

# **American Association for Chinese Studies**



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# Message from the 2018 President

It was a great honor for me to serve as the President of the AACCS in the past two years. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to your unwavering support and participation in the activities of the Association. I would like to thank, in particular, the members of the Board of Directors and many others who volunteered to serve on the various committees, to help organize the conferences, and to put together the Journal and the newsletter. Special thanks should go to Professor Peter Chow whose service has been and will continue to be indispensable to the functioning of the Association. Now, as a result of the efforts of many distinguished scholars in the past jiazi (sixty years), the AACCS has established itself as a leading association devoted to studies on China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Chinese diaspora. Under the new leadership of Professor June Teufel Dreyer and her team, I am confident that the Association will continue to grow and prosper for many years to come.

John Hsieh

# Message from the 2019 President



It is my great honor to serve as president of the AACS for the next two years, and thank you for the vote of confidence you have placed in me. Having joined AACS way back in 1981 at the invitation of Chiu Hung-dah, I have enjoyed seeing the organization grow and thrive, thanks to the collective efforts of you its members. I realize that, coming after predecessors like John Hsieh, Hans Stockton, Vincent Wang, Shelley Rigger, and others, these are big shoes to fill, and humbly seek your support.

Recently, the request for proposals went out for our next meeting, to be held in Seattle from October 4-6th and commemorating the one-hundredth anniversary of the May 4th movement as well as the 30th anniversary of the protests at Tiananmen Square and elsewhere throughout China. While we hope to have several panels relating to these occasions, proposals reflecting your current research are also welcome.

I look forward to a successful conference, and to seeing you all there.

June Teufel Dreyer  
Professor, Department of Political Science  
University of Miami



# Members

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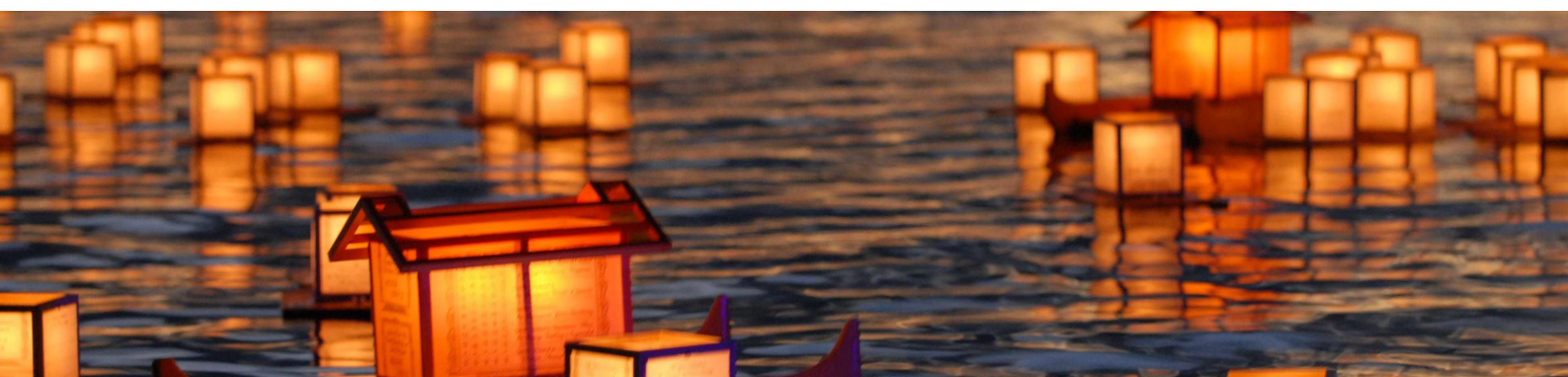
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Congratulations to the AACS on its 60th anniversary. AACS is unique among the professional associations I know for being both tight-knit and open-minded. That combination makes it uniquely successful at expanding opportunities in our field of study. AACS is known for helping researchers at the beginning of their careers find their footing, and for welcoming academics from every type of institution. I personally benefited from AACS's generosity when I was still a graduate student, and I am delighted that the organization is continuing to play that role today. Congratulations!

