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**FROM THE CHAIR**

With spring just around the corner, there is so much happening and a lot to report to you. First of all, I would like to welcome Esther Chow as our newly appointed council member. She is filling in the remainder of Morrison Wong's term on council. (Morrison is still on the council, but serving as secretary-treasurer. I know it's confusing. In fact, Esther has suggested that we might want to clarify this part of our section by-laws).

*1989 Elections*

Now is the time to consider getting involved with our section. We will be electing a chair-elect and two council members. Express your interest or nominate a friend! Let Bill Parish know ASAP (Department of Sociology, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL 60637).

*1989 Program*

Bill Parish, the chair of our 1989 program, has planned out an exciting program for us. MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 10TH, THURSDAY during the ASA meetings in San Francisco. A panel session titled "Occupation and Social Change: Asian Perspectives" has been organized as well as a series of roundtables.

Special thanks goes to Bill and the rest of the members of the program committee: Stephen Fujita, Bill Liu, Proshanta Nandi, and Elena Yu!

#### *Membership Drive - Aiming for 400*

According to the ASA office, as of January 19, 1989, our current paid membership count for 1989 is at 201. On September 30, 1988, we were at 279, which means some have not yet paid their section dues. If you are one of the "guilty", or if you know of a colleague who has not yet paid his/her section dues, please remind them to pay up!!!

Special thanks goes to Elena Yu, chair of the Membership Committee for sending out countless letters to encourage new members to our section.

Just think if each one of us recruits at least one new member to our section, we would reach our goal of 400! Don't think about it, JUST DO IT!!!

Don't forget to plan NOW to be in San Francisco for our section day on Thursday, August 10th. I look forward to seeing all of you in San Francisco!!

### **TENTATIVE 1989 ASA MEETING PROGRAM**

Listed below is the tentative Asia and Asian America program for the ASA Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

#### **A. REGULAR PANEL SESSION**

##### **Occupation and Social Change: Asian Perspectives**

Organizer and President: William Liu. University of Illinois, Chicago.

*Occupational Prestige, Status, and Class in Urban China.* Yanjie Bian. State University of New York, Albany.

*Female Labor Force Participation in China: An Ecological Analysis of 1982 Census Data.* Richard Barrett. University of Illinois, Chicago.

*Conceptual and Measurement Problems of Employment and Unemployment: An Investigation into the Different Forms of Employment and Unemployment.* Devashri Jayawardene.

*Sojourning and Ethnic Solidarity: Indian South Africans.* Gary Klein. University of Pennsylvania.

Discussant: Hagen Koo. University of Hawaii.

#### **B. ROUNDTABLES (Largely Informal)**

##### **1. Women and Society**

President: Proshanta K. Nandi. Sangamon State University. Springfield, Illinois.

*An Historical Analysis of the Status of Filipino Women from the 1400s to the 80s.* Emelda Tabao Driscoll. Syracuse University.

*Hopes and Dreams: Career Aspirations among College Women in Japan.* Ann Cordilla. University of Massachusetts/Boston.

*Labor Force Participation and Attitudes about Gender Issues among Taiwanese Women.* Kevin B. Smith and Li-chen Ma. Lamar University. Beaumont, Texas.

*Mortality Differentials by Marital Status for Stress Related Causes of Death in Taiwan, R.O.C.* Yow-hwey Hu. National Yang-ming Medical College. Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C.

*Images of Women's Self-Growth Groups in Taiwan.* Hwei-syin Lu. Academia Sinica. Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C.

##### **2. Political and Economic Change**

Organizer and president: Yung-mei Tsai. Texas Tech University.

*Development and Democratic Transition in South Korea: Theoretical Models and Hypotheses.* Kyoung-Ryung Seong. Stanford University.

*Political Change and Labor Movement in Taiwan.* C.K. Hsu. National Chin-Hua University. Taiwan, R.O.C.

*The "Economic Miracle" and Political Democratization in Taiwan.* Tse-han Lai. Academia Sinica. Taiwan, R.O.C.

*Re-interpreting the Taiwan "Miracle": The Emergence of Capitalism in Taiwan and its Implications for East Asian Societies.* Wen-hui Tsai. Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne.

*Folk Religion and Capitalist Development in Taiwan.* Hei-yuan Chiu. Institute of Ethnology. Academia Sinica and National Taiwan University.

### 3. Social Trends in the People's Republic of China

Presider: To Be Announced

*One-Child Policy, Changing Family Structure, and Household Division of Labor in the People's Republic of China.* Esther Ngan-Ling Chow and Kevin Chen. American University/Pennsylvania State University.

*Chinese Rural Industry: The Wenzhou Model.* Liu Yia-ling. University of Chicago.

