

The AAS annual meeting in Chicago provided an opportunity to celebrate successes, thank donors and foundation supporters, and strategize for the future.

At the **President's Reception** on Saturday evening, AAS President, Robert Buswell, and former President of the Asia Society, Robert Oxnam, honored and thanked Terry Lautz, who recently retired as Vice President from the Henry Luce Foundation, for his long-time support for Asian studies. Robert Oxnam's citation, presented to Terry at the reception, appears below.

President Buswell also expressed the gratitude of the AAS Board to the Luce Foundation for their support of new innovations in the annual meeting program. **Luce Foundation** support enabled us to invite two keynote speakers, Ambassador Han Sung-Joo, former Foreign Minister of Korea and Ambassador to the U.S., and Prof. Thomas Christensen of Princeton University, the former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

Ambassador Han's topic was, "**Korea Between China and the United States: To Choose or to Bridge?**" He gave an overview and analysis of the political, economic, and security balances and relationships, or "over-lapping triangles," between South Korea, North Korea, China, and the U.S. since the normalization of relations between China and South Korea in 1992. He emphasized that the government of South Korea seeks a "concert of interests" among these powers, "rather than to choose or to bridge." An adaptation of Ambassador Han's speech has been published in *YaleGlobal*. Nayan Chanda, the editor of *YaleGlobal*, was a participant in the special panel on the impact of the economic crisis in Asia. The link to Ambassador Han's speech is available at: <http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/display.article?id=12228>

Professor Christensen's topic was, "**U.S. Policy toward a Rising China: Some Recent Lessons for a New Administration.**" He provided a comprehensive overview of the key issues in the U.S.-China relationship. He noted that China is taking a larger role on

the world stage than ten or fifteen years ago. Often the U.S. media fail to mention the positive steps that China has taken, including its greater engagement with the Sudanese government regarding Darfur and its help controlling pirates off the coast of Somalia. He discussed his frustrations regarding U.S. efforts to bring about a significant improvement in Chinese human rights, despite U.S. efforts to frame this as being in China's own interest, rather than linking it to trade or other incentives or sanctions. He noted that, during the Bush administration, there were routine, scheduled talks between high level officials from a variety of departments of the U.S. and Chinese governments on a range of issues. He very much hoped these would continue.

Support from the Luce Foundation also enabled AAS to offer two innovative panels including journalists, scholars, and public intellectuals from Asia and the U.S.:

A panel entitled, "**Olympic Transformations: How the Games have Changed Asia and Asia has Changed the Games,**" chaired by Susan Brownell, University of Missouri, St. Louis; with participants Bruce Cumings, University of Chicago; Ching-Ching Ni, Nieman Foundation; Lijia Zhang, Independent Journalist; and Jin Yuanpu, Renmin University of China.

A panel entitled, "**The Impact of the Financial Crisis in Asia,**" chaired by Ezra Vogel, Harvard University, with participants Nayan Chanda, *YaleGlobal*; Ted Fishman, Independent Journalist; and Michael Lev, *Chicago Tribune*.

We also celebrated the generous support of the **Korea Foundation** for several new initiatives. At the annual meeting, we were particularly pleased to announce the creation of the **James Palais**

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Book Prize. The challenge grant of \$20,000 from the Korea Foundation, combined with the \$22,040 donated by individuals and centers of Korean Studies, will ensure the future of the Palais Prize. A list of the donors to the Palais Prize appears below.

Funding from the Korea Foundation also enabled the AAS to invite six Latin American scholars of Korea to present a roundtable entitled, "**Korea, Northeast Asia, and Latin America: Issues in Forging Relationships.**" The roundtable was chaired by Jorge R. Di Masi, National University of La Plata, Argentina. The participants were Victor Lopez Villafane, Monterrey Institute of Technology, Mexico; Jose L. Leon, Universidade Autonoma Metropolitana – Xochimilco, Mexico; Lytton L. Guimaraes, University of Brasilia, Brazil; Gilmar Masiero, University of Brasilia, Brazil; and Carolina Mera, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina. The scholars then went on to deliver talks at a number of universities around the U.S. before returning home.

Finally, we also celebrated donors who made gifts to ensure the continuation of the **Joseph Levenson Prize**. We have received a total of \$16,813 toward our goal of \$25,000. We are very grateful to those who have made a contribution. A list of donors to the Levenson Prize appears below. We continue to seek donations to reach our goal of \$25,000.

In a recent NPR broadcast, a policy maker commented, "an economic crisis is a terrible thing to waste." I believe the same is true for the AAS. These are difficult times to raise funds in traditional ways, but, with some ingenuity, the current economic situation may prompt us to look to new ways to meet our goals.

The AAS continues to explore ways to internationalize its work by bringing more presenters from outside North America, and to diversify the voices of presenters to include more policy makers, journalists, public intellectuals, artists, and authors.

We continue to submit proposals to foundations to support these initiatives. We are also exploring other forms of cooperation with foundations and research institutes to bring new presenters to future AAS meetings. More on these efforts as plans become clearer.

New ideas are always welcome! My email address is rsnow@asian-studies.org.

Bob Snow

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Terry Lautz Honored

In appreciation of his many accomplishments and service to the field, Terry Lautz was presented with the following citation by Robert Oxnam at a special reception during the Chicago meeting.

Association for Asian Studies: Citation for Exceptional Service in Asian Studies

TERRILL E. LAUTZ

WHEREAS: Terry Lautz began his work as a China scholar with a doctorate from Stanford University leading to important studies of 20th century Chinese history;

WHEREAS: Terry Lautz was a critical force in the China Council of the Asia Society, overseeing fifteen regional councils which offered balanced and vibrant public education about China to thousands of American citizens;

WHEREAS: Terry Lautz served as field staff director of the Yale-China Association, critical in bringing Yale back to China after a thirty year hiatus and bringing fresh Chinese perspectives back to Yale and to the United States at large;

WHEREAS: Terry Lautz has a lifelong scholarly interest in mutual perceptions—and misperceptions—between Asians and Americans as expressed in his remarkable articles and university courses;

WHEREAS: Until his retirement in 2008, Terry Lautz served brilliantly as “Dr. Asia” at the Henry Luce Foundation, rising from program director to vice president and influencing a wide range of programs, including the famous Luce Scholars program which gives hundreds of talented young college graduates a deep Asian experience, as well as many initiatives that helped shape the emerging field of Southeast Asian studies;

WHEREAS: Terry Lautz has brought a calmly-decisive style to his work in Asian studies, supporting others while seldom seeking a solo role, much as he does when he sings wonderfully as a tenor in the New York Choral Society;

AND WHEREAS: Terry Lautz is a role model for the Asian field—what Confucian scholars would call a junzi or “moral exemplar”—combining pioneering scholarship, academic teaching, public education, and enlightened philanthropy;

Be it recorded that the board of the Association for Asian Studies unanimously and enthusiastically presents this citation for exceptional service to Terrill E. Lautz on this, the twenty-eighth day of March, 2009.



Terry Lautz was honored at the President’s Reception on Saturday evening during the annual meeting for his long and effective support for Asian studies. Robert Oxnam, President Emeritus, The Asia Society, presented him with a citation and Robert Buswell, AAS President, conferred a life membership in the Association. (From left to right, Robert Buswell, Ellen Lautz, Terry Lautz, and Robert Oxnam.)