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FROM THE CHAIR

Evelyn Nakano Glenn

I was among the "old-timers" who was involved in the beginnings of our section. If my memory serves me right, Susan Takata, a graduate student in Sociology at U.C. Berkeley, was the moving force in the formation of the section. Despite being "only" a student, she took a risk and paid for a meeting site during the 1979 ASA meetings in Boston. She hobnobbed at the meeting and

rallied all of the Asian American sociologists she could locate to come to an organizing meeting (and to help pay for the room!) As it turned out, those who turned out were a combination of folks, some who were Asianist and others who were Asian Americanists. Because of who turned out, because of wanting to be inclusive, and because we needed adequate numbers to be accepted as a section, the decision was to form an Asia and Asian American section, rather than an Asian American section.

Some of us who were Asian Americanists were unsure about the intellectual validity of combining Asian and Asian American interests in a single section. In the late 1970s and early 1980's, those of us working on Asian American topics and issues were eager to counter the tendency of white Americans to view us as perpetual foreigners, to equate Asian American culture with Asian culture, to assume that we spoke the language of our immigrant ancestors, and to expect us to be knowledgeable about events in Asian societies.

Even in the academy, Euro-Americans seemed to feel that anyone with a "yellow face" was not really American. Furthermore, the rise of Asian American studies as an academic field was an outcome of a politics that emphasized our ties with other American minorities.

Asian American Studies at the University of California, Berkeley in the late 1960s and early 1970s grew out of movements for Third World solidarity. Asian American Studies was established as a component of Ethnic Studies, which encompassed Asian Americans, African Americans, Native Americans, and Chicanos. For Asian Americans, this approach emphasized pan-Asian identity based on our similar treatment in the U.S. and our ties with other racialized minorities who experienced common histories of oppression. It de-emphasized identities with specific Asian countries.

The separation between Asian and Asian American concerns is still reflected in our section. Our book awards alternate yearly between books on Asian and on Asian American topics, and of the two panel sessions allotted to us, one is devoted to Asian and the other to Asian American topics.

Yet, the last decade has seen a sea change in Asian American Studies, as well as in Chicano/Latino and African American Studies toward diasporic frameworks that focus on transnational ties and cultural formations. As increasing proportions of immigrants from Asian, Latin America, the Caribbean and elsewhere maintain family, economic, and political footholds in both the U.S. and abroad, the lines between Asian and Asian American, between Chicano and Mexican, between African American and Afro-Caribbean have become more complex and diffuse. Not only does capital move freely, culture does too. Instead of assimilation and English fluency being required for success, bilingualism and biculturalism have become important forms of social capital in the global market. Much of the most interesting and innovative research on Asian/Asian American topics focuses on such issues as transnational family formations, as found in the phenomenon of "parachute kids"

among Chinese and Filipina women working abroad to support children and kin in the Philippines.

Ironically, then, what may have started out as a "marriage of convenience" may turn out to have intellectual justification and to offer intellectual dividends. I think it is time to more consciously focus on work that spans boundaries. It would be fruitful to have more sessions devoted to transnational issues. We may anticipate that in the near future there will be scholarly work, including books, which do not fall neatly into the Asian nor Asian American category. How would the section handle such work, for example, for our book awards, which currently separate the categories?

ASIA AND ASIAN AMERICA ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The Asia and Asian American Section has recently elected its new officers. There were numerous candidates in this past election and their qualifications were especially meritorious making decisions especially hard. Thanks go out to all that placed your names on the ballot and were willing to commit your time and energy to the Section. Your participation and commitment is truly valued, then, now, and in the future.

Congrats go out to Chair-Elect Sharon M. Lee (Portland State University). She will serve one year as Chair-elect and then assume the responsibilities of Chair. Two new members to the Council are Joan Fujimura (University of Wisconsin) and Grace Kao (University of Pennsylvania). They will be serving three-year terms. Kristen K. Peterson (Brown University) is the new Council Student member and will be serving a one-year term. Congrats to all. We look forward to your

leadership, input, and guidance.

2002 ANNUAL MEETING

The 97th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association will be held in Chicago, Illinois at the Hilton Chicago and the Hilton Palmer House on August 16-19, 2002. The Asian and Asian American Section sessions, roundtables, and business meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, August 18, 2002**. Please mark your calendars.

Listed below are the listing of presentations and participants at the meetings.

