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EDUCATION

Emory University	Atlanta, GA
Ph.D. in Sociology	2022–2027 (Expected)
• Research interests: political sociology, cultural sociology, nationalism, public opinion • Dissertation: <i>Performing the Nation: Celebrity Politics and Public Perception under Authoritarianism</i>	
University of Hong Kong	Pokfulam, HK
B.A. (First Class Honors), Sociology & Translation, with a minor in French	2021

PUBLICATIONS

Chen, Lingxiao. 2026. "[Performing Nationalism: Celebrity Politics and Audience Boundary Work under Authoritarianism](#)." *American Sociological Review*. Online First.

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

- "Nationalist Signaling as Image Repair: Audiences' Moral Economies in China's Entertainment."
- "The Permissible Feminist: How Authoritarian Institutions Shape Feminist Consciousness From Within." (With Zepeng Zhou).
- "Moral Hierarchy and Market Discipline: The Engineering of Entertainers in China." Book chapter, *The Politics of Moral Engineering in China* (Edited Volume).

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

ASA Student Forum Travel Awards \$400	2026
Award supporting ASA Student Members to attend the annual meeting	
People's Choice Award, Three Minute Thesis Competition \$250	2026
Top-voted presenter among university-wide 3MT finalists at Emory University	
Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies \$3,000	2025
Research grants for the project <i>Performing the Nation</i>	
OYCF-Chow Field Research Fellow, Overseas Young Chinese Forum \$5,000	2025
Award supporting dissertation fieldwork in China Studies (5 recipients annually in North America)	
Maureen Blyler Graduate Research Award, Emory Sociology \$250	2025
Awarded for the best research paper by an Emory Sociology graduate student	
Graduate Global Research Fellow, The Halle Institute for Global Research \$5,000	2024
Fellowship supporting pre-candidacy fieldwork for the project <i>Performing the Nation</i>	
Professional Development Support Funds, Laney Graduate School \$2,500	2023
Conference travel grant and training grant for attending the ICPSR quantitative training	

Martin L. Levin Scholarship for Summer ICPSR Training \$2,500	2023
Fellowship awarded annually to support one Emory Sociology student in advanced quantitative training	
Rosita King Ho Scholarship \$37,340	2017 – 2021
Entrance scholarship covering half the tuition fees at HKU	
Talent Development Scholarship under the HKSAR Gov Scholarship Fund \$1,300	2020
National Champion, National Creative English Competition of China	
Reaching Out Award under the HKSAR Gov Scholarship Fund \$1,300	2020
Scholarship for participation in overseas exchange programs	
Pembroke-King’s Programme - HKU Scholarship \$9,450	2019
Fully funded summer program at the University of Cambridge (up to three awards granted annually)	
The Consular Book Award in American Studies, U.S. Consulate General HK \$200	2018
Scholarship for outstanding academic performance in American Studies at HKU	
Dean’s Honours List, University of Hong Kong Honorary	2017-2021
Awarded for outstanding academic achievements at HKU	
National Champion, National Creative English Contest of China Honorary	2016
First place among 70,000 high school student contestants nationwide	

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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

PRESENTATIONS

Performing Nationalism: Celebrity Politics and Audience Boundary Work 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

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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, University of Pennsylvania (Nov 2023)

SERVICE

To the Discipline

- **Presider** 2026
ASA Sociology of Culture Section and Political Sociology Section
- **Section Committee** 2025
Members of AMSS Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award Committee
Member of Social Psychology Nominations Committee

To Emory University

- Social Chair, Coalition of Graduate Students, Department of Sociology 2022–2025
- Mentor, Sociology Research Apprenticeship (SRA) Program 2024
- Panelist, "Teaching as an International TA," International Student and Scholar Services 2024

SKILLS

Fieldwork: Hong Kong, U.S.

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

Tools: R, Python, $\text{\LaTeX}$, MAXQDA, Qualtrics