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CURRENT PRESIDENT
Xiaoling Shu (UC Davis)

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS
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Qing Lai (Florida International U, 2016-17)
Yingyi Ma (Syracuse U, 2017-18)
Lijun Song (Treasurer; Vanderbilt U, 2017-18)
Jun Xu (Ball State U, 2017-18)
Wei-hsin Yu (U Maryland, 2017-18)
Yuping Zhang (Lehigh U, 2016-17)
Wei Zhao (Newsletter Editor; UNC-Charlotte, 2016-17)
Bin Lian (Student representative; UIUC)

PAST PRESIDENTS
Nan Lin (Duke) 1981-90
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Elena Yu (San Diego State) 1992-94
Dudley Poston (Texas A&M) 1995-96
Alvin Y. So (HKUST) 1997-98
Xiangming Chen (U of Illinois Chicago) 1998-99
Che-Fu Lee (Catholic U of America) 2000-01
Yanjie Bian (HKUST) 2002-03
Min Zhou (UCLA) 2004-05
Dingxin Zhao (U of Chicago) 2006-07
Eric Fong (U of Toronto) 2008-09
Heying Zhan (Georgia State) 2010-11
Lingxin Hao (Johns Hopkins) 2012-13
Emily Hannum (U of Pennsylvania) 2014-15

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The online registration or renewal of NACSA membership can be found at https://nacsainfo11.wordpress.com/membership/.

The newsletter is published twice a year. Please send your news items to Wei Zhao, Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina at Charlotte (Email: wzhao1@uncc.edu).
NACSA 2016 Election of Board of Directors

Hua-Yu Sebastian Cherng and Wei Zhao

The Election Committee are grateful to our six outstanding candidates for their dedication to our association. We also appreciate all the members who participated in the election. Please join us in congratulating Yingyi Ma (Syracuse University), Lijun Song (Vanderbilt University), Jun Xu (Ball State University), and Wei-hsin Yu (University of Maryland) for being elected as new members of the NACSA Board of Directors. In addition, Bin Lian, a PhD student at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, will serve as the student representative on the Board. They will serve a two-year term. Our collective efforts will continue to lead to great successes for our association!

NACSA 2016 Annual Conference in Seattle

Xiaoling Shu

Thanks to our members’ enthusiastic participation, we had a very successful annual conference in Seattle Sheraton on August 19, 2016. Seventy people hailed from the United States, Canada, mainland China, Singapore, and Hong Kong to present their work and meet with colleagues and friends.

The conference program featured fifty-eight authors, panelists, chairs and discussants participating in eight concurrent sessions and a plenary session on a diverse set of topics. The eight sessions focused on “Marriage and the Family”, “Health”, “Governance, Civil Society and Networks”, “Stratification and Inequalities”, “Migration, Urbanization, and Development”, “Gender and Sexuality”, “Education”, and “Civil Society, Social Movements, Organizations, and Social Change.”

The conference sessions climaxed with a stimulating plenary session on “New Frontiers in Publishing in the Sociology of China” featuring editors from five new journals. The editors were Dr. Zeng Lin, Editor, Chinese Sociological Dialogue (Sage); Dr. Xiaogang Wu, Editor, Chinese Sociological Review (Routledge); Dr. Mei Xiao, Managing Editor, Journal of Chinese Sociology (Springer); Dr. Yu Xie, Editor-in-Chief, Chinese Journal of Sociology (Sage); and Dr. Guobin Yang, Co-editor, Communication and the Public (Sage). A lively Q&A session focused on journal quality measures (citation indices, rankings, reputation) and sociology as a discipline in the U.S. and China.

The conference concluded with a post-meeting dinner banquet at Red Lantern Restaurant in the International District. Sixty members participated in the gathering and celebrated two student paper award winners: Bin Lian (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) and Yi-Lin Chiang (University of Pennsylvania).
Student Paper Award at the NACSA 2016 Annual Conference

Emily Hannum

For the NACSA 2016 Annual Conference, the NACSA Student Paper Award Committee (Emily Hannum, Reza Hasmath, and Hua-Yu Sebastian Cherng) received 14 full submissions for consideration for the student paper award. The committee would like to congratulate the group for their interesting and promising work. They had a difficult time deliberating among many excellent submissions. Finally, two co-awardees were selected.

First, we are pleased to announce the co-winner Bin Lian, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, for her paper, “Employment at Marriage Transition: Labor Force Participation and Informal Employment under Economic Reform. Bin Lian’s work offers a sophisticated analysis of trends in the impact of marriage and parenthood on participation in the labor force and the informal economy among Chinese women between 1991 and 2011. With analyses of the China Health and Nutrition Survey, she shows that a motherhood challenges women's participation in the formal economy. This work contributes to an emerging literature investigating the changing circumstances of women’s work in China, and the changing issues of work-family balance faced by mothers.

Second, we are pleased to announce the co-winner Yi-Lin Chiang, University of Pennsylvania, for her paper, “When Things Don’t Go as Planned: Cultural Capital, Field, and Parental Strategies for Elite University Enrollment.” Yi-Lin Chiang’s paper draws on extensive fieldwork in two elite high schools in Beijing, and focuses on the strategies of elite parents to maintain status for their children. While under normal conditions, elite parents may not be terribly involved in the day-to-day education of their children, the “strategic involvement” of elite parents—and particularly their ability to become involved to address emerging problems that jeopardize college placements—serves as a resource for bolstering the privilege of advantaged students. Her work suggests that situational, strategic involvement at “key moments” may be a particularly important form of parental involvement in exam-based systems, where parents have less leeway to negotiate children’s educational experiences than in non-exam-based systems.