Session: Asian American Communities

Session Organizer: Banda Purkayastha.
University of Connecticut

Guida Man, York University, Canada.
*Chinese Immigrant Women in Canada:
Intersections of Race, Gender and Class*

Winston Tseng, University of California San Francisco
Ethnic Non-Profit Organizations and Social Change: The Challenges of Chinese and Vietnamese community based Organizations Serving Immigrants in the San Francisco Bay Area

Natasha Warikoo, Harvard University
Indo-Caribbean Youth: A Case Study of Cultural Formation through Consumption, Taste, Peer Social Networks, and Identity

Session: Development and Social Change in Contemporary Asia

Session Organizer: Janet Salaff, University of Toronto

Discussant: Bai Gao, Duke University

Susanne Chan, University of California, Los

Angeles
Embedded Resources and Changing Networks: Fields of Economic Transformation in Rural South China

Carolyn Hsu, Colgate University
Interpreting the New Business Class in Market Socialist China: The Narrative Construction of GETIHU in Harbin

Lawrence Newman, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Constructing Japanese: Homogeneity and Heterogeneity

Suk-Man Hwang and Hyun-Chin Lim, National University, Korea and Trinity College, University of Dublin, Ireland
Restructuring Revisited: Flexible Korea and Rigid Japan

Session: Roundtables on Asia and Asian America

Organizer: Nazli Kibria, Boston University

1. Family and Gender in Asian America

Table Presider: Mary K. Danico, California State University Pomona

Rifat Salam, New York University
Understanding South Asian American Families

Karen Pyke, University of California, Riverside
When Siblings are on Different Acculturative Paths: Power and Mediation in Immigrant Families

Kumiko Nemoto, University of Texas, Austin
White Masculinity in the Eyes of Asian Femininity: Asian American Women's Gender Strategy and Negotiation of Identities in Interracial Relationship

Zhonghe Li, Harvard University
Culture, Acculturation and Wife Abuse: A Community Study of Chinese American Women in Boston

2: Asian Americans: Health and Education

Table Presider: Jiannbin Shiao, University of Oregon

Fang Gong, Indiana University-Bloomington
Stress and Depression Among Chinese Americans: A Structural Equation Model

Youngtae Cho, University of Texas, Austin
Comparison of Health Status and Attitude between Koreans and Korean Americans.

Kyoung-Ho Shin, Northwest Missouri State University
Psychosocial Well Being of Ethnic Minority Women: A Qualitative Study of Korean Women in Metropolitan Area

Yvonne Lau, Loyola University Chicago
The Effects of Race and School Forces on Student Performance: Does it Matter?

3: Asian Americans: Religion and Community

Table Presider: Emily Noelle Ignacio, Loyola University

Okyun Kwon, Catholic University of America
Church and Temple: First-Generation Korean Immigrants' Congregational Formations, Services and Rituals; A Comparative Ethnographic Study

Yoko Katsuyama, University of California at Riverside
Born Again Christians or Born Again Asian? Emerging Pan-Asian Ethnicity among Asian American Christians

Yingshun Zhao, University of Louisville
Chinese Immigrants in Louisville (KY)

4. Asian American Identities

Table Presider: Rebecca King, University of San Francisco

KV Rao, Bowling Green State University
Mix of Asian Americans: A New Look at Multiple Race Reporting in Census 2000

Dina Okamoto, University of California, Davis
Panethnic Identity in the U.S.: A Multilevel Model of Pan-Asian Marriages, 1980 and 1990

Kiran Katira, University of New Mexico
Examining the Film "American Desi": An Indian Critiques What It Means to be a "Model Minority"

Nesaraj Vamadevan, Washington State University
A Content Analysis of Free Speech Online: Malaysians Abroad and in Malaysia

5. South Asia: Development and Social Change

Table Presider: Ashakant Nimbark, Dowling College

Rukmini Potdar, Cornell University
Son Preference and the "Ever Use" of Contraception in India: A Comparative Analysis of NFHS-I and II Data

Surendra B. Adhikari, University of Akron
Whether Men's Couples' Preferences Matter in Fertility Decisions: A Case Study of Nepal

Shobha H. Gurung, Northeastern University
Women in Home-based and Factory-based Carpet Production in Nepal

6: Gender Dynamics in Asia

Table Presider: Aya Ezawa, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign

Freddie Obligacion, St. Peter's College of New Jersey

How Religious Faith impacts Self-Efficacy in Filipino Women

Odalía Wong, Hong Kong Baptist University
Are Women Postponing or Abandoning Marriage? Evidence from Hong Kong

Takiko Mori-Saunders, Rutgers University
Media Discourses of Oral Contraceptives in Japan: Why Weren't Japanese Women Interested in the Pill?

