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# Asian Mode

## From the Section Chair

I have great news to report about our Section!

We now have five new officers in the Section Council. Our Chair-Elect is Dr. Lisa Sun-Hee Park of the University of Minnesota. Widely recognized for her contributions to the study of race, ethnicity, and immigration, Lisa is the author of *Consuming Citizenship: Children of Asian Immigrant Entrepreneurs* (Stanford University Press, 2005) and a coauthor (with David Pellow) of *Silicon Valley of Dreams: Immigrant Labor, Environmental Injustice, and the High Tech Global Economy* (NYU Press, 2002). One of her current projects is "The Politics of Immigrant Motherhood: Race, Prenatal Care, and the Welfare State," investigating the impact of federal welfare and immigration policies on Asian and Latina immigrant women's health care access. As the new Chair-Elect, Lisa will be organizing the Section's sessions in the 2011 ASA convention. Contact her ([lspark@umn.edu](mailto:lspark@umn.edu)) if you have an idea for the themes of a future session in the ASA.

The Section Council also welcomes four new members. Dr. Leland Saito of the University of Southern California has published a new book, *The Politics of Exclusion: The Failure of Race-Neutral Policies in Urban America* (Stanford University Press, 2009). Dr. C.N. Le of the U-Mass at Amherst is the author of, among numerous articles and book chapters in the area of Asian American studies, *Asian American Assimilation: Ethnicity, Immigration, and Socioeconomic Attainment* (LFB

Scholarly Publishing, 2007). He is currently the director of U-Mass's Asian and Asian American Studies Certificate Program. Dr. Bandana Purkayastha of the University of Connecticut is the author of *Negotiating Ethnicity: Second-generation South Asian Americans Traverse a Transnational World* (Rutgers University Press, 2005), in addition to a few co-authored books and sole-authored research articles. She is a deputy editor of *Gender and Society*. Our student representative to the Section Council is Ms. Phi Hong Su, who has just completed her superb B.A. education in sociology from California Polytechnic University and will be starting her sociology graduate program at UCLA in September. I'm looking forward to working with all of them on the Council.

In the upcoming ASA in Atlanta, our Section will be, for the first time in her history, having three regular paper sessions, organized by C.N. Le (Emerging Connections between Asia and Asian America), Yong Cai (Race, Class, and Gender in Asia and Asian America), and Yanjie Bian (Social Relations and Social life in East Asia).

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## About *Asian Mode*

*Asian Mode* is the newsletter of the Section on Asia and Asian America of the American Sociological Association and is edited by Jiannbin Lee Shiao, Section Secretary/Treasurer, Department of Sociology, 1291 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-1291; [JShiao@UOregon.edu](mailto:JShiao@UOregon.edu); Phone: 541-346-5366; Fax: 541-346-5026. Contributions to the newsletter are very welcome. Previous issues can be found online at: <http://www2.asanet.org/sectionasia/news-archive.html>.

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In addition, Mia Tuan has organized a Roundtable Session for 13 tables. What's more, separately Leland Saito has organized a regular session on "Ethnic Conflict." All these sessions, plus our Section's Reception, are scheduled for Monday, August 16. This means that our Section's activities will be from the early morning to the early evening of that day! Check out the ASA program and find out where you want to fit in! We will certainly enjoy this year's ASA in Atlanta!

In the Section Reception, we will honor and give awards to a score of impressive young sociologists. Receiving the Early Career Award is Dr. Anjana Narayan, Assistant Professor, California State Polytechnic University at Pomona. There are co-winners for the Best Research Paper Award, and these are Jiannbin Lee Shiao and Mia H. Tuan, University of Oregon, for the joint *AJS* article "Korean Adoptees and the Social Context of Ethnic Exploration" and Nadia Y. Kim, Loyola Marymount University, for her *Social Forces* article, "Critical Thoughts on Asian American Assimilation in the Whitening Literature." The winners for the Best Graduate Student Paper Award are Bin Xu, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, and Xiaoyu Pu, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University, for their co-authored *China Quarterly* article, "Dynamic Statism and Memory Politics: A Case Analysis of the Chinese War Reparations Movement." The Best Book Award this year goes to Grace M. Cho, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, College of Staten Island, City University of New York, for her book *Haunting the Korean Diaspora: Shame, Secrecy, and the Forgotten War* (University of Minnesota Press, 2008).

