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FROM THE CHAIR

by Morrison Wong

Greetings from Fort Worth. So, what's been happening and may happen with our Section?

During the past year, the leadership of this Section was under the guidance of Hagen Koo. Under his direction, we have instituted an annual book award on Asia or Asian America, put in place a working editorial board, and had a reception for our Section at the annual meetings. Our many thanks and appreciation go out to Hagen Koo for all his work and contributions to the Section.

The past year also marks the end of a 3-year term for 2 of our council members--Joyce Chinen and Steve Gold--and the end of the one year term for student representative Anthony William Alumkal. Their willingness to serve on council, to participate in business meetings, and to serve on committees, and to add input decisions will be surely missed. Thank you all for your help and support.

If you look at the listing of officers, we have some new persons on board: Esther Chow as the Chair-

1998 SAN FRANCISCO MEETINGS

The 1998 ASA Annual Meeting will take place in San Francisco, August 21-25. Our Section invites submissions to two paper sessions and a refereed roundtable session. Topics are:

- 1) Asian Societies in Global Transition (2-hour session)
- 2) Asia Americans: Roots and Destinies, History and Prospects (one-hour session)
- 3) Asia and Asian America Roundtables (open to papers on any topic related to Asia or Asian America).

elect; Pyong Gap Min and Nazli Kibria as new council members, and Margaret Chin as new student representative. Yen Espiritu was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer/Newsletter editor for another 3 years. Congrats to all. We look forward to your valuable input.

Thanks to Judy Liu for all her work as Chair of the Nominating Committee. Without her diligence and persistence, the elections would not have been run as smoothly as it did. Judith will serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee for the upcoming year. If you would like to make a nomination or if you wish to nominate yourself, please contact Judy (liuusd@teetot.acusd.edu) as soon as possible. Moreover, you may have noticed instead of our own individual ballot, our ballots are placed with ballots from all the other sections and one mass mailing is made.

Congrats to Eiko Ikegami. Her book entitled *The Taming of the Samurai: Honorific Individualism and the Making of Modern Japan*, was selected by our Book Award Committee as the first recipient of our Section's Book award. This past year, books on Asia were reviewed. Many thanks also goes out to Diane Wolf, John Lie, and Bill Parish for serving on the committee and reviewing over 15 excellent books. This year, the Book Award Committee, consisting of John Lie, Diane Wolf, and Leland Saito, will review books that have a focus on Asian America. Please send any nominations of books to John Lie (j-lie@uiuc.edu). Check out the ASA Web page under Sections for more information (sections@asanet.org/)

A Section reception was held at the annual meetings in Toronto. About 60 people were in attendance. A great time was had by all as the reception allowed members to renew old friendship, begin new friendships, and network with other colleagues in our Section. For next year's reception in San Francisco, an ad hoc Committee has been formed consisting of Rebecca King, Wendy Ng, and Judith Liu. They will be recruiting some additional members. We may have our reception outside of the hotel. There is even some talk of a tour of Chinatown.

A total of 47 papers on a diversity of topics on Asia and Asian America

was presented in our two sessions and 13 roundtables at the annual meetings. An additional 21 papers were accepted by other sessions. A personal thanks go out to all the presiders who volunteered their time to insure the success of the roundtable session.

Currently our membership is at about 343. ASA has proposed that 300 members will be the minimum in order to have a section. They also want the sections to be active as measured by contested elections, executive council meetings, and general business meetings. Although we are fine on the latter criteria, our membership count gets fairly close to the cut-off. Please encourage your fellow colleagues or graduate students to become members of the Section. For those with grad students who are already members of ASA, you may give them an "award" of membership to the section. Moreover, if we reach a membership count of 400, we will be able to have another session at the annual meetings.

For those who plan on attending next year's meeting and wish to set up a special roundtable, please contact Esther Chow (echow@americanu.edu). Esther is responsible for the 1997 Program.

