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EDUCATION

Emory University Ph.D., Sociology	Atlanta, GA
• Advisor: Timothy J. Dowd	Aug 2022 – Present
• Research interests: political sociology, cultural sociology, nationalism, public opinion	
• Prelims Passed (January 2025): cultural sociology & social psychology	
University of Hong Kong B.A. (First Class Honors), Sociology & Translation, with a minor in French	Pokfulam, HK 2021
• 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 the Nation: Audience Boundary Work in Celebrity Politics under Authoritarianism." R&R at *American Sociological Review*.

"From Revolution to Regulation: Moral Engineering of China's Entertainment." *Full draft available*.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

OYCF-Chow Field Research Fellow, Overseas Young Chinese Forum \$5,000	2025
Dissertation fieldwork award in China Studies for 5-6 graduate students in North America	
Maureen Blyler Graduate Research Award, Emory Sociology \$250	2025
Given in honor of the best research paper by an Emory Sociology graduate student	
Graduate Global Research Fellow, The Halle Institute for Global Research \$5,000	2024
Fellowship awarded for pre-candidacy fieldwork for nationalism in Chinese entertainment	
Professional Development Support Research 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
Offered annually to support an Emory Sociology graduate student to pursue quantitative training	
Rosita King Ho Scholarship \$37,340	2017 – 2021
Entrance scholarship partially covering tuition fees and living expenses at HKU	
Talent Development Scholarship under the HKSAR Gov Scholarship Fund \$1,300	2020
Awarded for winning the National Creative English Competition of China as National Champion	
Reaching Out Award under the HKSAR Gov Scholarship Fund \$1,300	2020
Scholarship for participation in overseas exchange programs	

Pembroke-King's Programme - HKU Scholarship \$9,450	2019
Fully funded summer program at Cambridge University (Up to three scholarships awarded annually)	
The Consular Book Award in American Studies, U.S. Consulate General HK \$200	2018
Scholarship for outstanding academic performance in American Studies	
Dean's Honours List, University of Hong Kong Honorary	2017-2021
Awarded for outstanding academic achievements at HKU	
National Champion, National Creative English Contest of China Honorary	2016
First place among 70,000 high school student contestants nationwide	

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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

PRESENTATIONS

- 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)
- Everyday Nationalism in Chinese Entertainment**
- 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)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

ICPSR Summer Program	Ann Arbor, MI
Summer Courses, Text Analysis and Causal Inference	2022
University of California, Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara, CA
Semester Exchange, Sociology (Dean's Honor, GPA: 3.92/4)	2020
University of Cambridge	Cambridge, UK
Pembroke-King's Programme (Full Scholarship), Independent Research, Economic Sociology	2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Emory University

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

SERVICE

ASA Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Section

- Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award 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