While we will be celebrating these achievements and honoring our award winners in Atlanta, I want to take this opportunity here to extend my sincere gratitude to the award committees for

their hard work, dedication, and quality service to the Section.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Atlanta!

Yanjie Bian  
*University of Minnesota-Twin Cities*

## Your Section Officers

**Chair:** Yanjie Bian, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and Xian Jiaotong University, China (2009-2010)

**Chair-Elect:** Mia Tuan, University of Oregon (2009-2010)

**Past-Chair:** Mary Yu Danico, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (2009-2010)

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Jiannbin L. Shiao, University of Oregon (2009-2012)

**Council Members:**  
Angie Chung, University at Albany (2010)

Rebecca Kim, Pepperdine University (2010)

Lisa Park, University of Minnesota (2010)

Yong Cai, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (2011)

Xiaogang Wu, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (2011)

Margaret Abraham, Hofstra University (2012)

Monisha Das Gupta, University of Hawai'i (2012)

**Student Representative:**  
Susan Hong (2009-2010)

## 2010 Section Election Results

*Congratulations to the new section officers!*

**Chair-Elect:** Lisa Sun-Hee Park, University of Minnesota (2010-2011)

**Council Members:**  
C.N. Le, University of Massachusetts – Amherst (2013)

Bandana Purkayastha, University of Connecticut (2013)

Leland Saito, University of Southern California (2013)

**Student Representative:**  
Phi Hong Su, California State Polytechnic University (2010-2011)

**Orientation for New Section Officers**  
• Mon, Aug 16 - 8:30am - 10:10am, Atlanta Marriott Marquis

## Section Activities at the 2010 ASA Meeting in Atlanta

### Section on Asia and Asian America Business Meeting

- Mon, Aug 16 - 11:30am - 12:10pm, Atlanta Marriott Marquis

### Section on Asia and Asian America Reception

- **Mon, Aug 16 – 6:30-8:00pm, Social Resto Cafe & Bar, 12 W Peachtree Place Northwest, Atlanta, GA 30308-3046; (404) 525-2246; www.socialintown.com**
- **The Section Awards** will be presented at the reception:
  1. The 2010 Book Award
  2. The 2010 Research Paper Award
  3. The 2010 Graduate Student Paper Award
  4. The 2010 Early Career Award

**Section on Asia and Asian America  
Paper Session. Emerging Connections  
Between Asia and Asian America**

- Mon, Aug 16 - 8:30am - 10:10am, Atlanta Marriott Marquis
- Session Organizer: C.N. Le (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)
- Presider: C.N. Le (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)

*Chinese Charismatic Movement in the U.S, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore*

Joy Kooi-Chin Tong (National University of Singapore), Fenggang Yang (Purdue University)

*From “Inter-national” to “Trans-national” Migrant: Changes in the Organization of East Asian Migration*  
Solee Irene Shin (University of Washington)

*Lost in Debate: Two Million Minutes and the Education Systems in China and the US*  
Yingyi Ma (Syracuse University)

*Returning to China: The Experience of Adopted Chinese Children and Their Parents*

Leslie Kim Wang (University of California-Berkeley), Iris Chin Ponte (Tufts University)

**Section on Asia and Asian America  
Paper Session. Race, Class, and  
Gender in Asia & Asian America**

- Mon, Aug 16 - 2:30pm - 4:10pm, Atlanta Marriott Marquis
- Session Organizer: Yong Cai (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill)
- Presider: Yong Cai (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill)

*Gender Composition and Wage in China's Foreign-Invested Firms*

Yang Cao (University of North Carolina-Charlotte), Wei Zhao (University of North Carolina-Charlotte)