An editorial board has been formed. Besides Yen Espiritu, it will comprise of Nazli Kibria, Pyong Gap Min, and Margaret Chin. They will be responsible for a substantive part of the newsletter. If you have any comments or issues which you would like to be addressed in the newsletter, please contact Yen. After all, this is your newsletter. There is also some discussion about putting the newsletter on e-mail. If we are able to do this, we may be able to save some money from our budget to be used for other activities (receptions, awards, etc.). Each Section will have an operating budget and moneys not be used will be rolled over to the following year.

The Section is only as good as we want it and are willing to make it. I look forward to serving as chair. With your help and the help of the council members and Executive Board, I know that we will continue to improve on the solid foundation that has been set by those before us.

FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

The University of Washington's Program in Critical Asian Studies is concerned with the questions of how "Asia" as an object of study is being reconfigured in the processes of late 20th century economic and cultural transformation and what role the humanities ought to play in shaping our thinking about these changes. We invite project proposals that promise to explore one or more of the following areas:

- * the political economy of the internationalization of scholarship on Asia

- * contemporary social formations now racializing, ethnicizing, and gendering Asian-North American-Asian social and cultural circuits

- * troubled boundaries between Asian Studies and Asian American Studies or broadly construed consideration of the question of internationalizing academic disciplines

- * projects that either demonstrate a commitment to activism or look at theories of the ethics and politics of building productive relationships among academic scholars and community interests (e.g. ethnicized American communities, Asian communities in diaspora outside the U.S., refugee and migrant communities and so on).

Fellows will be in residence for one academic year of 3 quarters and will teach 1 graduate seminar funded separately by the University of Washington. In addition, fellows will lead a quarter-long bi-weekly seminar open to faculty and grad students. Fellows will receive a basic stipend according to seniority ranking from \$25,000 to \$40,000 (including the stipend for the grad seminar) plus up to \$5,000 to cover costs of relocation, health, and other benefits. Senior scholars are welcome to seek supplementary support from their home institutions or from other institutional funding.

Application deadline: Jan 15, 1998.
Contact: Tasia Asakawa, Program Assistant, Program in Critical Asian Studies, The University of Washington, Center for the Humanities, Lewis Annex II, Box 353910, Seattle, Washington 98195-3910 USA

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Social Science Research Council announces the following fellowships and grants:

- Grants for Advanced Research: grants are offered to support individual postdoctoral research related to Japan in the social sciences and humanities to be carried out in Japan, the United States and/or other countries. The program encourages innovative research proposals in the social sciences which are comparative and contemporary in nature and have long-term applied policy implications or which engage Japan in wider regional and global debates. Special attention will be given to proposals in economics, technology, international relations, contemporary policy and politics, and sociology/demography and to Japan specialists who are interested in broadening their skills and expertise through traditional training or comparative work in an additional geographic area. Support is available for periods of 2 to 12 months. Scholars who hold the Ph.D. or an equivalent degree and are U.S. citizens or have been resident in the US for at least 3 consecutive years at the time of application are eligible to apply.

- JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Recent Ph.D.s. Fellowship support is available for 3 to 24 months in Japan for researchers in the social sciences and humanities. Projects need not be explicitly related to the study of Japan but must propose work with colleagues and resources in Japan. Applicants must submit proof of an affiliation with an eligible host research institution in Japan as part of the application packet. Scholars must be US citizens or permanent residents who have received the PhD no more than 10 yrs prior to April 1, 1998 for 3 to 11 months' support and no more than 6 years prior to this date for 12 to 24 months' support.

Application deadline for both programs: Dec. 15, 1997. Contact the Japan Program at: Social Science Research Council, 810 Seventh Aven. 31st Floor, NY, NY 10019. Tel (212) 377-2700; fax (212) 377-2727

DIVERSITY MEETING
by Judith Liu

At the American Sociological Association meetings held in Toronto, Ontario, 9-13 August 1997, the ASA Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Sociology called a session to address issues of diversity.