NACSA Membership: New Online Registration and Updates

Xiaoling Shu

If your NACSA membership has expired, please renew your membership online at https://nacsainfo11.wordpress.com/membership/; this should be more convenient than using the traditional paper-based form. Credit card and debit cards, as well as PayPal accounts are accepted online for payment. PayPal accounts are free and it does not cost extra to put payment via PayPal.

THANKS
Yu XIE (Princeton University and Peking University) donated $300 to support NACSA activities.

NEW LIFETIME MEMBER
Yuping ZHANG (Lehigh University)
Bian Yanjie University of Minnesota and Xi’an Jiaotong University
Cheng Lucie University of California Los Angeles (deceased)
Chow Esther Ngan-ling American University
Davis Deborah Yale University
Kwong Julia University of Manitoba
Lai Gina Hong Kong Baptist University
Lee Che-Fu Catholic University of America (deceased)
Liang Zai State University of New York – Albany
Lin Nan Duke University
Liu William University of Illinois at Chicago (deceased)
Parish William University of Chicago
Pong Raymond Laurentian University
Poston Dudley Texas A&M University
Ruan Danching Hong Kong Baptist University
Shu Xiaoling University of California Davis
So Alvin Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Thio Alex Ohio University (deceased)
Tsai Yung-Mei Texas A&M University
Xie Yu Princeton University and Peking University
Yu Elena SH San Diego State University
Zhang Gehui University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign
Zhang Jie State University of New York - Buffalo State College
Zhang Yuping Lehigh University
Zhao Dingxin University of Chicago
Zhou Min University of California Los Angeles

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Yanjie Bian

Yanjie Bian has published one edited volume and several research articles during the past period:

2016  Western China in Transition: Development and Social Governance, Yanjie Bian and Li Zong (co-editors). Beijing: Social Science Press. 《转型中的西部中国: 发展现状与社会治理》，边燕杰、宗力主编。北京：社会科学出版社。


Wenhong Chen

Wenhong Chen, UT Austin, received the William F. Ogburn Mid-Career Achievement Award from the Communication, Information Technologies, & Media Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, which “recognizes a sustained body of research that has provided an outstanding contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the area of sociology of communication, media, and/or information technology.”

Wenhong Chen, UT Austin, was elected as Chair-elect of the Communication, Information Technology & Media (CITAMS) section of the American Sociological Association and will serve as the Chair of CITMAS in 2017.

Danielle Kane


Ke Li

Li, Ke. “Relational Embeddedness and Socially Motivated Case Screening in the Practice of Law in Rural China,” Law & Society Review 50 (4). Forthcoming.
Jie Zhang


Tony Huiquan Zhang


Wei Zhao


Min Zhou


Her recently published works include:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Job Opportunities at National University of Singapore**

**Job opportunities** - Senior Research Fellow, Research Fellow, Postdoctoral Fellow, or Visiting Senior Research Fellow Sabbatical. [https://ari.nus.edu.sg/Page/ARI-JobOpportunities2016-17](https://ari.nus.edu.sg/Page/ARI-JobOpportunities2016-17). Particularly relevant are positions in the Changing Family in Asia research cluster that Professor Wei-Jun Jean Yeung leads. [https://ari.nus.edu.sg/Cluster/FA/Family-Cluster-Overview](https://ari.nus.edu.sg/Cluster/FA/Family-Cluster-Overview)

**Job Opportunity at University of Alberta**

Associate Professor, Policy Studies, University of Alberta, Faculty of Arts, Department of Political Science
Web: [http://www.careers.ualberta.ca/Competition/A111130535/](http://www.careers.ualberta.ca/Competition/A111130535/)
Closing Date: November 30, 2016
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NORTH AMERICAN CHINESE SOCIOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION

Membership Information Form
Online Registration: https://nacsainfo11.wordpress.com/membership/

Date: ______________________

If you are renewing your membership, only complete * parts and updates.

*LAST NAME: ________________________________  *FIRST NAME: ________________________________

NAME IN CHINESE CHARACTERS (if any): __________________________________________________________

SEX: ☐ FEMALE ☐ MALE ☐ PREFER NOT TO STATE

*MEMBERSHIP STATUS/DUES:
☐ REGULAR/$15 ☐ ASSOCIATE/$10 ☐ STUDENT/$5 ☐ LIFETIME/$300

FIELD OR MAJOR: ☐ SOCIOLOGY ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY): _____________________________________________

HIGHEST DEGREE: ☐ PH.D. ☐ M.A./M.S. ☐ B.A. ☐ OTHER

YEAR IN WHICH HIGHEST DEGREE ATTAINED: ______________________________________________________

INSTITUTION FROM WHICH HIGHEST DEGREE ATTAINED: ____________________________________________

CURRENT INSTITUTION: _______________________________________________________________________

TITLE OR POSITION: ________________________________________________

INSTITUTION MAILING ADDRESSES: ____________________________________________________________

OFFICE PHONE: ___________ OFFICE FAX: ___________ EMAIL: ___________________

WEBSITE: ___________________________________________________________________________________

Mail your form and membership dues (check or bank draft payable to NACSA) to:
Dr. Lijun Song, Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University, PMB 351811, Nashville, TN 37235-1811. Email: lijun.song@vanderbilt.edu

Notes: Article V. MEMBERSHIP of the NACSA Bylaws. Persons who subscribe to the stated purposes of NACSA, who agree to abide by the bylaws of the association, and who have 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 or 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, or 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 per year, being entitled a discount registration, rights to vote for NACSA officers and Board members, and receiving a periodically updated NACSA membership directory.