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FROM THE CHAIR

"I am pleased to announce that the Asia/Asian American Section is one of the fastest growing sections in the American Sociological Association. Our membership grew from 276 in September, 1990 to 312 in July, 1991. Much of the success was due to recruiting efforts of individual members such as Elena Yu.

But the trend is reflective of two important developments in the American Sociological Association: an increasing interest and attention given to Asia and ethnic groups in North America and an increasing participation of graduate students (many of them from Asia) in the ASA affairs. In my judgment, both developments will continue into the twenty-first century. The Asia/Asian American Section is becoming a very visible and important section in the sociological community and we must continue our efforts to recruiting new members and organizing attractive sessions.

Judging from the attendance at our sessions at the Cincinnati meeting, it was quite clear the papers were uniformly of high quality and addressed important and interesting issues. The one-hour session, converted from the Council meeting, was also a resounding success. So, I plan to continue this format in the 1992 meeting in Pittsburgh. We will have one two-hour session, one one-hour session, and many roundtable panels. An innovative feature I am considering is to organize one or more "roundtable" panels which will feature a single speaker (perhaps with an invited discussant). This format will highlight a significant piece of work which deserves extensive presentation and discussion.

In recognizing the increasing presence of graduate students in our Section, the Council and members attending the business meeting in Cincinnati approved the creation of a student membership on the Council. However, it is not clear whether this membership should be one of the six members in the Council or should be an additional (seventh) member. We are submitting the two alternatives to your voting.

We are a recently new Section. This gives us the dynamics to make and institute change. As Asia and North America draw ever closer socially, politically, and economically, the AAA can and will play a critical role in the ASA. Your participation will make it happen sooner."

Nan Lin

THANKS TO OUTGOING COUNCIL

The Cincinnati meeting marked the beginning of a change in leadership for our Section. Nan Lin took over as chair of the section. Lucie Cheng was elected as our chair-elect. Morrison G. Wong was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer. Steve Fugita and Gary Hamilton were elected for a three year term on the Council.

Although there is no doubt that they will all serve with distinction, we should not forget that the positive direction which the AAA Section has taken during the past few years have been due to the commitment, dedication, and service beyond the call of duty of several individuals. Susan Takata has been a fixture with the AAA Council as long as I can remember. She served on the council for six years -- two years as chair elect, two years as chair, and two years as past chair. Bill Parish

has served two years as chair elect and for the past two years, has served as chair of our section. Fortunately for the Council, he will continue to serve on the council for another two years in the position as past chair, lending us support and guidance. Sharon Lee has served on the council for three years -- serving as part of the membership recruitment committee, reception committee, and election committee. Tetsu Kashima's three year term on the council also comes to an end.

From all of us, we just wish to say thanks for your time, your dedication, your wisdom, and your counsel. It was greatly appreciated. You will be sorely missed, although not too much, as we expect to see you at our meetings. You have provided us with a solid foundation upon which this section can continue to grow and develop.

CHINESE SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The first conference of the Chinese Sociological Association's research group on sociology of education took place in Tianjin on August 19-24, 1991. This six day conference was attended by over one hundred representatives from all parts of China. Those addressing the conference were: Yuan Fang, Head of the Chinese Sociological Association and professor of sociology at Beijing University; Li Yixian, president of the council on research in sociology of education and professor of educational sociology at Beijing Normal University; Yang Yabin, Deputy Director of the Institute of Sociology, Chinese Academy of Social Science; Tang Songhua, Deputy Director, National Center for Education Development Research, State Education Commission; Zhou Beilong, State Education Commission; Gerard Postiglione, University of Hong Kong; Li Chengxu, Academy of Social Science; Jing Yiming, East China Normal University; Wang Hui, Tianjin Academy of Social Sciences; and Yao Qihe, Huazhong Technical University.

BOOKS OF INTEREST

Contemporary Perspectives on Asian and Pacific American Education. Edited by Russell Endo, Sally Chou, Virgie Chattergy, and Nobuya Tsuchida. Pacific Asia Press. 193 pp. \$13.95 (paperback).