On Monday, 11 August, Morrison Wong and Judith Liu from the Asia and Asian American section and representatives from 11 groups met to begin a dialogue concerning issues of diversity. At this meeting we discussed recent changes in Affirmative Action policies, the need to establish a communication network among the various participating groups, and the climate on college campuses regarding hate crimes, and the climate on college campuses regarding hate crimes, physical disabilities, sexual harassment, and racial harassment.

Participants related incidents concerning these issues that were occurred on their campuses, and concluded that many of these incidents still go unreported. Endemic to all "official" statistics, under-reporting of such incidents gives a more favorable portrayal of a campus environment than is actually the case. Among the reasons given for not reporting an incident were fear of reprisals, disaffection with the system, alienation, unfamiliarity with procedures, subtle and not so subtle forms of dissuasion, inaction by reporting agencies, and general apathy.

Four actions were proposed. One, to continue the dialogue about diversity issues, a network among individuals interested in issues of diversity will be established. All participants were encouraged to establish a similar network at their own institutions as well. Verna M. Keith (e-mail: vkeith@asu.edu; 602-965-8236), chair of the Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities, volunteered to establish an initial listserve with the participants at the meeting. Any interested individual who wishes to be included, please e-mail Dr. Keith at Arizona State University. In addition, Dr. Lori Sudderth [Institute for Health, Health Care

Policy, & Aging Research, Rutgers University, 30 College Ave., New Brunswick, NJ 08903; (732) 932-6942; e-mail: sudderth@rci.rutgers.edu] who is a member of the Committee on Hate/Bias Acts on Campus, is collecting data for the committee. If your institution has a policy on, procedures concerning, and/or definition of hate/bias acts; if you wish to share incidents on your campus or if you have any questions about her project, please contact Dr. Sudderth at Rutgers University.

Second, the participants at the meeting as well as other interested individuals will communicate their concerns and issues to the ASA Council and the newly created "Diversity Group."

Third, a roundtable followed by an open forum concerned with diversity issues will be requested for next year's ASA meetings in San Francisco.

Fourth, the ASA Code of Ethics and Policies and Procedures for the Committee on Professional Ethics will be reviewed by all the participants vis-a-vis diversity issues. Participants were encouraged to examine how teaching evaluations may prove detrimental to tenure and promotion of junior faculty, to create a system of tracking incidents of hate/bias and report how these events were handled, and to engage colleagues on their own campuses.

KOREAN INTERNATIONAL COMMUTER MARRIAGES

by Pyong Gap Min

(based on Min's *Changes and Conflicts: Korean Immigrant Families in NY*. Allyn and Bacon, 1998).

Improvements in international travel and telecommunication techniques have helped immigrants in the U.S. maintain strong ties to friends and relatives to their home country. Most recently, social scientists have shown a great deal of interests in immigrants' transnational linkages to their home country. Although several scholars have made references to "transnational families," there is no detailed study of "transnational families" or "international commuter marriages" in which the spouses maintain separate residences in 2 countries. In this article, I

examine Korean immigrants' international commuter marriages in New York and a Korean city.

Many American couples adopt a commuter relationship in which the spouses maintain separate residences in 2 different cities and reunite regularly. Korean immigrants can do the same thing, maintaining 2 households in the U.S. and Korea. The spouses can visit each other regularly--several times a year--and talk on the phone every week. Both spouses' equal and strong career commitments have contributed to the establishment of the commuter marital arrangement in the U.S. and other industrialized countries. By contrast, Korean male immigrants' difficulties in, or dissatisfaction with, their occupational adjustments in this country and greater opportunities for their children's education here have contributed to the creation of Korean international commuter marriages. In a Korean commuter marriage, the husband has returned to Korea for a better occupation while his wife and children in the U.S. for the advantage of children's education here.

