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cc: Article V. MEMBERSHIP of the NACSA By law

Persons who subscribe to the stated purposes of NACSA, who agree to abide by the bylaws of the association, and who has graduate training in sociology or any of the social sciences or the social aspects of law, health, and medicine, qualify for NACSA membership. Membership shall be divided into three categories: Regular, Associate, and Student. Regular members shall be eligible to vote, hold office, and serve on the Board of Directors. Regular members shall pay annual dues of \$15. Associate members are persons who work as sociologists or social scientists outside of North America and may choose to pay a lower fee of \$10. Associate members shall have voting rights but are not eligible to hold office and serve on the Board of Directors. Student members are full-time graduate students in sociology or the social sciences and pay the student membership dues of \$5. Student members are not eligible to vote, hold office, and serve on the Board of Directors.

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.

NACSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The NACSA President and Board of Directors have decided to expand the Board from its current five members to seven. With three outgoing members this means we will need to elect five new members. After careful deliberation and consultation the nomination committee would like to nominate the following candidates to stand for election:

LIANG, Yucheng

Dr. Liang received his PhD from HKUST in 2007 and is currently Associate Professor in sociology at Sun Yat-san University in Guangzhou, China. One area of his research focuses on African immigration to South China since 2008. Based on this research he has published a paper that tests the theory of cumulative causation of international migration, by studying the causal mechanisms of international migration behavior of African nationals in China. He is in the process of completing a paper on the effect of governmental controls on the residential segregation of immigrants and their adaptation. For the past two years he has collaborated with Prof. Cai and Dr. Hao on the design and implementation of a national longitudinal survey, the China Labor Force Dynamic Survey.

LU, Yao

Yao Lu is Assistant Professor of Sociology at Columbia University. Her research focuses on social stratification and demography in a variety of settings. She is particularly interested in studying the dynamics and consequences of migration. Her current work examines 1) the consequences of migration for health and well-being for both migrants and people left behind in migrant-sending communities in several countries characterized by large-scale migration or emigration, including China, and 2) the process of immigration and adaptation of Chinese international migrants in different destinations. She is also working with colleagues to develop a national survey on migration and children in China.

LUO, Ye

Dr. Luo, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Clemson University, obtained her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Information Science from Peking University in China and her Ph.D. in sociology from Tulane University. She worked as a research associate for eight years at the University of Chicago and National Opinion Research Center before taking on academic positions. Dr. Luo's research cuts across several subfields of sociology: social demography, social gerontology, health and family. She has published extensively in top journals, such as *Social Science & Medicine*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, *Social Science Research*. Her recent research primarily focuses on three interrelated areas: social determinants of health, social dynamics of aging, and sexual behavior and sexual health in China and in the United States. She is currently conducting a project that examines how social environments, SES, living arrangements, and social network affect activity participation of the elderly in China and how these activities may in turn affect health and well-being. Another project attempts to identify the mechanisms that explain the effects of loneliness on health and mortality among older Chinese adults. Dr. Luo is a long time member of the NACSA.

SHU, Xiaoling

Xiaoling Shu is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of California Davis. She received both her Ph.D. in Sociology and M.S. in Computer Science from the University of Minnesota, and B.A. in English from Beijing Foreign Studies University (北外). Her research interests are gender (in the labor market, family, and the belief system), social stratification, subjective wellbeing, and quantitative methods. Her work spans from China to the U.S., and globally. She has published in *Social Forces*, *Sociology of Education*, *Social Science Research*, and *Journal of Family Issues*. She has served on the council of the ASA section on Asia and Asian Americans and the board of the NACSA.

XU, Bin

Dr. Xu is Assistant Professor of Sociology and Asian Studies at Florida International University. His research interests include social theory, cultural sociology, political sociology, social movements, collective memory, and disaster research. His articles appear in *Sociological Theory*, *Social Problems*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *China Quarterly*, and an edited volume of collective memory in East Asia. He is currently writing a book on the Sichuan earthquake in China and its cultural and political impacts as well as working on a project on collective memories of China’s “educated youth” (*zhiquing*) generation.