For more information, contact Pacific Asia Press, a

Division of Greenhower Corp., 10937 Klingerman St., S. El Monte, CA 91733, Tel: (818)575-1000.

David J. O'Brien and Stephen S. Fugita. 1991. *The Japanese American Experience*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press.

CALL FOR PAPERS

ASPAC (Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast) of the Association for Asian Studies will hold its 1992 Annual Meeting June 19-21 at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, California. This year, there will be some funds to help support graduate student travel to the conference. Send paper proposals and inquiries to: Barbara Mori, ASPAC 1992 Program Chair, Social Sciences Department, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407; Tel: 805-756-2260. The deadline is March 31, 1992.

CONFERENCES

The Association for Asian American Studies will hold its 1992 Annual Conference at the Fairmount Hotel in San Jose/Silicon Valley, California. This conference is co-hosted by San Jose State University, Santa Clara University, University of California, Santa Cruz, Stanford University, and De Anza College. For more information, call or write: Wendy Ng, Asian American Studies Program, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA 95192 Tel: 408-924-5594 or Steve Fugita, Ethnic Studies Program, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA 95053 Tel: 408-554-4474.

The International Rural Sociology Association (IRSA) is sponsoring the **8th World Congress for Rural Sociology** at Pennsylvania State University August 11-16, 1992. The theme for the Congress is "Rural Society in the Changing World Order." The Congress will be followed immediately by the **55th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociology Society** August 16-19, 1992, also at Pennsylvania State University. The theme will be "Rurality and the Global Environment." Contact: Local Arrangements Office, World Congress/RSS Annual Meeting, 306 Agricultural Administration Building, Penn State University, University Park, PA 16802.

OPPORTUNITIES

The Women Studies Program at the University of Colorado is seeking to hire a tenure-line faculty member whose teaching and scholarly/creative work focus on women of color. The position will be rostered in the Women Studies Program, where primary teaching responsibility will be defined. Tenure eligibility is in major academic field or discipline. Candidates should be willing to teach at all levels, and their publishing records should be commensurate with their experience. Preference will be given to applicants at the assistant level, but candidates at all levels will be considered. Send curriculum vitae, syllabi, and teaching evaluations from courses previously taught, and a cover letter describing the contributions you would like to make to a women studies program to: Chair, Search Committee, Women Studies Program, Campus Box 246, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado 80309-0246. The search committee will begin to review applications on October 15, 1991.

The University of New Hampshire Family Research Laboratory is anticipating possibly three Family Violence Research fellowships available starting in the fall of 1992. These NIMH-funded positions are open to new and experience researchers with doctorates in the fields of psychology, sociology, social work, law, nursing, public health and medicine. The fellowships are intended for work in the area of child abuse, domestic violence, elder abuse, sexual abuse, rape, homicide and other family-violence related topics with special attention to mental health impact. Scholars may use the one-year fellowship (with possible one-year extension) to work on one of the many data sets archived at the FRL. Fellows must be able to reside close enough to UNH (one-and-a-half hours from Boston) to attend the weekly Family Violence Research seminar. Annual stipends run from \$18,600 to \$32,300, depending on number of years since receipt of doctorate. Applications from scholars with interests in family violence in minority families are particularly encouraged. The deadline for applications is March 1, 1992. For more information, contact David Finkelhor, Co-Director, Family Research Laboratory, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH 03824 Tel: 603-862-1888.

The University of California, Irvine, invites applications for a tenured position (associate or full professor level) as founding director of Asian American Studies, effective July 1, 1992. A major role of the person selected for directorship will be the recruitment of additional faculty for the program. Applicants for director of Asian American Studies will be considered with a PhD in fields

such as English, ethnic studies, history, political science, and sociology. Candidates must have a publication record sufficiently distinguished for a tenured appointment at a research-oriented university. To apply, send: a cover letter briefly describing experience in Asian American Studies, and anticipated research agenda for the next five years; (2) a curriculum vitae; (3) syllabi for two or more courses taught in Asian American Studies; and (4) a selection of significant publications to: Professor Bin Wong, Chair, Search Committee, c/o Dibby Thyssen, 403 SST, University of California, Irvine 92717. Application deadline is January 10, 1992.

