of the issue you’ll find Association news. We have information from the 2012 annual meeting, held at Georgia Tech in October, and member activities. You will also find the Call for Papers for the 2013 meeting and information about our conference host, Rutgers University School of Social Work.

The newsletter’s second half has information about the world of Chinese studies. In this issue we profile two academic institutions. There is a page of information for graduate students, including job listings. We’ve also included memorials to three leading scholars of Chinese studies who passed away this year.

In the future we hope to include more news from members. We hope you’ll let us know what’s going in your institutions and scholarly circles. If you host a conference, send us a paragraph to tell us how it went. If you’ve got an institute or program you think other AACS members would like to read about, let us know. We’ll be happy to include a profile in a future issue.

Send Association news and other developments in Chinese studies to Lindsay Voegele, at livegele@davidson.edu.

A special thanks to Jan Stepienski of the City University of New York for his dedicated work as a student assistant for the past three years and congratulate him as he accepts a full scholarship to do graduate study at Stanford University! Jan edited the newsletter, made arrangements for the annual conference, updated the AACS website, and kept the Secretariat office functioning.

From the Desk of the President

Greetings! The publication of this newsletter ushers in a new year. I hope this Year of the Golden Snake brings you happiness and success. I would like to especially thank Professor Shelley Rigger, my predecessor, and Mrs. Lindsay Voegele for the new look and content of this communication.

Building on last year’s successful annual meeting at Georgia Tech (kudos to Professor John Garver and his staff), preparation for this year’s conference at Rutgers is well under way. Program Chair Professor John Hsieh has assembled an interesting and diverse set of panel proposals, and there is still time for individual proposals. Some highlights include the keynote speech by Professor Jerome Cohen of NYU Law School, a prominent scholar of Chinese law, and a panel commemorating director Ang Lee, who recently won his second Academy Award for Best Director.

We were also fortunate to receive a generous grant last fall from the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation that will help significantly strengthen our organization. The three-year grant is annually renewable, so we need to judiciously and effectively use it. In the year ahead we hope to expand our professional outreach, improve our journal, strengthen manuscripts in the humanities, and increase participation by junior scholars and graduate students.

I hope to welcome you at our annual meeting in October.

Vincent Wei-cheng Wang

President

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Don’t forget to renew your AACS membership for the coming year. Click here to renew now.

The AACS website features info on the upcoming conference, membership renewal, and the American Journal of Chinese Studies. Click here to visit.

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We invite scholars of all disciplines in Chinese studies to submit proposals for papers, roundtables, and panels for the 55th Annual Conference of the American Association for Chinese Studies, hosted by Rutgers University. Upon accepting a proposal for an individual paper, the committee will attempt to place the presenter on an appropriate panel. Graduate students are highly encouraged to submit their work, as the AACS bestows an award upon the author of the best paper among graduate students at the conference. Overall, our goal is to construct a balanced program, including panels representing the humanities, the social sciences, education and business-related subjects.

The deadline for individual papers is May 1, 2013. Please send your proposal (including an abstract of 250 words) by email to the program committee at AACS2013@gmail.com.

Hung-dah Chiu Memorial Award

The Hung-dah Chiu Memorial Award was established in October 2012 by the AACS to honor former member Prof. Hung-dah Chiu. The award, which is granted annually to the author(s) of the best paper presented at the annual AACS conference as judged by a panel of reviewers, includes publication in the American Journal of Chinese Studies and $500 cash prize.

Recipient of the 2012 Hung-dah Chiu Memorial Award
Church-State Relations in Contemporary China
The Critical Shouwang Case
Deborah Brown and Tun-jen Cheng

Abstract
The Shouwang Church epitomizes the advent, vitality, and adversity of house churches in contemporary urban China. Its political persecution is emblematic of the uneasy church-state relations in economically dynamic, socially rapidly changing, but politically volatile China. Effective control over religious organizations is no longer possible, but freedom of religious practice is hardly assured. The development of the Shouwang case is a window through which potential political change can be observed and analyzed, if not predicted.