Please note that **only lifetime members and active regular members are eligible to vote.**

You can **vote for up to FIVE people.** In addition to/instead of those nominated above, you should also feel free to write in names of others who you think would be good candidates.

NACSA Board Election Ballet, 2013 (vote for 5)	
From the Nomination Committee:	Write-In:
<input type="checkbox"/> LIANG, Yucheng	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> LU, Yao	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> LUO, Ye	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> SHU, Xiaoling	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> XU, Bin	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

Please use the ballet above and **submit via email** to either the President (hao@jhu.edu) or any of the current board members (sorwong@ust.hk; yangcao@uncc.edu; hannumem@soc.upenn.edu; zhangj@buffalostate.edu).

All votes received on and before **Friday February 15** (Eastern Standard Time) will be counted.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

BU, Changli

Bu Changli and her co-author won a prize of Social Science Outstanding Achievement in Jilin Province for *Community Conflict and Community Contradiction: Case Studies on Issues of Urban Community Conflict in Northeast China*.

Publications in 2012:

- *Restructuring state-owned enterprises and preserving the rights and interests of workers*, EASTERN SOCIAL SCIENCE (spring), Italy.
- 2012, *The private enterprises in northeast China created social capita in the developing Process---An investigation to 48 private enterprises in TongHua*, Social Science Front(6).
- *Building trade unions and Corporate social responsibility in the interaction mechanism*, Study and Exploration (11).
- *Carry forward the Lei Feng's spirit to establish institutionalized altruism mechanism*, March 14 changchun daily.

CHI, Guangqing

Guangqing Chi, an assistant professor of sociology at Mississippi State University, had another productive year with eight peer-reviewed journal articles published, three more under review, and eleven conference presentations. The articles appear in prestigious journals such as *Urban Studies*, *Journal of Transport Geography*, *Annals of Regional Science*, and *Population Research and Policy Review*. Guangqing is also currently developing a text book (with Jun Zhu as the coauthor) on spatial regression modeling that is expected to be published later this year. Considering that spatial regression models have been increasingly applied for social science research but most existing textbooks are written for natural or regional scientists and require that readers have a good understanding of advanced statistics and probability theory, they are writing this book to provide more comprehensive, easy-to-follow coverage of spatial regression methods for social scientists. The book will be available electronically to students for free or at a substantial discount.

In addition, Guangqing is developing a website for disseminating his land developability index. Land developability is a measure of land availability for future conversion and development in a geographic entity, such as a state, county, city, census tract, or other geographically aggregated unit. The index is generated using spatial overlay methods based on data layers of surface water, wetland, federal/state-owned land, Indian reservation, built-up land, and steep slope, which are all seen as undevelopable. The index can be used for regression modeling when land use and development is a consideration of an analysis or for detecting potentials and predicting the direction of future land use and development. Updates on the progress of the index, as well as a list of the year's published articles, can be found at <http://guangqingchi.sociology.msstate.edu>.

Li, Kelin

- Li, Kelin and Ming Wen. Forthcoming. "Racial and ethnic disparities in leisure-time physical activity in California: patterns and mechanisms." *Race and Social Problems*.

SHU, Xiaoling

- Shu, Xiaoling and Yifei Zhu. 2012. "Uneven Transitions: Cohort- and Period-related Changes in Gender Attitudes in China: 1995-2007." *Social Science Research* 41(5):1100-1115.
- Shu, Xiaoling, Yifei Zhu, and Zhanxin Zhang. In Press. "Patriarchy, Resources and Specialization: Marital Decision-Making Power in Urban China." *Journal of Family Issues* (2013).

SUN, Jiaming

Refereed Paper:

- Jiaming Sun, "The Phenomenon of 'Micro-globalization' with the Youth in China" (in Chinese) published in *Contemporary Youth Studies*, Shanghai, China, 2012, No.319 (10) 15-22.