Many Korean professional immigrants, including college professors, who had had successful careers in this country have recently returned to Korea partly because of attractive and fringe benefits offered by Korean companies and colleges and partly because of their intention to contribute to Korean society.

Korean transnational partners talk on the phone with their spouses on average twice per week. Most commonly, they discuss their children's education. The wives often talk for a long time half an hour or more, to consult their husbands about educational issues. Sometimes the wives in NY have difficulty discussing their children's education with their husbands in Korea because the husbands are not familiar with the differences between the US and Korean educational systems. The husbands in Korea often have difficulty adjusting to the new occupational there. Sometimes, they talk with their wives about their work-related frustrations. Mrs. Lee said that her

husband usually called her when he, as the chairman of the Biology Department, encountered difficulty in personnel management.

The husbands in Korea visit their wives and children in NY 2 to 5 times a year while their wives visit Korea once or twice.

In Korean transnational families, the wives participate in paid work while taking care of their children by themselves. Thus they have made sacrifices both for their children's education in this country and for their husbands' careers in Korea. Many of these wives initially intended to go back to Korea to join their husbands when their children completed their schooling. However, living apart from their husbands for a long period of time becomes comfortable for them and they come to appreciate the lack of interference in their lives by their husbands. They also become more sensitive to the subordinate position of women in Korea as they witness many patriarchal customs during their visits to their husbands. Thus many wives who intended to move back to Korea to live with their husbands maintain their transnational marriages more or less permanently.

On the one hand, Korean immigrants' strong ties with their home country, facilitated by technological advances in air travel and communication, help to preserve Korean family traditions. On the other, the same technological forces have created Korean international commuter marriages, a very non-traditional family form.

FACULTY POSITIONS

University of Wisconsin--Eau Claire. The Department of Sociology and Anthropology invites applications for a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level beginning August 24, 1998. Candidates must have a PhD in Sociology by effective of appointment, with a specialization in sociological theory. Effective teaching skills and an active research agenda are essential. Duties include teaching undergraduate courses in sociological theory, introduction to sociology courses in one's other area of specialization; engage in research and other

scholarly activities. Completed applications consist of letter of application highlighting teaching and research interests as well as areas in which qualifying exams, if any, were taken; c.v.; unofficial transcripts of all M.A./M.S. and PhD work; and 3 letters of recommendation. All materials must be postmarked Nov. 1, 1997. Send to: Dr. Margaret L. Cassidy, Chair, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI 54702-4004.

Wesleyan University. The Department of Sociology invites applicants for a tenure-track position at the assistant professor level beginning fall 1998. We are most interested in candidates who specialize in globalization, including its impact on social, economic, and political relations in the U.S. This specialization could be demonstrated through teaching and research in one of the following areas: political sociology with an emphasis on the welfare state; economic restructuring and the dynamics of race, class, gender, sexuality and nationality; urban and rural poverty; law and the criminal justice system. Please send c.v., a statement of current research interests, and 3 letters of reference to: Search Committee, Dept. of Sociology, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT 06459-0012. Applications received after Oct. 1 may not be considered.

Georgia Institute of Technology. The School of History, Technology, and Society announces a tenure-track position in the sociology of race, ethnicity, beginning in the Fall of 1998. Preferences will be given to candidates at the assistant or associate professor level. The School of History, Technology, and Society is an interdisciplinary unit combining sociologists and historians whose teaching and research includes the study of social and economic inequality. The successful candidate will be expected to show evidence of excellence in scholarship and to contribute to our growing undergraduate and graduate programs. Send c.v., writing samples, syllabi, and 3 letters of reference to Chair, Sociology Search Committee, School of

History, Technology, and Society, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA 30332-0345. Review of applications for this position, which is contingent upon budgetary approval, will begin on Oct. 24, 1997.