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500+: Jerry McBeath
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100-249: Chu-yuan Cheng, Tao Tai Hsia, Steven Phillips, Lynn White III

If you would like to contribute to the Hung-dah Chiu memorial fund, which sponsors the annual award, information regarding donations can be found on the AACS website.
2012 AACS Conference Review

Notes from the Annual Meeting and Major Resolutions by the AACS Board of Directors

- Update on the status of the *American Journal of Chinese Studies*. We have new subscriptions from India, China, and overseas institutions. The current acceptance rate for manuscripts is about 40%.

- The 2012 conference program had 23 panels, which is consistent with conferences for the last three years. Seventy-two members and a few non-members presented papers at the conference, with fifty-nine total papers presented.

- Memorial Fund in honor of Prof. Chiu Hung-dah was established with an award of $500 for the best paper of the conference for a 3-year period. It would cost a total of $1500. Three avenues of fund raising could be made; the first one was to raise funds from Taiwan which he tried without much success. The second way is to solicit donations from board members internally and the third way is to use the reserve fund within the AACS. It was also suggested that the best paper should be published by the AJCS.

- The 2013 annual conference will be held at Rutgers University on October 11-13. John Hsieh will chair the program committee with Linda Chiang and Jacques deLisle serving as committee members.

- The following board members were re-appointed for another three-year term from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015: Chung Fang Chang, Jacques deLisle, Shelley Rigger, Vincent Wang, Yu-Shan Wu, Cal Clark, Wei-Chin Lee, Chia-Lin Tao, Wing Thy Woo, Jenn-hwan Wang. In addition, Steve Philips at Towson University was added as a new board member for a term of three years.

- Vincent Wang was elected president and Hans Stockton was elected vice-president for 2013.

Panel Topics included:

A Rising China on the World Stage and US-China Relations
Inclusion of New Immigrants and Ideas in Taiwan
Topics in Chinese Fiction and Culture
China’s Changing Political Economy
Post-Mortem to Taiwan’s 2012 Presidential Election
Church-State Relations in Contemporary China
New Development Drivers in China’s Domestic Economy
Teaching Chinese as a Foreign/Second Language
China in Transition: Coping with Internal and External Changes
Challenges of China’s Resources Linkages - Near and Far
US-Taiwan-China Relations
Elections in East Asia
Chinese Language Learning and Processing: Technology and Instructional Design
Issues of Science and Technology in Greater China
The Kuomintang as Taiwan’s Ruling Party in the 1950s and 1960s
Culture as the Driver of Social Change
Topics in China’s Foreign Relations
Comparative Topics in Political Economy
Leadership and Policy in Greater China
Changing Central-Local Relations and Government Capability in China
Topics in Chinese Drama and Film

Biography of AACS President Vincent Wang

Vincent Wei-cheng Wang is Professor of Political Science and Associate Dean in the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Richmond in Richmond, Virginia. He has a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Chicago, an M.A. in International Relations and Asian Studies from the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, and a B.A. in Political Science from National Taiwan University. He is the author of over seventy scholarly articles and book chapters on Asian political economy, security, international relations, and East Asian-Latin American comparative development, Taiwan’s foreign policy and domestic politics, cross-strait relations, Chinese foreign policy and domestic politics. His publications have appeared in Pacific Affairs, issues and Studies, *Asian Perspective, Cambridge Review of International Affairs, American Asian Review, Pacific Focus, Asian Affairs, Asia Policy, Southeast Review of Asian Studies*, and other scholarly journals. His most recent publication was “‘Chindia’ or Rivalry? Rising China, Rising India, and Contending Perspectives on Indian-China Relations,” *Asian Perspective* 35(3) (Fall 2011): 437-469. He has taught at the University of Miami. He has been a visiting professor at National Chengchi University (2010) and National Sun Yat-sen University (2003) in Taiwan, and Colégio de México in Mexico (1991), and has been a visiting researcher in South Korea (Institute of Far Eastern Studies, 1990) and Singapore (East Asian Institute, 2007). He has been the vice president of the American Association for Chinese Studies, the program chair for its 2011 annual meeting, and the local host of its 2007 annual meeting. He has been the coordinator of American Political Science Association’s Conference Group on Taiwan Studies, and has served on the Executive Board of the International Studies Association-South.
2013 AACS Conference

AACS welcomes you to our 55th Annual Conference, hosted by Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ, October 11-13, 2013.

The Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy
Rutgers University
College Avenue Campus
33 Livingston Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

The deadline for paper proposals is May 1st. Papers should be submitted to AACS2013@gmail.com

Keynote Speaker: Jerome Cohen

Our keynote speaker, Jerome Cohen, has been the driving force behind East Asian legal studies in the United States for nearly five decades. He has been a professor of law at New York University (1990-present), Harvard University ('64-'79), and the University of California, Berkeley ('59-'64). Professor Cohen is a leading promoter of human rights and the rule of law in East Asia, meting out criticism and advice with an unbiased hand and helping both nations and individuals find their way to justice. Most recently, he played a key role in securing the freedom of Chinese human rights activist Chen Guangcheng, whose flight to the U.S. embassy in Beijing made headlines last spring.

A Note From Our Hosts at Rutgers University in New Brunswick

Hualin Research Center at Rutgers University School of Social Work is honored to host your 2013 annual convention. We look forward to welcoming you to New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Rutgers University was established in 1766, and is the only public New Jersey school that is part of the Association of American Universities’ 61 lending research universities. Rutgers University has three campuses (New Brunswick, Camden and Newark) and is comprised of 28 schools and colleges with more than 58,000 students from all 50 states and 125 countries.

New Brunswick is situated on the banks of the Raritan River in Middlesex County, New Jersey, 31 miles southeast of New York City and 20 miles south of Newark International Airport. New Brunswick is home to Johnson and Johnson, the world’s largest health care products manufacturer established in 1885. New Brunswick has many historical sites, such as the State Theatre, Joyce Kilmer House, Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum, NJ Agricultural museum, Crossroads Theatre, George Street Playhouse, Rutgers Gardens, and more.

We at Rutgers University School of Social Work, and I personally, look forward to welcoming you to New Brunswick, working to make your annual convention a success, and ensuring that your stay in New Brunswick is enjoyable.

Lodging

Group Attendee Code: 190907

Room rate: $109, plus tax = $125. Breakfast not included. When you make your hotel reservation, please refer to the AACS group rate set up by Rutgers University.

Amenities: Complimentary wireless high speed internet access, on-site fitness center and swimming pool.

To book a hotel room online, visit TheHeldrich.com and click on the Check Availability button, which will open the Calendar Booking screen. Select the Group Code option, located below the banner logo. Input your Group Attendee Code and then click the Update button. Select your Arrival and Departure Dates and the number of guests and then click Continue. Select your preferred Bed Type, fill in the appropriate Information Fields, and then click Submit.

If you require telephone assistance with your reservation please dial 866-609-4700 between 8 AM and 8 PM EST and give the reservation agent Group Attendee Code 190907 to make the reservation. Reservations utilizing the group code must be made by September 10th.

For information regarding transportation to the conference, directions can be downloaded in PDF here.

Amenities: Complimentary wireless high speed internet access, on-site fitness center and swimming pool.

About New Brunswick

New Brunswick, New Jersey is a vibrant city of 50,000 residents, a number that triples during the business day with college students, corporate and business employees, hospital and health care workers and visitors. It is a community with richly diverse neighborhoods, a bustling downtown, and an innovative and popular cultural arts center.

Within a few city blocks converge Johnson & Johnson’s world headquarters, Rutgers-The State University of New Jersey, the country’s largest medical school, two premiere academic hospitals, three professional theaters, several four-star restaurants, and two four-star hotels.

Things to do in the area

Ballet - American Repertory Ballet
Galleries - Alfa Art Gallery
Elizabeth Ann Seton Memorial Gallery
Gallery at Crossroads
Koyo Gallery
Mason Gross School of Arts Gallery
Rabbit Gallery
Local Tours - Historic Walking Tour
Museums - Hungarian Heritage Center
Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers
Theaters - Cabaret Theatre
Crossroads Theatre
George Street Playhouse
The State Theatre

For more information, please visit the website of the New Brunswick tourist bureau.
Member Updates

Prof. Darryl E. Brock
Fordham University

Books/Book Chapters

Journal Articles

Conference/Presentations

Prof. Dean Chen
Ramapo College

Books/Book Chapters

Journal Articles
“A Brief Clarification of ‘The Rule of Law’ in Policy Perspective,” in 34 T. Jefferson L. Rev. 95 (2011). The article was adapted from Prof. Chen’s presentation at the International Conference on the Rule of Law in China on May 27, 2011 in Hangzhou, China.

