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EDUCATION

- 2008 PhD, University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology
Dissertation: “Engendering Wealth: China’s New Rich and the Rise of an Elite Masculinity”
- 2001 MA, University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology
MA Thesis: “Commemorating by Consuming: Re-Examining the Mao Craze of the Early Nineties”
- 1997 BA, Columbia College, Columbia University, New York NY, Major: Anthropology
Honors: Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Departmental Honors in Anthropology

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2024- Non-Resident Fellow, Asia Society Policy Institute, Center for China Analysis
- 2021- Chair of Anthropology, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Rochester, Rochester NY
- 2017- Associate Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Rochester, Rochester NY
- 2017-2018 Interim Director, Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies, University of Rochester, Rochester NY
- 2015-2021 Program Director, East Asian Studies, University of Rochester, Rochester NY
- 2010-2017 Assistant Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Rochester, Rochester NY
- 2009-2010 Visiting Assistant Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg VA
- 2008-2009 Postdoctoral Fellow in Chinese Studies, Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University, Stanford CA

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- 2018-2020 Andrew Carnegie Fellowship (US\$200,000)

2016-2018	Fellow, Public Intellectuals Program, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations
2014-2015	Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS China Studies Postdoctoral Fellowship (US\$50,000)
2014-2015	Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange Junior Scholar Grant (US\$30,000)
2008-2009	Stanford University, Center for East Asian Studies Postdoctoral Fellowship in Chinese Studies
2008	Ruth Murray Prize for Best Essay in Gender Studies at the University of Chicago
2007-2008	Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange Dissertation Fellowship
2007-2008	University of Chicago, Division of the Social Sciences, Honorary Markovitz Fellow
2007-2008	University of Chicago, Center for Gender Studies Dissertation Fellow
2007	University of Chicago, Dept. of Anthropology, Watkins Post-Field Fellowship
2004-2006	U.S. Department of Education, Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
2004-2006	Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Field Research Fellowship
2004-2005	Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Dissertation Research Grant
2002-2003	People's Republic of China Chinese Cultural Scholarship
2002	University of Chicago, Dept. of Anthropology, Leiffer Pre-Field Fellowship
2000, 2001	Foreign Language and Area Studies Title VI Fellowship
1999-2002	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
1998-1999	University of Chicago Century Fellowship

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2013 *Anxious Wealth: Money and Morality Among China's New Rich*. Stanford University Press.

In Progress. *Consuming Belief: Tibetan Buddhism and the Search for Meaning in Urban China*.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- In Press, "The Tibetan Cure for Chinese Modernity: Moral Authority and Moral Breakdown in Urban China" In *Popular Moralities: The Anthropology of Ethics in Chinese Society*. Ed. by Anders S. Hansen and Mikkel Bunkenborg. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.
- 2026, "Banquets, Bribes, and Brotherhood: Elite Networks in Post-Mao China." In *The Oxford Handbook of the Sociology of Global Elites*. Ed. by María Luisa Méndez, Mike Savage, and Annette Lareau. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2026, "Opting Out of the Mainstream: Gendered Critique as Buddhist Practice in Urban China" In *Gender, Intimacy, and Class in a Changing China*. Ed. by Fiona Gill. New York: Routledge
- 2024, "Chinese Consumer Culture: Luxury, Nationalism, and Class Formation" In *Anthropology of an Ascendant China*. Ed. by Mayfair Yang. New York: Routledge.
- 2022 "Migration and the Global Middle Class" with Theodoros Rakopoulos and Sarah Kunz. *Intersections: East European Journal of Society and Politics* 8(2): 229-234.
- 2020 "Consuming Belief: Luxury, Authenticity, and Chinese Patronage of Tibetan Buddhism in Contemporary China." *Hau: Journal of Ethnographic Theory*. 10(1): 69-84.
- 2018 "Corruption, Anti-Corruption, and the Dynamics of Class Formation in Post-Mao China." *Polarized Cities: Portraits of Rich and Poor in Urban China*. Ed. By Dorothy Solinger. New York: Rowman & Littlefield.
- 2018 "Making Business Personal: Corruption, Anti-Corruption, and Elite Networks in Post-Mao China." *Current Anthropology* 59:S18, S149-S159.
- 2018 "Goudui and Yingchou" In *The Global Encyclopedia of Informality*. Ed. by Alena Ledeneva. University College London Press.
- 2017 "The Ups and Downs of 'Studying Up': Fieldnote on Researching Elites." In *Undertaking Research in Global Development: Fieldwork Issues, Experiences and Reflections*. Ed. by Gordon Crawford et al. Sage Publishing.
- 2016 "El Lujo y Sus Malestares en la China Contemporánea [Luxury and Its Discontents in Contemporary China]." *Etnografías Contemporáneas* 2(2): 52-72.
- 2016 "Corruption, Masculinity, and Jianghu Ideology in the PRC" In *Changing Chinese Masculinities: From Imperial Pillars of State to Global Real Men*. Ed. by Kam Louie. University of Hong Kong Press.
- 2016 "Pleasure, Patronage, and Responsibility: Sexuality and Status Among New Rich Men in Contemporary China." *The Cultural Politics of Gender and Sexuality in Asia*. Ed. by Tiantian Zheng. University of Hawaii Press.

