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Curriculum Vitae

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POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Emory University. 2016-

Postdoctoral Associate, the Council on East Asian Studies, Yale University, 2014-2015.

Assistant Professor of Sociology and Asian Studies, Florida International University. 2011-2016.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, Northwestern University. 2011.

M.A., Sociology, University of California, Davis. 2005

B.A., Politics, East China Normal University, China 1996

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Cultural sociology, political sociology, social theory, collective memory, civil society, politics of disaster, dramaturgical social theories; East Asia, China.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

The Politics of Compassion: the Sichuan Earthquake and Civic Engagement in China (2017, Stanford University Press). (<http://www.sup.org/books/title/?id=26599>)

- The Mary Douglas Prize for Best Book, Section on the Sociology of Culture, American Sociological Association, 2018
- Best Book on Asia/Transnational, Honorable Mention, Section on Asia and Asian America, American Sociological Association, 2018
- Reviewed in *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, *China Quarterly*, *Choice*, *China Review International*

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

1. **Bin Xu**. 2017. "Commemorating a difficult disaster: Naturalizing and denaturalizing the 2008 Sichuan earthquake in China." *Memory Studies*. Online first (February, 2017).
2. **Bin Xu**. 2016. "Moral Performance and Cultural Governance in China: The Compassionate Politics of Disasters." *China Quarterly* 226 (June): 407-430.
3. Qian, Licheng, **Bin Xu**, and Dingding Chen. 2016. "Does History Education Promote Nationalism in China? A 'Limited Effect' Explanation." *Journal of Contemporary China* (online first)
4. **Bin Xu**. 2014. "Consensus Crisis and Civil Society: The Sichuan Earthquake Response and State-Society Relations." *The China Journal* 71 (January): 91-108.
5. **Bin Xu**. 2013. "For Whom the Bell Tolls: State-society Relations and the Sichuan Earthquake Mourning in China." *Theory and Society* 42 (5): 509-542
6. **Bin Xu**. 2013. "Mourning Becomes Democratic." *Contexts* 12 (1): 42-46.
7. **Bin Xu**. 2012. "Grandpa Wen: Scene and Political Performance." *Sociological Theory* 30 (2): 114-129.
8. Gary Alan Fine and **Bin Xu**. 2011. "Honest Broker: The Politics of Expertise in the 'Who Lost China?' Debate." *Social Problems* 58 (4): 593-614.
9. **Bin Xu** and Xiaoyu Pu. 2010. "Dynamic Statism and Memory Politics: A Case Analysis of the Chinese War Reparations Movement." *China Quarterly* 201(1): 156-175. (Best Graduate Student paper award from Asia and Asian America Section of American Sociological Association, 2010)
10. **Bin Xu**. 2009. "Durkheim in Sichuan: The Earthquake, National Solidarity, and the Politics of Small Things" *Social Psychology Quarterly* 72 (1).

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. **Bin Xu**. 2016. "Memory and Reconciliation in Post-Mao China, 1976-1982" in *Routledge Handbook of Memory and Reconciliation in East Asia*, edited by Mikyoung Kim.
2. **Bin Xu**. 2016. "Disaster, Trauma, and Memory." in *Routledge Handbook of Memory Studies*, edited by Anna Lisa Tota and Trever Hagen. * Translated into Italian.
3. **(Peer-reviewed) Bin Xu** and Gary Alan Fine. 2010. "Memory Movement and State-Society Relationship in Chinese World War II Victims' Reparations Movement against Japan." Pp.166-189 in *Northeast Asia's Difficult Past: Essays in Collective Memory*, edited by Mikyoung Kim and Barry Schwartz. Palgrave-McMillan. * Translated into Japanese

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

BRIEF PIECES

"The World is Yours!": Youth and Civic Engagement from Sichuan to Parkland." Invited piece for *Made in China* (Australian National University).