MINUTES TO BUSINESS MEETING

Business Meeting, August 27, 1991

Attendance: 32 Section members were present.

1. William Parish convened the meeting at 11:40. He informed the audience of Morrison Wong's recent open heart surgery. Sharon Lee reported that Morri was recovering nicely and that he had sent his regards. People at the meeting signed get-well cards and offered their collective hopes for a quick recovery.

2. Parish introduced Nan Lin as the incoming chair and Lucie Cheng as the new chair-elect. He also congratulated Morrison Wong on his re-election as secretary/treasurer, welcomed new council members and old council members David Takeuchi and Marilyn Fernandez, and thanked departing council officers, Susan Takata, Tetsuden Kashima, and Sharon Lee. After complimenting Nan Lin for organizing this year's program, Parish turned over the meeting to Nan.

3. Nan Lin added his thanks to departing council officers. He informed the audience that over sixty papers had been submitted for this year's section meetings and thanked Anju Malhotra and Jotinder Sekhon for helping to review these submissions. The deadline for submitting papers for next year's program will be December 31st instead of November. Nan reminded members that under the ASA rotation system, Asia and Asian American Section sessions will be held on the last day of the ASA meetings in Pittsburgh next year. There was a short discussion on how many members would be needed for an additional session (400) after Nan reported that the current section

membership was just over 300. He announced that Marilyn Fernandez will be responsible for membership this coming year. Stephen Fujita and David Takeuchi will handle the nominations.

4. Nan Lin solicited comments about the roundtable sessions. One member suggested that there be more than two presenters at each table. Nan said the intent was to have three papers presented at each table, but this proved to be impossible. Another person felt that given the number of papers presented on Koreans, that perhaps these papers could be made into a separate roundtable. Council officials reminded members that the organization of roundtables was ultimately the responsibility of the organizers, who had considerable leeway in putting together the roundtables. One person inquired about sharing roundtables with other sections. Nan indicated that he would investigate this possibility. In the spirit of collaborating with other sections, Fred Deyo invited section members to submit papers to next year's PEWS (Political Economy and World Systems) sessions which will focus on the impact of globalization and changes in global production systems. Nan Lin and William Parish asked Fred to convey a similar invitation to PEWS members.

5. The Council opened the floor to comments about the newsletter by encouraging members to submit items, such as newsletter articles, recent publications, works of interest to section members, announcements of conferences, research activities, and projects/centers and employment opportunities. David Takeuchi raised the possibility of using the newsletter to alert members of important issues. For instance, he mentioned efforts by the National Institutes of Mental Health to eliminate Asian Americans from minority training grants.

6. The above question led to further discussion about whether the section wanted to take a stance on sensitive issues, and whether the section should be proactive or reactive in its approach. One position was that the section should not become involved in advocacy but only a clearinghouse of information through the newsletter. Someone stated that he would not want the council to advocate a position of which he had not been informed. This person also raised the question of whether advocacy was a proper function of the section. Another position advanced was that while advocacy was a legitimate role for the section, there was no mechanism to ascertain how the membership stood on any issue and that the council presently lacks the resources to coordinate such an activity. As an initial step in

resolving the question of advocacy, Stanford Lyman recommended that the section designate a person or subgroup to examine the question and to become a focal point for organizing the section on this matter. This recommendation was reworded into a motion, seconded and passed by the people present. David Takeuchi agreed to be the contact person. The council also encouraged members to include their electronic addresses as a means of facilitating rapid communication.

7. The Council recommended that an elected student representative position be established. To facilitate this development, the council proposed that faculty members would initially nominate students for the position. The elected representative would then consult with other graduate students in devising their own nominating procedures. This was made into a motion, seconded, and passed by those in attendance. A vote from the membership is in order to determine whether the student council position should be one of the six members in the Council or should be an additional (seventh) member. A ballot will be distributed to the membership.

