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## Editor's Note

**M**uch has happened at the Association of Chinese Political Studies since the last newsletter was published in the Fall of 2017 – Yi Edward Yang, who did a marvelous job as president of ACPS, has completed his two-year term and passed the torch to Jessica C. Teets, who is percolating with more ideas; a new Board of Directors has been elected; members have continued to churn out an impressive array of publications; the *Journal of Chinese Political Science* has been accepted into the Social Science Citation Index and continues to enhance its reputation under the editorship of Sujian Guo; a fantastic annual conference was held at James Madison University in October 2018; and efforts are being made to enhance the social media presence of the organization. Details of most of these activities are contained in this newsletter, which endeavors not only to summarize past developments but also to highlight upcoming events.

Surrounding these activities have been political and economic whirlwinds which threaten to disrupt what many consider to be the most important bilateral

## Message from the President

**W**hen I first joined ACPS as a graduate student, I did so because I valued the things that a small, focused organization could provide versus bigger associations like AAS and APSA, specifically more meaningful networking between junior and senior researchers, workshop-format conferences where panelists receive better feedback, and a bridge between scholars in different regions all studying China. Over the years, the value I have received from attending ACPS conferences and publishing and reading articles in JCPS has increased, especially now that JCPS is a SSCI ranked journal. So when I was elected as the next president for ACPS, I wanted to expand and strengthen our value to our members during my two-year tenure.

My vision for the next two years is to continue to improve the value of ACPS through our conferences and journal. Some of my specific ideas are that we would build a social media presence to promote published work by our members, and engage in discussions about our research, including with media and policymakers. Additionally, under our Editor-in-Chief, Sujian Guo, I would like to see JCPS continue to offer exciting new formats, like our new review essay, as well as continue to increase the quality of JCPS articles. I would like to create a mentoring program to more purposefully link junior and senior scholars in similar research areas, encourage “new blood” in ACPS leadership positions, and use ACPS conferences to create sessions on methodology, publishing strategies, and other professional development opportunities. All of these ideas would build on and expand the value of being an ACPS member.

I look forward over the next two years to working on these initiatives with the new board members, (President-elect) Greg Moore, (Treasurer) Yumin Sheng, (Research Director) Nele Noesselt, (Membership

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*relationship in the world – that between the United States and China. Precisely in such periods of stress does an organization such as ACPS have a critical role to play in separating fact from fiction and fostering mutual understanding. Especially important is the ability to understand the other's point of view, something which ACPS members with their typical cosmopolitan background are, in my experience, able to do. What a difference from the "me firstism," fake populism and making whosoever's country great again which are so prevalent in the world today.*

*Developments to anticipate in the months ahead are more relationship building between ACPS and other professional organizations, possibly in Europe; special journal issues, developed through workshops; new activities in annual conferences, such as job interviews and pedagogical and professional development workshops which can help attract new members; and updated bylaws. As events materialize, details will be reported in this newsletter, on the ACPS website, on social media, via the organization's listserve or some combination of them. As always, membership input is welcomed, so feel free to express your opinion, one opportunity being at the business meeting at the annual conference. Until then, happy scholarship to all, and may the turbulent times become a bit less turbulent. (James F. Paradise)*

## President's Message Continued

Director) Jing Chen, (Publicity Director) Xi Chen, and (Secretary) James Paradise. You will be hearing from these board members about new initiatives shortly, such as our social media presence, mentoring network, and upcoming panels at conferences. I also would like to hear from the ACPS membership about things you would like to see, changes you would like made, or things that you really value in which we should invest. Please email me at [acpsus.org@gmail.com](mailto:acpsus.org@gmail.com) or [jteets@middlebury.edu](mailto:jteets@middlebury.edu) to share your ideas. I look forward to hearing from you, and also to seeing you at the June 2019 ACPS-Zhejiang University conference in Hangzhou.

Jessica C. Teets  
ACPS President



## Journal of Chinese Political Science Update



**J**ournal of Chinese Political Science (JCPS) has been recently accepted into SSCI, Clarivate (formerly Thomson Reuter) Social Sciences Citation Index. JCPS is a rigorously peer refereed academic journal in political science that publishes theoretical and empirical research articles on Chinese politics across the whole spectrum of political science.

Coverage in the journal emphasizes Chinese domestic politics and foreign policy in comparative perspectives. The journal also features special issues, review essays, and research papers on different aspects of contemporary China, which explore a new development or cutting edge research agenda in the discipline or sub-fields or illuminate a larger and important conceptual, theoretical or methodological concern.