Conference/Presentations
Organized a panel on Constitutional Democracy for the 2011 annual meeting of AACS in Philadelphia and presented a paper on “Dr. Sun Yat-sen’s Five-Power Constitution: Theory and Practice” at the panel.

Prof. Guo-Ming Chen
University of Rhode Island
Books/Book Chapters


Conference/Presentations
Chen, G. M. (2012, August). Culture and conflict management: A Chinese perspective. Invited speech at the Symposium of Translating Cultures in International Mediation at Nottingham University, Nottingham, UK.
Prof. Chunjuan Nancy Wei
University of Bridgeport

Book/Book Chapters


Chunjuan Nancy Wei, Chapter 8: “Barefoot Doctors: The Legacy of Chairman Mao’s Healthcare” (pp.251-280). In Mr. Science and Chairman Mao’s Cultural Revolution, edited by Chunjuan Nancy Wei, and Darryl E. Brock. ISBN: 978-0-7391-4974-4


Conferences/ Presentations
Teachers’ Workshop on Strategic Studies by the Philip Merrill Center for Strategic Studies, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University, in Vermont, June 4-8, 2012.

Invited to brief a delegation from Vietnam Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Chinese trade and foreign policies at Connecticut College in New London (June 2012). Invited to speak on “Tensions in the South China Sea: Political and Economic Dimen- sions,” along with Dr. William Lay. The talk was sponsored by the Robert Sammis Lecture Series and the East Asia and Pacific Rim Studies (EAPRS) Program.

-Part 1: Introduction to Tensions in the South China Sea–Economic, Political and Legal Dimensions http://goo.gl/81wYM
-Part 2: Tensions in the South China Sea– An Overview http://goo.gl/BfW3c
-Part 4: A Sea of Conflicting Claims http:// goo.gl/jV0D4
-Part 5: Q&A http://goo.gl/DR4bT


Prof. Yenna Wu
University of California, Riverside Books/Book Chapters

Prof. Yu-Shan Wu
Academia Sinica Books/Book Chapters

Journal Articles

Conferences/Presentations

Q: What are some good archival sources to consult when looking for primary source documents on China? Do particular universities have better collections?

Steven Phillips, Prof. of History, Towson Uni- versity: You can find links to some sources on my website: http://goo.gl/cLM49
In addition, this CIRS report is very useful: goo.gl/SD8Ff3

June Traefel Dreyer, Prof. of Political Scien- ce, University of Miami: The Chinese government’s National Bu- reau of Statistics of China has a lot of infor- mation: goo.gl/khX21

John Garver, Prof. of International Affairs, George Institute of Technology: My main data source is Zhongguo walli- gu (Chinese diplomacy) published annu- ally by Zhijie shoshi in Beijing. Organized by foreign country and functional area, the almanac contains basic data about china’s diplomatic activities, visits, agreements, what is said, concerns, etc. Vi- tal for research on Chinese foreign rela- tions. Two versions: Chinese and English. I also often refer to Zhongguo tai- guan taiji nianjian (Chinese customs statistical almanac), published in Beijing by The Chinese Custom’s Service. With new volumes organized by country, and by commodity, it offers basic informa- tion on structure and trends in trade. Great for basic data to compose pie or line charts. Need a handbook showing commodity code numbers to use it.

The annual Tongji Nianjian (Statisti- cal Yearbook), published in Beijing by the State Statistical Bureau is good. Also contains bilateral trade data, but less de- tailed than Customs Service yearbook. Then there is the old “BIF” now sold as “World News Connector” by Dialogue. Online daily translation service of hun- dreds of foreign papers, including China, Taiwan, and other asian countries. Search engine clunky, but pay off rich. Check out China and Chinese country sources for what China says and does. They are often more frank that Chinese media sources.

Q: What is the state of social science in China? How are approaches to scholarship and instruction different in the US?