8. Nan Lin posed the perennial issue of raising dues. The main purpose of the dues would be to fund an annual section reception at the ASA meetings. In the past, members had frequently mentioned the desirability of holding such a get-together. Lin proposed raising the dues from 8 to 10 dollars for all nonstudent members. Since about half of the membership consists of students, the dues increase would raise no more than \$300 per year. Some people in attendance suggested co-sponsoring a reception with other sections. Council members will consider this possibility. The proposal to raise dues to \$10 was offered as a motion, seconded, and passed by those present. Susan Takata pointed out the possibility that ASA by-laws might require the entire membership to vote on due increases. In the event Susan is correct, the council offered a contingency motion that the issue be submitted to entire membership through a mail ballot should the present vote be invalid. The motion was seconded and passed.

9. New Business.

a. Someone from the floor recommended that relevant papers presented in other sessions of the ASA meetings be listed in the newsletter.

b. Another recommendation was to contact publishers about displaying books relevant to

sociologists even if written by non-sociologists.

c. Nan reported that the editor of *Social Problems* invited submissions for a special issue on "Global perspectives on social problems."

10. Nan adjourned the meeting after commending William Parish for doing a great job during the past two years.

(Editor's Note: The Minutes to the Business Meeting were recorded by John Liu.)

NOTES ON FOLKS

Michael E. Delaney, Department of Sciences and Humanities, Des Moines Area Community College, Ankeny, Iowa 50021.

Presentation: "Japanese and American Societies: A Comparative Approach in Introductory Sociology." Midwest Sociological Society, Des Moines, Iowa. April 11-14, 1991.

In-Jin Yoon, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL 60637.

Publication: 1991. "The Changing Significance of Ethnic and Class Resources in Immigrant Businesses: The Case of Korean Immigrant Businesses in Chicago." *International Migration Review* 25:303-332.

Presentations: "The Social Origins of Korean Immigration to the United States, 1965-Present." Spring Institute, University of Chicago. April 13, 1991.

New Position: Recipient of a post-doctoral urban poverty fellowship at the Irving B. Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies, University of Chicago for the 1991-92 academic year.

Xiangming Chen, Department of Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago, M/C 312, Chicago, IL 60680.

Presentations: "Foreign Direct Investment in the People's Republic of China: Longitudinal Evidence and a Location Analysis" (with John Minton). Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management, Miami Beach, Florida, August 11-15, 1991.

"The Changing Role of Shenzhen in China's National and Regional Development in the 1980s." The 3rd Illinois-Tamking International Conference. University of Illinois at Urbana, Illinois, November 8-11, 1991.

David J. O'Brien, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri 65211 and **Stephen S. Fugita**, Department of Sociology, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA

Publication: *The Japanese American Experience*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press. 1991.

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Editor's Note: I would just like to thank everyone for the kind thoughts, concerns, and wish for a speedy recovery from my open heart surgery. I am now back at work and feeling great.

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

BALLOT

At the last business meeting of the Asia and Asian America Section of the American Sociological Association held on August 27, 1991 in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Council recommended that in recognition of the increasing presence of graduate students in our Section, an elected student representative position should be established. This recommendation was made into a motion, seconded, and passed by those in attendance.

However, it was not clear whether this elected position should be one of the six positions on the Council or should be an additional (seventh) position. According to our by-laws, there are six positions on Council. A vote for an additional position would also be a vote for a change in our by-laws.

Please vote for one:

_____ Student representative should be one of six members on the Council.

_____ Student representative should be an additional (seventh) member) on the Council.

Please return your ballot to: Dr. Morrison G. Wong, Secretary, ASA/AAA Section, Department of Sociology, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas 76116.

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PAPER PRESENTATIONS: (Other Authors, Title, Organization, Date)

RECENT AWARDS/HONORS, ACHIEVEMENTS:

NEW POSITIONS: (Administrative, Professional, Promotions, Relocations)

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