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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

*Assistant Professor of Anthropology*, Department of Anthropology, July 2014 – Present  
Brown University, Providence, RI

*Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholar*, September 2013 – August 2015  
Columbia University, New York, NY

*Lecturer in Health and Societies*, Department of History and Sociology of Science, July 2011 – June 2013  
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

**EDUCATION**

*Ph.D. Anthropology* (Social - Medical), May 2011  
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Committee: Arthur Kleinman (chair), James L. Watson, Duana Fullwiley, Charles Rosenberg

*A.M. Anthropology* (Social - Medical), June 2007  
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

*B.S. Molecular, Cellular, Developmental Biology, summa cum laude*, May 2001  
Yale University, New Haven, CT

**PUBLICATIONS**

***Peer Reviewed***

*Mason, Katherine A.*

2013 To Your Health!: Toasting, Intoxication, and Gendered Critique among Banqueting Women. *The China Journal* 69: 108-133.

*Mason, Katherine A.*

2012 Mobile Migrants, Mobile Germs: Migration, Contagion, and Boundary-Building in Shenzhen, China after SARS. *Medical Anthropology* 31(2): 113-131.

*Mason, Katherine A.*

2010 Becoming Modern After SARS: Battling the H1N1 Pandemic and the Politics of Backwardness in China's Pearl River Delta. Special Issue, "Epidemic Orders." *Behemoth* 2010(3): 8-35.

Zhao, Jin, Wen-De Cai, Lin Chen, Jin-Kou Zhao, Yong-Xia Gan, Yun-Yun Zi, Zheng-Rong Yang, *Katherine A. Mason*, Jin-Quan Cheng, Xiao-Rong Wang, and Ming-Liang He

2010 A Comparison of HIV Infection and Related Risks Among Male Sex Workers in Different Venues in Shenzhen, China. *AIDS and Behavior* 2010(15): 635-642.

Kleinman, Arthur M., Barry R. Bloom, Anthony Saich, *Katherine A. Mason*, and Felicity Aulino  
2008 Introduction: Avian and Pandemic Influenza: A Biosocial Approach. *Journal of Infectious Diseases*  
197(Supp. 1): S1-S3.

Kleinman, Arthur M., Barry R. Bloom, Anthony Saich, *Katherine A. Mason*, and Felicity Aulino  
2008 Introduction: Asian Flu in Ethnographic and Political Context: A Biosocial Approach. Special  
Issue, "Asian Flu in Ethnographic and Political Context: A Biosocial Approach," *Anthropology  
and Medicine* 15(1): 1-5.

***Edited Special Issues***

Kleinman, Arthur M., Barry R. Bloom, Anthony Saich, *Katherine A. Mason*, and Felicity Aulino, editors  
2008 Avian and Pandemic Influenza: A Biosocial Approach. *Journal of Infectious Diseases* 197(Supp. 1).

Kleinman, Arthur M., Barry R. Bloom, Anthony Saich, *Katherine A. Mason*, and Felicity Aulino, editors  
2008 Special Issue: Asian Flu in Ethnographic and Political Context: A Biosocial Approach.  
*Anthropology and Medicine* 15(1).

***Under Contract***

Book Manuscript: After SARS: The Rebirth of Public Health in a Chinese "City of Immigrants." Stanford  
University Press, expected publication early 2016.

***Under Review***

Public Health, Social Organization, and Messy Utopias. Chapter in *Learning from Shenzhen: China's  
Post-Mao Experiment from Special Zone to Model City*, Mary Ann O'Donnell, Winnie Wong, and  
Jonathan Bach, eds. Under revision at University of Chicago Press.

H1N1 is not a Chinese Virus: The Racialization of People and Viruses in Post-SARS China. Under  
review for special issue of *Studies in Comparative and International Development*.

