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<p>INCOMING PRESIDENT Xiaogang Wu (HKUST)</p> <p>MEMBERS OF NEW BOARD Hua-Yu Sebastian Cherng (New York U, 2016-18) Qiang Fu (U of British Columbia, 2018-19) Reza Hasmath (U of Alberta, 2016-18) Anning Hu (Fudan U, 2018-19) Li-Chung Hu (Chengchi U, 2018-19) Yingchun Ji (Shanghai U, 2018-19) Yingyi Ma (Syracuse U, 2017-18) Lijun Song (Vanderbilt U, 2017-18) Jun Xu (Ball State U, 2017-18) Wei-Hsin Yu (U Maryland, 2017-18)</p> <p>Amy Tsang (Harvard U, Student representative)</p>	<p>PAST PRESIDENTS Nan Lin (Duke U) 1981-90 Yung-Mei Tsai (Texas Tech) 1990-92 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 Xiaoling Shu (UC Davis) 2016-17</p>
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The New Era of Social Scientific Study of Contemporary China

Xiaogang Wu
President 2018 and 2019

When I started among the first cohort of sociology major students at Renmin University of China three decades ago, there were only five sociology departments nationwide with a handful of faculty transferred from other fields and textbooks translated from English, mostly written by American sociologists. Nowadays, there are more than 93 programs in Chinese universities offering bachelor's degrees in sociology, 87 offering master's degrees, and 24 offering doctoral degrees. Sociology, imported from the West (America), has established a firm foothold and flourished in Chinese soil.

The sociology of China in the West has also changed dramatically over the past four decades. Previous scholarship on the Chinese society was largely tied to area studies that emerged out of the cold war era, typically concerned with detailed and thick description of exotic social life in China, and occupied only a marginal position in American sociology. Since the 1980s, the field has become more disciplinarily bounded and theoretically oriented. Moreover, as survey research is fundamental to modern sociology, sociologists on China have been increasingly relying on the data collected through population-based surveys to test their ideas and support their arguments. This methodological shift has made research on China more accessible to professional sociologists who might not necessarily be area specialists.

Despite the heavy influence of American sociology, Chinese sociology and the sociology of China, ironically, have seldom come across until the 21st century, when China started rising to a global power. The monumental economic and social changes taking place in China have invited the revisit of many social scientific theories we have long taken for granted. Chinese experience in development and transitions has attracted increasingly more attention from western academia. On the other hand, the transformation of Chinese higher education and the aim to build academic excellence, prompted by the large input of resources from the government, have not only significantly lifted the standard of sociological research in China but also benefited the international research community, through sharing of either the systematic data or insightful observations.

The interaction between the sociology of China and Chinese sociology has been facilitated by a growing number of Chinese students who studied abroad and who have returned to mainland China or the region. Indigenous sociologists in China are also increasingly confident in and eager to provide their own account for Chinese experience to international research community. The North American Chinese Sociologists Association (NACSA) has been playing an important platform for such exchanges since the 1980s, and some major players of NACSA have nurtured a generation of scholars working on the contemporary Chinese society.

In the age of globalization, sociological research has transcended national and transnational levels of analysis. The year of 2018 marks a new chapter of NACSA. The members have voted to rename the association as the International Chinese Sociological Associations (ICSA), and it is my honor to take over the baton as the inaugural president. I would like to thank all former

NACSA presidents, as well as other former board members, to lend their continuous support to this growing dynamic community. I am particularly grateful to Emily Hannum (President 2014-2015) and Xiaoling Shu (President 2016-2017) for their energetic leadership in successfully maintaining NACSA's international presence and developing the deep bonds, friendship and camaraderie over the years. It is their dedication and enthusiasm that convinced me to serve this community.

I would like to welcome our new broad members and thank continuing members who agree to serve on the ICSA board. ICSA will continue the mission of NACSA and fulfill it globally, including but not limited to North America. As a team, we will keep the momentum to make ICSA a larger and stronger community more visible to academia, more beneficial to members, to raise the standard to make the association more prestigious, and raise funds to make the association more sustainable. Towards these ends, we will introduce several initiatives other than the annual mini-conference and newsletters, to increase membership, enhance our presence in Asia, and develop ties with sociological associations in the region. We will keep you informed of the development.

