

# The Historical Society for 20th Century China

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The Historical Society for 20th Century China (*HSTCC*) is an organization dedicated to scholarly interchange about modern China. Founded in 1983, the HSTCC has sponsored and co-organized many symposia, and numerous panels at national meetings of the AAS and the AHA. The Society is affiliated with both the Association for Asian Studies and the American Historical Association.

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*For membership information, please see page 5.*

## **Membership Directory & Address Label:**

Please check your address label and HSTCC directory entry for correctness of addresses (both institutional and e-mail) at our site: <http://www.lcsc.edu/hstcc>. Please send your corrections to our website director, Marilyn Levine at [mlevine@lcsc.edu](mailto:mlevine@lcsc.edu).

## **Membership Renewals:**

A reminder has been included with the Newsletter if your membership is falling due. Members are recommended to consider the three-year membership, which is not only cheaper than an annual membership on a pro-rated basis (\$60 versus \$25) but also helps the HSTCC in determining its budgetary capability in future planning. Memberships are the sole source of the Society's income. The HSTCC has been able to provide conference support (most recently to the October 2000 Fredericton conference and the June 2001 Hong Kong Baptist University conference), support for graduate student members' conference participation, as well as assistance to Stanford and Peter Lang in publishing collections of papers that came out

of an earlier HSTCC conference. Payment of dues is essential to the HSTCC continuing and, ideally, expanding the scope of such activities.

## **HSTCC Business Meetings at the 2001 AAS Chicago Meeting and the 2002 AAS Washington, DC Meeting**

The HSTCC Business Meeting was held on March 24, 2001. The minutes of the meeting can be found on page 6.

✉ The 2002 HSTCC Business Meeting will be held at the 2002 AAS Washington, DC meeting, April 5-6, 2002. If you would like to propose agenda items, please write to Dr. David Barrett at [barrettd@mcmaster.ca](mailto:barrettd@mcmaster.ca)



## **HONG KONG BAPTIST UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE, JUNE 7-9, 2001**

The HSTCC was a co-organizer of the conference, "Reinterpreting Twentieth Century China: New Perspectives," held at Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU), June 7-9 of this year. Twenty-five HSTCC members participated, an impressive contingent which gave the Society a high profile at the conference. Mainland China and local Hong Kong scholars participated in large number. In all, some 70 papers were presented, about half in English and half in Chinese. Topics ranged from early twentieth century intellectual history, through political and economic aspects of Republican China, to Hong Kong local history and reflections on where China is headed at present. Local arrangements were excellent. The HKBU convention center was a most comfortable conference venue; lunch and dinner both days of the conference would satisfy the most epicurean of our members; and the tour of the Hong Kong Public Records Office on the third day provided a fascinating look into a state of the art archival facility. All participants owe the highest thanks and appreciation to Cindy Yik-yi Chu of the HKBU History Department

for her flawless organizational work; and to her departmental colleague Timothy Wong (Wong Man Kong) and to HKBU History Department Head, Chow Kai-wing.

 **PEKING UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE, June 15-17, 2001:**

The international conference on "Twentieth Century China in Retrospect: New Views and Sources," organized by the History Department of Peking University (Beida) was held on June 15-17, 2001 at the beautiful Beida campus. Seventeen HSTCC members joined thirty-three mainland Chinese scholars from nine universities and research institutes to discuss a wide variety of interesting and stimulating topics. They included reexamination of trends in political thought and institution-building, changes in social relationships and cultural life, transformations and developments of the economy, impact of the Sino-Japanese War, and China's relations with Japan, USA, and the USSR. The papers suggested new and exciting areas of research and interpretation. The HSTCC wishes to express its gratitude to Professor Niu Dayong, his colleagues and graduate students of Beida's History Department who oversaw every detail in local arrangements to ensure a most rewarding and enjoyable experience for all. The HSTCC also wishes to thank past-president Larry Shyu for initiating and furthering our contact with Beida.



*Membership News:*

Chen Jian is now C.K. Yen Professor of Chinese-American Relations at the Miller Center of Public Affairs and Professor of History, Univ. of Virginia. His book, *Mao's China and the Cold War*, has been published by the University of North Carolina Press.



 **HEIDELBERG CONFERENCE, May 2003:**

Plans for a conference at the University of

Heidelberg in May 2003 were discussed at the annual meeting in Chicago. On behalf of the university Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik will be organizing a conference on twentieth-century China, tentative title of which is "Regime Transitions in 20<sup>th</sup> Century China." HSTCC members are encouraged to participate. Details about the conference will be provided as they become available.

**Conference: "Modernization and Social Change in China and Southeast China since 1840"-- Fuzhou, China, May 2002**

The HSTCC has been invited to participate in a conference sponsored by the History Department of Fujian Normal University, in Fuzhou, May 23-25, 2002. The local organizer, Prof. Liu Huiyu, has completed the local arrangements, which are as follows: (1) registration fee of US\$100, (2) meals and conference materials to be provided by the organizers, (3) accommodation to be paid for by participants, at approximately US\$30 per day per room, (4) optional post-conference local tour (details later). The conference will be held at the Wuyi Shan Resort, outside Fuzhou. The HSTCC will handle submissions from its own members. Proposals for papers (or panels) should be sent to Prof. Larry Shyu, whose address is given on the page opposite. Deadline for submission of proposals is Dec. 15. Papers may be given in Chinese or English. The theme of the conference is sufficiently broad to include a wide range of topics; papers treating or touching upon Southeast China are particularly welcome. Prof. Liu Huiyu attended the HKBU conference. She was much impressed by it, and hopes that HSTCC participation will help make the Fuzhou conference equally successful. She extends a very warm invitation to our members to attend.

