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EDUCATION

Peking University MA in Sociology, Department of Sociology • GPA 3.70/4.00	Sep 2019 – Jul 2022 Beijing, China
Peking University BA in Sociology, Yuanpei College • GPA 3.58/4.00	Sep 2015 – Jul 2019 Beijing, China
Stanford Center at Peking University Graduate Seminar: Methods of Historical Social Science • Instructed by Andrew G. Walder, Stanford University, and Fei Yan, Tsinghua University	Sep 2019 – Nov 2019 Beijing, China
Emory University PhD Student in Sociology, Department of Sociology	Aug 2022 – Present Georgia, the United States

PUBLICATION

Oral History Research

Zhang, Xueqia. 2018. Migrating for Son: The Life Story of a Traditional Woman in Rural China. Pp. 40-46 in Weimin Wang, Huilin Lu, Tao Peng (eds.), *An Oral History of Forty Migrant Workers*. Beijing: China Wenshi Press, 2018.

WORKING PAPER

Taming Journalists – How Tensions among Chinese Journalists' Professional Ethics are Shaped and Resolved

Sep 2021 – now

- Examines how the professional ethics of Chinese journalists have been tamed by measures and policies implemented by the ruling party
- Finds a lack of professional jurisdiction as the main reason why Chinese journalists follow a path of non-resistance

Why an Organization Split into Small Factions? – An Extended-Case Study on Post-Danwei Community

Sep 2017 – Apr 2018

- Initiated deep-dive research to analyze how the bonds of trust and the information flow in a post-Danwei community impacted the residents' decision-making process; based on 15 semi-structured interviews
- 3rd Place in Peking University Yuanpei College's outcome evaluation of "Challenge Cup"

So Near, So Far: A Study on Zygmunt Bauman's Social Theory

Jun 2017 – Apr 2019

- Initiated and conducted theoretical research on the core issue in Zygmunt Bauman's social thought: the tension between freedom and security under liquid modernity
- Reviewed and organized 16 of Bauman's significant works and related secondary literature
- Score: 90%

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

"The Chinese Debates over Black Lives Matter in a Transnational Public Sphere "

Apr 2022 – Present

- Coded approximately 1400 articles from Weixin, categorized them into various patterns, and wrote pattern-level memos for them respectively using Jeff Alexander's Civil Sphere Theory

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Body & Society – 32 students	Sep 2020 – Jan 2021
Western Sociological Theory (Part2) – 301 students	Sep 2020 – Jan 2021
Western Sociological Theory (Part1) – 395 students	Feb 2020 – Jul 2020
Studies on Historical Sociology – 17 students	Sep 2019 – Jan 2020
Contemporary Chinese Society – 8 students	Jan 2023 – Apr 2023
Mass Media and Social Influences – 90 students	Aug 2023 – Dec 2023

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association

Aug 2023
Philadelphia

“How to Say “Black Lives Matter” in Chinese?: Event and Transnational Public Sphere”

- Presented with Bin Xu, Lingxiao Chen in the section on Sociology of Culture Roundtables

Annual Meeting of Chinese Sociological Association

Jul 2021
Chongqing, China

“Information Flow and Trust Crisis in the Context of Demolition: Insights from a post-Danwei community”

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

“Tracing Research on Social Change in Rural China: Observation in Three Villages”

Key Project supported by COSC (Counsellors’ Office of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China)

Research Group Member

Jul 2017 – Aug 2019

Village I: A typical agricultural village in Anhui

- Conducted archive research to write a village history; designed a pavilion of village history for exhibit Oct 2017
- Assisted the academic conference “Social Transformation and Construction in Rural China” Nov 2017
- Surveyed via questionnaire over 50 villagers to ask their expectations of the central government Dec 2017
- Wrote an oral history story of migrant workers based on 12 days of anthropological observation Jan 2018

Village II: A northwestern village that was ideal for observing the relationship between Han Chinese and ethnic minorities

- Examined the villagers’ marriage intentions based on 8 interviews; designed a pavilion of village history. Aug 2017
- Designed research to analyze via in-depth interviews why certain young villagers were unable to get married. Aug 2019

Village III: A village enriched by garment industry in the Southeast coastal region of China

- Collected data from villagers on their ideal family size and willingness to have children Aug 2018

The Revitalization of Ancient Villages in Shexian, Anhui

Research Group Member

Aug 2017

- Wrote a report to analyze the feasibility of -- and possible obstacles to -- utilizing the cultural heritage to develop tourism; analysis was based on 8 days of participant observation and 11 semi-structured interviews

The Protection and Development of Cultural Heritage in Qi County, Shanxi

Research Group Member

Aug 2019

- Wrote analysis of the feasibility of conducting cultural heritage preservation; examined the behavioral patterns of local government and traditional village organizations

RELEVANT WORKING EXPERIENCE

Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, Peking University

Apr 2019 – Present
Beijing, China

Student Assistant

Project One: Academic Reporting Assistant

- Wrote over 20 academic reports for lectures and conferences covering an extensive range of topics

Project Two: Graphic Design Assistant

- Designed over 30 posters and other materials for academic lectures and conferences covering an extensive range of topics
- Merit Student Assistant of the year, 2020

Internship at Tsinghua Tongheng Urban Planning & Design Institute.

Oct 2017 – Jul 2019
Beijing, China

Research Group Member

- Designed and conducted 7 medium-sized research projects on city renewal and cultural heritage preservation

AWARDS AND HONORS

Peking University May Fourth Scholarship, 2016–2017

Peking University Social Work Award, 2016–2017, and 2017–2018

Peking University Excellent Graduate Student, 2019; Yuanpei College Excellent Graduate Student, 2019

Peking University Merit Research Scholarship, 2019–2020

Peking University Graduate School Scholarship, 2019–2020

Peking University Excellent Graduate Student, 2022