President Note
by Song Jingyi

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Hope you had a good start for a new semester.

The year 2020 poses a great challenge to all of us across the Pacific and throughout the world due to Covid-19. Towns, cities and communities have to shut down; businesses and schools are closed to prevent the spread of the lethal virus and to protect peoples’ lives. The ACPSS Board made an early decision to postpone the Association’s annual international convention for October. Nevertheless, life has never been stopped. We have taken advantage of high tech to teach, to research and to keep connections among us.

It is not an easy job for us to teach virtually in our living room without seeing our students in person. While keeping high educational standards, we have to learn how to deal with various technical glitches that are often beyond our control. It becomes strenuous for us to continue our professional research as research institutions are closed and travels were eliminated. The in-person exchange of ideas in academia as well as the socialization among us also has become difficult.

Confronting the unprecedented situation, we have been on a winning side. We became more comfortable and skillful in our virtual teaching, gaining appreciation from students; some of us completed manuscripts, and others initiated and organized webinars on issues such as the relationship between China and the United States during the present arduous time. Many members participated in various virtual academic discussions. In addition, we all maintain our service to the school and institutions we work for.

Moreover, the ACPSS, as a cohesive professional association, keeps functioning well. The Board holds regular meetings to discuss issues such as the financial capacity to support our activities and to make decisions on the committees’ pursuits. While we are continuously searching for a chief editor, The American Review of China Studies, Journal of the ACPSS continues its regular publications with so many professional articles that are highly informative and well written. United Societies of China Studies (USCS), http://www.uscs-us.com established in 2006, has continually committed to promoting academic excellence in the field of China studies. The ACPSS Newsletter keeps us informed on what has been going on with the association and with the successes of our members.

I am confident that all of us will continue our efforts to make our life productive and to make the ACPSS strong.

Please keep safe and I wish you a wonderful semester.

Sincerely,
Jingyi Song  
Professor of History  
SUNY at Old Westbury  
President  
ACPSS

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**News about ACPSS Member**

**Dr. Cao Liqun**, Professor of Social Science and Humanities at Ontario Tech University published the following articles:


Dr. Fan also presented a paper titled "International Debate on Francis Knight's Scheme to Introduce Chinese Instruction at Harvard, 1877-1882" at the Jan. 2020 American Historical Association (AHA) Annual Conference in New York City. Both the article and the paper are part of her book project tentatively titled "Empire, Commerce, Language, and Sino-US Interactions: Francis Knight, Ko Kunhua, and the Origins of Sinology at Harvard, 1877-1882."

In addition, Dr. Fan was awarded the 2020 Distinguished Service Award from the Chinese Historians in the United States (CHUS) at the 2020 AHA in NYC.


Dr. Song Jingyi, Professor of History at SUNY at Old Westbury, published a book Denver’s Chinatown 1875-1900, Gone but Not Forgotten. Brill, 2020.


Dr. Zhang Jie, who was recently appointed the SUNY Distinguished Professor, which is the highest academic rank in the SUNY system, published the following articles:


杨东宇博士,陕西师范大学中国西部边疆研究院副研究员,取得了一下成果:

1. 专著：《突厥语大词典》中的医学及相关词汇（陕西人民出版社 2014），荣获 2019 年度陕西高校人文社会科学研究优秀成果历史类著作一等奖
2. 古代民族文献与域外之地对中国人参的传误和辨析，美国华人人文社科教授协会（ACPSS）第 25 届国际学术会议，2019 年（美国,Portland）
3. “The Up to the Mountain and Down to the Countryside” Movement，The Mountain Movers: A Century of Student Movements in China；Amsterdam University Press（荷兰阿姆斯特丹大学出版社，2020 年待出版）


**Announcements**

- The ACPSS Board of Director has decided to postpone the achievement rewards process in both research and services for this year due to the cancellation of our annual conference after serious discussions. We will combine this year's rewards with the next one to make it a big celebration.

- Call for Next Editor-in-Chief of *American Review of China Studies*, Official Journal of the Association of Chinese Professors of Social Sciences (ACPSS) in the U.S.

As the term of the current editor-in-chief is ending, the ACPSS board is seeking applications for a new editor-in-chief position of its official journal American Review of China Studies (ARCS at arcs-journal.org). Founded in 2000, ARCS is a peer-reviewed scholarly journal, published twice a year (in Spring and Fall). The primary role of the editor-in-chief is to take full responsibility of the routine editorial work and fund raising, which include, but not limited to, seeking adequate funding to sustain the journal’s editorial operation and its website updates, managing manuscript submission, soliciting peer reviewers, coordinating with the press for book reviews, securing a professional graphic and print workshop for journal’s publication, and distributing the new issues via mail or email.

The qualification of applicant: The candidate should hold a doctorate degree, be a professor or an associate professor at an American college or university, be a registered (or to be registered) ACPSS member and have a record of publishing scholarly works on China related issues. It is imperative that the candidate make a full commitment to the editor’s job in terms of ensuring the publication of each issue on time and being willing to utilize his or her own institution’s resources to serve the needs of journal.

The search committee for new ARCS editorship consists of Dr. Yonggang Huang (chair), huangfred@hotmail.com, Dr. Jieli Li, lij@ohio.edu, Dr. Patrick Shan, shanp@gvsu.edu. Please contact the search committee, should the applicant have any questions.

The committee will select and recommend its choice of final candidate to the ACPSS board for approval. For those who are interested in this position, please send a brief cover letter and your current C.V. to Dr. Yonggang Huang, Vice president of ACPSS and search committee chair at huangfred@hotmail.com, or other two committee members listed above.

Congratulations to the wonderful achievements of our dear colleagues. Wish you all another fruitful year!

Sincerely,

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