**Online submission:**

<https://www.springer.com/political+science/journal/11366/PSE?detailsPage=editorialBoard>

## Report on the 31st Annual Meeting and International Symposium, Harrisonburg, Virginia



*Conference participants*

On October 11-12, 2018, the Association of Chinese Political Studies (ACPS), along with James Madison University (JMU), hosted ACPS's 31st annual meeting and international symposium. The conference theme was "Changing Governance: Political Recentralization, Economic Reform, and Global Rise."

The conference was attended by more than 50 participants from many different institutions across 12 countries and regions, including the U.S., China, Canada, New Zealand, Germany, Portugal, Sweden, South Korea, and Japan. The 10 research panels covered a vast array of issues related to Chinese political studies. International relations-focused papers comprised of such topics as Chinese Economic Diplomacy and International Aid; Regional Security; South China Sea Disputes; U.S.-China Relations; The One Belt One Road initiative (OBOR); and The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). Domestic politics-oriented presentations included National and Local Governance Challenges; Urbanization and Migration, Environmental Governance; and Policy Innovation and Implementation.

The October 11 opening ceremony was facilitated by ACPS president, Dr. Yi Edward Yang. JMU Senior Vice President and Provost, Dr. Heather Coltman, delivered welcome remarks. The conference featured three keynote speakers: Mr. Robert Daly, Director of Kissinger Institute on China and the United States at the Wilson Center; Dr. Bruce Dickson, Professor of Political Science at George Washington University; and Mr. Wu Si, renowned scholar and public intellectual from China. Their speeches covered U.S.-China relations, China's recent political development, and the features of China's contemporary polity, respectively.

The ACPS business meeting was held on the afternoon of Oct. 11. During the meeting, ACPS president Yi Edward Yang gave a summarizing review of the ACPS's accomplishments during the most recent two years. ACPS president-elect, Dr. Jessica Teets discussed her plan for ACPS activities in 2018-2020. Finally, ACPS members elected the new ACPS board for the 2018-2020 term.



*Robert Daly giving his keynote speech*

## New Board of Directors

### President



Dr. Jessica C. Teets, President, is an Associate Professor in the Political Science Department at Middlebury College, and Associate Editor of the *Journal of Chinese Political Science*.

Her research focuses on governance and policy experimentation in authoritarian regimes, especially the role of civil society. She is the author of *Civil Society Under Authoritarianism: The China Model* (Cambridge University Press, 2014) and editor (with William Hurst) of *Local Governance Innovation in China: Experimentation, Diffusion, and Defiance* (Routledge Contemporary China Series, 2014), in addition to articles published in *The China Quarterly*, *World Politics*, and the *Journal of Contemporary China*. Dr. Teets is a fellow with the Public Intellectuals Program created by the National Committee on United States-China Relations (NCUSCR), and is currently researching policy innovation by local governments in China.

### President-Elect



Dr. Gregory J. Moore (Ph.D., University of Denver) is Head of the School of International Studies at the University of Nottingham, Ningbo, China, and member of the (U.S.) National Committee on

United States-China Relations. He is the author of numerous articles on international relations, Chinese foreign policy and East Asian security issues, and is author/editor of *North Korean Nuclear Operationality: Regional Security and Non-Proliferation* (Johns Hopkins, 2014), a book on the IR thought of Reinhold Niebuhr (under review), and is writing a book on Sino-American relations.

### Membership Director



Dr. Jing Chen is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Hartwick College. Her research explores Chinese domestic politics and foreign relations to understand the broader themes of authoritarian politics, central-local relations, environmental policies, peacekeeping, development

and security. She is the author of *Useful Complaints: How Petitions Assist Decentralized Authoritarianism in China* (Lexington, 2016) and articles published in *China Information*, *the Journal of Contemporary China*, and *the Journal of Chinese Political Science*. She received her doctoral degree from Princeton University and her bachelor's degree from Peking University.

### Treasurer



Dr. Yumin Sheng (Ph.D., Yale University, 2005) is an associate professor of political science at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. His research interests are economic globalization and domestic

politics, federalism and decentralization, regional political representation and resource redistribution, and civil-military relations under authoritarianism, with a focus on contemporary China. He is the author of *Economic Openness and Territorial Politics in China* (2010) and articles in *British Journal of Political Science*, *China Quarterly*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Journal of Contemporary China*, and *Studies in Comparative International Development*.

### Research Director



Dr. Nele Noesselt holds the Chair for Political Science with a special focus on China/ East Asia (W3) at the University of Duisburg-Essen (Germany). Since 2017, she is the speaker of the recently opened AREA

Graduate School on Transnational East Asian Studies. In 2018, she got appointed to the international advisory board of the book series *Bristol Studies in East Asian International Relations* (Bristol University Press). Her research focuses on governance issues in China as well as China's role in world affairs. Before joining the University of Duisburg-Essen, she worked as post-doc research fellow at the GIGA Institute of Asian Studies, where she also acted as speaker of the GIGA research team on Comparative Regionalism Studies.



