Aft ter serving as Head of the Division of Social Science (SOSC) for the past five years, I am honored and re-energized by the opportunity to lead the School of Humanities and Social Science (SHSS). Since assuming the deanship on July 1, my priority has been to get to know colleagues in the Division of Humanities (HUMA) and the Center for Language Education (CLE), and re-configuring our space to foster school-wide identity and collegiality. The faculty, staff, and students of SHSS bring diverse strengths to our community. This newsletter provides highlights from the 2017-18 academic year. I look forward to working with you in the forthcoming ones.

Stay posted for renovations to our space and more events to bring us together.

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**New Appointments**

- **Mr Thomas Chan**  
  Lecturer II  
  CLE

- **Prof Stuart Gietel-Basten**  
  Associate Professor  
  SOSC/PPOL

- **Ms May Liao**  
  Lecturer II  
  CLE

- **Dr Xiaolu Ma**  
  Assistant Professor  
  HUMA

- **Prof Kira Matus**  
  Associate Professor  
  PPOL/SOSC

- **Dr Jia Miao**  
  Research Assistant Professor  
  SOSC

- **Dr Nicholas Sampson**  
  Lecturer I  
  CLE

- **Ms Kasina Wong**  
  Lecturer II  
  CLE

**Visiting Faculty**

- **Dr Daniel Amos**  
  Fulbright Scholar  
  Washington State Department of Health  
  2 August 2017 - 19 June 2018

- **Dr Nahum Brown**  
  Postdoctoral Fellow  
  University of Macau  
  September 2017 - May 2018

- **Prof Frederick Damon**  
  Professor  
  UVA  
  19 June-24 July 2018

- **Dr Dechao Li**  
  PhD, HUMA  
  Hong Kong University of Science and Technology  
  January - June 2018

- **Prof Katya Makarova**  
  Associate Professor  
  UVA  
  19 June-25 July 2018

- **Prof Rehav Rubin**  
  Elman Family Visiting Professor, Hebrew University  
  27 August - 23 December 2017

- **Prof Yuzhong Zhao**  
  Professor  
  Kunming University of Sciences and Technology  
  February to August 2018

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**Dean’s Message**
Farewell to Faculty

Ms Sue Chang  
Instructor  
CLE

Prof Xueliang Ding  
Professor Emeritus  
SOSC

Mr Keven Kasten  
Instructor  
CLE

Prof James Kung  
Professor Emeritus  
SOSC

Mr Mike Ladao  
Senior Lecturer  
CLE

Prof Deborah Sang  
Professor  
HUMA

Dr Leo West  
Instructor  
CLE

Dr Claudia Wong  
Senior Lecturer  
CLE

Prof Raymond Wong  
Professor  
SOSC

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !

Promotions

Prof Yongshun Cai  
Chair Professor  
SOSC

Ms Delian Gaskell  
Senior Lecturer  
CLE

Mr Levi Lam  
Lecturer I  
CLE

Prof Yi-min Lin  
Full Professor  
SOSC

Ms Ivy Sek  
Senior Lecturer  
CLE

Prof Jin Wang  
Associate Professor  
SOSC

Prof Xiaogang Wu  
Chair Professor  
SOSC

Honors

Prof Naubahar Sharif  
Appointed to the HK Government’s Advisory Committee on Mental Health

Prof Billy So  
Appointed HKUST Jockey Club Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) Senior Fellow

Prof Agnes Ku  
A photo exhibition: Where Time Turns Black  
Received a Bronze Prize (Book/Fine Art) in the Tokyo International Foto Awards, 2017

Prof Xiaogang Wu  
Appointed inaugural president of the International Chinese Sociological Association  
(formerly, the North American Chinese Sociologists Association)

Prof Carine Yiu  
Awarded a Harvard-Yenching Institute Visiting Scholars Fellowship, 2018-2019
Faculty Book Publications

**Xue-liang Ding**  
政治與中國特色的幽默  
Oxford University Press, 2017

**Stuart Gietel-Basten** and **Danny Dorling**  
*Why Demography Matters*  
Polity, 2018

**Yi-min Lin**  
Dancing with the Devil: The Political Economy of Privatization in China  
Oxford University Press, 2017

**Jianmei Liu** and **Mabel Lee**  
*Gao Xingjian and Transmedia Aesthetics*  
Oxford University Press, 2017

**Eric S. Nelson**  
Chinese and Buddhist Philosophy in Early Twentieth-century German Thought  
London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2017

**Song Yang**, **Franziska B. Keller**, and **Lu Zheng**  
*Social Network Analysis: Methods and Examples*  
SAGE, 2017
CREATIVE ARTS AT SHSS - HIGHLIGHTS

INTIMACY OF CREATIVITY 2018
WORLD PREMIERE CONCERTS
創意間的親暱 世界首演音樂會

29.4.2018 – 4pm (Sunday 星期日)
Concert Hall, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts
香港演藝學院音樂廳

