UNDERSTANDING OURSELVES
Research in the Department of Psychology aims to understand different aspects of the human condition, from how we see the world, to the influence others have on how we see ourselves, to learning successfully in and out of the classroom, and finally to developing better mental health. To solve these problems we need to apply a lot of different research tools, and so Psychology is a truly interdisciplinary enterprise, drawing on research techniques from Neuroscience, Computer Science, Linguistics, Philosophy, and Psychiatry, and many others, as well as applying techniques that have been developed within our discipline. Our Department has changed greatly in recent years, and we’ve made a lot of exciting appointments, mainly at the level of Assistant Professor. So, to illustrate the research that we do, we asked three Assistant Professors to write about their research programs and the ways in which their research has developed in their time at HKU.

Professor William Hayward
Head, Department of Psychology
Making a Difference

Prior to joining the HKU family last August, I studied the impact of natural disasters on mental health. I was particularly interested in the methodological issues related to the operationalization and measurement of severity of exposure. Fortunately, Hong Kong is not a city frequently burdened by natural disasters and I have since adapted my research focus to better fit the needs of this context.

The overarching theme of my current program is to identify efficient ways to transfer psychological science to laypeople, especially in underserved communities. I entitled my research team “community research and action lab” because my students and I are committed to conducting research in the community that contributes to both the psychological science and the Hong Kong community. The research, in itself is a service.

Helping Students to Relax

We have a number of ongoing projects in line with this aspiration. The first two studies entail “task-shifting”, or transferring professional knowledge and skills to non-professionals so that they can in turn transfer them to other community members. The first task-shifting project involves high-school teachers and students in relatively underserved communities in Hong Kong. The aim of the study is to teach high-school teachers a set of easy-to-learn relaxation skills and help them transfer those skills to their students. Our mission is to provide preventive measures to help the general public cope with life in this high-stress metropolis before mental-health problems arise.

Based on a need-assessment study we conducted, the group will focus on cultural adjustment, the cultivation of a sense of belonging (or “Ibasho” in Japanese), and stress reduction.

Scarce mental health professionals are expensive and illness is stigmatized in Hong Kong. Task-shifting might prove to be an effective way to provide mental health service to the public in general and underserved minorities in particular. My longer-term goal is to make practising basic psychological skills such as relaxation as “natural” as brushing one’s teeth: twice a day and religiously. In this spirit, my students and I have recently developed a smartphone app to aid this process. We will pilot it in the US and here in Hong Kong.

Cross-cultural Stress Reduction

The second task-shifting project involves immigrant Japanese housewives residing in Hong Kong. There are approximately two thousand Japanese housewives who have moved to Hong Kong. Some of these women have given up their own careers in order to accompany their husband’s employment relocation. Many of these women speak neither English nor Chinese, severely limiting their access to resources, including mental health. In collaboration with Dr Hamamura Takeshi of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, I will train a few of them to run peer-support groups for their fellow compatriots.

Stress and Coping among Young Offenders

Another line of my work involves evaluating positive youth development programs. My students and I are currently conducting a longitudinal study on Christian Zheng Sheng College, a local school that serves young offenders (mostly but not exclusively drug-related). The study aims to identify the “active ingredients” of the high success rate program. So far we have completed two waves of data collection, monitoring a wide range of psychosocial factors, including stress and coping, future orientation and religiousness, relationship with mentors, and the like. We are seeking funding to continue this line of work for at least another year and a half. The results of the study can potentially help improve Christian Zheng Sheng College and other similar programs in Hong Kong and beyond to better serve vulnerable youth.

Dr Christian Chan Shaunlyn (陳湘靈博士)
Social Influence in Everyday Life: How We Shape and Shaped by Our Social Environment

Social influence, an exciting and fundamental aspect of social psychology unites the three areas of my research program: ostracism/social exclusion, sexual objectification, and monetary reminders. To understand social influence as a social scientist, I study what is ubiquitous in everyday life. Indeed, I owe the development of two of my research areas to my experience of adjusting to life in Hong Kong — a metropolitan city where people are frequently reminded of the concept of money. The media is often linking a women’s worth with an unattainable standard of physical beauty.

Ostracism/Social Exclusion

People have a fundamental need to belong. We want to feel accepted by family members, friends, and even strangers. Yet, ostracism or social exclusion is commonly experienced. It happens in face-to-face as well as online interactions. My research examines how and why feeling ignored or rejected may lead to various negative consequences, such as pain, aggression, and dishonesty. For instance, my research has shown that personal beliefs affect how people interpret their experience of ostracism. Individuals holding beliefs about destiny in relationships (i.e., that relationships are hard to change) behave more aggressively following incidences of perceived ostracism than those holding growth beliefs (i.e., that relationships can be changed through effort). In a similar vein, people with weaker beliefs that the world in general is just are more likely to behave aggressively following rejection than those with stronger general just-world beliefs. As to situational factors, one ongoing GRF-funded project examines how and why people respond to ostracism differently in public and in private contexts. Aside from aggression, ostracism can increase dishonesty. We have found that ostracized individuals, relative to non-ostracized ones, indicate higher levels of dishonest intention and cheat more to take undeserved money in a behaviour task.

Psychology of Money

Money touches nearly every aspect of modern human life. Views on money run a wide gamut. Whereas some people believe that money solves most problems, others believe it represents an evil and corroding thread that harms anything it touches. My research examines how mere exposure to money may impact cognition and behaviour. Thinking about money increases individuals’ disposition to perceive relationships in a business-like manner. Specifically, money reminds people to express less emotion and to expect others to do likewise. In addition, monetary reminders increase aggression and influence people’s moral judgments. Possibly because acting upon thoughts of money leads people to be less attentive to the their own behaviour’s and potential consequences. Further, monetary reminders increase people’s tendency to objectify others.