Stay tuned with us!

Wish you a productive year in 2018!

A Growing International Association of Chinese Societies, Cultures and Populations

Xiaoling Shu
President 2016 and 2017

It has been a great honor serving the NACSA community in 2016 and 2017. I am grateful for the support from our board members, faculty and student volunteers, session organizers and presiders, panelists, authors and presenters, conference attendees, and our members. Without your collective support, we would be unable to have successfully maintained our international presence and organized two well-attended conferences with stimulating programs.

Among these great supporters, some deserve special appreciation. I want to thank Emily Hannum, President of 2014 and 2015, for generously passing on knowledge, information and wisdom to me from her leadership experiences. I appreciate our newsletter editor Wei Zhao's thoughtful work editing the newsletters and disseminating information to our members. I am grateful to Lijun Song and Qing Lai, our treasurer in 2017 and 2016, respectively, for your meticulous and tireless work in collecting membership dues and managing the accounts. Heartfelt thanks are also due to the Election Committees for managing two successful elections: Wei Zhao (Chair) and Sebastian Cherng in 2016; Sebastian Cherng (Chair), Yingyi Ma, and Lijun Song in 2017. I am grateful to the Student Paper Award Committees led by Emily Hannum (Chair), Reza Hasmath, and Sebastian Cherng in 2016; Emily Hannum (Chair), Feinian Chen, Yingyi Ma, and Jun Xu in 2017.

We have had high attendance in the last two conferences. Seventy scholars attended the 2016 Annual Conference in Seattle. This conference featured thirty-eight paper presentations by fifty-eight authors, panelists, chairs and discussants participating in eight concurrent sessions and a plenary session. Despite visa inconvenience for international students and scholars for the 2017 annual conference in Montreal, Canada, we maintained the same attendance level partly due to our efforts in publicizing the call for paper submission in listserv, on Facebook, in the NACSA Newsletters and by members' word of mouth. The number of papers submitted and presented actually increased for the Montreal conference. It featured forty-seven paper presentations and fifty-six authors, panelists, chairs and discussants in eight concurrent sessions and a plenary session on a diverse set of topics. The conference program was bursting at the seams!

Our membership has grown and our financial state is very good. We have streamlined membership registration procedure by setting up online registration and payment system. This has substantially increased our collection of membership dues and membership registration at our website <https://nacsainfo11.wordpress.com/registration-form/>. As a result, we are in a healthy financial state that lays a good foundation for building our new association.

The Student Paper Award program has grown in popularity. The committee considered 14 student papers for the Best Student Paper Award in 2016 for the Seattle Conference. This number grew further, with 18 submissions to the competition at the Montreal Conference in 2017.

We have substantially improved the association's online presence. We have revamped the association web site <https://nacsainfo11.wordpress.com/2015/04/12/welcome/>. We have kept members abreast of calls for submission, conference programs, and news in online newsletters. We have publicized our conference on Facebook. We have also started a WeChat group, and have invited all members to join the forum to facilitate frequent communication.

We have a dynamic and diverse new leadership team in place. We are handing over a growing and energetic association to the next group of leaders. It is my great pleasure to pass the baton to our dynamic new president, Xiaogang Wu. I also want to congratulate newly-elected members of the Board of Directors, Qiang Fu (University of British Columbia), Anning Hu (Fudan University), Li-Chung Hu (Chengchi University), Yingchun Ji (Shanghai University), and Xiaogang Wu (HKUST). Amy Tsang (Harvard University) is the student representative. They will join forces with current members of Board Directors who will continue their terms, Hua-Yu Sebastian Cherng (New York University), Reza Hasmath (University of Alberta), Yingyi Ma (Syracuse University), Lijun Song (Vanderbilt University), Jun Xu (Ball State University), and Wei-Hsin Yu (University of Maryland). These continuing and new members of the Board of Directors form an excellent leadership team and represent faculty and students from the United States, Canada, Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. I trust our association is in very good hands, and the Board of Directors is going to lead our association to greater successes.

