Welcome to the sixth annual newsletter of the School of Humanities and Social Science (SHSS). For the first time in years, our fall semester feels “normal.” Our in-boxes are brimming with university announcements—but nothing about masks, testing, or social distancing!

Yet one difference is on the horizon. Due to family considerations, I am returning to the US in March 2024. This decision comes with mixed emotions. HKUST has been my beloved home and office for the past decade, including five years as Division Head of Social Science (SOSC) and over five years as Dean of Humanities and Social Science. It has been an unparalleled honor to serve in these leadership roles throughout both celebratory and sadder moments. (My office has both champagne and tissues as a result.)

Bidding farewell to our spectacular seaview will not be easy, but I will especially miss our talented and dedicated faculty and staff. Over the years, countless members have expressed appreciation for our compassionate institutional culture. SHSS demonstrates that teaching and research excellence thrives in a caring and empathetic community. Financial and spatial resources are of course needed to fulfill our mission—but people shine even brighter when they feel valued for who they are. I am confident that SHSS will continue to attract fantastic faculty, students and staff. This year we are delighted to welcome 22 new faculty members. While most were trained in the US, they originate from around the world, including Canada, China, Germany, Hong Kong, Korea, the Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Taiwan, the UK, and the US. We are thrilled that SHSS is their new home.

Finally, I am grateful for Professor Cameron Campbell’s willingness to serve as Acting Dean following my departure. We both joined HKUST in 2013 and have partnered closely in divisional and school governance. Cameron is a highly capable administrator—having served as the Founding Director of the Quantitative Social Analysis major, Acting Head of SOSC, Associate Dean of Post-graduate Programs and Research, and Chair of the University’s Appointments and Substantiation Committee. We will ensure a smooth transition as the university conducts a global search for the next Dean of SHSS. Let’s stay in touch.

Kellee S TSAI
FACULTY

New Appointments

CLE
- Dr Yingzi Krista Du
- Mr Martin Eastwood
- Dr Wai Ling Christie Law
- Mr Gary Muddeman
- Dr Bernadette Wan-Lan Wo
- Ms Maisie Glofcheski
- Ms Bo Yee Venus Kam
- Ms Chun Man Rolian Lee
- Dr Yin Zhong
- Dr Siyang Yolanda Zhou

HUMA
- Prof Baryon Tensor Posadas
- Prof Pui Yee Chee
- Prof Yafeng Shan
- Prof Tobias Benedikt Zürn
- Dr Phil Freestone
- Dr Linus Talun Huang

SOSC
- Prof Yue Hou
- Prof Sangyoon Park
- Dr Kwan To Wong
- Dr Titi Zhou
- Prof Jingyang Huang
- Prof Gleb Papyshiev

Farewell to Faculty

CLE
- Ms Man Sin Jessica Chan
- Ms Yvonne Starr Cranmer
- Ms Tess Hogue

HUMA
- Prof Sau Yan Chan
- Prof Mu-chou Poo
- Dr Dechao Li
- Dr Siya Li
- Prof Gad Yair

SOSC
- Ms Wai Yin Anna Yu

Visiting Faculty

CLE
- Prof Bee Bond
- Prof Steve Kirk

HUMA
- Prof Bee Bond
Professor of English for
Academic Purposes,
University of Leeds
2 May – 1 Jun 2023
- Prof Steve Kirk
Professor of Practice,
Durham University
7-13 Jan 2023

SOSC
- Prof Gerald Patchell
Associate Professor
Awards & Honors

Prof Cameron Campbell & Prof James Lee received the Best Project Award for Lee-Campbell group dataset China Government Employee Database-Qing (CGED-Q) Jinshenlu (JSL).

Prof Tik-sang Liu’s book “Hong Kong Temples 香港廟宇”, received the Hong Kong Publishing Biennial Awards 2023 in the Social Science category.

Dr Timothy Page was awarded a 2023 Guggenheim Fellowship in Music Composition.

Dr Elsa Tsang was awarded the UGC Teaching Award for English Across the Curriculum Project (Team Category).

Prof James Wong, Assistant Professor of Social Science Education of SOSC, was awarded the 2022 Common Core Teaching Excellence Award for his work in the Understanding Comparative Politics (SOSC 3520) module. With a dynamic teaching style and innovative methods, he fosters critical perspectives through lively discussions and authentic case narratives. Prof Wong empowers students to make evidence-based arguments, reject simplistic emotional appeals, and recognize politics as a shared responsibility. His visionary approach inspires and empowers the next generation of politically engaged individuals.

“...I hope students come away from my classes able to approach politics in a more logical manner, rejecting simplistic emotional appeals.