- 2016 “Morality and Cynicism in a ‘Grey’ World.” *Irony, Cynicism, and the Chinese State*. Ed. by Hans Steinmüller and Susanne Brandtstädter. Routledge.
- 2014 “Can’t Buy Me Love: China’s New Rich and Its Crisis of Values.” *Foreign Affairs*. September/October 2014: 144-149.
- 2013 “Meeting the Godfather: Fieldwork and Ethnographic Seduction in a Chinese Nightclub.” *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* 36(2): 314-320.
- 2013 “Global Capitalisms in Asia: Beyond State and Market in China.” *Journal of Asian Studies*. 72(4): 813-829.
- 2005 谁是中国财富阶层的榜样? (Who is the Role Model for China’s Wealthy Class?) 头等舱 (First Class Magazine). 12/2005, pp. 108-110, Chengdu, China.

Reports

- 2025 “Fuerdai: China’s Second Generations of Wealth and Power.” Asia Society Policy Institute Center for China Analysis. <https://asiasociety.org/policy-institute/fuerdai-chinas-second-generation-wealth-and-power>
- 2025 “China’s Middle Class Searches for Faith and Meaning.” Asia Society Policy Institute Center for China Analysis. <https://asiasociety.org/policy-institute/chinas-middle-class-searches-faith-and-Meaning>
- 2024 “Economic Slowdown and Post-Covid Challenges Will Continue to Drive People Toward Religion.” *China 2025: What to Expect*. Asia Society Policy Institute Center for China Analysis

Book Reviews

- 2025 *The Space of Religion: Temple, State, and Buddhist Communities in Modern China*. By Yoshika Ashiwa and David L. Wank. *The Journal of Church and State*. 67(2). <https://doi.org/10.1093/jcs/csaf012>
- 2021 *Tibetan Buddhism among Han Chinese: Mediation and Superscription of the Tibetan Tradition in Contemporary Chinese Society*. By Joshua Esler. H-Net Reviews in the Humanities and Social Sciences. <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=56552>
- 2018 *Fragile Elite: The Dilemmas of China’s Top University Students*. By Susanne Bregnbæk. *American Ethnologist* 45(1): 150-1.
- 2017 *Occupational Hazards: Sex, Business, and HIV in Post-Mao China*. By Elanah Uretsky. *Nan Nü: Men, Women, and Gender in China*. 19(1): 148-150.
- 2017 *The Government Next Door: Neighborhood Politics in China*. By Luigi Tomba. *American Ethnologist* 44(1): 184-5.