## Publicity



Dr. Xi Chen (Ph.D.) is an associate professor in the Department of Political Science and Asian Studies Minor Program at the University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV). She specializes in International Politics with a focus on China. She obtained her Doctoral degree in Planning, Governance, and Globalization from Virginia Tech and M.A. in Applied Linguistics from China Foreign Affairs University. Dr. Chen's primary research and teaching interests include: Asian Politics, Chinese Politics, Media and Politics, Global Security, and International Relations. Her research has led to publications in both refereed journals and books. She is currently working on a book manuscript on Chinese media and politics.

## Secretary



Dr. James F. Paradise (Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles) is an assistant professor at Yonsei University in the Republic of Korea. He specializes in international political economy, with particular reference to China. Among his publications are "Power Through Participation: The Case of China and New Multilateral Development Banks" (*Korean Political Science Review*, 2017), "The Role of 'Parallel Institutions' in China's Growing Participation in Global Economic Governance" (*Journal of Chinese Political Science*, 2016), "The New Intellectual Property Rights Environment in China: Impact of WTO Membership and China's 'Innovation Society' Makeover" (*Asian Journal of Social Science*, 2013) and "China and International Harmony: The Role of Confucius Institutes in Bolstering Beijing's Soft Power" (*Asian Survey*, 2009). He is currently doing research on China's tourism statecraft, the U.S.-South Korea alliance, and the institutionalization of Asian monetary cooperation.

## Upcoming ACPS Activities

1.) Panel at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Sheraton Centre Toronto, Suite 2829, March 30, 2019, 1:45 PM – 3:30 PM.

ACPS will sponsor a panel at the ISA annual conference to be held in Toronto this year. Entitled *Foreign Policy Analysis (FPA) and the Study of Chinese Foreign Policy*, the panel will feature papers including "Bringing Foreign Policy with Chinese Characteristics to FPA Theory Building" (Qingming Zhang, Peking University), "Asymmetric Parity and Agency in Current U.S.-China Relations" (Brantly Womack, University of Virginia), "An Operational Code Analysis of China's Policy on North Korea Nuclear Issue: 2003-2018" (Zhaoying Han, Nankai University), "Interactive Leadership Traits and US-China Bilateral Interactions" (Yi Yang, James Madison University, Jonathan Keller, James Madison University and Dennis M. Foster, Virginia Military Institute) and "A Communist China towards People's Republic of China? The CCP Leadership's Changing Perception of 'State Governance' and Its Implications on China's Foreign Policy (early 1980s to today)" (Dandan Zhu, China Foreign Affairs University). The panel will be chaired by Yi Yang and have as its discussant Valerie Hudson (Texas A&M University, The Bush School of Government and Public Service).

2.) ACPS Annual Meeting and International Symposium, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China, June 21-23, 2019.

The 32<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting and international symposium of ACPS will be hosted by Zhejiang University School of Public Affairs and the *Journal of Chinese Governance* under the theme *Visions of China's Future Governance: An International Perspective*. The aim of the conference is to analyze changes in China's economy, regulatory and government structure, and international role and to understand what these changes mean for China's future governance and international prospects.

3.) Panel at 2019 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., August 29-September 1.

ACPS will field a panel at APSA's 2019 annual conference organized around the theme of "Populism and Privilege."

## Highlights of Member's Scholarly Publications

### Books:

Copper, John F. 2018. *Taiwan at a Tipping Point: The Democratic Progressive Party's Return to Power* Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Li, Mingjiang. 2017. *China and Transboundary Water Politics in Asia*. New York: Routledge (co-editor)

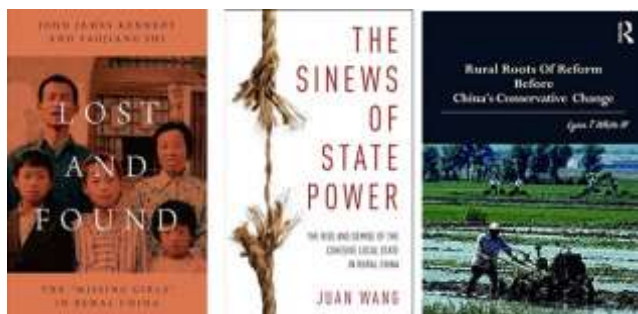
Kastner, Scott L., Margaret M. Pearson and Chad Rector. 2019. *China's Strategic Multilateralism: Investing in Global Governance*. New York: Cambridge University Press.