— Prof James Wong

Promotions

Prof James Simpson
Professor, HUMA

Prof David Hendry
Associate Professor, SOSC

Dr Danyal Freeman
Senior Lecturer, CLE

Dr Ilari Kaila
Senior Lecturer, HUMA

Mr Tao Ren
Senior Lecturer, CLE

Mr Martin Ma
Lecturer I, CLE

Dr Timothy Page
Lecturer I, HUMA

Dr Su Yuan
Lecturer I, CLE
2022 SHSS Teaching Award

Winner
Prof Sai Lok Nam
HUMA

Honorable Mention
Mr Nick Wong
CLE

FACULTY EXTERNAL GRANTS 2023-2024

General Research Fund Projects

Daisy Du (HUMA)
“Gender and Authorship: Women Animation Directors in Socialist China”

Linus Huang (HUMA)
“Engineering Equity: An Embodied Approach to Implicit Bias and AI-Assisted Intervention”

Huan Jin (HUMA)
“Seaborne Visions: Early Nineteenth-Century Missionary Publications in Chinese”

Jianmei Liu (HUMA)
“The Enchantment of the Otherworldly in the Early Twenty-First Century”

Han Zhang (SOSC)
“Will More Surveillance Cameras Lead to Fewer Protests? A Global Level Analysis”

Lawrence Zhang (HUMA)
“Neither Green nor Black: The History of the Tea Industry in Taiwan”

Early Career Scheme

Quentin Qin (HUMA)
“Adult Second-language Learners’ Consolidation of Cantonese Tones during Daytime Naps: The Role of Prior Knowledge”

Wenjuan Zheng (SOSC)
“Platform Governance of the Chinese Civic Sector in the Shadow of the State”

Humanities and Social Sciences Prestigious Fellowship Scheme

James Lee (SOSC/HUMA)
“China’s Second Silent Revolution: Comparing China’s Top University Students and Top Academic Researchers, 1920-2020”
FACULTY BOOK PUBLICATIONS

Wenkai He
Public Interest and State Legitimation: Early Modern England, Japan, and China
Cambridge University Press, 2023

Yafeng Shan
(co-edited with Jon Williamson)
Evidential Pluralism in the Social Sciences
Routledge, 2023

James Simpson
(co-edited with Li Wei, Zhu Hua)
The Routledge Handbook of Applied Linguistics, Volumes One and Two
Routledge, 2023

Kellee S. Tsai
(co-edited with Margaret M. Pearson, Meg Rithmire)
The State and Capitalism in China
Cambridge University Press, 2023

Lawrence Zhang
Power for a Price: The Purchase of Official Appointments in Qing China
Harvard University Press, 2022

MAJOR TALKS / WORKSHOPS

文學的移交 ·中國新生代小說家系列講座

Date: February 14 - April 25, 2023
Organizer: Literature faculty, Division of Humanities
International Women’s Day @HKUST
Change the System, not the Women

Date: March 6, 2023
Organizer: Office of the Dean of Humanities and Social Science

中國文學創作研究專題 ⬛李睿珺
科大電影週

Date: April 3 - 6, 2023
Organizer: Literature faculty, Division of Humanities

Chinese Animation:
Multiplicities in Motion

Date: June 29 - 30, 2023
Organizer: Prof Daisy Du
CREATIVE ARTS HIGHLIGHTS

Cosmopolis Festival 2022

Date: September 25 – November 10, 2022

SHSS HOMECOMING DAY

It always feels good coming home! To celebrate the 12th anniversary of our Global China Studies program, SHSS hosted the first-ever Homecoming Day on February 28, 2023 (Saturday). Some 30 alumni from both GCS and QSA programs participated in a hiking tour from Nam Wai, Sai Kung to HKUST to reunite with fellow classmates, faculty, and staff at SHSS. Joined by Dean Tsai, her husband Davis Bookhart, Prof James Wong and the UG Team, the hiking journey was filled with joy and warmth. Alumni shared their interesting stories at work and study and recalled great memories from their university days. The three-hour hike was followed by a reunion lunch and lucky draw at the UniBistro. SHSS treasures our alumni networks and will organize more activities to bring them even closer together.
NEW STUDENTS, FALL 2023

21 Research Post-graduate Students
- HUMA: 8 MPhil, 4 PhD Students
- SOSC: 7 MPhil, 2 PhD Students

238 Taught Post-graduate Students
- MA in Social Science students: 71
- MSc Global China Studies students: 49
  - Including twelve 3+1 students Bachelor’s/MSc pathway from: Shanghai International Studies University, Shantou University, Shandong University, Sichuan University, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, and South China University of Technology
- MA in International Language Education students: 61
  - 29 students concentrating in Teaching English as Second Language specialized concentration
  - 32 students concentrating in Teaching Chinese as Second Language
- MA in Chinese Culture students: 57

94 Undergraduate Majors
- Global China Studies (GCS): 60
- Quantitative Social Analysis (QSA) students: 34

We now have 723 Full-time (including beyond-time) UG and PG students
Nearly 570 UG, TPG and RPG students graduated from SHSS in 2023.