Cheers,

Shelley Rigger

Brown Professor of Political Science and Chair of Chinese Studies  
Davidson College

### *In Memoriam*

AACS long time board member, Dr. George P.C. Chen, professor emeritus at Augusta State University passed away in July 2018. George was originally from Taiwan. He obtained a bachelor degree in law from National Taiwan University, and Ph.D. in political science from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Since his graduation, he taught at Augusta State for more than 30 years before his retirement. George has been a life member for the AACS since the early 1980's when AACS became an interdisciplinary academic organization then. George was one of the few scholars who studied Taiwan's electoral politics when democratization gained its momentum in Taiwan in the 1990's. He led several groups of American scholars to observe various rounds of elections to enhance

Taiwan's visibility as a vibrant democracy in the American academic circles.

When the AACS Secretariat Office was moved to the City College of New York in January, 1998 with "zero balance" in its financial account, George generously offered \$ 5000 of interest-free loan from his affiliated social scientists association to the AACS to expedite the functions and to sustain growth of the AACS. Before his retirement in the early 2000's, he dutifully attended the AACS conference and board meeting every year without exception. AACS will certainly miss such a valued life member who served at its board for more than two decades.

Peter C.Y. Chow



# A Call for AACCS Members to Promote the American Journal of Chinese Studies

One of the distinctive features of the American Association for Chinese Studies, and by extension the American Journal of Chinese Studies, is its goal of encouraging research on and the study of China (including Taiwan and the Chinese diaspora) in all fields and disciplines, including both historical and contemporary topics and issues. In practice, though, the focus of the Association, and the Journal, has often leaned more toward some areas rather than others. As shown in the history of the Association described in the most recent issue of the Journal, the membership of the Association in its early years was heavily weighted toward Chinese literature and the humanities. Over time, though, there was a shift toward the social sciences, with political science largely dominating over other fields (as seen in panels at the Association's recent annual meetings and in article submissions to the Journal). Several years back a conscious decision was made, with assistance from the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, bringing a stronger focus on the humanities back to the Association and the Journal. This broadening effort seems to have had some effect if measured by the submissions to the Journal for consideration over the past year—which have included articles on Art, Education, Environmental Studies, History, Literature, Philosophy, Political Science, and Religion. I would argue, though, that the best guarantee for the long-term health of the Journal (in terms of maintaining its quality and its subscription base) depends on making sure that each issue of the Journal has a range of articles that will appeal to a broad audience in the Chinese Studies community. I would suggest that achieving this goal will remain difficult, though, unless the number of articles published in each issue of the Journal is increased. The main obstacle to this goal at this point in time is the relatively small number of submissions received by the Journal (in contrast to other similarly positioned journals). Therefore, I would like to call on all members of the Association not only to remember the Journal when considering possible publication of their own research but also to recommend the Journal to your friends and colleagues in the China field.

I should note that making the case for the broadening of topics published in the Journal does not mean turning our back on past areas of strength. The Journal already has a strong reputation for fostering quality research on policy-relevant issues, and this strength should not be slighted. Indeed, in the pursuit of this end, the Journal issued a call for papers to all AACCS members after the recent Baltimore meeting for a special issue to advance further discussion on the concept of "sharp" power as applied to the recent developments in Chinese foreign relations. So far, the response to this call has been fairly limited, but I hope that this note may serve as a reminder to members who might be considering exploratory work in this area.

Edward McCord  
George Washington University





# 60th Annual AACCS Conference

The 2018 Annual American Association for Chinese Studies Conference was held on October 5-7, 2018 in Baltimore, Maryland, hosted by the Francis King Carey School of Law at the University of Maryland. The 2018 program committee included Joel S. Fetzer (Pepperdine University), John Hsieh (University of South Carolina), Pei-te Lien (University of California, Santa Barbara), Fang-long Shih (London School of Economics and Political Science), and Yenna Wu (University of California, Riverside).

AACS expresses great appreciation for Ms. Chi-Yu Wu for her generous support in organizing and hosting the AACCS conference at the University of Maryland.





Keynote Speech: Robin Lung, "Finding KUKAN: A Documentary Film by Robin Lung" (<http://www.nestedeggproductions.com/>)



Speaker: Professor Victor H. Mair, "Yìduān in the Analects (2.16) and Beyond: Did Ancient China Have a Concept of 'Heresy'?"

