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cc: Article V. MEMBERSHIP of the NACSA By law

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Membership dues shall be paid annually to the association on January 1 of each year. Instead of annual payment of membership dues, a single payment for life (Life Membership) of \$300 may be accepted. Once paid, the Life members shall not have to pay annual membership dues and shall have the same voting rights as Regular members. Benefits for dues-paying members include receiving two issues of NACSA's newsletter a year, being entitled a discount registration fee and free lunch for future NACSA conferences, rights to vote for NACSA officers and Board members, and receiving a periodically updated NACSA membership directory.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

ESTHER CHOW

Esther Ngan-ling Chow co-edited *Analyzing Gender, Intersectionality, and Multiple Inequalities: Global, Transnational, and Local Contexts* for Advances in Gender Research series, volume 16, which was published by Emerald Press (UK), in 2011.

PETER NG

Dr. NG has a new book coming up by Brill Publisher, Inc. this month, entitled *Chinese Christianity: An Interplay between Global and Local Perspectives*. Below is a brief introduction:

This volume attempts to review the historical development of Chinese Christianity from a “global-local” or “glocalization” perspective. It includes chapters on the Boxer Movement, Chinese indigenous movements, and Christian higher education and also contains seven biographical chapters. The author expounds upon the interplay of “universal” and “particular” aspects as well as the global and local forces which shaped the characteristics of Chinese Christianity in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. This work focused on China could have wider implications for modern scholarship, both in the fields of comparative history of education and modern Chinese church history, for those scholars who are exploring the dialogical interplay between global and local Christianities.

For more information please visit <http://www.brill.nl/chinese-christianity>.

Peter Tze Ming Ng received his Ph.D. from University of London in 1985 and has served as Professor of Religious Education at the Chinese University of Hong Kong for 23 years. He was appointed Henry Martyn Lecturer (2007) and Chairman of Northeast Asian Council for Study of History of Christianity (2007-2009).

DUDLEY POSTON

Dr. Poston, professor of sociology at Texas A&M University, published the following articles and op-eds in 2011:

Amanda K. Baumle and Dudley L. Poston, Jr. 2011. “The Economic Cost of Homosexuality: Multilevel Models.” *Social Forces* 89: 1005-1032.

Carol S. Walther, Dudley L. Poston, Jr., and Yuan Gu. 2011. "Ecological Analyses of Gay Male and Lesbian Partnering in the Metropolitan United States in 2000." *Population Research and Policy Review* 30:419-448.

Dudley L. Poston, Jr., Wadha Saeed Khamis Alnuaimi, and Li Zhang. 2011. "The Social Demography of China's Muslims." *Modern China Studies* 18 (1): 14-72.

Dudley L. Poston, Jr. 2011. "Puerto Rico Gain as a State Could Be Loss for Texas: An Addition Would Lead to Subtraction." *Houston Chronicle* (July 3).

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/editorial/outlook/7637224.html#ixzz1RMFiPHE8>

Dudley L. Poston, Jr. and Peter A. Morrison. 2011. "Chinese Workers Could Replace Mexican Immigrants." *Houston Chronicle* (August 13).

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/editorial/outlook/7695428.html>

Dudley L. Poston, Jr. and Peter A. Morrison. 2011. "Next Wave of Illegal Immigration Could Be from China." *San Jose Mercury News* (August 19).

Dudley L. Poston, Jr., Eugenia Conde, and Bethany DeSalvo. 2011. "China's Unbalanced Sex Ratio at Birth: Millions of Excess Bachelors and Societal Implications." *Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies* 6:4, 314-320

Also, Poston's current research on the sex ratio at birth (SRB) in China was the centerpiece for a recent op-ed piece written by Alexandra Harney and published on December 19, 2011 in both the *New York Times* and the *International Herald Tribune*.

<http://latitude.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/12/19/the-plight-of-chinas-favored-sons/?scp=1&sq=a&m&st=cse>

His SRB research was also highlighted in a Press release written by Tyjen Tsai and published in early 2012 by the Population Reference Bureau in Washington, DC.

<http://www.prb.org/Articles/2012/china-census-excess-males.aspx>

DAN RODRÍGUEZ-GARCÍA

Recent and forthcoming publications:

2012 Rodríguez-García, D., ed. *Managing Immigration and Diversity in Canada: A Transatlantic Dialogue in the New Age of Migration*. Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, Queen's Policy Studies Series.