I am very grateful to members of the Board of Directors whose terms end in 2017. They are Feinian Chen (University of Maryland), Emily Hannum (University of Pennsylvania), Qing Lai (Florida International University), Yuping Zhang (Lehigh University), Wei Zhao (UNC-Charlotte), and student representative Bin Lian (UIUC). I greatly appreciate your support over the years. I wish you more achievements in your new endeavors, and look forward to seeing you in our future conferences.

So long, farewell. Along with the retiring members of the Board of Directors, I am concluding my term as the President for 2016 and 2017. I will cherish the deep bonds, friendship and camaraderie we developed over the years. I now pass on this flourishing and dynamic international association to the able hands of the new president and board. My best wishes to our beloved association!!!

Warmest wishes for a happy and productive New Year in 2018!

2017 Election of Board of Directors

Hua-Yu Sebastian Cherng

We had record participation this year in our new board election and votes on the association name change and approval of bylaw change—from the Election Committee, Lijun Song, Yingyi Ma, and me, thank you! And thank you especially to those who left comments and sent us notes about their thoughts on particular changes. The Election Committee is particularly grateful to our six outstanding candidates for their dedication to our association. Please join us in congratulating Qiang Fu (University of British Columbia), Anning Hu (Fudan University), Li-Chung Hu (Chengchi University), Yingchun Ji (Shanghai University), and Xiaogang Wu (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology) for being elected as new members of the Board of Directors. They will serve two-year terms each. Amy Tsang (Harvard University) is appointed as the new student representative. Moreover, the vast majority of voters approved changing our association's name from the North American Chinese Sociologists Association (NACSA) to the International Chinese Sociological Association (ICSA). Similarly, the vast majority of voters approved the changes to our by-law. As the chair of the Election Committee and board member, it's been my honor to serve in various capacities of this wonderful organization! I look forward to seeing everyone at our next gathering in my old stomping ground, Philadelphia.

NACSA 2017 Annual Conference in Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Xiaoling Shu



We had a very successful annual conference in Palais des congrès de Montréal in Montreal, QC, Canada on August 11, 2017. Seventy members traveled 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-six 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 “Culture”, “Governance and Civil Society”, “Education”, “Stratification and Inequalities”, “Gender”, “Health and Well-being”, “Migration, Urbanization, and Quality of Life”, and “Organizations, Social Movements, and Social Change.”



The conference sessions climaxed in a stimulating plenary session on “Sociology as a Discipline in Chinese Societies in the Era of Globalization”

featuring four prominent scholars who are leaders in the field of Sociology in both China and the North America. They were Professors Zai LIANG (Professor of Sociology, SUNY Albany; *Changjiang* Scholar Chair Professor, Xi’an Jiaotong University), Zeng LIN (Professor of Sociology of Education, Illinois State University; Chair of Department of Sociology, Wuhan University; Editor, *Chinese Sociological Dialogue*), Xiaogang Wu (Professor of Sociology and Director of the Center for Applied Social and Economic Research, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; Editor, *Chinese Sociological Review*), and Min ZHOU (Professor of Sociology & Asian American Studies; Walter and Shirley Wang Endowed Chair in U.S.-China Relations and Communications; founding chair of Asian American Studies Department, UCLA). A lively Q&A session focused on funding, teaching, and research in Sociology in the U.S. and China.



The conference concluded with a dinner banquet at La Maison Kam Fun Restaurant in the historical Chinatown Montreal. Fifty members participated in the gathering and celebrated holding another successful annual conference.

Student Paper Award at the NACSA 2017 Annual Conference

Emily Hannum

This year, I had the pleasure of chairing the NACSA Student Paper Award Committee, which consisted of Professors Yingyi Ma, Feinian Chen, and Jun Xu. We reviewed 18 submissions for the award. We enjoyed the job, as the papers were very good. However, the quality of the papers also made the job hard! We were pleased to award this year's Student Paper Award to Donghui Wang of Pennsylvania State University for her paper, "No country for old people? Elders' perceptions toward own-aging, modernization and social change in China."

