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FROM THE CHAIR

Evelyn Nakano Glenn

I am very pleased that activities in our section have mirrored the dramatic changes that have taken place in the social, economic, and demographic circumstances of Asians in America. When compared to only a decade ago, very few other ASA sections have seen such remarkable transformations in their fields of study. We on the other hand have seen a

"sea change" in the status and nature of the groups most of us study: first, the fundamental changes in immigration patterns that resulted in the arrival in the U.S of greatly increased numbers of Southeast and South Asians; second, the process of creating new communities and the early phases of modified cultural identifications, as well as the complicated structuring of both positive and negative relationships with majority groups and other communities of color; and third, alterations in the status and condition of third and fourth generation Asian American groups and communities. The rapidly changing mosaic in our field has presented unprecedented opportunities for cutting edge research and some very creative new approaches of social analysis. A review of the papers presented at our last several meetings clearly demonstrates that our members are energized and inspired by the changed circumstances of our field. Nazli Kibria, our chair-elect and organizer of our 2002 section sessions received so many outstanding papers that she requested an extra session. Unfortunately ASA procedures do not allow sections to get additional sessions, but hopefully some of these papers can be presented in our roundtable session. On the positive side, the Asian and Asian America Section and the Latino/a Sociology have been granted a special thematic session on the

relations between Latinos and Asian Americans in the U.S. Such thematic sessions bring greater awareness among the general ASA membership of the path breaking sociological work being done in Asian American, African American, Latino, and Ethnic Studies.

I have every confidence that our section's new leadership will continue to encourage the kind of outstanding research and analysis that we have seen in the past 2 or 3 meetings, and in our Newsletter. The subject matter of concern to us is still changing in fundamental and profound ways, and our work can and will contribute to a better understanding of the social, economic and political forces that are molding the 21st century world. With great anticipation I look forward to hearing what our members will say and do in the months ahead.

MEMO TO GRADUATE STUDENTS

Hung Thai
Student Representative

Dear Graduate Students,

As the current graduate student council member of the Section on Asia and Asian America, I would like to invite you to consider serving as the student member for next year. My experience as the student member was not only important because I got to participate in decision making activities of the section, but also because it provided tremendous contacts with leading scholars in the field. My important role as the graduate student was to ensure that we were represented in various decisions concerning the section. For example, this past year, we were able to establish awards for student papers that many other

sections of ASA currently have. I found that my connection with the section was enormously helpful as I was on the job market this year. For those of you considering the job market next year, serving as a council member may be one of the best support systems (not to mention networking system) you can get. It was nice to go on job interviews and see familiar, friendly faces that I had met at the business meetings at the ASA. The duties of council members are minimal and most of it happen at the annual ASA meetings. Finally, the faculty members are a great group of people. I highly recommend you applying or nominating someone for the student council member position.

OUTSTANDING BOOK AWARD

This award recognizes outstanding books in two categories consistent with the mission of the section: the outstanding book on Asia and the outstanding book on Asian America. Awards will be given for each category in alternating years. In 2002, the award will be given to an outstanding book on Asian America. Books published between 1999 and 2002 are eligible for such an award. The requirements are that the book cover Asian American experiences and that it be written by sociologist(s). Nominations must be accompanied by a one-page statement about the book and why the nominee thinks it should be considered. The statement should also describe the content of the book, its significance and contribution to the field of Asian American Studies. The deadline for nominations is April 1, 2002. Nominations should be sent to:

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NACSA ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The North American Chinese Sociologists Association (NACSA) is pleased to announce that as a result of the election held November-December 2001, Yanjie Bian and Eric Fong were elected new members of the Board of Directors. They will serve a 2-year term beginning in January 2002.

Yanjie Bian is elected as the 7th president of NACSA. Congratulations!

CALL FOR PAPERS

SWS CHERYL MILLER AWARD

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) has established an award for graduate students and recent Ph.D.s working in the area of women and paid work – employment and self-employment, informal market work, illegal work. The award is supported by a bequest from the family of the late Cheryl Allyn Miller, a sociologist and feminist who studied women and paid work.

