

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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#### Academic Positions

2008 – Professor of Sociology, University of California at Los Angeles  
2003–2008 Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
2000–2003 Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
1994–1999 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Chinese University of Hong Kong

#### Education

Ph.D. Sociology, University of California at Berkeley, 1994.  
M.A. Sociology, University of California at Berkeley, 1988.  
B.A. Sociology, First Class Honors, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 1987.

#### Awards, Fellowships and Grants (Selected)

National Science Foundation Grant 2010-2012

Chiang Ching Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange Research Grant  
2010-2011

2008 Sociology of Labor Book Award, American Sociological Association for *Against the Law: Labor Protests in China's Rustbelt and Sunbelt*.

Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, 2006-7

Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC, 2003-4.

Walter Judd Research Fellowship, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange (USA), 2001.

2000 Outstanding Book Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Labor Studies Division for *Gender and the South China Miracle: Two Worlds of Factory Women*

1999 Outstanding Book Award, American Sociological Association, Asia and Asian Americans Section for *Gender and the South China Miracle: Two Worlds of Factory Women*

Visiting Scholar Fellowship, Harvard-Yenching Institute, Harvard University, 1999-2000

## **Publications**

### **Books**

1998 *Gender and the South China Miracle*. Berkeley: University of California Press. (Outstanding Book Award, American Sociological Association, Asia and Asian Americans Section, 1999; Co-winner, Outstanding Book Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Labor Studies Division, 2000)

2007 *Against the Law: Labor Protests in China's Rustbelt and Sunbelt*. Berkeley: University of California Press. (2008 Sociology of Labor Book Award, ASA; Finalist for the C. Wright Mills Award)

2007 *Working in China: Ethnographies of Labor and Workplace Transformation*. London: Routledge. (Edited volume)

2007 *Re-envisioning the Chinese Revolution: Politics and Poetics of Collective Memories in Reform China*. Washington, D.C.: The Woodrow Wilson Center Press and Stanford: Stanford University Press. (Co-edited with Guobin Yang)

2009 *Reclaiming Chinese Society: New Social Activism*. London: Routledge (Co-edited with You-tien Hsing)

In Press *From the Iron Rice Bowl to Informalization: Markets, State and Workers in a Changing China*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press (Co-edited with Sarosh Kuruvilla and Mary Gallagher)

In Progress *Rethinking the Developmental State for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (Co-edited with Michelle Williams)

### **Articles**

2010 "Remaking the World of Chinese Labor: A Thirty Year Retrospective" *British Journal of Industrial Relations*, September. (co-authored with Eli Friedman) vol. 48 (3), September, pp. 3-17.

- 2009 "Raw Encounters: Chinese Managers, African Workers and the Politics of Casualization in Africa's Chinese Enclaves" *The China Quarterly*, No. 199, September, pp. 647-666.
- 2009 "The Paradox and Possibility for a Public Sociology of Labor in China," *Work and Occupations* Vol. 36 (2): 110-125 (co-authored with Yuan Shen)
- 2009 "China since Tiananmen: The Labor Movement," *Journal of Democracy* Vol. 20 (3): 21-28 (co-authored with Eli Friedman).
- 2008 "Rights Activism in China" *Contexts* 7(3): 14-19.
- 2005 "Livelihood Struggles and Market Reform: (Un)making Chinese Labor After State Socialism" *United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, Occasional Paper 2*. Geneva: UNRISD.
- 2002 "From the Specter of Mao to the Spirit of the Law: Labor Insurgency in China," *Theory and Society* 31(2): 189-228.
- 2002 "Revisiting the South China Miracle," *Journal of Labor Studies*, vol. 27(2): 61-65.
- 2000 "The Revenge of History: Collective Memories and Labor Protests in Northeastern China," *Ethnography* vol. 1(2): 217-237.
- 1999 "From Organized Dependence to Disorganized Despotism: Changing Labor Relations in Chinese Factories," *The China Quarterly* no. 157: 44-71.
- 1998 "The Labor Politics of Market Socialism," *Modern China* vol. 24(1): 3-33.
- 1997 "After the Hong Kong Miracle: Women Workers under Industrial Restructuring in Hong Kong," *Asian Survey* vol. 37(8): 752-770 (co-authored with Stephen Chiu)
- 1995 "Engendering the Worlds of Labor: Women Workers, Labor Markets and Production Politics in the South China Economic Miracle," *American Sociological Review* vol. 60(3): 378-397.
- 1993 "Familial Hegemony: Gender and Production Politics on Hong Kong's Electronics Shopfloor," *Gender & Society* vol. 7(4): 529-547.