The paper seeks to understand how age strata interact with other social strata in different historical contexts in China, and to illuminate how elders' self-perceptions about aging vary across time and cohorts. The author used seven waves of data spanning over 16 years, from the Chinese Longitudinal Healthy Longevity Survey. Findings indicate striking cohort differences in elders' perceptions toward aging, as the elders in more recent cohorts reported higher levels of unhappiness with age and feeling useless with age. And striking a bit of foreboding into our hearts for the future, elders also feel increasingly less happy and less useful with the progress of their own biological age. The committee appreciated the clear hypotheses and careful analyses of this paper. We congratulate Donghui Wang for this excellent project! Thanks, also, to all of the submitters for allowing us to read fascinating new scholarship in the sociology of China.



NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Yanjie Bian

Scholarly achievements in 2017:

Grant:

2017-19 Shaanxi Soft-Science Project, “A Study on Shaanxi Enterprises Going-Out under the One-Belt One-Road Strategy” (“Soft-Science” Project #: S2016KRM056). RMB 80,000, PI with 3 co-PIs, October 2017 - September 2019.

Book:

2017 *Social Networks and Labor Markets*. Yanjie Bian and Shun Zhang. Beijing: Social Science Academic Press. 《社会网络与劳动力市场研究》（边燕杰、张顺），北京：社会科学文献出版社。

Seven articles in English:

2018 “More or Less *Guanxi*: Trust Is 60% Network Context, 10% Individual Difference.” (Ronald Burt, Yanjie Bian, and Sonja Opper) *Social Networks* 54: 12–25. 2017 online version: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socnet.2017.12.001>.

2017 “Social Networks and Subjective Well-being: A Comparison of Australia, Britain, and China.” (Yanjie Bian, Mingsong Hao, and Yaojun Li), *Journal of Happiness Studies*. Online version: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10902-017-9926-2>.

2017 “Professional Career Opportunities for Rural College Students—An Empirical Analysis Based on the Chinese General Social Survey.” (Yanjie Bian and Yang Xiao), *Chinese Education & Society*, 50: 1–12.

2017 “The Comparative Significance of *Guanxi*.” *Management and Organization Review* 13 (2): 261-267. Online version DOI: 10.1017/mor.2017.20.

2017 “Occupational Interactions and Income Level: A Social Capital Study Using the First-Order Difference Method.” (Weifeng Liu, Yunsong Chen, Yanjie Bian), *The Journal of Chinese Sociology* 4 (Forthcoming in print); DOI: 10.1186/s40711-017-0052-7.

2017 “The Influence of *Hukou* and College Education in China’s Labour Market.” (Yang Xiao and Yanjie Bian) *Urban Studies*. DOI: 10.1177/0042098017690471

2017 “East Asian Social Networks.” (Yanjie Bian and Ken’ichi Ikeda) An expanded and updated version for the second edition of *The Encyclopedia of Social Network Analysis and Mining*, co-edited by Reda Alhajj & Jon Rokne. New York: Springer. Online publication:

DOI:10.1007/978-1-4614-7163-9_60-1.

Seven articles in Chinese:

2017 “Is Social Mobility Increasing Social Capital? An Analysis of Chinese General Social Survey.” (Yanjie Bian and Qiang Lu), *Seeker*, no. 12, pp. 104-113. “跨阶层流动是否增加人们的社会资本? --基于中国综合社会调查的分析”(边燕杰、芦强), 《求索》, 第12期, 第104-113页。

2017 “Dig Local Knowledge and Develop Scientific Theory.” *Journal of Humanities*, No. 11, pp. 15-16. “挖掘本土知识、创新科学理论”, 《人文杂志》, 11期, 第15-16页。

2017 “On the International Codification of Local Knowledge in Sociology.” *Journal of Sociological Studies*, No. 5: 1-14. “论社会学本土知识的国际概念化”《社会学研究》第5期, 1-14。全文转载: 《新华文摘》, 2017年第24期, 第32-35页。

2017 “Favoritism as Causal Mechanisms in Occupational Status Attainment.” (Yu Sun, and Yanjie Bian) *Journal of Social Science Front*, no. 5: 189-199. “职业地位获得中的人情作用机制”(孙宇、边燕杰), 《社会科学战线》第5期, 第189-199页。