Sexual Objectification

Sexual objectification happens through mass media portrayals and interpersonal encounters. We have recently found that sexual objectification triggers women’s feelings of sinfulness through perceived contamination. Such effects are more likely among people who perceive themselves as highly responsible for their objectification experience. In addition, we have documented that sexual objectification triggers feelings of deprivation, which leads women to desire more money to cope with this perceived threat. Further, we have demonstrated that sexually objectified women view men as a threat undermining the interaction between men and women.

Dr Chen Zhansheng (陳戰勝博士)
Understanding Human Cognition
As a Cognitive Psychologist with a computer science background, I have always been fascinated by the power of interdisciplinary research. In my research program, I use computational models or machine learning methods as a way to understand possible mechanisms underlying human behaviour and cognitive processes as well as uncover regularities behind behavioural or neuroscience data. I enjoy the combination of different methodologies including behavioural, eye movement, and EEG (brain waves – a method for measuring activity in the brain) examinations, in addition to computational modelling. The research I feel most excited about is how individuals acquire various perceptual skills such as face recognition, word recognition, and musician’s music perception. I am curious about how these skills change the way humans’ process information and the brain areas recruited for supporting different types of processing. I am especially interested in the division of labour between the two brain hemispheres and how they collaborate to accomplish these perceptual skills and cognitive processes.

Face Recognition
For example, in face recognition, my lab has recently shown that the best face recognition performance is typically achieved when one’s initial eye gaze is directed slightly to the left of the face centre as compared with other eye gaze locations. We also found that people show different eye movement patterns in face recognition when they have correct and wrong recognitions; the difference lies mainly in the transitions between fixation locations.

Chinese Character Recognition
In Chinese character recognition, we found that part-based processing is essential for expert Chinese character recognition, and that writing practice may enhance part-based processing which in turn facilitates reading. Through EEG examinations, we found that the recognition of Chinese characters with different structures involve processing in different brain hemispheres. Through computational modelling, we discovered that differences between the two brain hemispheres in the processing of local and global features might be due to their differences in connection structure rather than in frequency tuning of the neurons.

Being an independent researcher is both challenging and fun. I view it as a learning process – from managing a lab, publishing research papers, to supervising graduate students – there are always new things to learn for a junior faculty member. Over the years I was able to expand my lab significantly and successfully initiate several international collaborative projects across different disciplines. I have collaborators from computer science and electrical engineering to help me use more sophisticated techniques to analyze eye movement and EEG data, from information science to allow me to apply my knowledge in cognitive psychology to information system research, from education to help me apply my basic research output to classroom education, and from social psychology so that I am able to apply cognitive approaches to understand social behaviour. Doing interdisciplinary research through collaboration really expands my horizons making my research program more interesting.

Dr Janet Hsiao Hui-wen (蕭惠文博士)
In our continuing series on the impact of social sciences staff on the community, we profile the work of Dr Law Chi Kwong (羅致光博士) who joined HKU’s then called Department of Social Work in 1981. Dr Law has served on the Legislative Council, and on many committees and working groups that have focused on social welfare policy. He is a model of how individuals can have an impact on public policy.

Dr Law writes:

**Putting the Registration of Social Workers on a Legal Basis in Hong Kong**

In 1982, the Hong Kong Social Workers Association started to promote the idea of establishing a registration system for social workers in Hong Kong. I joined the Association in 1983; at that time I was a member of the Executive Committee of the Hong Council of Social Service and the Hong Kong Social Workers General Union, and also a Board Member of the Hong Kong Social Workers Association. I basically represented the employers, the employees and the profession of social work. With these overlapping roles, I managed to pull the three organizations together to form a joint working committee. I drafted the first draft of the Social Workers Registration Bill on a HKU mainframe computer word processor in November 1984. I left the joint committee in the summer of 1986 for my PhD studies at UCLA. When I completed my PhD study in 1988 and returned, I discovered not much progress had been made. I re-joined the joint committee and the first completed Code of Ethics of Social Workers was developed on my personal computer using a MultiMate word processor in 1989. By 1990, a provisional Hong Kong Social Welfare Personnel Registration Council was formed and in 1991 the Council registered as a limited company and began with a voluntary registration system. I became the first Registrar for the registration system. In early 1995, a private member’s bill was drafted. Before it was tabled at the Legislative Council, the HK Government changed its stance and accepted the responsibility to work on a public bill. I continued as a member of the drafting working group under the then Health and Welfare Branch. On the 23rd of April 1997, as a member of the Legislative Council, I voted yes in the Third Reading of the Social Workers Registration Bill; which became the Social Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap 505).

In another case, Dr Law writes:

**Providing the Single Elderly with Emergency Call Services**

The cold spell during the first few days of the Chinese New Year of 1996 claimed the lives of over one hundred elderly people living in Hong Kong. A few months prior to the cold spell, I had collected data from the Social Welfare Department about the number of single elderly that did not have a telephone at home on welfare (Comprehensive Social Security Assistance, CSSA). On the seventh day of the Chinese New Year, I paid a visit to the then Financial Secretary, Donald Tsang Yam-kuen, at his official residence. He accepted my proposal to give every CSSA single elderly person aged 70 or above, or with ill health, a telephone cash grant and the payment for twenty-four hour emergency call services. At that time, two international security companies in Hong Kong had just started twenty-four hour emergency call services as an annex to their basic security alarm system. However, after a discussion with them, I found their security service did not meet the needs of the elderly. I decided to set up a new NGO, the Senior Citizen Home Safety Association (SCHSA) to provide a twenty-four hour emergency call service, closely linked to the NGOs serving the elderly and the Hospital Authority. Operation of the twenty-four hour emergency service of SCHSA began on September 1, 1996. The SCHSA is still known as one of the most successful and profitable social enterprises in Hong Kong, winning a number of reputable regional and internal awards for entrepreneurship and use of technology to serve the needy. By 2012 the SCHSA has served well over 100,000 elderly and delivered over 3,000 elderly in ambulances to hospitals monthly.