*Gender differences in Adult Children's Support of their Aging Parents in Taiwan*

Kuo Hsun Ma (National Taiwan University)

*Rapid Social Change, Evolving Class Structure: Intergenerational Mobility in Taiwan*

Wei-hsin Yu (University of Texas-Austin), Kuo-Hsien Su (National Taiwan University)

*The Other Looks Back*

Anju Mary Paul (University of Michigan)

*The Segmentation Structure and Childhood Obesity in Urban China, 1989 to 2006*

Yi Li (University of North Carolina)

**Section on Asia and Asian America  
Paper Session. Social Relations and  
Social Life in East Asia**

- Mon, Aug 16 - 4:30pm - 6:10pm, Atlanta Marriott Marquis
- Session Organizer: Yanjie Bian (University of Minnesota)
- Presider: Yanjie Bian (University of Minnesota)

*Authority Relations, Principled Particularism, and Career Blockage in Transitional China*

Dali Ma (Drexel University)

*Hiring for Networks: Social Capital as a Recruiting and Deploying Criterion*  
Yanlong Zhang (Duke University)

*Latent Classes of Social Closure and Their Effects on Subjective Well-being among Korean Adolescents*

Yoosik Youm (Yonsei University-South Korea), Hyojung Seo (Yonsei University)

*Social Capital and Economic Integration of Migrants in Urban China*

Yao Lu (Columbia University), Danching Ruan (Hong Kong Baptist University), Gina Lai (Hong Kong Baptist University)

**Section on Asia and Asian America  
Roundtables**

- Mon, Aug 16 - 10:30am - 11:30am, Atlanta Marriott Marquis, followed immediately by the Section Business Meeting
- Organizer: Mia Tuan (University of Oregon)

**Table 01. Asian Transracial & Transnational Adoption: Theory and Research**

Presider: Rick Tessler, University of Massachusetts

*A Part Yet Apart: Exploring Racial and Ethnic Identities for Adult Asian Transracial Adoptees*

Elizabeth S. Rienzi, University of Oregon

*Ethnic Exploration and The Consciousness of Difference in Transcultural Adoption*

Richard C. Tessler, University of Massachusetts; Gail Gamache, University of Massachusetts - Amherst

**Table 02. Asian & Asian American Families**

Presider: Hung Thai, Pomona College

*Financial Obligations and Expectations in Chinese Only-Child Families*  
Xiao Li, the University of Alabama

*Influences Behind Financial Family Obligation Patterns among Young Adult Children of Refugees*

Monica M. Trieu, University of California, Irvine

*Intensive Mothering: The Intersection of Culture and Gender in the Indian American Family*

Cynthia B. Sinha, Georgia State University

*Marital Patterns and Use of Mother Tongue at Home among Native-Born Asian Americans*

Chigon Kim, Wright State University

**Table 03. Asian & Asian American Sexualities**

Presider: Pawan Dhingra, Oberlin College

*Men's Extramarital Sexuality and Legal Reforms in China and Taiwan*  
Hsiu-hua Shen, Harvard University

*Reconstituting the Boundaries: Self-perception of Asian American Adolescents and Their Choice in Sexual Partners*

Aggie Jooyoung Noh, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

**Table 04. Mental Health in China**

Presider: Elizabeth Jenner, Gustavus Adolphus College

Relocation-Induced Stress, Coping, and Sense of Control among Resettlers Resulting from China's Three Gorges Dam Project

Juan Xi, University of Akron;  
Sean-Shong Hwang, University of Alabama-Birmingham

Social Identity, Social Networks and Psychological Distress among Older Chinese Adults: Differences across Gender

Yuying Shen, University of North Texas; Dale Elgert Yeatts, University of North Texas

**Table 05. Educational Opportunity in East Asia**

Presider: Angie Chung, University at Albany

'Saving the Children from the Polluted Society': the Revival of Confucian Education in Contemporary China  
Joy Y. Lam, University of Southern California