2015 *Ordinary Ethics in China*. Edited by Charles Stafford. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 21(3): 692-3.

2015 *Go Nation: Chinese Masculinities and the Game of Weiqi in China*. By Marc Moskowitz. *Women and Gender in Chinese Studies Review*. Issue 9:
<http://www.wagnet.ox.ac.uk/wagrev/journals/issue9.html>

2014 *Men and Masculinities in Contemporary China*. By Geng Song and Derek Hird. *Nan Nü: Men, Women, and Gender in China*. 16(2): 381-384.

INVITED LECTURES

2025 “Engineering Religious Charisma: State Management, Moral Authority, and Tibetan Buddhism in Urban China” Politics of Moral Engineering in China Conference. University of Vienna. Vienna, Austria. 7/2025

2024 “Naturalizing New Wealth: Lessons from Post-Mao China’s New Rich” Transnational Elites: Imperial Histories, Global Power and Public Resistance Today. The British Academy. London, UK 5/2024

2024 “China's Spiritual Crisis: Religious Revival and the Search for Meaning in Contemporary China” East West Center Asian Studies Development Program, Middlesex Community College. Lowell, Massachusetts. 2/2024

2023 “Han Chinese Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism in the PRC: Familiar Tropes, New Potentials” The Legacy of the Dalai Lama: Innovation and Possible Futures Seminar. Aarhus University, Denmark (Virtual) 9/2023

2023 “Opting Out of the Mainstream: Buddhist Practice as Gendered Critique in Urban China.” *Gender, Intimacy, and Class: The Individual and Social Change in China Workshop* China Studies Centre, University of Sydney, Suzhou, China (Virtual) 9/2023

2023 “The Use and Abuse of Karma: Ethical Reasoning Among Han Chinese Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism” *China: Ethics and Society Workshop*. Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark 4/2023

2023 *China Extortion Workshop* Presenter. Jesus College, Cambridge University 1/2023

- 2023 “The Tibetan Cure for Chinese Modernity: Buddhism, Secularism, and Belief in Urban China”
Invited Lecture. London School of Economics, Department of Anthropology 1/2023
- 2021 “Elite Networks, Luxury, and Corruption in Xi's China” as part of panel *Luxury, Corruption, and Illicit Elite Economies*, Luxcore Workshop, Oslo Metropolitan University (Virtual) 12/2021
- 2021 *Re-Enchantment of Culture and Flexible Citizenship in a Hardening World* Workshop
Center for Social Sciences, Budapest “Migration and the Global Middle Class” Panel Discussant
11/2021
- 2021 “Spiritual Crisis and Religious Revival in Contemporary China” *East West Center Asian Studies Development Program: Infusing China into the Undergraduate Curriculum* (Virtual) 7/2021
- 2020 “Gifts to the Guru: Han Chinese Patronage of Tibetan Buddhism in Urban China” *Funny Money and Political Authority in China* Australian Centre on China in the World, Australian National University 3/2020
- 2019 “Consuming Belief: Tibetan Buddhism in Modern China” Invited Paper for Discussion, *Columbia University Modern China Seminar* 11/2019
- 2019 “Money and Morality: The Predicament of China’s New Rich” Invited Lecture. Franklin & Marshall College, International Studies Program 3/2019
- 2019 “From Half the Sky to Leftover: Work, Women, and Gender Inequality in Contemporary China” *Chinese Dreams Lost and Found: Opportunities, Inequalities and Tragedies of Global Capitalism*, Title VI USIFL Faculty Development Year Three Core Course Workshop Cedar Rapids, IA 3/2019
- 2018 “Consuming Belief: Han Chinese Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism in the PRC” Invited Lecture Harvard University, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies 10/2018
- 2018 “Commoners and the Red Aristocracy: The Impact of the Anti-Corruption Campaign on State-Business Networks” U.S. Department of State, East Asia Roundtable: *Evaluating the State of China's Anti-Corruption Campaign* 5/2018
- 2018 “The Authenticating Foreigner: Deploying Whiteness on a Chinese Variety Show” *Beyond Self and Other: Contemporary Ethnography in and beyond China*, University of Chicago Beijing Center, Beijing, China 4/2018
- 2018 “Consuming Belief: Han Chinese Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism in the PRC” Invited Lecture Syracuse University, East Asia Program 3/2018