2017 “Between Virtual and Actual: The Generation of Social Capital from Cyberspace.” (Yanjie Bian and Ming Lei) *Jilin University Journal of Social Science* 57 (no. 3): 81-91. “虚实之间: 社会资本从虚拟空间到实体空间的转换”(边燕杰、雷鸣), 《吉林大学学报》(社会科学), 总第57卷, 第3期, 第81-91页。

2017 “Globalization and China’s Role in the Global Age.” *Chinese Social Science Reviews* 9 (1): 15-17. “全球化、中国立场、中国贡献”, 《中国社会科学评价》, 总第9期, 2017年第1期, 第15-17页。

2017 “A Comparative Analysis of Academic Performance of Urban and Rural College Students.” (Xiaojuan Quan and Yanjie Bian) *Chinese Youth Research*, no. 3: 88-93. “城乡大学生在校表现比较研究”(权小娟、边燕杰), 《中国青年研究》第3期, 第88-93页。

Jennifer Y.J. Hsu

Article:

Hsu, Jennifer Y.J. and Reza Hasmath. 2017. “A Maturing Civil Society in China? The Role of Knowledge and Professionalization in the Development of NGOs.” *China Information* 31(1): 22-42.

Book:

Title:

State of Exchange: Migrant NGOs and the Chinese Government.

Author:

Jennifer Y.J. Hsu, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Alberta.

Short description:

Engaging a new conceptual framework, Jennifer Hsu reveals how Chinese migrant NGOs interact with spaces and layers of the state and a complex web of government bodies, lending stability to, and forming mutually beneficial relationships with, the state.

Abstract:

Despite the authoritarian nature of the Chinese state, non-governmental organizations have increased dramatically since the 1970s. With labourers migrating to cities en masse in search of higher wages and better standards of living, central and local states permitted migrant NGOs to deliver community services to workers in Beijing and Shanghai. Engaging a new conceptual framework, Jennifer Hsu's *State of Exchange* reveals how NGOs interact with spaces and layers of the state and a complex web of government bodies, lending stability to, and forming mutually beneficial relationships with, the state. Interacting with spaces and layers of the Chinese state, NGOs conduct and scale up their programs, while the state engages with NGOs as a means to remain relevant and further legitimise its own interests.

Link to book: <http://www.ubcpres.ca/state-of-exchange>

Yao Li

Yao Li. 2017. "A Zero-Sum Game? Repression and Protest in China." *Government and Opposition: An International Journal of Comparative Politics*, September 7, doi:10.1017/gov.2017.24.

Sida Liu

Liu, Sida, and Terence C. Halliday. 2016. *Criminal Defense in China: The Politics of Lawyers at Work*. Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press.

Liu, Sida. 2017. "Overlapping Ecologies: Professions and Development in the Rise of Legal Services in China." *Sociology of Development* 3(3): 212-231.

Zheng, Chunyan, Jiahui Ai, and Sida Liu. 2017. "The Elastic Ceiling: Gender and Professional Career in Chinese Courts." *Law & Society Review* 51(1): 168-199.

Dudley Poston

Dudley Poston, Texas A&M University, wrote an April 26 op-ed for the *Bryan (Texas) Eagle*, "Why Trump's Border Wall Won't Work."

Poston wrote a March 5 op-ed (with **Peter Morrison**, Rand Corporation) for the *San Antonio Express-News*, “Three Myths of U.S. Immigration: The Reality? A Border Wall Would Keep Undocumented in the U.S. -- Not Out of It.”

He wrote a June 22 op-ed (with **D. Nicole Farris**, Texas A&M University – Commerce) for the *San Antonio Express-News*, “If Puerto Rico Gains, Texas Is Likely to Lose.”

And he wrote an August 8 op-ed (with **Rogelio Saenz**, University of Texas, San Antonio) for the *Baltimore Sun*, “U.S. Whites Will Soon Be the Minority in Number but Not Power.”