### **Book Chapters**

- 2008 "From Inequality to Inequity: Popular Conceptions of Social (In)justice in Beijing," in Deborah Davis and Feng Wang (eds) *Creating Wealth and Poverty in Post-socialist China*. (Stanford: Stanford University Press).

- 2007 (with Mark Selden) "Durable Inequality: The Legacies of China's Revolutions and the Pitfalls of Reform" in John Foran et al. (eds) *Understanding Revolution: Social Identities, Globalization and Modernity*. (London: Routledge)
- 2007 "Is Labor a Political Force in China?" in *Grassroots Political Reform in China*, edited by Merle Goldman and Elizabeth J. Perry. (Cambridge: Harvard University Press).
- 2003 "Pathways of Labor Insurgency" in *Chinese Society: Change, Conflict and Resistance*. Second edition, edited by Elizabeth J. Perry and Mark Selden. (London: Routledge).
- 2002 "Three Patterns of Labor Transitions in Reform China," in *Politics in China: Frontiers*, edited by Jean-Louis Rocca and Franscoise Mengnin. (New York: Palgrave Press).
- 2000 "Pathways of Labor Insurgency," in *Chinese Society: Change, Conflict and Resistance*, edited by Elizabeth J. Perry and Mark Selden (London: Routledge).
- 1999 "Public Discourses and Collective Identities: Emergence of Women as a Collective Actor in the Women's Movement of Hong Kong," in *Social Movements in Hong Kong*, edited by Stephen Chiu and Tai-lok Lui (Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press).
- 1997 "Factory Regimes of Chinese Capitalism: Different Cultural Logics in Labor Control," pp. 115-142 in *Ungrounded Empires: Culture and Identity in Modern Chinese Transnationalism*, edited by Aihwa Ong and Donald Nonini (New York: Routledge).
- 1997 "Chinese Labor in the Reform Era: Changing Fragmentation and New Politics" in *Regional Handbook of Economic Development: The China Handbook*, edited by Chris Hudson (Chicago: Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers), pp. 237-249
- 1995 "Production Politics and Labor Identities: Migrant Workers in South China," pp. 15.1-15.28 in *China Review 1995*, edited by Lo Chi Kin et al. (Hong Kong: Chinese University Press).

### Book Reviews

- 2000 *Dragon in a Three-Piece Suit: The Emergence of Capitalism in China*. By Douglas Guthrie. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1999. *American Journal of Sociology*, vol. 105(6), May 2000: 1776-1778.

- 2003 *The Making of the Chinese Industrial Workplace: State, Revolution and Labor Management*. By Mark Frazier. New York, N.Y.: Cambridge University Press, *American Journal of Sociology*, vol. 109 (1), July 2003.
- 2003 *Forces of Labor: Workers' Movements and Globalization since 1870*. By Beverly Silver. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003. *Critical Solidarity*, fall 2003.
- 2008 *Creating Market Socialism: How Ordinary People Are Shaping Class and Status in China*. By Carolyn Hsu. Durham: Duke University Press, 2007. *Journal of Asian Studies* Col. 67(3): 1057-58.
- 2009 *New Masters, New Servants: Migration, Development and Women Workers in China*. Durham: Duke University Press. *The China Quarterly* 200: 1099-1100.