- 2018 “Consuming Belief: Han Chinese Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism in the PRC” Cornell University, Cornell Contemporary China Initiative, Invited Lecture 2/2018
- 2017 “Consuming Belief: Han Chinese Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism in the PRC” University of Michigan, Center for Chinese Studies, Invited Lecture 11/2017
- 2017 “Exit Strategies of China’s New Rich: Capital Flight and Spiritual Retreat.” *Exit Strategies: Nationalism, Secession, and Deglobalization* 6th Conable Conference in International Studies, Rochester Institute of Technology, Keynote Lecture 4/2017
- 2017 “Consuming Belief: Han Chinese Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism in the PRC” Univ. of California-Santa Barbara, China Studies Forum, Invited Lecture 3/2017
- 2016 “Corruption, Anti-Corruption, and the Dynamics of Class Formation in Post-Mao China” *Wenner-Gren Foundation Symposium, “The Anthropology of Corruption”* Sintras, Portugal, Invited Symposium Participant 9/2016
- 2016 “Corruption, Anti-Corruption, and the Dynamics of Elite Class Formation in the PRC” Univ. of California-Irvine Annual China Conference: *Poor China/Rich China: Wealth, Poverty, and Inequality* Invited Lecture 5/2016
- 2016 “Business and Belief Among Han Chinese Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism in the PRC” Univ. of Colorado, Dept. of Geography and Center for Asian Studies, Invited Lecture 4/2016
- 2016 “Conspicuous Dharma: Han Chinese Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism in the PRC” UCLA, Center for Chinese Studies, Invited Lecture 3/2016
- 2016 “Belief and Moral Authority in a Post-Belief Society.” *True, Good, Beautiful: Politics and Forms of Virtue in Xi Jinping Era China Symposium*, New York University, Invited Lecture, 2/2016
- 2015 “Elite Networks and the Moral Economy of Corruption in China” University of Buffalo Asian Studies Program, Invited Lecture 4/2015
- 2015 “From Goudui to Beijing: Notes on Guanxi and Class Formation in the PRC” *The Field of Guanxi Studies Conference*, Univ. of California-Berkeley, Invited Lecture, 3/2015
- 2015 “Luxury and Its Discontents in Contemporary China” *Routes of Luxury Workshop*, College d'etudes Mondiales Paris, France, Invited Lecture, 1/2015
- 2014 “American Anthropological Research on China and Its Cultural Roots” [In Chinese], Li An-che Lecture Series, Sichuan University, Chengdu, China, 11/2014
- 2013 “Corruption, Patronage, and Masculinity in the PRC” *Chinese Masculinities on the Move: Time, Space, and Cultures International Conference*, Univ. of Hong Kong, Invited Lecture, 11/2013

