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I hope you are all well, and had a productive and fun summer. It's my pleasure as Section Chair to write to you in this issue of The Asian Mode.

Council Members

ASA's annual meeting marks the "changing of the guard" for your Council members, so I want to begin by thanking Council members whose terms expired in August 2003:

Evelyn Nakano Glenn (Past-Chair)
Nazli Kibria (Chair)
Janet Salaff (Council)
Miri Song (Council)
Kristen Peterson (Student Representative)

Nazli Kibria will remain on the Council as Past-Chair. I'd like to welcome the following new members to the Council:

FROM THE CHAIR

Sharon Lee

Greetings, Section Members!

David Takeuchi (Chair-Elect)
Jennifer Lee (Council)
Judith Liu (Council)
Fumiko Takasugi (Student Representative)

Representative)

Joining the new Council members are returning members Joyce Chinen, Joan Fujimura, Grace Kao, Fenggang Yang, and Morri Wong (Secretary-Treasurer). Grace Kao will chair the Nominations Committee this year, Judith Liu will chair the Book Award Committee, and David Takeuchi will organize the Section's program next year (see below).

The vitality of the Section depends on its members' involvement and willingness to help carry out its work. I want to thank everyone who has volunteered in the past (including Rick Baldoz who chaired the Book Award Committee and Hung Cam Thai who chaired the Best Student Paper Award Committee last year) and all those who agreed to run for office.

2003 Meeting in Atlanta and 2004 Meeting in San Francisco

The Section had a very interesting and successful program at the meeting, in spite of the Section day being the last day of the meeting. As Chair-Elect last year, I organized the Section's program, but I could not have done it without the excellent help of Hagen Koo, Jiannbin Lee Shiao, and Hung Cam Thai who agreed to organize the three paper sessions. Thanks to you, presenters, and attendees for making the meeting a success.

Next year, the ASA meeting will be in beautiful San Francisco. The Section day will be the first day of the meeting, so mark your calendars now for August 14-17, 2004! Chair-Elect David Takeuchi will organize the Section's program.

Conclusion

As Section Chair for 2003-04, I look forward to working with Council and Section members to ensure the continued vitality of the Section. We're a unique Section, with members from diverse backgrounds, research interests, and residence. Few ASA sections can boast of members who travel from Asia, Europe, and other parts of the world to attend the annual meetings. It is very important that we maintain and enhance this inclusiveness, which is our strength.

To that end, I urge all members to become involved in the Section. Volunteer! The Section needs a Webmaster, a Newsletter Editor for next year, local liaison to organize the Section reception in San Francisco next year, etc. Tell others about the Section and have them join the Section. We need more members! Get in touch with me, David Takeuchi, Morri Wong, or other Council members. You'll find us most receptive to you and your ideas.

Involvement in the Section also promotes research on Asia and Asian America. I believe that the Section can play a critical role in advancing knowledge and understanding about Asian societies and the Asian experience in the United States.

To conclude, this is an exciting time for the Section. Asia and Asian Americans are gaining visibility and importance. I look forward to making the Section on Asia and Asian America an exciting and rewarding place for you.

STUDENT PAPER AWARD

Eileen Otis (University of California, Davis) is the recipient of the 2003 Best Student Paper Award of the Asia/Asian America Section of the ASA. The title of her paper is "Global Restructuring and the Production of Feminities in China's Emergent Service Industry." The committee was very impressed with her careful ethnographic skills and her keen analysis in the paper. Her award carries a prize of \$300. Congratulations!

SECTION COMMITTEES

Nominations Committee:

Grace Kao (Chair), Jennifer Lee, David Takeuchi, and Sharon Lee.

Book Award Committee:

Judy Liu (Chair), Becky King, and Miri Song.

Student Paper Award.

Nazli Kibria (Chair), Eileen Otis, and Joan Fijimora

Membership Committee

Sharon Lee (Chair), Joyce Chinen, and Fenggang Yang.