### **Consultation Reports**

- 1996 *Women Workers Under Economic Restructuring: Impacts, Predicaments and Responses*. Commissioned by the Hong Kong Federation of Women, co-authored with Stephen Chiu and Lai On-kwok.
- 1995 *Public's Perception on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men*. Commissioned by the City and New Territories Administration, Hong Kong Government, and co-authored with Ngo Hang-you et al.

### **Editorial and Review Activities**

Consulting Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*, 2009 -- present

Editorial Board, Contemporary Issues in Asia and the Pacific Book Series, Stanford University Press, 2011- present

Editorial Board, *Ethnography*, 2009 -- present

Editorial Board, *Pacific Affairs*, 2010 -- present

International Editorial Advisory Board, *British Journal of Industrial Relations*, 2009 -- present

Editorial Board, *American Sociological Review*, 2003-- 2006

Editorial Committee, *Asian Journal of Women's Studies* 1997-- present

Reviewer for *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Problems*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *International Sociology*, *Gender and Society*, *Critical Sociology*, *Ethnography*, *The China Journal*, *positions: east asia cultures critique*, *China Information*,

*Modern China, The China Quarterly, Twentieth-Century China, Comparative Political Studies, Environment & Planning A, Taiwan Sociology, Social Politics, Geoforum, Cultural Anthropology, Issues & Studies, Journal of Asian Studies, Law and Society, Mobilization.*

Book Manuscript reviewer for: Harvard University Press, University of California Press, Cambridge University Press, Cornell University Press, Yale University Press, Stanford University Press, and Institute for East Asian Studies at University of California, Berkeley.

Member, Levenson Prize Committee, Association for Asian Studies, 2007

Member, Braverman Award Committee, Labor Studies Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2002.

Reviewer, Social Science Research Council, Pre-dissertation Fellowship Awards, 2002 & 2003

National Science Foundation Proposals Reviewer, various years

International reviewer for the Hong Kong Research Grants Council, 1999—

## **University Services**

*University of California, Los Angeles*

1. Faculty Advisory Board, Institute for Research on Labor and Employment
2. Member at Large, Executive Committee, Asia Institute

*University of Michigan*

1. Associate Director, Center for Chinese Studies, 2005 – 2006
2. Executive Committee, Center for Chinese Studies, 2000 – 2001.
3. Co-director, Program on the Study of Women, Gender and Development in Comparative Perspective, Institute for Research on Women and Gender
4. Review Committee, International Institute Pre-dissertation Research Awards, 2000-2001

*Chinese University of Hong Kong*

1. Elected Member, Faculty Board of the Faculty of Social Science, 1994 --1997
2. Chair, Student-Staff Consultation Committee, Department of Sociology, 1996 --1997
3. College Coordinator, Shaw College, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 1997 -- 1998
4. Committee Member of Admissions Committee, Graduate Studies Committee, Quality of Teaching and Research Committee, Department of Sociology, 1994 -- 1998

## **Courses Taught**

*Graduate Level*

Qualitative Method Practicum

Gender

Sociology of Work  
Global Ethnography  
Sociology of China

*Undergraduate Level*

Social Change  
Sociology of Development  
Sociology of Work  
Ethnography  
Gender and Society  
Contemporary China  
Research Methods  
Introduction to Sociology.

**Invited Lectures / Symposiums**

“China’s Sweatshops” plenary of the Conference “Out of the Smoke and the Flame: The Triangle Shirtwaist Fire and its Legacy” Institute for Worker Education and Labor Studies, CUNY, New York, March 24, 2011.

“The Labor of Chinese Capitalism” Graduate Center, City University of New York, March 22, 2011.

“The Labor Question of Chinese Capitalism in Africa” Center for Social Inquiry, Pitzer College, Los Angeles, March 9, 2010.

“The Labor Question of Chinese Capitalism in Africa” Department of Social and Cultural Analysis, New York University, February 22, 2010.

“A New Scramble or an Alternative Modernity? Chinese Investments in Zambia”, Center for Labor Studies, UC Santa Cruz, January 31, 2009.

