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EDUCATION

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| Emory University | Atlanta, GA |
| Ph.D. in Sociology | 2022–2027 (Expected) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dissertation: <i>Performing the Nation: Celebrity Politics and Public Perception under Authoritarianism</i> Research interests: political sociology, cultural sociology, nationalism, public opinion | |
| University of Hong Kong | Pokfulam, HK |
| B.A. (First Class Honors), Sociology & Translation, with a minor in French | 2021 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thesis: <i>Telling China's Stories: the 2008 Sichuan Earthquake VS the COVID-19 Pandemic</i> | |

PUBLICATIONS

Xu, Bin, **Lingxiao Chen**, and Xueqia Zhang. 2025. "How to Say 'Black Lives Matter' in Chinese?: Race, Democracy, and Discourses of a Movement." *Social Problems*. spaf024.

WORKING PAPERS

"Performing Nationalism: Audience Boundary Work in Celebrity Politics under Authoritarianism." R&R at *American Sociological Review*.

"The Hierarchy of Virtue: Moral Engineering of Entertainers in China." Book chapter, forthcoming in *The Politics of Moral Engineering in China* (Edited Volume).

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Nationalist Signaling as Image Repair: Audiences' Moral Economies in China's Entertainment."

"Between Feminism and State Service: How Women Civil Servants Navigate Gender and Loyalty in China" (With Zepeng Zhou).

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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| Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies \$3,000 | 2025 |
| Research grants for the project <i>Performing the Nation</i> | |
| OYCF-Chow Field Research Fellow, Overseas Young Chinese Forum \$5,000 | 2025 |
| Award supporting dissertation fieldwork in China Studies (5 recipients annually in North America) | |
| Maureen Blyler Graduate Research Award, Emory Sociology \$250 | 2025 |
| Awarded for the best research paper by an Emory Sociology graduate student | |
| Graduate Global Research Fellow, The Halle Institute for Global Research \$5,000 | 2024 |
| Fellowship supporting pre-candidacy fieldwork for the project <i>Performing the Nation</i> | |
| Professional Development Support Funds, Laney Graduate School \$2,500 | 2023 |
| Conference travel grant and training grant for attending the ICPSR quantitative training | |
| Martin L. Levin Scholarship for Summer ICPSR Training \$2,500 | 2023 |
| Fellowship awarded annually to support one Emory Sociology student in advanced quantitative training | |

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| Rosita King Ho Scholarship \$37,340 Entrance scholarship covering half the tuition fees at HKU | 2017 – 2021 |
| Talent Development Scholarship under the HKSAR Gov Scholarship Fund \$1,300 National Champion, National Creative English Competition of China | 2020 |
| Reaching Out Award under the HKSAR Gov Scholarship Fund \$1,300 Scholarship for participation in overseas exchange programs | 2020 |
| Pembroke-King's Programme - HKU Scholarship \$9,450 Fully funded summer program at the University of Cambridge (up to three awards granted annually) | 2019 |
| The Consular Book Award in American Studies, U.S. Consulate General HK \$200 Scholarship for outstanding academic performance in American Studies at HKU | 2018 |
| Dean's Honours List, University of Hong Kong Honorary Awarded for outstanding academic achievements at HKU | 2017-2021 |
| National Champion, National Creative English Contest of China Honorary First place among 70,000 high school student contestants nationwide | 2016 |

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| Research Assistant 21st Century China Center, UC San Diego Conducted content analysis of attitudes of leading Chinese experts on U.S.-China relations | 2020 – 2024 |
| Predoctoral Fellowship Jennifer Pan, Stanford University Led data analysis, produced research reports, and supervised research assistants | 2021 – 2022 |
| Research Assistant William I. Robinson, UC Santa Barbara Analyzed and compiled data from UN reports for the book on global capitalism post-pandemic | 2020 – 2021 |
| Research Assistant Tom McDonald, University of Hong Kong Conducted interviews on cross-border financial activities in Hong Kong and mainland China | 2019 – 2020 |

PRESENTATIONS

- Performing Nationalism: Audience Boundary Work in Celebrity Politics under Authoritarianism**
- Overseas Young China Scholars Annual Meeting (Aug 2025)
 - Ethnography and Qualitative Research International Conference, University of Trento (July 2025)
 - American Sociological Association: Nationalist Discourse and Lived Realities Panel (Aug 2024)
 - Young Scholars Conference, UC San Diego (May 2024)
- From Revolution to Regulation: Moral Engineering of China's Entertainment**
- The Politics of Moral Engineering in China Workshop, University of Vienna (July 2025)
- How to Say "Black Lives Matter" in Chinese?: Race, Democracy, and Discourses of a Movement**
- Department of Sociology, Colby College (Mar 2025)
 - Asian America Across the Disciplines Series, University of Pennsylvania (Nov 2023)
 - Global Black Lives Matter: An Online Symposium (Sep 2023)
 - American Sociological Association (Section on Sociology of Culture) (Aug 2023)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

ICPSR Summer Program

Summer Courses, Text Analysis and Causal Inference

Ann Arbor, MI

2023

University of California, Santa Barbara

Semester Exchange, Sociology (Dean's Honor, GPA: 3.92/4)

Santa Barbara, CA

2020

University of Cambridge

Pembroke-King's Programme (Full Scholarship), Independent Research, Economic Sociology

Cambridge, UK

2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Emory University

- Qualitative Research Methods, (Graduate, TA, Fall 2024)
- Teaching Sociology, (Pedagogy training, Spring 2024)
- Development of Sociological Theory (Undergraduate, TA, Fall 2023)
- Culture and Society (Undergraduate, TA, Fall 2022)

SERVICES

ASA Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Section

- Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award Committee Member (2025)

ASA Social Psychology Section

- Nominations Committee Member (2025)

SKILLS

Fieldwork: Hong Kong, U.S.

Languages: Mandarin Chinese (native), English (fluent), Cantonese (fluent), French (intermediate)

Tools: R, Python, L^AT_EX, MAXQDA, Qualtrics