This year’s graduating UG class of 84 students include 11 students with First Class Honors.
2023 Academic Placements

HUMA Graduate
Anish Mishra
Instructional Assistant, HKUST

SOSC Graduates
Pak Hung Lam
Postdoctoral Associate, Duke University

Shaocong Mary Ma
Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Virginia

Wenwei Peng
Postdoctoral Fellowship, Harvard University

Shengbin Wei
Research Assistant, HKUST

PhD Program Placement of MPhil Graduates

Yin To Jeremy Chui
PhD in History, HKUST

Ka Yin Wendy Lee
PhD in Sociology, HKU

Chong Li
PhD in History, HKUST

Yilin Wang
PhD in Social Science, HKUST

Jingfeng Wu
PhD in Social Science, HKUST

Muyu Xie
PhD in Social Science, University of Chicago

Sirong Zou
PhD in Literature, HKUST
STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Undergraduate

Bochen Daniel Dong (GCS)
- HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund - Scholarship for Outstanding Performance 2022/23
- HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund - Talent Development Scholarship 2022/23

Ying Wen Ashleigh Ma (GCS)
- UGC Individual Support Grant (ISG) for student athletes 2022-2023

Yiwei Wang (QSA)
- Academic Achievement Medal 2023, HKUST

Hin Chi Anson Wong (GCS)
- Tin Ka Ping Scholarship (Arts), HKUST 2022/23

Yue Yu (QSA)
- Professor Samuel Chanson Best Final Year Project Award and the 1st-class winner of the FYP award sponsored by the industry partner, issued by Department of Computer Science & Engineering of HKUST.
Taught Post-graduate

Ka Yu Leung, Yaohua Li, Jessica Elizabeth Morris, Yuchen Shen, Xiaomeng Yang, Yimeng Zhang
**MA in Chinese Culture Dean’s Award 2022/23**

Peiwei Chen, Weixi Chen, Yao Fu, Yuhan Ge, Jialin Li, Shuqi Ren, Di Tang, Ziman Zhang
**MA in International Language Education Dean’s Award 2022/23**

Yutian Chang, Anan Wang, Yibing Xing, Huilin Zhou, Ziyue Zhu
**MA in Social Science Deans’ Award 2022/23**

Lihuanxi Chen, Jingyin Chia, Haozhe Han, Haokai Huang, Xinzhuo Huang, Junkun Ji, Shunen Li, Yuqiu Lin, Dongqian Liu, Chin Fai Paul Lo, Yiyu Luo, Yue Xu, Yaqing Yu, Liting Zhang, Yuxin Zhu
**MSc in Global China Studies Dean’s Award 2022/23**

Kayu Leung, Yaohua Li
**Mr Wang Shiu Tong Scholarship in Humanities 2023**

Yutian Chang, Lu Meng, Anan Wang, Yibing Xing, Huilin Zhou, Jieli Zhou, Ziyue Zhu
**MA in Social Science Program Scholarship 2023**
2023/24 SHSS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Kellee Tsai  
Dean, School of Humanities and Social Science

Steve Miles  
Division Head of Humanities

Yongshun Cai  
Division Head of Social Science

Melinda Whong  
Associate Dean and Director of CLE

Cameron Campbell  
Associate Dean for Research (until Jan 1, 2024)  
(Acting Dean, effective Feb 26, 2024)

Yimin Lin  
Associate Dean for Post-graduate Programs

James Wong  
Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education

James Simpson  
Professor, HUMA

Kevin Tam  
Associate Professor, SOSC

Stuart Gietel-Basten  
Associate Dean for Research (effective Jan 1, 2024)
IN MEMORY

Prof Edward Tu Jow-ching

[1947-2023], served in the Division of Social Science from 1992 and retired as Professor Emeritus in 2012.

FAREWELL TO STAFF

Ms Peggy Chan

Loyally served SOSC and SHSS for over 26 years. We’re immensely grateful for all the contributions that Peggy has made during her time here. Wishing her all the best for what lies ahead.

Ms April Fu

Retired after serving the school for over 30 years. We wish her the best in her retirement.