Program Committee:

David Takeuchi (Chair)

Local Committee:

John Lie and Grace Yu.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Southwestern Sociological Association.
2004 Annual Meeting. March 17-20. Omni

Hotel. Corpus Christi, Texas

The SSA will accept submissions of papers, round tables, or complete sessions through October 15th, 2003. Send submissions to the program chair (Douglas Eckberg) or to a session organizer.

SSA requests that you attend and encourage graduate and undergraduate students to attend. Students can present in standard sessions, student sessions, or undergraduate poster sessions. SSA sponsors paper competitions with monetary rewards. The competitions are at the undergraduate, masters, and doctoral levels, and there is also a non-student Distinguished Paper competition. We will send details on paper competitions soon.

SSA is an affiliate of the Southwestern Social Science Association, the oldest social science association in the U.S. See details at the SSA Web site:

http://www.cas.ucf.edu/soc_anthro/SSA/. Information on the city of Corpus Christi, the Omni hotel, preregistration via the internet, etc., are available at the Southwestern Social Science Association Web site: <http://www.sssaonline.org/>.

The Program Chair's email, address, and phone are: eckbergd@winthrop.edu, Department of Sociology, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC 29733, Ph: 803-323-4654, Fax: 2182. Please contact him for further information.

The SSA strongly prefers email submissions! Completed papers are preferred but abstracts are acceptable. We will accept submissions in the body of the email via an attachment using any word

processing system that organizers' computers can read. Word (.doc), Plain Text (.txt.), or Rich Text (.rtf) documents are safe bets. The abstract should be 250-500 words and should summarize the main ideas of the paper. We will accept "works-in-progress." Submissions via postal service will be accepted as well.

Submissions should include: (a) the names of all authors and their (b) institutional affiliations, (c) mailing addresses, (d) daytime telephone numbers, and (e) e-mail addresses. (f) Indicate the status of each author: as a professor, a sociologist outside traditional academia, a student [specify undergraduate, masters level, or doctoral level], or other status. (g) Finally, state if an overhead projector is needed

Special Issue of *Critical Sociology*.

"Racism and Antiracism in the Twenty-first Century" edited by Moon-Kie Jung (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), Eduardo Bonilla-Silva (Texas A&M University), and João Costa Vargas (University of Texas, Austin)

One hundred years after W.E.B. Du Bois memorably predicted the centrality of the "color line" for the twentieth century, this special issue of *Critical Sociology* aims to assess the state of racism and antiracism, as well as the state of the social-scientific study of them, at the start of the twenty-first century. We invite submissions that are theoretically, empirically, and politically innovative. Some possible topics include but are not limited to: Arab Americans, Asian Americans, and Latina/os in the U.S. Racial Order; Race, Gender, and Sexuality; Transnational Discourses and Practices;

Colonialism and Postcolonialism; Migration and Immigration; Indigeneity and Sovereignty; Nationalism; War, Police Abuse, and Other Forms of State Violence; Prison Industrial Complex; Political Economy of Race and Class; Coalition Politics; Marxism/Socialism and Racial Politics; Conceptual Status of Race; Social Theory and Racism; and Whiteness

By **September 15, 2003**, please submit the title and a 500-word abstract of your paper, outlining the main arguments and discussing the methodology. Please email them to the special issue editors at jung3@uiuc.edu, bonilla@tamu.edu, and costavargas@mail.utexas.edu.

Selected papers are due by **December 1, 2003**. Please send one computer-disk copy and five hard copies of your completed paper to: Special Issue on Racism and Antiracism, David Fasenfest, Editor, *Critical Sociology*, Center for Urban Studies, Wayne State University, 656 Kirby St., Detroit, MI 48202

Final selections will be based on fit with the issue's theme and the journal's review process. Please see a recent issue of the journal for submission guidelines. If you have any questions, please email the special issue editors.

CONFERENCES

Population Association of America (PAA). Population Association of America (PAA) 2004 annual meeting in Boston, April 1-3: Sharon Lee is organizing a session on "Demography of Asian Americans and Asian Canadians". Please go to the PAA

website (www.popassoc.org) and follow instructions to submit on-line.

The Asian American Network for Cancer Awareness Research and Training (AANCART). The UCLA Asian American Studies Center, as one of the co-sponsoring organizations, cordially invites you to a free national conference in Los Angeles . . .