BOOK REVIEWS

Book Review. 2011. Ralph A. Thaxton, Jr. Catastrophe and Contention in Rural China: Mao's Great Leap Forward Famine and the Origins of Righteous Resistance in Da Fo Village. *Social Movement Studies*. Vol. 10 (4).

Book Review. 2009. Kevin J. O'Brien. Ed. *Popular Protest in China*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2008. *Mobilization*, Volume 14 (2).

Book review: 2008. *Against the Law: Labor Protests in China's Rustbelt and Sunbelt* by Ching-Kwan Lee, *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, Volume 13 (4), 2008.

PUBLICATIONS IN CHINESE

Sun Zhongwei and **Bin Xu**. 2014. "Sociology of Disaster in the United States and Its Implications for Chinese Disaster Research." (美国灾难社会学发展及其对中国的启示). *Sociological Research* (社会学研究), No.2.

Bin Xu. 2002. "The Struggles among Gods and Intellectuals: Two Key Issues in Classical Sociology of Knowledge" (诸神之争与知识人: 经典知识社会学的两个核心问题) (in Chinese) in *The Journal of Social Theory* (社会理论丛刊) 2002, China.

Book Review. 曼海姆《文化社會學論集》, 《二十一世紀》(香港), October, 2000.

Translation. *Selected Papers of Karl Mannheim* (translation into Chinese 曼海姆精粹) Nanjing University Press (南京大学出版社), China, 2003.

Translation. John R. Hall and Mary Jo Neitz. *Culture: Sociological Perspectives* (文化: 社会学的视野) Commercial Press (商务印书馆). China. 2004.

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. **Book Manuscript in Progress.** *Chairman Mao's Children and China's Difficult Past: Generation, Class and Memory* (based on a ten-year research project which includes interviews, participant observations, textual analysis, and archival research) **Status:** Manuscript in progress. Proposal accepted by Stanford University Press for a formal review in 2018.
2. "The Cultural Sociology of China." With Licheng Qian and Weirong Guo (Graduate student). **Status:** Accepted proposal to contribute to a special section on "regional spotlights" in *Cultural Sociology*. Under review.
3. "States' Cultural Response to Disasters: Comparing the Sichuan Earthquake to Hurricane Katrina." With John Bernau (graduate student). **Status:** Under Review.

4. "Generation, Class, and Memory: China's "Lost Generation" and Their Difficult Past." **Status:** Under Review.
5. "Dignity in the Red Envelope: The Culture Work in the Informal Payments for Medical Services in China." With Weirong Guo (Graduate student). Status: Paper accepted for American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting in 2018.

AWARDS & GRANTS

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

1. 2018. **The Mary Douglas Prize for Best Book**, Section on Sociology of Culture, **American Sociological Association**
2. **2018. Best Book on Asia/Transnational**. Honorable Mention, Section on Asia and Asian American, American Sociological Association, 2018.
3. 2018-2019. **ACLS** (American Council of Learned Societies) "Comparative Perspectives on Chinese Culture and Society" (Conference grant for "Politics, Societies, and Disasters: China and Beyond." \$25,000)
4. 2017-2018. **Henry Luce/ACLS** (American Council of Learned Societies) Postdoctoral Fellowship in China Studies. A major buy-out fellowship.
5. 2016-2018. **Public Intellectuals Program (PIP) Fellow**. The National Committee on US-China Relations. A major fellowship for China studies scholars.
6. 2013. **Visiting Scholar Fellowship**. International Center for Studies of Chinese Civilization, Fudan University, Shanghai. Fall semester, 2013.
7. 2012. Project "Some Sufferings Are More Equal than Others: Collective Memory of Zhiqing" won **Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline (FAD)** from the American Sociological Association/National Science Foundation. \$7,000
8. 2010 **Best Graduate Student Paper** (With Xiaoyu Pu) from Asia and Asian America Section of **American Sociological Association**, 2010. "Dynamic Statism and Memory Politics: A Case Analysis of the Chinese War Reparations Movement." *China Quarterly* 201(1): 156-175.
9. 2009 **Small Grant from the China and Inner Asia Council** (CIAC) of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) (2009. \$1500) for dissertation project.

