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FROM THE CHAIR

Nazli Kibria

Thanks to everyone who helped to organize Asia and Asian America Section activities at the 2002 Chicago ASA meetings. Our roundtable session (which had 11 tables and 37 papers) was a success, judging by the

quality of the papers presented and the lively discussions that they seemed to generate. As far as regular paper sessions, Janet Salaff organized a session on Development and Social Change in Contemporary Asia, and Bandana Purkayastha organized one on Asian American Communities: Intersections of Race, Gender, Class and Nation. Both reported that they received many excellent submissions, far exceeding what they could accommodate on the panels. We also co-sponsored a session with the Latino/a Sociology section, on Emerging Relations of Asian Americans and Latinos. Last but not least, our reception at My Thai restaurant, organized by Emily Ignacio, provided a great opportunity to meet other section members and have scrumptious Thai food.

The number of members (around 300) in the section continues to be a matter of concern. If we dip below 300, we will lose a session at the annual meetings and our viability as a section will come into question. If you have ideas about how to boost section membership, please contact Chair-elect

Sharon Lee (lees.pdx.edu) or Membership Committee members Grace Kao and Janet Salaff. Faculty members, I urge you to give section membership as a gift to graduate students with interests in the sociology of Asia and/or Asian Americans.

The strength and vitality of our section depends on the active participation of and leadership by members. Our Nominations Committee will soon be collecting nominations for the 2003 elections. We will be voting on the following positions: Chair-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, Council Members (2 slots, 3 year terms) and Council Student Member (1 slot, 1 year term). Please think about whom you might nominate or perhaps whether you will self-nominate. Then pass your nominations along to Joyce Chinen, chair of the Nominations Committee.

I also urge you to pass on your ideas about specific themes and programs for the 2003 annual meetings in A, either to myself (nkibria@bu.edu) or to Sharon Lee. We are particularly interested in hearing from persons based in Atlanta who might help us organize a local program there. As you think about your travel plans for next summer, keep in mind that Asia and Asian America section meetings are slotted for the last day of the annual meetings.

In conclusion, I'd like to express my appreciation to Evelyn Nakano Glenn for her work as Chair of the section last year. And thanks to the following outgoing Council members: Rebecca King O'Riain, Rick Baldoz, Emily Ignacio and Hung Thai.

COUNCIL MEETING

August 18, 2002
Chicago Hilton

The meeting was called to order by Evelyn Nakano Glenn at 7:15 a.m.

Present: Grace Kao, Joan Fujimura, Janet Salaff, Becky King O'Riain, Rick Baldoz, Kristen Peterson, Fenggang Yang, Amayha Makerjan, Jeffrey Bouclini, Evelyn Nakano Glenn, Miri Song, Nazli Kibria, Hung Thai, Morrison Wong, and Emily Ignacio.

Book Committee: The 2003 Book Committee was formed. The focus is on Asia. The members include Rick Baldoz (chair), Alvin So, with possible members including John Lie, Yanjie Bian, and Emily Hannum.

Becky King O'Riain, Miri Song and Hung Thai agreed to serve on the 2004 Asian American Book Award Committee.

Rick Baldoz reported that there were 14 nominations for the Asian American Book Award. The topics were varied with strong representation from South Asia. Margaret Abraham won the Section Book Award for her book, *Speaking the Unspeakable: Marital Violence Among South Asian Immigrants to the United States*. A plaque was inscribed and will be presented to Abraham. Linda Tran Vo and Mary Dancio were other members of the committee. Seven to eight different presses were represented. Individual recommendations were made. It was decided that books on the Asian diaspora (i.e., Asians in England) or comparison with other groups will be acceptable for either the Asia or Asian American Award, but cannot be submitted for both categories.