Xiaoling Shu

Shu, Xiaoling and Kelsey D. Meagher*. Forthcoming. “Beyond the Stalled Gender Revolution: Historical and Cohort Dynamics in Gender Attitudes from 1977-2016.” *Social Forces*.

Shu, Xiaoling and Jingjing Chen*. 2017. “Data-Driven Research and Causality in Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining.” *Chinese Social Science Review* (Journal of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences). Special Issue on “The Frontiers of Social Science Research Methods” (in Chinese). 舒晓灵, 陈晶晶。2017. “重新认识“数据驱动”及因果关系: 知识发现图谱中的数据挖掘研究”。中国社科院《中国社会科学评价》“社会科学研究方法前沿”。

Shu, Xiaoling and Bowen Zhu*. 2016. “Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining in the Era of Big Data.” *Journal of Guizhou Normal University*, 203(6):49-53 (in Chinese).

Xiaoling Shu is Director of East Asian Studies at University of California Davis starting July 1, 2017.

Donghui Wang

Donghui Wang and Guangqing Chi. 2017. “Different Places, Different Stories: An Analysis of Recent Fertility Rate in China Using Geographically Weighted Regression Method.” *Demographic Research*, 37(16), 493–526. doi:10.4054/DemRes.2017.37.16.

McLaughlin, Diane K., Jennifer Corra, Annelise DeJong Hagedorn, and **Donghui Wang**. 2017. “Does Marcellus Shale Natural Gas Extraction Affect How Much Youth in Rural Pennsylvania Like Their Community?” *Rural Sociology*, forthcoming.

Guangqing Chi and **Donghui Wang**. 2017. “Small-Area Population Forecasting: A Geographically Weighted Regression Approach.” *Frontiers of Applied Demography*, pp. 449–471, edited by David Swanson, Springer.

Xiaogang Wu

A. Publications:

1. Xu Duoduo, **Xiaogang Wu**, Zhuoni Zhang, and Jaap Dronkers. 2017. “Not a Zero-Sum Game: Migration and Child Wellbeing in Contemporary China.” *Demographic Research* [in press].
2. Hu, Anning and **Xiaogang Wu**. 2017. “Science or Liberal Arts? Family Background, Cultural Capital, and College Major Choice in China.” *British Journal of Sociology* [in press].
3. **Wu, Xiaogang** and Bingdao Zheng. 2017. “Household Registration, Urban Status Attainment, and Social Stratification in Contemporary Urban China.” *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* [in press].
4. He, Guangye and **Xiaogang Wu**. 2017. “Dynamics of Gender Earnings Inequality in Reform-Era Urban China.” *Work, Employment and Society* [in press].
5. Li, Zhonglu and **Xiaogang Wu**. 2017. “Social Policy and Political Trust: Evidence from the New Rural Pension Scheme (NRPS) in China” *The China Quarterly* [in press].
6. **Wu, Xiaogang** and Jun Li. 2017. “Income Inequality, Economic Growth, and Subjective Wellbeing: Evidence from China.” *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 52 (December): 49-58.
7. Zhou, Muzhi, **Xiaogang Wu**, and Guangye He 2017 “Marriage at an Immigrant Society: Education and Transition to First Marriage in Hong Kong.” *Demographic Research* 37:567-598.
8. 吴晓刚, 李忠路. 2017. “中国高等教育中的自主招生和人才选拔: 来自北大、清华和人大的发现” 《社会》 37 (5) : 1-25 (第 5 期), 《社会科学文摘》 2017 年第 11 期 : 65-67, 《知识分子》 报导。

B. Grants and Projects

1. Xiaogang Wu, as a visiting professor in School of Sociology and Political Science and research director of the Center for Data and Urban Sciences (CENDUS), led a team to complete the Shanghai Urban Neighborhood Survey (SUNS) in 2017. The SUNS consists of a community survey and household survey. The community survey includes 537 villages and neighborhood committees, while the household survey includes 5201 households, 8631 adults and 1892 children from 180 communities. The SUNS is designed to study social life in metropolitan Shanghai, focusing on how spatial factor and community environment affect family and individuals' well-being.
2. The fieldwork of the 4th wave of Hong Kong Panel Study of Social Dynamics (HKSSPD), led by Xiaogang Wu and funded by the Collaborative Research Fund of Hong Kong Research Council, started in August, 2018.

