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As of September 30, 2007, our section's membership reached 398, including 149 student members and 249 regular members from all over the United States and more than a dozen countries in Asia and other parts of the world. Our members are vastly diverse not only in ethnic, regional, and national origins but also in research interests. While research in Asian studies and Asian American studies continues to thrive, our members have also been actively pursuing groundbreaking and innovative research in such important areas as Asian Diasporas, Asian Canadians, and Asians in Latin America, Asians in Europe, along with social issues associated with culture, development, globalization, migration, and transnationalism. Some of the research will be presented at this year's ASA meeting. Our section's Chair-Elect Mary Danico is organizing two regular session and the roundtable sessions.

Our Section Day of this year's ASA will be on **Friday August 1**, on which we will have our roundtable session and business meeting. I look forward to another exciting meeting in Boston in August.

FROM THE CHAIR

Min Zhou

It is an honor to chair the Section on Asia and Asian America of the American Sociological Association for the 2007-08 year. I much appreciate your trust in me and enthusiastic support for the section. I also thank past and current section officers for their talent and hard work in keeping the section move and grow.

The current section officers include: Chair-Elect Mary Danico (2009), Past-Chair Zhenchao Qian (2007); Secretary-Treasurer/Newsletter editor Emily Noelle Ignacio (2010), and Council members Carolyn Chen (2009), Angie Chung (2010), Nadia Kim (2008), Rebecca Kim (2010), Lisa Park (2010), Xiaoling Shu (2009), and Christine Oh (student representative, 2008). Rebecca Kim chairs the Nominations committee with Carolyn Chen.

This year, the Section is giving out five awards (**Deadlines for all nominations or self-nominations are March 31**). Mary Danico chairs the Membership Drive committee along with Emily Ignacio and myself. Mary Danico and Emily Noelle Ignacio co-chair the 2008 ASA-Asia and Asian America Section Reception committee. Lisa Park and Nadia Kim co-chairs the Book Award Committee. Xiaoling Shu chairs the Research Paper Award committee. Angie Chung chairs the Graduate Student Paper Award committee with Dina G. Okamoto. Mary Danico chair Teaching Award committee with myself. I chair the Early Career Award committee with Mary Yu Danico.

Finally, we need your support to push our membership above the 400 threshold (the required minimum number for an additional regular paper session as of September 30). Our Section membership is fairly stable and is growing at a steady pace. But as of last September, we were just 2 shy of that magic number. I am sure we can do better this year. In sum, our section is doing great. Let's keep up the good work!

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ASIA AND ASIAN AMERICAN SECTION AWARDS

**Deadline for all nominations is March
31, 2007**

Book Award

The Asia and Asian America Section of the ASA invites nominations (including self-nominations) for the Asia and Asian America Section Book Award. Each year we rotate the nominations between books on Asia and books on Asian America.

This year's book award will be given to the most outstanding book on Asian America. Eligible books for consideration must be published in 2006 and 2007.

Please send a nomination letter along with a copy of the book and supporting material to each of the Book Award Committee co-chairs Professor **Lisa Sun-Hee Park**, Department of Ethnic Studies, University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, CA 92093-0522; Email: lsark@ucsd.edu, and to Professor **Nadia Kim**, Department of Sociology, Loyola Marymount University, One LMU Drive, UNH 4314, Los Angeles, CA 90045; Email: nyk888@gmail.com

Research Paper Award

The Asia and Asian America Section of the ASA invites nominations (including self-nominations) for the Asia and Asian America Section Research Paper Award. Each year we rotate the nominations between papers on Asia and papers on Asian America. This year's paper award will be given to the most outstanding research paper on Asia. Eligible papers for consideration must be published in 2006 and 2007. The nomination or self-nomination letter should be no more than 2 pages stating the significance and

innovations of the paper. Please send a nomination letter along with a copy of the paper and supporting material to the Research Paper Award Committee chair Professor **Xiaoling Shu**, Department of Sociology, University of California, Davis, One Shield Ave., Davis, CA 95616; Email: xshu@ucdavis.edu

Graduate Student Paper Award

The Asia and Asian America Section of the ASA will award a prize to the best graduate student paper addressing any topic in the sociology of Asia or Asian American communities. The winner receives a cash prize of \$300 at the annual meeting. Entries should be double spaced with 12 point font and not exceed 30 pages in length (including all references, tables, and figures). Papers may be published in 2006 and 2007, under consideration for publication, or accepted for a panel at the ASA. Papers may be co-authored, but the student must be the lead author. Papers may be submitted by students or by professors on behalf of their students. Please send two copies of the paper with all identifying information to the Graduate Student Paper Award Committee chair Professor **Angie Chung**: Department of Sociology, The University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12222; Email: aychung@albany.edu

Outstanding Teaching Award

The Asia and Asian America Section of the ASA invites nominations for the Outstanding Teaching Award for a scholar who teaches courses in the Sociology of Asia or Asian American communities. A nomination letter of no more than 2 pages should address the nominee's qualifications for the award and highlight the contributions of the scholar's

work. Please send three sets of the nomination letter, the nominee's curriculum vitae, and supporting material to the Teaching Award Committee chair Professor **Mary Yu Danico**: Psychology and Sociology Department, 3801 Temple, Pomona, CA 91768; Email: mkydanico@csupomona.edu

Early Career Award

The Asia and Asian America Section's Early Career Award recognizes a scholar in the early stage of her/his career (no more than 10 years post Ph.D. award date) and who is conducting exemplary research on the sociology of Asia or Asian American communities. A nomination letter of no more than 3 pages should address the nominee's qualifications for the award and highlight the significance of the nominee's work. Please send two sets of the nomination letter, the nominee's curriculum vitae, and supporting material to the Early Career Award Committee chair Professor **Min Zhou**: Department of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles, 264 Haines Hall, Box 951551, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1551; Email: mzhou@soc.ucla.edu