7. Asia: Issues of Identity

Table Presider: Rick Baldoz, University of Hawaii

Miki Iida, State University of New York--Buffalo

Japanese Relationality: The Sense of Non-Individuality Emerging from "In-Between"

Keiko Yamanaka, University of California-Berkeley

Ana Bortz, Japan's "Rosa Parks": A Breakthrough for Ethnic Minority Rights in Japan

Ryoko Yamamoto, University of Hawaii-Manoa

Foreign Portraits: Resident Foreigners and National Identity in Wartime Japan

John Skrentny, University of California, San Diego and Catherine Lee, University of California-Los Angeles

Why No Family Reunification Rights for Immigrants to Asia?

8. Social Change and Development in

China: I

Table Presider: Morrison G. Wong, Texas Christian University

Ming Tsui, Millsaps College

Managing Transition: Unemployment and Job Search in Urban China

Jaeyoun Won, University of California-Berkeley

Withering Away of the Iron Rice Bowl? The Reemployment Project of Post-Socialist China

Xiaogang Wu, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Embracing the Market: The Market Transition from the Perspective of Laborers: Career Mobility in China

Ethan Michelson, University of Chicago

When Organizations Subsume Formal Law: Work Units and the Structure of Disputing in Urban China

9. Social Change and Development in China: II

Table Presider: William Parish, University of Chicago

Alvin So, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

The Chinese Developmental Miracle: Origins, Characteristics and Challenges

Yi Li, University of Illinois-Chicago and Min Liu, Elizabethtown College

The Evolution of China's Social Organization

Jinzhao Li, East-West Center

The Making of a New Class: A Discourse Analysis of the Ideological Construction of Chinese "Middle Class"

Xiaodan Zhang, Columbia University

Hidden Forms of Bargaining on the Chinese

Shopfloor: Changing Labor Relations in a Reorganized Economy

10. Social Change and Development in Singapore

Table Presider: Seungsook Moon, Vassar College

Lai Si Tsui-Auch, Nanyang Business School, Singapore
Organizational Models of Singapore and Korea Business Groups

Youyenn Teo, University of California-Berkeley
Beyond the Western Script: Forging Hegemony in Postcolonial Singapore

Stephen Appold, National University of Singapore
Consultation and Control: The Singaporean Business Elite between Democracy and Authoritarianism.

Johannes Han-Yin Chang, National University of Singapore
"I wish to be Caucasian"

11. Asia: Perspectives on Development

Table Presider: Hagen Koo, University of Hawaii

A.J. Jacobs, University of Cincinnati
Japan: A Critique of Weber's premise that the Religions of Asia Prevented the Development of Modern Capitalism

Eunyun Park, Cornell University and Hyeok Yong Kwon, Cornell University
In Neighbors We Trust: Social Movements and Social Trust in South Korea

Chien Lian Chi, YuanZe University, Taiwan
The Location Polarization of Taiwan: Urban Development 1990-2000, A Spatial Analysis

of Unemployment and Income Structure

Eui Hang Shin, University of South Carolina
An Analysis of Social Network Structures in the Korean Film Industry

ASIA AND ASIAN AMERICAN SECTION RECEPTION

Mark your calendars. The Asia and Asian American Section will hold its annual reception during the annual meeting in Chicago on **Sunday, August 18th at 6:30 pm** at **My Thai Restaurant**, 30 S Michigan Ave. (312) 345-1234. Maps will be provided at the sessions as well as at the Business Meeting. Please plan to attend to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. All are invited.

BOOKS OF INTEREST

The following books have been called to the editor's attention. The listing should not be construed as an endorsement, but instead just a listing that may be of interest to Section members.

Building a Competitive Pearl River Delta Region: Cooperation, coordination, and Planning. Edited by Anthony Gar-on Yeh, Yok-shiu F. Lee, Tunney Lee and Nien Dak Sze 2002.

Unequal Freedom: How Race and Gender Shaped American Citizenship and Labor. Evelyn Nakano Glenn. Harvard University Press. Forthcoming in June 2002.

Culture, Control, and Commitment: A Study of Work Organization and Work Attitudes in the United States and Japan. James R. Lincoln and Arne L. Kalleberg. With a New Prologue

by the Authors. Werner Publications, Inc. New York.

Free To Die for Their Country: The Story of the Japanese American Draft Resisters in World War II. Eric L. Muller. Forward by Senator Daniel K. Inouye. The University of Chicago Press. Chicago. 2001.

Smuggled Chinese: Clandestine Immigration to the United States. Ko-Lin Chin. Forward by Douglas S. Massey. Temple University Press. 1999.

Locating Filipino Americans: Ethnicity and the Cultural Politics of Space. Rick Bonus. Temple University Press. Philadelphia. 2000.