3. Xiaogang Wu, collaborating with Prof. Yang Xiushi at Old Dominion University, has started a project on “Causes and Health Consequences of Synthetic Drug Use” in Foshan, with funding support from National Institute of Health (NIH) Grant (R01), USA.

C. Others

Xiaogang Wu, on leave from HKUST, is now Visiting Professor of Sociology at New York University, Shanghai in Academic Year 2017-2018. He taught one course "Social Change in Contemporary China" in Fall 2017 and will teach another course "Chinese Social Stratification" in Spring, 2018.

He organized the Shanghai Social Science Summer Symposium (S5), 2017, July 14, 2017 at NYU, Shanghai, and an international research workshop at Shanghai University on “Social-spatial Differentiation, Neighborhood Effects, and Residential Segregation in Cities: Towards a Comparative Analysis” on Dec. 8, 2017.

Bin Xu

Bin Xu’s new book *The Politics of Compassion: The Sichuan Earthquake and Civic Engagement in China* was published by Stanford University Press.

Bin Xu won the Luce/ACLS Postdoctoral Fellowship in China Studies (from the American Council of Learned Societies) which enables him to work on his book on collective memory of the *zhiqing* generation in the academic year of 2017-2018.

Natalie Young

My paper on international schools in China, which received the “Outstanding Student Paper Award” from NACSA in 2015, has recently been published in the peer-reviewed journal *Comparative Education*. Here are the details of the publication:

Journal: *Comparative Education*

Article title: “Departing from the Beaten Path: International Schools in China as Response to Discrimination and Academic Failure in the Chinese Educational System.”

Author(s): Natalie A.E. Young

Link to article: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/03050068.2017.1360566>

Jie Zhang

1. Li, Yuli, Yang Zhao, **Jie Zhang**, Fenglan Lou, and Fenglin Cao. 2016. “Psychometric Properties of the Shortened Chinese Version of the Family Resilience Assessment Scale.” *Journal of Child and Family Studies* 25(9):2710-17.

2. Sun, Yaoyao, Dan Zhang, Yang Yang, Menglian Wu, Hui Xie, **Jie Zhang**, Jihui Jia, and Yonggang Su. 2017. "Social Support Moderates the Effects of Self-esteem and Depression on Quality of Life among Chinese Rural Elderly in Nursing Homes." *Archives of Psychiatric Nursing* 31:197-204.
3. Wu, Menglian, Yang Yang, Dan Zhang, Yaoyao Sun, Hui Xie, **Jie Zhang**, Jihui Jia, and Yonggang Su. 2017. "Prevalence and Related Factors of Successful Aging among Chinese Rural Elders Living in Nursing Homes." *European Journal of Ageing*: published online first 1-10.
4. Sun, Long and **Jie Zhang**. 2016. "Medically Serious Suicide Attempters With or Without Plan in Rural China." *The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease* 204:851-854.
5. **Zhang, Jie**, Yanzheng Liu, and Long Sun. 2017. "Psychological Strain and Suicidal Ideation: A Comparison between Chinese and US College Students." *Psychiatry Research* 255:256-262.
6. **Zhang, Jie** and Zheng Zhao. 2017. "Psychological Strain and Suicidal Ideation among Chinese Young People." *International Journal of Asian Social Science* 7:497-504.
7. Liu, Yanzheng, **Jie Zhang**, and Long Sun. 2017. "Who Are Likely to Attempt Suicide Again? A Comparative Study between the First and Multiple Timers." *Comprehensive Psychiatry* 78:54-60.
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Min Zhou

Min Zhou recently won the 2017 Distinguished Career Award of the American Sociological Association Section on International Migration. She has published a new edited book entitled, *Contemporary Chinese Diasporas* (Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017, 435 pp.), in which she coauthors two chapters: one with Gregor Benton on “Intra-Asian Chinese Migrations: A Historical Overview” (pp. 1-25), and the other with Hong Liu on “Immigrant Entrepreneurship and Diasporic Development: The Case of New Chinese Migrants in the United States” (pp. 403-423). She also published two journal articles: “Hyper-Selectivity and the Remaking of Culture: Understanding the Asian American Achievement Paradox,” *Asian American Journal of Psychology* 8 (1, 2017): 7-15 (with Jennifer Lee), and “Why Class Matters Less for Asian American Academic Achievement,” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* [<https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2017.1315851>] (with Jennifer Lee).