Forthcoming Book:

- Jiaming Sun, & Lancaster Scott. "Chinese Globalization: A Profile of People-based Global Connections in China". To be published February 21st 2013 by Routledge. <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415673037>

Multimedia Presentation Publishing (forthcoming):

- Jiaming Sun, "Social Consequences of Globalization: From Isolated to Globally Connected", in Alon, I. (ed.), *Doing Business in China, The Marketing & Management Collection*, Henry Stewart Talks Ltd, London (www.hstalks.com/go).

WU, Xiaogang

Xiaogang Wu is among 8 scholars who has been awarded a Prestigious Fellowship in Humanities and Social Sciences by the University Grant Council of Hong Kong SAR . The fellowship will provide the teaching relief in the calendar year of 2013 as well as the support for his existing research.

Publications:

- Wu, Xiaogang and Jinhua Cheng 2013. "New Middle Class and the Rule of Law in China" *China Review* [in press]
- Jansen, Wim and Xiaogang Wu. 2012. "Decomposing Income Inequality in Urban China, 1978-2006." *Chinese Sociological Review* 45(1):3-27

- Kung, James, Xiaogang Wu and Yuxiao Wu. 2012. "Inequality of Land Tenure and Revolutionary Outcome: An Economic Analysis of China's Land Reform from 1946-1952" *Exploration of Economic History* 49(4): 482-497

Yeung, Wei-Jun Jean

- Yeung, W. J., C. Alipio and F. Furstenberg (2013). Transitioning to Adulthood in Asia: School, Work and Family Life. A special issue of The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, 646, March, 2013. (Guest Editors.)
- Yeung, W.J. (2013). Asian Fatherhood. A Special Issue of Journal of Family Issues, 34 (2). (Guest Editor) doi:10.1177/0192513X12461133, First published in Oct 2012.
- Zhang, Y. and Yeung, W. J. (2012). Shifting Boundaries of Care in Asia. (Guest Editors). A special issue of the International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy, 32(11/12).
- Yeung, W. J. (2013). Transitioning to Adulthood in Asia: an introduction. In a special issue of The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, 646, March. (Eds: Yeung, Alipio and Furstenberg).
- Yeung, W. J. and Hu, S. 2013. Coming of Age in Times of Change: Transition to Adulthood in China. In Transitioning to Adulthood in Asia: Courtship, Marriage, and Work. The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, 646, March.
- Yeung, W. J. (2013). Asian Fatherhood: an introduction. In Asian Fatherhood, a special issue in Journal of Family Issues, 34 (2).
- Xu Q. and Yeung, W. J. (2013). Hoping for a Pheonix: Shanghai Fathers and Their Daughters. Journal of Family Issues, 34 (2).
- Zhang, Y. and Yeung, W. J. (2012). Shifting Boundaries of Care in Asia: an introduction. In a special issue of the International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy, 32(11/12): pp. 1-21.
- Yeung, W.J. and Xu, Zhenhua. 2012. Economic Stress, Quality of Life, and Mortality Rates among the Oldest Old in China". Social Indicators Research, 108: 131-152. DOI 10.1007/s11205-011-9870-1

Yi, Chin-Chun

A group of sociologists in Taiwan have worked on a youth panel survey since the year 2000. We recently published a book on "The Psychological Well-being of East Asian Youth" (Springer, Oct. 2012; Chin-Chun Yi ed.).

Interested colleagues are welcome to look at it or if possible, to place your order through your university library.

ZHANG, Jie

Current research by Zhang Jie, professor of sociology and director of the Center for China Studies at State University of New York Buffalo State, is featured in the latest issue of *Science* magazine 338 (6110): 1025–1027. The News Focus report, “[Making Sense of a Senseless Act](#),” by Mara Hvistendahl, spotlights Zhang and his research findings on suicide in Asia and China, especially his strain theory of suicide.