See the SCHSA webpage: [https://www.schsa.org.hk/tc/home/index.html](https://www.schsa.org.hk/tc/home/index.html)

We will continue to profile Dr Law’s impact in the next issue.
Philosophical and religious concepts such as the meaning of life are culturally specific. Since 2009, Dr Vivian Lou Weiqun (樓瑋群博士) from the Department of Social Work and Social Administration in collaboration with the Sau Po Centre on Ageing and the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs) has worked on a series of studies on spirituality among Chinese older adults. These pioneering studies examine the underlying conceptual structure of spirituality among older adults and identify effective intervention strategies to enhance spiritual care for the elderly in a non-religious context (Chan, Lou, Fok, & Tsui, 2010a; Chan, Fok, Lou, & Tsui, 2010b; Lou, Chan, Fok, & Tsui, 2010; Lou et al, 2011).

We identified two key cultural factors that affect the perception and practice of spirituality through interviews and focus groups. First, there is a collective tradition that emphasizes relational and/or social life; and secondly, there is value placed on harmony with one’s surroundings for understanding the meaning and purpose of life. We formulated a model of Chinese spirituality as a dynamic for harmonious relationships between a person and his/her environment; which includes nature and the surrounding people. In mid-2011 the research team developed and validated a 44-item Spirituality Scale for Chinese Elders (SSCE) (Lou et al, 2011). The conceptualization and assessment tool paved the way for examining evidence-based practice in spiritual support and enhancement for Chinese older adults in daily life.

Impact: We developed a self-help manual, Fu Le Man Xin (full of blessing and happiness), and a professional intervention manual, Spiritual Enhancement Groups for Chinese Elders. The self-help manual was disseminated to all local community elderly services centres and to several elderly service centres in the Mainland. We trained more than two hundred professional workers from the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals and other non-government organizations and churches in Hong Kong. The professional manual is designed to enhance the competence of professional workers to provide interventions improving the spiritual well being of Chinese older adults (Lou et al, 2012).

According to the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, the focus on understanding spirituality benefits the Chinese elderly as well as the caseworkers that use the approach for marriage counselling in Hong Kong. Moreover, the instruments developed in this project have ‘enabled case workers to identify at-risk populations in spiritual distress who require intervention.’ Dr Lou and the TWGHs have established and recommended the effectiveness of the new group intervention, the Spiritual Enhancement Group for Chinese Elders (SEGCE). The SEGCE has been in use in one District Elderly Community Centre for the past two years and is considered the best practice consolidated for publication in another manual (Amy Tsui [TWGHs] letter, September 3, 2013).

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Social Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award

I am honoured to be the recipient of the Social Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award for 2013–2014. My teaching mission is to create an innovative teaching and learning philosophy. This curriculum structure is crucial for tertiary education in the 21st century.

It is important for me to be passionate about teaching and the subjects therein. As teachers we must engage our students in their everyday lives. Learning is for deep understanding and not merely for memorisation. I utilize my training in sociology along with my research expertise in gender and sexuality in order to emphasize critical thinking, appreciation of individual differences, integration of theories with practices, and creativity.

I create my lectures and tutorials in a friendly, interactive, eye-opening atmosphere to facilitate learning through a variety of pedagogical strategies such as: informed role plays, guest speakers from the “front line”, film clip screenings, interactive games, small-group discussions and through the use of multi-media. For example, in a lecture on gender in Introduction to Sociology (SOC1001), I asked students to wear their secondary school uniforms to class. I then invited two students – one male and one female – to come on stage and asked them to wear a prepared costume – a bright red long dress for the male student and an army suit uniform for the female student. With laughter and applause from the class, I explained to them the idea of “doing gender.” We are “doing” gender everyday (like the school uniform) and when we do it over and over again it becomes our second nature. Just as they said it was “normal” and “nothing wrong” in our secondary school days. By doing our gender “appropriately”, we sustain, reproduce and legitimize the institutional arrangements that are based on sex categories unquestioningly. Only when we “undo” gender (like the two students) we find ourselves in an awkward position. In this moment the two students (or individuals) are called to account for the “reasons” why the gender norms are unchallenged.

As the director of a new master’s programme in Media, Culture and Creative Cities (MCCC) in collaboration with the Department of Sociology, I put into practice an innovative education program that links academic learning with the frontier work of community partners. I have a vision towards public engagement that will inspire a broader concern for society. For example, students are required to conduct a capstone project in which they are paired with a community partner to work on a research question. Instead of writing a dissertation, they have to produce a written report together with a sociological informed art form based output. Thanks to the Faculty, we have Room 702 in The Jockey Club Tower of what we call MC³ as a new teaching/research/exhibition creative space for MCCC. We have just had a seminar/exhibition called Changing Lenses: An Invitation to Visual Sociology which seeks to establish dialogue between sociology and photography through a series of photo works done by local sociologists. This project includes my own work on older Chinese gay men. Students will benefit from these exhibitions, exchanges and interactions and they can use the space for their own capstone projects’ presentations and exhibitions. This may be the first attempt of combining teaching and learning in a multi-media form in the Faculty as well as in the University.

Dr Travis Kong Shiu-ki (江紹祺博士)
Department of Sociology
Faculty of Social Sciences Knowledge Exchange Award – _On the Ethics of Torture_

Dr Uwe Steinhoff of the Department of Politics and Public Administration has won this year’s Faculty Knowledge Exchange Award for his research on the ethics of war, terrorism, and torture, in particular for his book _On the Ethics of Torture_ (State University of New York Press).

In this book, Dr Steinhoff provides a complete account of the philosophical debate surrounding this highly contentious subject, Dr Steinhoff explains and addresses the many objections that have been raised to employing torture under any circumstances, and concludes that torture is sometimes, under certain narrowly circumscribed conditions, justified. He emphasizes that his argument is not utilitarian or otherwise consequentialist, but rights-based, namely based on the right to self- and other-defense. He stresses that while it cannot be used to justify torture in the notorious cases of Abu Ghraib or Guantanamo, it can, under certain conditions, be used to justify torture in kidnapping or so-called ticking bomb cases (to find out where the perpetrator has hidden his victim or the bomb).