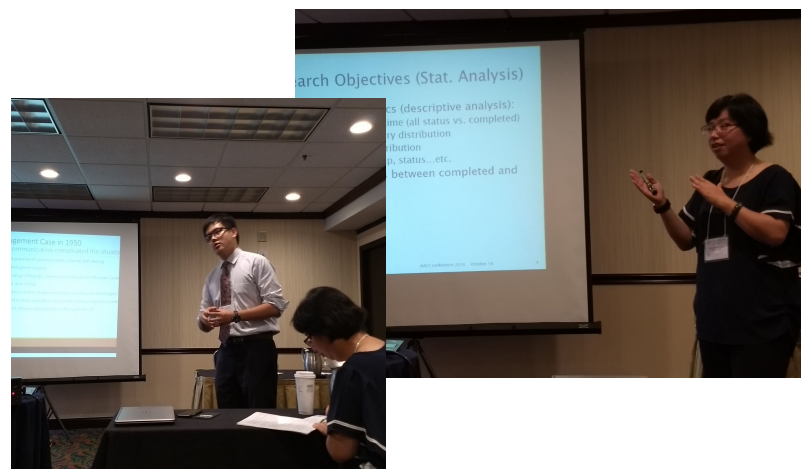
2018 AACCS President John Hsieh speaks



Members enjoy the conference reception



Conference presenters speak



## 2018 Junior Travel Grant recipients

*James Lin* University of Washington


*Wan-Lin Chang* University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

*Yitzu (Jerry) Lin* University of South Carolina

*Yu-Cheng Lin* University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

*Yuleng Zeng* University of South Carolina

*Chien-Chih (Jesse) Lu* UC Berkeley School of Law



I am writing to thank AACCS for offering me the Junior Travel Grant. As a graduate student, my funding resources for travel are rather limited. The generosity of the AACCS in offering the grant makes my attending the conference much more affordable. Indeed, without this grant I might have chosen to attend conferences that are closer to my location, missing a great opportunity to meet and learn from so many scholars with similar interests in China-Taiwan studies. I am also grateful for the promptness of the evaluation process, which really helps a lot, especially in terms of schedule and planning ahead for both the conference and other duties from my department. Again, I would like to thank AACCS for offering me the travel grant.

Best,

Yuleng Zeng  
Ph.D. candidate  
Political Science Department  
University of South Carolina



# 2019 Conference Call for Papers

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce that the 61st annual meeting of The American Association for Chinese Studies (AACS) will be held October 4-6, hosted by the Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington in Seattle. In commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the May 4th Movement, the conference theme will be "May Fourth and Beyond." Apart from this major theme, we welcome other themes related to the founding of the People's Republic of China, the Taiwan Relations Act, and the June 4th Movement, as well topics related to your current research. The year 2019 is a commemorative year—70th anniversary of the PRC founding and the relocation of the nationalist government to Taiwan, 40th for the TRA, 30th for the June 4th, and 20th for Macao's return to China. It also marks the 40th anniversary of tensions between the United States and the PRC on such matters as trade, intellectual property rights, and technology transfers.

The AACS is an interdisciplinary association devoted to the study of China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao and the Chinese diaspora (<http://aacs.ccny.cuny.edu/homepage.htm>). Submissions from all disciplines are welcome. We seek to construct a balanced program, including panels representing the humanities, social sciences, communication studies, education, business, and other related disciplines.

Membership in AACS is required for participation in the annual conference, and non-members are welcome to submit proposals, join the Association, and participate in the annual conference. We encourage submissions from graduate

students, junior and senior scholars, and international participants.

The program committee prefers proposals for complete panels (a chair, 3-4 papers, and 1-2 discussants) and roundtables (a chair and 3-4 other participants). The committee also welcomes proposals for individual papers and will attempt to place them on appropriate panels. Panels and roundtables concerning special events or topics of broad significance are welcome as well.

The program committee consists of, in alphabetical order by surname, June Teufel Dreyer (University of Miami), Abraham Lin (Brooklyn College, CUNY), Fanglong Shih (London School of Economics and Political Science), and Chunjuan Nancy Wei (University of Bridgeport). Proposals should include the names and roles of panel/roundtable participants, contact information, paper topics and short abstracts (not to exceed 250 words), and each participant's profile (not to exceed 200 words). Please send your proposal by e-mail to <[aacs2019@gmail.com](mailto:aacs2019@gmail.com)>. Please include complete contact information (institutional affiliation, address, telephone number, and e-mail) for all participants. The deadline for panel and individual proposals is **March 1, 2019**. Scholars submitting proposals by the deadline will be notified of their inclusion in the program by **May 1, 2019**.

