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## **Officers of the ASA Section on Asia and Asian America**

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and Asian America. Our regular paper panels include papers on “Asian Americans: Identities and Institutions” (organizer Jiannbin Shiao) and “Emerging” Patterns of Class Inequality and Politics in Asia” (organizer Hagen Koo). Sharon Lee has also put together an interesting group of papers for the Roundtable Session. Our Section day this year is Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>—please mark your calendars. This year, our Section Business Meeting will take place immediately after the shortened Roundtable Session. And do plan on attending the Section Reception, which will take place on the evening of Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at one of the conference hotels. I look forward to seeing you in Atlanta.

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## **FROM THE CHAIR**

**Nazli Kabria**

The 2003 ASA meetings in Atlanta promise to be a fruitful time for the Section on Asia

## **NEW OFFICERS ELECTED TO GUIDE ASIA AND ASIAN AMERICAN SECTION**

The results of the 2003 ASA elections for the Asia and Asian America Section have been posted. I am pleased to inform you that the following persons have been elected

by their fellow section members to serve as members of the Executive Committee of the Asia and American Section.

**Chair Elect**

David Takeuchi, University of Washington

**Council Members:**

Jennifer Lee, University of California,

Irving

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**Student Council Representative**

Fumiko Takasugi, University of Hawaii

Congratulations to all the newly elected members of the Executive Committee. We look forward to working with you and your insights, perceptions, comments, and commitment. With your help and input, we can make a difference during these critical times in our Section's history. Thanks also to the members of the Nominations Committee – Joyce Chinen (chair), Fenggang Yang, and Kristen Petersen – for all their work in contacting and setting up a slate of candidates. The fact that so many were willing to run for council is a testament to the vitality of the Section.

**ANNUAL MEETINGS  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

The 2003 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association will be held in Atlanta, Georgia from August 16 to August 19, 2003 at the Hilton Atlanta and the

Atlanta Marriott Marguis Hotels. The sessions for the Asian and Asian American Section are scheduled for the last day of meetings, Tuesday, August 19, 2003. Please mark your calendars or palm your palms. Listed below are the tentative schedule of activities of our Section.

**Section Reception: Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**

– Day before your official Section's Day. Reception to be held in one of the meeting's hotels. Tentative time is 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Place to be announced.

**Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Executive Committee Meeting: 7:00 am  
Hilton Hotel Breakfast Café/Restaurant.**

**Section on Asia and Asian America  
Refereed Roundtables (1-Hour): 8:30-9:25 am**

Organizer: Sharon M. Lee, Portland State University

**Table 1: Asian Americans: Family Processes**

Presider: Nazli Kibria, Boston University

*Dating and Marriage Choices of Second Generation South Asian Americans: Conflict, Continuity, and Negotiation.* Rifat Salam, New York University

*Low Birth Weight Infants among Korean Americans: The Impact of Nativity and Residence near other Koreans.* Youngtae Cho, Utah State University, Seung-Eun Song, University of Texas-Austin, and W. Frisbie, University of Texas-Austin

## **Table 2: Asian Americans and Religion**

Presider: Emily Ignacio, Loyola University Chicago

*Gender and Generation in the Chinese American Church.* Fenggang Yang, Purdue University

*Modeling the Cognitive Consequences of Religiosity in Filipino Women.* Freddie Obligation, Metropolitan College of New York

## **Table 3: Asian Americans on the Defensive?**

Presider: Morrison Wong, Texas Christian University

*Under Attack: Minority Ordinances and Asian American Minority Business Enterprises.* Yvonne Lau, DePaul University

*'The New Yellow Peril?' Media Constructions of Asian Gangs.* Glenn Tsunokai, Western Washington University

## **Table 4: Chinese Society**

Presider: Alvin So, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

*A Comparative Analysis of Social Capital in China and Taiwan.* Joon Mo Son, Duke University

*Cultural Effects in Policy Process: The Institutional Embeddedness between Neo-Confucianism Thought and the Patriarchal System.* Tsai Ma, Taiwan

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## **Table 5: Social Stratification in China**

Presider: Pui-Yan Lam, Eastern Washington University

*Marketization, Development, and Social Class Differentiation in Urban China.* Xiaoling Shu, University of California-Davis

*Myth of Societal Openness: Intergenerational Social Mobility in Contemporary China.* Xiaogang Wu, University of Michigan

## **Table 6: Globalization and Market Transitions: Japan and Vietnam**

Presider: Ada Cheng, DePaul University

*Economic Globalization and the Growth of Homelessness in Japan, 1980s-1990s.* Miki Hasegawa

