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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, CA  
Sociology, to be conferred Fall 2011  
Dissertation: *Rupture and Representation: Migrant Workers, Unions and the State in China*  
Committee: Peter Evans (Chair), Ching Kwan Lee, Kim Voss, Kevin O'Brien (Political Science)
- M.A. University of California, Berkeley, CA  
Sociology, May 2007
- B.A. Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY  
Asian Studies, May 2002
- A.A. Bard College at Simon's Rock, Gt. Barrington, MA  
Liberal Arts, May 2000

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Political Sociology, Theory, Work and Labor, Social Movements, China, Globalization, Development

## PUBLICATIONS

- "Dissociated Development: Between Countryside and City." In *Factory Towns of South China*, edited by Stefan Al. Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press. [forthcoming]
- "Remaking the World of Chinese Labour: a 30-Year Retrospective." With Ching Kwan Lee. *British Journal of Industrial Relations*. 48(3):507-533. 2010.
- Book review: Hurst, William. "The Chinese Worker after Socialism." *Enterprise and Society*. 11(3):672-674. 2010.
- "External Pressure and Local Mobilization: Transnational Activism and the Emergence of the Chinese Labor Movement." *Mobilization*. 14(2):199-218. 2009.

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

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

"The Social Bases of Symbolic Power: Migrant Workers and State-run Unions in China." [under review at *Politics and Society*]

"Getting Through the Hard Times Together? Worker Insurgency and Chinese Unions' Response to the Economic Crisis."

"Dynamics of Representation and the Unionization of Wal-Mart in China."

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

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

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

Center for Chinese Studies Summer Research Grants, Summer 2007

Pacific Rim Research Program Mini-grant, Summer 2006

East Asia and Pacific Summer Institutes Scholarship (NSF), Summer 2005

Foreign Language and Area Studies Scholarship, 2004-2005

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS**

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

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

"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. (*invited plenary session presentation*)

“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.

“Transformations in US-Chinese Trade Union Relations.” (presented in Chinese) Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China, December 2007. (*invited talk*)

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

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

*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), fluent