The book has been hailed by commentators such as Allen Buchanan (Duke University) and Stephen Kershwar (State University of New York, Fredonia) as “by far the best treatment of the topic,” “superb,” “outstanding,” “powerfully argued, organized, concise, and highly readable.” Edward T Barrett, the Director of Strategy and Research of the Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership of the United States Naval Academy has described Dr Steinhoff as “one of the warfare ethics community most knowledgeable, creative, and precise thinkers.” Accordingly, Dr Steinhoff’s work on torture (as well as on other aspects of the ethics of violence) has been used in the education and training of officers and other military personnel at the USNA as well as at the Naval Postgraduate School.

Dr Steinhoff has also disseminated his research results to a wider audience via radio shows, TV shows, newspaper interviews, magazine articles, Internet blogs, and public lectures, reaching an audience of millions. Highlights include his participation in a one hour BBC radio program ("The Moral Maze") on torture, and, in commemoration of the 9/11 attacks and its repercussions, in the renowned one hour Swiss TV talk show "Sternstunden der Philosophie" ("The Finest Hours of Philosophy"). The show was also broadcasted in Germany and Austria. Past guests of this show include presidents, Nobel Price laureates, and world-renowned intellectuals, such as Michael Walzer, Noam Chomsky, Slavoy Zizek, Umberto Eco, Joachim Gauck, and Muhammad Yunus.

Dr Steinhoff continues to do research on the ethics of violence. In particular, he is currently working on two projects for which he has recently received Seed Funding and a GRF grant, respectively, namely: “Unconventional Warriors: Guerrillas, Warlords, Mercenaries, and Robots” and “Ethics and Terrorism: The Philosophical Debate.”

Those interested to learn more about the present torture debate should note that the Department of Politics and Public Administration is organizing a panel on Dr Steinhoff’s book on torture with Professor Michael S Moore (Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Institute for Law and Philosophy at the University of San Diego), Professor Seumas Miller (Professor of Philosophy at Charles Stuart University, author of the entry “Torture” in the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy) and Dr Steinhoff himself. The panel will take place on November 7, 2013; details will be announced in due course.

Dr Uwe Steinhoff
Department of Politics and Public Administration
As a graduate of the Department of Social Work and Social Administration, I am greatly humbled to take on the position of Headship to serve the social work professional community. I plan on serving by nurturing talents and producing committed and competent social workers, policy makers and social administrators. State-of-the-art programs need to be launched to develop new models of care and management in society due to a rapidly aging population, widening gaps between the rich and the poor, reduced upward social mobility for the young, rising expectations on civic engagement, and diversity and inclusion. As Hong Kong is an effective bridge between the East and the West, my research colleagues are incorporating Chinese medicine, traditional cultural exercises such as taiji and qigong into the promotion of integrative health and mental health. We have produced groundbreaking innovations in psychosocial interventions that demonstrate efficacy in physiological benefits on the local population.

We are going to reform our BSocSc curriculum so that students can be given more electives and choices in their study of social policy, social development, counselling, social work and social administration. I require your support, as it is needed to build a better society for all.
We academics spend much of our time and effort on knowledge generation and dissemination through research and teaching. The impact of our work will be limited if we confine our work and vision only to academia and do not reach out to the community, both globally and locally in which the University is embedded. I am convinced that my studies of how communities engage in collective action to solve problems could help inform effective public problem solving, in turn making a difference in society. My studies include farmers in Nepal, government officials in China, and philanthropists in Hong Kong.

In the past two years I have been heavily involved in the HKU-HKJC ExCEL3 Project. The mission is building the capacity of the third sector and civil society in Hong Kong. Through research, professional training, education programmes, case banks, and engagement with NGOs, we have bridged knowledge with practice and enhanced the problem-solving ability of our community. Recently, the Faculty of Social Sciences has been entrusted by the University to embark on a Public Policy Studies Initiative with aspirations of expanding HKU into a recognized world-leading knowledge hub that generates solutions for public problems with an international orientation. Building upon the expertise and experiences in the Faculty and the University, the Initiative will conduct evidence-based research to build a solid knowledge base for public policy analysis and disseminate and utilize the knowledge through professional training, policy consultancy, and policy deliberation. As the Associate Dean (Innovation) of Social Sciences, I will be working closely with colleagues in the Faculty to make the ExCEL3 Project and the Public Policy Studies Initiative successful. I will do this by building strengths in the Faculty and the University and also by bringing vibrancy and resilience to society.

I feel honoured and humbled that my colleagues have entrusted me with the important position of Headship this summer. Since the summer, I have been fortunate to have the support of various colleagues, including a highly capable team of staff in our Department office and the Faculty office. Building upon the solid foundation of my predecessors, I hope to lead the Department to greatness in our research as well as the undergraduate and postgraduate education. I seek to be a communicative, collaborative, and engaging leader as I regard the Head as a steward of public interest.

My own research interests are in the areas of civil society studies, politics of social policy development, participatory governance, public management, and gender studies. It is my humble desire to stay as active as possible in my term as Head. As the mother of two girls, aged 13 and 11, I also strive to make sure that I do not neglect the needs of my children.
Institute for Integrated Rural Development, Hong Kong (香港沃土發展社)

**Planting Seeds of Virtue**
In 1995, Social Sciences undergraduate students created the China Education Association charity. As alumni, they have continued their mission of serving rural China. They formed a charity named Institute for Integrated Rural Development, Hong Kong (Harvest IRD) (香港沃土發展社), which works with poverty-stricken areas across Hunan and Guizhou Provinces. The services range from student bursaries, teacher support and training, and various medical and health projects.

**Realizing a Vision of Health for All**
As demonstrated by its medical initiatives in Baojing County, Hunan, Harvest IRD is committed to projects that are both effective and exemplary for other impoverished areas in Mainland China.