*Modernization of the Chinese Peasantry: Further Evidence of an Organizational Growth Model.* Che-fu Lee and Xinheng Yang. Catholic University of America.

*Economic Reforms and Urban Development in China.* Wen H. Kuo. University of Utah.

### 4. Asian-American Communities

Presider: Sharon M. Lee. University of Richmond.

*State Influence on Southeast Asian Community Development in the United States.* Richard Chabot. University of Hawaii.

*The Census and Ethnic Enumeration: Playing the Numbers Game.* Yen Le Espiritu. University of California, Los Angeles.

*The People of the State of California vs. Fumiko Kimura: But Which People?* Deborah Woo. University of California, Santa Cruz.

*Vietnamese-American Families: A Review and Formulation of a Research Agenda.* Nazli Kibria. Wellesley College.

*New Asian Immigrants: Research and Policy Implications.* Manju Sheth. Glassboro State College, NJ.

### A note from William L. Parish.

There is greater emphasis on China, and on Taiwan in particular, than one might expect from chance alone because of the entrepreneurial efforts of Yung-mei Tsai at Texas Tech. He generated several of the submissions not only in the roundtable where he is listed as organizer and presider, but also in some other roundtables as well.

The moral of this story is that we need a few more entrepreneurs on other societies and on other topics. The quality and richness of the program would be improved if you and people you know began to discuss potential topics and papers for 1990 now.

Another pointer for the following year's program is that we could get a better distribution of our papers at the Meetings if they were submitted to the program committee as full-blown papers. Because many of the roundtable papers appeared in abstract or otherwise abbreviated form, we were unable to list the roundtables as "refereed." The result is that the roundtables are denied the full abstracting and distribution service of the Meetings. This again suggests that early preparation for 1990 would improve our visibility within the field.

Overall, this year's program provides significant coverage of a wide array of important issues. Should you have any suggestions for last moment improvements, please drop a note to: William Parish, Department of Sociology, 1126 East 59th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637.

### CALL FOR PAPERS

**THE JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE FAMILY STUDIES** announces a special issue to be published in 1990 devoted to the topic on *Inter-Marriage*. They are interested in papers that have an international as well as a North American focus. Papers can be on Inter-Ethnic, Inter-Racial, and/or Inter-Religious family themes. Abstracts, papers, requests for more information and manuscript style guide should be sent to: Mark Hutter, Guest Editor; JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE FAMILY STUDIES; Department of Sociology; Glassboro State College; Glassboro, NJ 08028.

The ASA Teaching Resource Center invites materials useful in teaching sociology for **TEACHING**

**SOCIOLOGY USING SONG LYRICS.** All forms of syllabi and instructional material are appropriate. General suggestions on using music effectively in teaching, general comments on what works in class (and what does not) also are solicited. Submit all materials to: Monika Reuter-Echols, Department of Sociology, SS 340, State University of New York, Albany, N.Y. 12222.

### AMERASIA JOURNAL

The UCLA Asian American Studies Center announces the publication of **AMERASIA JOURNAL** 14:2 1988, a special issue on "Defining Chinese Americans: Twentieth Century Views." The issue brings together noted historians, researchers, and writers from the People's Republic of China and the United States to address the meaning of the Chinese American experience as it has changed due to immigration patterns, generational developments, and literary expressions in this century.

The issue's articles reflect two interlinked approaches to defining Chinese Americans: the Chinese perspective on emigration from China; and the Chinese American perspective which focuses on immigrant origins and the founding of communities here.

The issue includes works by researchers Wu Xingci and Li Zhen, who surveyed recent Chinese emigrants who have returned to Taisan County for marriage partners; Peter Leung and L. Eve Armentrout Ma, who explore the lives of Chinese tenant farmers and workers in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta from 1910-1940; Sauling Wong, who writes about *The Bud*, a New York based magazine (WWII-1949) which published short stories about Chinatown; Him Mark Lai, who discusses the diversity of present-day Chinese communities; and an interview with Frank Chin, controversial writer and playwright.

The 225-page issue contains book reviews on Chinese Americans and an annual bibliography which covers over 500 works on Asian-Americans. Copies are available at \$5.00 apiece plus one dollar shipping and six and a half percent California sales tax. Order from: UCLA Asian American Studies Center, 3232 Campbell Hall, University of California, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

### NEW COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

**Esther Chow** has been appointed by Chair Takata and with the approval of council to fill in the remainder of Morrison Wong's term on the section's council. Because Morrison was elected secretary-treasurer, he cannot keep his council seat. Welcome aboard!