Publications:

- 方乐, 张杰. 2012. "中国 3 省农村地区 15~34 岁青年自杀死亡特征群病例对照研究." *中华流行病学杂志* 33:286-290.
- Jia, Cun-Xian and Jie Zhang. 2012. "Psychometric Characteristics of the Duke Social Support Index in a Young Rural Chinese Population." *Death Studies* 36:858-869.
- Zhang, Jie and Cuntong Wang. 2012. "Factors in the Neighborhood as Risks of Suicide in Rural China: A Multilevel Analysis." *Community Mental Health Journal* 48:627-633.
- Li, Ziyao and Jie Zhang. 2012. "Coping Skills, Mental Disorders, and Suicide among Rural Youths in China." *The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease* 200:885-890.
- Zhang, Jie, Weiwei Sun, Yuanyuan Kong, and Cuntong Wang. 2012. "Reliability and validity of the Center for Epidemiological Studies Depression Scale in 2 special adult samples from rural China." *Comprehensive Psychiatry* 53:1243-1251.

ZHAO, Dingxin

Dingxin Zhao has published the following books and articles in 2012:

- 民主的限制. Beijing: Caixin Publishing House.
- “Will China Have another Revolution?” 21st Century (Ershiyi shiji) no.134:4-16.
- “Performance Legitimacy, State Autonomy and China’s Economic Development.” Chinese Social Science Research (Zhongguo Shehui Kexue, Neikan), (with Hongxing Yang), no.3:20-37.
- “Rethinking Liberty: On Sen’s Impossibility of Paretian Libertarian Theorem.” Sociological Research (Shehuixue yanjiu), (with Zhenhua Su), no.3: 52-69.
- “Media, Democratic Transition and Social Movement – An Interview with Professor Dingxin Zhao.” Social Science Forum (Shehui Kexue Luntan), no.4: 121-31.
- “On Micro-blog and Political Public Space – An Interview with Zhao Dingxin.” Shanghai Review of Books, May 12
<http://www.dfdaily.com/html/1170/2012/5/12/790699.shtml>
- “Micro-blog, Political Public Space and China’s Political Future.” Oriental Morning Post, April 26, see also <http://www.dfdaily.com/html/150/2012/4/26/782916.shtml>
- “On the Controversies surrounding Mr. Han Han”, 21ccom.net, February 25, see http://www.21ccom.net/articles/dlpl/szpl/2012/0225/article_54396.html

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NACSA Call for Panel Suggestions

This call is for suggestions and proposals to organize thematic panels at the pre-ASA 2013 NACSA conference. Submit to hao@jhu.edu.

Deadline Feb. 15, 2013.

NACSA members are encouraged to (1) submit a brief proposal for organizing a thematic panel with 4 papers and a discussant. The proposal should include the title, the abstract (100+ words), and potential participants of the panel. (2) submit brief suggestions for thematic panels in any forms.

The NACSA board will select the proposed panels to be included in the preliminary conference program. Members with a selected proposal in format (1) will organize the panel. The Board will appoint organizers for the selected proposals in format (2). The Board will then determine the theme for the pre-ASA 2013 NACSA conference. The selection of panels and the conference theme will be completed within the last two weeks of February.

NACSA Outstanding Student Paper Award

The NACSA will, for the first time, give an Outstanding Student Paper Award to one student each year. The paper must be authored by graduate student(s) only, not yet published, and presented at the pre-ASA 2013 NACSA conference. The Committee for the Outstanding Paper Award in 2013 is headed by Prof. Emily Hannum and two NACSA members. To be eligible, interested student members should submit the title, abstract, and authors to the upcoming NACSA regular Call for Papers (indicating the intention to enter the competition) and submit the full paper to hannumem@soc.upenn.edu by July 15, 2013.

The Award will be selected by the Student Award Committee and announced at the NACSA banquet with a NACSA plaque dedicated to the Awardee.