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FROM THE CHAIR

I'm sure all of you are in the midst of a variety of summer activities (traveling, catching up on "other things," leisurely reading, and just maybe even some writing!). So, I will keep my column short.

1989 Elections

The elections are running late this year, but I know that Bill Parish and Stephen Fugita are working diligently on getting the slate and related election materials together just for you. We may not have the results of the

elections prior to our meeting in San Francisco. Be on the look out for your ballot, and don't forget to vote!!!
1989 Program

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR *AUGUST 19TH, THURSDAY* during the ASA meetings in San Francisco. We have an exciting program planned for you. I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday!!!

Also, to get our section off on the right foot, you are all invited to the ANNUAL WELCOMING PARTY sponsored by the ASA Membership Committee. Look for our section sign and space!!! We'll all be gathering around on *AUGUST 9TH, WEDNESDAY* from 6:30-8 pm.

Membership Drive - Aiming for 400

According to the ASA office, as of April 19, 1989, our current paid membership count for 1989 is at 295. (In January, we were at 201). We're making progress, but let's keep on recruiting until we reach 400!! Elena has been working long and hard on a brochure for our section. We hope to have them ready for our meetings in San Francisco.

!!See all of you on *Thursday, August 10th* in San Francisco!!

1989 ASA MEETING PROGRAM

Listed below is the Asia and Asian America program for the ASA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. All our sessions and meetings are on Thursday, August 10, 1989.

**A. THE SOCIOLOGY OF ASIAN AMERICANS
- Session 73 - 8:30 a.m.**

Organizer and Presider: Evelyn Nakano Glenn, State University of New York, Binghamton

New Patterns in the Garment Industry: State Intervention, Women, and Work in Hawaii. Joyce Chinen, Honolulu Community College.

Economic Utility of Involvement in an Assimilated Ethnic Group. Marilyn Fernandez, The Ounce of Prevention Fund-Chicago; Stephen Fugita, University of Illinois-Chicago.

Report of a Longitudinal Study of the Vocational Acculturation of Hmong Adolescents: Preliminary First-Wave Findings. Timothy Dunnigan and Daniel Martin, University of Minnesota.

Adaptation Stages and Mental Health of Korean Male Immigrants in the U.S. Won Moo Hurh and Kwang Chung Kim, Western Illinois University.

Coping with Racial Discrimination: Asian American's Strategies. Wen H. Kuo, University of Utah.

Discussion: Russell Endo, University of Colorado-Boulder.

B. REGULAR PANEL SESSION - Session 90 - 10:30 a.m.

Occupation and Social Change: Asian Perspectives

Organizer and Presider: William Liu, University of Illinois-Chicago.

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

Jobs, Sex Ratios, and Marriage in the PRC. Richard Barrett and William P. Bridge, University of Illinois-Chicago.

Conceptual and Measurement Problems of Employment and Unemployment: An Investigation into the Different Forms of Employment and Unemployment. Thomas D. Jayawardene, Westmont College.

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

Discussant: Eui-Hang Shin, University of South Carolina.

C. BUSINESS MEETING - 1:30 p.m.

D. ROUNDTABLES (Largely informal) - Session 115 - 2:30 p.m.

Organizer: William L. Parish, University of Chicago

1. Women and Society

Presider: Proshanta K. Nandi, Sangamon State University.

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.

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

Images of Women's Self-Growth Groups in Taiwan. Hwei-syin Lu, Academia Sinica, Taiwan.

2. Political and Economic Change

Organizer and presider: Yung-mei Tsai, Texas Tech University.

Political Change and Labor Movement in Taiwan. Cheng-kuang Hsu, Academia Sinica, Taiwan.

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

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-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: William Lavelly, University of Washington

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

The Reform from Below--the Private Economy and the Local Politics in the Rural Industrialization--the Case of Wenzhou in Post-Mao China. Liu Yia-ling, University of Chicago.

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

Economic Reforms and Urban Development in

China. Wen H. Kuo and Haigi Zie, 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 Refugees and Mobility: Model Minority or New Underclass? Steve Gold, Whittier College; Nazli Kibria, Wellesley College.

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

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Within the next few weeks, you should be receiving the election ballots and a brief biographical sketch of the candidates for the chair-elect and council members of our section. The candidates for chair-elect are: **Nan Lin** and **Ivan Light**. The candidates for new council positions are: **Wen Kuo**, **John Liu** and **Darrel Montero**. Please let your voice be heard. The results will be reported at the business meeting at the ASA meetings and in the upcoming newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP CONCERNS

The following is a letter sent to me by Elena Yu regarding membership issues and concerns.

