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DEAN'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the third annual newsletter of the School of Humanities and Social Science (SHSS). Although the 2019-20 academic year was punctuated by protests and a pandemic, I am proud that our faculty, students, and staff were able to adapt and support one another amidst a protracted sequence of uncertainties. Faculty adopted their courses for on-line delivery. Staff worked from home and covered for one another in the office on staggered schedules. Students deeply missed face-to-face interactions with classmates and faculty, but persevered through Canvas and Zoom. What a year.

As you'll see in this newsletter, we also moved forward. Council Member Albert Ip generously agreed to serve as an Honorary Advisor to SHSS. The renovated dean's suite brought us together for a traditional Hong Kong-style pig roast and a couple of Dean's Teas. SHSS conferred undergraduate and graduate degrees to 300 students in the Class of 2019 - in person. We established two new research centers—the Center for Global China and Center for Aging Science. And most significantly, the fact that we succeeded in hiring 20 new faculty—all through Zoom—is a testament to our school's continuing appeal to talented teachers and scholars.

The forthcoming year will build on these successes as we welcome the relocation of the French Center for Contemporary China (CEFC) to SHSS, diversify our course offerings, and continue global recruitment of faculty in multiple fields. I will host virtual and in-person events to keep us in touch as a community, and as always, welcome constructive suggestions on how to improve our school.

Prof Albert Ip, HKUST Council Member, was appointed as an Honorary Advisor to SHSS. In that capacity, he is eager to mentor SHSS students as they think about the relevance of their studies to different career paths. Mr. Ip has over 30 years of experience in the finance industry, both in the US and Hong Kong. He has held executive leadership positions in multiple banks, including Citibank, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, First National Bank of Chicago and Wells Fargo. Mr. Ip recently retired as CEO Langham Hospitality Investments, and is an enthusiastic champion of the value of liberal arts education in a rapidly changing employment market.

HONORARY ADVISOR



FACULTY

New Appointments

CLE

Dr Jason Ho
Lecturer I

Dr Stanley Ho
Lecturer I

Ms Tess Hogue
Lecturer I

Mr Mike Ladao
Lecturer I

Ms Rosie McLaughlin
Lecturer I

Mr Mark Melican
Lecturer I

Ms Suzan Stamper
Lecturer I

Mr Michael Tom
Lecturer I

Ms Wai Ying Yu
Lecturer I

Miss Sumie Chan
Lecturer II

Dr Anisa Cheung
Lecturer II

Ms Chi Shen
Lecturer II

Ms Karina Suen
Lecturer II

Dr Su Yuan
Lecturer II

HUMA

Prof Huan Jin
Assistant Professor

Prof Quentin Zhen Qin
Assistant Professor

SOSC

Prof Wen Wang
Assistant Professor

Prof Han Zhang
Assistant Professor

Prof Kelly Wanjing Chen
Research Assistant Professor
IAS Junior Fellow

Dr Maria Teresa Wijaya
Lecturer II

Visiting Faculty

Prof Barry Sautman

Visiting Professor,
Professor Emeritus,
HKUST, 2020-2021

Prof David Zweig

Visiting Professor,
Professor Emeritus, HKUST,
August 2019 – January 2020

Dr Nigel Huckstep

Visiting Scholar, CLE,
September – December 2020

RGC Post-Doctoral Fellows

Dr Edward Goldring

SOSC

Dr Angela Tritto

SOSC

Farewell to Faculty

CLE

Dr Nigel Huckstep
Associate Director

Dr Martha Lam
Associate Director

Dr Keith Tong
Senior Lecturer

Ms Esther Chung
Lecturer I

Dr Susanna Ho
Lecturer I

Dr Kazuhiro Sakurai
Lecturer I

Dr Anthony Siu
Lecturer I

Mr Douglas Black
Lecturer II

Mr Andrew Chung
Lecturer II

Ms Mok Wa
Senior Instructor

HUMA

Prof May-yi Shaw
Senior Lecturer

NEW RESEARCH CENTERS DIRECTED BY SHSS FACULTY



Global China Center, established in October 2019 and directed by *Prof Ching Kwan Lee*

The Center advances China Studies that places China in global, comparative and theoretical perspectives. Housed within SHSS, the Center seeks to foster interdisciplinary and multi-method research and teaching on global China. Internationally, GCC is building collaborative ties with other centers on global China in North America, Europe and Australia.

Center for Aging Science, established in April 2020 and directed by *Prof Stuart Gietel-Basten*

The Center aims to develop and foster a better understanding of healthy aging, promote the idea of balancing physical and psychological health, as well as sustaining relationships in old age. Besides addressing aging population issues, it is important to engage younger generations in understanding the science of healthy aging and learning their important role in this aging society. The Center aspires to be the leading center of aging science in Hong Kong.