Student Paper Committee. Janet Salaff reported that there were 23 submissions for the Student Paper Award. Two people were selected for the award. They were Young-Jin Choi from Hawaii for the paper entitled "Managerial Styles, Workforce Competition, and Labor Unrest: East Asia Invested Enterprises in China," and Jun Xu from the University of Indiana for her paper, "Why Do Asian Americans Register Less?" It was suggested that the winner(s) be asked to serve on the Student Paper Award Committee. An early deadline was suggested to give the reviewers adequate time to read the papers. It was also suggested that announcement of the competition be distributed via Chair Link. Hung Thai (chair), Miri Song, and Grace Kao will serve as the 2002-2003 Student Paper Award Committee as well as one or both of the 2002 winners. (Evelyn Nakano Glenn or Nazli Kibria will notify the student winners).

Nominations Committee. Emily Ignacio reported that quite a few nominees ran for Student Representative and for Council. The major problem was getting nominees to run for Chair. Nominations have to be in by early February. The 2002-2003 Nomination Committee will consist of Joyce Chinen (chair), Fenggang Yang, and Kristen Peterson.

Membership Committee. Nazli Kibria reported that membership is down. We are currently at 303 members. Personal encouragement is needed in order to recruit new members. Sharon Lee, Grace Kao and Janet Salaff will serve on next year's Membership Committee.

Reception and Local Arrangements. The Section is looking for a person to make arrangements at a restaurant in Atlanta for the Section's reception. A reception outside the hotel is preferable due to lower expenses.

Emily Ignacio reported that the reception for this year will be held at My Thai Restaurant. The estimate cost is \$300 for beverages and \$600 for food.

New Business. Janet Salaff noted that debates on social issues affecting Asians and Asian Americans were part of the program the last few years. Question. Do we want to re-do it in Atlanta? We must think of a possible community topic. This should be announced at the Business Meeting to get more input. This would also require a person to coordinate the panel in Atlanta. Nazli Kibria will investigate the possibility of a coordinator in Atlanta.

The firing of Antoinette McDaniel from the Asian American Studies Program at Oberlin may be discussed at the Business Meeting. McDaniel was hired ABD and did not finish her Ph.D. in the year's time. She was granted a two-year extension. She still did not finish her dissertation. As a consequence, she was fired from Oberlin. There were accusations that the President, Dean, and department violated proper protocol in her tenure review and appeal. McDaniel has pressing needs, which include legal fees and boycott. Discussion involved what our section can or cannot do and whether we wish to do anything. ASA procedures and clarification will be sought.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

August 18, 2002
Chicago Hilton

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
by Chair Evelyn Nakano Glenn

Present: About 51 persons

Student Paper Award: Janet Salaff (Chair of the Student Paper Award Committee) presented the first ASA Asian American Section Student Paper Award. About two dozen students submitted papers for the award. Because of the high quality of student papers, two recipients were selected. The first recipient was Young-Jin Choi from Hawaii for the paper entitled "Managerial Styles, Workforce Competition, and Labor Unrest: East Asia Invested Enterprises in China." The second recipient was Jun Xu (University of Indiana) for her paper "Why Do Asian Americans Register Less?" They will be sharing the \$300, which they can use toward their travel expenses.

Nominations Committee. Emily Ignacio reported that there were a lot of people that ran for council. Graduates students were encouraged to run. The new officers of the Board are as follows: Sharon Lee – Chair-elect; Joan Fujimura, and Grace Kao – Council; and Kristen Petersen – Student Representative.

Thanks and appreciation of support were given by Sharon Lee.

Membership Committee. Nazli Kibria, Chair-Elect and incoming Chair, was introduced. She did all the organizing of the

program – sessions and roundtables. Kibria reported that membership was close to the 300 mark. Falling below the 300 mark would mean possibly losing a session at the annual meetings. Membership is encouraged. If we reach the 400 mark, an additional session will be added to the annual meetings. With the abundance of high quality papers, an additional session would allow more papers to be read at regular sessions. Contact with the Japanese Association was suggested.

