USCPFA National Convention

People to People Across the Pacific: Sharing Common Interests

Virtual CONVENTION PROGRAMS

October 20–21, 2023 – 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. each day

Greetings - Lin Songtian, President, CPAFFC (Youxie), Beijing (invited)

Chinese Embassy representative (invited)

Environmental Challenges in China’s Rural Areas – Dr. Ping He

Ping He is the founding president of the International Fund for China’s Environment of Washington, D.C., and a leading expert on the Committee of Air Pollution Control and Low-carbon Development in the China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation of Beijing.

U.S.-China Exchanges and Connections – Dr. Keisha Brown

Keisha Brown is a historian of modern China, with allied interests in race and ethnic studies, postcolonial theory, and social and cultural history in modern East Asia. She was a 2018–2019 postdoctoral fellow at the James Weldon Johnson Institute for the Study of Race and Difference at Emory University and was in cohort VI of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations’ Public Intellectuals Program.

Diversity of Chinese Cultures – Mr. Kun Shi

Kun Shi holds a master’s degree in Cultural Anthropology from Ohio State University, (OSU), was program director of OSU’s K-12 Chinese Flagship Program and for the University of South Florida – World. His presentation will focus on the diversity of China’s nature (landscapes), peoples (various ethnic groups) and cultures (with regional and religious differences).

Common Prosperity and the Importance of Rural Education in China – Dr. Scott Rozelle

Scott Rozelle is the director of the Rural Education Action Project, an organization at Stanford University that seeks to evaluate China's new education and health programs and have an impact on policy. His research focuses on agricultural economics, development economics and the economics of poverty—with an emphasis on the economics of education and health.

Convention Business in Zoom Plenary Session

Volunteer Awards, Election of National President and Treasurer, and Resolutions

For viewing now — Chinese in the Southern U.S., 1870s–1950s

Documentary Film: Far East Deep South - In this film, we follow the Chiu family as they travel from their home in California to a small Mississippi town where the grandfather says their ancestors are buried. They discover not only the graves but also the ancestors’ surprising connections with the community of white and black residents who shopped at their store. The film, released in 2020, is 1 hour and 19 minutes. Directed and screenplay by Larissa Lam. The trailer is available on YouTube. The film is available to PBS members with PBS Passport (America Reframed series: season 9, -episode 8), and on Kanopy, a free streaming service, through many public libraries. Search under Category: Film - Chinese – then the name of the film.

For a deeper dive into early settlements of Chinese in the southern U.S. (1870s–1950s), search the internet for Chopsticks in the Land of Cotton and other books and articles by the late John Jung, who was a member of our Long Beach chapter. For a broader view, search for History of Chinese Americans. Links to other China-related resources will be posted on USCPFA.org and emailed to registrants periodically, from now through October.