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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Cornell University	
Department of International and Comparative Labor	2011-Present
Member of the Field of Sociology	2012-Present
Member of the Field of Development Sociology	2013-Present
 Visiting Fellow, Brown University	
International Studies	Spring 2015

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, CA	2011
M.A. Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, CA	2007
B.A. Asian Studies, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY	2002
A.A. Liberal Arts, Bard College at Simon's Rock, Gt. Barrington, MA	2000

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

China, Development, Globalization, Social Movements, Theory, Urbanization, Work and Labor

BOOKS

Insurgency Trap: Labor Politics in Postsocialist China. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. 2014.

EDITED VOLUMES & SPECIAL ISSUES

Special Issue: Changing Work, Labour and Employment Relations in China. *Human Relations*. 68(2). 2015. (co-editor with Sarosh Kuruvilla)

China on Strike: Narratives of Worker Resistance from the Pearl River Delta. Haymarket Press. (co-editor of the English edition with Zhongjin Li [forthcoming])

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

"Decentralization and Experimentation in China's Labor Relations." *Human Relations*. 68(2): 181-195. 2015. (First author, with Sarosh Kuruvilla).

"Alienated Politics: Labor Insurgency and the Paternalistic State in China." *Development and Change*. 45(5): 1001-1018. 2014.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (CONT'D)

"Economic Development and Sectoral Unions in China." *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*. 67(2): 481-503. 2014

"Insurgency and Institutionalization: The Polanyian Countermovement and Chinese Labor Politics." *Theory and Society*. 42(3):295-327. 2013.

"Getting Through the Hard Times Together? Chinese Workers and Unions Respond to the Economic Crisis." *Journal of Industrial Relations*. 54(4):459-475. 2012.

"Remaking the World of Chinese Labour: a 30-Year Retrospective." *British Journal of Industrial Relations*. 48(3):507-533. 2010. (First author, with Ching Kwan Lee).

"External Pressure and Local Mobilization: Transnational Activism and the Emergence of the Chinese Labor Movement." *Mobilization*. 14(2):199-218. 2009.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"The Primary Contradiction." *Jacobin*. February 2, 2015.

"The Urbanization of the Chinese Working Class." *Jacobin*. 15/16. 2014.

"Why Hong Kong's 'Occupy Central' Movement has Beijing Very, Very Scared." *The Nation*. September 12, 2014.

"Outside the New China." *Jacobin*. 11/12. 2013.

Italian Translation: "I 'dannati della terra' nella nuova Cina." *MicroMega*. 9. 2013.

"China in Revolt." *Jacobin*. 7/8. 2012.

French Translation: "La Chine en révolte." *La Revue des Livres*. Jan-Feb. 2013.

Spanish Translation: "Las mutaciones de la resistencia obrera en China." *Nueva Sociedad*. 244: 15-28. 2013

Chinese Translation: "躁动的中国." *劳动世界*. March, 2013.

[Portuguese translation forthcoming]

"Dissociated Development: Between Countryside and City." In *Factory Towns of South China*, edited by Stefan Al. Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press. 2012.

"In China, investors follow migrant workers from the coast to the inland region." *Quartz*. October 29, 2012.

"China Since Tiananmen: The Labor Movement." *Journal of Democracy*. 20(3):21-24. 2009. (second author, with Ching Kwan Lee)

BOOK REVIEWS

Chan, Anita. "Walmart in China." *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*. 66(5). 2013.

Kay, Tamara. "NAFTA and the Politics of Labor Transnationalism." *Social Forces*. 91(1). 2012.

Hurst, William. "The Chinese Worker after Socialism." *Enterprise and Society*. 11(3):672-674. 2010.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Teachers' Work in Urban China's Migrant Schools." [under review at *Modern China*]

TEACHING

Awards

MacIntyre Award for Exemplary Teaching, Cornell University, 2013

Courses

Comparative Employment Relations in China and India, Cornell University

Globalization and Sociology of Work (writing seminar), Cornell University

Political Economy of Postsocialism, Cornell University

Sociology of Work (PhD Seminar), Cornell University

Urbanization in China: Megacities, Mass Migration, and Citizenship Struggles, Brown University

Work and Labor in China, Cornell University

Work, Labor and Capital in the Global Economy, Cornell University

Teaching Assistant Courses

Classical Social Theory, UC Berkeley

Contemporary Social Theory, UC Berkeley

Introduction to Sociology, UC Berkeley

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Jeffrey Sean Lehman Fund for Scholarly Exchange with China, 2013

Cornell Institute for the Social Sciences, Small Grants Program, 2012

University of California, Berkeley Department of Sociology Grant, 2010

Pacific Rim Research Program Advanced Graduate Student Research Fellowship, 2009

Global Scholarship Programme for Research Excellence – CNOOC Grant, 2009

University of California Berkeley Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, 2008

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS (CONT'D)

University of California Labor and Employment Research Fund Thesis Fellowship, 2008

Center for Chinese Studies Summer Research Grants, Summer 2007

Foreign Language and Area Studies Scholarship, 2004-2005

INVITED TALKS

"Insurgency Trap: Labor Politics in Postsocialist China." Harvard Trade Union Program, Harvard University. February 2015.

