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John Kuo Wei Tchen to receive OHMAR's Forrest C. Pogue Award

John Kuo Wei Tchen is a historian and cultural activist. Since 1975, he has been studying interethnic and interracial relations of Asians and Americans, helping to build cultural organizations, and exploring how inquiry in the humanities and society can help deepen the quality of public discourse and policy.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY!

OHMAR--COLLEGE PARK, MD
September 30

ICOH--NYC
October 18-23

OHA--ALBUQUERQUE, NM
October 27-30

Dr. Tchen is currently director of the Asian/American Center at Queen's College of the City University of New York, a assistant professor of the Department of Urban Studies at Queens College, and on the Ph.D. faculty of Sociology of the Graduate Center (CUNY). He and his A/AC colleagues are developing programs which can link the strengths of a public, commuter, research college to the various needs of the rapidly growing Asian communities in CUNY, New York City, and the Americas. In addition, Dr. Tchen is spearheading the formation of the first Asian/Pacific American office at the

Smithsonian Institution which will launch various regional, national, and international projects.

In 1980, he and Charles Lai co-founded the New York Chinatown History Project/Museum which has enabled the largest Chinese settlement outside of Asia to document and explore its 160-year-long history and share it with hundreds of thousands of non-Chinese New Yorkers and visitors.

He is now writing a book about Orientalism and civic culture in nineteenth century New York City and editing a book of essays and photographs examining the zones of contact and conflict between Asians and Americans. He authored *Genthe's Photographs of San Francisco's Old Chinatown* (1984) which won an American Book Award and edited and introduced Paul C. Siu's classic study *The Chinese Laundryman; A Study of Social Isolation* (1987). He also has written and spoken on museums, race relations, and cultural studies.

In addition, he has curated exhibitions and worked on media productions. He currently is collaborating with San Francisco-based filmmaker Loni Ding in formulating a documentary series on Asian American history funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

He serves on the Smithsonian Council of the Smithsonian Museum, is on the Visiting Committee of the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, and on the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Appointment in New York City during the Dinkin administration.

In 1993 he received the City of New York Mayor's Award of Honor for Arts and Culture and in 1991 he received the Charles S. Frankel Prize from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Look for interview with Pogue Award winner Tchen by Linda Shopes in next Newsletter

OHMAR FALL 1994 CONFERENCE

Friday, September 30, 1994
Archives II, College Park, Maryland
8601 Adelphi Road (adj. U. Maryland)

Tentative Program:

- 8:30 am Registration/Coffee/Mingling
9:00 Welcome and Introductions
Trudy Peterson
Terri Schorzman
- 9:15 Keynote Speaker:
"Oral Hist. Collections, Future Issues"
John Fleckner, Director of Archives
National Museum of American History
- 10:00 BREAK
- 10:15 Plenary Panel Session:
"How to deal with oral history
collections"
Moderator: Diana Shenk
Penn State University Archives
Panelists:
Tom Connors, U. MD, National
Public Broadcast Archives;
Sylvia Danovitch, EEOC Oral History
Project; and,
Regina Akers, Operational Archives
at Naval Historical Center
- 11:45 LUNCH Archives II has an attractive
cafe where lunches under \$5 may be
ordered.
- 1:00 OHMAR Business Meeting
- 1:15 Pogue Award, Presentation and
Speech: John Kuo Wei Tchen

- 2:15 Afternoon Tours Archives II
A. Break into tour groups
B. Film viewing (for those already
familiar with Archives II)
- 3:30 Afternoon Wrap Up:
"State of the art for oral history
repositories"
- 4:00 RECEPTION

CONFERENCE INFORMATION: Please
remember that this conference occurs earlier in
the fall than previous years. See Map and the
conference registration form elsewhere in this
Newsletter. Although additional details will be
distributed in a separate mailing to members in
August, this is the only information that will
be distributed through the Newsletter.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOORLAND-SPINGARN RESEARCH CENTER AWARDED NEH GRANT

The Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University, is pleased to announce that the National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded the MSRC a \$220,000 grant to support the first two year phase of the Voting Rights Act Documentation Project (VRADP). In phase one of the project, which begins on September 1, 1994, the VRADP will focus on the first twenty years after passage of the Voting Rights Act--1965 through 1985. Oral history interviews will be conducted with 50-60 primarily black officials, who were elected during the period, and whose election is directly traceable to the landmark legislation.

Two positions will result from this grant. An oral historian/writer will be hired part-time at 66% for 24 months, to conduct the interviews and complete most of the project's writing tasks. Candidates for the position should have a graduate degree in political science, history, or American studies, preferably a Ph.D., from an accredited institution; demonstrated knowledge of voting rights issues; knowledge of research methods and techniques; experienced in techniques of oral history interviewing; and excellent speaking, writing and analytical skills.

An oral history specialist will be hired full-time to provide technical support for project activities. The MSRC is seeking an individual with a B.A. degree in English, history or political science who has good oral and writing skills, and is computer literate.

Interested individuals should contact Project Director Avril J. Madison for further information at 202/206-7266.

UMDNJ RECEIVES GRANT

The New Jersey Historical Commission awarded a grant to the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) Libraries, Special Collections Department, to conduct oral history interviews with representatives of organizations that have emerged in response to the need for support services for people with AIDS/HIV.

Transcripts of interviews obtained during the "New Jersey AIDS Oral History Project" will be added to a special collection at the UMDNJ-G.F. Smith Library in Newark on the history of the epidemic in New Jersey.