“Raw Encounters: Politics of Casualization in Africa’s Chinese Enclaves,” Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University, October 20, 2008.

“Raw Encounters: Labor Politics in Africa’s Chinese Enclaves,” University of California at Berkeley, Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, October 8, 2008.

“Raw Encounters: Politics of Casualization in Africa’s Chinese Enclaves,” University of British Columbia, Sociology Department, September 30, 2008.

“Out of Precariousness: Politics of Casualization in Africa’s Chinese Enclaves”, Department of Sociology, Yonsei University, South Korea, April 23, 2008.

“Contesting Chinese Labor Standards” Workshop on Globalization and Labor Standards, Columbia University, Program in Globalization and International Development, April 11, 2008.

“Out of Precariousness: Politics of Casualization in Africa’s Chinese Enclaves”  
Symposium on Africa Encounters Global China, University of Wisconsin, Madison, April 9, 2008.

“Against the Law: Labor Protests in China’s Rustbelt and Sunbelt,” Columbia University, Modern China Seminar, October 11, 2007.

“The Labor of Globalization”, Public Lecture on Peace and Global Studies, San Diego State University, April 19, 2007.

“From Class Formation to the Quest for Citizenship: Observations from China’s Rustbelt and Sunbelt,” Department of Sociology, Princeton University, February 26, 2007.

“Against the Law: Labor Protests in China’s Rustbelt and Sunbelt”, Department of Social and Cultural Analysis, New York University, February 7, 2007.

“Against the Law: Labor Protests in China’s Rustbelt and Sunbelt”, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University, January 26, 2007.

“Contentious Transition: Labor Protests in China’s Rustbelt and Sunbelt,” School of Industrial and Labor Relation, Cornell University, February 2, 2006.

“Contentious Transition: Labor Protests in China’s Rustbelt and Sunbelt,” St. Cloud State University, East Asia Forum Lecture, January 25, 2006.

“Contentious Transition: Labor Protests in China’s Rustbelt and Sunbelt,” UCLA, Institute of Industrial Relations and Sociology Department, October 27, 2005.

“Market Reform and Labor Conditions in China” United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, March 7, 2005, New York.

“Chinese Labor’s Contentious Transition from Socialism”, Yale University, February 23, 2005.

“Made In China’: Non-payment of Wages and Labor Struggles”, Pittsburgh University, Sociology Department and Institute for East Asian Studies, October 14 and 15, 2004.

"In the Twilight of Socialism: Patterns of Labor Contention in Reform China," Research Workshop at the Douglas A. Fraser Center for Workplace Issues, Wayne State University, November 19, 2002.

"From the Specter of Mao to the Spirit of the Law: Labor Insurgency in Post-socialist China," Center for Chinese Studies, University of California at Berkeley, November 2, 2001.

"From the Specter of Mao to the Spirit of the Law: Labor Insurgency in Post-socialist China," Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University, November 1, 2001.

"The Revenge of History: Chinese Working Class Politics in the Reform Era," Yale University, Council for East Asian Research, April 20, 2000.

"The Politics of Labor Transitions in China," A. E. Havens Center for the Study of Social Structure and Social Change, University of Wisconsin, Madison, April 3, 2000.

"In the Name of the Law: Labor Protests in Northeastern China," Director's Seminar, Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University, September 30, 1999.

"Class and Gender Inequality: Sociology and the Chinese Experience", Ford Foundation (Beijing) Workshop on Social Stratification, People's University, Beijing, August 2-4, 1999.

### **Conference Presentations**

"How China Maintained Social Stability?" Conference on Governance in China, University of Wurzburg, Germany, November 26-28, 2010.

"Transformation of Chinese Labor" in the Conference "China-India: Paths of Social and Economic Development", British Academy, London, November 18-19, 2010.

"Durable Subordination: Chinese Labor Through a South Korea Lens" Conference on East Asia Capitalism, London School of Economics, June 3-4, 2010.

