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Greetings! It is a great honor for me to have this opportunity to serve as president of the Association. I would like to thank all my predecessors and many others for their efforts to make AACS a reputable association in the fields related to China, Taiwan, and Chinese diaspora. On behalf of the Association, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our outgoing president, Dr. Hans Stockton, for his leadership in the past two years, and in particular, for taking the lead in amending the Constitution and laying a solid foundation for the future development of the Association. Special thanks also goes to Dr. Peter Chow, executive director of AACS, for his effort in administering the day-to-day operations of the Association.

The 59th annual conference of AACS will be held at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina, on October 20-22, 2017. I look forward to seeing you in the Palmetto State.

John Hsieh
2017-2018 AACS President
Season’s greeting to all. 2016 is another fruitful year for the AACS. The annual conference held at the Pepperdine University on October 7-9 has a total 120 registers plus some local participants. This year’s conference brings together scholars in various disciplines from Asia, Europe, and North America to consider Chinese engagement with the world, alongside foundational Chinese identity. The AACS conference has already become an international conference.

The board proposed some revisions of the AACS constitution to institutionalize the governance structure of the organization, the functions of the AACS officers and the appointment of the editor of the American Journal of Chinese. Article 2 of the AACS constitution was revised as “The purpose of the Association is to encourage the study of subjects related to China and Taiwan, especially in the educational institutions of this country...” to reflect the wide range of research interests for our members. The constitutional amendments were voted articles by articles, and even paragraphs by paragraphs within the amended article by the AACS active members. All amendments were approved by the returning mailings from AACS members through ballot counts undertaken by AACS student Keiko Okai at the office of the Dean of Social Sciences with the observation of two administrative assistants of the Dean of Social Sciences in my college.

Cambridge Scholars Publishing invited the AACS to publish some conference papers into a volume. This is a strong indication that the quality of the conference papers has been recognized. A tentative title of the volume was set as “Never Strait Forward: Changing forces in Taiwan, China and Beyond” to include a wide ranges of subjects covered in the conference in the past two years. Board member Fang Long Shih at London School of Economics is the editor of this volume. I hope that the publication of conference papers in edited volume, in addition to the AACS flag-ship journal, will provide strong incentive for conference participants.

Finally, the amended AACS Constitution in 2016 has been posted on the AACS website. https://aacs.ccny.cuny.edu/constitution.htm

Please don’t hesitate to connect the AACS Office at: aacs@mail.com if I can provide any service to you as a humble servant. Hope to see all in the 59th annual conference at the University of South Carolina on October 20-22, 2017. Happy Holidays and best wishes to you for the year of Chicken.

Respectfully submitted by

Peter Chow
AACS Executive Director
Call for Papers
59th Annual Conference of the American Association for Chinese Studies
Institutional Host and Conference Venue: Walker Institute, University of South Carolina (http://www.sc.edu/)

The American Association for Chinese Studies (AACS) annual conference program committee invites proposals for panels, roundtables, and papers concerning China, Taiwan, and the Chinese diaspora for the 59th Annual Conference, hosted by the Walker Institute, University of South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina, from October 20-22, 2017. The theme of the conference is “China and Taiwan in a Changing World.” The AACS seeks to construct a balanced program, including panels representing the humanities, social sciences, communication studies, education, business, and other related disciplines.

The AACS is an interdisciplinary association devoted to the study of China, Taiwan, and the Chinese diaspora (http://aacs.ccny.cuny.edu/homepage.htm). Submissions from all disciplines are welcome. Membership in AACS is required for participation in the annual conference, and non-members are welcome to submit proposals, join the Association and participate in the annual conference. We encourage submissions from graduate students, junior and senior scholars, and overseas participants.

The program committee prefers proposals for complete panels (a chair, 2-3 papers, and a discussant) and roundtables (a chair and 3-4 other participants). The committee also welcomes proposals for individual papers and will attempt to place them on appropriate panels. Panels and roundtables concerning special events or topics of broad significance are welcome.