***Non-Peer Reviewed (selected)***

*Mason, Katherine A.*

2003 SARS Unmasked. *New Haven Advocate*, May 15. (cover story)

*Mason, Katherine A.*

2003 Guanxi in Guangzhou. *Legal Affairs*, March/April.

*Mason, Katherine A.*

2001 The Unkindest Cut. *New Haven Advocate*, March 29. (cover story)

**AWARDS, HONORS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Seed Grant: Stigmatizing Attitudes toward HIV Testing among Chinese Immigrants in New York City (2013-2015)
- Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship (2008-09)
- Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (rated among top three proposals) (2008-10)
- Fulbright Scholar (Fulbright-IIE Program) (2008-09)
- Association for Asian Studies – China and Inner Asia Council Small Grant (2008)
- Desmond and Whitney Shum Research Fellowship (for research in China) (2008-09) (declined)

- Foreign Language Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship (2008-09) (declined)
- Harvard University Presidential Scholarship (including Presidential Scholarship Dissertation Completion Fellowship) (2005-2011)
- Eliot Dissertation Completion Fellowship (2010-11) (declined)
- Dissertation listed in Anthroworks Best 40 Dissertations in Cultural Anthropology 2011 (2011)
- Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching (Spring 2010, Fall 2009)
- Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Pre-Dissertation Grant (2008-09)
- Harvard University Asia Center Graduate Summer Research Grant (2008)
- Harvard University Graduate Society Summer Fellowship (2007)
- Harvard University Asia Center Graduate Summer Research Grant (2007)
- Harvard University Social Anthropology General Examinations Passed with Distinction (2007)
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention (2007)
- Foreign Language Area Studies Summer Fellowship (2006)
- Yale-China Teaching Fellowship (2001-2003)
- Yale University William R. Belknap Prize (awarded to one student each year for excellence in biological studies) (2001)
- Phi Beta Kappa (2001)

### **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

2014 Stigmatizing Attitudes Toward HIV Testing Among Chinese Immigrants to New York City. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholars Program, Detroit, May 6-9.

2014 Making Secrets Transparent: Outbreak Reporting in post-SARS China. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Ethnological Society, Boston, April 11.

2014 The Search for Pretty Data: Collegial Care and Online Disease Reporting in China. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Philadelphia, March 28.

2014 H1N1 is Not a Chinese Virus: Geography, Genes, and the Placing of Race in Urban China  
Paper presented at the Anthropology and Population Workshop on Population and Development, sponsored by the Brown University Population Studies and Training Center and the Watson Institute for International Studies, Providence, RI, March 14.

2013 Disease Control and Subject-making in a Chinese Public Health Work Unit. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 24.

2013 Why Can't We Just Send a Fax?: *Guanxi*, Professional Responsibility, and Civil Society in China's Public Health Governance. Paper accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Diego, March 22.

2012 Mobile Migrants, Mobile Germs: Public Health and the Maintenance of Borders in Shenzhen, China. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 14.

2011 They Can't Handle the Truth: Quality Data, Transparency, and Professional Responsibility among Chinese Public Health Professionals after SARS. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Montreal, November 19.

2011 Apocalyptic Shenzhen? Dystopian Visions of Public Health Professionals After SARS. Paper presented at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Interdisciplinary Conference, “Shenzhen + China, Utopias + Dystopias,” Cambridge, MA, March 12.

2010 Controlling Disease, Controlling ‘The Truth’: Public Health Ethics in China after SARS. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, November 19.

2010 Public Health Ethics in Shenzhen, China after SARS. Paper presented at the Harvard-Yenching Institute Workshop, “Social Suffering: The Culture of Compassion, and the Divided Moral Experience in China,” Cambridge, MA, May 7.

2010 Controlling the Sniffles after SARS: The Regulation of People and Microbes in Shenzhen, China. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Philadelphia, March 28.

2009 To Your Health!: Mixed-Gender Banqueting and Guanxi-Building among Public Health Bureaucrats in China. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, December 4.