Last December, William Liu and I had the opportunity to visit different countries in Asia. Since Bill Liu is a Co-founder and Past chair of the Asia and Asian America Section and I am a Council Member as well as Chair of the 1989 Membership Committee, we both took the liberty to recruit new members to the ASA and to our section. We were surprised that in every university we

visited, the sociologists were under the impression that ASA has an "International Membership" rate different from the Regular Membership fee, and that International Members are not allowed to vote or run for office. Since a large number of sociologists who can contribute to our section are actually working in Asia, this presents a problem to us. How do we let the potential pool of ASA members now working in Asia know that the "International Membership" rate has been abolished and that they, too, can vote and run for office? Or do we want to revive the International Membership status?

The rate of economic growth varies widely throughout Asia. Outside of Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and possibly, Korea, most sociologists in Asia have a low earning power. In Thailand, for example, a university professor at the Associate Professional rank makes the equivalent of about 300 U.S. dollars a month. The ASA membership fee for the lowest income category (less than \$15,000) is \$27/year. Thus, the Asian sociologists asked themselves, "Why join the ASA?" A lot of excellent research is now being done in Asia by Asian sociologists trained in the U.S. and Europe. We are not able to interact with them and benefit from their contributions unless we personally visit their universities or vice versa. Is there anyway we can encourage our colleagues in Asia to join the ASA without breaking their "rice bowls"?

A third issue is the reluctance of Asian sociologists working in countries outside of Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Singapore, and Hong Kong to submit papers for the ASA meetings because they felt that even if their papers are accepted, they could not find travel money to attend the meeting. Is there any possibility of providing some travel subsidies to Asian sociologists whose papers have been accepted for the regular paper session?

Related to this third issue is the problem of providing incentives for sociologists working in small universities and community colleges to participate in the activities of the ASA and in our section. Because of the tight job market for the baby-boom cohort of Asian American sociologists, many of us have had to accept jobs in community colleges or small universities where travel funds are either absent or difficult to obtain. These social scientists tend to shy away from membership because they see little chances of participating at the meetings and the journals are generally available from their libraries. Would it be feasible to search for sources of funding to assist these faculty members? Shall we discuss this at some point? Shall we try to work towards

getting funding for these Asian American sociologists?

We look forward to hearing your comments, ideas, and suggestions at the next Business Meeting of the Asia and Asian America section in San Francisco.

CONFERENCES

The Sixth Annual Conference of the **Hong Kong Educational Research Association** will be held in Hong Kong November 11-12, 1989. The theme of this international conference is "Advances and Innovations in Education". Inquires and call for papers can be directed to the Conference Secretary, Mrs. Amy Lai, Academic Secretary's Office, City Polytechnic of Hong Kong, Argyle Centre, Tower II, 700, Nathan Road, Hong Kong. For educators in North America, information can also be obtained from the International Advisor, Professor James W. Guthrie, Department of Education, 3659 Tolman Hall, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720.

The mini-conference on **Chinese Societies** is scheduled for August 8, 1989 at the San Francisco Hilton. The Conference will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m., and ends with a reception at 5:00 p.m. Topics to be presented and discussed range from economic and industrial development, development of enterprises and rural areas, political and social change, roles of women, health services, family and marriage, religion and the interplay of tradition and change.

Speakers will include Lucie Cheng (UCLA), Hei-yuan Chiu (Academia Sinica), Esther Nganling Chow (American), Zhao-fa He (Zhongshan), Chen-kuang Hsu (Academia Sinica), Francis Hsu (Northwestern), Yow-hwey Hu (Yang Ming), Cheng-shu Kao (Tunghai), Chen-yu Kuo (Singapore), Liangwen Kuo (UCLA), and Wen H. Kuo (Utah).

Also presenting are Julia Kwong (Manitoba), Tse-han Lai (Academia Sinica), Che-fu Lee (Catholic), Wen L. Li (Ohio State), Jersey Liang (Michigan), Nan Lin (SUNY-Albany), Hwei-syin Lu (Academia Sinica), Li-chen Ma (Lamar), Victor Nee (Cornell), Yung-kang Pan (Tianjin Academy), Lian-xiang Sha (People's), Rukang Tien (Fudan), Wen H. Tsai (Indiana-Purdue), Yung-mei Tsai (Texas Tech), Edward Jow-ching Tu (SUNY-Albany), Kang Wang (Beijing), and Qi-hui Wang (New York).

JOURNALS

The *International Journal of Politics, Culture and Society* will complete publication of its second volume with its Summer 1989 issue. *Politics, Culture and Society* is a quarterly publication that brings together historically informed and theoretically cogent social research from all over the world. It addresses a wide range of political and social concerns. **Stanford Lyman** is co-editor of the journal. If you wish to subscribe, send \$32 (one year) to: International Journal of Politics, Culture and Society, Human Sciences Press, 233 Spring Street, New York, New York 10013.