A reception will be held at the My Thai Restaurant. Next year's meeting is in Atlanta. Sharon Lee will be the organizer of the papers and roundtables. Ideas should be presented to Sharon Lee. We need a local presence in Atlanta for reception. Anyone knowing a sociologist in Atlanta who can help us set up a reception is encouraged to contact Sharon Lee (lees.pdx.edu)

Book Award. Rick Baldoz (chair) reported many good submissions. This year's book award focus was on Asian Americans. Next year's book award will focus on Asia. This year Section Book Award goes to Margaret Abraham for her book, *Speaking the Unspeakable: Marital Violence Among South Asian Immigrants in the United States*. Congrats to Margaret. People who have books on the Asia diaspora may submit their book for consideration for either the Asia or Asian American award.

New Business. Antoinette McDaniel has asked the section to hear her appeal. Yen Espiritu presented a history of the case. McDaniel was hired without her Ph.D. and due to a lack of mentorship she was unable to complete her Ph.D. after three years at Oberlin. McDonald would like us to make a

statement about the work conditions for women. Her outside reviewers were persons from outside the field of Asian American Studies. McDaniel hopes for a collective support from the Section. Petition by supporters has been submitted but this is looked upon as more political than academic, since there was no representation from other disciplines such as sociology. McDaniel want our section to sign the petition to boycott the Asian American position and write letters to Oberlin.

Wong noted that according to ASA regulations, the Section can not make any public endorsement. All endorsements must come from ASA. However, the Section members can be sent information to inform them of the situation. Decision of support or non-support must be an individual decision. Morrison Wong will disseminate the information to the Section members.

If interested in becoming involved with the Asia and Asian American Section, please contact Sharon Lee (lees@pdx.edu), Kristen Petersen (Kristen_peterson@brown.edu), or Fenggang Yang (yang@soc.purdue.edu). Possible themes for Sections should also be sent to Sharon Lee.

A possible panel was suggested to connect us with the Atlanta Asian community. Labor organizing or Asian agencies are possible themes for a panel. A contact person is needed to organize such a panel.

It was noted that our Section can propose new topics in order to get new or additional Special Sessions to the Program Committee. Topics such as the Asian Diaspora were suggested. It was suggested that William Billsby, President of the ASA, be contacted.

Special Sessions entail the organizer inviting the person to participate.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

University of New Hampshire, Durham.

The University of New Hampshire Family Research Laboratory (FRL) has fellowships for research on family violence available beginning immediately. Positions are open to new and experienced researchers with a Ph.D. in the fields of psychology, sociology, social work, law, nursing, public health and medicine. The fellowships sponsor work in the area of child abuse, marital violence, elder abuse, sexual abuse, child victimization, rape, homicide and other family-violence related topics. Scholars use the one-year fellowships (with possible one-year extension) to collaborate with FRL faculty on a current project, to work on one of the many data sets archived at the FRL or, in the case of senior candidates, to work on their own projects. Annual stipends run from \$31,092 to \$48,852, depending upon the number of years since receipt of doctorate. For more information, please visit the Web site: www.unh.edu/frl.

Pitzer College. Pitzer College and the Intercollegiate Department of Asian American Studies (IDAAS) at the Claremont Colleges invite applications for a tenure-track, joint appointment in Sociology and Asian American Studies at the Assistant Professor level, effective Fall 2003. We seek a specialist in Asian American sociology and sociology of family and gender. Candidates must be prepared to share in the teaching of Sociology and Asian American Studies core courses,

including introductory and methods courses. Applicants should have a commitment to undergraduate teaching at a liberal arts college where there is an emphasis on high quality instruction and a commitment to ongoing research. Preference will be given to candidates who will have completed their Ph.D. and who have some teaching experience.

To apply, send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, selected evidence of excellence in teaching and research, statement of teaching philosophy, and three letters of recommendation to: Alan Jones, Dean of Faculty, Pitzer College, 1050 North Mills Avenue, Claremont, California 91711. Review of applications will begin on October 1, 2003.

Curriculum Guide on Teaching the Sociology of Peace, War, and Social Conflict.