- 2013 “From ‘Big Brothers’ to ‘Little Honeys’: Corruption and Masculinity in the PRC” Univ. of California at Berkeley, Center for Chinese Studies, Invited Lecture, 10/2013
- 2013 *JAS at AAS: Global Capitalism in Asia Roundtable*, Association for Asian Studies 2013 Meeting
Invited member of roundtable on global capitalism in Asia. San Diego, California, 3/2013
- 2012 “Morality and Cynicism in a ‘Grey’ World” *Irony, Cynicism, and the Chinese State Symposium*,
London School of Economics, London, UK, Invited Symposium Participant 6/2012
- 2012 “Social Networks and Luxury Consumption Among China’s New Rich” York University, Schulich
School of Business, Marketing Department, Toronto, Canada, Invited Lecture 2/2012
- 2012 “Money, Morality, and Status Among China’s New Rich: A Field Study,” 12th Li An-che Memorial
Lecture, Sichuan University, China Invited Lecture 6/2011
- 2009 “Elite Networks and the Moral Economy of Corruption in China” Stanford University, China Social
Science Workshop 6/2009
- 2009 “Social Networks, Masculinity, and Morality Among China’s New Rich” Washington University in
St. Louis, Department of International and Area Studies, Invited Lecture (Job Talk) 2/2009
- 2009 “Social Networks and Morality Among China’s New Elite.” Princeton University, Department of
East Asian Studies, Invited Lecture (Job Talk) 1/2009
- 2005 “What is Anthropological Analysis and Research?” Sichuan University, Institute of Literature and
Anthropology Chengdu, Sichuan, China 4/2005
- 2003 “New Trends in Anthropological Theory in the United States” ?” Sichuan University, Institute of
Literature and Anthropology Chengdu, Sichuan, China, 12/2003
- 2001 “Commemorating by Consuming: Re-Examining the Mao Craze of the Early 90’s University
California-Berkeley’s Center for Chinese Studies 2001 Annual Symposium *Memory and Media in
and of Contemporary China* 3/2001

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 *American Anthropological Association Meeting*
“Anthropology of an Ascendant China” Roundtable Presenter. Toronto, Canada 11/2023
- 2022 *New York Conference on Asian Studies (NYCAS) Meeting*
Discussant for Panel “Making Authenticity in Modern and Contemporary China: Between the State and
the People” Syracuse University 10/2022
- 2021 *American Anthropological Association Meeting*

“Tibetan Cure for Chinese Modernity: Ethno-mimesis and Tibet Envy in Urban China” as part of panel, “Opting Out: Middle-class Anxiety, Precarity, and Alternative Life Pursuits across East Asia” Virtual presentation 11/2021

2021 *Columbia University Modern China Seminar*

Discussant for paper, “The Currency of Truth: Newsmaking and the Imaginary of China’s Digital Era”

2018 *American Anthropological Association Meeting*

“Karmic Consequences of Prosperity: Tibetan Buddhism as Social Critique in China” as part of panel, “Beyond the Chinese Dream: Imagination, Resistance, and Collective Futures in China” San Jose, CA, 11/2018

2017 *American Anthropological Association Meeting*

“The Authenticating Foreigner: Deploying Whiteness on a Chinese Variety Show” as part of panel, “Ways of Doing Media in Asia” Washington, DC, 12/2017

2017 *Association for Asian Studies Meeting*

“Banqueting with the Guru: Tibetan Buddhist Practitioner Communities in the PRC” as part of a panel I organized, “Patronage, Appropriation, and Transformation: Han Chinese Encounters with Tibetan Buddhism.” Toronto, 3/2017

2016 *American Anthropological Association Meeting*

“Bodies, Banquets, and Business: The Carnality of China’s State Capitalism” as part of the panel, “Vital Knowledge and Lively Carnality: Inspirations from the Work of Judith Farquhar on Medicine, Bodies and Vitalities” and Discussant for panel, “Beyond Feminization: The Geopolitics of Asian Hypermasculinities” Minneapolis, 11/2016

2015 *American Anthropological Association Meeting*

“Luxury and Its Discontents: Nationalism, Spirituality, and Emerging Modes of Distinction Among China’s New Rich” as part of the panel “Beyond Value: Rarity, Luxury, and Relational Consumption in China” Denver, Colorado, 11/2015

2014 *Association for Asian Studies Meeting*

“Unwritten Rules: Corruption, Patronage, and Reciprocity Among China’s Elite” as part of the panel “Elastic Rules: Everyday Legality and Morality in Post-Mao China” Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 3/2014.

