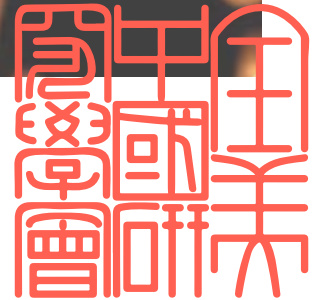


# ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

The American Association for Chinese Studies (AACS) annual conference program committee invites proposals for panels, roundtables, and individual papers on topics concerning China, Taiwan, other Chinese-speaking communities, and the Chinese diaspora for the 66th Annual Conference, hosted by the Department of Political

Science, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV, on October 4-6, 2024.

We welcome panels and papers from across a wide range of disciplines, including economics, history, literature, political science, and sociology. The 2024 conference will feature a roundtable discussion by specialists on the results of

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## INSTITUTIONAL HOST: UNIVERSITY OF LAS VEGAS

the 2024 presidential election in Taiwan and its implications for international relations in the region as well as a keynote address by Prof. Stewart Chang (UNLV) on LGBTQ rights in Taiwan and Singapore.

The AACS annual conference offers a forum for interdisciplinary exchanges and policy dialogues and a diverse program with panels on issues of significance for scholarship and social and political policy.

### **About the AACS:**

The AACS is an interdisciplinary association devoted to the study of subjects related to China and Taiwan broadly construed ([www.americanassociationforchinesestudies.org](http://www.americanassociationforchinesestudies.org)).

Membership in AACS is required for participation in the annual conference, but those who are not currently members are welcome to submit proposals, join the Association, and participate in the annual meeting. We welcome submissions from junior and senior scholars and Ph.D. students from the U.S. and overseas. Please note that this conference is in-person only.

The program committee will give preference to proposals for panels (a chair, 4 papers, and a discussant) and roundtables (a chair and 4 other panelists). We also encourage individual paper proposals in these areas. (See further details below.)

### **Submission details:**

Panel proposals and individual submissions should include contact information, paper topics, and brief abstracts (not exceeding 250 words) as specified in the proposal forms attached to the end of this CFP. Panel proposals should specify the names and roles of panel/roundtable participants. Please send your proposal by email to:

[aacsmeeting2024@gmail.com](mailto:aacsmeeting2024@gmail.com)

All proposals should include complete contact information (address, telephone number, and email) for all participants. The deadline for panel and individual proposals is March 29, 2024. Scholars submitting proposals by the deadline will be notified of

decisions by May 17, 2024.

All panelists must register for the AACS 2024 conference and renew or apply for AACS membership before August 23, 2024. For those whose panels or papers are accepted, the AACS considers registration and attendance to be a professional obligation, to be honored unless there are exigent circumstances preventing a participant's attendance.

Please ensure that you secure travel funding from your own institution as soon as possible.

***Committee Members:***

The 2024 AACS Conference Program Committee is composed of:

Joel Fetzer (Pepperdine University), Chair; Yenna Wu (University of California, Riverside); and Austin Wang (University of Nevada, Las Vegas).