INTERNAL AWARDS

1. 2018. **Grant for Second Book Writing**. \$3,000. East Asian Studies. Emory University.
2. 2013. **Broad Research Fellowship**. School of International and Public Affairs, Florida International University. \$1,000
3. 2012 **Summer Faculty Development Award** from Florida International University. 10% of 9-month salary
4. **2010 Winch Award for Best Graduate Published/Presented Paper** from the Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, 2010, for paper "Moral Legitimacy and the Ritual of

Downplaying: State-Society Relationship in the National Mourning for the Sichuan Earthquake Victims in China.”

5. **2009 Karpf Prize** for advanced graduate students whose work contributes to promoting “peace, goodwill, tolerance and understanding among the peoples of the Earth.” Northwestern University.
6. **2009 Ethnographic Research Fellowship.** Department of Sociology, Northwestern University.
7. **2008 Summer Research Grant.** “China’s New Nationalism”. \$2,500. From The Center for International and Comparative Studies at Northwestern University.
8. **2007 Graduate Research Grant.** “The Chinese War Reparations Movement.” \$1,500. From the Graduate School, Northwestern University. 2008. \$1,350.
9. **2007. MacArthur Summer Research Grant,** with Gary Alan Fine. \$1,350. “The Chinese War Reparations Movement and State-Society Relationship”. Sociology Department, Northwestern University.
10. **2007 Summer Research Grant.** “The Chinese War Reparations Movement”. \$1,000. From The Center for International and Comparative Studies at Northwestern University.
11. **2006 MacArthur Summer Research Grant,** with Gary Alan Fine. Project “Owen Lattimore and Politics of Reputation.” Sociology Department, Northwestern University, \$1,000.
12. **2003-2004 University Scholar Fellowship,** \$20,000. University of California, Davis.

INVITED TALKS

1. “Collective Memory of China’s Zhiqing Generation.” **University of Michigan,** Lieberthal and Rogel Center for Chinese Studies. Scheduled in December, 2018.
2. “The Politics of Compassion: the Sichuan Earthquake and Civic Engagement in China.” **University of Tennessee,** Knoxville. November, 2018.
3. “Regretless Youth and Long Live Youth!: Exhibits and Museums as Sites of Memory for China’s Zhiqing Generation.” **Emory University,** September, 2018.
4. “How Activism and the Media can Thrive in China.” Invited talk on a panel, **World Affairs Council,** Atlanta. August 8, 2018.
5. “The Politics of Compassion: the Sichuan Earthquake and Civic Engagement in China.” **University of Toronto,** The Munk School of Global Affairs. March 26, 2018
6. “The Politics of Compassion: the Sichuan Earthquake and Civic Engagement in China.” **Columbia University,** School of Social Work. March 20, 2018
7. “The Politics of Compassion: the Sichuan Earthquake and Civic Engagement in China.” **Northwestern University,** Equality Development and Globalization Studies. March 8, 2018
8. “The Politics of Compassion: the Sichuan Earthquake and Civic Engagement in China.” **University of Pennsylvania,** February 22, 2018
9. “The Politics of Compassion: the Sichuan Earthquake and Civic Engagement in China.” **Yale University,** Council on East Asian Studies, February 1, 2018
10. “The Politics of Compassion: the Sichuan Earthquake and Civic Engagement in China.” **The National Committee on US-China Relations,** New York.
11. “The Politics of Compassion: the Sichuan Earthquake and Civic Engagement in China.” Public lecture at Taihu Qunxue Shuyuan (A community center in Jiangsu, China). November, 2017.

