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## EMPLOYMENT

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2014-2016    **Postdoctoral Fellow in International Studies**, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D., Sociology**, University of California, Berkeley, 2014  
*Dissertation*: “Low-Cost Labor and Limitless Land: The Changing Foundations of Chinese Development”  
*Committee*: Michael Burawoy (Chair), John Lie, Thomas Gold, You-tien Hsing (geography)  
**M.A., Sociology**, University of California, Berkeley, 2009  
**B.A., Social Studies**, *cum laude*, Harvard College, 2003

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Labor, Development, Ethnography, China

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

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- 2015            “Urbanization Through Dispossession: Survival and Stratification in China’s New Townships,” *Journal of Peasant Studies*, forthcoming  
  
                  \* *American Sociological Association, Section on Labor and Labor Movements Best Graduate Student Paper 2014*
- 2014            “China’s Rural Land Politics: Bureaucratic Absorption and the Muting of Rightful Resistance,” *The China Quarterly*, No. 219
- 2014            “Chains of Debt: Labor Trafficking as a Career in China’s Construction Industry,” in Rhacel Parrenas and Kimberly K. Hoang (eds.), *Human Trafficking*

*Reconsidered: Rethinking the Problem, Envisioning New Solutions*, pp. 58-68.  
New York: Open Society Institute

### **Other publications**

- 2014      Review of *Taming Tibet: Landscape Transformation and the Gift of Chinese Development*, by Emily Yeh. *Journal of Peasant Studies* 40(2).
- 2014      “The Withering Away of the State in China?” Review of *Capitalism From Below: Markets and Institutional Change in China*, Victor Nee and Sonja Opper. Second author with John Lie. *Contemporary Sociology* 43(37): 37-39.
- 2008      “Peoplehood.” Second author with John Lie. In Richard T. Schaefer (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity and Society*. Sage Publications

### **In progress**

- n.d.      “Paradoxes of China’s Low-Cost Production.” In preparation
- n.d.      “Low-Cost Labor and Limitless Land: Capital Accumulation and the Rise of China.” Book manuscript in preparation

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

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### **Extramural sources**

- 2014-2016      Postdoctoral Fellowship in International Studies, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University
- 2014-2015      An Wang Postdoctoral Fellowship, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University (declined)
- 2012-2014      ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius Foundation, PhD Scholarship in Migration Studies, “Settling in Motion” program
- 2011-2012      Social Science Research Council (SSRC), International Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2010-2011      Wenner-Gren Foundation, Dissertation Fieldwork Grant

### **Internal sources**

- 2013-2014      Dr. C. F. and Cecilia Koo Chair Fellowship for Outstanding Graduate Student in East Asian Studies
- 2013-2014      Leo Lowenthal Department Fellowship
- Summer 2013      Graduate Division Summer Grant
- 2012-2013      John L. Simpson Memorial Fellowship, Institute of International Studies
- Summer 2012      Graduate Division Summer Grant
- 2009-2010      Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship
- 2009-2010      Liu Graduate Research Fellowship, Center for Chinese Studies

Summer 2009	Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant
2007-2008	UC Labor and Employment Research Fund Pre-Dissertation Fellowship
Fall 2007	Sociology Department Small Research Grant
Summer 2007	Center for Chinese Studies Summer Research Grant
2006-2007	Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant
Summer 2006	Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant
Summer 2002	Harvard Asia Center Folger Research Fellowship
Summer 2002	Harvard Asia Center Dean's Research Award
Summer 2001	Harvard Asia Center Summer Language Grant

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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2014	American Sociological Association, Section on Labor and Labor Movements, Best Graduate Student Paper
2008	Gertrude Jaeger Prize for Best Paper written by a female graduate student, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley
2003	Thomas T. Hoopes Prize for Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis, Harvard University
2003	Mansfield-Wefald Prize for Best Undergraduate Thesis written by a Telluride Alum, Telluride Association

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

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2014	"Low-Cost Labor and Limitless Land: Dispossession in Chinese Development." UCLA Center for Social Theory and Comparative History colloquium, February
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## **REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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2014	"Urbanization Through Dispossession: Survival and Stratification in China's New Townships." Land and Environment section session, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, November
2014	"Urbanization Through Dispossession: Survival and Stratification in China's New Townships." Sociology of Development section session, "Development in Hard Times," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, August
2013	"China's Rural Land Politics: Bureaucratic Absorption and the Muting of Rightful Resistance." Political Sociology roundtable session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, NYC, August
2013	"Dispossession and its Discontents: From Industrialization to Urbanization in China's Townships." Settling into Motion Bucerius Fellows Workshop, Hamburg, June

- 2012 “China’s ‘Small Farmer Problem’: Rural Reform and Divergent Paths to Market Incorporation,” with John Yasuda. Land and Environment regular session, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, November
- 2012 “From Labor Migration to Land Enclosure in Rural Sichuan.” SSRC International Dissertation Research Fellows Workshop, St. Louis, October
- 2012 “Leaving to Earn or to Escape? Land, Labor and Kinship in Rural China.” Rural Sociology regular session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, August
- 2010 “Tied to Home: Migration and Marriage in China’s Agrarian Transition.” *Migration and Mobility in Global Historical Perspective*, National Taiwan University, Department of Geography, August
- 2008 “Masculinity and Dependence: Reproducing Migrant Workers in Chinese Construction.” *Breaking Down Chinese Walls: The Changing Face of Labor and Employment in China*, Cornell University Institute for Labor Relations, November
- 2007 “Masculinity and Dependence: Reproducing Migrant Workers in Chinese Construction.” California Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Berkeley, November

## **TEACHING INTERESTS**

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Political Economy of Chinese Development, Labor and Industrial Relations

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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Instructor, Department of Sociology, Brown University

China’s Rise: Development and Capital Accumulation in Post-Socialist China, Fall 2014

Thesis Advisor, Department of Sociology, Undergraduate Mentorship Program

Advisee: Annie Lin, 2009-2010

Title: “Re-Telling Retail: The Intersection of High-Tech and Retail”

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley

Sociology of Work and Labor, Spring 2008

Sociology of Development and Globalization, Fall 2007

## **SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS**

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2005-2006 Business Manager and Editor, Berkeley Journal of Sociology

2004-2008 Trustee, Telluride Association, a non-profit foundation operating educational projects integrating academics with democratic living

Member, American Sociological Association, Social Science History Association

Reviewer, *The China Quarterly*

## **LANGUAGES AND TRAINING**

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Summer 2009            Inter-University Program, Intensive Chinese Language Course  
Summer 2006            Inter-University Program, Intensive Chinese Language Course  
Summer 2001            Princeton in Beijing, Intensive Chinese Language Course

Mandarin Chinese (fluent), Sichuan dialect (comprehension), Taiwanese (comprehension)

## **REFERENCES**

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Available upon request