The Teaching Resources Center of the American Sociological Association will be publishing a volume of syllabi for (primarily undergraduate) courses in social statistics. Contributions of course syllabus, projects, lecture notes, bibliographies, techniques of "math anxiety reduction", or any other material may be submitted to Louis R. Gaydos, Department of Computer Science and Quantitative Analysis, William Paterson College 300 Pompton Road, Wayne, New Jersey 07470 (201)595-2515.

CHINESE WOMEN DEMENTIA RATES

A recent survey done in Shanghai, China, shows that cognitive impairments among the Chinese elderly are almost identical to American elderly, but for Chinese women the rate is higher than for their American counterparts.

The finding, published in the May issue of *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, was made by a research team lead by **Elena Yu** (University of Illinois at Chicago) and included William Liu, Paul Levy, Ming-Yuan Zhang, Robert Katzman, Ching-Tung Lung, Siu-Chi Wong, Zheng-Yu Wang, and Guang-Ya Qu.

The Shanghai survey data indicate that the prevalence of cognitive impairment appears to be nearly identical to that found in a Yale-New Haven study insofar as severe cognitive impairment rates for males, 65 years or older, are concerned. However, the rate for Shanghai females is 2.71 times higher than the U.S. rate in the same age group.

VITA BANK

With a commitment to enhance its cultural, ethnic and racial richness, the University of California, Irvine is soliciting the submission of vita by minorities, women, U.S. Vietnam era veterans, and disabled persons for faculty and management positions. To explore current and future opportunities with them in your field, send your vita or resume and a letter indicating your area of interest to: Cy Edwards, Director of Special Projects, Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity, University of California, 524 Administration Building, Irvine, California 92717.

OPPORTUNITIES

The University of California, Los Angeles: The Department of Anthropology and the Asian American Studies Center invite applications for a tenure track position in sociocultural anthropology. Research interest in such fields as health, education, social inequality/stratification, gender, migration, resettlement, or public policy regarding Asian American communities. Ph.D. preferred at time of application; required at time of appointment July 1, 1990. Preference given to Assistant Professor level appointment, but higher ranks will be considered. Interviews planned at November AAA meetings. Send vita, brief statement of professional interests, and names of three references by November 30, 1989 to: Allen Johnson, Chair, Anthropology Department, 341 Haines Hall, University of California, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1553.

NOTES ON FOLKS

Word has been received of the death of Professor **Lucy Jen Huang Hickrod** of Illinois State University. Professor Huang Hickrod will be remembered for her studies of the Chinese family and of cross-cultural comparisons in adolescent behavior. Professor Huang Hickrod was educated at St. Johns University in Shanghai, Marshall University in West Virginia, and received her doctorate at the University of Chicago. She became a full professor at ISU in 1973. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Huang Scholarship for Chinese Students, Illinois State University Foundation, Normal, Illinois, 61761.

Shogo Koyano, Head of the Department of Sociology,

Tokiwa University, Tokyo, Japan.

Publication: Koyano, Shogo (ed.), *A Study of Urbanization in Southeast Asia* (Japanese language). 1987.

Stanley Stark, Department of Management, Michigan State University, E. Lansing, MI 48824-1121.

Presentation: "Japanese Management: Attitudes of American Management, Teachers, Researchers, Writers, and Consultants/Trainers -- As Individual Americans and in the Context of Their Business Toward American Management." Association of Japanese Business Studies Meeting, January 6, 1989.

Ann Cordilla Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts/Boston, Boston, MA 02125. Grants: Fulbright Scholarship Program Faculty Grant for Japan (1988-1989).

Publication: "Patterns of Living with Other Convicts." Pp. 279-289 in Earl Rubington *et al.* (eds.) *Deviance: The Interactionist Perspective*, New York: McMillan Publishing Co., 1987.

Presentation: "College as Moratorium: The Hidden Functions of Japanese College Education." 1989 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

Akiko S. Hosler, Department of Sociology, SUNY, Albany, New York 12222.

Honors: Elected for a second term as President of the Japanese Cultural Association of the Capital District (Albany-Troy-Schenectady area in upstate New York). The Association is a non-profit organization of Japanese cultural, academic, and social programs.

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Stanford Lyman, College of Social Science, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida 33431-0991.

Publications: Stanford Lyman and Arthur J. Vidich, *Social Order and the Public Philosophy: An Analysis and Interpretation of the Work of Herbert Blumer*, University of Arkansas Press, 1988. (This book was nominated for

the Distinguished Scholarly Publication Award given by the ASA; nominated for the C. Wright Mills Award given by the SSSP; and nominated for the Charles Horton Cooley Award given by the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction).