The purpose of the award is to recognize a sociology graduate student or a recent doctorate whose research or activism constitutes an outstanding contribution to the field of women and work. This contribution may take the form of scholarly or policy research or activism. It may be completed work or work-in-progress, but should not be a proposal for future work, and should be sufficiently close to completion that the applicant can concisely describe and contextualize the contribution to the field.

The award is \$500, and will be presented at the Banquet at the August SWS meeting. The winner may present her or his work at the meeting. Fare to the meeting will be paid by SWS.

Applicants must be graduate students or have received their Ph.D in 2001 or 2002. Applicants must belong to SWS. Applicants may join at the same time they apply for the award. For information on joining, please consult the SWS Web site: www.socwomen.org.

Submissions must include a 2-3 page *curriculum vitae*, a cover page with the author's name, affiliation, and contact information, an abstract and paper of article length (no more than 30 double-spaced pages, including bibliography) in a style suitable for submission to a scholarly journal. The abstract/cover page should include applicant's name, address, telephone number, email address, and, for applicants with their Ph.D., the date the Ph.D. was completed. Applicants must submit materials on their own behalf. Do **not** include any nominating letters.

Applications must be postmarked by May 15, 2002. Send three (3) copies of all application materials. (If possible, please print on both sides to save paper and mailing costs.)

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2002 NACSA MINI-CONFERENCE

The 2002 North American Chinese Sociologists Association (NACSA) Mini-Conference will be held in Chicago, August 15 of 2002. This is to follow the tradition of our Association holding a one-day mini conference immediately prior to the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. To encourage all NACSA members' participation, this year's Mini-Conference does not have a specific conference theme; all NACSA members and their excellent graduate students are encouraged to present their most recent analyses about Chinese people and Chinese societies to the Mini-Conference. Papers that have been accepted to the ASA sessions are also encouraged to be presented at the Mini-Conference if the authors want to gain comments and suggestions from NACSA members who truly have expertise on Chinese people and Chinese societies.

This year's NACSA Board will encourage the submission of both individual papers and proposals for organizing a session of paper presentations or a panel of discussions on a specific issue. Each session or panel is about 1.5 hours, usually allowing for 3-4 presentations of 20 minutes each.

Contact Yanjie Bian at sobian@ust.hk or a NACSA Board member for relevant information or concern. You are encouraged to distribute this Call for Papers to your colleagues, students, fellow students, and friends.

Abstract Submission Deadline: May 1, 2002

- Email submission to: sobian@ust.hk AND kitty@ust.hk
- Individual papers: A one or two page summary/abstract of a paper to be presented at a session of the

2002 Mini-Conference. Please give all authors' names, organizational affiliations, and email addresses.

- Sessions/panels: Session/panel organizer submits a summary of the papers to be included in the session/panel. Please give all authors' names, organizational affiliations, and email addresses.

Acceptance Announcement: May 15, 2002

- Email announcements to all authors about the tentative sessions to which their presentations are assigned
- A formal acceptance letter is to be provided to all the authors for their travel funding and/or visa application purposes.
- Visit <http://www.ust.hk/~websosc/survey/survet.htm> for a tentative Mini-Conference Program.

Full Paper Submission Deadline: July 15, 2002

- A full paper is to be submitted to the presider/organizer/discussant of the assigned session.

JOB AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

University of Utah (www.utah.edu).

The Department of Sociology invites applications for two positions at the rank of Visiting Assistant Professor. Each position is a one-year appointment beginning in Fall 2002 with the option for renewal in each of the following two years. The successful applicant will be able to teach several of the following courses: introductory sociology; medical sociology; social psychology; marriage and the

family; social inequality; race, class and gender; and research methods. Other areas will be considered. The normal teaching load for visiting positions is three courses per semester.

