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## EDUCATION

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<b>Emory University</b>	Atlanta, GA
Ph.D. in Sociology	2022–2027 (Expected)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dissertation: <i>Performing the Nation: Celebrity Politics and Public Perception under Authoritarianism</i></li> <li>• Research interests: political sociology, cultural sociology, nationalism, public opinion</li> </ul>	
<b>University of Hong Kong</b>	Pokfulam, HK
B.A. (First Class Honors), Sociology & Translation, with a minor in French	2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thesis: <i>Telling China's Stories: the 2008 Sichuan Earthquake VS the COVID-19 Pandemic</i></li> </ul>	

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Chen, Lingxiao.** Forthcoming. "Performing Nationalism: Celebrity Politics and Audience Boundary Work under Authoritarianism." *American Sociological Review*.
- Xu, Bin, **Lingxiao Chen**, and Xueqia Zhang. 2025. "How to Say 'Black Lives Matter' in Chinese?: Race, Democracy, and Discourses of a Movement." *Social Problems*. spaf024.

## WORKING PAPERS

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- "Nationalist Signaling as Image Repair: Audiences' Moral Economies in China's Entertainment."
- "The Hierarchy of Virtue: Moral Engineering of Entertainers in China." Book chapter, *The Politics of Moral Engineering in China* (Edited Volume).

## AWARDS &amp; SCHOLARSHIPS

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<b>People's Choice Award, Three Minute Thesis Competition</b>   \$250	2026
Top-voted presenter among university-wide 3MT finalists at Emory University	
<b>Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies</b>   \$3,000	2025
Research grants for the project <i>Performing the Nation</i>	
<b>OYCF-Chow Field Research Fellow, Overseas Young Chinese Forum</b>   \$5,000	2025
Award supporting dissertation fieldwork in China Studies (5 recipients annually in North America)	
<b>Maureen Blyler Graduate Research Award, Emory Sociology</b>   \$250	2025
Awarded for the best research paper by an Emory Sociology graduate student	
<b>Graduate Global Research Fellow, The Halle Institute for Global Research</b>   \$5,000	2024
Fellowship supporting pre-candidacy fieldwork for the project <i>Performing the Nation</i>	
<b>Professional Development Support Funds, Laney Graduate School</b>   \$2,500	2023
Conference travel grant and training grant for attending the ICPSR quantitative training	
<b>Martin L. Levin Scholarship for Summer ICPSR Training</b>   \$2,500	2023
Fellowship awarded annually to support one Emory Sociology student in advanced quantitative training	
<b>Rosita King Ho Scholarship</b>   \$37,340	2017 – 2021
Entrance scholarship covering half the tuition fees at HKU	

<b>Talent Development Scholarship under the HKSAR Gov Scholarship Fund</b>   \$1,300 National Champion, National Creative English Competition of China	2020
<b>Reaching Out Award under the HKSAR Gov Scholarship Fund</b>   \$1,300 Scholarship for participation in overseas exchange programs	2020
<b>Pembroke-King's Programme - HKU Scholarship</b>   \$9,450 Fully funded summer program at the University of Cambridge (up to three awards granted annually)	2019
<b>The Consular Book Award in American Studies, U.S. Consulate General HK</b>   \$200 Scholarship for outstanding academic performance in American Studies at HKU	2018
<b>Dean's Honours List, University of Hong Kong</b>   Honorary Awarded for outstanding academic achievements at HKU	2017-2021
<b>National Champion, National Creative English Contest of China</b>   Honorary First place among 70,000 high school student contestants nationwide	2016

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>Research Assistant</b>   21st Century China Center, UC San Diego Conducted content analysis of attitudes of leading Chinese experts on U.S.-China relations	2020 – 2024
<b>Predoctoral Fellowship</b>   Jennifer Pan, Stanford University Led data analysis, produced research reports, and supervised research assistants	2021 – 2022
<b>Research Assistant</b>   William I. Robinson, UC Santa Barbara Analyzed and compiled data from UN reports for the book on global capitalism post-pandemic	2020 – 2021
<b>Research Assistant</b>   Tom McDonald, University of Hong Kong Conducted interviews on cross-border financial activities in Hong Kong and mainland China	2019 – 2020

## PRESENTATIONS

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- Performing Nationalism: Audience Boundary Work in Celebrity Politics under Authoritarianism**
- Overseas Young China Scholars Annual Meeting (Aug 2025)
  - Ethnography and Qualitative Research International Conference, University of Trento (July 2025)
  - Security and Conflict Lab, Department of Political Science, Emory University (April 2025)
  - American Sociological Association: Nationalist Discourse and Lived Realities Panel (Aug 2024)
  - Young Scholars Conference, UC San Diego (May 2024)
- From Revolution to Regulation: Moral Engineering of China's Entertainment**
- The Politics of Moral Engineering in China Workshop, University of Vienna (July 2025)
- How to Say "Black Lives Matter" in Chinese?: Race, Democracy, and Discourses of a Movement**
- Global Black Lives Matter: An Online Symposium (Sep 2023)
  - American Sociological Association: Section on Sociology of Culture (Aug 2023)

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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<b>ICPSR Summer Program</b> Summer Courses, Text Analysis and Causal Inference	Ann Arbor, MI 2023
<b>UC-Santa Barbara</b> Semester Exchange, Sociology (Dean's Honor, GPA: 3.92/4)	Santa Barbara, CA 2020
<b>University of Cambridge</b> Pembroke-King's Programme (Full Scholarship), Independent Research, Economic Sociology	Cambridge, UK 2019

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Emory University

- Qualitative Research Methods, (Graduate, TA, Fall 2024)
- Teaching Sociology, (Pedagogy training, Spring 2024)
- Development of Sociological Theory (Undergraduate, TA, Fall 2023)
- Culture and Society (Undergraduate, TA, Fall 2022)

### Guest Lectures

- “Black Lives Matter Discourse in China,” SOC 346, Colby College (Mar 2025)
- “Nationalism and Chinese Entertainment,” SOC 334, Emory University (Apr 2024)
- “Black Lives Matter Discourse in China,” Asian America Series, UPenn (Nov 2023)

## SERVICE

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### To the Discipline

- **ASA Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Section** 2025  
Member, Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award Committee
- **ASA Social Psychology Section** 2025  
Member, Nominations Committee

### To Emory University

- Social Chair, Coalition of Graduate Students 2022–2025
- Mentor, Sociology Research Apprenticeship (SRA) Program 2024
- Panelist, "Teaching as an International TA in the U.S. Context" 2024

## SKILLS

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**Fieldwork:** Hong Kong, U.S.

**Languages:** Mandarin Chinese (native), English (fluent), Cantonese (fluent), French (intermediate)

**Tools:** R, Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, MAXQDA, Qualtrics