The program committee consists of June Teufel Dreyer (University of Miami), Fanglong Shih (London School of Economics and Political Science), and John Hsieh (University of South Carolina). Proposals should include the names and roles of panel/roundtable participants, contact information, paper topics and short abstracts (not to exceed 250 words). Please send your proposal by e-mail to the program chair, John Hsieh, at aacs2017@gmail.com. Include complete contact information (address, telephone number, and e-mail) for all participants. The deadline for panel and individual proposals is March 1, 2017. Scholars submitting proposals by the deadline will be notified of their inclusion in the program by May 30, 2017.

The AACS views panelist registration and attendance as a serious professional obligation. Panelists must register for the AACS 2017 conference before September 20, 2017 or be excluded from the printed program.
The 58th AACS Conference focused on the theme of "Engagement and Identity."

Keynote Address: “Speaking Truth to Power in Recent Chinese History” Perry Link, Ph. D., University of California, Riverside

To me, this year’s conference is another opportunity networking with my junior scholar fellows and receiving feedback from senior researchers. The conference is, again, well-organized and informative. I have learned about interesting studies on a variety of topics that are timely for a globalized society and culturally relevant to China’s context. These important discussions will not only enrich Chinese studies, but also lead social changes at both local and global levels. I look forward to next year’s conference, and wish the Association's further achievements in future.

Shuang Lu
Rutgers University, USA

I would like to thank the AACS for the generous financial support through the Junior Travel Grant which enabled me to attend this year’s 58th Annual Conference. Thanks also to Pepperdine University which was a fabulous host institution, as well as the conference organizers for the invitation to this engaging opportunity. I have profited immensely from this year’s (and past years’) research and discussion panels consisting of world-renowned sinologists. In addition, the conference afforded me the privilege to present my own research to a distinguished audience, and the feedback I received was very insightful.

Dr. Lukas Danner
Florida International University

Being awarded the Junior Scholar Travel Grant for the AACS 2016 Conference at Pepperdine University was a major encouragement to my up-to-date artistic career and research path. The generous support from AACS enabled not only the trip over to the US from the UK but also the precious opportunity to network with international talented individuals, and most importantly it was hugely exciting for me to present my art project in the field of Chinese Studies. I wholeheartedly appreciate this invaluable Grant from AACS.

Clare Liu
University of the Arts, London
I truly enjoyed my time at the AACS conference this year — it was, arguably, one of the best conferences I have been to yet as a junior scholar. Aside from being well organized and a very full, intellectually stimulating schedule, what I most enjoyed was the intimate size of attendees. Having smaller numbers meant that I had the chance to get to know literally everyone that was in attendance. From the welcome dinner and registration through the Saturday evening banquet and guest speaker, I think that I had the chance to speak to all the scholars and faculty in attendance. This is truly unheard of (at least from my experience)! Everyone was very cordial, eager to hear about my own research, and enthusiastic to support my research in any way possible. When it came to the panel sessions, the intimate feel was advantageous insofar as we were able to spend more time discussing the papers and research outcomes. As a junior scholar, I felt particularly honored to be seated on a panel with two heavyweights in the field (Bob Sutter and Jacques deLisle); the same goes for the undergraduates that were also presenting at the conference. To me, it means that AACS really cares about the next generation of scholars in our field and wants to ensure that we have a place at the table too. Additionally, the feedback I received from Bob and Jacques was extremely helpful — both in terms of my ongoing PhD research, as well as for polishing my conference paper and preparing it for publication in the AACS journal.

I am not yet certain if I will be able to attend AACS 2017 due to field research in Taiwan. But, that said, I remain supremely grateful for the opportunity and financial support to have made it to the recent AACS at Pepperdine. It was truly a wonderful experience and one I look forward to replicating again soon!

Lauren Dickey
King’s College London
National University of Singapore

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Announcement

Fifth “Young Scholars Workshop” at the CCKF-ERCCT
Summer 2017

The European Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan - A CCK Foundation Overseas Center at Eberhard Karls University Tübingen will hold a workshop for emerging young scholars from 2 July to 9 July, 2017. This year’s workshop will place a particular emphasis on the subject:

“Taiwan in the Global Arena”

However, papers on other topics related to Taiwan and cross-Strait relations are also welcome.

Ph.D. students (3rd year and above) and postdocs of the social sciences working on academic projects related to Taiwan or China are invited to submit their application.