"Le Conte, Royce, Teggart, Blumer: A Berkeley Dialogue on Sociology, Social Change, and Symbolic Interaction," *Symbolic Interaction* 11:1:125-143. 1988.

"System and Function in Ante-Bellum Southern Sociology," *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society* 2:1:95-108. 1988.

"Symbolic Interactionism and Macrosociology," *Sociological Forum* 3:2:295-301. 1988.

Presentations: "Sin and Sentiment: Toward a Sociology of the Emotions." 1989 Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.

"Slavery and Sloth: A Study in the Sociology of Sin." 1989 Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.

Shelley Feldman, Department of Rural Sociology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853.

Publications: "Human Rights and the New Industrial Working Class in Bangladesh." Pp. 145-172 in Claude E. Welch, Jr. (ed.), *Human Rights in Developing Countries: Problems and Prospects, Vol. II: South Asia*. State University of New York at Buffalo: Center on International Studies, 1989.

"Processes of impoverishment in Bangladesh: Reconceptualizing poverty and resources," *Journal of Social Studies* 39(January):1-21 (with Florence E. McCarthy), 1988

"Human Rights as Class Conflict: A Reconceptualization of the Issues," *South Asia Bulletin* 7 (Spring/Fall):64-67 (with Florence E. McCarthy), 1987.

"Administrative Reforms in Bangladesh: Incorporation or Democratization?" *International Journal of Contemporary Sociology* 24(3&4):99-111 (with Florence E. McCarthy), 1987.

Presentation: "Contradictions of Gender Inequality: The Social Construction of the Labor Process in Contemporary Bangladesh." 17th Annual South Asian Conference. Madison, Wisconsin.

Ruben G. Rumbaut, Department of Sociology, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA 92182.

Publications: "Portraits, Patterns and Predictors of the Refugee Adaptation Process: Results and Reflections from the IHARP Panel Study." Pp. 138-182 in David W. Haines, ed., *Refugees as Immigrants: Vietnamese, Cambodians, and Laotians in America*. Totowa, NJ: Rowan and Littlefield, 1989.

Rumbaut, Ruben G., Leo R. Chavez, Robert J. Moser, Sheila M. Pickwell, and Samuel M. Wishik. 1988. "The Politics of Migrant Health Care: A Comparative Study of Mexican Immigrants and Indochinese Refugees," *Research in the Sociology of Health Care* 7:143-202.

Rumbaut, Ruben G. and Kenji Ima. 1988. *The Adaptation of Southeast Asian Refugee Youth: A Comparative Study*. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement.

Presentations: Weeks, John R. and Ruben G. Rumbaut. "Infant Mortality Among Indochinese Refugees." 1989 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America.

"Contexts of Exit and Contexts of Reception: A Study of Migration, Adaptation, and Depression Among Indochinese Refugees." Conference on Refugee Children Traumatized by War and Violence. Bethesda, MD, September 1988.

"Cambodia Comes to America: The Adaptation of Cambodian Refugees in the United States." Tenth Anniversary Conference of the Centre de Documentation et de Recherche sur la Civilisation Khmère at the Cite Universitaire de l'Université de Paris, Paris, France. 1988.

"The Educational Adaptation of Southeast Asian Students." 1988 Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association.

"The Psychology of Exile: Indochinese Refugees in the United States." 1987 Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association.

Nan Lin, Department of Sociology, SUNY Albany, New

York 12222.

Publication: Lin, Nan and Walter M. Ensel. 1989. "Life Stress and Health: Stressors and Resources." *American Sociological Review* 54:382-399.

Nancy Wendlandt Stejn, Department of Sociology, Normandale Community College, Bloomington, MN 55431.

Awards: Fulbright-Hayes Fellowship to Thailand. Summer 1989.

David J. O'Brien, Rural Sociology and Community Development, University of Missouri, Columbia 65211

Publications: McClendon, McKee J. and David J. O'Brien. 1988. "Question-Order Effects on the Determinants of Subjective Well-Being." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 52:353-64.

McClendon, McKee J. and David J. O'Brien. 1988. "Explaining Question Order Effects on the Relationship Between Safety and Neighborhood Satisfaction." *Social Science Quarterly* 69:764-72.

Morrison G. Wong, Department of Sociology, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas 76129.

Publication: "A Look at Intermarriage Among the Chinese in the United States," *Sociological Perspectives* 32:87-107. 1989.

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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 send any information which you may wish to share with the other members of the section to: Morrison G. Wong, Editor, Asiatic Mode, Department of Sociology, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas 76129 or BITNET to R1011SO@TCUAMUS.