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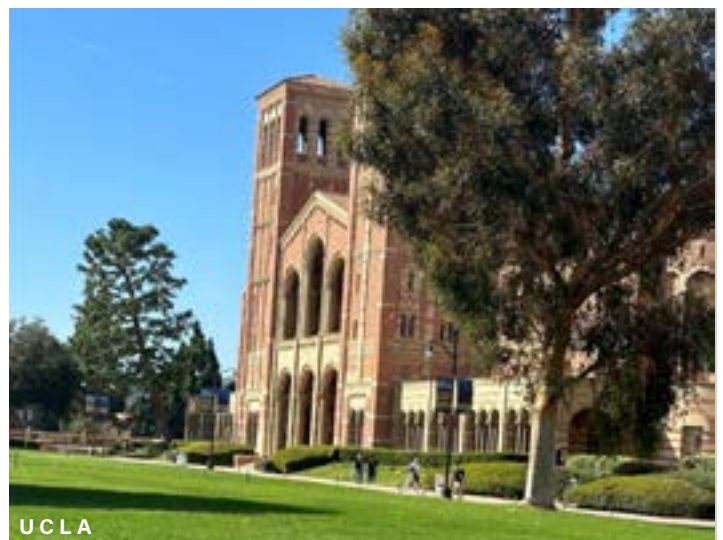
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# FROM THE AUTHOR OF THE NEWSLETTER:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN  
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As the executive director of the American Association for Chinese Studies, I am grateful for all members and directors of board and the authors as well as all participants in this association and the annual conferences. Without your encouragement, help, and contribution, the association cannot go that far. Last year (2023), we did have a successful conference at the UCLA with the assistance of the Asian Pacific Research Center, and the department of the sociology of the UCLA for their coordination of the administrative work. This year (2024), with the efforts of the program committees, Joel Fetzer, Yenna Wu and Austin Wang, and others, the conference is well organized and prepared. Most of us are outstanding scholars here. Nevertheless, without their hard work, we do not have this platform to convey our ideas to others, and the policymakers do not have chances to communicate with us, either. Let me give an applaud to all of them.

Moreover, the financial support from the Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) must be acknowledged. TECO has long been serious about building the rapport between the practitioners, policymakers, and researchers, especially improving full understandings (if possible) across strait. Our total revenue of this year is \$35,318.65 including the donation of \$25,000 from TECO. One third of the donation is allocated to the American Journal of Chinese Studies. The amount of the donation will be adjusted according to the needs and the actual price level. The total expenses are \$23,357.07 including the salary of the student assistant,

website maintenance and repair, and the rent and food for the 65th annual meeting, etc. Of course, we may also accept donations from other none profit organizations such as think tanks and research institutes. If anyone has connections with some reliable research funding sources which comply with the missions and goals of our association, feel free to tell me and our board members. I deeply wish our academic efforts and achievements here can facilitate and enlighten a way paved toward a brighter future for human beings. Hence, the AACCS will grow and prosper.

***H.J. Abraham Lin, Ph.D.***  
***Associate Professor and Deputy Chair of Finance***  
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# WORDS OF THE PRESIDENT

## PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR CHINESE STUDIES

I am honored to serve as president of the Association and to have been chosen to follow T.J. Cheng and other highly distinguished friends and colleagues who are my predecessors. Great thanks are due to Abraham Lin, who has so ably stepped in as successor to the irreplaceable Peter Chow as Executive Director, Vice President Yenna Wu, AJCS Editor Wei-Chin Lee for their indispensable contributions to AACCS's success. Program Chair Joel Fetzer has been hard—and successful—at work to make this year's conference a worthy successor to last year's impressive conference at UCLA. We will once again have a rich and varied program of twenty-four panels and special sessions addressing important scholarly topics and topical issues in the study of China, Taiwan, and other related matters from diverse disciplinary perspectives. We are also grateful to our local host for this year's event, David Fott at the University of Nevada Las Vegas.

Most importantly, I want to thank all of you, the members of AACCS, for your continued support of the Association and the substantive contributions you make through your scholarship, teaching, and participation in AACCS fora, including the annual meeting and the AJCS.

I look forward to our getting together in Las Vegas in October.

Jacques deLisle  
University of Pennsylvania

# MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

## **Sabella Ogbobode Abidde**

Alabama State University, Montgomery, Alabama  
Edited/Coedited Books Published in 2023:

1. Palestine, Taiwan, and Western Sahara: Statehood, Sovereignty, and the International System (Lexington Books, 2023). ISBN-13: 978-1666932003
2. China and Taiwan in Latin America and the Caribbean: History, Power Rivalry, and Regional Implications (Palgrave MacMillan, 2024). ISBN-13: 978-3031451652

Academic Fellowship:

1. January-July 2023: Taiwan Fellow (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China).  
Conference Papers Delivered:
  1. "China and Taiwan in the Developing World: The Case of Africa and Paraguay," delivered at the 73rd Annual Conference of The Midwest Association for Latin Americas Studies (MALAS), Birmingham, Alabama, November 10-11, 2023.
  2. "Russia's Invasion of Ukraine: Lessons and Implications for China-Taiwan Relations," paper delivered at the Association of Global South Studies Conference, 19-21 October 2023, Decatur, Georgia.
  3. "Africa-Taiwan Relations: Preliminary Findings and Observations," a paper delivered at the Africa-China Research Network in Taiwan, June 21, 2023.
  4. "China's Invasion of Taiwan: At What Cost?" a paper delivered at the 2023 Advanced Research Center of Humanities and Social Sciences (ARCHS), National Chung-Hsing University (NCHU), Taiwan July 3-4, 2023.
- Invited Talks:
  1. "A Brief History of Modern Africa, 1945-2023," a talk given at the International Master's Program in Asia-Pacific Studies, National Chengchi University Taipei, Taiwan, May 15, 2023.
  2. "The Study of African Development," a talk given at the Department of Diplomacy National Chengchi University Taipei, Taiwan, May 3, 2023.

## **Peter Chow**

City College of CUNY

1. Presented a paper on 'The Role of Taiwan's Semiconductor under the De-Risking Policy for a Resilience Global Supply Chain' at the Oxford Taiwan Studies Conference at the Asian Studies Center, St Antony's College, Oxford. University on 27th September 2023.
2. Presented a paper on "The Shifting Paradigm of 'de-risking' toward China" at the conference on 'Washington-Taipei-Beijing relations at the crossroads' hosted by the Ramapo College, New Jersey on November 4-5, 2023.

## **Joel S. Fetzer**

Pepperdine University

- Millan, Brandon Alexander, and Joel S. Fetzer. 2024. "Cosi fan tutti: Economic Inequality, Democratic Values, and Religion as Explanations for Tolerance of Tax Evasion in Beijing's Hong Kong." In Robert

W. McGee and Jovan Shopovski, eds. *The Ethics of Tax Evasion: Country Studies*. Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland.

## **Huei-Ying Kuo**

Johns Hopkins University

Scholarly journal articles accepted or published in 2023:

1. "A Cup of Nostalgia: Bourgeois Tea and Workers' Coffee in Singapore Chinese Communities in the 1920s". Journal title: *Los chinos de ultramar: Movilidades, tradiciones y memorias/Overseas Chinese: Mobilities, Traditions, and Memories* Vol. and Issue no.: ESP-Universidad de Costa Rica (ISBN 978-9930-608-29-6). 2023: Chapter 2, pp. 81-122.
2. Article: "Democracy and Diplomacy: Ideas Concerning Huaqiao and Taiwan, 1898-2018". Journal title: *American Journal of Chinese Studies*, 2024 (forthcoming)

Professional meetings and public lectures/seminars in 2023:

3. "Colonial Making of Chineseness: The Case of Japanese Taiwan, 1895-1945," paper presented at the 65th Annual Conference of the American Association for Chinese Studies, for the panel, *Against Diaspora: Discerning Chineseness beyond China*, University of Los Angeles, California, October 13-15, 2023. "Port-City Connection and Chinese Overseas Capitalism in Asia's Century of Diasporas, the 1840s-1940s," Inter-disciplinary Forum: *China in Global Capitalism, the State and the People*, School of Government and International Affairs, University of Durham, UK, April 4, 2023. "Were Southern Chinese 'Han People'?" Views of Overseas Chinese from Japanese Colonial Taiwan (1895-1945)," paper presented at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies in Boston for the panel, *Decentering China in Global Chineseness: Rethinking Ethnic Chinese Identity Beyond China in Transnational Contexts, 1842-2022*, March 16-19, 2023.
4. Virtual Seminars/Talks: "鄉緣與地緣政治：二十世紀初期香港與南洋之間的華商網絡與中國 (Native-Place Ties and Geopolitics: China and Chinese Merchants' Public Sphere in Hong Kong and Southeast Asia in the Early 20th Century)," 「凝視與回望：他們和我們的南洋與金門」 [Prospect and Retrospect: South Seas and the Island of Kinmen in an Inter-subjective Perspective], organized and chaired by Professor Bo-wei Chiang, the principal investigator of the project: *Global-Local Approaches of Kinmen's Local Creation and Youth Entrepreneurship Empowerment*, National Taiwan Normal University; co-hosted and sponsored by the Management Bureau of the Cultural Park Bureau of the Kinmen County (Taiwan), Singapore Kim Mui Hoey Kuan