Yu Long, former Director of the Social Sciences Division of Franklin College: Social science is the study of human be- fairs through scientific methods. The ma- jor function of social science is to explain phenomena, not to provide justification. Since it is called science, the study should be relative value free (although the con- clusions of the science may not totally value free). As a result, social science as a disci- pline pays attention to methodology. In other words, social scientists care about research design before anything else. Fur- thermore, conclusion cannot be reached before the study begins.

There are social science departments in China, but the approaches and instruction are not the same as in the US. Oftentimes, scholars or students are limited by official ideology. They are socialized to know there is a limitation in their study. Research is confined to a window (meaning, within the limit of a frame), while in the US, there are no windows in social science – the sky is the limit.

Stephen Noakes, Asian Institute, University of Toronto: My article “Intellectuals and Authoritar- ian Resilience: The Development of Politica- cal Science in China will appear in Political Science Quarterly soon, and can help an- swer this: To summarize, intellectuals are histori- cally important as promoters of political reform, and political scientists in particu- lar have been among the foremost advo- cates of democracy and democratization. Despite the banishment of his 1987 Presidential address to the American Political Science Association, the late Samuel P. Huntington wrote that “Political scientists want to do good, [and] the impetus to do good in the sense of promoting political reform is embedded in our profession... The emergence of de- mocracy encourages the development of political science. [It can] and has in small ways contributed to the emergence and stabilization of democracy.” In my essay, I develop and test a new framework for un- derstanding the role of political scientists in authoritarian systems. Where the dis- cipline supports democracy, it is typically a) independent of the state, b) pluralistic, engaging a broad variety of questions and approaches to represent social interests, and c) critical, acting as a watchdog against official abuses of power. Moreover, if au- tonomy, pluralism, and scrutiny of state behavior are the hallmarks of political sci- ence in liberal environments, then political science in liberalizing authoritarian set- tings should show some signs of becoming increasingly autonomous, pluralistic, and critical as well. I find that political science in China not only fails to meet these stan- dards, but has measurably regressed in re- cent years. In contrast to the image of the demystifying and disembedding eager student prominent in the 1989 uprisings, much po- litical science in China today strengthens authoritarianism through an outlook that is primarily service-oriented and deeply committed to Chinese exceptionalism.


Ask the Experts
The International Chinese Language Program

The International Chinese Language Program at National Taiwan University (ICLP), the world’s premier Chinese language institution, was established in 1963 as the Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies (IUP) and has been known for providing intensive and advanced Chinese language instruction. ICLP offers programs for non-Chinese speaking undergraduate, graduate, and unaffiliated students, many of whom have gone on to use these skills in key diplomatic, government, academic and business positions worldwide since 1963.

The goal of the program is to provide students with intensive oral-aural language instruction and to further reading ability in general materials. ICLP also seeks to guide students in learning Chinese for various disciplines or professional fields and to enable students to achieve broad and independent competence in spoken Chinese and develop reading skills necessary for academic research or professional use.

ICLP right for you?

Are you committed to a China-related career and willing to work hard to achieve that goal?
Are you dedicated to achieving professional fluency in Chinese as quickly as possible?
Do you want to study with the best, professionally trained teachers available?
Do you want to join the ranks of academic and professional leaders dealing with China?

“ICLP remains the premiere institution for studying Chinese worldwide ... Any student who is committed to the study of the Chinese language should seriously consider attending ICLP and will be well served if they do so. It is an excellent environment in which to hone one’s Chinese language skills, to develop the ability to communicate at the highest level possible in Chinese, and, for interested parties, to pursue the study of classical Chinese, media Chinese, business Chinese, or the study of Southern Min.”

Dr. Christopher Lupke, Coordinator of Asian Languages, Washington State University

For more information on ICLP, visit their website.

Student Testimonials

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David Bosworth, 2003-2004

“The curriculum and texts are top notch, and the learning environment is great, but what really makes ICLP the best Chinese program available anywhere is the quality of the staff and instructors. If you come to ICLP you are in for a year of very hard work and very tangible rewards.”

David Bosworth, 2003-2004

Dr. Christopher Lupke, Coordinator of Asian Languages, Washington State University

The Institute for US-China Issues

The Institute for US-China Issues at the University of Oklahoma engages in research and outreach activities that seek to better understand and improve US-China relations. The Institute’s focus is on the deeper structure of the bilateral relationship: its dynamics of security and insecurity, perception and misperception, identity and power.