### CHINESE SOCIOLOGISTS MEETING

A mini-conference on the Chinese Societies is being organized by Nan Lin and Yung-mei Tsai to be held on Tuesday, August 8, 1989 in San Francisco. Chinese sociologists in North America, mainland China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, and other regions have been invited to attend.

The conference, on the day before the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association (August 9-12), will be a first gathering specifically organized for Chinese sociologists in North America to meet and discuss research on Chinese societies with their counterparts from Asia. The themes of the conference are open to all issues concerning Chinese societies everywhere around the world, but specifically the Chinese societies in North America and Asia.

Details of the conference, such as location and schedule of activities, are still being planned. Those interested in participating or attending should contact: Professor Yung-mei Tsai, Department of Sociology, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas 79409 (614) 422-1214.

### ASIAN AMERICAN PROFILE

*"We, the Asian and Pacific Islander Americans"* is a booklet recently published by the Commerce Department's Census Bureau. Written in an easy to read style, the booklet blends words and charts to describe the Asian and Pacific Islander populations. The information is based on the 1980 census, the most recent (although already dated) data available on these population groups. Although the booklet focuses on the largest Asian groups (Chinese, Filipinos, Japanese, Asian Indians, Koreans, and Vietnamese) and the largest Pacific Islander groups (Hawaiians, Samoans, and Guamanians), tables included in the booklet show selected characteristics for Asian groups with more than 5,000 persons and Pacific Islander groups numbering more than 2,500. The booklet offers information on

population growth and distribution, education, income and poverty, family composition, labor force status, occupation, housing and business ownership. Copies are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Discounts are available for bulk orders.

### ECONOMIC STATUS OF ASIAN AMERICANS

A report entitled **THE ECONOMIC STATUS OF AMERICANS OF ASIAN DESCENT: AN EXPLORATORY INVESTIGATION** has just been released by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Compiled by the Commission's economic staff, this controversial report was approved by a 5-3 vote. Opinions by the dissenting commissioners and a critique by **Amado Cabezas** regarding its theoretical framework, methodology, statistical analysis, presentation of findings, and interpretation of results are presented at the end of the report. Copies of the report can be requested from the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Washington, D.C., 20424.

### NOTES ON FOLKS

**Xiangming Chen**, a doctoral student from the People's Republic of China, was awarded the Ph.D. in Sociology at Duke University in December 1988 for his dissertation: *Some Social Aspects of China's Special Economic Zones as a Development Strategy: Capitalist Means to Socialism*. He began to serve as Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Illinois--Chicago on January 1, 1989.

**Elena Yu** visited the National University of Singapore on December 4-5, 1988 and met with faculty members in two departments: Psychology and Social Work, and Sociology. They discussed the recruitment and training of Southeast Asian social and behavioral scientists in North America and Europe as well as the upcoming activities of the ASA Annual Meeting in San Francisco scheduled for August 1989 where Elena Yu is a regular paper session organizer for the Medical Sociology Section and Council Member of the Asia and Asian America Section.

Both **William T. Liu** and **Elena Yu** were in Hong Kong to present a jointly written paper on the prevalence of cognitive impairment in Shanghai, China at the Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists' Meeting.

Immediately following the meeting in Hong Kong, both William T. Liu and Elena Yu visited the Guangzhou College of Traditional Chinese Medicine where William T. Liu lectured on selected topics in Medical Sociology and Elena Yu taught Psychiatric Epidemiology in several sessions to 100-some physicians and advanced students from several universities in Guangzhou.

During the same trip to Asia, both William T. Liu and Elena Yu were at the Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. William T. Liu gave a lecture on Critical Issues in Asian American Research and Elena Yu lectured on Asian American Education in the U.S.: Myths and Realities. While in Thailand, they also visited the Tribal Research Institute at Chagrin Mail University and met with faculty members in the Department of Sociology.

In January of this year, **Morrison G. Wong** visited the University of Washington. Invited by **Charles Hirschman**, he presented a paper entitled "The Education of Asian and White High School Students: Achievements and Costs" in a seminar sponsored by the Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology. While on campus, he also met with **Tetsuden Kashima** and presented an informal seminar for the American Studies Program on "Asian American Research Agenda."

Kudos to **Sau-Ling Wong**, Assistant Professor of Asian American Studies at UC Berkeley, who received a \$10,000 award by the Prytanean Society, an honor society for women students, for her studies in Chinese immigrant literature. She is currently at work on a book on Chinese American literature after 1880.

I know that there are many more of you who are doing research, making presentations, receiving awards, or have received promotions which others in the section would like to know about. Please xerox or tear off the last page of the newsletter and fill in any information which you may wish to share with the other members of the section.

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