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AN EPIC OPENING

Chan E. Park, Professor Emeritus at The Ohio State University, welcomed AAS 2025 attendees to Columbus on Thursday evening with a grand pronouncement about the power of the Annual Conference: "An exciting springtime getaway, truly needed for fresh ideas and innovation ... it couldn't get any better than this." This opening set the stage for Park's performance of pansori, Korean epic storysinging. Adapting a traditional pansori song, Park mentioned "an Asian Studies sage," just one of many AAS references throughout. Alternating between sly humor and deep emotion, Park's engaging pansori performance set the stage for an epic event.

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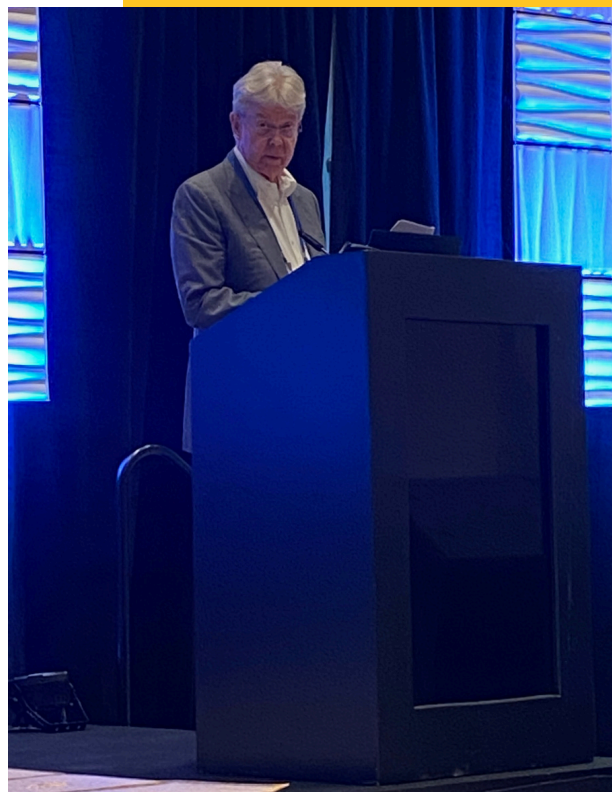
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"AUTHORITARIAN SHOCKS"

Hundreds of Annual Conference participants gathered on Thursday evening for the Keynote Address by **John P. Burns** (University of Hong Kong), who delivered a sobering but informative analysis of authoritarianism in Hong Kong.

Introduced by AAS Past President Jean Oi as "not only distinguished but distinctive," Burns spoke of the changes he has observed firsthand as a Hong Kong resident for five decades.

Even after the handover of Hong Kong from Great Britain to the People's Republic of China in 1997, Hong Kong retained its vibrant protest culture, and the city's government remained accountable to the public. Burns emphasized how leaders in Beijing have eroded that accountability since 2020. Today, Hong Kong still has relatively more autonomy than any mainland city—but the picture is now more mixed, and far more ominous.



Thank you to the Harvard-Yenching Institute for sponsoring the AAS 2025 Keynote Address.



MEET THE AAS STAFF

Please stop by the AAS booth in the Exhibit Hall to meet **Bill Warner** (Membership & Development Manager) and **Jon Wilson** (Publications Manager). Bill and Jon have developed a suite of activities at the booth this year, designed to both engage and reward Annual Conference participants. Jon has review copies of AAS publications to offer and is also available to speak with you about what AAS could do as it expands its range of books for classroom use. Bill is interested in hearing about your experiences with AAS and the Annual Conference. Record a short video for our website and social media and you could win a prize!

EXPERIENCE COLUMBUS

WHAT TO DO

- Take a selfie with the **Arnold Schwarzenegger Statue** outside the Greater Columbus Convention Center
- Inside the Convention Center, have your photo taken and displayed in 3-D on the 14-foot-tall **"As We Are"** sculpture
- Walk the galleries of the **Columbus Museum of Art** (50% discount on admission with conference badge)
- Cheer on hockey's **Columbus Blue Jackets** as they take on the New York Rangers at Nationwide Arena (game time is 7:00pm on Saturday, March 15)
- Pop down to German Village and explore the 32 shelf-filled rooms of **The Book Loft of German Village**
- Tour the **Ohio Statehouse** and learn about the state's past at the **Ohio History Center**
- Connect with nature at the **Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens**, which also features the largest collection of glass artwork by Dale Chihuly in a botanical garden
- Traveling with kids? Check out the **Center of Science and Industry**, **LEGOLAND Discovery Center**, or the **Columbus Zoo and Aquarium**
- Get free admission to **Howl at the Moon** by letting them know you're an AAS 2025 attendee—the dueling piano show begins each night at 7:00pm!

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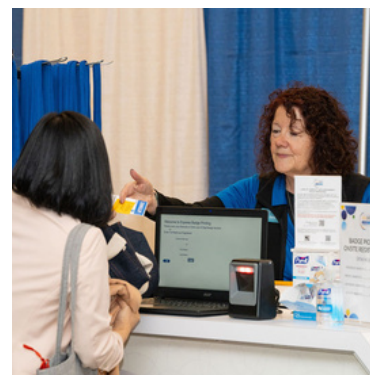


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AAS2025 Schedule at a Glance

MORNING

Registration Open

8:00am - 6:00pm ET

Exhibit Hall Open

8:30am - 6:00pm ET

Film Expo

8:30am - 5:30pm ET

Session Block 2

9:00am - 10:30am ET

Mentor Sessions

10:00am - 3:30pm ET

Coffee Break

10:30am - 11:00am ET

Session Block 3/Posters

11:00am - 12:30pm ET

AFTERNOON

Mid-day Break

12:00pm - 1:30pm ET

Session Block 4

1:30pm - 3:00pm ET

Session Block 5/Poster Sessions

3:30pm - 5:00pm ET

Presidential Address & Awards Ceremony

5:30pm - 7:15pm ET

AAS Member Cocktail Reception

7:30pm - 8:30pm ET

Evening Reception/Business Meetings

7:15pm - 11:00pm ET

PROGRAM CORRECTIONS AND UPDATES

Canceled Sessions

SESSION 2-044: Friday at 9:00 am - Canceled	Pg. 69
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SESSION 9-039: Saturday at 4:00 pm - Canceled	Pg. 148
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SESSION 9-044: Saturday at 4:00 pm - Canceled	Pg. 149
SESSION 12-003: Sunday at 10:45 am - Canceled	Pg. 166

There will be a special discussion of Title VI funding threats and other recent government moves that affect higher education at **9:30pm** on **Saturday, March 15 in the Fairfield room (Hyatt, 2nd floor).**



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