California State University, Northridge, Asian American Studies Department invites applications for a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor rank commencing Fall 1998, with primary interest in Asian American Community Studies and Urban Affairs. Special focus on Vietnamese and Southeast Asian communities in the United States desirable. The successful candidate will join a dynamic and growing interdisciplinary department central to the multicultural mission of the University. Candidates should possess a doctorate degree or ABD, excellence in teaching and research, and a commitment in providing services to the Asian American community. Preference will be given to applicants with exceptional teaching skill, scholarly involvement, publications in Asian American Studies and expertise on the Vietnamese and Southeast Asian communities in the United States. To apply, please submit a letter of application, c.v., 3 letters of recommendation, evidence of teaching experience, publications or a recent writing sample, and syllabi of Asian American Studies courses taught or in planning. Deadline: Jan. 15, 1998. Respond to Chair, Search Committee, Asian American Studies Department, Cal State Northridge, Northridge, 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330-8251.

California State University, Hayward. The Departments of Sociology and Social Services and Human Development invite applications for a tenure track Assistant Professor position beginning Sept. 1, 1998. The primary teaching area will be sociological theory. Secondary teaching areas include gender, identity, emotions, inequality, organizations, institutions, and small groups. Candidates must hold the Ph.D. in sociology or a related discipline, have a strong background in social theory, and be able to teach and

advise a multi-cultural student population. In addition, candidates must be prepared to demonstrate a high level of performance in the areas of teaching; research and scholarship; service to the university, the profession, and the community; and in other areas specified by the department, school, or university. Deadline: Dec. 15, 1997. Please submit a letter of application, a c.v., graduate transcripts, copies of major publications, and 3 letters of rec. to: Robert Dunn, Chair, Search Committee, Dept. of Sociology and Social Services, Cal State Univ, Hayward, Hayward, CA 94542.

University of Wisconsin--Parkside. Department of Sociology-Anthropology. Pending budget approvals, we anticipate a tenure track position at the Assistant Professor level beginning Fall 1998. Primary teaching in research methods, statistics and introductory sociology with secondary interests such as social problems, identity politics, marriage and family, alcohol, drugs, and other addictions, juvenile delinquency/juvenile justice, demography and other related areas preferred. Applicants should have evidence of teaching success and a clear promise of research productivity. In addition, teaching experiences which incorporate student participation in applied research and community partnerships are desirable. Typical teaching load is 3 courses per semester. Review of applications will begin on Jan. 1, 1998. Send letter of application describing current research program, c.v., teaching evaluations, and the names of 3 references to: Helen Rosenberg, Co-Chair, Sociology Search Committee, Dept of Sociology, Uni of Wisconsin-Parkside, 900 Wood Road, Kenosha, WI 53141-2000; helen.rosenberg@uwp.edu; (414) 595-2146

The American Studies Program at the **University of Minnesota** invites applications for a tenure track Assistant Professor in Asian American Studies, to begin 9/16/98. A research emphasis in the study of Asian Americans is required as is a Ph.D., evidence of good teaching and productive scholarship. Candidates

will teach Asian American Studies courses and in the core American Studies curriculum. Send a letter of application, a c.v., a sample of scholarly work, transcripts, and 3 letters of rec by Nov. 15, 1997 to: Betty Agee, American Studies, 104 Scott Hall, 72 Pleasant Street, S.E., Uni. of Minnesota, Mpls, MN 55455-0225; (612) 624-1871 or 624-4190; fax: (612) 623-3858

The University of Colorado at Boulder. The Department of Ethnic Studies and Women Studies Program seek to fill a joint appointment in the area of newly emerging Asian immigrant communities in the United States. Because of the interdisciplinary nature of the position, we foresee that research and teaching will bridge both the disciplines of Ethnic Studies and Women Studies. The position will be tenure track, at the Assistant Professor level, and rostered 50% in Ethnic Studies, 50% in Women Studies, with an annual teaching load of 4 courses. Ph.D. or equivalent required. We are particularly interested in, but not limited to, the areas of South Asian, Korean, and Vietnamese American communities. Please send letter of candidacy, c.v., and a list of 5 references to: Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Campus Box 339, Boulder, CO 80309-0339. We will begin considering applications by 12/15/97 and until the position is filled.