2009 After SARS: Science, Guanxi, and the Reinvention of Public Health Governance in China’s Pearl River Delta. Paper presented at the International Conference of the Society for Medical Anthropology, New Haven, September 26. (Panel Co-Organizer)

2008 Exploring a Biosocial Framing: The Case of Pandemic Flu. Paper presented with Felicity Aulino at the W.H.R. Rivers Symposium, Cambridge, May 15. (Conference Co-Organizer)

2008 Global Civets: Building Hygienic Appetites in South China after SARS. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Atlanta, April 5. (Panel Co-Organizer)

2007 Avian Influenza in Asia: Modern Global Citizenship and Moral Responsibility. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, November 28.

### **INVITED LECTURES**

2014 Addressing Social Determinants of Health in Clinical Settings: Tuning in to the Noise. Lecture delivered at the Shenzhen City Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Shenzhen, China, Aug. 21.

2014 Conjuring Our Population(s): Creating and Caring for the Aggregated Other. Lecture delivered at the Working Group on Anthropology and Population Seminar Series, Brown University Department of Anthropology, Providence, RI, April 4.

2014 Chinese Stigma through an Interdisciplinary Lens: Adventures in the Operationalization of ‘Culture’. Lecture delivered at the Chinese University of Hong Kong Centre for China Studies and Department of Anthropology, Hong Kong, China, Jan. 9.

2013 Battling the Pandemic that Wasn’t: Professionalization and Global Health Politics in Post-SARS China. Lecture delivered at University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine, Department of Medical Education, Chicago, IL, March 5.

2013 In Search of Community: Reinventing Public Health in a Chinese City of Immigrants after SARS. Lecture delivered at Brown University, Department of Anthropology, Providence, RI, February 4.

2012 Quarantining the Pandemic that Wasn't: The Global Health Politics of H1N1 in Post-SARS China. Lecture delivered at Emory University, Health and Humanities Program, Atlanta, GA, March 20.

2012 Quarantining the Pandemic that Wasn't: The Global Health Politics of H1N1 in Post-SARS China. Lecture delivered at Case Western Reserve University, Department of Anthropology, Cleveland, OH, February 7.

2011 Battling H1N1 in China after SARS. Lecture delivered at the Harvard University School of Medicine Department of Social Medicine, Friday Morning Seminar Series, Cambridge, MA, April 15.

2011 Battling H1N1 in China after SARS: Quarantines, CDCs, and the Pandemic that Wasn't. Lecture delivered at the University of Pennsylvania Department of History and Sociology of Science, Philadelphia, PA, March 24.

2008 Qualitative Research Methods and Analysis (定性研究方法和分析). Lecture delivered (in Chinese) at the Guangdong Province Nursing Association Critical Care Nursing Professional Committee Annual Meeting and BLS/ACLS Special Report Meeting, Guangzhou, China, October 31.

2008 Population Change and Public Health in Post-Mao China. Lecture delivered at Harvard University for the course Gender and Population Change in East Asia, Cambridge, MA, March 20.

2004 A Tale of Two Epidemics: AIDS, SARS, and Health Policy in Twenty-First Century China. Lecture delivered at Whittier Law School's Center for International and Comparative Law Spring 2004 Colloquia Series, Costa Mesa, CA, March 25.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### *Brown University, Providence, RI (2014- )*

- ANTH 1111: Anthropology of China (Fall 2014)
- ANTH 1242: Bioethics and Culture (Spring 2015)

### *University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA (2011-13)*

- Health and Societies 010: Health and Societies (introductory course for major) (Spring 2013)
- Health and Societies 260/Sociology 259: Social Determinants of Health (Fall 2011, 2012)
- Health and Societies 249/Anthro 209: Anthropology and Everyday Bioethics (Fall 2011, 2012)
- Health and Societies 216/Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies 216: Gender and Health (Spring 2012)
- Health and Societies 449: Vertical Global Health Movements (Spring 2012)
- Supervision of Honors Thesis: Courtney Ng, "Womanhood and Maternal Health-Seeking Behaviors in Periphery China: A Hani Perspective," winner of 2013 Rose Undergraduate Research Award (2012-2013)
- Supervision of Independent Study: End-of-Life Care in American Hospices (Spring 2012)
- Supervision of Independent Study: Climate Change and Population Control (Fall 2011)