*Determinants of Household Entrepreneurship in an Emerging Market Economy: The Case of Vietnam.* Kim Korinek, University of North Carolina

## **Table 7: Asia and Asian America Potpourri**

Presider: Margaret Abraham, Hofstra University

*Communicating Globalization: Everyday Life, Imagination, and the Persistence of the Local.* Lakshmi Srinivas, Wellesley College

*Glass Ceiling: Segmented Labor Market Assimilation for Asian Immigrant Men.* Changhwan Kim, University of Texas-

Austin

**Business Meeting: 9:30-10:10 am**

**Session: Asia: Emerging Patterns of Class Inequality and Politics in Asia. 10:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.**

Organizer: Hagen Koo, University of Hawaii

Presider: John Lie, University of Michigan

This session is to examine the patterns of class inequality and class politics that have emerged in the process of rapid economic change in Asian societies. The emerging stratification pattern in China is a central concern in the papers included in the session.

*From State Socialism to State Developmentism: The Changing Pattern of Classes and Class Conflict in China.* Alvin Y. So and Xiamin Yu, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology

*Class Inequality and Economic Development in China and India: A Longitudinal Perspective.* Pavi Avind Palat and Kaan Agartan, University of Binghamton

*Network Patterns of Social Class in Chinese Cities.* Yanjie Bian, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, Ronald L. Breiger, University of Arizona, Debra Davis, Yale University, and Joseph Galaskiewicz, University of Arizona.

*Embedded Markets and Income Inequality in Rural China: Market Institutions in Economic Transition.* Q. Forrest Zhang, Yale University

Discussant: Frederic C. Deyo, University of Binghamton

**Session: Asian Americans: Identities and Institutions. 12:30-2:10 pm**

Organizer and Presider: Jiannbin Lee Shiao, University of Oregon

*Asian American Panethnicity: Contemporary National and Transnational Possibilities.* Yen Espiritu, University of California-San Diego

*Citizenship and Security: the Wen Ho Lee Affair.* Jeffrey Bussolini, City University of New York Graduate Center and Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris.

*Immigrants' Religion and Ethnicity: A Comparison of Indian Hindus and Korean Protestants.* Pyong Gap Min, City University of New York-Queens College

*Race and Economic Redevelopment in Downtown San Diego: The Case of Asian Americans and African Americans.* Leland Saito, University of Southern California.

Discussant: Pawan Dhingra, Oberlin College.

**Session: Transnational Asian America. 2:30-4:10 pm**

Organizer: Hung C. Thai, University of California, Santa Barbara

*The Racial Identity Formation of East-African Indian Transmigrants.* Kiran Katira, University of New Mexico

*The Vietnamese Global Masculinity Crisis.*

Hung C. Thai. University of California,  
Santa Barbara

*The Transnational Condition: Dilemmas of  
Indian Programmers.* Aneesh Aneesh,  
Stanford University

*An Invisible Norm: Transnational Families  
in the Philippine Public Sphere.* Rhacel S.  
Parrenas, University of California, Davis

*Transnational Influences in the Construction  
of Racial Liminality of Indo-Americans.*  
Bandana Purkayastha, University of  
Connecticut

**Hagen Koo** for his book, *Korean Workers:  
The Culture and Politics of Class Formation*  
(Cornell University Press: 2001)

and to

**Prema Kurien** for her book, *Kaleidoscopic  
Identity: International Migration and the  
Reconstruction of Identities in India* (Rutgers  
University Press 2002).

A plaque signifying these awards will be  
presented to Hagen and Prema at the  
upcoming Business Meeting of our Section  
at the Annual Meetings in Atlanta. Please  
plan on joining us as we recognize their  
accomplishments.

## **SECTION MEMBERSHIP ALERT**

### **SECTION BOOK AWARDS FOR 2002-2003**

This year, the Book Award Committee for  
the Asia and Asian American Section had  
great difficulty in their decision of this  
year's best book on the Asian experience.  
(Next year, it will be on Asian-American  
experience). There were so many  
outstanding books. However, two books  
stood at the top of the list. However, the  
challenge was to choose between the two  
excellent contributions to the sociological  
and Asian literature. Hence, after much  
discussion and deliberation, for the first time  
in its short history of awarding Section Book  
Awards (I think), the Committee decided to  
award two books for its 2002-2003 Section  
Book Award.