Kennedy, John James and Yaojiang Shi. 2019. *Lost and Found: the "Missing Girls" in Rural China*. Oxford University Press.

Wang, Juan. 2017. *The Sinews of State Power: The Rise and Demise of The Cohesive Local State in Rural China*. New York: Oxford University Press.

White, Lynn T. III. 2018. *Rural Roots of Reform before China's Conservative Change*. Abingdon: Routledge.



### Book Chapter:

Chen, Xi. "China in the Post Hegemonic Middle East: A Wary Dragon". In *Conflict and Diplomacy in the Middle East: External Actors and Regional Rivalries* edited by Bettina Koch and Yannis Stivachtis. Bristol, England: E-International Relations Publications, 2018.

### Journal Articles:

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

Kennedy, John James, Haruka Nagao, and Hongyan Liu. "Voting and Values: Grassroots Elections in Rural and Urban China." *Politics and Governance* 6, No. 2 (2018): 90-102.

Kennedy, John James and Dan Chen. "State Capacity and Cadre Mobilization in China: The Elasticity of Policy Implementation." *Journal of Contemporary China* 27, No. 111 (2018): 393-405.

Leutert, Wendy. "The Political Mobility of China's Central State-Owned Enterprise Leaders." *The China Quarterly*, 233 (2018): 1-21.

Leutert, Wendy. "Firm Control: Governing the State-Owned Economy Under Xi Jinping." *China Perspectives*, 1/2 (2018): 27-36.

Li, Mingjiang. "A China in Transition: The Rhetoric and Substance of Chinese Foreign Policy under Xi Jinping," *Asian Security*, 13:2, (2017), 84-97, (co-author)

Li, Mingjiang. "China's Revisionist Aspirations in Southeast Asia and the Curse of the South China Sea Disputes," *China: An International Journal*, 15: 1 (2017): 187-213, (co-author)

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Li, Mingjiang. "A Process-based Framework to Examine China's Approach to Transboundary Water Management," *The International Journal of Water Resources Development* 34:5 (2018): 705-731, (co-author)

Noakes, Stephen and Jessica C. Teets. "Learning under Authoritarianism: Strategic Adaptations within International Foundations and NGOs in China." *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations* (2018).

Paradise, James F. "China's Quest for Global Economic Governance Reform." *Journal of Chinese Political Science* (Online February 1, 2019).

Teets, Jessica and Oscar Almen. "Advocacy under Xi: NPO Strategies to Influence Policy Change." *Nonprofit Policy Forum* (2018).

Wang, Juan. "What's Wrong with Corruption? Messages from Confessions in China." *Crime, Law and Social Change*, 69, No. 3 (2018): 447-463.

Wang, Juan and Sida Liu. "Ordering Power under the Party: A Relational Approach to Law and Politics in China." *Asian Journal of Law and Society*, forthcoming.

Wang, Juan and Wenting Liang. "Political Resources and Divergent Court Empowerment: Subnational Comparison in China." *Modern China* (First published online, November 2018).

White, Lynn T. III, "Dictators against Dependence: Albania and Korea," *Asian Politics and Policy* 10:3 (July 2018): 485-517.

Womack, Brantly. "China, ASEAN, and Re-Centering Asia," *China's World* 3:1 (2018): 12-24.

Womack, Brantly. "国际危机与中国的崛起：2008年全球金融危机与2017年全球政治危机比较," *国外理论动态* [Foreign Theoretical Trends] 2018:4, pp. 99-113. Tr. Zhou Yanhui.

**John F. Cooper** has received the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award from Marquis Who's Who, 2018.

**Dan Chen**, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Asian Studies, Elizabethtown College, will be an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Richmond starting in August 2019.

**Xi Chen** attended the Texas Academic Leadership Academy (TALA)'s Meeting in Dallas, TX from January 9-11, 2019. The TALA was an initiative by the Texas Council of Chief Academic Officers. Dr. Chen was one out of the 3 selected UTRGV faculty fellows of the TALA (2018-2019) representing the UTRGV, her home institution.

**John James Kennedy** is Principle Investigator (PI) for the 2018-2022 Title VI grant: National Resource Center (NRC) and Foreign Language and Areas Studies (FLAS).

**Juan Wang** became a tenured associate professor at McGill University in June 2018.

**Chunman Zhang** has started to work as a senior lecturer (tenure-track assistant professor) in the Institute of Advanced Study in Social Sciences at Fudan University in Shanghai, China after graduating from the Johns Hopkins University in May 2018.

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