We invite submissions for the third edition of this curriculum guide, to be published by the Teaching Resource Center, American Sociological Association

The third edition of the curriculum guide will consist of three sections: 1. Syllabi and other instructional materials; 2. Essays on best practices for teaching; and 3. List of web sites and bibliographies.

Deadline for submissions: December 10, 2002. For more detailed descriptions of the sections and submission requirements, please contact: John MacDougall, Ph.D. at John_MacDougall@uml.edu or Morten G. Ender, Ph.D., at morten-ender@usma.edu

Indiana University, Bloomington will soon be formally announcing a search (at the assistant or associate professor level) for a social scientist who has done fieldwork in East Asia (defined as the PRC, Taiwan,

Japan and Korea) and uses an East Asian language in his or her research. The position will not be one for which only sociologists can apply, but sociologists will be one group from whom applications will be encouraged. A job ad specifying the precise qualifications and other terms for the positions will be forthcoming. Contact the chair of the search committee, China historian Jeffrey Wasserstrom at jwassers@indiana.edu.

Binghamton University. The Department of Sociology and the Asian and American Studies Program invite applications for a tenure track Assistant Professor position, effective August 2003. Applicants should demonstrate research interests in Asian Migrations especially to the Americas (including North America, Latin America, South America, or Caribbean) and be able to teach courses in this area. Desirable candidates would demonstrate a strong commitment to both teaching and research. The search is open and all potential candidates from various social science specializations are encouraged to apply. The Department of Sociology is committed to interdisciplinarity and its faculty represents multiple disciplines.

Please send two copies of: the CV, a research statement, a writing sample, and three letters of reference. Applications will be accepted until October 11, 2002. Applications should be sent to: Professor Ricardo Rene Laremont, Chair, Department of Sociology, Binghamton University, State University of New York, Binghamton, NY 13902.

University of Kansas. The Department of Sociology invites applications for a non-tenure track (term) Assistant Professor

position for spring semester 2003 and the 2003-2004 academic year. We seek broadly trained candidates who are prepared to teach an introductory or social problems course as well as courses in one or more of the following areas: deviance, racial and ethnic relations, political sociology, sociology of violence, urban sociology, or social movements. PhD preferred or be advanced ABD with completion of the PhD anticipated by August 18, 2003. Interested candidates should send a letter of application covering teaching background and philosophy, curriculum vitae, sample syllabi, a sample of their scholarship, previous teaching evaluations, and the names and addresses of three references to: Professor William G. Staples, Chair, University of Kansas, Department of Sociology, 716 Fraser Hall, 1415 Jayhawk Blvd. Lawrence, KS 66045-7556. Initial review of applications begins October 15, 2002 and will continue until the position is filled. Please see our homepage <http://www.ku.edu/~socdept>

Kent State University. The Department of Sociology seeks applicants for an Assistant Professor position beginning August 2003. We seek a medical sociologist with research specialties in the areas of social policy, stratification, or race. We are particularly interested in applicants who can teach graduate courses in epidemiology. A record of publications and/or the potential for external funding are important, as is evidence of teaching success or strong teaching potential. More information is available at <http://dept.kent.edu/sociology>. Applications received after September 30, 2002 cannot be guaranteed consideration. The PhD is required at the time of

appointment. To apply, please send (1) a letter describing current and projected research and teaching activities, and particular competency for the position, (2) your curriculum vita, and (3) three letters of reference to: Susan Roxburgh, Chair of Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Kent State University, P.O. Box 5190, Kent, OH, 44242-0001

University of Southern California. The Department of Sociology invites applications for the position of a tenure track Assistant Professor, to start in Fall 2003. We seek applicants with strong research and teaching records or promise of scholarly excellence in social demography, with an emphasis in race/ethnicity and/or immigration. To be considered, a letter of application, CV, samples of written work, evidence of teaching effectiveness, and three letters of recommendation must be received by October 14, 2002. All material should be addressed to Professor Merrill Silverstein, Search Committee Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089-2539.