6.5.2018 – 4pm (Sunday 星期日)
Hong Kong City Hall Theatre
香港大會堂劇院

HKUSTMA Curtis Institute of Music Partnership

Summer Musical 2018
Singin’ in the Rain

Intimacy of Creativity 2018
World Premiere Concert
Music faculty

**CREATIVE WRITING**

Prof Jianmei Liu organized a series of creative writing and film events, including

- "Science Fiction and its Variations in The Sinophone World" 30 - 31 May 2018
- Talks featuring Profs Lianke Yan and Zaifu Liu 2 March 2018
- HUMA film course showcase 11 April 2018

**TEACHING**

Prof Eva Chen and Ms Irene Ng were awarded the SHSS Teaching Award at Congregation in November 2017

**SHSS has:**

- 286 Graduate students
- 315 undergraduate majors
General Research Fund Projects

Cameron Campbell
SOSC
Family Background Influences on the Appointment and Career Mobility of Qing Officials With Examination Degrees

Ji Yeon Hong
SOSC
Resource-Driven Development and Social Welfare under Dictatorship

Yi-min Lin
SOSC
Contractual Dispute Settlement under Corrupt Court

Jianmei Liu
HUMA

Kira Matus
PPOL/SOSC
Innovation and Access to Technology for Sustainable Development: The Role of Public Policy Actors

Jenny Smith
HUMA
Refugee Camps: A Global History

Duoduo Xu
SOSC
Socioeconomic Segregation, School Choice, and Geography of Educational Inequality in Hong Kong

Michelle Yik
SOSC
Do Happiness and Sadness Co-occur in Everyday Life? An Experience-sampling and Cross-cultural Study

Lawrence Zhang
HUMA
Money and Politics in Late Imperial China: Office Purchase and Career Entry, Promotion, and Exit in the Qing Civil Service

UGC Teaching & Learning Grants

Nigel Huckstep
CLE
Hong Kong Continuing Professional Development Hub - joint project led by HKU

Sean McMinn
CLE
Developing and Promoting Digital Literacies for Effective English Communication: The Multimodal Online Digital Literacy Lab (MODLL) - joint project with HKU

Keith Tong and Elza Tsang
CLE
Language Enhancement for Capstone Projects Using Interactive Apps - joint project led by HKPolyU

Claudia Wong
CLE
Mastering the Technical Vocabulary of STEM - joint project with HKPolyU led by HKUST

Non-UGC Grants

Stuart Gietel-Basten
SOSC
Beat Drugs Fund Association 2017-18
A Multilevel Analysis of the Demography of Drug Abuse in Hong Kong

Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme from the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau of HKSAR
Developing Capacity and International Co-operation in Therapeutic Landscape Architecture for an Ageing Population
NEW STUDENTS, FALL 2018

20 Research Post-graduate students

HUMA
5 MPhil
5 PhD students

SOSC
5 MPhil
5 PhD students, including
2 Hong Kong PhD Fellows

214 Taught Post-graduate students

60 MSc Global China Studies students
including 14 3+1 students Bachelor’s/MSc pathway from
Nanjing University,
Shandong University,
Sichuan University,
Sun Yat-sen University, and
Xiamen University

66 new MA in International Language Education students

23 students concentrating in Teaching English as Second Language specialized concentration

43 students concentrating in Teaching Chinese as Second Language

41 new MA in Chinese Culture students

47 new MA in Social Science students

95 Undergraduates

60 new Global China Studies (GCS) and

35 Quantitative Social Analysis (QSA) students joined us in fall 2018

We now have 601 full-time (including beyond-time) UG and PG students, an increase of 73 students from the previous year.

SOSC launched a new UG Major in 2017-18: Quantitative Social Analysis

Entering 2018 GCS students will have a choice between an Integrated Humanities and Social Science track, or a Social Science track.

MASTERS IN INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE EDUCATION (MAILE)

SHSS launched a dual degree program in language teaching with the USC Rossier School of Education.

SHSS SUMMER GLOBAL SEMINARS

125 students enrolled this summer
along with 11 secondary school students from St. Paul’s Convent

HKUST 86
China 14
UVA 13
Warwick 10
Leiden 2

10 teachers attended shadow teaching from

Shanghai International Studies (SISU) 3
Shanghai Jiaotong U (SJTU) 2
Shandong U (SDU) 2
Beijing Foreign Studies U (BFSU) 2
St. Paul’s Convent (SPC) 1
Approximately 300 UG, TPG and RPG students graduated from SHSS in 2018. This year’s graduating GCS class of 59 students include 5 students with First Class Honors.

Thanks to our International and Mainland Programs and UG Program Service and Advising Offices, as well as the support of an outside donor, 69 percent of our 2018 UG graduates had a Mainland and/or International learning/internship experience of at least one term abroad.