Congratulations go out to:

Some good news for the association and  
some bad news for the Asia and Asian  
American section regarding membership.  
The year 2002 was the ASA highest year  
ever for section membership, and yet, at the  
same time, there were 10 sections that fell  
below the minimum of 300 members  
required for continuation of a section.  
Unfortunately, we were one of the ten  
(although just barely at 299 members). I do  
not have the exact statistics, but I believe  
that this is the first time that our section  
membership had fallen below 300 members  
since the early days. At least 300 members  
are required for continuation as a section  
which brings the benefits of at least two  
sessions at the annual meetings as well as  
staff and financial support from the ASA.  
Continued membership below 300 members  
places our Section in jeopardy!!!!

I am positive that much of this low number  
may be due to some of the uncertain times

that we have been experiencing since 9-11. However, many times (but not always), the lapse in membership is due to oversight. I know that this has happened to me when, a few years ago, I looked up my membership and found out that not only was I not a member of ASA, but I was also not a member of the Section, and I was serving as an officer! I had let my membership lapse! According to the report by ASA, there are 57 individuals who are no longer members of our Section, but still members of ASA. There are also 61 members who are neither Section Members or Association Members as of May 2003. Please check the status of your section membership as well as association membership via the ASA website and renew it as soon as possible or if you are coming to the meeting, I will be more than happy to inform you of your membership status. I am sure that our membership will increase past 300 members needed to have a viable Section, but your help is needed. If you wish, you can send me an email ([m.wong@tcu.edu](mailto:m.wong@tcu.edu)) and I will gladly inform you of your Section status. Confidentiality preserved. Surely we can get the number above 300 members by year's end.

## **URBAN CHINA RESEARCH NETWORK**

(Material sent by John Logan)

The Urban China Research Network announces the seventh round of competition for its small grant programs, with an application deadline of September 1, 2003. Grants are made for graduate student research by students from any country (up to \$3000) and for research by new faculty members at Chinese institutions (up to

\$5000). The Network has supported a wide range of projects related to urbanization and urban life in China, without restriction to scholarly discipline.

Applications are submitted through the Internet. For information:

<http://www.albany.edu/chinanet>

Questions may be directed by email to [chinanet@albany.edu](mailto:chinanet@albany.edu).

The website also lists the titles and abstracts of projects that have been supported in the past three years.

## **HISTORY OF SOCIOLOGY SEEKS PARTICIPANTS**

(Vicky Demos and Jill Niebrugge-Brantley)

The History of Sociology Section is looking for members of the Asia and Asian American Section who might want to participate in a panel entitled "The Practice of Equality--The History and Sociology of Sections in the ASA" for the 2005 meeting in Philadelphia. This panel grows out of the mission of the Section on the History of Sociology to explore the history of the discipline as a sociology of sociology.

They hope the panel would be a way for the Asia and Asian America Section to begin to gather its history. Section histories may reveal much about the ways that ASA, like many formal professional organizations, imitates and resists more general societal practices of stratification. Our section history may also show how social movements designed to combat stratification and oppression permeate mainstream organizations.

If interested, please contact Vasilikie (Vicky) Demos, Division of the Social Sciences, 109 Camden Building, University of Minnesota, Morris, 600 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Morris, MN 56267

## **POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP**

(Patricia G. Steinhoff)

The following position announcement was sent to Patricia G. Steinhoff via Julian Dierkes and may be of interest to our Section members. Post Doctoral Fellowship and Cross-cultural Dispute Resolution. University of British Columbia Vancouver, Canada.

The University of British Columbia, Institute of Asian Research invites applications for a post-doctoral fellowship within its Asia Pacific Program on Cross-Cultural and Comparative Research on Disputes Resolution. The program supports research, analysis and policy proposals aimed at building knowledge on cross-cultural approaches and mechanisms for resolution on disputes, including mediation, arbitration, and court adjudication, with particular focus on human rights (HR) and international trade (IT). The investigating team is international and interdisciplinary, with research locations in Japan, China and Canada. Candidates are expected to have strong research experience in a relevant area of legal studies (e.g., sociology of law, IT or HR law, commercial arbitration, etc), cross-cultural studies, Asian studies, psychology (e.g., selective and adaptive cognitive theory) and / or human rights development.

The post-doctoral fellow would develop his/her own research agenda with some reference to key project questions and hypotheses. The successful candidate will also work in collaboration with members of the research group, led by the principal investigator, Dr. Pitman B. Potter.

The 12-month fellowship is expected to begin in September 2003. Applicants must have completed requirements for their PhD/LL.M. by the time they take on the fellowship. The annual stipend is \$35,000 CDN.