She presented the following papers at conferences or workshops:

- “New Chinese Migrations in the Globalized World.” Presented at the International Workshop on *Globalization and Civil Society in East Asian Context*, Rikkyo University, Tokyo, Japan, March 10-12, 2017.
- “Ethnic Entrepreneurship, Immigrant Social Mobility, and Community Building.” Presented at the Association for Asian American Studies annual conference, Portland, April 13-15, 2017.
- “Growing Up Under the Shadow of the Model Minority: Diverse Experiences of the Children of Asian Immigrants.” Presented at the meeting on “Children of Immigrants in New Places of Settlement,” the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Cambridge, MA, April 19-21, 2017.
- “Ethnic Entrepreneurship, Immigrant Social Mobility, and Community Building.” Keynote speech, the 8th Tsinghua Forum on Chinese Entrepreneurship Studies / Forum on Overseas Chinese Innovation, Kunshan, China, July 11, 2017.

During the summer, Min Zhou travelled to China to give lectures on a variety of topics on international migration and Asian Americans at Sun Yat-sen University, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Huazhong Agricultural University, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, and Xinyang Normal College. She was invited to a public event, serving as a panelist, on “Becoming American: Scholarship on Race and Difference” at the James Weldon Johnson Institute for the Study of Race and Difference, Emory University on September 28, 2017.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Fudan University

The Department of Sociology at Fudan University (Shanghai, China), invites applications for two positions at the level of assistant professor. Applicants should (1) have a PhD in sociology with a specialization in sociological theory, social organization and institution, social stratification and mobility, or urban sociology; (2) demonstrate excellence in publishing records; (3) can teach the undergraduate and graduate level courses of one of the specialized areas listed above; (4) Applicants who can teach sociology of organization at undergraduate and graduate level will be preferred. Send letter of application, CV, sample publications, the names of three references, and contact information to ssdpp@fudan.edu.cn and sociology@fudan.edu.cn. Please call Ms. Wu at +86-21-6564-2735 for further inquiry. After receiving the application materials, the hiring committee will finish reviewing the application materials within two months. Selected candidates will be contacted and invited to give a job talk in due course. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. The starting semester can be flexible.

Zhejiang University

The Department of Sociology at Zhejiang University, China, invites applications for up to five tenure-track and tenured faculty positions. Field of specialization is open, although we are particularly interested in candidates with strength in the following areas: economic sociology, organizational sociology, rural sociology, demography, quantitative methods, and social theory. Both ABDs and more established scholars are welcome to apply. Base salary for entry-level tenure track positions is 250,000 RMB per year. Successful senior candidates will be appointed at full-professor level and salary will be commensurate with qualification.

For preliminary screening, send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and two writing samples (at least one solo-authored) to socjobzju@gmail.com. Please also be prepared to have three recommendation letters sent to the same email address prior to interview. All complete applications will receive full consideration until all positions are filled.

Applications are welcome at all time and there is no application deadline. We plan to hold a group interview in the US on 2/1. Applications received by 1/12 will be considered for this round of interview. Candidates who are in China or can travel to the region on their own may be invited for on-campus interviews between March and June.

Zhejiang University is located in the beautiful city of Hangzhou, about one hour's train ride from Shanghai. As one of the top-ranked universities in China, Zhejiang University offers strong research support, competitive salary, generous housing benefits, light teaching load (96 hours per year), and opportunities to work with top-notch students. The Department of Sociology currently has close to 30 full-time faculty members with specializations in political sociology, economic sociology, rural sociology, sociology of religion, social theory, and community studies. The department has successfully recruited seven outstanding scholars since 2016 and has eight more positions to fill by 2019.