

American Association for Chinese Studies 51st Annual Conference at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida October 16-18, 2009

The 2009 Annual Conference of the American Association for Chinese Studies will be held at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida, Oct. 16-18, 2009. The American Association for Chinese Studies, founded in 1959, is the only academic society in America devoted exclusively to the general area of Chinese studies, an academic area for which Rollins College is distinguished. The Association seeks participation from a multi-disciplinary cross-section of faculty focusing on Arts & Sciences, Humanities, as well as Social Sciences.

The purpose of the Association is to:

- 1) Encourage the study of subjects related to China, especially in American educational institutions;
- 2) Advance such study and teaching through the exchange of information and scholarship across disciplinary lines;
- 3) Promote understanding and communication between Western and Eastern scholars involved in Chinese studies.

We invite proposals for panels, roundtables, and papers concerning China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and other Chinese societies for the 51th Annual Conference of AACS, which is being hosted by Rollins College, Orlando, Florida. Although membership in AACS is required for participation in the Annual Meeting, non-members are welcome to submit proposals, join the Association and participate in the Annual Meeting.

The program committee prefers proposals for complete panels (a chair, 2-3 papers, and 1-2 discussants) and roundtables (a chair and 3-4 other participants). The committee also welcomes proposals for individual papers and will attempt to place the presenter on an appropriate panel. We encourage submissions from graduate students as well as junior and senior scholars, and from overseas participants.

As in the past, panels and roundtables concerning special events or topics of broad significance are especially welcome. We particularly welcome proposals that address the impact of the US change in presidential administration, as well as the late 2008 global financial crisis, on Chinese societies, economies, and politics. Too, we encourage proposals on pressures of cultural globalization on Chinese audiences and responses. All proposals should include short abstracts. Overall, our goal is to construct a **balanced** program including panels representing the **humanities, social sciences, and business-related disciplines**.

Members of the program committee include Shelley Rigger, Robert Sutter, Ilan Alon, and Jerry McBeath. Please send your proposal, preferably by e-mail to McBeath at ffjam@uaf.edu and Ilan Alon at ialon@rollins.edu. Please make sure that you include complete contact information (address, telephone number, and e-mail). The deadline for proposals is **May 1, 2009**. Scholars submitting proposals by this deadline will be notified about their inclusion in the program by June 15th.