Causal Effects of Single-Sex Schools on College Attendance: Random Assignment in Korean High Schools  
Hyunjoon Park, University of Pennsylvania; Jere Behrman, University of Pennsylvania

Who Went Back to School? --College Attainment after the Interruption by the Chinese Cultural Revolution  
Qing Lai, University of Michigan

**Table 06. Migration and Immigration**

Presider: Kiat-Jin Lee, Columbia University

Renationalizing the Nation: Securing Korean National Identity in the Era of Global Migration  
Sookyung Kim, Stanford University

Contextualizing Intersectionality of Differences and Fragmented Citizenship of Migrant Workers in China  
Esther Ngan-ling Chow, American University

From Country to City: The Rural Standpoint in China's Internal Migration

Julia Chuang, UC Berkeley

Impacts of Post-1965 Asian Immigration on American Society  
Philip Q. Yang, Texas Woman's University

**Table 07. Urban and Rural Differences in China**

Presider: Yanjie Bian, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

Attitudes toward Government Responsibility for Reduction of Inequality: Comparing Urban and Rural China

Chunping Han, The University of Texas- Arlington

Individual SES, Community SES and Self-Rated Health in Urban China  
Qian Zhang, University of South Carolina; Jin Wang, Wuhan University

Why Disadvantaged Villagers Demand Less Social Protection: Decomposition of the Rural-Urban Gap in Social Policy Preference  
Weihua An, Harvard University

**Table 08. Managing Social and Religious Life**

Presider: Rebecca Kim, Pepperdine University

Socioeconomic Status and Action Modes in Social Conflicts in China  
Zhi Ming Sheng, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Who is Winning the Market?--Contrasting Patterns of Religious Beliefs and Practices in China and Taiwan  
Jiexia (Elisa) Zhai, Miami University

**Table 09. Implications of Class Identities**

Presider: Yanlong Zhang, Duke University

Paradox of Class Labeling in the Mao-Era China: Maoism, Bio-Power, Racism and the Question of Violence  
Seio Nakajima, Univ. of Hawaii

Discipline, Nation-Building, and the Making of the Urban Middle Class in South Korea

Myung Ji Yang, Brown University

**Table 10. Changing Values and Behaviors**

Presider: Heying Zhan, Georgia State University

How does culture persist: Cultural consequences of China's birth-control policy as seen in three villages  
Hsin-chao Wu, Harvard University

Sociology of law in India  
Nehal A. Patel, Northwestern University

**Table 11. Mental Health in Asian American Communities**

Presider: Fang Gong, Ball State University

Contexts of Migration and Mental Health among Asian Immigrants  
Fang Gong, Ball State University

Social Support Network Changes and Their Effects on Mental Health Among Elderly Korean Immigrants  
Hunhui Oh, Univ. of Florida

**Table 12. Labor Markets in Asian Economies**

Presider: Sophia Lee, University of Oxford

Beyond the State vs Market Paradigm: Reexamining the 'Decline of the Developmental State'  
Dong Kyun Im, Harvard University; Myeongjae Yeo, University at Albany, SUNY

Changing Ideology and China's Market Reform: A Weberian Perspective of Rethinking Ethos of Modern Capitalism  
Bin Lian, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Labour Market Risks in Deindustrializing Asian Economies: Taiwan, Japan and the Republic of Korea  
Sophia Lee, University of Oxford

**Table 13. Market Knowledge in Asian Economies**

Presider: Eric Eide, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Bring Historical Embeddedness Back In: The Network Dynamics of Entrepreneurial Start-up Cohorts  
Chenjian Zhang, Bremen  
International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)

The Construction of Firm Knowledge and Skills in Offshore Service Companies in India  
Eric Richard Eide, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

## 2010 Section Award Winners

*Congratulations to all of the award winners!*

### 2010 Book Award:

**Winner:** Cho, Grace M. 2008. *Haunting the Korean Diaspora: Shame, Secrecy, and the Forgotten War*. University of Minnesota Press.