"Confluence of Culture and Science: Cancer in America's Asian Communities" 4th Annual AANCART Academy, Friday and Saturday, October 24-25, 2003, Omni Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles (California Plaza)

Highlights of the Academy will include: - A special focus on cancer-related lifestyle and survivorship issues in South Asian- and Filipino-American communities; Complementary and alternative medicine; Cancer survivorship and community-based support groups; Nutrition and exercise; Tobacco control; and Language access and health care services

Free Online Registration is available now at (<http://www.sscnet.ucla.edu/aasc/aancart>). Space is limited! Special room rates at the Omni Hotel are available, and reservations can be made by contacting the hotel directly through the web site above

For more information about the 4th Annual AANCART Academy, please contact: Glenn C. Wong, MPH, AANCART Conference Coordinator, Division of Cancer Prevention and Control Research, UCLA Jonsson Cancer Center, A2-125 CHS, Box 956900, Los Angeles, CA 90095-6900. Phone: 310-794-9003. Fax: 310-206-3566 email: clrvu@ucla.edu

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

University of Southern California.

The Department of Sociology invites applications for a tenure track assistant professor, to start in Fall 2004. 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 1, 2003. All material should be addressed to Professor Merrill Silverstein, Search Committee Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089-2539. USC is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer.

The University of San Diego.

The Department of Sociology at the University of San Diego invites applications for a tenure-track appointment. The University of San Diego is a Roman Catholic university situated in the community of Linda Vista and is located fifteen miles from the U.S./Mexican border; both locations offer a rich multicultural setting. The position entails eighteen semester hours of undergraduate teaching per year with areas in Sociological Theory (Classical and Modern), Comparative-Historical Sociology, and Sociology of Education preferred.

Rank: Assistant Professor. Candidates should have evidence of superior teaching and successful scholarship as well as experience working with diverse student and community populations. We are primarily a

teaching-oriented university and department. Because the department embraces the University's "Teacher-Scholar" model, active research and both University and Departmental Committee work are expected. Success in pursuing externally-funded research opportunities is desirable. Advising and mentoring of undergraduate majors are essential responsibilities.

Interested individuals should send the following: a current vita; a letter of application including teaching and scholarly experience; a philosophical statement regarding teaching; current teaching evaluations; sample of scholarly writing; and three letters of reference. Please send these materials to: Dr. Michael Soroka, Chair, Department of Sociology, The University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA 92110 (619) 260-4026 e-mail: msoroka@SanDiego.edu

Application Deadline is November 1, 2003.

Postdoctoral Position.

The Center for the Study of Social Stratification and Inequality, Graduate School of Arts and Letters, Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan

The Center for the Study of Social Stratification and Inequality (CSSI), which is newly established under the 21st Century Center of Excellence (COE) program in Japan, invites applications from excellent scholars for six postdoctoral positions. The center pursues development of new theories and methodologies on social stratification and inequality with emphasis on studies of rational choice theory, minorities, East Asia, and fairness. Faculty members of the center are sociologists, social psychologists,

cultural anthropologists, a religious anthropologist, a historian, and an economist, and they study social stratification and inequality from various viewpoints.

Applicants should hold doctoral degrees or show academic performance equivalent to holders of doctoral degrees. They should have a good command of English.

Postdoctoral fellows of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science are not eligible for this application.

The successful candidates will be expected to work under the supervision of the faculty members of the center for a 5-month period from November 1st, 2003. Though the initial contract is 5 months period, the contract will be extended for one more year. The fellowship of a successful candidate will be 270,000 - 350,000 yen per month depending on his/her academic experience. Travel and housing allowances will be paid to those who are eligible for them. Grants for excellent research projects proposed by the successful candidates will be provided. The center also academically and financially supports their presentations at international conferences.

Applicants should send a curriculum vitae, a list of their presentations and publications, a research plan at the CSSI (less than 1,500 words), each copy of three major publications at most, and a letter of reference to: Dr. Yoshimichi Sato, Director Center for the Study of Social Stratification and Inequality, Graduate School of Arts and Letters, Tohoku University, Kawauchi, Aoba-ku, Sendai 980-8576 JAPAN Tel: +81-22-217-6036 Fax: +81-22-217-5972

The deadline for completed applications is September 15, 2003.