2012 *Norms in the Margins & Margins of the Norms: The Social Construction of Illegality International Conference*

“The Hidden Rules of Officialdom: Elite Social Networks and the Moral Economy of Corruption in Contemporary China” as part of the panel “The Ethics of Illegality” Brussels, Belgium, 10/2012

2012 *New York Conference on Asian Studies (NYCAS) Meeting*

“Luxury Brands and Social Networks Among China’s New Rich” as part of a panel I organized, “Consumption and Sociality in East Asia” SUNY-New Paltz, New Paltz, New York, 9/2012

2011 *American Anthropological Association Meeting*

“Police and Thieves are All One Family: State-Criminal Alliances in a Chinese City” as part of the panel “Illegal Anthropology and Anthropologists” Montreal, Canada, 11/2011

2009 *American Anthropological Association Meeting*

“Relationships are the Law: Elite Networks and the Masculinization of Business in Post-socialist China” as part of the panel “Gender and Comparative Socialisms” Philadelphia, PA, 12/2009

2008 *Stanford University, Center for East Asian Studies Brown Bag Talk*

“Relationships are the Law: Elite Networks, Masculinity, and Corruption in Contemporary China.” 10/2008

2007 *University of Chicago’s Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop*

“Entertaining is My Job: Masculinity, Sexuality, and Leisure Among Chengdu’s New Rich Entrepreneurs.” 10/2007

2006 *American Anthropological Association Meeting*

“From Fruit Plates to License Plates: Signifying *Guanxi* in Urban China,” part of the panel “Anxious Wealth in Growing Cities: The Urban Middle Classes of South Asia and China.” San Jose, CA, 11/2006

2001 *University of Chicago’s China’s Long Twentieth Century Workshop*

“Commemorating By Consuming: Re-Examining the Mao Craze of the Early 90’s.” 11/2001

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

Department of Anthropology, University of Rochester

Assistant/Associate Professor

2010-present

“Introduction to Anthropology”

“Theory and Method in Anthropology”

“Chinese Society After Mao”

“Anthropology of Socialism and Post-socialism”

“Culture and Consumption”

“Contemporary Issues and Anthropology”

“Advanced Topics: Money and Morality”

“Anthropological Approaches to Gender and Sexuality”

“(Il)legal Anthropology”

“Global Masculinities”

“Anthropological Theory: Past and Present”

“Contemporary Chinese Society”

Advanced Topics: Class and Culture

Department of Anthropology, College of William and Mary

Visiting Assistant Professor

2009-2010

“Anthropology of Gender and Sexuality”

“Peoples and Cultures of East Asia” (Required Course)

“Introduction to Cultural Anthropology”

“Culture and Consumption”

Stanford University

Instructor for “Gender and Class in Post-Mao China” 2009

Center for International Studies, University of Chicago

Instructor for “Contemporary Global Issues II” 2007

Center for Gender Studies, University of Chicago

Instructor for “Critical Perspectives on Masculinity” 2006

Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago

Teaching Assistant for “Anthropological Methods” 2006

History Department, University of Chicago

Teaching Assistant for “East Asian Civilizations” (China Quarter) 2001

Guangdong College of Education, Guangzhou, China

English as a Second Language Teacher 1997-1998

Pedagogical Training

Writing Program, University of Chicago 2006

Workshop on Teaching in the College, University of Chicago 2006

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Urban Studies Lecture Committee

2024-

Berman Award Selection Committee

2024-

Humanities Center Executive Committee and Fellowship Selection Subcommittee

Fall 2022

Modern Languages and Cultures East Asia Specialist Search Committee

2022-2023

Distinguished Visiting Humanist Committee

2021-2022 Sponsor/organizer of Amitav Ghosh’s 2022 DVH lecture and surrounding events

Director, East Asian Studies

2021-2024

Flag Committee Member

Fall 2020-Fall 2021

Anthropology Department Tenure Committee Member
2020-2021 (2 cases)

