

The Association of Chinese Professors of Social Sciences in the United States (ACPSS) held its 29th international conference at High Point University in North Carolina from October 11-13, 2024. This year's conference featured the theme "China and the World: From Interdisciplinary Perspectives" and drew over 60 scholars from both the U.S. and China to present research papers and participate in theme-related roundtable discussions across 14 panels. The conference was in a hybrid format, with 38 in-person presenters and over 20 presenters joining online. Scholars explored a range of shared academic interests, including the development of "China Studies" in the United States, ancient history from diverse perspectives, modernization and its historical lessons through interdisciplinary lenses, and Chinese language education methodologies.

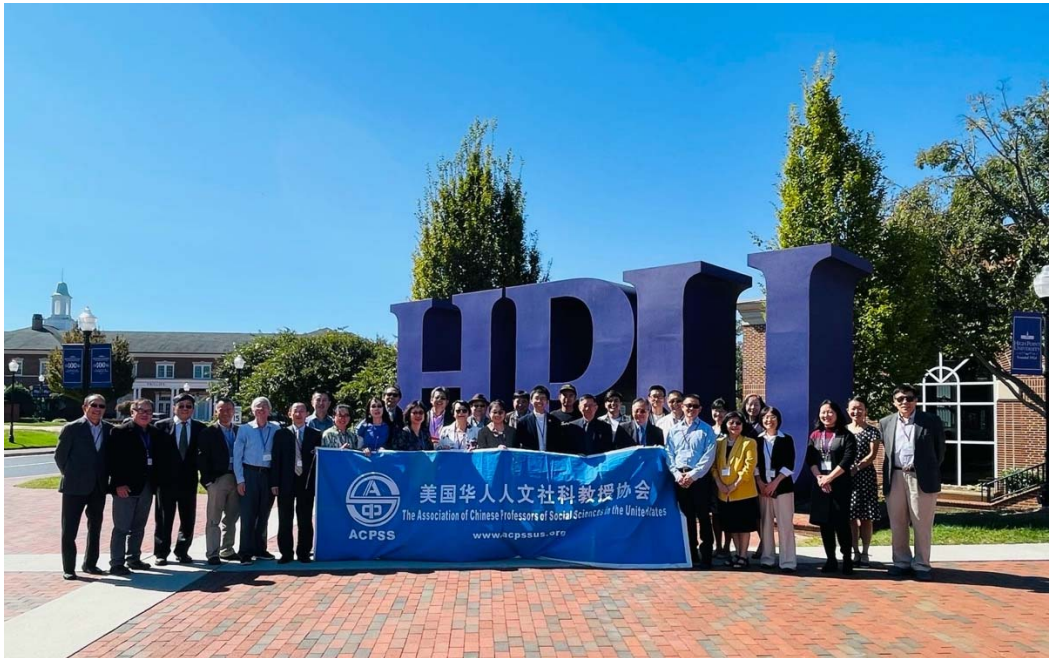


Figure 1: group picture

High Point University is a private liberal arts university located in High Point, North Carolina. Founded in 1924, the university emphasizes a student-centered education, offering undergraduate and graduate programs across various disciplines, including business, communication, health sciences, and education. High Point University is known for its commitment to experiential learning, leadership development, and personalized education through small class sizes.



*Figure 2. High Point University*

The conference opened with a warm welcome from Dr. Qiang Fang of the University of Minnesota, Duluth. On behalf of the association and attending scholars, he expressed gratitude to the hosts, giving special thanks to Professor Wang Daliang of High Point University and his team for their efforts in organizing this year's annual meeting. Following the welcome remarks and treasurer's report, first-time presenters and young scholars from mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan introduced themselves.



Figure 3. Opening Ceremony



Figure 4. Presentation by Dr. Linghai Chen, Shanghai Normal University



Figure 5. Online presentation by Dr. Jiafeng Liu and Fan Zhang from Shandong University

On the second day, following the regular panels, ACPSS held its bi-annual election for a new president and board of directors. Dr. Daliang Wang was elected president, succeeding Dr. Qiang Fang. The newly elected board of directors includes Drs. Shuhua Fan, Lan Jiang, Tao Wang, Xiaojia Hou, Weidong Zhang, and Xiaolin Duan.



Figure 6. Board members and Asset Management Committee members

Dr. Ma Yuxin from the University of Louisville, Dr. Xu Hong from Troy University, and Dr. Feng Rui from Troy University received the "Outstanding Contribution Award." The "Outstanding Research Monograph Award" was awarded to Dr. Patrick Fuliang Shan from Grand Valley State University for *Li Dazhao: China's First Communist* (SUNY Press, 2024) and to Dr. Ma Yuxin for *Colonial Tactics and Everyday Life: Workers of the Manchuria Film Association* (University of Wisconsin Press, 2023). The "Excellence in Research Monograph Award" went to Dr. Di Luo from the University of Alabama for *Beyond Citizenship: Literacy and Personhood in Everyday China*,

1900-1945 (Brill, 2022), and Dr. Chen Yongjun from Renmin University of China for *Economics of the Belt and Road Initiative* (Peter Lang, 2023).



Figure 7. Awardees with President Fang

During the conference break, participants enjoyed a hiking tour at Hanging Rock State Park, taking in the stunning autumn scenery. We look forward to meeting again at next year's ACPSS conference.



Figure 8. Hanging Rock State Park