The Institute conducts academic research that has policy-relevant implications, seeking to resolve the key challenges confronting US-China relations in the 21st Century, with the goal of impacting the broader national debate on US-China policy. While mainstream international relations theory focuses on relative military and economic capabilities, the balance of power, and the challenges of power transition, it neglects the role of psychological factors. These factors play a significant role in determining whether US-China relations in the 21st Century will be dominated by cooperation or conflict. For instance, what impact do national identities and ideologies have on mutual perceptions and misperceptions and policy preferences? Do different cognitive styles impact the likelihood of strategic miscalculation in US-China relations? Under what conditions does increasing US-China interdependence promote peace, and under what conditions does it foster hostility?

The Political Psychology of US-China Relations lab at the Institute for US-China Issues seeks to answer such questions. The lab is interdisciplinary, but is largely oriented towards applied social psychology with a focus on survey and experimental methods.

For more information, visit the institute’s website.

The Newman Prize for Chinese Literature

The Newman Prize for Chinese Literature is awarded biennially by the Institute for US-China Issues at the University of Oklahoma in recognition of outstanding achievement in prose or poetry written in Chinese that best captures the human condition, and is conferred by an international jury solely on the basis of literary merit. The Prize consists of $10,000, a commemorative medallion, and a plaque.

Mainland Chinese novelist Mo Yan won the inaugural Newman Prize in 2009 and the 2011 Newman Prize was awarded to Mainland Chinese novelist Han Shaogong. The recipient of the 2013 prize is Taiwanese poet and scholar Yang Mu.

Born in 1940 in Hualien County, a rural area on the northeast coast of Taiwan, Yang Mu started writing poetry in 1956. In the last five decades, he has published 14 original books of poetry and a large corpus of prose. After graduating from Tunghai University (Taiwan), Yang earned an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Iowa. He continued to study in the United States, earning a PhD in comparative literature from the University of California at Berkeley.

Yang Mu’s poetry calls back to traditional Chinese culture, and he has been compared to Su Tong-p’o, an 11th-century scholar-poet. According to Michelle Yeh (University of California, Davis), who was one of five jurors who selected Yang Mu for the 2013 Newman Prize, “Yang Mu is an innovator, a supreme craftsman. His deep engagement in world literature, cultures, and history has given his work a versatility and profundity that is unparalleled among Chinese poets today, perhaps even in the entire history of modern Chinese poetry. He has created a language that is densely lyrical and charged with a diction that runs the spectrum from the colloquial to the archaic, a syntax that is supple and complex, and a tone that ranges from playfulness to passion, and to despair. He moves easily from the world of tangibles to the world of abstraction, with images rich and precise. His poetic world is cosmopolitan and global on the one hand, and decidedly native and local on the other. Some of his most powerful poems reveal an unwavering love for and identity with Taiwan. Yang Mu has inspired several generations of poets in the Chinese-speaking world. He has produced a body of work brilliant and impressive in its range: reticent, controlled, yet musical, adventurous, and linguistically surprising line-by-line. The reader thinks with him, inside the poem and inside his mind and emotions, and emerges more aware of the world and what it means to be human.”

Yang Mu’s earlier work is known for its romantic nature, heavily influenced by members of the English Romantic Movement such as Lord Byron, Percy Bysshe Shelley, and John Keats. Publishing, at the time, under the pen name Ye Shan, his work was influential for many members of the contemporary literary scene in Taiwan. Adopting the pen name he currently writes under in 1972, his focus shifted to challenging fixed historical narratives and intervening in social issues, while at the same time, becoming more calm and reserved in style.
Memorials

Richard Baum
1940-2012
Chinapol’s “Chairman Rick”

Richard Baum was a leading political scientist of China for more than four decades. Although he spent much of his time traveling (to Asia, of course, but also to France, where he maintained a residence), his life ended where it began: in his hometown of Los Angeles.

Professor Baum was an undergraduate at UCLA when he took the class that gave direction to his life. The course – Government and the Politics of China – was one he would later teach during his 44 years on the UCLA faculty. He also served as the director of UCLA’s Center for Chinese Studies.