**The AACS views conference registration and attendance as a serious professional obligation. Panelists who have not registered for the conference before September 7, 2019 will be dropped from the printed program.**

May the Fourth Be With You!



# Member Achievements

## Peter Chow

The City College and Graduate Center, City University of New York

### Books

- Taiwan's Industrial Policy in the Era of Globalization: From Sector specific to Macro Management in Carstern Storm (Eds), "Connecting Taiwan, Participation-Integration-Impacts." ISBN: 978-1-138-57677-3. Routledge. pp. 99-124. 2018.

### Journals

- "The State of Studying the Taiwanese Economy: Retrospect and Prospect," International Journal for Taiwan Studies vol.1. no. 2, pp. 331-352. 2018.

## Cal Clark

Auburn University

### Books

- A Strait Jacket for Sarah (All Things That Matter Press, 2018)

### Journal

- Cal Clark, Alexander C. Tan, and Karl Ho, "Ending Taiwan's Economic Stagnation: The Implications of the Elections of Presidents Tsai and Trump," Contemporary Chinese Political Economy and Strategic

Relations, December 2018.

- Cal Clark, Alexander C. Tan, and Karl Ho, "Confronting the Costs of Its Past Success: Revisiting Taiwan's Post-Authoritarian Political and Economic Development," Asian Politics & Policy, 2018.

- Cal Clark, "A Short History of the American Association for Chinese Studies," American Journal of Chinese Studies, October 2018.

### Key Note Address

- Cal Clark, "Preserving Basic Industries: The Implications of Trumponomics," International Institute of Development Studies' First International Seminar on Development in Action, Kolkata, 2018.

### Award

- Who's Who in America's Alfred Nelson Lifetime Achievement Award

## John F. Copper

Stanley J. Buckman Distinguished Professor of International Studies (emeritus), Rhodes College

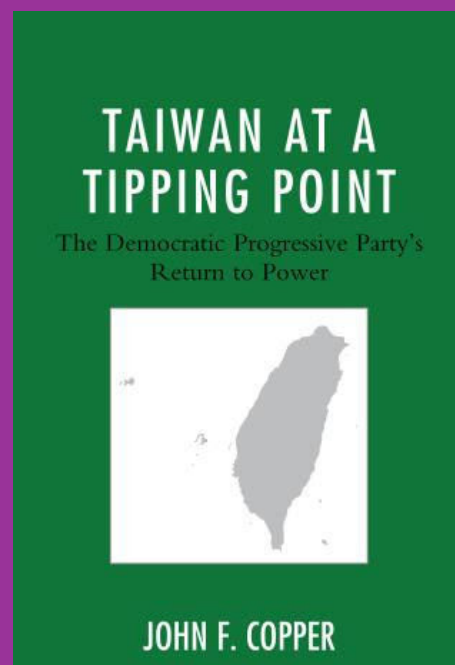
### Books

- Taiwan at a Tipping Point: The Democratic Progressive Party's Return to Power (Lanham, MD:

Lexington Books, 2018)

ISBN: 978-1-4985-6969-9 (cloth)

ISBN: 978-1-4985-6970-5 (electronic)



### Journals

- "Three Scenarios for Taiwan's Future—Really?" Eurasia Studies Quarterly, No. 2 January 2018 (in Chinese) ISSN 2523-160X. Pp. 1-16

### Awards

- Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award  
- Marquis Who's Who



## Blogs

- "Taiwan's Political Party System—Past, Present and Future," Taiwan Insight, January 4, 2018 (online at taiwaninsight.org).
- "Understanding the U.S.-China Impasse on North Korea," IPP Review, January 5, 2018 (online at ippreview.com).
- "Top Two Targets of Western Liberal Media Bias: Trump and China," IPP Review, January 16, 2018 (online at ippreview.com).
- "Explaining China's fast rise as an innovative country," IPP Review, January 28, 2018 (online at ippreview.com).
- "The New Concept of Sharp Power in International Politics: A Critique," IPP Review, February 15, 2018 (online at ippreview.com).
- "U.S.-China Trade Dispute Unlikely to Worsen Despite Deficit," IPP Review, March 1, 2018 (online at ippreview.com).
- "The Recent U.S. Pro-Taiwan Policy Shift: How Real?" IPP Review, March 29, 2018 (online at ippreview.com).
- "Taiwan's diplomatic status erodes again," Taiwan Insight, May 15, 2018 (online at taiwaninsight.org).
- "Taiwan Suffers Further Diplomatic Isolation," IPP Review, June 1, 2018 (online at ipprevciew.com).
- "Taiwan's Defense Budget: Promises Made, Promises Not Kept," IPP Review, July 26, 2018 (online at ippreview.com).
- "Will China Meddle in America's Mid-Term Election" IPP Review, September 3, 2018 (online at ippreview.com).
- "What's With the Recent

