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RESEARCH INTERESTS	My research interests focus on environmental communication at the nexus of activism, social justice, and political economy through the use of digital media, social networks, and ethnographic fieldwork to bolster long-term global environmental equity and sustainability.	
ACADEMIC POSITIONS	<b>Instructor of Record, The University of Maine</b> Department of Communication and Journalism	2021–present
EDUCATION	<b>The University of Maine</b> (in progress) Ph.D., Communication & Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	2021–present
	<b>The Pennsylvania State University</b> M.A., Communications, <i>Phi Kappa Phi</i> Thesis title: "The Haunting of Hex Hollow: A Study of Historical Discourse, Collective Memory, and Media Coverage of the York, Pennsylvania, Witch Trials, 1920–2020" Committee: Simon J. Bronner, Stephanie L. Morrow (Chair), Jeffrey A. Tolbert	2019–2021
	<b>Santa University</b> B.A., English and Communication, <i>with the highest distinction</i> Thesis title: "A Tale of Two Thoughts: A Study of Jean-Paul Sartre's Existential Nihilism in John Gardner's <i>Grendel</i> " Committee: Tao Ma, Yin Miao (Chair), Jessica Qiao (Advisor), Ruyun Xu	2013–2019
	<b>Lander University</b> Shanghai Government International Exchange Fellowship	2018–2019
CONFERENCE	<p>[3] Long, Lucy, Jerry Reed, <b>Minglei Zhang</b>, Nader Mehravari, Rachelle Saltzman, Robert Smith, Diane Tye, Theresa Vanghan, and Christine Widmayer. Roundtable forum on discomfort/comfort foodways during the Covid-19 pandemic. In <i>Association for the Study of Food and Society Annual Conference</i>, June 9-15, 2021. (Virtual, Scheduled). <a href="https://www.food-culture.org/2021-conference/">https://www.food-culture.org/2021-conference/</a></p> <p>[2] Long, Lucy, Jerry Reed, and <b>Minglei Zhang*</b>. Unpacking "comfort food" during the pandemic: Finding discomfort/comfort through foodways. In <i>Ray Browne Annual Conference on Cultural and Critical Studies</i>, March 5-7, 2021. Bowling Green, OH, United States. [*co-first author] <a href="https://scholarworks.bgsu.edu/rbc/2021conference/">https://scholarworks.bgsu.edu/rbc/2021conference/</a></p> <p>[1] <b>Zhang, Minglei</b>. When at home: A phenomenological study of Zoom class experience. In <i>Technology and the Future of the Home Conference</i>, November 6, 2020. Rolla, MO, United States. <a href="https://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3671805/">https://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3671805/</a></p>	
OTHER PUBLICATIONS	[1] <b>Zhang, Minglei</b> . 2017. <i>Hittin' on All Six: The Practice of Creativity and Public Speaking</i> . Independently published with Amazon and Smashwords Press.	

UNDER PEER REVIEW	[1] Long, Lucy, John Broadwell, Quinlan Odom, Jerry Reed, Hannah Santino, and <b>Minglei Zhang*</b> . 2020. "Reflection: Finding Comfort and Discomfort Through Foodways During the Covid-19 Pandemic." <i>Food and Foodways</i> . [*co-first author]	
AWARDS AND HONORS	2021 Information Literacy Research Award, Penn State Harrisburg Research Week 2020 Graduate Student Research Award, Penn State Harrisburg Research Week 2018 President's List for Fall 2018, Lander University 2018 International Student Scholarship, Lander University 2017 Shanghai Government Scholarship (SGS), Shanghai Municipal Government 2017 Xie Xide Grand Prize for Academic Excellence, Sanda University	
GRANTS	2020–2021 Susquehanna Art Museum (SAM) Visitor Experience Research Fellowship 2018–2019 Sanda University Center on Targeted Poverty Alleviation, Research Grant 2018–2019 Lander University for Shanghai Government International Exchange Fellowship 2017–2018 Sanda University Entrepreneurial Innovation Center, Shanghai Municipal Government Mass Entrepreneurship and Innovation Grant 2013–2014 Lunghwa University of Science and Technology for Shanghai Government Cross-Strait (Taiwan) Smart City Design Summer Fellowship	
TEACHING	<b>2021–2022</b> Class (TBA), The University of Maine	
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS	2021– Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) 2021– The Society for Risk Analysis (SRA) 2021– The Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture (EPTC) 2020– The International Environmental Communication Association (IECA) 2020– International Communication Association (ICR) 2020– American Studies Association (ASA) 2019– The Society for Phenomenology and Media (SPM) 2019– The Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP) 2019– American Folklore Society (AFS) 2018– National Communication Association (NCA)	
LANGUAGES	Mandarin Chinese and English (native/bilingual proficiency) R, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X (statistical programming/markup languages)	
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<div> <b>The Collaboration for Ongoing Visitor Experience Studies</b> 2020–2021  Research Assistant, Harrisburg, PA  Site at Susquehanna Art Museum (SAM) </div> <div> <b>The Center for Food and Culture</b> 2020  Research Assistant, Bowling Green, OH (Virtual)  "Finding Comfort/Discomfort Through Foodways During the Pandemic" </div> <div> <b>The LGBT Center of Central Pennsylvania and Dickinson College Archives &amp; Special Collections</b> 2020  LGBT History Project Coordinator, Carlisle/Harrisburg, PA  "With Open Heart and Open Arms: LGBTQ Cuban Refugees and Mariel Boatlift" </div>	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	The Western States Folklore Society Annual Conference Moderator, 2021	

OTHER EXPERIENCE	<b>Commate.org</b> Founder	2021–present
	<b>Visiting Experts’ Network (VEN)</b> Co-Founder, with Stephanie Frank at Columbia College Chicago	2020–present
REFERENCES	Anthony B. Buccitelli, Associate Professor of American Studies and Communications The Pennsylvania State University at Harrisburg Office: +1 (717) 948-6727 ◊ Email: <a href="mailto:abb20@psu.edu">abb20@psu.edu</a>	
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