Project Imagine Committee Member
Summer and Fall 2020

Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies
Director (Interim) Fall 2017
Grants Committee 2017-2018

Faculty Council Steering Committee Member
2017-2018 Academic Year

Faculty Council Departmental Representative
2011-2012, 2016-2018

Humanities Center Director Search Committee Member
April-May 2016

Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Search Committee Member
October-November 2019

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dept. of Anthropology
Fall 2013-Summer 2014, Fall 2015-Spring 2017

East Asian Studies Curriculum Committee
Developed and drafted a proposal for the East Asian Studies major and minor curriculums, Fall 2010-Summer 2012

Freshman Adviser
Fall 2012-Summer 2014

Dissertation Committee Member
Bo Zheng (Defended 7/12), Matilda Tang (Defended 8/19), Ching Hung Hsiao (Defended 11/13), Shaofei Lu (Defended 3/16), Sohl Lee (Defended 7/14), Hairong Shang (Defended 6/2015), Nan Zhang, Yangyang Yu (Defended 10/18), Xueyan Duan (Defended 11/22), Jinxi Yu (Defended 5/2025), Yu Jin, Siheng Zhu

Anthropology Honors Thesis Primary Reader
Spring 2012 Christine Rose
Fall 2016-Spring 2017 Joseph Orman
Fall 2017-Spring 2018 Amelia Kelly
Fall 2021-Spring 2022 Wanqing Zhou
Fall 2023-Spring 2024 Siyang Luo and Chunyan Zhang

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Professional Organization Service

Association for Political and Legal Anthropology, Early Career Mentoring Committee Member
2017-2019

Tenure Case Review

Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ohio University
Department of Religion and Department of Anthropology, Whitman College

Peer Review

Articles

American Ethnologist (8x); Current Anthropology (2x); Cultural Anthropology (3x); Journal of Asian Studies (2x); Transnational Cultural Studies; China Quarterly (3x); The China Journal (4x); Modern China (2x); Journal of Sexualities: Studies in Culture and Society; Men and Masculinities; The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology; Crime, Law and Social Change; East Asia: An International Quarterly; City and Society; Social Forces; China Perspectives; Hau: Journal of Ethnographic Theory; Journal of Development Studies; Ethos; Critical Asian Studies; British Journal of Sociology; Journal of the Royal Anthropological Association; Journal of Global Buddhism; Politics, Religion & Ideology

Books

University of Westminster Press, Springer Publishing, Routledge (3x), Brill, Stanford University Press, Cornell University Press, Rowman and Littlefield, University of Washington Press, University of Michigan Press, Berghahn Books (2x)

Research Grants

Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Field Research Fellowship 2014
Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Insight Grant 2018
National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant 2022, 2025
ACLS China Studies Travel Grant 2024
Swiss National Science Foundation Mobility Postdoc Grant 2025

External Thesis Examiner

Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies PhD Dissertation, University of Copenhagen 1/2015
Dept. of Anthropology BA Thesis, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, 5/2016
Dept. of Anthropology PhD Dissertation, Australian National University, 8/2018
Dept. of Political and Social Change PhD Dissertation, Australian National University, 1/2021
Dept. of Anthropology PhD Dissertation, SOAS, University of London, 12/2023
Dept. of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge, UK 2/2025

External Dissertation Committee Member

Guangzhi Huang, Dept. of Transnational Studies, University of Buffalo, 2018
Yijie Zou, Dept. of Anthropology, College of William and Mary, 2025

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Advanced skills in Chinese (Mandarin), including conversational fluency, advanced comprehension of technical written materials, and advanced writing skills. Intermediate listening comprehension ability in the Chengdu dialect.

Language Training: 8 quarters of Chinese at the University of Chicago (1998-2001), Princeton in Beijing Summer Language Program (1999), Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies at Tsinghua University (Summer 2000 and Summer 2001), Sichuan University Chinese Language Program (2002-2003)