MAJOR CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP

Global Webinar Series: Adaption to Historical and Contemporary Disruptions
Jointly organised by SHSS and National University of Singapore

15 July 2020



CONGRATULATIONS!

Promotions

Prof Shengqing Wu

Professor
HUMA

Prof Jean Hong

Associate Professor
SOSC

Prof James Wong

Assistant Professor of Social
Science Education
SOSC

Awards & Honors

Prof Stuart Gietel-Basten

awarded Asian Universities Alliance Scholars Award

Prof David Cheng Chang

awarded Harvard-Yenching Institute-Radcliffe Institute Joint Fellowship (2021-2022)

Prof Franziska Keller

appointed Fellow at the University of Zurich's Digital Democracy Lab

Dr Anna Kwong

"Shaw Auditorium Construction Project" shortlisted for "THE Awards Asia 2020 – Excellence and Innovation in the Arts"

Prof Jianmei Liu

awarded RGC Humanities and Social Science Prestigious Fellowship

Dr Timothy Page

received grant from Finland's Jenni and Antti Wihuri Foundation for development of Idols 2020, a work of experimental music theatre, with the Helsinki-based interdisciplinary ensemble Dayjob Collective.

Prof Kevin Tam

appointed Editor-in-Chief of *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*

Prof Melinda Whong

appointed President of the Association of Hong Kong Language Centers

Prof James Wong and the project team

received Poster Award for Teaching and Learning Expo 2019/20

Prof Xiaogang WU

appointed Global Scholar at Princeton University (2020-2024)

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS



Ching Kwan Lee & Ming Sing

Take Back Our Future: An Eventful Sociology of the Hong Kong Umbrella Movement

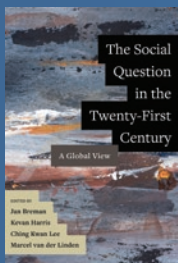
ILR Press; Cornell University Press, 2019



Jianmei Liu

The Transgression of Fiction
小說的越界

Beijing Tiandi, 2020



Ching Kwan Lee

co-edited with Jan Breman,
Kevan Harris and Marcel van der Linden

The Social Question in the 21st Century: A Global View

University of California Press, 2019



Zongli Lu

Professor Emeritus

Rumor in The Early Chinese Empires

Cambridge Press (China), 2020



Jianmei Liu

co-edited with David Der-wei Wang and Jin Ji
當代人文的三個方向—夏志清、李歐梵、劉再復

Joint Publishing (Hong Kong) Company, 2020



Ilari Kaila

co-produced with Silas Brown

The Bells Bow Down

US: Innova Recordings, 2020

CREATIVE ARTS AT SHSS - HIGHLIGHTS

HKUST Music Alive!
2019-20 Season



Outreach Music
Program



TICA Opening Gala Concert:
Featuring Third Coast Percussion



FACULTY EXTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS 2019-2020



General Research Fund Projects

Wenfang Tang (SOSC)

"Detecting Social and Political Desirability in Hong Kong Public Opinion Surveys"

Shengqing Wu (HUMA)

"Sensuous Touch, Kiss, and Intimacy in Modern Chinese Literature and Culture"

David Cheng Chang (HUMA)

"The Korean War Prisoners Who Chose Neutral Nations: Their Odysseys from China and Korea to India and then Latin America"

Yongshun Cai (SOSC)

"Social Organizations and Peasant Militancy: The Case of the Chinese Famine"

Early Career Scheme

Xiaolu Ma (HUMA)

"From West to East: The Global Journey of Russian Nihilism"

Prestigious Fellowship Scheme under Humanities and Social Sciences Panel

Jianmei Liu (HUMA)

"The Predicament of 'the Third Space' in Modern China"

第三空間“在現代中國的困境”

Non-UGC Grants

Franziska Keller (SOSC)

received a Germany / Hong Kong Joint Research Scheme grant to continue her international collaboration aimed at detecting hidden propaganda campaigns on social media "AstroTurfing".

Jenny Smith (HUMA)

received a grant of 2 million NEK from the Norwegian Government to build a research network called "A-NEST" & Asian-Norwegian Environmental Stories.

Kevin Tam (SOSC)

received a grant from the Sumitomo Foundation for an interdisciplinary project on public support for climate policy in Japan.