(Singapore), Selangor Kim Mooi Association (Malaysia), Persatuan Kim Tong Har Negeri Johor (Malaysia), October 27, 2023.

"粵港視角下1930年代的中國國貨運動與南洋貿易 [Buy Chinese Products Movement and Southern Overseas Trade in the 1930s from the Canton-Hong Kong Perspective], Special Series of the International Journal of Diasporic Chinese Studies: Lecture Series on Commemorative Issue for Professor Lai Chi-kong (4), July 28, 2023 (an online event organized by the Chinese Heritage Centre, Nanyang Technological University, Centre for Chinese Language and Culture, Singapore; Nanyang Technological University, Singapore; and Center for Chinese Entrepreneurs Studies, Tsinghua University, Beijing) [https://www.bilibili.com/video/BV1Rx4y1Q7wj/?spm\\_id\\_from=333.337.search-card.all.click](https://www.bilibili.com/video/BV1Rx4y1Q7wj/?spm_id_from=333.337.search-card.all.click)

"Beyond Chinese Diaspora—Rethinking Asia in the 'European Age of Empire' from an Archipelago Perspective," *Interjectures - In Midst of 'Either-Or's - 3: Port Confluence, Interjectures PhD Seminar Series, Architectural Association School of Architecture, London, May 11-12, 2023*. <https://www.aaschool.ac.uk/publicprogramme/whatson/interjectures-in-midst-of-either-ors-3>

"Overseas Chinese, Taiwan, and Democracy: 1898-2018," Invited Keynote Speech at the Conference of Overseas Community Affairs and New Approaches of Global Chinese Research" Seminar, Co-Organized by Overseas Community Affairs Council (OCAC), Republic of China (Taiwan); the Society of Overseas Chinese Studies (Taiwan); and National Taiwan Normal University, October 23, 2023. (virtual presentation)

5. Others:

Invited reviewer for an article submitted to the following journals: *Trans: Trans-Regional and -National Studies of Southeast Asia* (Oxford University Press), *Business History* (Taylor and Francis), *New History* (新史學)  
Invited Faculty Reviewer, Provost Undergraduate Research Awards (PURA), Hopkins Officer for Undergraduate Research (HOUR)  
Invited participant of outside program review of Student Disability Services (SDS), through the national organization Association of Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD)  
Faculty Liaison, Taiwanese American Students Association, Johns Hopkins University

## **Wei-Chin Lee**

Wake Forest University

Books published in 2023:  
Protests, Pandemic, and Security Predicaments - Hong Kong, Taiwan, China, and the US in the



2020s, ed. Wei-Chin Lee, Palgrave Macmillan, 2023, ISBN978-3-031-33775-8.

### Hong-Jen Abraham Lin

Brooklyn College of CUNY

Publications:

Lin, H. and S.K. Mohanty. "Chapter 80 International Trades, Capital Regulations, and Efficiency: Evidence from the Banking Sector in China during the Pre-China-US Trade War Era." in the book edited by C.F. Lee: for the Handbook of Financial Econometrics, Statistics, Technology, and Risk Management, accepted for publication. **2023** Summer Research Award for Lin, H. and Wang, M. "The Name and Performance of a Bank in the US," **2024**

Presentations

"The Competitiveness of the Taiwan Banking System and the Exposure of "China Risk" for the presentation in the MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF GOVERNANCE Project on Taiwan in the Indo-Pacific Region 2023 Annual Conference May 22-23, Hoover Institution Stanford University. "The Taiwan Banking System and international Trade: "Chinarization" versus Globalization," presented in Economic Research Center of the Central Bank of the Republic of China, Taipei on August 8, 2023. MS24~264 "Trade Finance, China Exposure, and Banking Efficiency: The Case of Taiwan" Dr. Hong-Jen Lin and Sunil K. Mohanty - Brooklyn College, United States, 2024