### *Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (2007-2010)*

- Social Analysis 28: Introduction to Medical Anthropology (with Arthur Kleinman) (Spring 2010)
  - Awarded Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching
- Christensen Discussion Leading Seminar (Participant, Fall 2010)

- Anthropology 98z: Junior Tutorial in Social Anthropology, “Farewell to the God of Plague: the Anthropology of Public Health in the People’s Republic of China” (Fall 2009)
- Anthropology 91zr: Supervised Reading and Research, “Anthropology of Drug Abuse in China” (Spring 2008)
- Anthropology 91zr: Supervised Reading and Research, “Anthropology and History of Public Health in China” (Spring 2008)
- Societies of the World 25: Health, Culture, Community: Case Studies in Global Health (with Paul Farmer and Arthur Kleinman) (Fall 2009)
  - Awarded Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching
- Anthropology 1881: China after Mao (Spring 2008)
- Anthropology 1702: Gender, Medicine, and Care (Fall 2007)
- Thesis reader and oral examiner for undergraduate honors thesis (Spring 2008)

*Lingnan College, Zhongshan University, Guangzhou, China (2001-2003)*

- Advanced English Language Conversation
- Business English

### **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

Peer Reviewer for *American Ethnologist*, *Current Anthropology*, *The China Journal*, *Medical Anthropology*, *Ethnography*, and *Perspectives on Science*

Grant Reviewer for National Science Foundation and Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research

2013 Moderator for Health and Society panel, Penn Symposium on Contemporary China, held in Philadelphia, PA, February 24.

2008 Co-Organizer of W.H.R. Rivers Symposium: Exploring a Biosocial Framing in Global Health, hosted by Harvard University Department of Anthropology, and sponsored by the Harvard Asia Center and the Michael Crichton Fund, held in Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 15.

2007 Co-Organizer of Values and Moral Experiences in Global Health Conference, hosted and sponsored by Harvard University, Boston University, and Northwestern University, held in Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 24-26.

2006 Co-Organizer of Harvard Asian Flu and Avian Influenza Workshop, hosted by Harvard University Department of Anthropology, School of Public Health, and Asia Center, and sponsored by NSF, the Harvard Asia Center and the Michael Crichton Fund, held in Cambridge, Massachusetts, December 8-10.

2006 Assistant Organizer of Somatic Presentations of Mental Disorders Conference, hosted and sponsored by the American Psychiatric Association (APA), WHO, and NIH, held in Beijing, China, September 6-8.

2006-07 Graduate Student Representative, Harvard University Department of Anthropology

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS**

American Anthropological Association  
Society for Medical Anthropology  
Association for Asian Studies  
Society for East Asian Anthropology

American Ethnological Society  
International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences  
Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholars Program

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Laboratory Technician, Microbiology Department, Columbia University, New York, NY (2004-2005)
- Editor, ProteoMonitor Newsletter, GenomeWeb LLC, New York, NY (2003-2004)
- Reporter, New Haven Advocate, New Haven, CT (2000-2001)
- English Textbook Writer & Teacher, Pyramid Press, Hsinchu & Taichung, Taiwan (Summer 2000)
- Health Research Training Fellow, New York City Department of Health, New York, NY (Summer 1999)

**LANGUAGES**

Mandarin Chinese (advanced speaking, listening, reading, writing), French (intermediate reading, basic speaking and listening)

*Language Programs Attended:*

- Harvard Beijing Academy Summer Chinese Language Program (advanced), June-August 2006
- Princeton-in-Beijing Summer Chinese Language Program (beginning), June-August 2001