12. "The Politics of Compassion: the Sichuan Earthquake and Civic Engagement in China." **Nanjing University**, China. November, 2017.
13. "The Politics of Compassion: the Sichuan Earthquake and Civic Engagement in China." **University of California at Davis**, November 16, 2017
14. "Contemporary Chinese Society and Culture: Pedagogical Reflections." **Georgia Highlands College**. October, 2017.
15. "New Scholarship on China." **The China Research Center**, Georgia Tech. October 19, 2017.
16. "The Politics of Compassion: the Sichuan Earthquake and Civic Engagement in China." **Georgetown University**. September, 2017
17. "The Politics of Compassion: the Sichuan Earthquake and Civic Engagement in China." **Emory University**, September, 2017
18. "A Genealogy of the Sociology of Memory." **Nanjing University**, China. December, 2016.
19. "Collective Memory of China's 'Educated Youth' Generation." **Emory University**, December, 2016
20. "Unequal Memories: the 'Educated Youth' Generation and China's Difficult Past." **Vanderbilt University**, April 8, 2016
21. "Politics of Moral Sentiments: Civil Society and the 2008 Sichuan Earthquake in China." **University of Hong Kong**. May 11, 2015
22. "Remembering and Forgetting the Sichuan Earthquake." Talk at Social Science Workshop on China, **Yale University**. January, 2015.
23. "Collective Memories of China's Educated Youth Generation." Talk at Postdoctoral Speaking Series. November, 2014. **Yale University**.
24. "Moral Legitimation and the State-Society Relations in the Sichuan Earthquake." **University of Macau**, December, 2013.
25. "Moral Legitimation and the Sichuan Earthquake." Invited talk at School of Economics, **Fudan University**, Shanghai, November 2013.
26. "Some Sufferings are Moral Equal than Others: Collective Memory of China's Educated Youth Generation." *Culture and Society Workshop*, **Northwestern University**. April 2013.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZING

1. **Organizer**. "States, Societies, and Disasters in East Asia." A major interdisciplinary conference. *Organizer*. Venue: University of Copenhagen, Denmark. ACLS funded (Grant on "Comparative Studies of Chinese Culture and Society" \$25,000). 2019.
2. **Organizer**. Panel on "Collective Memory: New Approaches and Cases." Eastern Sociological Society, New York, February, 2015
3. **Organizer**. "History and Memory of China's Educated Youth (*zhiquing*) Generation." December 2013, Fudan University, Shanghai.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. Roundtable Panel on “Wenchuan Earthquake: A Decade of Changes and Continuities.” Association for Asian Studies, Washington DC, March, 2018.
2. Roundtable Panel on “The Future of Chinese Social Policy.” Conference on “Expanding Social Policy in China.” Columbia School of Social Work, March, 2018.
3. “The Sympathetic State: How Do Modern States Culturally Respond to Disasters?” Social Science History Association, November 2017. Montreal, Canada.
4. Critic of Fatma Gocek’s *Denial of Violence*. Author-Meets-Critics. American Sociological Association. 2017. Montreal.
5. “Class: A Forgotten Factor in Collective Memory.” American Sociological Association, 2016, Seattle.
6. “History and Memory of the Mao Years: Researching the Maoist Legacies through Fieldwork.” Presentation at conference on “Digital Humanities and the Maoist Legacy.” University of Freiburg, Germany, February, 2015
7. “Moral Performance and Cultural Governance: Efficacy and Dilemmas of Compassionate Politics after the 2008 Sichuan Earthquake.” Presentation at “Protecting the Weak” Conference at Goethe University of Frankfurt, Germany, January, 2015.
8. “Some Sufferings are More Equal than Others.” Collective Memory Regular Session. *American Sociological Association* annual meeting, August, 2012. Denver, Colorado.
9. “Consensus Crisis and Civil Society: The Sichuan Earthquake Response and State-Society Relations.” North American Chinese Sociologists Association Annual Meeting. August, 2012. Denver, Colorado
10. “Generation and Memory: China’s Educated Youths.” *Social Science History Association* Annual Meeting. November, 2011, Boston.
11. “Moral Legitimacy and the National Mourning for the Sichuan Earthquake Victims.” *Social Science History Association* Annual Meeting. November, 2010, Chicago.
12. “Explaining Solidarity among Strangers: Interaction Rituals and Publics in the Wake of the 2008 Sichuan Earthquake in China.” Regular session on Social Theory, *American Sociological Association* annual meeting, Atlanta, 2010.
13. “Grandpa Wen and *Mise-en-scène*: Disasters and Political Performance.” Panel on “Power and Performance” at *International Sociological Association World Congress*, Gothenburg, Sweden. July, 2011.
14. “Rite of Reversal: Commemoration, Emotion, Politics in the National Mourning for the Sichuan Earthquake Victims.” *Culture and Society Workshop*, Northwestern University, Evanston IL. April 8, 2010.
15. “Civic Participation and Disaster in the Wake of the Sichuan Earthquake.” Northeastern Illinois University 15th Annual Asian American Heritage Conference, disaster panel, Chicago, IL. April 1, 2010.
16. “Explaining Solidarity among Strangers: A Theoretical Explanatory Framework” *Midwest Sociological Society* Annual Meeting, Social Theory Panel. Chicago, IL. March 31, 2010.