### Patrick Fuliang Shan

Grand Valley State University

Books published in 2023:

Li Dazhao: China's First Communist, Year of Publication: March 1, 2024

Publisher: SUNY Press (The State University of New York Press), ISBN: 978-1-4384-9681-8

### Robert Sutter

George Washington University

1. Gave the keynote address entitled, "US policy toward China and Taiwan in the post pandemic period," at an international conference on the topic "Opportunities and Challenges for China and the Indo-Pacific after the pandemic." The conference took place at National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan, on March 21-22, 2024 and was sponsored by the university's Institute of International Relations. At the start of the conference, the Institute's director, Professor Chian-wen Kou, presented Sutter with an award in recognition of his over 40 years of professional interchange with the Institute. The Institute will publish the speech in the next edition of its journal *Issues and Studies*.

2. Sutter offered a keynote speech entitled "US Taiwan policy at an inflection point? Perspectives from Washington," at The 2023 Taiwan & Asia Program Conference at Ramapo College, New Jersey, November 4-5, 2023. The speech was published as the lead article in a January 2024 special edition of the East-West Center's Occasional Papers series which featured papers from the conference.

3. Sutter also was the keynote speaker at a two day retreat for 30 senior congressional staff working on foreign policy issues sponsored by Partnership for a Secure America and co-sponsored by the US Institute of Peace on March 9-10 2024. His topic was Congress and China policy. The speech reflected his most recent book publication



Congress and China Policy: Past Episodic, Recent Enduring Influence (Lexington Books 2024).

### Guo Wu

Allegheny College

Books published in 2023:

Title: Chinese Revolution in Practice: From Movement to the State. Year of Publication: 2023. Publisher: Routledge. ISBN: 9781032576206 Meeting date/topic/place: "Tiger Encounters in Ming-Qing Chinese Fiction," presented to the 52nd Southwest Conference on Asian Studies, University of Houston, November 2023. Discussant for the panel "Mapping the Important Changes of 20th Century China: Writing History, Political Maneuvers, and National Transformation."

The American Historical Association 136th Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, January 2023 Speaker of the roundtable discussion "Bridging Cultural and Political Divides: Unique Challenges and Opportunities of Teaching Modern China at CHUS Historians in the Post-Pandemic World," The American Historical Association 136th A

### Yenna Wu

University of California

Scholarly journal articles accepted or published in 2023:

Wu, Yenna. "A Venture into Taiwan's Political Changes and Historical Memories Through Li Ang's 'Beef Noodle Soup'" in Chia-rong Wu and Ming-ju Fan, eds., *Taiwan Literature in the 21st Century: A Critical Reader* (Singapore: Springer, 2023), 27-39. <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-981-19-8380-1>.

Wu, Yenna. "Li Ang 李昂," In: Brill's Encyclopedia of Taiwan Studies, edited by H. H. Michael Hsiao. Leiden: Brill, forthcoming.

2. Professional meetings and public lectures/seminars in 2023:

Professor Wu co-chaired the Program Committee for The 65th Annual Conference of the American Association for Chinese Studies, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, USA, October 13-15, 2023. She helped with event planning and the logistics, and (co)organized a number of panels, including "Sinophone Taiwan Literature: Chen Yao-chang, Li Ang 李昂, and Yang Shuang-Tzu 楊雙子," "Representations of Gender in Jiabiangou Stories, Childhood in Chinese Reality TV, and Identity in Chinese Horror Films," and the special roundtable, "China's Economic Coercion and Gray Zone Tactics toward Taiwan: Responses and Possible Responses from Democratic States." Prof. Wu presented the following papers: "Curry Rice, Candy Wrapper, and Cannibalism: Li Ang's 李昂 Crafting of Transcultural Hybridity" and "Gender, Trauma, and Survival: Examining the Experiences of the Female Rightists in Jiabiangou Labor Camp."

