

Curriculum Vitae (2009)

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Social Anthropology, Harvard University, 1993.

M.A. Folklore Studies, Peking University, China, 1984.

B.A. Chinese Literature, Peking University, China, 1982.

EMPLOYMENT

Professor of Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles, 2003-present
(Associate Professor, 1998-2003; Assistant Professor, 1996-98).

Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University, 1994-96.

Lecturer of Anthropology, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 1993-94.

Lecturer of Folklore, Peking University, China, 1984-86.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

2009 The Individualization of Chinese Society. Oxford: Berg.

2003 Private Life under Socialism: Love, Intimacy, and Family Change in a Chinese Village, 1949-1999. Stanford: Stanford University Press. Winner of the 2005 Joseph Levenson Book Prize of the Association for Asian Studies (Chinese translation published in 2006 by Shanghai Shudian Chubanshe).

1996 The Flow of Gifts: Reciprocity and Social Networks in a Chinese Village. Stanford: Stanford University Press (Chinese translation published in 2000 by

Shanghai Renmin Chubanshe).

Articles:

- 2009a "Introduction: Conflicting Images of the Individual and Contested Process of Individualization." In Mette Halskov Hansen and Rune Svarverud (eds.) i China: The Rise of the Individual in Modern Chinese Society, pp. 1-38. Copenhagen: NIAS Press.
- 2009b "The Good Samaritan's New Trouble: A Study of the Changing Moral Landscape in Contemporary China." Social Anthropology 17 (1): 9-24.
- 2008 "Introduction: Understanding the Chinese Individual." European Journal of Asian Studies 7(1): 1-9.
- 2007 "Managing Cultural Conflicts: State Power and Alternative Globalization in China." In Helmut Anheier and Yudhishtir Raj Isar (eds.) Conflicts and Tensions, pp. 172-184. Los Angeles & London: Sage Publications.
- 2006a "Girl Power: Young Women and the Waning of Patriarchy in Rural North China." Ethnology 45(2): 105-123.
- 2006b "Little Emperors or Frail Pragmatists? China's '80ers Generation." Current History: A Journal of Contemporary World Affairs, 105 (692): 255-262 (September).
- 2006c "Differentiated Mode of Association and the Notion of Hierarchy in Chinese Culture" (Chaxu geju yu Zhongguo wenhua de dengjiguan), Sociological Studies (Shuhuixue yanjiu), no. 4. pp. 201-212 (in Chinese).
- 2005a "The Individual and Transformation of Bridewealth in Rural North China." Journal of the Royal Anthropology Institute 11(4): 637-657.
- 2005b "The Gift and Gift Economy." In James Carrier (ed.) A Handbook of Economic Anthropology, pp. 246-261. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar.
- 2004a "Calculability and Budgeting in a Household Economy: A Case Study from Rural North China." Taiwan Journal of Anthropology 2 (1): 69-72.
- 2004b "Making Room for Intimacy: Domestic Space and Conjugal Privacy in Rural North China." In Ronald G. Knapp and Kai-Yin Lo (eds.) House, Home, and Family: Living and Being Chinese, pp. 373-395. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.

- 2004c "Native Anthropologist, Longitudinal Fieldwork, and Experience-near Ethnography." In Xin Liu (ed.) New Reflections on Anthropological Studies of (greater) China, pp. 204-213. Berkeley, CA: Institute of East Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2002a "Planning Birth: Changes in Fertility Culture in a Chinese Village." Etudes Rurales (Paris), no. 161-162, pp. 129-152.
- 2002b "Managed Globalization: State Power and Cultural Transition in Contemporary China." In Peter Berger and Samuel Huntington (eds.), Many Globalizations: Cultural Diversity in the Contemporary World, pp. 19-47. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2002c "Courtship, Love, and Premarital Sex in a North China Village." The China Journal, no. 48, pp. 29-53.
- 2002d "Unbalanced Reciprocity: Asymmetrical Gift Giving and Social Hierarchy in Rural China." In Mark Osteen (ed.), The Question of the Gift, pp. 67-84. London: Routledge Press.
- 2001 "Practicing Kinship in Rural North China." In Susan McKinnon and Sarah Franklin (eds.), Relative Values: Reconfiguring Kinship Studies, pp. 224-243. Durham: Duke University Press.
- 2000a "The Politics of Consumerism in Chinese Society." In Tyrene White (ed.) China Briefing, 1998-2000, pp. 159-193. Armonk, NY: M.E.Sharpe.
- 2000b "The Fate of Tibet" (review essay). The China Journal, no. 43, pp. 133-140.
- 2000c "Of Hamburger and Social Space: Consuming McDonald's in Beijing." In Deborah Davis (ed.) The Consumer Revolution in Urban China, pp. 201-225. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- 1999 "Rural Youth and Youth Culture in North China." Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry 23(1): 75-97.
- 1998 "Money and Morality in Family Politics: The Case of Family Division in Rural North China." Sociological Studies, no. 6, pp. 74-84 (in Chinese).
- 1997a "The Triumph of Conjuality: Structural Transformation of Family Relations in a Chinese Village." Ethnology 36(3): 191-212.