Salary is competitive. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the positions are filled. Please send a letter describing research and teaching interests, a curriculum vitae, teaching evaluations, and three letters of reference to: Visiting Positions Search Committee, University of Utah, Department of Sociology, 380 S 1530 E Rm 301, Salt Lake City UT 84112-0250. The University of Utah is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer and encourages nominations and applications from all qualified individuals including women and minorities and provides reasonable accommodation to the known disabilities of applicants and employees.

Wittenberg East Asian Studies Teaching Fellows

The East Asian Studies Program at Wittenberg University invites applications for two one-year non-renewable appointments as Wittenberg East Asian Studies Teaching Fellows for the 2002- 2003 academic year. This new initiative (funded by the Freeman Foundation) will bring to Wittenberg advanced graduate students (ABD or new Ph.D) preparing for a career in college teaching. Fellows will, under the guidance of a faculty mentor, teach one course each semester, contribute to East Asian Studies program activities and the institutional life of the college, and pursue their own research. Applicants must have area specialization in East Asia (China, Japan, Korea), field open; applications from candidates in management/business, art history, education, and cultural studies are particularly welcomed. Successful candidates will be promising

scholars with strong commitment to undergraduate education in a small liberal arts college context. Salary and benefits commensurate with entry level positions. Send c.v., cover letter (including brief description of potential courses), and three letters of recommendation to: Linda Lewis, Chair, East Asian Studies Fellows Search Committee, 319 Hollenbeck Hall, Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio 45501. Application deadline March 1, 2002. Preliminary interviews will be held at the AAS meetings in Washington, D.C.

Wittenberg is a private, Lutheran church related university of the liberal arts and sciences, located in Springfield, Ohio, a city of 70,000 people, 45 miles west of Columbus. Wittenberg is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer committed to creating an ethnically and culturally diverse community. Women and minority candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

National Cheng Kung University College of Medicine

Department of Public Health. Faculty Openings. Qualifications: 1. having a Ph.D. or DrPH in at least one of the following areas: health policy, community health, aging and health, maternal and child health, adolescence health, the political economy, sociology, and anthropology of health, international health, preventive medicine, health behavior, health promotion, and statistics; 2. are conversant with Chinese; 3. having at least one year of post-doctorate experience; 4. have published in academic journals.

Applicants should send their curriculum vitae, copies of academic diploma, a statement of research interests and teaching plans for the coming five years, a list of publications and their reprints or copies, three recommendation

letters, along with any relevant materials that may help better understand the strengths of the applicants.

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National University of Kaohsiung

National University of Kaohsiung (Taiwan, R.O.C.) has teaching positions available for qualified candidates majoring in the following fields: Western Languages and Literature; Sports, Health and Leisure; Arts; Law; Economics; Finance and Management; Information Management; Applied Mathematics; Applied Chemistry; Applied Physics; Electrical Engineering; Civil & Environmental Engineering; Urban Development & Architectural Design; Life Science; Asian & Pacific Industry and Business Management.

Most positions require an advanced degree. Application deadline is February 28, 2002. For more information please go to NUK's web site at <http://www.nuk.edu.tw>

Osaka University

Professor in Sociology at Osaka University, Japan. A newly opening position at the Department of Sociology at Osaka University

which is looking for a young and competent foreign scholar who can teach American sociological theory in English. We are one of the top three sociology departments in Japan. Applicants must satisfy following conditions. 1. Qualifications: Ph.D in sociology from an American graduate school able to teach American sociological theory (modern) at both undergraduate and graduate levels. Although a Ph.D is preferable, Ph.D students at the all-but-dissertation stage are also welcome to apply. 2. Terms of Employment: Should be able to commit to three years of teaching in residence from September 2002. 3. Position: Assistant professor or lecturer depending on applicant's past experience and achievement. 4. Compensation: Very competitive, following the regulation of the Ministry of Education and Science. Subsidized housing in Osaka will also be provided. 5. Language: Native fluency in English and competence in Japanese. All interested persons should send their curriculum vitae to Atsushi Naoi, Professor of Sociology, at naoi@hus.osaka-u.ac.jp. Also, please feel free to contact us with any questions.