2012 Solana Solana, M.; De Miguel Luken, V., Rodríguez García, D., Pascual de Sans, A. "Official language knowledge among foreign-born immigrants in Catalonia, Spain, and implications for their social integration." *Revista Migraciones*.

2011 Rodríguez-García, D., Introduction: Cultural Models of Reproduction. Pp. 13-24 in *Kinships: Cultural Models of Reproduction*, edited by Dan Rodríguez-García, J. Grau, and H. Valenzuela. Barcelona: PPU.

2011 Rodríguez-García, D. Astronaut Parents and Parachute Kids: Patterns of Kinship Among Chinese Populations in Canada. A Transnational Reproductive Model? Pp. 261-286 in *Kinships: Cultural Models of Reproduction*, edited by Dan Rodríguez-García, J. Grau, and H. Valenzuela. Barcelona: PPU.

Awards and grants:

2011 Government Research Grant (Principal Investigator) for the project: *Immigration and Inter-marriage: Ethnicity and Social Integration*. Project Reference: CSO2011-23242. Funder: Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación (Ministry of Science and Innovation), National R&D Plan 2011. Duration: 2012-2014. Amount awarded: €24.200

2011 *Aposta UAB 2011 Prize-Fellowship* for the project: “*E Pluribus Unum: Immigration, Hybridity and Social Cohesion*”, in the Social and Cultural Progress research area. Highly competitive call to stimulate innovative research projects with high social impact and international appeal. Only 10 out of 140 projects awarded, in five areas of research in the social and natural sciences. Funded by various institutions: Social Council of the UAB, l'Obra Social "la Caixa", Freixenet, Novartis, Ab-Biotics, and RBA Publishers. Amount awarded: €25,000.

http://www.uab.cat/PDF/PDF_1323675950694_en.pdf

2011 Aid to Scholarly Publications Program (ASPP), Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (CFHSS), for the peer-reviewed book *Managing Immigration and Diversity in Canada: A Transatlantic Dialogue in the New Age of Migration* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2012).

PHILIP Q. YANG

Yang, Philip. 2011. *Asian Immigration to the United States*. Cambridge, UK: Polity Press.

_____. 2012. “From Sojourning to Settlement to Transnationalism: Transformations of the Chinese Immigrant Community in America.” In *Handbook of the Chinese Diaspora* edited by Chee-Beng Tan. New York: Routledge.

Yang's article “A Theory of Asian Immigration to the United States,” published in *Journal of Asian American Studies* in 2010 won the 2011 Research Paper Award of the ASA's Asia and Asian America. Congratulations, Philip!

YANG, RENXIN

Professor Yang's article titled "Between Traditionalism and Modernity: Changing Values on Dating Behavior and Mate Selection Criteria" was published last month in the *International Review of Modern Sociology* (vol. 37, 2: 265-289). This research addresses the rapidly changing values and behaviors concerning male/female relationships and family dynamics during China's economic reform. The data came from in-depth interviews with women ages 18-29 from various backgrounds. There was not a consistent pattern that could capture all of their micro-situations, but findings suggest that significant generational shifts away from traditional values and behaviors are occurring. Such shifts reflect the influence of changing childhood socialization practices, the importance of evolving ideological and religious beliefs and variations in the individual's opportunities and life-chances.

ZHANG, JIE

Gao, Qi, **Jie Zhang**, and Cunxian Jia. 2011. "Psychometric properties of the Dickman Impulsivity Instrument in suicide victims and living controls of rural China." *Journal of Affective Disorders* 132:368-374. [PMCID: PMC3137672](#).

Zhang, Jie, Qi Gao, and Cun Xian Jia. 2011. "Seasonality of Chinese rural young suicide and its correlates." *Journal of Affective Disorders* 134:356-364. [PMCID: PMC3170492](#).

景军, **张杰**, 吴学雅. 2011. "中国城市老人自杀问题分析." *人口研究* 35:84-96.

张杰, 景军, 吴学雅, 孙薇薇, 王存同. 2011. "中国自杀率下降趋势的社会学分析." *中国社会科学* 2011:97-113.