## Historical Society for 20th Century China Membership Annual Dues & Information Form

At the 1998 Annual Meeting, the membership approved a new dues structure: (1) Regular - \$25 per year; \$60 for a 3-year membership. (2) Student - \$10 per year; \$25 for a 3-year membership. (3) Lifetime membership - \$250. The Society will begin a regular fall-term dues payment schedule for the following academic year. Please send in your dues if you had not done so. Thank you. Please make your check or money order payable to : The Historical Society for 20<sup>th</sup> Century China. Mail to: Dr. David Barrett, Department of History, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8S4L9. E-mail: barrettd@mcmaster.ca

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**FUJIAN NORMAL UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE: CALL FOR PAPERS**

**Theme: "Modernization and Social Change in China and Southeast China since 1840" ("1840 nian yilai de Zhongguo ji Zhongguo Dongnan shehui bianqian yu xiandaihua")**

**Date: May 23-25, 2002**

**Venue: Wuyi Shan Resort, Wuyi Shan, Fujian**

**Deadline for Receipt of Proposals: December 15, 2001.**

- 1. Name of Panelist:**
- 2a. Address:**
  
- 2b. Office Phone:**
- 2c. Email:**
- 3.. Title of Paper:**
  
- 4. Brief Summary of Paper (150 words maximum):**

**Panels: If you wish to organize a panel, give the panel title here, and list the participants. Participants must send in their own paper proposals.**

**Panel Organizer:**

**Panel Title:**

**Office Phone and Email of Organizer:**

**Names of Panel Participants:**

**ADDRESS FOR SUBMISSION OF PAPERS: Send proposals by December 15, 2001 to:**

**Professor Larry Shyu**

**523 Montgomery St., Fredericton, N.B.,Canada E3B 2X6**

**(Email: [lshyu@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:lshyu@nbnet.nb.ca))**

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Historical Society for Twentieth Century China, March 24, 2001,**

Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers.

The annual meeting of HSTCC took place in the Columbus A Room of the Sheraton Chicago Towers from 1:15 until 2:30 PM.

President David Barrett convened the meeting at 1:15. The first item of approving minutes of March 11, 2000 was tabled as copies of the minutes were not copied for the meeting, and President Barrett will send the minutes to all those who attended via email for approval online. [The Minutes were subsequently approved.]

The President's Report included an overview of the activities of the HSTCC, current and future symposia, and the membership information. There are currently ninety-nine paid members, with fifty-one of these coming up for renewal. A system has been instituted where membership dates are included on the address label of the newsletter.

The Financial Report given by President Barrett included the current balance as \$3,652, with a report on the FY2000 income at \$1,319 and expenses at \$1,851. Among the expenses were included normal operating expenses and a \$1,000 to the Fredericton conference. We are also committed to \$1,000 for the upcoming Hong Kong conference.

Marilyn Levine, the Webmaster, reported on the new elements of our Web site, such as an archive of conferences and a series of symposia photo galleries: our "China in Venice", "China in New Brunswick" series. Due to the diligence of President Barrett our membership Directory is in superlative shape.

Parks Coble gave a report on the HSTCC Symposium in Fredericton, New Brunswick, held on 20-21 October, 2000. He highlighted the keynote speakers, Timothy Brook and T.K. Tong, and the range of panels. Others also remarked on the depth and real advantage of the plenary session format.

We then discussed some of the logistics of the upcoming conferences at Hong Kong Baptist University, June 7-9, and the Beida conference to be held on June 15-17. We have 24 conference participants from North America, Europe, and Australia attending the Hong Kong portion and 21 conference participants from North America, Europe, and Australia set for the Beijing conference.

President Barrett then raised two issues before our discussion of the preliminary planning of the Heidelberg conference. The first question was one about mailing labels, as we had received a request for our Society mailing labels. The consensus was that without prior agreement from members, mailing labels could not be distributed or sold. It was suggested that new membership forms ought to have a place to check if members preferred not to have their address distributed on a mailing list to interested societies and companies. The second issue was an announcement that the Mid-Atlantic Regional conference has requested that the HSTCC submit a panel for their conference at Slippery Rock. For further information, contact Charles Springer at: [cspringer13@home.com](mailto:cspringer13@home.com).

The last item of business was to discuss the Heidelberg conference, a time and theme. We were honored to have the Program Chair, Professor Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik, who delivered the invitation. Based on dialogue with her institution it was decided that mid-late May 2003 would be an ideal date. After a very productive discussion it was suggested that the theme which would provide us with a rich intellectual focus would be' "*Regime Transitions in 20<sup>th</sup> Century China.*"

The meeting concluded at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marilyn Levine