For graduate school, Rick Baum didn’t venture far. His UC-Berkeley dissertation used classified documents to explore the inner workings of the Chinese Communist Party. The research method he employed – stealth-reading forbidden books from a Taiwanese collection -- captures Professor Baum’s go-for-broke approach to his life and career.

The two books that resulted from his early research, one co-authored with Frederick Teiwes, were enormously influential among China specialists in academia and government, and ensured the young Baum’s position as a leader in the field. Another scholarly book, Burrying Mao: Chinese Politics in the Age of Deng Xiaoping was also highly influential. But it was Professor Baum’s charming 2010 memoir, China Watcher: Confessions of a Peking Tom, that brought him acclaim beyond the world of Chinese politics specialists.

His five books and many articles and essays will be read for years to come, but an act of service to the profession may well turn out to be Professor Baum’s most lasting legacy. In the late 1990s Professor Baum began inviting political scientists and others with an interest in China to join Chinapol, an email listserver dedicated to expert discussion of Chinese politics. The list today includes about 1,300 scholars, journalists, analysts, and officials in 27 countries. Topics of Chinapol discussions can be anything from breaking news events to interesting articles in obscure publications to extended debates on points of fact and interpretation, both contemporary and historical. The list is a boon to policy makers and journalists, but no one has benefited more than the students whose professors’ lecture are informed by these 1,300 expert voices.

Until a few months before his death, Rick Baum – known (fondly) to his community of "Chinapol-ers" as “Chairman Rick” -- moderated the list himself. His prudent monitoring encouraged vigorous discussion and debate, but prevented the list from degenerating into flame wars or irrelevancy. Professor Baum used his "yellow cards" and "red cards" judiciously, and the Chinapol authors largely policed themselves, more out of respect for the forum Rick had created than out of fear of expulsion. As his health began to fail, Professor Baum asked two colleagues to take over his monitoring duties; many Chinapolers learned of Professor Baum’s passing from a Chinapol email.

Chinapol began as a virtual community, but it grew into a real one. Photos from a Chinapol dinner in Beijing show Professor Baum in his element: laughing, talking, basking in the company of a long banquet table’s worth of China specialists drawn together by the force of his vision and will.

Richard Baum had two adult children, Matthew Baum and Kristen Baum Wilcox. In 2008 he married Karin Joffe. They made their home in Los Angeles and southern France.

Nancy Bernkopf Tucker
1948-2012
Historian and Intelligence Ombudsman

Nancy Bernkopf Tucker was a professor of History at the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. She was the leading contemporary historian of US-China relations in the 20th century. She was an award-winning author and public servant, gifted teacher, and devoted friend and colleague. The Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars has created a lecture series in US-East Asian Relations in her honor.

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Professor Tucker was born in New York City, a bit of biography that was evident to anyone who heard her speak. She did her undergraduate work at Hobart and William Smith Colleges and then completed a PhD in history at Columbia University.

Professor Tucker’s scholarly work centered on U.S. relations with China, both the Nationalist-led ROC and the People’s Republic. In numerous books and articles Professor Tucker used historical archives and interviews to craft a detailed account of the process by which America switched its diplomatic recognition from the ROC on Taiwan to the PRC. She blamed an episode of carpal tunnel syndrome on her oral history, China Confidential: American Diplomats and Sino-American Relations, 1950-1998, but readers were grateful. The book provides an unparalleled insiders’ view of diplomacy in action.

Professor Tucker’s historical work was unsurpassed, and her contribution to public affairs was at least as significant. Her work as a historian gave her extraordinary insight into how the US was perceived in Beijing and Taipei, and her ability to understand all three sides’ points of view made her an important voice in policy debates. In her book Strait Talk: United States-Taiwan Relations and the Crisis with China she detailed how unmet promises US officials made during the normalization negotiations with Beijing created lasting mistrust in Beijing and Taipei.

In addition to her work as a writer and teacher, Professor Tucker made important contributions to American diplomacy and national security. She worked on the China Desk at the State Department and in the US embassy in Beijing as a Council on Foreign Relations fellow in 1986-87. In 2006 and 2007 she inaugurated the position of Assistant Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Analytic Integrity and Standards and Analytic Ombudsman. In the latter position Professor Tucker helped the Intelligence Community develop resources and procedures to address some of its most pressing challenges, including group-think and lack of communication across agencies. Her work for the intelligence community was recognized with the National Intelligence Medal of Achievement for distinguished mentoring service.