**The “Healthy Family Clinic”**
The “Healthy Family Clinic” (家康診所) is a local gynaecology-paediatric clinic that provides free check-ups, health education, low-cost treatments for minor illnesses and reliable medical consultations for more severe medical conditions. The clinic has thus far offered check-ups to over 15,000 villagers.

**Project Stethoscope**
Project Stethoscope aims to achieve better health outcomes for children and families through partnering with forty rural schools. The project includes creating nutritional and hygiene guidelines for school canteens, promoting health education, and providing health-related training to school staff.

**Angdong Charitable Community Hospital**
To reach a larger population with unmet medical needs, Harvest IRD is working to expand the current Angdong Town Health Centre into a twenty-bed Charitable Community Hospital. IRD will recruit and train a dedicated team of qualified local staff with the help of medical and management experts in Hong Kong. The proposed hospital will provide a wider range of affordable and quality health care to peasants living around the area. It is hoped that the hospital will also serve as a pioneering non-profit medical services initiative in rural China for the government and other NGOs to follow suit.

Find out more at [www.harvest.org.hk](http://www.harvest.org.hk)
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**DHL/SCMP Hong Kong Business Awards 2012**
South China Morning Post announced that Mr Jacky Kwan Chi-hong, Chairman of Bamboos Professional Nursing Services Limited, has been chosen for the “DHL/SCMP Hong Kong Business Awards 2012”. He is currently the President of the Hong Kong Health Care Federation.

Professor Richard Wong Yue-chim, who is Professor of Economics at The University of Hong Kong, chaired the “DHL/SCMP Hong Kong Business Awards 2012” judging panel. The panel included representatives from The Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, DHL Express, The South China Morning Post, Junior Chamber International Hong Kong, The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, The Hong Kong Trade Development Council, and The Honkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited.

**Mr Jacky Kwan Chi-hong (關志康先生)**
B Econ (1994), M Econ (2005)
A New Chapter for New Changes

I wrote to Societist one year ago before I started my Master of Public Policy program at the Blavatnik School of Government. Throughout the year, I have had fruitful intellectual and social exposure. The University of Oxford is a hall of knowledge with great tradition, long history and sense of humanity. Oxford is a small old town of peace and tranquility for self-reflection, pursuit of knowledge, and seeking values and the purpose of life.

I also joined Tony Blair’s Faith and Globalization initiative on religion and foreign policy, and spent a month at Khazarah, the sovereign wealth fund of Malaysia, to conduct a project on social housing policy. After Kuala Lumpur, I have started my work at HSBC as a Management Associate for two months already.

“Personal success, if any, is not meaningful if my society as a whole fails,” I told my inaugural MPP cohort before leaving England in June. As HKU BSocSc graduates, in terms of social resources and opportunities given to us, we are a prestigious group. Our privileges imply missions and obligations that we owe to our communities.

Working together with my friends and colleagues, I have taken initiatives to launch a mentorship program for my high school, and the Symposium, an open SocSc alumni platform (see Mark’s article). Meanwhile, I am also working on a project at the regional level to promote Asian community and solidarity. Although I can only sleep 3 to 5 hours per night because of my work and these projects; I see the purpose and I feel alive.

Mr Ayo Chan Yi-ngek (陳一譯先生)
BSocSc (2011)

“Symposium” – The Big Dream of These Young People

“I chose Social Sciences because I want to understand and answer big questions about human lives, cultures, institutions and societies. I wish to make this planet a better place to live in. After my graduation, I find this dream is difficult to create into a reality. I am lost and I don’t know what I can achieve and contribute with my Social Sciences foundation.”

Who is this “I”? It may be no one, but it can also be many of you. Social Sciences graduates of HKU usually face little difficulty in securing a satisfactory job. Whether they are on the track in pursuing their aspirations may be another question.

The Symposium was started up by a group of aspiring graduates from the Faculty of Social Sciences who had a firm belief in the power of Social Sciences. The goal is to line up young alumni of the Faculty with great vision and develop a platform for them to deliver social innovations.

There is great importance of social capital in creating social impact. Through organizing a series of activities, the graduates wish to connect and build up trust among young alumni from different disciplines, as well as social leaders from various fields.

Apart from traditional approaches, there are numerous opportunities and prospects to be uncovered and pursued in society. The Symposium strives to answer questions and address social needs in innovative ways.

The image and status of Social Sciences deserves wider recognition in society. The deep-seated prejudices need to be revoked against social sciences in this capitalist city. In particular employers ending doubts like “What is it for?”

The dream is big, and the aim is to realize this dream with innovative, amazing and stunning ideas. These young graduates have been working hard to draw up plans and move the agenda forward. Despite having full-time jobs, they insist to meet after a day’s work. Spirits are high, as they have found the right track to contribute to society. Passion for Social Sciences never dies.

Interested? More exciting news is coming. Stay tuned, for the rising Symposium.

Mr Mark Leung Hon-kei (梁漢禕先生)
BSocSc(G&L) (2010), LLB (2012)
Social Sciences Society, HKUSU, one of the ten faculty societies in the University, represents all undergraduate students in Faculty of Social Sciences. It has been forty-five years since our Society began to unite and connect all members and enhance the sense of social responsibility among the University.

In the past few weeks, the Society has provided various kinds of orientation services. Orientation Camp was held successfully during August 17 – 19, thanks to enormous support from all our Jobamas and freshmen participants. Registration day and orientation briefing was held to lead freshmen through the gate of the university. Last but not least, the orientation booklets “Sneakers” was handed out to all freshmen. The freshmen found the orientation booklets helpful in understanding university life and social sciences. I would like to thank our Faculty for their enormous support during our Orientation Series.

The Orientation Series is still open and includes several wonderful activities, including Sports Orientation, First-Reunion, Semester Commencement Rice and last but not least High Table Dinner. We hope all the registered freshmen will enjoy these activities. All freshmen not yet registered are welcome to join us!