- 1997b “McDonald's in Beijing: The Localization of Americana.” In James L. Watson (ed.) Golden Arches East: McDonald's in East Asia, pp. 39-76. Stanford: Stanford University Press.
- 1996 “The Culture of Guanxi [social networks] in a North China Village.” The China Journal, no. 35, pp. 1-25.
- 1995a “Everyday Power Relations: Changes in a North China Village.” In Andrew Walder (ed.) The Waning of the Communist State: Economic Origins of Political Decline in China and Hungary, pp. 215-41. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- 1995b “The Rise of Fast Food and Its Impact on Local Dietary Culture in Beijing.” In Lin Qinghu (ed.) Papers from the Fourth International Symposium on Chinese Dietary Culture, pp. 47-63. Taipei, Taiwan: Foundation of Chinese Dietary Culture (in Chinese).
- 1994 “Dislocation, Reposition, and Restratification: Structural Changes in Chinese Society.” In Maurice Brosseau and Lo Chi Kin (eds.) China Review 1994, pp. 15.1-24. Hong Kong: Chinese University Press.
- 1992 “The Impact of Rural Reform on Economic and Social Stratification in a Chinese Village.” Australian Journal of Chinese Affairs, no. 27, pp. 1-23.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2009 Keynote speaker at “Futures of Modernity: An International Symposium in Honor of Ulrich Beck,” Munich, July 24.
- 2007 Keynote speaker at the Annual Meeting of the British Association for China Studies, Manchester, UK.
- 2007 Keynote speaker at the International Conference on Chinese Society and China Studies, Nanjing, China.
- 2005 Winner of the Joseph Levenson Book Prize of the Association for Asian Studies (for Private Life under Socialism: Love, Intimacy, and Family Change in a Chinese Village, 1949-1999).
- 2005 Honorable Mention of the F. L. K. Hsu Book Prize of the Society for East Asian Anthropology, AAA (for Private Life under Socialism: Love, Intimacy, and Family Change in a Chinese Village, 1949-1999).

- 2005 Thomas P. Johnson Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Rollins College, Florida.
- 2003 ACLS/SSRC Fellow for International and Area Studies.
- 2003 Speaker of the 2003 Malinowski Memorial Lecture, London School of Economics, UK.
- 2000 Visiting Scholar, Centre d'études sur la Chine Moderne et Contemporaine, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris.
- 2000 Speaker of the 2nd Maurice Freedman Annual Lecture at the Institute of Anthropology and the Institute of Chinese Studies, Oxford University.
- 1999 President's Research Fellow in Humanities, University of California.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-director (2005-2010), the Center for Chinese Studies, University of California, Los Angeles.

President (2005-07) and elected councilor (2001-03), Society for East Asian Anthropology, American Anthropological Association.

Chair (2001-02) and elected member (1999-2002), China and Inner Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies.

Member of International Advisory Committee, The Cultures and Globalization Series, by SAGE publications, 2005-present.

Member of Editorial Board, Modern China (by SAGE publications), 2006-present.

Member of Editorial Board, Cultural Worlds: Chinese Review of Social and Cultural Anthropology (Beijing), 2000-present.

Member of Editorial Board, Rural Studies in China (Beijing), 2001-present.

Member of Advisory Committee, Chinese Sociology and Anthropology: A Journal of Translation (by M.E. Sharpe), 1997-2000.

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

- 2009 One-month fieldwork on individualization, Shanghai.

- 2008 Two-month fieldwork on moral changes in Shanghai and Heilongjiang.
- 2006 Two-month fieldwork on moral changes in Ningbo and Beijing.
- 2005 One-month fieldwork on the rising individual in Ningbo and Beijing.
- 2003 Five-month field research on the social-cultural impacts of globalization, Beijing.
- 2001 One-month field survey on the globalization process in China, Beijing.
- 1999 Two-month fieldwork on family change in rural north China.
- 1998 Five-month fieldwork on economic reforms, consumer culture and family change in Heilongjiang Province and Beijing, China.
- 1997 Two-month fieldwork on family change in Heilongjiang province and Beijing, China.
- 1994 Three-month field research on family change and in Heilongjiang province and on McDonald's in Beijing, China.
- 1991 Six-month fieldwork on gift-giving and social networks in Heilongjiang province, China.
- 1989 Five-month field research on rural reforms in provinces of Hebei, Heilongjiang, and Shandong, north China.