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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology, University of California, Berkeley (expected 2017)

Dissertation: *With One Voice: Unifying the Nation through Language Reform in Early Twentieth-Century China*

Dissertation committee: John Lie (chair), Mara Loveman, Wen-hsin Yeh, Pamela Crossley

Advanced to candidacy (August 2014)

Qualifying examinations passed (May 2014)

M.A. in Sociology, University of California, Berkeley (December 2013)

Thesis: "The Making of Modern Standard Chinese: A Critique of Bourdieu through the Lens of Language Reform and Nation-Building in Early Twentieth-Century China."

B.A. in Political Science and International Studies, Yale University (2008)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political sociology, nationalism, comparative historical sociology, sociology of language, social theory, China

PUBLICATIONS

Jeffrey Weng (forthcoming) "What is Mandarin? The Social Project of Language Standardization in Early Republican China," *Journal of Asian Studies*.

Jeffrey Weng (forthcoming) "Review of 'The Rural Modern: Reconstructing the Self and State in Republican China,' by Kate Merkel-Hess," *The China Review*.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"The End of East Asian Linguistic Cosmopolitanism: Japan, Korea, and Vietnam, ca. 1850–1950," (invited)

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Section on Asia and Asian America, refereed roundtable. Montreal, Canada. August 2017.

"What is Mandarin? The Invention of a National Standard Language in Early Republican China"

- Institute of East Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley, conference on *East Asia as Method: Culture, Knowledge, Space*, panel, "Language in the (Re)making of Asia." Berkeley, CA. October 2016.

"Language, Class, and Nation: The Rise of a National Lingua Franca and the Problem of Equity."

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Comparative-Historical Section, Refereed Roundtable. Seattle, WA. August 2016.

"What is Mandarin? Nationalism and Linguistic Modernity in Early Twentieth Century China."

- Nanjing University, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Colloquium Talk, June 2016.

“What is Mandarin? Evolving Notions of Language and Peoplehood in Early Twentieth-Century China.”

- Leiden University, International Institute for Asian Studies, conference on *Language, Power and Identity in Asia: Creating and Crossing Language Boundaries*, panel, “Language Standardization and State Power in the Twentieth-Century Sinosphere,” with Thomas Mullaney, Rachel Leow, and Gina Tam. Leiden, Netherlands. March 2016.

“Linguistic Modernity: The Limits of Ideology and State Power in the Creation of Modern Standard Languages.”

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, panel, “Theorizing Inequality.” Chicago, IL. August 2015.
- Junior Theorists Symposium, panel, “The State and Globalization.” Chicago, IL. August 2015.
- Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, panel, “Fields and Disciplines.” Baltimore, MD. November 2015.

“Language and Nation-Building in Early Twentieth-Century China: A Critique of Bourdieu.”

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Theory Section, refereed roundtable. San Francisco, CA. August 2014.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2017
- Dr. C.F. Koo and Cecilia Koo Fellowship for Outstanding Graduate Student in East Asian Studies, UC Berkeley Institute of East Asian Studies, 2017
- Long-Ling Hsiao Chu and Chao Chi Chu Fellowship in Chinese Studies, UC Berkeley Center for Chinese Studies, 2017
- Finalist, Harvard Academy Scholars Postdoctoral Fellowship, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies (10 finalists chosen from 1,139 applicants), 2016
- National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, 2016–2017
- UC Berkeley Center for Chinese Studies Dissertation Fellowship, 2016–2017
- Helen Gan and Richard Aston Fellowship, 2015–2016
- China Times Cultural Foundation Young Scholars Award, 2015
- UC Berkeley Institute of East Asian Studies Haas Junior Scholars Program for Doctoral Candidates, 2015–2016
- Leo Lowenthal Fellowship, UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, 2015
- Republic of China East Asian Fellowship, UC Berkeley Center for Chinese Studies, 2015
- Taiwanese-American Foundation of Boston University Fellowship, 2015
- UC Berkeley Center for Chinese Studies Summer Research Grant, 2014
- UC Berkeley Department of Sociology Small Research Grant, 2013–2014
- Institute for Humane Studies, Bernard Marcus Fellowship, 2013–2014
- UC Berkeley Graduate Division Summer Grant, 2013
- Institute for Humane Studies, Baxter Fellowship, 2012–2013
- Yale-China Association Teaching Fellowship, 2008–2010

RESEARCH AND TEACHING

Research assistant to Stanley Lubman, UC Berkeley School of Law, 2012–2013

- Research in Chinese legal studies; translation of Chinese materials into English

Graduate student assistant to Faculty Working Group, “Borders, Flows, and Networks: Actors, Knowledge, and Publics in East Asia,” Penelope Edwards, John Lie, Aihwa Ong (convenors), UC Berkeley Institute of East Asian Studies, fall 2013

- Assisted with research and record-keeping to facilitate faculty discussions on current research projects in sociology, political science, anthropology, history, English, and ethnic studies

Graduate Student Researcher (research assistant) to John Lie, summer 2013

- Conducted archival research at the Bancroft Library, UC Berkeley, to investigate the inception of Korean-language instruction in the United States in 1941–1942

Graduate student instructor (teaching assistant)

- “Politics and Social Change (Political Sociology),” Dr. Tiffany Page (fall 2014)
- “Modern Social Theory,” Professor John Lie (fall 2013)
- “Introduction to Sociology,” Professor Ann Swidler (fall 2012), Professor Thomas Gold (spring 2013), Dr. Jill Bakehorn (spring 2014)

Reader (grading assistant)

- “Sociology of Culture,” Dr. Jill Bakehorn (spring 2015)
- “Sociology of Work,” Dr. Linus Huang (spring 2012)
- “Sociology of Sports,” Dr. Linus Huang (fall 2011)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Co-convener, Haas Junior Scholars Program for Doctoral Candidates, Institute of East Asian Studies (IEAS), University of California, Berkeley, 2015–2016

- Co-organizer of IEAS-funded biweekly doctoral candidates’ writing workshop and conference
- Co-organizer of graduate student conference “East Asia as Method” (October 7–8, 2016), with 22 presenters (selected from more than 150 applicants), 6 discussants, and 2 invited extramural faculty keynote speakers

Yale-China Teaching Fellow, Hunan University, China, 2008–2010

- Designed and taught undergraduate courses in history, literature, and English language

Yale-China Service Intern, The Zigen Fund, Beijing and Guizhou, China, 2007

- Translated and updated bilingual (Chinese/English) publicity materials; designed curriculum and taught classes for Zigen’s training program for teachers of English

Research and Translation Intern, Shanghai Yudan, Shanghai, China, 2009

- Translated (into Chinese) British LGBT antidiscrimination legislation; participated in Yudan’s scholarly conference on “Sexual Orientation in the Law and Society,” August 2009

Taiwan Tech Trek Intern, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China (Taiwan), 2006

- Produced detailed report on revising the English-language version of the Ministry’s website; worked with the Chief of the E-Diplomacy Unit of the Department of Information and Cultural Affairs.

* *First Place in the Humanities Award for presentation on internship work at the Taiwan Tech Trek Academic Conference*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Association for Asian Studies
Social Science History Association
Yale–China Association

LANGUAGES

Mandarin Chinese (advanced fluency), Spanish (advanced)

REFERENCES

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