SSRC Japanese Studies dissertation Workshop. Deadline for application October 2, 2002. The Social Science Research Council is happy to announce the 8th annual Japanese Studies Dissertation workshop for advanced graduate students in all humanities and social science disciplines. In 2003, SSRC, with a grant from the Japan Foundation, will host the workshop at the Asilomar Conference Center in Monterey, California from January 8-12. In most cases, SSRC will bear the costs of participants' travel, lodging and meals for the duration of

the workshop. This year we again welcome the participation of some students currently engaged in fieldwork in Japan, and urge students now in Japan to feel free to apply. Other students may have returned from fieldwork abroad, or have not yet departed. Proposals are welcome from students in literature, art history and other humanities disciplines, as well as from social sciences. Students enrolled in a doctoral program in the United States who have an approved dissertation prospectus are eligible to apply, with no citizenship or visa restrictions. The annual SSRC Japan Studies Dissertation Workshop seeks to create a sustained network of advanced graduate students and faculty by providing the opportunity to give and receive critical feedback on dissertations in progress. The annual workshop draws participants from all fields in the social sciences and humanities and from institutions throughout the US. Individual students lead discussions of their projects with mentor faculty and student peers from varying disciplines to receive creative and critical input on improving their fieldwork plans or writing strategies. Based on narrative project descriptions submitted as part of the application packet, selected students will prepare a synthetic essay incorporating all projects from which discussions of broader methodological and thematic issues will be developed and incorporated into the four-day agenda. The workshop annually brings together twelve advanced graduate students with five interdisciplinary faculty drawn from universities around the country. All interested grad students should apply by downloading the application at http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/japan/dissertation_workshop/index.page. The application consists primarily of a

written thesis proposal and a letter of reference from the students' advisor. Questions can be addressed to the Japan Program at SSRC at: japan@ssrc.org
Barbara Brooks and Hoa Duong
SSRC Japan Programs

University of Cambridge. Applications are invited for a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Japanese Studies, funded by the Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation. The fellowship will be held in the newly created East Asia Institute in the University and will include teaching duties. The successful candidate will have a PhD and demonstrable reading ability in his or her discipline of Japanese Studies. Preference will be given to candidates with research and teaching interests in the social sciences, in particular the sociology or anthropology of Japan. This post, which will begin on 1 January 2003, is for one year in the first instance with the possibility of reappointment for a further year. The stipend will be on a scale £17,626 _ £32,537.

Applications in the form of a letter and CV with the names and addresses of three people willing to act as referees should reach Mrs. Zoë Conway Morris, Faculty of Oriental Studies, Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge CB3 9DA by 1 August 2002. Any enquiries may be directed to Mrs. Conway Morris by e-mail: zhc20@cam.ac.uk

The Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation. The Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation's Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Fellowship Awards which will once again be administered by the Canadian Asian Studies Association (CASA). An announcement, an application form, and guidelines for the awards can be

found on the CASA web site at <http://www.casa.umontreal.ca/cae/htm/ccke.htm>. Please note that the deadline for applications is February 1, 2003.

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Candidates are sought for two anticipated tenure-track Assistant Professor positions to begin August 25, 2003. Candidates must provide evidence of superior undergraduate teaching, publications, an active research agenda, and willingness to seek grants.

Position 1: PhD preferred or ABD considered in Sociology or Anthropology. Expertise in Environment and/or International Perspectives on Health and Illness. Other areas of need are Methods, Theory, Applied, and General Education

Sociology.

Position 2: PhD preferred or ABD considered in Sociology. Specialties in Comparative Criminology and Sociological Theory. Other areas of need are Methods, Applied, and General Education Sociology.

Review of applications will begin on October 4, 2002. Please send a letter of application, vitae, transcripts, sample publications, teaching materials including student evaluations, and three letters of recommendation to: Patricia Searles, Chair, Department of Sociology, Salisbury Hall, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI 53190.