For information about the project or the collection, contact: Special Collections Department, UMDNJ Libraries, 30 Twelfth Avenue, Newark, NJ 07103-2754; phone (201) 982-6293 [Barbara Smith Irwin, Managing Librarian]

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT:

The 11th Conference on the Small City and Regional Community will be held at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, October 20-21, 1994. Theme: "Social Science and the Community." Featured Speaker: Amitai Etzioni, Professor of Sociology, George Washington University. For proposal submissions or more information, contact: Bob Wolensky, Center for the Small City, UW-SP, Stevens Point, WI 54481; 715/346-2708.

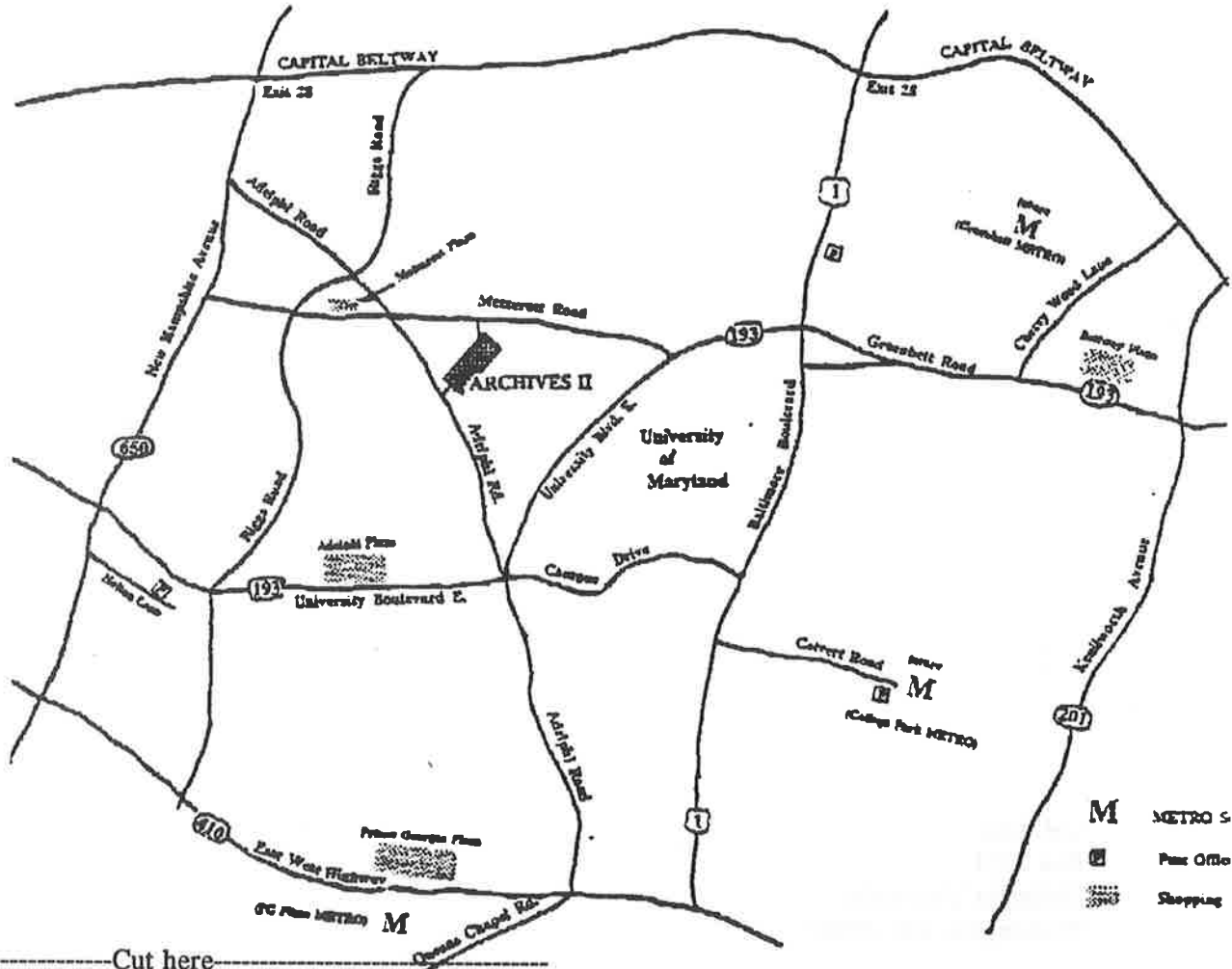
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: OHA SEEKS NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Oral History Association is seeking applicants for the position of executive secretary. Jan Barnhart is stepping down from the position effective December 31, 1994.

The executive secretary directs the day-to-day operation of OHA, works with officers and committee chairs, and is responsible for membership and financial records.

If interested or have suggestions, please contact Kim Lady Smith, OHA President, at Kentucky Hist. Society, P.O. Box H, Frankfort, KY 40602. Phone: 502/564-3016; FAX: 502/564-4701. Deadline: August 31.

GETTING TO ARCHIVES II



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OHMAR 1994 FALL MEETING, September 30 PREREGISTRATION FORM

Registration: student \$10
 OHMAR member 15
 nonmember 20 _____ (includes Continental Breakfast)

Reception (4 pm) \$ 5 _____
 Membership Dues
 Individual, \$10
 Student, \$5
 Institution, \$25
 Life, \$75
 _____ Total

Please mail your completed form and check payable to OHMAR to: P.O. Box 2351, Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C. 20002. We look forward to seeing you at Archives II.

Lunch (on your own, lunches under \$5 available at Archives II Cafe)

Do you plan to go on the Archives II Tour? ___ Yes, ___ No
[Tour is free but we need this information to plan the number of guides]