### 2010 Research Paper Award:

#### Co-Winners:

- Kim, Nadia Y. 2007. "Critical Thoughts on Asian American Assimilation in the Whitening Literature." *Social Forces* 86: 561-47.
- Shiao, Jiannbin Lee and Mia H. Tuan. 2008. "Korean Adoptees and the Social Context of Ethnic Exploration." *American Journal of Sociology* 113: 1023-66.

### 2010 Graduate Student Paper Award:

**Winner:** Bin Xu, PhD Candidate, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University; and Xiaoyu Pu, PhD Candidate, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University for "Dynamic Statism and Memory Politics: A Case Analysis of the Chinese War Reparations

Movement" (published in *The China Quarterly*, March 2010)

### 2010 Early Career Award:

**Winner:** Dr. Anjana Narayan, Assistant Professor, California State Polytechnic University at Pomona

## Notes on Section Members

**Margaret Abraham** (Hofstra University) led the team effort that published a co-edited volume: *Contours of Citizenship: Women, Diversity and Practices of Citizenship (Gender in a Global/Local World)* Edited by Margaret Abraham, Hofstra University, USA, Esther Ngan-ling Chow, American University, USA Laura Maratou-Alipranti, National Centre for Social Research, Greece and Evangelia Tastsoglou, Saint Mary's University, Canada (Ashgate 2010). This book examines the complexity of citizenship in historical and contemporary contexts. It draws on empirical research from a range of countries, contexts and approaches in addressing women and citizenship in a global/local world and covers a selection of diverse issues.

**Kyong Hee Chee** was recently promoted to Associate Professor with tenure at Texas State University – San Marcos.

**Rosalind Chou** (Department of Sociology at Texas A&M University) was awarded the 2010-2011 Samuel DuBois Cook Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in the Social Sciences (REGSS) at Duke University's Social Science Research Institute (SSRI).

**Pawan Dhingra** (Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Oberlin College) published "Hospitable to Others: Asian Indian Motel Owners Create Boundaries and Belonging in the Heartland," in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, (2010) v. 33, 6: 1088-1107. He also is starting his service on the ASA Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Sociology.

**Tom Gold** (Professor of Sociology at UC Berkeley) taught at Yonsei University, Seoul, for the third time, as part of a Berkeley-Yonsei program. He visited North Korea last August. In April he gave a keynote address to the Annual Meeting of the European Association of Taiwan Studies held in Tuebingen, Germany. In 2009 he co-edited *Laid-Off Workers in Worker's State: Unemployment With Chinese Characteristics* (Palgrave MacMillan) with William Hurst, Jaeyoun Won and Li Qiang. He also received the Chancellor's Award for Civic Engagement for his work with East Bay non-profits involved in improving access to higher education for underprivileged Oakland public high school grads, and their transition to college.

**Chien-Juh Gu** (Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology at Western Michigan University) recently received the Emerging Scholar Award from the Women's Caucus at Western Michigan University. She also gave a keynote speech, "Family Relations and Psychological Well-being among Taiwanese Immigrant Women," at the annual conference of Illinois Council on Family Relations in March, 2010.

**Miliann Kang** (University of Massachusetts, Amherst) published *The Managed Hand: Race, Gender and the Body in Beauty Service Work*, with University of California Press, Spring 2010. It won the Sara Whaley book prize from the National Women's Studies Association.

**Rebecca Chiyoko King-O'Riain** (Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology at National University of Ireland) published "Broadcasting - In the New Ireland: Mapping and Envisioning Cultural Diversity" a report about Chinese, Polish and Nigerian Mediascapes in Ireland with Gavan Titley and Aphra Kerr and "Post-Culture Wars Visions of Multiculturality" in *Sociology of Culture: A Handbook*, with Laura Grindstaff, Ming-Cheng Lo and John Hall (eds) (New York: Routledge).