5/6

Tension in U.S.-China Relations?" IPP Review, September 18, 2018 (online at ippreview.com).

- "U.S. Midterm Election and Trump Hating China: What's Really Going On?" IPP Review, October 9, 2018 (online at ippreview.com).
- "Will Trump Jilt Taiwan?" IPP Review, October 17, 2018 (online at ippreview.com).
- "Explaining the Results of Taiwan's Mid-Term Election," IPP Review, November 27, 2018 (online at ippreview.com).

## Newspaper Op-eds

- "Western Media reveals anti-China bias," China Daily, February 5, 2018
- "China-US confrontation not inevitable," China Daily, February 28, 2018

## Book Reviews

- Graham Allison, *Destined for War: Can America and China Escape Thucydides's Trap?* Education About Asia, Spring 2018
- Shaohua Hu, *Foreign Policies Toward Taiwan*, Journal of Chinese Political Science, June 2018

## Cited in the Media

- Jens Kastner, "Projected Pension Cuts Outrage Taiwan's Military," Asia Sentinel, July 4, 2018
- Veja Magazine, October 10, 2018, interview on Nikki Haley's resignation as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

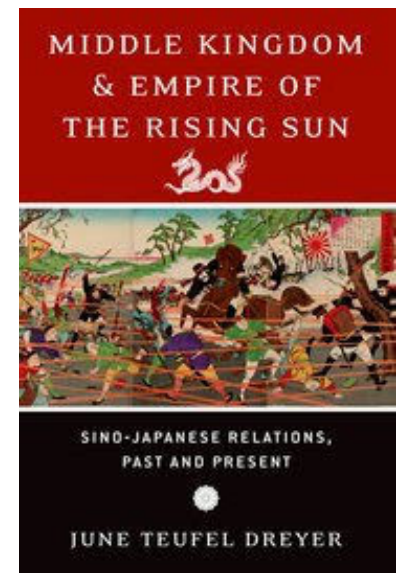
## June Teufel Dreyer

University of Miami

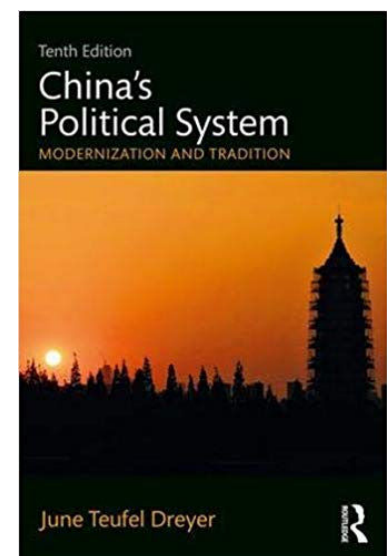
## Books

"Middle Kingdom and Empire of the Rising Sun: Sino-Japanese Relations, Past and

Present" (Oxford University Press, July 2018), 478 Pages, revised paperback ed., ISBN: 9780190692209



Dreyer, June Teufel. *China's Political System: Modernization and Tradition*. Routledge, 2019. ISBN 9781138501515.



**Joel Fetzer**  
Pepperdine University  
**Books**

- Soper, J. Christopher, and Joel S. Fetzer. 2018. *Religion and Nationalism in Global Perspective*. Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press

**Wendelin Gray**

Independent/Silk Screen Arts Organization

Books  
- Lucky Cat and the Snow Maiden's Vengeance.

CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2018. ISBN 978-1981993581

- Sohyeon After Midnight. CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2018. ISBN 978-1726375559

(Sohyeon After Midnight Korean version - <https://enlightenedrabbit.wordpress.com/category/sohyeon-korean-graded-reader-project/>)

Honors  
- 2018 Story Monsters Approved Seal in the Tween Category for The Haunting at Ice Pine Peak

**James Hsiung**

New York University

Books  
- The South China Sea Disputes and the US-China Contest: International Law and Geopolitics. World Scientific, 2018. ISBN 978-9813231092

**Shaohua Hu**

Wagner College

Books  
- Foreign Policies toward Taiwan. Routledge, 2018. ISBN 978-1138061743

**Honors**

- Promoted to full professorship at the Department of Government and Politics.

**Wei-chin Lee**

Wake Forest University

Books  
- Taiwan's Political Re-Alignment and Diplomatic Challenges, ed. Wei-chin Lee Palgrave Macmillan, 2018.

ISBN:978-3-319-77124-3



**Journal**

- "The Acrobatic Justice on the Marching Order: China's Fourth Judicial Reform in Perspective," Governance Innovation and Policy Change: Recalibrations of Chinese Politics under Xi Jinping, ed. Neil Noesselt, Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2018, 127-151.

- "The Turn of Fortune: Re-alignment in Taiwan's Domestic Politics and Diplomacy," Taiwan's Political Re-Alignment and Diplomatic Challenges, ed. Wei-chin Lee, Palgrave Macmillan, 2018, 1-30.

- "Consensus Found and Consensus Lost: Taiwan's 2016 Election, the 1992 Consensus, and Cross-Strait Relations," Taiwan's Political Re-Alignment and Diplomatic Challenges, ed. Wei-chin Lee, Palgrave Macmillan, 2018, 145-175.

**Hong-jen Lin**

Brooklyn College, CUNY

Honors  
- Spence Kimball Writing

Award in the field of insurance, granted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), 2017

**Phyllis Lan Lin**

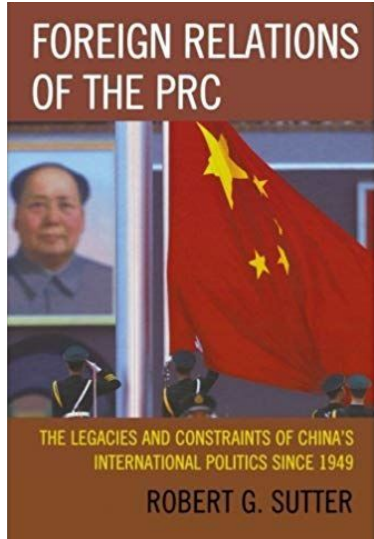
Professor Emerita, University of Indianapolis; Professor, PhD OD Program at Assumption University (Bangkok, Thailand)

**Journal**

- Beyond 2018: Challenges of America's Higher Education. US-China Education Review A, Vol. 8, No. 5. May 2018. Pp. 217-225. DOI: 10.17265/2161-623x/2018.05.004

**Honors**

- 2018 Meritorious Award, University of Indianapolis Lectures: Speaker for the Chinese American Museum Gala Event, November 8, 2018; Washington, DC; "Build It Together"  
- Service Award; Zhejhiang University, Ningbo Institute of Technology; Ningbo, China; June 15, 2018  
- Service Award; Yeuxiu University of Foreign Languages, Xiaoxing, China; June 14, 2018  
- Chair, Academic Advisory Board, Chinese American Museum, DC (2018-2020)  
- Professor Emerita, University of Indianapolis (2018- )





**Robert Sutter**

George Washington University  
Book

- Ellings, Richard J., and Robert G. Sutter. *Axis of Authoritarians: Implications of China-Russia Cooperation*. National Bureau of Asian Research, 2018.

978-1939131553

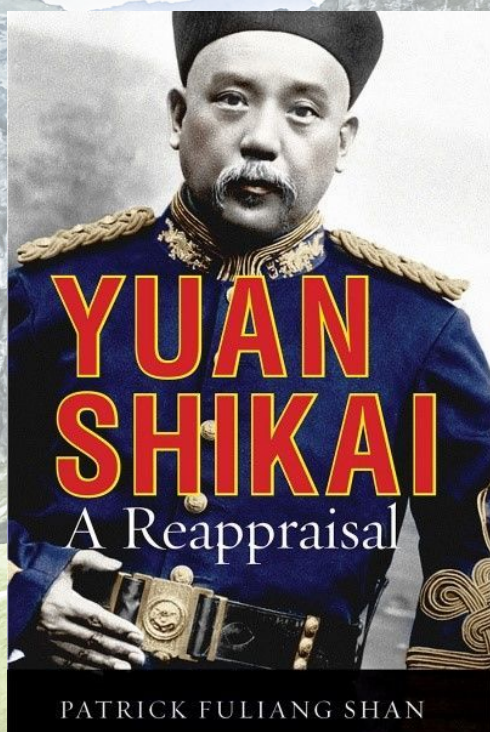
- *Foreign Relations of the PRC: the Legacies and Constraints of China's International Politics since 1949*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2019. ISBN 978-1538107478