She also moderated the dinner keynote speech on October 2023.

She also moderated the dinner keynote speech by Prof. Michael Berry on October 14, 2023.

### Chia-Rong Wu

University of Canterbury

Edited Book

*Taiwan Literature in the 21st Century: A Critical Reader*, edited by Chia-rong Wu and Ming-ju Fan. Singapore, Springer, 2023.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters "Through an Indigenous Lens: Syaman Rapongan's Rewriting of Oceanic Taiwan." In *Taiwan Literature in the 21st Century*, edited by Chia-rong Wu and Ming-ju Fan. Singapore, Springer, 2023. 153 -164. "Introduction." In *Taiwan Literature in the 21st Century*, edited by Chia-rong Wu and Ming-ju Fan. Singapore, Springer, 2023. 1 -11.

"Towards Sinophone Poetics: Andrew Huang and his Musical Poetry." *Taiwan Lit* 3.2 (2022).

"From Detention to Devotion: Historical Horror and Gaming Politics in Taiwan." *British Journal of Chinese Studies* 12.2 (2022): 46-62.

### Jacques deLisle

University of Pennsylvania

"China's Legal System" in *Politics in China: An Introduction* (4th edition, William A. Joseph, ed., Oxford University Press, 2024)

"Why UN General Assembly Resolution 2758 Does Not Establish Beijing's 'One China'"

Principle: A Legal Analysis," (with Bonnie S. Glaser, German Marshall Fund),

[https://www.gmfus.org/sites/default/files/2024-04/GMF\\_UNGA%20Res.%202758\\_April%202024%20Report.pdf](https://www.gmfus.org/sites/default/files/2024-04/GMF_UNGA%20Res.%202758_April%202024%20Report.pdf).

"Taking Hong Kong's Constitutional Journey to the World: Reflections on the Works of Johannes Chan," *Hong Kong Law Journal* (2023)

Rethinking a Liberal International Order for Asia?: The United States and the Impact of the Ukraine War in Rethinking the Liberal International Order in Asia under the Impact of the Ukraine War (Gilbert Rozman, ed., Korea Economic Institute, 2023)

"Not Quite Déjà Vu All Over Again: CPTPP Accession and Taiwan-China-US Relations" in *China, Taiwan, the UK and the CPTPP: Global Partnership or Regional Standoff?*, 181-216 (Chun-yi Lee and Michael Riley, eds., Cambridge University Press, 2023)

"Authoritarian Police and Policing in East Asia: Scope, Patterns, and Paradoxes" in *Regime Type and Beyond: The Transformation of Police in Asia*, 345-386 (Weitseng Chen and Hualing Fu, eds., Cambridge University Press, 2023)

Other: President, AACS, beginning in 2023; co-editor in chief, *American Journal of Comparative Law*, beginning in 2024.

# MEMORIAL

Caleb M. Clark passed away on September 13 in Steilacoom, Washington at the age of 78. With his passing, the world lost a respected figure in the field of Taiwan studies and the AACS community lost a treasured colleague.

Cal was a lifelong academic. Cal earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Beloit College in 1966 and his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in 1973. He taught at New Mexico State University, University of Wyoming, Chung Yuan Christian University, Tunghai University, and Auburn University over the next forty years. At Auburn, Cal served as the Department Head of Political Science from 1992 to 1995, Alumni Professor of Political Science from 1998 to 2003, and the MPA program director from 2002 to 2012. He authored, co-authored or edited more than 25 academic books throughout his career, including *Taiwan: Environmental, Political and Social Issues*, *Political Economy: Theories, Principles and Politics*, co-authored with his daughter Evelyn Clark Benavides and *Women in Taiwan's Politics: Overcoming Barriers to Women's Participation in a Modernizing Society* with his wife, Janet. Cal also wrote the murder mystery, *The Black Angels*, for which he was honored at the Alabama Book Festival in 2017, and its sequel *A Strait Jacket for Sarah*. (Both are available on Amazon.)