NOTES ON FOLKS

Giovanni Arrighi, Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, The Johns Hopkins University

Arrighi, Giovanni. 2007. *Adam Smith in Beijing: Lineages of the Twenty-First Century*

In the late eighteenth century, the political economist Adam Smith predicted an eventual equalization of power between the conquering West and the conquered non-West. In this magisterial new work, Giovanni Arrighi shows how China's

extraordinary rise invites us to read *The Wealth of Nations* in a radically different way than is usually done. He examines how the recent US attempt to bring into existence the first truly global empire in world history was conceived in order to counter China's spectacular economic success of the 1990s, and how the US's disastrous failure in Iraq has made the People's Republic of China the true winner of the US War on Terror. In the 21st century, China may well become again the kind of noncapitalist market economy that Smith described, under totally different domestic and world-historical conditions.

Carolyn Chen, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Asian American Studies, Northwestern University

Chen, Carolyn. 2008. *Getting Saved in America: Taiwanese Immigration and Religious Experience*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Ho-fung Hung, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Indiana University

Ho-fung Hung. 2008. "Rise of China and the Global Overaccumulation Crisis." *Review of International Political Economy*. Vol. 15, No. 2.

Ho-fung Hung. 2007. "Changes and Continuities in the Political Ecology of Popular Protest: Mid-Qing China and Contemporary Resistance" Special issue on "China's Environmental Movement" edited by Richard Louis Edmonds and Peter Ho. *China Information*. Vol. 21, No. 2.

Emily Noelle Ignacio, Associate Professor of Sociology, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, University of Washington Tacoma

Ignacio, Emily Noelle. 2008 "Pro(fits) of a Future Not Our Own: Neoliberal Reframings of Public Discourse on Social Justice" in McCarthy, Cameron & Teasley, Cathryn (eds.), *Transnational Perspectives on Culture, Policy, and Education: Redirecting Cultural Studies in Neoliberal Times*. New York: Peter Lang.

Nadia Y. Kim, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Loyola Marymount University.

Kim, Nadia Y. 2008. *Imperial Citizens Koreans and Race from Seoul to LA* Stanford University Press.

Attentive to history, the book considers the origins, nature, and extent of racial ideas about Koreans/Asians in relation to White and Black Americans, investigating how immigrants engage these ideas before they depart for the United States, as well as after they arrive. The author shows that contemporary globalization involves not just the flow of capital, but also culture. Ideas about American color lines and citizenship lines have crossed oceans alongside U.S. commodities.

Prema Ann Kurien, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Syracuse University

Kurien, Prema A. *A Place at the Multicultural Table: The Development of an American Hinduism* Rutgers University Press, 2007

Multiculturalism in the United States is commonly lauded as a positive social ideal celebrating the diversity of our nation. But, in reality, immigrants often feel pressured to create a singular formulation of their identity that does not reflect the diversity of cultures that exist in their homeland. Hindu Americans have faced this challenge over the last fifteen years, as the growing number of Indians that have immigrated to this country has more than doubled.

In *A Place at the Multicultural Table*, Prema A. Kurien shows how various Hindu American organizations—religious, cultural, and political—are attempting to answer the puzzling questions of identity outside their homeland. Drawing on the experiences of both immigrant and American born Hindu Americans, Kurien demonstrates how religious ideas and practices are being imported, exported and reshaped in the process. The result of this transnational movement is an American Hinduism—an organized, politicized, and standardized version of that which is found in India.

This first in-depth look at Hinduism in the U.S. and the Hindu Indian American community helps readers to understand the private devotions, practices, and beliefs of Hindu Indian Americans as well as their political mobilization and activism. It explains the differences between immigrant and American born Hindu Americans, how each understands their religion and their identity, and it emphasizes the importance of the social and cultural context of the U.S. in influencing the development of an American Hinduism.

Kurien, Prema A. 2007 “Redefining Americanness by Reformulating Hinduism: Indian Americans Challenge American Academia.” In James T. Campbell, Mathew Guterl, and Robert Lee (eds). *Race, Nation, and Empire in American History*. University of North Carolina Press.

Kurien, Prema A. 2007. “Who Speaks for Indian Americans? Religion, Ethnicity and Political Formation.” *American Quarterly*, Vol 59 (3): 759-783.

Timothy Madigan, Associate Professor of Sociology, Mansfield University
Timothy Madigan has won one of fourteen Overseas Young Chinese Forum and Ford Foundation scholarships to teach sociology at Central China Normal University in the summer of 2008.

William Parish, Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago

William Parish and colleagues have published a series of articles on Chinese sexual behavior (e.g., sexual harassment, extramarital sex, unwanted sex, sexually transmitted diseases) and women's quality of life (e.g., spousal violence, childhood sexual contact, and body image concerns). For a list of almost 20 publications and public access to their national survey, see <http://www.spc.uchicago.edu/prc/chfls.php>

Dali Ma and William, 1996, "Tocquevillian Moments: Charitable Contributions by Chinese Private Entrepreneurs," *Social Forces* 85 (2): 943-964.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL on your accomplishments!

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SHARE YOUR TEACHING MATERIALS

We are in desperate need of teaching and teaching-related material on Asian Americans! Do you have course syllabi, assignments, exercises, projects, suggested videos & films, and other instructional-related material for possible inclusion in the American Sociological Association's Teaching Resources Manual on the Sociology of Asian Americans? Contributions for courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels will be of interest. Please include your submissions on disk or in electronic form. Please include your name, address, and contact information. All materials should be sent to Leslie Wang, Department of Sociology, 154 Madeleva Hall, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN 46556; 574-284-4514; lwang@saintmarys.edu