孔媛媛, **张杰**. 2011. "农村青年男女自杀死亡者自杀行为特征比较." *中国公共卫生* 27:1102-1104.

ZHOU, MIN

Min Zhou published her new book *The Accidental Sociologist in Asian American Studies*, recounting her personal journey as a transnational scholar critically examining the ever-changing experience of Chinese/Asian Americans. She gave a book talk at the Chinese American Museum in Los Angeles, October 26, 2011. An *UCLA Today* online article (January 6, 2012) about the book can be viewed: <http://today.ucla.edu/portal/ut/survivor-of-cultural-revolution-221409.aspx>.

Zhou has continued her project on Africans in Guangzhou. She completed data collection and is now analyzing quantitative and qualitative data. She presented preliminary findings of this ongoing work at the NASCA annual conference, Las Vegas, August 19,

2011 and at the Kyoto-NTU-SYSU Joint International Workshop Plural Coexistence: East Asian Experiences in Comparative and Interdisciplinary Perspectives, Kyoto University, December 17-18, 2011.

Zhou was a keynote speaker, “The Transformation of Chinese America: Demographic Trends, Settlement Patterns, and Challenges of Success” at *the China in the World Conference*, Monash University Prato Centre, Italy, September 22-23, 2011.

In addition, she presented her work on transnational organizations at the workshop on Diasporas, Radcliffe Institute, Harvard University, November 19, 2011. She also gave lectures on various topics at Sun Yat-sen University, Tsinghua University, Remin University, and Hong Kong Chinese University during Summer 2011.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR PAPERS

Tracking Social Changes in China Using Chinese General Social Survey Data Special Issue of Chinese Sociological Review

Guest Editor, Wang Feng, Univ. of California, Irvine and Brookings Institution
Chinese Sociological Review, formerly *Chinese Sociology and Anthropology* published by ME Sharpe, is the oldest international sociological journal devoted to the study of contemporary Chinese society (since 1968). The journal, edited by Xiaogang Wu at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, publishes high quality, peer-reviewed original works related to all aspects of contemporary social changes in the greater China. *Chinese Sociological Review* invites submissions for a special issue on tracking social changes in China, based on data from the Chinese General Social Survey (CGSS, <http://www.cssod.org>). Chinese General Social Survey is the first comprehensive national social survey in China. Since its inception in 2003, six surveys have been carried out (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, and 2010), with data from four of the six surveys (2003, 2005, 2006, 2008) already made available for public use. While the subject of submission can be on any aspect of social change in China based on the CGSS survey data, a special focus will be given to those that track an important aspect of social changes using two or more rounds of the survey data that are made available by now.

Submission Guidelines

All submitted articles must be the original, previously unpublished work of the author(s). Articles must be written in English and in Word format, using The Chicago Manual of

Style (<http://www.calstatela.edu/library/guides/3chicago.pdf>). In order to facilitate blind review, please remove your name or affiliation from the text, but provide a separate cover-sheet with that information, together with an abstract of 150-200 words and your contact details.

Peer-Review Process

Given space limitations in the Special Issue, the guest editor reserves the right to make a selection of the most interesting submissions. The selected submission will undergo a peer-review by independent expert referees. If accepted for publication, the Journal's staff may help the author(s) polish the submissions.

Contact Information and Deadlines

Please send your completed article of 5,000 to 8,000 words and the cover-sheet via the on-line submission system <http://editorialexpress.com/csr> addressed to Wang Feng (fwang@uci.edu or fwang@brookings.edu) before Feb 24, 2012. Articles submitted after this date will not be guaranteed consideration for reviewing and publication. You will hear back about the status of your submission by March 23, 2012. The special issue is scheduled to be published in the summer issue of the Journal, 2012.

CONFERENCE ON URBAN CHINA AT BROWN UNIVERSITY

Brown University is organizing a one-day conference on urban China to be held from 10:30 to 5:00 on February 28. There is no registration form, but if you wish to attend please contact John Logan (Department of Sociology at Brown University): john_logan@brown.edu. Presenters include Vernon Henderson, Fulong Wu, Emily Hannum, Min Zhou, and Jieming Zhu. More information can be found at www.s4.brown.edu/china2012.