PhD Program Placement of MPhil Graduates

**HUMA**

- **Mian Chen**
  - History
  - Northwestern University

- **Yiming Ha**
  - History
  - UCLA

- **Min Qiao**
  - HUMA
  - HKUST

- **Yingfang Wang**
  - Philosophy
  - Chinese University of Hong Kong

- **Yiqiao Wang**
  - History
  - Chinese University of Hong Kong

- **Huanyu Yue**
  - Comparative Literature
  - Washington University, St. Louis

**SOSC**

- **Zheng Fu**
  - Sociology
  - Columbia University

- **Xincheng Ge**
  - Political Science
  - New York University

- **Jingyang Huang**
  - SOSC
  - HKUST

- **Siqin Kang**
  - Politics and Political Administration
  - University of Hong Kong

- **Xiuwen Zhu**
  - Law
  - Chinese University of Hong Kong

- **Xiwen Zhu**
  - Sociology
  - Johns Hopkins University

**2018 Academic Placements**

**HUMA Graduates**

- **Dr Law Shun Man**
  - Humanities Lecturer
  - Hong Kong Polytechnic University

- **Dr Rongkun Zhang**
  - Philosophy
  - Jiliang University

**SOSC Graduates**

- **Mr Huang Bin**
  - (MPhil graduate)
  - Research Assistant
  - HKUST

- **Dr Hoi Wing Chan**
  - (PhD graduate)
  - Teaching Assistant
  - HKUST

- **Dr Lingwei Wu**
  - Assistant Professor
  - Economics
  - University of Bonn

- **Yao Lu**
  - Sociology
  - UC Davis

- **Vivien Pong**
  - SOSC
  - HKUST

- **Yunzhu Ren**
  - SOSC
  - HKUST
  - (HKPFS awardee)

- **Jiaxin Shi**
  - Demography
  - Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research

- **Qingyan Wang**
  - Political Science
  - University of Georgia
Further Academic Study

20 percent of our PG students—including nearly all graduating MPhil students and 3+1 MSc student—go on to further academic study.

In 2018, 18 SHSS MPhil graduates advanced to PhD programs: 8 in USA, 5 at HKUST, 4 at other Hong Kong Universities, and 1 in Germany.

MAJOR CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS

HUMA and IAS co-hosted a workshop,
“Dignity in Critical and Comparative Perspective”
27 June 2018

SOSC and IEMS co-hosted the 5th Annual Meeting of the International Consortium for China Studies,
“China's Developmental Challenges and Opportunities 19th Party Congress”
25 - 26 June 2018

SHSS and The Centre for Studies in Demography & Ecology of University of Washington co-hosted a conference,
“China in Time and Space: G. William Skinner’s Ideas Going Forward”
20 - 22 June 2018

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

In 2017-2018, SHSS PG students, published articles in scholarly journals, including the International Journal of Asian Studies, Journal of Contemporary China, Stedelijk Studies, and Chinese journals such as 當代電影. They also published chapters in academic volumes including English language books published by World Scientific and Palgrave Macmillan.

HUMA and IAS co-hosted a conference,
“Science Fiction and Its Variations in the Sinophone World”
30 - 31 May 2018
SPECIAL THANKS

A leader with vision, creativity, and an uncompromising drive for excellence, Prof James Lee elevated SHSS's global reputation through new degree programs, creative arts opportunities, international partnerships, and an innovative on-line curriculum in Global China Studies. We are fortunate that Prof Lee will remain on our faculty, jointly appointed in SOSC and HUMA, through 2023.

Mr Mervyn Cheung served with great dedication as School Administrator over the past 29 years. We wish him the best in his retirement.

Prof James Lee
Dean of Humanities and Social Science, 2009-2018

2018-19 SHSS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Dean
School of Humanities and Social Science

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Associate Dean and Director of CLE

Yongshun Cai
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FORTHCOMING

- New SHSS UG Commons
- New SHSS community space by the dean’s suite
- Searches for full professors and divisional heads
- HKUST Music Alive!: Meg Sterling (Principal Flute, HKPhil)@HKUST(CYT LTL)
  8:00 pm, 8 October 2018
- HKUST Music Alive!: Bright Sheng and 6-Wire@HKUST - Celebrating the Naming of the President of HKUST
  8:00 pm, 15 November 2018
- HKUST Alumni Reunion: HKUST Summer Musical Performance and Workshop (CYT LTL)
  2:30 pm, 24 November 2018
- SHSS Graduation Ceremony and Alumni Reunion 2018 (IAS Building Lobby, 5/F Reception Area)
  1:00 pm, 15 November 2018
- HUMA Music Course Showcase Fall 2018 (featuring students of HUMA3102, 3150, 2103, and 3101) (CYT LTL)
  6:30 pm, 30 November 2018

Please join us on 15 November for the SHSS Graduation Ceremony and Alumni Reunion, IAS Atrium, 1pm

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