17. "Rite of Reversal: Politics, Commemoration, and the National Mourning for the 2008 Sichuan Earthquake Victims in China." *Michigan Social Theory Conference*. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. March 12-13, 2010.
18. "Solidarity and Government Legitimacy in the Wake of the Sichuan Earthquake". *US-China People's Friendship Association Annual Symposium*. November 2009.
19. "Solidarity in Publics: the 2008 Sichuan Earthquake and Interaction Rituals". Culture and Society Workshop, Northwestern University, November 2009.
20. "People of a Gown Flock Together: the Han Clothing Movement and the Invention of Tradition in Small Publics" *The Third Urban Representation Conference*. Shanghai, China, April 2009.
21. "The Elusive Harmony: Rituals, Solidarity, and State Legitimacy in the Sichuan Earthquake and the Beijing Olympics." Presentation at *Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies*, Northwestern University. February, 2009.
22. "Han Clothing and Small Group Cultural Production." Presentation at *Culture and Society Workshop*, Northwestern University. November, 2008.
23. "Official Memory Texts and Discursive Politics: A Case Analysis of the Chinese WWII Victims' Redress Movement" Presentation on *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, August 2008, Boston.
24. "Civil Society, Collective Memory, and Sino-Japanese Relations: A Case Analysis of Chinese War Reparations Movement since the 1990s" with Xiaoyu Pu, *International Studies Association Annual Meeting*, March 2008, San Francisco.
25. "Memory Movement and the State-Society Relationship: The Chinese WWII Victims' Reparations Movement against Japan". With Gary Alan Fine. *Social Science History Association Annual Meeting*. November, 2008, Chicago.
26. "Transfer of Charisma: Eleanor Roosevelt's Post-First-Lady Reputation and Custodian Network" *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Social Psychology Section, Roundtable Session, August, 2008, New York.
27. "Public Sphere, Collective Memory, and Chinese WWII Reparations Movement" Presentation with Gary Alan Fine on "Politics of Regret" International Conference, Washington D.C, March 2007.
28. "Reception of Commemorative Narratives: China's Official Commemoration of WWII and the Student Protest in 1985." Midwest Political Science Association 2006 Annual Meeting.

EXTERNAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1. Nomination Committee member. Theory Section, American Sociological Association (2016-2017).
2. Article Award Committee member. Global and Transnational Sociology Section, American Sociological Association (2016-2017).
3. Graduate Student Paper Award Committee member. Political Sociology Section, American Sociological Association (2016-2017).
4. Board Member. North America Chinese Sociologists Association (2013-2015)

5. Reviewer for *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *Mobilization*, *Symbolic Interactionism*, *Chinese Journal of Sociology*, *Modern Asian Studies*, *Voluntas*, *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*, *China Quarterly*, *The China Journal*
6. Membership: American Sociological Association, Association for Asian Studies, Memory Studies Association.