Cal was a long-time AACS member and served as AACS president from 2003-2004. In 2015, AACS awarded him a Distinguished Service Award for his contributions to the association. In 2018, Cal wrote an article for the *AJCS* on the history of the AACS, which became a historic

document of the organization. Cal regularly attended the AACS annual meetings, his last being in 2018 at the University of Maryland School of Law in Baltimore.

Cal was a true friend and a mentor when I needed one. I first met Cal in April 1995 at a conference at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. I was a newly-minted Ph.D. on the academic market with several job offers, none of which I was particularly excited. I discussed the dilemma with Cal, who helped me understand that it was okay to cast about a bit more. Another time, I asked Cal for advice on publishing my first book. Again, Cal helped me come to a decision that was right for me. That is what I most remember and value about Cal. Whether it regarded my career or family, Cal was always genuinely interested, and beyond that, his age and wisdom helped me figure out my own path.

I gravitated toward Cal at AACS meetings not solely because he offered sound advice but because he was in my comfort zone. Sometimes I would see Cal at an AACS reception or sit with him at dinner, and he'd give me an enthusiastic welcome, but then our conversation would flag. But I found that it didn't matter because Cal was always good company even if neither of us had terribly



CALEB M.  
CLARK

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enlightening things to say. We were AACS buddies. I always sought out and enjoyed attending his AACS panels. His enthusiasm for research and teaching was evident at these panels, and I found his presentation style endearingly awkward but always enlightening.

I am eternally grateful for Cal for writing a positive review of my book, *Politics and Society in Contemporary China*, in the *AJCS*. The book is a dense 440 pages, and I'm sure it was a chore to read, but his review was very flattering. Always gracious, Cal wrote: "An impressive textbook.... It is comprehensive, interprets the evolution of Chinese politics from ancient to current times in an incisive and convincing manner, links the present to the past better than most such books, and (last but not least for a textbook) is quite readable." What more could an author ask for? I'm sure his kind words contributed to a couple of sales!

I last saw Cal at the 2018 AACS meeting in Baltimore. I had recently signed a contract with Lynne Rienner Publishers for the second edition of *Politics and Society* and Cal was most enthusiastic about the project. In fact, the Lynne Rienner Publishers website still has Cal's praise on its website. In fall 2020, Cal asked me if I had any research ready for publication that could be included in a volume on Taiwan that he was editing with Karl Ho and Alexander C. Tan. I corresponded regularly with Cal as I feverishly worked on a chapter on Taiwan's military preparedness. The book *Taiwan: Environmental, Political and Social Issues* came out in 2021. My last interaction with Cal was to congratulate him on the publication of the book, which is a valuable contribution to the literature on contemporary Taiwan. In academia as well as in life, well done Cal, well done!

His co-editors of *Taiwan: Environmental, Political and Social Issues*, Karl Ho and Alexander C. Tan fondly remember Cal. Karl wrote: "Cal has also been a great friend, mentor and colleague to me. He inspired me on many things, particularly in research. Whenever we had a draft of a paper, I could count on him to do the final review and give suggestions for revision. He was very generous in doing that: always willing to do the heavy lifting without taking credit. We co-authored quite a few papers, and I wish we had had many more. There was never enough working with Professor Cal Clark."

Alex Tan indicated that, although he knew that Cal wrote fiction in addition to his scholarly work, he did not know that the fiction was so serious. Alex expressed admiration for Cal for his prolific scholarship

and for his dedication to editing the last several books despite being ill. He also fondly remembers the way Cal laughed and the loud bear like sound it produced...a love of life.

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# MEMORIAL



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In Memoriam: Wen-hui Tsai

Dr. Wen-hui Tsai (蔡文輝), Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne (IPFW, now Purdue University Fort Wayne), a life member of the American Association for Chinese Studies (AACS) and its President in 2001-02, passed away in 2021. Although we will not be able to reconnect with him in person this year at the 66th AACS annual meeting (after his retirement, he moved to the West Coast), several AACS board members / former presidents have shared their remembrances as a tribute to this great social scientist.