All inquiries concerning the application should be addressed to Yoshimichi Sato at ysato@sal.tohoku.ac.jp. The address of the CSSI website is <http://www.sal.tohoku.ac.jp/coe/index-en.html>.

Post-Doctoral Fellowship. The University of Minnesota is pleased to announce a postdoctoral position, a National Research Service Award, sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health, on the psychosocial determinants of mental health and adjustment, with emphasis on childhood, adolescence, and the transition to adulthood. Full-time, 12-month research training is provided. The appointment is for 2 years maximum, subject to review at the end of the first year. This interdisciplinary program emphasizes the changing social contexts of development; life course trajectories of mental health and behavioral adaptation; longitudinal assessment and analysis; at-risk populations; and social policy. A series of core seminars and a research apprenticeship are key program elements. Trainees will have opportunities to do longitudinal research on the following topics as well as other subjects of their own choosing: early work experience, mental health, and attainment; pathways of transition to adulthood; the joint development of autonomy and intimacy; the sources of competence and resilience in the face of adversity; physical and relational aggression; the life course consequences of victimization; cognitive and emotional factors in decision-making in criminal/delinquent and work behavior;

perceptions of criminal sanctions and their efficacy in inhibiting offending; female inmates' adaptations to prison life as a function of prior life experiences; and trajectories of deviance and reintegration. This interdisciplinary program includes core faculty members from the Department of Sociology; the Institute of Child Development and the School of Public Health's doctoral program in Health Services Research, Policy, and Administration. The award supports three predoctoral and one postdoctoral student. Competencies to be developed include solid disciplinary grounding, an interdisciplinary perspective, methodological expertise, and sensitivity to policy issues. U.S. citizens or residents are eligible. In addition to an annual stipend in accordance with NRSA guidelines, the award provides tuition, fees and medical insurance coverage. Postdoctoral candidates, who have received a Ph.D. in a social science discipline or an equivalent terminal degree, such as an M.D., public health, or nursing degree by June 2004, should provide a letter describing current research interests, a complete vita, university transcript, three letters of recommendation, and samples of written work. For full consideration, send postdoctoral application materials to Professor Jeylan Mortimer at the Life Course Center, Department of Sociology, 1014 Social Sciences Building, 267-19th Avenue South, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455, for admittance in June 2004 or thereafter. Review of applications will begin November 1, 2003. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Please check the American Sociological Association Website for other employment opportunities.

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH

The *Asian Mode* plans to focus part of an upcoming issue on the diversity of research that is currently being conducted by graduate students who are members of this Section. If you are a graduate student currently conducting research on Asia or the Asian American experience (thesis, dissertation, journal article, etc.), please send the title of your project and a brief description to M.Wong@tcu.edu. Such information may be printed in upcoming issues of *Asian Mode* and be helpful in sharing knowledge and networking with other scholars on the Asia and the Asian American experience.

SECTION CONTACTS

Here's contact information for the Section on Asia and Asian America for the 2003-04 year:

For all section-related information, please send to:

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Morri Wong, Secretary-Treasurer
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David Takeuchi will organize the section's program for the 2004 meeting.

Grace Kao (grace2@pop.upenn.edu) is Chair of the Nominations Committee.

Judith Liu (liusd@san Diego.edu) is Chair of the Awards Committee.

Other contacts include:

Joyce Chinen (chinen@hawaii.edu)
Fenggang Yang (yang@soc.purdue.edu)
Joan Fujimura (fujimura@ssc.wisc.edu)
Jennifer Lee (jenlee@uci.edu)
Tomiko Takasugi (takasugi@hawaii.edu)

NOTES ON FOLKS

Sharon Lee will be a Fulbright Scholar in the Department of Sociology, University of Toronto, January-June 2004. She'll be carrying out research on "Race, Immigration, and Integration in the 21st Century: Asians in Canada and the U.S." in collaboration with Monica Boyd.