Holding Up More Than Half the Sky: Chinese Women Garment Workers in New York City: 1948-92. Xiaolan Bao. Forward by Roger Daniels. Urbana: University of Illinois Press. . 2001.

Dragon in a Three-Piece Suit: The Emergence of Capitalism in China. Doug Guthrie. Princeton University Press. 1999.

From Ellis Island to JFK: New York's Two Great Waves of Immigration. Nancy Foner. New Haven: Yale University Press. 2000.

Yellow: Race in America Beyond Black and White. Frank H. Wu. Basic Books. 2002.

The Making of Asian American Through Political Participation. Lien Pei-te. Philadelphia: Temple University Press. 2001.

JAPAN STUDIES

The website, <http://www.takazawa.hawaii.edu>, contains annotated bibliographies for a large collection of primary and secondary materials

on Japanese social movements at the University of Hawaii, the Takazawa Collection. Donated to the university by author and journalist Takazawa Koji in 1992, the collection contains 1800 books, nearly 10,000 issues of 1,300 different serial titles, a thousand pamphlets, extensive clipping files, over 2,000 handbills, manuscripts, legal documents, and miscellaneous other materials. They cover a wide range of Japanese social movements of the 1960s through early 1990s, primarily those connected to the New Left. There are extensive materials on the 1960 and 1970 Ampo protests and the organizations associated with them. Although the materials themselves are in Japanese, the bibliographic and website project was designed to support the needs of students and scholars throughout the world who have an interest in Japanese social movements. The items are annotated in English and searchable in English or Japanese. The bilingual search lists serve as glossaries for names and terms relevant to Japanese social movements and organizations. The site also contains annotated links to the Japanese websites of some of the organizations covered in the collection. More research aids for non-native speakers of Japanese who are interested in Japanese social movements will be developed in the future.

The collection does not circulate, but copies can be made of some materials, and academic visitors are welcome to use the collection at the University of Hawaii. Print versions of the bibliographies are forthcoming from the Center for Japanese Studies, University of Hawaii. The website is best viewed with IE 5.0 or higher or Netscape 6.0 set for Unicode (UTF8) encoding, and standard Japanese Unicode fonts. It remains a work in progress. Comments and critiques are welcome at steinhof@hawaii.edu. Pat Steinhoff, University of Hawaii

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Texas Woman's University. The Department of Sociology and Social Work invites applications for the position of Department Chair, a tenured/tenured track position at the rank of associate or full professor. Salary is competitive. Undergraduate majors include sociology, social work, criminal justice, with graduate degrees in women's studies (M.A.) and sociology (M.A., Ph.D.). The successful candidate must have strong scholarly credentials, an ongoing research agenda, a history of successful grantsmanship and demonstrated leadership qualities.

TWU is a comprehensive public university primarily for women. A teaching and research institution, the University emphasizes the liberal arts and specialized or professional studies. The University enrolls approximately 8,500 undergraduate and graduate students. The main 270-acre campus is located in Denton (pop. 74,000), approximately 35 miles north of Dallas and Fort Worth.

See <http://www.twu.edu/as/socsw> for additional information. To apply, send a cover letter, curriculum vita and names (e-mail and phone) of three references to Dr. Don Edwards, Chair Search Committee, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Denton, TX 76204. A review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

NOTES ON FOLKS

Yanjie Bian has taken a tenured position as professor of social science at Hong Kong

University of Science and Technology (HKUST), effective on 1 July of 2001. He subsequently resigned from his position in the Department of Sociology, the University of Minnesota. At HKUST, he is the founding director of the Survey Research Center since 1999, and he will be the head of the Division of Social Science for a three-year term starting on 1 July, 2002. Meanwhile, Yanjie continues to do research about China's social stratification and mobility and about the roles of social networks in the emerging market economy. Yanjie's most recent publications include:

Market Transition and Social Stratification: American Sociologists' Analyses of China, edited with Hanlong Lu and Liping Sun (Joint Publishing House 2002)

"Chinese Social Stratification and Social Mobility" (Annual Review of Sociology 28, 2002)

"Marketization and Income Distribution in Urban China, 1988 and 1995, with Zhanxin Zhang (*Research on Social Stratification and Mobility*, 2002)

"Institutional Holes and Job Mobility Processes: Guanxi Mechanisms in China's Emergent Labor Markets" in *Social Networks in China*, edited by Tom Gold, Doug Gurthrie, and David Wank (Cambridge 2002)

"Social Capital of the Firm and Its Impact on Performance: A Social Networks Perspective and Analysis" in *The Management of Enterprises in the People's Republic of China*, edited by Anne Tsui and Chung Mign Lau (Kluwer Academic Publishers 2002)