There are only three more months until the close of our 2013 session. However, our endeavour to serve all the members is always enthusiastic. The Orientation Series, Second Hand Book Sale and Welfare Week will be held in October and November respectively. Books of Social Sciences will be collected from senior students or alumni and sold to current students at a cheaper price during the Second Hand Book Sale. As for the Welfare Week, members can collect our welfare as well as buy our Society products including Society T-shirt, hoodies and notebook cases at a discount.

Concerning external affairs, Social Sciences Society HKUSU will keep an eye on current events. We will respond promptly and hold activities addressing issues for a deeper understanding. This is ideal in order to instil a sense of social responsibility amongst the University of Hong Kong.

Despite the difficulties regarding the duties of running a society, the Executive Committee members and I regard serving our members and raising the sense of social responsibility an honour. I sincerely hope that our alumni, faculty staff, members and friends will keep supporting us in the future.

I hope you have a wonderful semester!

Mr Joseph Zhang Qijin (張啟晉先生)
Chairman
Social Sciences Society, HKUSU
Session 2013
Events Spotlight

Seminar on Government, NGOs, and the New Public Management
March 8, 2013
Professor Steven Rathgeb Smith
Syracuse University, USA

Seminar on Helping Individuals with Deliberate Self-harm Behaviour: An Application of Multidisciplinary Collaboration in a Community
March 9, 2013

East and Southeast Asia Impacting Investing Forum 2013
March 14 & 15, 2013

Contemporary China Studies Public Lecture: Chinese Governance in the Age of Rising Expectations
March 18, 2013
Professor Dali Yang
Faculty Director, The University of Chicago Center in Beijing
Professor of Political Science, The University of Chicago

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**Events Spotlight**

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April 22, 2013
Professor Shui-Yan Tang
Visiting Chair Professor
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Frances R and John J Duggan Distinguished Professor in Public Administration
University of Southern California

**Public Lecture on Democracy: The Long and Winding Road**
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Former Chief Secretary for Administration
Former Legislative Councillor

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School of Social Sciences,
University of California, Irvine

Serena Yang Distinguished Lecture – Autonomy and Control in Human Behavior: Research and Applications Using Self-determination Theory
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Professor of Psychology and Education
University of Rochester

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September 19, 2013
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Chinese National “1000 Talents Program” Professor
School of Life Science and Technology
University of Electronic Science and Technology of China

Public Lecture on What, if Anything, is New in Policy Studies?
September 23, 2013
Professor B G Guy Peters
Maurice Falk Professor of American Government, University of Pittsburgh
Professor of Comparative Governance
Zeppelin University
Danny D B Ho Lecture and Workshop Series in Holistic Therapy:

Public Lecture on Energy Diagnostic and Treatment Methods – Introductory Seminar & 2-day Workshop on Energy Diagnostic and Treatment Methods (EDxTM)
March 9, 2013; March 15 & 16, 2013

Public Lecture on Introduction to Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy & 2-day Workshop on Overview of the International Practice of Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy in a Variety of Treatment Contexts
July 16, 2013 (Lecture)
July 17 & 18, 2013 (Workshop)

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**Sau Po Centre on Ageing Receives a Million Dollar Donation to Support Academic Initiatives in Dementia Care**

The Sau Po Centre on Ageing of The University of Hong Kong (HKU) received a HK$1M donation from Mr Joe Ma and Dr Karen Cheung Siu-lan, the Honorary Research Fellow of the Centre. The money was raised from a Charity Dinner that celebrated Mr Ma and Dr Cheung’s China Wedding Anniversary. The donation will support the Centre’s innovative research, education and knowledge exchange activities in dementia care.

**Announcement**

The Societist would like to clarify the news reported in the Spring 2013 issue under the Theme-based Research Scheme. The clarification is that Dr Richard Hu Weixing and Dr Simon Zhao Xiaobin are Co-Principal Investigators of the “Enhancing Hong Kong’s Future as a Leading International Financial Centre”.

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**Selection of Recent Publications** (From January to July 2013)

**Doing Ideology amid a Crisis: Collective Actions and Discourses of the Chinese Falun Gong**

Author: Chan, C S C  
Journal: Social Psychology Quarterly

Based on a yearlong data collection in Chicago and Hong Kong, this study investigates how followers of Falun Gong sustained their conviction in the face of the Chinese authorities’ suppression while their founding leader went hiding. The findings reveal that Falun Gong followers engaged in frequent collective actions and discourses to cope with the external and internal threats. Through collective exercises, they reconstructed meanings out of the confusion and romanticized the charisma of their missing leader. This study asserts the critical role of doing ideology in sustaining a movement, and integrates an interactionist, social psychological approach into the literature of social movements.

**Dr Cheris Chan Shun-ching**  
Department of Sociology

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**Drivers for Colonization and Sustainable Management of Tree-dominated Stonewall Ecosystems**

Author: Jim, C Y  
Journal: Elsevier Science, Amsterdam/Ecological Engineering

Cities provide diverse natural, ruderal and artificial habitats for plants to enrich urban biodiversity. Stone retaining walls (SRW) in urban Hong Kong offer unique analog artificial-cliff habitats for spontaneous colonization mainly by native strangler-fig trees of genus Ficus, to create a special stonewall ecosystem. Detailed field survey of 289 SRW in the old urban core found 793 stonewall trees from 28 species, 21 of which were rare to solitary. Regression analysis provided explanatory variables for presence and quantities of wall vegetation. Open joints, ledges and cracks provided enabling micro-niches to raise tree frequencies or diversities. Volcanic masonry blocks with more nutrient release upon weathering were more amenable to tree colonization than granite. Aggressive government wall maintenance regularly removed tree seedlings. Similarly unsympathetic maintenance by private land-owners also led to tree hacking. Key research findings were translated into specific measures for sustainable ecosystem management of the valuable natural and cultural heritage.