**C.N. Le** (University of Massachusetts, Amherst) published a chapter titled "Multiracial Asian Americans: Social

Class, Demographic, and Cultural Characteristics” in *Multiracial Americans and Social Class* (edited by Kathleen Korgen, Routledge) and two articles, “Racial Tensions and Living in a Colorblind Society” and “Globalization and Higher Education” in *Everyday Sociology Reader* (edited by Karen Sternheimer, W.W. Norton & Co.). He also gave an invited talk at Syracuse University on April 16 titled “Bridging Asian, American, and Asian American Identities in the 21st Century” as the commemorative speaker at their annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month activities.

**Jennifer Lee and Frank D. Bean** have published, *The Diversity Paradox: Immigration and the Color Line in 21st Century America* (Russell Sage Foundation, 2010). The book examines how contemporary immigration from Asia and Latin America, rising intermarriage, and the growth in the multiracial population are changing the meaning of race and the placement of America’s color line.

**Setsuko Matsuzawa** (Assistant Professor of Sociology at The College of Wooster) was invited to speak for the Division of Continued Education and Professional Studies at University of Puerto Rico. Her presentation, given May 5-6, 2010 was titled, “China’s Environmental Challenges: Environmental Frameworks, Institutional Problems, and Civic Activism.”

**Pyong Gap Min** (Queens College and the Graduate Center at The City University of New York) was appointed as Distinguished Professor by the

CUNY in February 2010. He also established the Research Center for Korean Community in Fall 2009 and has served as its director. He has also published a new book, *Preserving Ethnicity through Religion in America: Korean Protestants and Indian Hindus across Generations* (New York University Press, March 2010). This 10-year book project examines how Korean Protestant and Indian Hindu immigrants transmit ethnicity through religion in radically different ways. Using multiple data sources, it makes intergenerational and intergroup comparisons in religion and ethnicity through religion.

**Rhacel Salazar Parrenas** (Professor of American Civilization and Sociology at Brown University) will soon be a Professor of Sociology at the University of Southern California. She will also be a Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences in 2010-2011. In addition, she has just published the co-edited anthology *Intimate Labors: Cultures, Technologies and the Politics of Care* (Stanford, 2010).

**Michael K. Roemer** (Ball State) published “Religious Affiliation in Contemporary Japan: Untangling the Enigma” in *Review of Religious Research* (2009, 50(3): 298-320) and “Atheism and Secularity in Modern Japan.” Pp. 23-44 in *Atheism and Secularity* v. 2, Phil Zuckerman, ed. Praeger (2010). He also has articles forthcoming in *Social Forces* (“Religion and Psychological Distress in Japan”) and *Review of Religious Research* (“Religion and Subjective Well-being in Japan: Do Religious Devotion and

Affiliation Affect Life Satisfaction and Happiness?” 2010, 51(4)). Roemer is currently working with students to develop a Web site with basic information and resources on Japanese religions and a Second Life Shinto shrine and Buddhist temple (expected fall 2010). Both will be designed for undergraduates.

**Anthony J. Spires** (Associate Director, Centre for Civil Society Studies and Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology at The Chinese University of Hong Kong) was awarded the 2010 Marvin B. Sussman Dissertation Prize, Department of Sociology, Yale University, for his doctoral dissertation, “China’s Un-Official Civil Society: The Development of Grassroots NGOs in an Authoritarian State.”

**Hung Cam Thai**, Associate Professor of Sociology and Asian American Studies at Pomona College, received a grant to host a conference on “Migration and Masculinity in the Asian Context,” to be held in Singapore, July 15-16, 2010. During his sabbatical in 2009-2010, he gave a series of seven lectures in Vietnam, Singapore, and Japan on his current book project, which focuses on return migration and consumption in contemporary Vietnam.

**Leslie K. Wang** (Ph.D. candidate, UC Berkeley Dept. of Sociology) published “Importing Western Childhoods Into a Chinese State-Run Orphanage” in *Qualitative Sociology* (2010, 33, 2: 137-159). In addition, Wang will become a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Sociology at the University of British Columbia this fall.