**Patrick Fuliang Shan**

Grand Valley State University

**Books**

- *Yuan Shikai: A Reappraisal*. The University of British Columbia Press, 2018. ISBN 978-0-7748-3778-1

**Journals**

- "Chen Yonggui Revisited: Intriguing Figure, Diverse Identities, and Maoist Regimentation," *American Journal of Chinese Studies*, Vol. 25, no. 1. April 2018. Pp. 31-46

**Yenna Wu**

University of California,  
Riverside

**Honors**

- "China Study Scholarship" award, The Special Project Committee, the American Association for Chinese Studies

**Lectures**

- "In Their Own Words: Testimonies of the Survivors of the Great Famine (1958-62)"; The 56th Annual Meeting of the Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies (WCAAS); Soka University of America, Aliso Viejo, CA; October 19-20, 2018.

- "Reclaiming the Right to Remember: Giving Voices to the Victims of Jiabianguo Labor Camp through Narratives and Films"; The 60th Annual Conference of the American Association for Chinese Studies. Francis King Carey School of Law, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD; October 5-7, 2018.

- "Gender and Trauma in Yiwa's In Search of the Survivors of the Great Famine (Xunzhao dajihuang xingcunzhe)"; The 60th Annual Conference of the American Association for Chinese Studies. Francis King Carey School of Law, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD; October 5-7, 2018.

- "Reclaiming the Memories of Jiabianguo and the Great Famine Through Trans-Pacific Cooperation"; 2018 Trans-Pacific International Conference; University of California, Riverside, Riverside, CA; September 13-14, 2018.

- "Jiabianguo Testimonial Narratives: Remembering the

Traumatic Descent in Space and Identity"; 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Comparative Literature Association; UCLA, Los Angeles; March 29-April 1, 2018.

- Invited speaker; "Wenxue he dianying ruhe dizhi dui Jiabianguo de yiwang"; National Sun Yat-sen University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan; March 1, 2018.

- Panel organizer and chair; "State Violence, Minorities, and Memories: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Human Rights Issues in China and Taiwan"; The 60th Annual Conference of the American Association for Chinese Studies. Francis King Carey School of Law, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD; October 5-7, 2018.

- Panel organizer and chair; "New Studies in Modern Taiwanese and Chinese Literature"; The 60th Annual Conference of the American Association for Chinese Studies. Francis King Carey School of Law, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD; October 5-7, 2018.

**Others**

- Dr. Wu served as associate editor for the *American Journal of Chinese Studies* from October 2017 to 2018, and was in charge of editing the April 2018 issue of the *AJCS*.

- Program Committee for the 60th Annual Conference of the American Association for Chinese Studies in Baltimore.



**Chia-rong Wu**  
Rhodes College

**Honors**

- Scholar Grant, The Chiang  
Ching-kuo Foundation for  
International Scholarly  
Exchange

**Lectures**

- "The (Post-)Apocalyptic  
Discourse in Taiwan's Science  
Fiction." The 24th Annual  
Conference of the North

American Taiwan Studies  
Association at The University of  
Texas at Austin, May 24-26,  
2018.

- "Beyond Mountain and Sea:  
The Reconstruction of  
Indigeneity in Literary Taiwan."  
Chinese Ecologies: An  
International Symposium on  
the Environment and  
Indigeneity at Harvard  
University, April 6-7, 2018.







## PHYLIS LAN LIN RECEIVES MERITORIOUS AWARD UPON HER RETIREMENT

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Phylis Lan Lin, associate vice president for international partnership

s, was honored with the Meritorious Award by the Office of the Provost during the 2018 Faculty-Staff Institute luncheon for her outstanding leadership during 45 years of service to the University. Dr. Lin retires Aug. 31 and will assume the title of **professor emerita**.