Wen-hui was a member of the inaugural graduating class of Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University (1964) (His wife and fellow sociologist, Sarah, graduated in 1967). Wen-hui went on to earn a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California, Berkeley (1974) under the prominent sociologist Wolfram Eberhard. His pioneering dissertation was entitled, *Patterns of Political Elite Mobility in China, 1912-1949*.

He began teaching at IPFW in 1974, rose through the ranks, and accomplished a distinguished professional career before retiring at IPFW in 2003.

Wen-hui's "specialization is sociological theory, sociology for elders and family sociology," according to fellow AACS sociologist Walter Kiang, who describes Wen-hui as "the most productive author for all kinds of sociology

textbooks in the Chinese Society and one of the most famous sociology scholars."

Long-time AACS Executive Director

Peter Chow shared that Wen-hui "published several books in sociology which were adopted as textbooks in several universities in Taiwan. With his credentials, he was able to convince his publisher to publish a series of social sciences in various disciplines for college students in Taiwan. With his effort, he was able to invite some social scientists in the States to join this task with him and publish several textbooks in various disciplines of social sciences for college students in Taiwan."

AACS former President Vincent Wang observed that "Over Wen-hui's distinguished career, he built a remarkable arc of interests and contributions to the fields of Chinese and Taiwan studies: elite mobility in the Republican era, mass mobilization campaigns and elderly welfare in post-Mao China, modernization and crime: The Taiwan case, social welfare programs in Taiwan, gerontology (or aging studies), particularly the Taiwan case – many of these studies pioneered the field and all of them solidly grounded in social science theories. The scope, breadth, and depth were all impressive."

Peter further points out that Wen-hui was "one of the first

scholars to write about Taiwan's farmers movement in the colonial period before Taiwan study became an emerging field of study. His specialty in gerontology contributed much to the Center of studies for aged people at National Cheng Kung University in Tainan, his hometown."

As the field of Taiwan Studies enters its fourth decade, it is useful to recall Wen-hui's trailblazing contributions. Peter observed, "As Taiwan's democracy gained its momentum in the late 1980s and 1990s, Wen-hui joined with a group of social scientists in the States to engage in a series of seminars/ conferences to promote Taiwan's visibility in international academic circles. He also published several articles on Taiwan elections and democratic consolidations to promote the international understanding of Taiwan's democracy."

After his retirement, he moved to Southern California, but he continued to contribute his talents to Chinese Community through Chinese American Human Services Association as a Board Member and went back to Taiwan to develop the first Gerontology Department and Research Center at National Cheng Kung University in Tainan, Taiwan.

In addition to his writings and teaching, Wen-hui made invaluable contributions to the field and the profession by his tireless work as the AACS President and his informal mentoring / role-modeling for young scholars. He is a life member of the AACS and served as the AACS president in 2001-2002. He is also a member of the editorial board the at American Journal of Chinese Studies for decades. He actively recruited some junior scholars to join the AACS conference and invited some sociologists to serve at the AACS board of directors.

AACS former President Professor June Teufel Dreyer remembers best about Wen-hui for "his cheerful disposition, always seeing the best in situations and in people. Telling his favorite joke about the lack of relevance in social science research -- involving a group of sociologists seeking information about people in a balloon. And just generally being positive about the world and those around him. His students, Taiwan, and I, were fortunate to have known him."

AACS former President Professor Tun-jen Cheng summarizes his recollection of Wen-hui: "He's accomplished but unassuming, commenting on social science topics jokingly but not trivially, and in AACS sessions, kind to both old acquaintance and newcomers."

AACS former President Professor Yu-long Ling calls Wen-hui "a good and long friend of mine. We both taught in Indiana, so, we help each other in teaching (guest speak), we also published several books together. It is so sad to hear the news. I will be honored to contribute some thought to honor him."

The AACS proudly counts Professor Wen-hui Tsai as a devoted member and inspiring leader and gratefully honors his legacy.