**Professor Jim Chi Yung**  
Department of Geography

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**Genome-wide Association Analyses in Chinese Han Identify Two New Susceptibility Loci for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis**

Journal: Nature Genetics

This genome-wide association study (GWAS) was conducted on individuals with sporadic ALS and controls of Han Chinese ancestry. Two new susceptibility loci for ALS at 1q32 and 22p11.11, were identified. The findings further suggest genetic heterogeneity of disease susceptibility for ALS between ancestry groups.

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**Heroin Abuse Accelerates Biological Aging: A Novel Insight from Telomerase and Brain Imaging Interaction**

Journal: Translational Psychiatry

This study employs a multi-disciplinary approach to investigate a cutting-edge topic in clinical neuroscience. Heroin abuse is clearly associated with accelerated aging at both the cellular and brain systems levels. These results provide novel insights that form a critical foundation for future studies on drug addiction.

**Professor Tatia Lee Mei-chun**  
Department of Psychology
Hong Kong: Embracing a Fast Aging Society with Limited Welfare
Authors: Cheng, S T, Lum, T, Lam, L C W & Fung, H H
Journal: The Gerontologist
With a noninterventionist government and an ideology emphasizing family self-reliance, yet one of the oldest populations around the world, Hong Kong faces many unresolved policy issues in aging, including public financial support, long-term care, and the lack of health or mental health care policies for older people. Despite funding limitations, research is vibrant and population aging is drawing more researchers into the field.

Dr Terry Lum Yat-sing (林一星博士)
Sau Po Centre on Ageing

One Rising China, Multiple Interpretations: China’s 60th Anniversary Celebration through the Lens of the World’s Printed Media
Authors: Zhu, J & Lu, J
Journal: Journal of Contemporary China
Taking advantage of simultaneous worldwide news coverage of China’s 60th Anniversary Celebration, we scrutinize how different societies responded to a rising China. We find significant variance in the news coverage from 42 top printed media in 21 sampled societies. Moreover, these societies’ political features affect their newspapers’ reporting styles the most. This analysis significantly enriches our understanding of the rise of China.

Dr Zhu Jianguan (朱江南博士)
Department of Politics and Public Administration

The Associations between Diurnal Cortisol Patterns, Self-perceived Social Support, and Sleep Behavior in Chinese Breast Cancer Patients
Authors: Ho, R T H, Fong, T C T, Chan, K P C & Chan, C L W
Journal: Psychoneuroendocrinology
This study examined the relationships between diurnal cortisol patterns and sleep behaviour, social support, psychological factors, and perceived health status in breast cancer patients. The findings suggest that earlier time of awakening, longer total sleep hours, better sleep quality, a better level of perceived health, and a lower level of negative social support are related to a favourable stress endocrine response in terms of steeper diurnal cortisol patterns in breast cancer patients.

Dr Rainbow Ho Tin-hung (何天虹博士)
Department of Social Work and Social Administration

The Impact of Media Reporting on the Emergence of Charcoal Burning Suicide in Taiwan
Authors: Chen, Y Y, Chen, F, Gunnell, D & Yip, P S
Journal: PLOS ONE
This study investigated the association of the intensity of newspaper reporting of charcoal burning suicide with the incidence of such deaths in Taiwan during 1998 – 2002. This study concludes that extensive media reporting of charcoal burning suicides appears to have contributed to the rapid rise in the incidence of the novel method in Taiwan during the initial stage of the suicide epidemic. Regulating media reporting of novel suicide methods may prevent an epidemic spread of such new methods.

Professor Paul Yip Siu-fai (葉兆輝教授)
The Hong Kong Jockey Club Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention
Students

Awards

The Association for Death Education and Counseling 35th Annual Conference
Best Cross-Cultural Paper Award

Working with patients and families facing terminal illness has truly been a humbling and rewarding experience, one that has opened my eyes not only to the multitude of human suffering, but also to the incredible strength and resilience of life even when it reaches the end. With great humility, I received this award on behalf of those who have taken their valuable time to share with me their stories on life’s most precious moments. I am honoured to have walked a small part of this liberating path with you. I would also like to thank my supervisors, Professor Cecilia Chan Lai-wan, Dr Amy Chow Yin-man and Dr Pamela Leung Pui-yu for their many inspirations and unwavering support throughout my doctorate research.

Mr Andy Ho Hau-yen (何孝恩先生)
PhD Candidate (Social Work and Social Administration)

Microclimate Study of Urban Heat Island Effects in Hong Kong
Fulbright–Lee Hysan Award

I am honoured to be a recipient of the “2013 – 14 Fulbright Junior Research Scholar” Award. This award offers an opportunity for me to spend six months at the University of California in Berkeley to enrich myself. My research focus is about urban heat island (UHI) effects at the microclimate level, using Hong Kong as a case study. This Fulbright visit will allow me to further explore the GIS technique and mini temperature measuring devices for microclimate measurements. I expect to have research findings that contribute towards identifying UHI hot spots to inform future planning policies and urban design for Hong Kong. The methodological approach should offer a foundation and necessary framework to enable further studies of local UHI effects on human comfort and environmental health.

I am grateful for the support of the RGC–Fulbright program and the first year of sponsorship by the Lee Hysan Foundation. I am pleased to share my preliminary research findings, as reported through Sing Tao Daily, Wenwei Po, Ta Kung Pao and Apple Daily. Last but not least, I would like to extend enormous thanks to both my supervisors, Dr Lai Poh Chin and Dr Melissa Hart. This award would not have happened without their great guidance on my research and remarkable recommendations.

Miss Paulina Wong Pui-yun (黃沛欣小姐)
PhD Candidate (Geography)
Hong Kong Psychological Society Annual Conference 2013

The Hong Kong Psychological Society (HKPS) Annual Conference is a platform for researchers, clinicians, and students working in psychological research to interact and exchange ideas advancing the field. The HKPS Annual Conference 2013 features the Young Scientists’ Award and the Poster Award to acknowledge the contribution and significance of the work by researchers in psychology-related fields. An independent panel of judges appointed by the Conference Committee chose award winners.