"Here's Looking at You: From 'China for Africa' to 'China in Africa'" Conference on "Democracy and Developmental State in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," May 25-27, 2008, Johannesburg, South Africa

"Chinese Enclaves in Africa: From Socialist Solidarity to Capitalist Casualization" SSRC International Conference on Inter-Asian Connections, Dubai, UAE, February 21-24, 2008.

"Contesting and Constructing Labor and Property Rights in China", Conference on "Towards an Age of Rights: Chinese Experience in Comparative Perspectives" University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, February 1-2, 2008.

"Into the Trenches of Lawfare: Labor Rights Activism in China" Conference on Growing Pains, Stanford University, Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, November 2, 2007.

"Into the Legal Trenches: Reflections on the Politics of Labor Rights in China," Conference on Asian Labor Movement, Binghamton University, October 5-6, 2007.

"From Inequality to Inequity: Popular Conceptions of Power and Social Change in China" presented at the conference on "Creating Wealth and Poverty in Contemporary China" Yale University, January 6-8, 2006.

“Class, Inequality and China’s Revolutions” presented at the conference on “Class, Revolution and Modernity” Cambridge University, UK, April 1-2, 2005.

“Is Labor a Political Force?” paper presented at the Conference on “Grassroots Political Reform in China” Harvard University, October 30-31, 2004.

“What Was Socialism for Chinese Workers? Collective Memories and Labor Politics in Reform China,” paper presented at the Woodrow Wilson Center Conference on “Re-envisioning the Chinese Revolution: Politics and Poetics of Collective Memories in China”, Washington DC, April 28, 2004.

“Made In China’: Labor as a Political Force?” paper presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Mansfield Conference on “Plunging Into the Sea: The Complex Face of Globalization in China” University of Montana, Missoula, April 19-20, 2004.

Discussant for a conference on “The Problem of (Public) Intellectuals in China”, Center for Chinese Studies, University of California at Berkeley, April 2-3, 2004.

“The Subject of Labor Unrest in China” paper presented at the Conference on “Theoretical Issues in the Study of Rural and Small-town China,” University of California at Berkeley, November 14-5, 2003.

Presentation on “Aspects of Inequality” at a “Workshop on Inequality in China”, Harvard University, June 12, 2003.

"The Force of Law and Migrant Labor Politics" paper presented at the 55th Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, New York, March 27-30, 2003.

"Lost Between Histories: Labor Insurgency and Subjectivity in Reform China," paper presented at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, March 22-25, 2001.

"The Labor Politics of Transition in China," paper presented at the International Conference on "Labor and Wealth," Center for International Research, Paris, France, December 11-13, 1999.

"The Politics of Labor Transitions in China," paper presented at the Workshop on "Changing Strategies of Worker Protest and Resistance in an Era of Globalization and Market Liberalism," Weatherhead Center for International Research, Harvard University, November 13, 1999.

"Disorganized Despotism: Transition from Neo-Traditionalism in Guangzhou Factories," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Washington D.C., March 26-29, 1998.

"Restructuring Socialism, Remaking Class: Perspectives From Women Workers in Chinese State Enterprises," paper presented at the Sixth International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women, Adelaide, Australia, April 22-26, 1996.

"Constructing Localism: Mobilization of Interests and Identities Among Migrant Workers in South China," paper presented at the National University of Singapore-UC Berkeley Pacific Rim Workshop on the Transnationalization of Overseas Chinese Capitalism, Singapore, August 8-12, 1994.

"Gender and Production Politics in South China's Industrial Capitalism," paper presented at the Conference on Gender Issues in Contemporary Chinese Societies, First Conference of the North American Chinese Sociologists' Association, Miami, August 11-12, 1993.

"Despotism and Nepotism: The Politics and Poetics of Production in South China's Capitalist Enclave," paper presented at the Greater China Regional Seminar of the Center for Chinese Studies, University of California at Berkeley, February 26-27, 1993.