Dr. Lin has published or edited more than 30 books in Chinese and English on topics ranging from medical

sociology, marriage and the family, stress management, service-learning and organizational behavior. Her servant leadership, passion for teaching and dedication to students have made her a beloved member of the UIndy family.

“Her accomplishments and contributions to the University of Indianapolis are too many to mention,” said Stephen Kolison, Jr., executive vice president and provost. “She is a prolific scholar and a great mentor to young faculty. For 45 years, she has dedicated her talent and knowledge to the advancement of this University.”

Dr. Lin was recognized at both the Zhejiang Yuexiu Foreign Languages University (ZYU) and Ningbo Institute of Technology (NIT) 2018 commencements for outstanding service.

As she closes the long and remarkable UIndy chapter of her career, Dr. Lin is starting several exciting new opportunities that reflect her commitment to building international relationships. At the **Chinese American Museum in Washington, D.C.**, Dr. Lin serves as the chair of the Academic Advisory Board that is designing a scholarship program for students. The museum is slated to open in phases during 2019 and 2020, with a gala planned for November 2018.



“The Chinese American Museum is a mission-driven project that will become a reservoir

for Chinese-American culture,” Dr. Lin explained. “We’re promoting the concept of how we can work with all races and nationalities and together build a good country. The more we include other people of different backgrounds, the richer we become. Diversification is a power in itself.”

Dr. Lin noted that while she hadn’t planned on these opportunities, she decided to embark on a new journey



when the offers began pouring in after her retirement announcement. She will also serve as the honorary president of the Everbright Academy of Film Arts in Ningbo, China, and as Director of the Center for Research and Planning at Assumption University in Bangkok, Thailand. She will continue teaching an applied sociology course at the graduate level as a part-time adjunct professor at the University of Indianapolis.

“After retirement, my base remains in Indianapolis, albeit my international and national engagements, so I can be a frequent visitor to UIndy,” she said.

### Remarkable legacy

Dr. Lin joined the University faculty in 1973 with a passion for enhancing diversity and internationalization on



campus. Her many responsibilities have included serving as executive director of the University of Indianapolis Press, director of Asian Programs and associate vice president for International Partnerships. She played an integral role in forming accredited partnerships with Chinese institutions and establishing the Chinese Student Alumni Association, making frequent trips overseas to forge new relationships. She also spearheaded the establishment of the school’s social work program, which is now an academic department that bears her name.

**From the archives: Letter from Gene Sease, former president of Indiana Central University**

The Phylis Lan Lin Scholarship in Social Work, which supports social work students from traditionally underrepresented groups who have a commitment to social work and social justice, is another important facet of



Phylis Lan Lin with her husband,  
Leon Lin

Dr. Lin's legacy. Four scholarships of \$5,000 each are awarded annually to students enrolled in either the bachelor's or master's of social work program at the University of Indianapolis.

"UIndy is thriving, and I want to be part of that growth. In that way, I don't really want to retire!" Dr. Lin said. "But it's

good timing, because UIndy is entering a new phase in our international partnerships. We need the new leadership. I have built the foundation but there will be more challenges. It's time to pass the torch."

"We are incredibly proud of Dr. Lin's achievements. She is one of the hardest working members of our department and an integral part of our team. We are grateful for her fantastic 45 years of service," said Amanda Miller, chair of sociology.

[Read an extended biography here.](#)


Mary Moore, professor of sociology and associate vice president of accreditation, echoed those sentiments: "Over 30 years ago, I was hired as a new faculty member at the University of Indianapolis by Dr. Phylis Lan Lin, and since that time she has served as a mentor and colleague. Throughout her career, Phylis has looked for ways to engage junior colleagues in collaborative projects that have served to advance to her colleagues' careers. Her vision, which is to imagine in grand ways, is the opposite of her personal philosophy where she always puts others before herself."

Dr. Lin follows a dual leadership philosophy of being a "V.I.P." – a person with vision, integrity and passion, and



also embodies the 4 “H’s” – humanism, humility, holism and happiness. She appreciates the collegial atmosphere at the University of Indianapolis as well as the support it provides for international programs.

“It is so hard for me to leave my beloved institution after serving thousands of students and working closely with hundreds of faculty and staff in the last 45 years. Together, we make good things happen and we transform lives. I am gratified, humbled, and blessed. UIndy is thriving and the best is yet to come,” Dr. Lin said.



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