All applicants are asked to submit a C.V., two letters of reference and a research plan to by post: Pitman B. Potter, Director, c/o Donna Yeung, The Institute of Asian Research, 1855 West Mall, UBC, Vancouver, B.C. Canada V6T 1Z2 or by email to: donna.yeung@ubc.ca

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

### ***Journal of Marriage and Family.***

Major social processes involving economic and cultural globalization; democratization; and fundamentalist, modernist, and postmodernist clashes are changing family life everywhere in unprecedented, and often unanticipated ways. In 2004, the *Journal of Marriage and Family* will publish a special 5<sup>th</sup> issue on "International Perspectives on Families and Social Change." *JMF* invites submissions from scholars around the world whose work addresses the interface of families and society. We seek manuscripts focused on the relations between family changes and broad changes or upheavals in social, cultural, economic, and political

institutions. We encourage submissions that examine families and social change in a single nation, region, or subregion, or cross-nationally, cross-culturally, or globally. Topics may include shifts in family structure; changes in marriage, cohabitation, and divorce; renegotiations of gender relationships, work/family systems, and intergenerational caretaking; and changes in fertility, longevity, and mortality. Topics also may include how changes in these arenas affect societies in multiple ways, including consequences for social welfare provisioning, economic and social planning, and creating and transmitting culture through religious, civic, and other social institutions. Submissions may include micro-, macro- and meta-level analyses. Preference will be given to manuscripts that foreground race/ethnicity, class and/or caste, or gender stratification. Papers must be postmarked by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003. Send manuscripts or inquiries to: Laura A. Sanchez, Guest Editor, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, Department of Sociology, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio 43403, [lsanche@bgnet.bgsu.edu](mailto:lsanche@bgnet.bgsu.edu), 419-372-7252

### ***Work and Occupations.***

*Work and Occupations* invites you to submit your manuscripts for peer review and possible publication. *WO* is a scholarly, sociological quarterly that publishes original research in the sociology of work, employment, labor, and social inequality in the workplace, labor force, and labor market. Consult the latest issue of *WO* for manuscript formatting and submission instructions. Manuscripts will not be returned. Send three copies of your paper to: Daniel B. Cornfield, Editor, *Work and Occupations*, Box 1811, Station B,

Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN 37235. E-mail inquiries may be directed to the Editor at this address:  
[daniel.b.cornfield@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:daniel.b.cornfield@vanderbilt.edu)

### ***American Sociological Review:***

Call for Papers and Reviewers. (From Jerry Jacobs)

As a member of the Asia and Asian America Section of ASA, I would like to encourage you to submit your next paper to the *American Sociological Review*. This means you! As my six year old daughter Madeleine likes to say, "I mean it! I'm serious!" Please don't hold back because you think your paper may not quite fit what you assume is a "standard ASR paper." The new editorial team is seeking to publish the best current work from every corner of sociology and every style of sociological research. Since we can't publish what is not submitted, our ability to achieve this objective depends on you. We can offer the unparalleled visibility of ASR, prompt reviews by the leading scholars in your area, and courteous and professional service by the ASR staff. So come publish in the friendly pages of ASR!

We also need you to volunteer to serve as a reviewer. Please join the ASR team and help us put out the best journal we possibly can. Don't be shy. Feel free to volunteer and to recommend other scholars that you feel would be good reviewers. Send your name and areas of interest to me at [asrpenn@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:asrpenn@sas.upenn.edu). As of August 1, please send your manuscripts to: Jerry A. Jacobs Editor, *American Sociological Review*, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, 3718 Locust Walk, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6299

## NOTES ON FOLKS

**Tom Gold**, University of California, Berkeley:

*The New Entrepreneurs of Europe and Asia: Patterns of Business Development in Russia, Eastern Europe and China*, co-edited with Victoria Bonnell. M.E. Sharpe, 2002.

*Social Connections in China: Institutions, Culture, and the Changing Nature of Guanxi*, co-edited with Doug Guthrie and David Wank. Cambridge University Press, 2002.

**Miri Song**, University of Kent, Canterbury, Kent, England

*Choosing Ethnic Identity*. Polity Press, 2003.

**Linda Vo**, University of California, Irvine  
Rick Bonus,

*Contemporary Asian American Communities: Intersections and Divergences*, co-edited with Rick Bonus. Temple University, 2002.

### LAST NOTE ON FOLKS: STANFORD LYMAN, SECTION CO-FOUNDER, PASSES AWAY

Stanford Lyman authored or co-authored twenty-five books as well as over ninety articles, as well as additional miscellaneous writings that have been published in numerous refereed professional journals. He was one of the co-founders of the Asia and Asian-American Section of the American

Sociological Association. Stanford died of pancreatic and liver cancer on March 10, 2003.