The workshop will provide young scholars with the opportunity to:

- present their research to an international audience;
- engage in scholarly exchange on topics related to theory and methodology;
- fine-tune the theoretical framework of their respective research projects;
- get to know Tübingen, the CCKF-ERCCT and its university;
- take part in our Taiwan Documentary Film Festival (July 7-8)

Ten to twelve young scholars (five-six each from Europe and Taiwan) will be invited to attend. Travel expenses and accommodation will be fully covered by the CCKF-ERCCT. After the conclusion of the workshop, participants will be asked to provide a short paper which will be published online in our CCKF-ERCCT Online Paper Series.

Interested candidates are invited to send their CV and an outline of their research project (5-6 pages) until 30 March, 2017 to:

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Member Updates

TJ Cheng
College of William and Mary

Books/Book Chapters

Peter Chow
The City University of New York

Books/Book Chapters

Journal Articles/Publications
~“Taiwan in International Relations,” Orbis, 60 (4), Fall 2016. pp. 531-549.

John F. Copper
Rhodes College

CHINA'S FOREIGN AID AND INVESTMENT DIPLOMACY
History and Practice in Asia, 1950-Present

John F. Copper
Rhodes College

Books/Book Chapters
~China’s Foreign Aid and Investment Diplomacy, Volume II: History and Practice in Asia, 1950-Present (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016)

Journal Articles/Publications
~“The Xi-Ma Meeting: A Variant Perspective Assessment,” Background Brief (East Asian Institute), December 1, 2015
~“Taiwan’s 2016 Presidential/ Vice Presidential and Legislative Election: Reflections on the Nature of Taiwan Politics and Shift Therein” (Baltimore: University of Maryland School of Law), No. 1. 2016
~“The Taiwan Factor in Sino-American Relations: Creating Escalating Tensions,” Background Brief (East Asian Institute), January 6, 2016
~“Taiwan’s Newly-Elected President Tsai Ing-wen: Facing Formidable Problems, Challenges, and Dilemmas,” Background Brief (East Asian Institute), 2016.
~“Taiwan as a Catalyst for a Sino-American Conflict,” East Asian Policy, April/June 2016
~“Tsai different from Chen Shui-bian,” Taipei Times, May 21, 2016
~“Options with the next US president,” Taipei Times, September 30, 2016
John F. Copper, Stanley J. Buckman
Distinguished Professor of International Studies, Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennesee

~“The U.S. Pivot to Asia: An Update,” Georgetown University Center for International and Regional Studies, August 24, 2016 (online at cirs.georgetown.edu/node/42171)
~“Obama’s Final Sojourn to Asia: Success or Failure? IPP Review, September 15, 2016 (online at ippreview.com/index.php/Home/ Blog/single/id/238.html)
~“China’s Cyber War Against the U.S.: How True? IPP Review, October 24, 2016 (online at ippreview.com/index.php/Home/ single/id/262.html)
~“Has Obama lost the Philippines?” IPP Review, October 28, 2016 (online at ippreview.com/index.php/Home/ Blog/single/id/266.html)
~“Tsai’s Telephone Call to Trump: What’s the Big Deal?” IPP Review, December 14, 2016 (online at ippreview.com/

index.php/Home/Blog/single/ id/303.html) (Youtube: youtube. com/watch?v=1lxK3eVG91U)

Other
~Jen Kastner, “Will China Bullying Hurt Taiwan’s Economy?” Asia Sentinel, June 28, 2016 (online at asiasentinel.com/politics/china-bullying- Taiwan-economy/)
~Jen Kastner, “Taiwan Seeks Kuomintang’s Fabled Riches,” Asia Sentinel, August 30, 2016 (online at asiasentinel.com).
~Jens Kastner, “China’s Latest Taiwan Strategy: Divide and Conquer,” Asia Sentinel, October 21, 2016 (online at asiasentinel. com).
~Jens Kastner, “Taipei Leans Toward China Peace Deal,” Asia Sentinel, November 10, 2016 (online at asiasentinel.com/ politics/Taiwan-china-peace-deal/).