University of Missouri--Columbia. Department of Sociology invites applications for a tenure-track position (pending administrative approval) at the Assistant Professor level beginning August, 1998. Responsibilities include teaching undergraduate and graduate classes. We especially seek a person with expertise in historical/comparative methods and an interest in policy analysis. Additional teaching and research interests might include contemporary theories, international/comparative research or other substantive areas. Applicants should send a c.v., a letter describing their research interests, and the name, address, and phone number of at least 3 persons whom the candidate has asked to send letters

directly to the committee. Address all materials to: Recruitment Committee, Dept. of Sociology, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO 65211. Review of applications will begin Oct. 15 and continue until the position is filled.

Humboldt State University. The Department of Sociology seeks a sociologist who is trained broadly in race and ethnicity with a global perspective and interdisciplinary interests. Must have knowledge of North American ethnic communities and able to offer courses in Ethnic Studies and/or Women's Studies or other areas studies. Teaching excellence and good student evaluations a must. Qualified candidates should send curriculum vitae, evidence of teaching excellence and 3 letters of recommendation to: Professor Samuel Oliner, Sociology Search Committee, Dept. of Sociology, Humboldt State University, One Harpst St., Arcata, CA 95521-8299. (707) 826-3139; Fax: 826-4418. Deadline: Jan. 1, 1998

CALL FOR PAPERS

Special Issue of *Work and Occupations* on "Workers, Customers, and Clients: Challenges of the Service Economy for the Sociology of Work." Special issue editors: Holly J. McCammon and Larry J. Griffin, Dept. of Sociology, Vanderbilt University. The rapid rise of the service sector has structured an important, but understudied social relationship--that between workers and their customer or clients. *Work and Occupations* will publish a special issue devoted to the theoretical challenges and many social problems presented by such social relations in the service occupations. Examples of the types of papers appropriate for this special issue can be found in the May 1997 issue of *Work and Occupations*. Short paper proposals and queries may be sent now to Holly J. McCammon, Deputy Director, Work and Occupations, Box 1811 Station B, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN 37235; fax: (615) 322-7505; mcammhj@ctrvax.vanderbilt.edu. Complete papers must be sent to Holly

McCammon by Sept. 1, 1998

Qualitative Sociology invites submissions for a special issue: Identity and the New Immigration--the Second-Generation. We invite papers that examine the dynamics of identity (race, ethnicity, class, gender) among post-1965 immigrants, in particular the U.S.-born and/or raised "second generation. Send papers to: Nazli Kibria, Department of Sociology, Boston University, Boston, MA 02215. Deadline: May 1, 1998.

NOTES ON FOLKS

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Publications: 1996. *Caught in the Middle: Korean Merchants in America's Multiethnic Cities*. UC Press: Berkeley.

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1997. "Korean Immigrant Wives' Labor Force Participation, Marital Power, and Status." pp. 176-192 in *Women and Work: Race, Ethnicity, and Class*, edited by Elizabeth Higginbotham and Mary Romero. Newbury Park: Sage.

1997. "Demographic Characteristics and Trends of the Post-1965 Korean Immigrant Women and Men." Co-authored with Young In Song. In *Korean American Women From Tradition to Modern Feminism*, 4th ed., edited by Young Song and Ailee Moon. New York: Garland Publishers.

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Publication: *Postmodernism and a Sociology of the Absurd and Other Essays on the "Nouvelle Vague" in American Social Science*. 1997.

University of Arkansas Press. (Chas 4,5,6 and 7 of this book discuss matters affecting Asian Americans and the theory and practice of race and ethnic relations in the U. S.