"Alienated Politics: Labor Insurgency and the Paternalistic State in China."
The Future of Democracy After Neoliberalism: Social Movements in a Globalizing World,
University of Tokyo. July 2014.
From Proletariat to Precariat: Changing Labor Relations in the Twentieth and Twenty-First
Centuries. Indiana University. September 2014.

"Inverted Socialism: Urbanization, Citizenship, and Education in China." Colloquium on
Comparative Research, Brown University. April 2014.

"Teachers' Work in China's Migrant Schools." Pembroke Center Roundtable, Brown University.
March 2014.

"Economic Transition and Popular Resistance in China." Center for Social Theory and
Comparative History, UCLA. February 2014.

"Capitalist Development and Postsocialist Labor Politics in China." Department of Sociology,
Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea. October 2013.

"Appropriated Representation: Illegitimate Unions and Worker Unrest in China." The Rise of the
South: Current Trends >> Future Possibilities. Committee on Global Thought, Columbia
University. April 2013. Video Link: <http://t.co/2dPxFYTucE>

"What Are the Pressures on Supply Chains to Change?" The Transformation of Supply Chains.
University of Washington. March 2013.

"Economic Development and Sectoral Unions in China: The Cases of Guangdong and Zhejiang."
Institute for Work and Employment Research, MIT. November 2012

"Producing Social Reproduction: Teachers' Work in Beijing's Segregated School System." East
Asian Studies Program, Johns Hopkins University. September 2012.

"Insurgency and Institutionalization: Countermovements and Chinese Labor Politics."
Department of Sociology, University of Arizona. February 2012.

"Occupy the World: Labor, Global Insurgency, and Permanent Crisis." (presented in Chinese) Sun
Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China. December 2011.

INVITED TALKS (CONT'D)

"The Development and Evolution of U.S. Labor Relations." (presented in Chinese) Chinese Institute for Industrial Relations, Beijing, China. December 2011.

"Oligarchic Decommodification: Trade Unions and Sectoral Wage Negotiations in Zhejiang Province." Department of Sociology, Chinese University of Hong Kong. December 2009.

"Dynamics of Representation and the Unionization of Wal-Mart in China." *Work and Inequality in the Global Economy: China, Mexico, and the US.* University of California, Los Angeles. October 2009. (plenary session)

"Transformations in US-Chinese Trade Union Relations." (presented in Chinese) Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China. December 2007.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Riots in the PRC." *Antisocial Turn: The Age of Riots.* Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. October 2014.

"Chinese Workers Search for Utopia." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.* Denver, CO. August 2012.

"Part of the Working Class? Migrant Workers, Unions, and Depoliticization in China." *International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology.* Buenos Aires, Argentina. August 2012.

"Economic Development and Sectoral Unions in China: The cases of Guangdong and Zhejiang" *Comparative Chinese Labour Studies Conference.* University of Technology Sydney. Sydney, Australia. November 2011.

Conflict and Cooperation: The International Symposium of Collective Labor Dispute Resolution and Regulation. Renmin University. Beijing, China. December 2011.

"Getting Through the Hard Times Together? Worker Insurgency and Chinese Unions' Response to the Economic Crisis." *International Sociological Association,* Gothenburg, Sweden. July 2010.

"The Double Movement is a Triple Movement: The Challenges of Realizing Decommodification of Labor in China." *North American Chinese Sociologist Association Annual Meeting.* San Francisco, California, August 2009.

"External Pressure and Local Mobilization: Transnational Activism and the Emergence of the Chinese Labor Movement" *Collective Behavior and Social Movements Workshop.* Hofstra University, New York. August 2007.

"Foundations, the Private Sector, and the Union: Strategies for the Advancement of the Rights and Interests of Chinese Migrant Workers." (presented in Chinese)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (CONT'D)

Symposium on Social Policy in the Context of Rural Labor Migration. Nankai University, Tianjin, China, December 2006.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Apple Academic Advisory Board, 2012-Present

Cornell University Press, Reviewer, 2012-Present

Administrative Science Quarterly, Reviewer, 2012-Present

Studies in Comparative and International Development, Reviewer, 2012-Present

American Journal of Sociology, Reviewer, 2011-Present

American Sociological Review, Reviewer, 2011-Present

Globalizations, Reviewer 2011-Present

Labor Studies Journal, Reviewer, 2010-Present

Mobilization, Reviewer, 2009-Present

Change to Win/Service Employees International Union, Interpreter and Advisor, 2007-8

Chinese Sociology and Anthropology, Translator, 2004

China Labor Watch, Executive Assistant, 2003

LANGUAGES

Chinese (Mandarin), near-native oral and written proficiency