Teaching and Learning Innovation Projects (TLIP)

Delian Gaskell, Rebecca Farmer & Kin Hun Tang (CLE)

"Competency-based Common Core Foundation English Communication for Year 1 Students: Integrating innovation in education technology and blended learning within a learner-focused competency tracking framework"

Elza Tsang (CLE), Cindy Lam & Stanley Lau (OCES)

"Coastal Environmental Investigation"

Teaching

Prof Julian Groves

2019 Michael G. Gale Medal for Distinguished Teaching

Prof Jean Hong

2019 SHSS Best Teaching Award

Prof Agnes Ku

2019 SHSS Best Teaching Award



NEW STUDENTS, FALL 2020

22

Research Post-graduate Students

HUMA

8 MPhil

4 PhD students
including 1 Hong Kong
PhD Fellow

SOSC

5 MPhil

5 PhD students
including 2 Hong Kong
PhD Fellows

207

Taught Post-graduate students

55

MSc Global China
Studies students
including **four 3+1 students**
Bachelor's/MSc pathway
from Shanghai International
Studies University and
Xiamen University

83

New **MA** in
International Language
Education Students

26

students concentrating in
Teaching English
as Second Language
specialized concentration

57

students concentrating in
Teaching Chinese
as Second Language

32

New **MA** in
Chinese Culture
Students

37

New **MA** in
Social Science
Students

68

Undergraduate Majors

46

New Global
China Studies

22

Quantitative Social Analysis (QSA)
Students

We now have **664 Full-Time** (including beyond-time)
UG and PG Students (including beyond-time).

STUDENT GRADUATION



Nearly 300
UG, TPG and **RPG** students
graduated from SHSS in 2020.

This year's graduating GCS class of
50 students include



students with
First Class Honors



Faculty and classmates are invited to attend our Virtual Congregation on 21 Nov 2020.

2020 Academic Placements

HUMA Graduate

Kin Wing Kevin Chan
Assistant Lecturer, CUHK

SOSC Graduates

Bijia Chen
Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute of Qing History,
Renmin University of China

Jiaying Chen
Lecturer, Renmin University of China

PhD Program Placement of MPhil Graduates

Xin He
SOSC, HKUST

Siqin Liu
SOSC, HKUST

Zhengcheng Liu
ECON, HKUST

Wenzhi Lu
SOSC, HKPFS, HKUST

Shaocong Ma
SOSC, HKUST

Student Accomplishments & Awards

Hojun Lee (BSc QSA)

- 2nd Runner Up in the 2020 Mr Armin and Mrs Lillian Kitchell Undergraduate Research Award
- 2020 Mc Donnell Int'l Scholars Academy

Siqi Chen & Yuhui Zhao

Mr. Wang Shiu Tong Scholarship in Humanities

Tsz Wang Yeung

SOSC Best UG Paper Prize 2018/2019

Ruilin Lai, Yuan Zhou & Ruihan Huang

MSc in Global China Studies Dean's Award 2019

Siqi Chen, Ning Ding, Yijiao Guo, Siyuan Ji, Xiaoyi Liu, Mengting Miao & Mingyang Zhao

MA in Chinese Culture Dean's Award 2019

Wing In Chau, Yabin Yin & Gefei Han

MA in Social Science Dean's Award 2019

Sandra Ann Pescod, Lingyun Fan, Tianyu Xu, Pei Yung Li, Boya Zhou & Fengxin Xu

MA in International Language Education Dean's award 2019

Bijia Chen

SHSS RPG Best Research Award 2019

Solsar Kong

Wallace C K Siu Prize for Undergraduate Studies 2019

Kelly Ka Ki Cheung

Academic Outstanding Performance Award for the BSc GCS Program

Warren Wenzhi Lu (SOSC)

Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)

RPG Alumnae News

Fang Jun (MPhil, 2018)

accepted into PhD Program in Political Science at University of Michigan.

Miao Jia (PhD, 2017)

appointed Assistant Professor of Sociology at NYU-Shanghai.

Matthew Noellert (PhD, 2014)

appointed Associate Professor of Economic History at Hitotsubashi University.

Xi Song (MPhil, 2010)

appointed Associate Professor of Sociology at University of Pennsylvania.

Emma Zang (MPhil, 2014)

appointed Assistant Professor of Sociology at Yale University. Awarded "Best Graduate Student Paper" by the American Sociological Association Section on Asia/Asian-America in August 2019 for a paper in *Demography* in 2018 co-authored with Prof Cameron Campbell.



2020-21 SHSS Executive Committee**Kellee Tsai**

Dean, School of Humanities and Social Science

Christian Daniels

Head of Division of Humanities

Wenfang Tang

Head of Division of Social Science

Melinda Whong

Associate Dean and Director of CLE

Yongshun Cai

Associate Dean for Post-graduate Programs

Carine Yiu

Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education

Stuart Gietel-Basten

Associate Dean for Research

Jenny Smith

Associate Professor, HUMA

Kevin Tam

Associate Professor, SOSC

Donation

Dr Charles S.C. Chan has donated **HK\$500,000** to set up a scholarship for SHSS RPG students.

In Memory

Professor Yang Mu 楊牧 (also known as Wang Ching-hsien 王靖獻) (1940-2020), one of the founding members of the Division of Humanities.





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