(The following is from a letter that Ivan Light (UCLA) wrote in nominating Stanford Lyman for the International Migration Distinguished Career Award).

“My compilation focuses only upon publications that deal with Asians in America. These publications constitute the core of Lyman's contribution to the sociology of international migration. The earliest is dated 1961; the most recent 1997. The list contains his seminal doctoral dissertation, nine books, and one article. I have listed the chapters in four books separately as articles in order to display their Asian American content. These chapters were originally published as articles in refereed journals; but they were subsequently combined in edited books to facilitate access. There is really only one article that was never published in book form.

The chronology shows that Lyman's interest in Asian Americans has been continuous throughout his professional life. True, in the last 20 years, many others have shared this interest. Prior to that, however, Lyman was the first sociologist who undertook serious historical and theoretical scholarship on this topic. Of course, he had able forebears. Frank Miyamoto's *Social Solidarity among the Japanese in Seattle* (1939) was a great community study that made sociological sense of the Japanese community, probably for the first time. The accomplishment was the more memorable in view of the war clouds that were then gathering. Rose Hum Lee deserves credit for providing a historical

account of Chinese in America. But Lee's main publication, *The Chinese in the United States of America*, was principally interested in bringing Chinese American contributions to American history to the attention of Americans of Chinese descent. Paul Siu's superb 1953 dissertation on the Chinese laundryman brought this then common American icon under the theoretical umbrella of Chicago School sociology. That was a splendid contribution, but Siu's ambitions were limited. In contrast, Lyman's massive 1961 dissertation, much later published in book form as *Chinatown and Little Tokyo: Power, Conflict, and Community among Chinese and Japanese Immigrants to America* (1986) analyzed the social organization of nineteenth century Chinese and Japanese communities in the USA in a work of prodigious, comparative scholarship. Drawing on Park, Weber, and Simmel, this scholarship put the comparative historical experience of Chinese and Japanese Americans on the serious research agenda of American sociology in a way that previous efforts, very meritorious in themselves, had not accomplished. It is no exaggeration to observe that Stanford Lyman was the father of Asian American studies, but that statement does not do justice to his contribution to the field of international migration. It is not simply that Lyman's work opened up the unexplored history of Chinese and Japanese in the United States for research and scholarly analysis; Lyman framed this historical experience in terms that improved the general level of scholarship on immigration. His interest in structures of community opened the way for subsequent inquiries into non-Asian immigrant communities. The strategic role of what current Mexican American research now calls "home town associations" was

first fully explicated in Lyman's 1961 dissertation on Chinese and Japanese.

Because he was such an early pioneer of Asian American research, Lyman confronted a professional sociology that did not then understand the importance of his historical and theoretical contribution. Now we do; then we did not. It is easy now to study and research that subject; then it was not easy. Moreover, that we now understand the importance of Asian American immigration owes much to the shoulders of Stanford Lyman onto which later sociologists climbed for a better view. It is, of course, true that the immigration of Asians to the USA since 1970 has increased the visibility and salience of Asians in American society, thus increasing the significance of their history. Without that real and current immigration of Asians, Lyman's comparative studies of nineteenth century Chinese and Japanese communities would have less practical significance now than in fact they do. On the other hand, thanks to Lyman, when Asian immigration resumed after 1970, and sociological interest accelerated, sociology had a superb understanding of the early history of the Chinese and Japanese in America. This strong base permitted research to proceed apace in response to renewed interest. For many years Lyman's work was the arcane source, known to the cognoscenti, from which departed what we now identify as classic research into Asian American society.

One should recall that in 1961 when Lyman's career began, there were few persons of Chinese or Japanese descent who were professional sociologists. Now there are many; then there were few. Lyman was, however, neither a tourist nor a curiosity

seeker. Although a non-Asian, Lyman actually began his research into Asian American history and sociology as a student in San Francisco's Galileo High School, which is still Chinatown's public secondary school. Hanging around with Chinese and Japanese friends after school, Lyman acquired a knowledge of, interest in, and love for them and their communities. This basis sustained and animated his subsequent professional rendez-vous with their history. This human interest story offers a little vignette of American history that I happen to know as a result of conversations with Stanford Lyman, and I am glad that it can

now be recorded in the official record as a small counter-weight to the otherwise lamentably common American practice of marginalizing Asian Americans.

If we ask, where would the sociology of immigration be today without Asian American studies, we conclude appropriately that it would be depleted and inferior. In that sense, Lyman's seminal contribution to Asian American sociology has earned our gratitude.”

Editor's Note: Stan, you will be missed!