Lauren Dickey
King’s College London and National University of Singapore

Journal Articles/Publications
~“Strategic Theory and Xi Jinping’s Taiwan Test,” British Association for Chinese Studies Journal. Accepted for publication in summer 2017

Honors, Prizes, and Awards
~Recipient of Ministry of Foreign Affairs Taiwan (ROC) doctoral research fellowship, 2017

June Teufel Dreyer
University of Miami

Books/Book Chapters

Honors, Prizes, and Awards
~Appointed faculty adviser to the Rumsfeld Foundation.

John Hsieh
University of South Carolina

Books/Book Chapters

Journal Articles/Publications
~“Change and Continuity in Taiwan’s Public Opinion on the Cross-Strait Economic Interactions” (with Yitzu Lin), Journal of Asian and
African Studies, forthcoming (online version available May 2016).

Elizabeth Freund Larus  
University of Mary Washington

Journal Articles/Publications

Honors, Prizes, and Awards
~Awarded Waple Professorship, an endowed professorship, by the University of Mary Washington Foundation

Conferences/Presentations
~Larus, Elizabeth Freund. 2016. “Assessment of President Obama’s China Policy, with a focus on US rebalance to the Asia Pacific.” Presentation delivered at Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, December 12, 2016.
~Offered political commentary on the South China Sea issue on Channel NewsAsia’s “Between the Lines” episode “Great Power Politics in the Asia Pacific,” July 6, 2016, Osaka, Japan.
~Larus, Elizabeth Freund. 2015. “Assessing the Key Drivers of the Taiwan’s 2016 Elections.” Presentation delivered at the Summer Working Group 2016 and Beyond: Impact of Taiwan’s Presidential and Legislative Elections on Cross-Strait and Taiwan-US Relations, Liberty Crossing Intelligence Campus (Director of National Intelligence), McLean, VA, September 18, 2015.
Patrick Fuliang Shan  
*Grand Valley State University*

**Journal Articles/Publications**  

-Ching-Hsing Wang  
*Hobby School of Public Affairs, University of Houston*

**Journal Articles/Publications**  

**Conferences/Presentations**  
Strategic Voting in the 2016 Taiwan Election.” Presentation delivered at the Taiwan Democracy Symposium: Taiwan Elections in 2016 and Beyond. The University of Texas at Dallas, March 25.

Charles Chong-Han Wu
Beijing Normal University—Hong Kong Baptist University United International College

Journal Articles/Publications

Honors, Prizes, and Awards
~Hong Kong Baptist University—UIC: Summer Research Grant (2015, $1200)
~Hong Kong Baptist University—UIC: Research Grant (2015-2016, $3500)

Chia-rong Wu
Rhodes College

Books/Book Chapters

Journal Articles/Publications

Conferences/Presentations

Yenna Wu
University of California, Riverside

Journal Article/Publications

Conferences/Presentations
~Organized panels for AAS-in-ASIA 2016 Conference, the 57th and the 58th Annual Conferences of the American Association for Chinese Studies, and co-organized a seminar (3 panels) for the 2016 Conference of the American Comparative Literature Association. Acted as chair and discussant for some panels.
Yenna Wu, 2016. “Satirizing Mao-era Political Propaganda in Selected Post-Mao Fiction and Film.” Presentations delivered at the 58th Annual Conference of the American Association for Chinese Studies; Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA; October 7 – 9, 2016.


~Wu, Yenna. 2016. "The Aesthetics of Suffering in Yang Xianhui's Stories and Wang Bing's film on Jiabiangou"; Presentation delivered at the NTU Faculty Colloquium, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, National Taiwan University; June 15, 2016.


~Wu, Yenna. 2015. “Flesh For Healing: Exploring the Multifaceted Dimensions of Gegu Liaoqin Through a Chinese Case and a Korean Counterpart.” Presentation delivered at the Chao Center for Asian Studies, Rice University, Houston, TX; October 8th, 2015.

~Wu, Yenna. 2015. “Gender, Trauma, and Learning in Li Ang’s Visible Ghosts.” Presentation delivered at the 2015 Conference of the American Comparative Literature Association; Seattle, Washington; March 26-29, 2015.

Honors, Prizes, and Awards
~Served as Academic Advisor to assist in the compiling of an entry on the famous Taiwanese author Li Ang in the multi-volume series Contemporary Literary Criticism, to be published by GALE / CENGAGE Learning.