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EDUCATION

Emory University

Ph.D., Sociology

Atlanta, GA

Aug 2022 – Present

- Advisor: Timothy J. Dowd

- 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: *Telling China's Stories: the 2008 Sichuan Earthquake VS the COVID-19 Pandemic*

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." *Under 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)

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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