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Japan Studies Association

The Japan Studies Association (JSA) invites applications to its summer seminar, June 9-23, 2002, supported by a new grant from the Japan-United States Friendship Commission. This "Stage II Seminar" is designed for fourteen college faculty who have begun to teach about Japan in various disciplines after attending a summer workshop or institute on Japan and four advanced graduate students, "emerging" scholars in Japanese Studies. The

intent of the seminar is to enable faculty to evaluate their teaching; determine areas of research that will enrich their courses; provide lectures and discussions to extend their knowledge of Japan; and develop the network of colleagues that will sustain teaching about Japan in the future. Participants will be encouraged to share the products of their research at the January 2003 JSA National Conference. Leaders of the seminar will include Ellis Krauss, Professor of Japanese Politics and Policymaking at the University of California, San Diego; C. Van Gessel, Dean of Humanities and Professor of Japanese at Brigham Young University; and Paul Varley, Professor of History at the University of Hawaii. Housing, most meals, and up to \$600 toward travel costs will be provided. There is a \$200 registration fee from your institution. The seminar will be held at Tokai University in Honolulu, Hawaii. Any questions can be directed to Dr. Joseph L. Overton, President of the JSA at overton@hawaii.edu. Application forms can be found at: <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/~jeiswer/jsa/Fram eset.htm>

Urban China Research Network Small Grant Program

The Urban China Research Network announces the fourth round of competition for its small grant program, with an application deadline of March 1, 2002. Grants are made for graduate student research by students from any country (up to \$3000) and for research by new faculty members at Chinese institutions (up to \$5000). The Network has supported a wide range of projects related to urbanization and urban life in China, without restriction to scholarly discipline.

Applications are submitted through the internet. For additional information, view:

<http://www.albany.edu/chinanet>. Questions may be directed by email to: chinanet@csc.albany.edu. This website also lists the titles and abstracts of projects that have been supported in the past two years.

NOTES ON FOLKS

Fenggang Yang, University of Southern Maine, fyang@usm.maine.edu:

2001. Gave a Public Lecture on "This World Is Not My Home: Religions and Cultures of Chinese Immigrants," the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., September 6.

2001. "Transformations in New Immigrant Religions and Their Global Implications." (with Helen Rose Ebaugh) *American Sociological Review* 64 (2): 269-288.

2001. "Religion and Ethnicity among New Immigrants: The Impact of Majority/Minority Status in Home and Host Countries." (with Helen Rose Ebaugh) *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 40 (3): 367-378.

2001. "Mainers Show Little Awareness of Asian-Americans in Their Midst," a newspaper column in *Portland Press Herald*, January 18, calling for attention to Asian Americans in Maine, who are the largest racial minority in this whitest state. As a result, the Maine Historical Society has been developing an archive of Chinese in Maine (see a recent newspaper report <http://www.portland.com/news/state/020203c hinese.shtml>)

EDITOR'S NOTES

Morrison G. Wong

In an effort to reduce costs, the *Asian Mode* is sent via e-mail. If you received this newsletter via e-mail, then your e-mail address is correctly noted in my files and you need do nothing further. In the future, the newsletter may be somewhat shorter as announcements of job opportunities and conferences will be sent out on the Section list server (particularly if they have an early deadline). This way, you will have the information as soon as possible to do with as you wish. If you do not wish to receive announcements, please let me know and I will delete your name from the list-serve.

Some of you are receiving this newsletter in hard print. This is because the e-mail address that was given to me by ASA was incorrect or because your computer could not read my attachments. I will attempt to keep all of you as informed and up to date as possible. I will continue to send hard copies of the newsletter until notified otherwise. If you have updated or changed your email address and wish to be placed on the Section's list server, then please take a moment and email me informing me of your new address. Please do it right now before you forget! It should only take you a minute. I can be reached at M.Wong@tcu.edu. This way, you will receive the newsletter as soon as it is ready for print, announcements for conferences, job,

and publication opportunities as soon as they become available, and you will save the Section (actually my department) money for printing and mailing. Thank you for your cooperation!

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