**Best Poster Award (1st Runner-up)**

It is my honour to be awarded as it was a fruitful experience to share the research findings in the HKPS Annual Conference. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to my supervisors Dr Esther Lau Yuet-ying and Mr Mark Lawrence Wong. This would not have been possible without their guidance and encouragement. I would also like to thank my lab mates in the Sleep Laboratory for their help and support.

**Miss Kristy Lau Nga-ting** (龔雅婷小姐)
BSocSc III

**Young Scientist Award (2nd Runner-up)**

The Conference was a great opportunity to meet other psychologists and learn about research being conducted in Hong Kong. The first runner-up and the winner of this award have given me much insight to improve my future studies and research. I must not forget to give thanks to my supervisors Dr Janet Hsiao Hui-wen and Professor Terry Au Kit-fong for their patience and wonderful support!

**Mr Ricky Tso Van-yip** (曹宏業先生)
PhD Candidate (Psychology)

**Young Scientist Award (1st Runner-up)**

It’s my honour to be awarded with the HKPS Young Scientist Award (first runner up) in 2013. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to my supervisors, Dr Esther Lau Yuet-ying and Professor Tatia Lee Mei-chun, of the Department of Psychology. I must also thank my colleagues in the Sleep Laboratory of the University of Hong Kong. I hope the work of our team will enhance the public’s understanding on the close relationship between sleep and cognitive functioning particularly in the aged population.

**Mr Jacky Wan Ho-yin** (尹浩然先生)
PhD Candidate (Psychology)
Congratulations

Academic Staff

Awards

Dr Cheris Chan Shun-ching
(陳坤青博士)
Department of Sociology
Honorable Mention for Mary Douglas Prize for
Best Book in the Sociology of Culture – Marketing Death
American Sociological Association’s Section on Culture
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American Sociological Association’s Section on Asia and Asian America

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Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton

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The China Quarterly

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Sau Po Centre on Ageing

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Department of Psychology

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Forthcoming Events

November

Danny D B Ho Lecture and Workshop Series in Holistic Therapy – 2-day Workshop on Art Therapy by Dr Carol Cox

Date: Nov 11 & 12, 2013
Venue: Centre on Behavioral Health, HKU
Contact: Ms Amy Choi (Tel: 2831 5163; Email: amychoi@hku.hk; Website: http://cbh.hku.hk)

Danny D B Ho Lecture and Workshop Series in Holistic Therapy – Symposium on Art Therapy by Dr Carol Cox and Dr Masaru Emoto

Date: Nov 14, 2013
Venue: Centre on Behavioral Health, HKU
Contact: Ms Amy Choi (Tel: 2831 5163; Email: amychoi@hku.hk; Website: http://cbh.hku.hk)

Danny D B Ho Lecture and Workshop Series in Holistic Therapy – 2-day Workshop on Art Therapy by Dr Masaru Emoto and Dr Hiro Emoto

Date: Nov 15 & 16, 2013
Venue: Centre on Behavioral Health, HKU
Contact: Ms Amy Choi (Tel: 2831 5163; Email: amychoi@hku.hk; Website: http://cbh.hku.hk)

ExCEL3 Workshop on Personal Awakening to Social Action: Value Transformation in Organisational Mission

Date: Nov 18, 2013
Venue: Social Sciences Chamber, 11/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU
Contact: Mr Alan Tang (Tel: 3917 1260; Email: alantsl@hku.hk; Website: http://www.sosc.hku.hk/ExCEL3/)

Asian Network for Public Opinion Research (ANPOR) 1st Annual Conference

Date: Nov 21 – 23, 2013
Venue: Seoul National University, South Korea
Contact: Ms Winnie Lee (Tel: 3917 7721; Email: winnielee@hkupo.hku.hk)


Speaker: Professor Lee Ching Kwan
Date: Nov 27, 2013
Venue: Social Sciences Chamber, 11/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU
Contact: Miss Nikki Wong (Tel: 3917 1224; Email: nhwong@hku.hk; Website: http://www.sosc.hku.hk/ccspf/clee)

December

The 10th International Conference on Grief and Bereavement in Contemporary Society

EAST MEETS WEST Expanding Frontiers and Diversity

Prelude Public Seminar Series:
Rituals in Transit 死者有禮
Date: Nov 30, 2013
Venue: Social Sciences Chamber, 11/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU
Contact: Ms Wing Wan (Tel: 3917 5849; Email: info@icgb2014.org; Website: http://www.icgb2014.org/edu)

East-West Evolution of Mental Health Services: Learning from the Past, Vision into the Future

Date: Dec 2 & 3, 2013
Venue: Social Sciences Chamber, 11/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU
Contact: Mr Alan Tang (Tel: 3917 1260; Email: alantsl@hku.hk; Website: http://www.sosc.hku.hk/ExCEL3/)

The 10th International Conference on Grief and Bereavement in Contemporary Society

EAST MEETS WEST Expanding Frontiers and Diversity

Prelude Public Seminar Series:
There’s Always Tomorrow 雨後彩虹
Date: Dec 7, 2013
Venue: Raymond Huang Theatre, HKU
Contact: Ms Wing Wan (Tel: 3917 5849; Email: info@icgb2014.org; Website: http://www.icgb2014.org/edu)

Workshop on Asia Pacific of Public Administration

Date: Dec 9 & 10, 2013
Venue: Social Sciences Chamber, 11/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU
Contact: Professor Ian Thynne (Tel: 3917 2389; Email: thynne@hku.hk)

Danny D B Ho Lecture and Workshop Series in Holistic Therapy – Summit & 2-day Workshop on Dance Movement Therapy by Dr Danielle L Fraenkel and Mr Jeffrey Mehr

Date: Dec 12, 2013 (seminar); Dec 13 & 14, 2013 (workshop)
Venue: Centre on Behavioral Health, HKU
Contact: Ms Amy Choi (Tel: 2831 5163; Email: amychoi@hku.hk; Website: http://cbh.hku.hk)

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