As important as these positions were, Professor Tucker’s contributions to US foreign relations went far beyond her formal work for the government, for throughout her career she remained deeply engaged in policy debates, both as a writer and as a sought-after speaker at conferences and other events. Among other things, Nancy Tucker was an important voice in favor of the US continuing its engagement and friendship with Taiwan.

In 1988 Nancy Tucker married fellow historian Warren Cohen. The couple cultivated friendships with countless Chinese scholars and policy insiders. Their devotion to one another was evident throughout Professor Tucker’s long illness, as was her commitment to scholarship. Nancy Bernkopf Tucker’s book The China Threat: Memo- ries, Myths and Realities in the 1950s was published in 2013, just a few months before her death.
When he passed away in June Alan Wachman was an associate professor of International Politics at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. He lived most of his life in the Boston area. He grew up in Lexington and graduated from Lexington High School. He earned undergraduate, master's, and PhD degrees at Harvard, and he earned a master's degree at Fletcher, where he returned to teach in 1997.

Chinese Studies was at the center of Professor Wachman's uncommonly rich and wide-ranging intellectual life. He studied Chinese at Harvard and at the IUP in Taipei (aka the “Stanford Center”). His dissertation was the first comprehensive treatment of the relationship between Taiwan's national identity issue and its political transformation. The dissertation -- which was published in 1994 as *Taiwan: National Identity and Democratization* -- was based on interviews with dozens of Taiwan's leading politicians and academics; his calendar was a who's who of Taiwan in the 1990s.

Professor Wachman's interests turned toward international relations and Chinese foreign policy. His second book, *Why Taiwan: Geostategic Rationales for China's Territorial Integrity* argued that China's determination to bring Taiwan under the PRC flag is rooted, finally, in the island's geostategic value to China. Professor Wachman knew it was a bold claim, and he assembled a prodigious body of historical and contemporary data to support it. His extensive use of Chinese archives and contemporary IR scholarship in Chinese is a credit to his language teachers.

At the Fletcher School, Professor Wachman taught diplomats, government officials, military officers, and policy analysts from many nations; in 2001 they honored him with the James L. Paddock Award for Excellence in Teaching. As a scholar, he contributed much to the policy community in his own country. His writings were vivid and engaged, his arguments persuasive. An article he published in 2008 in the journal China Security illustrates Professor Wachman's flair for compelling, policy-relevant work. It was entitled “Ensnared by Beijing: Washington Succumbs to the PRC's Diplomacy of Panic.”

Before joining the faculty at Fletcher, Professor Wachman served the community of China scholars as the American co-director of the Johns Hopkins University-Nanjing University Center for Chinese and American Studies and as the president of the China Institute in America. He also served as coordinator of Harvard's Taiwan Studies Workshop, and he remained affiliated to Harvard's Fairbank Center for East Asian Research throughout his tenure at Fletcher.

Professor Wachman's teaching schedule reflected the breadth of his interests; among the courses he taught was “Ethical Reasoning in International Relations.” His research, too, continued to evolve and expand over the course of his career. At the end of his life he was working on a manuscript about Mongolia's security, especially its relations with the People's Republic of China. In what was likely his last professional contribution, Professor Wachman was interviewed by the National Bureau of Asian Research in May 2012. The interview, available at the NBR website, is a detailed, comprehensive treatment of Mongolia's political and economic development and its relations with its neighbors and the US.

Professor Wachman was a man of many gifts. In addition to his extraordinary intellectual abilities, he was a superb visual artist and an excellent singer. At Harvard, he sang with the a cappella group "The Krokodiloes" and throughout his life he delighted friends with lavishly illustrated cards. His bachelor's degree was in Fine Arts, and he continued to enjoy and appreciate art -- including Chinese painting and sculpture, for which he had a splendid eye -- until the end of his life.

In 1997 Professor Wachman fulfilled a long-awaited dream when he married Laura Hess, a professor of Chinese and administrator at Brown University. The two created a beautiful home in Sharon, Massachusetts, halfway between Boston and Providence, which they shared with their children, Rachel and Daniel.