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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Department of Political Science, Allegheny College
Professor (September 2012-present)
Arthur E. Braun Professor (July 2018-June 2023)
Department Chair (July 2007-June 2013)
Associate Professor (September 2005-August 2012)
Assistant Professor (September 1998-August 2005)
Programs in Asian Studies and Chinese Studies
Co-director of Program in Chinese Studies (2008-2013)
Director of Programs in Asian Studies and Chinese Studies (1999-2008)
Director of Women's Studies, Allegheny College (2005-2006)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Department of Government, Cornell University (1999)
Dissertation: *Symbiosis and Solidarity: International Contexts and the Chinese Women's Movement in the 1990s*
major: Comparative Politics
minor: International Relations
M.A. Department of Government, Cornell University (1995)
B.A. Brandeis University, Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa (1991)
major: Politics

CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS

Chinese feminist thought in the context of Chinese intellectual criticism; Buddhism as an alternative modernity; comparative political theory and political subjectivity.

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Chasing Zombies: Buddhism and Political Subjectivity in the Capitalocene." Paper under review at the *Yin-Cheng Journal of Contemporary Buddhism*.
"Teaching Feminist China: the dream and the real." Co-authored book chapter, with Meryl Altman (DePauw University). Forthcoming in *Feminist Collaborations of Radical Interconnectedness: Intersectional and Transnational Approaches to Teaching and Learning*, Isis Nusair and Barbara L. Shaw, editors.

PUBLICATIONS

"Jingkuangxing zhishi, neizai lishi de shiyu: huikan zhongguo bainian funü yundong de lishi yu jingyan [Situational knowledge and the inner horizon of history: Reflecting on 100 years of the history and experience of 100 years of the Chinese women's movement]." Capsule summary of interview with Song Shaopeng. *Shehui Kexue Wenzhai* [Social Sciences Digest]. Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences. Issue 1, 2023.

“Jingkuangxing zhishi, neizai lishi de shiyu: huikan zhongguo bainian funü yundong de lishi yu jingyan [Situational knowledge and the inner horizon of history: Reflecting on 100 years of the history and experience of 100 years of the Chinese women’s movement].” Interview with Song Shaopeng. *Kaifang Shidai* [Open Times]. Guangzhou Academy of Social Sciences. Issue 6, 2022.

Chinese History and Socialist Feminist Theory. Editor and chief translator for volume of translations of Song Shaopeng. Routledge, 2023.

Review of Gabriele Wilde, Annette Zimmer, Katharina Obuch, and Isabelle-Christine Panreck, eds., *Civil Society and Gender Relations in Authoritarian and Hybrid Regimes: New Theoretical Approaches and Empirical Case Studies*. Invited review in *Hypatia Reviews Online*. October 2019.

“25 Years of Feminist NGOs in China: Reflections on Neoliberalism and its Resistances.” *Mainland China Studies*, 61:2, June 2018.

Reviews of Daniel A. Bell, *The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the Limits of Democracy* and Jie Yang, *The Political Economy of Emotion and Affect in East Asia*, *Journal of International and Global Studies* 9:1, December 2017.

Not Just a Laughing Matter: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Political Humor in Modern China. Co-edited volume, with Kingfai Tam of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. *The Humanities in Asia* series at Springer Publications, 2017.

“(Dis)continuities in Chinese Feminisms: Navigating Local and Global.” Invited posting at the inaugural Women and Gender in China blog. September 2017.

Review of Edmund Fung and Steven Drakeley, *Democracy in Eastern Asia*. *Journal of International and Global Studies* 7:2, April 2016.

“Politics at the local-global intersection: meanings of *bentuhua* and transnational feminism in China.” *Asian Studies Review* 40:1, Spring 2016.

“Bringing the *jia* back into *guojia*: engendering Chinese intellectual politics.” *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, special issue on “Feminist Sinologies,” 40:3, Spring 2015.

Review of Ya-Chen Chen, *The Many Dimensions of Chinese Feminism*. *Women and Gender Studies in China Review*. January 2013. <http://www.wagnet.ox.ac.uk/wagrev/journals/articles/00801.html>.

“Harmony and Critique: Contemporary Chinese Feminist Perspectives, Chinese Modernity, and the ‘Harmonious Society.’” In *China’s Rise to Power: Conceptions of State Governance*, edited by S.K. Cheung, Lida Nedilsky, and Joseph Tse-hei Lee. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012.

“Engendering the local: globalization, development and the ‘empowerment’ of Chinese rural women.” In *Women, Gender and Rural Development in China*, edited by Tamara Jacka and Sally Sargeson. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2011.

Review of Doris T. Chang, *Women’s Movements in Twentieth-Century Taiwan*. *The American Historical Review* 115 (5) (December 2010).

“Re-Presenting Rural Women’s Identities: Time, Recognition, and Representation of Rural Chinese Women.” In *Marginalization in China: Recasting Minority Politics*, edited by Cheung Siu Keung, Joseph Lee, and Lida Nedilsky. New York: Palgrave, 2009.

Review of Dorothy Ko and Wang Zheng, eds., *Translating Feminisms in China*. *The China Journal*, No. 61 (January 2009).

“A Story of a Suicide and Social Change in Contemporary China.” In *Telling Stories to Change the World*, edited by Rickie Solinger, Madeline Fox, and Kayhan Irani. New York: Routledge, 2008.

“Rural Women Knowing All: Transnational Influences on Rural Women’s Organizing in China.” *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, vol. 9, number 3 (September 2007).

“Pop” Feminism in China: The Expansion of Women’s Studies to Popular Women’s Magazines.” In *Asian Women: Interconnections*, edited by Tineke Hellwig and Sunera Thobani. Toronto: Canadian Scholars’ Press/Women’s Press, 2006.

Chinese Feminism Faces Globalization. Routledge, 2002.

SELECTED GRANTS AND AWARDS

Great Lakes College Association Global Crossroads New Directions in Global Scholarship Grant for “Chinese Feminisms.” March 2018. Collaboration with Meryl Altman, Professor of English and Women’s Studies, DePauw University.

Co-director, \$20,000 grant for conference “Political Humor in Modern China: Interdisciplinary Perspectives,” Chiang-Ching Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, June 2013.

Great Lakes College Association New Directions Initiative Grant for “The Politics of the Everyday in Chinese Alternative Modernities.” May 2013.

Great Lakes College Association New Directions Initiative Grant for “Harmonic Convergences: Buddhism and Marxism in Literary and Social Theory.” With Professor Laura Quinn, Department of English, Allegheny College, May 2012.

Great Lakes College Association New Directions Initiative Grant for “Satire, Seriously: Historical and Cultural Approaches to Political Humor.” May 2012.

Allegheny College Social Science Divisional Teacher-Scholar Professorship, 2009-2012.

Fulbright Research Fellowship, People’s Republic of China, January-June 2007

Chief writer on successful Allegheny College proposal to participate in the AsiaNetwork College-in-Asia Summer Institute, supported by the Freeman Foundation, 2000.

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Cornell University, 1991-1996.

RECENT CONFERENCE AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“In the Event of Women.” Invited discussant on Roundtable for the release of Tani Barlow’s book *In the Event of Women*, MLA Modern and Contemporary China Forum, Modern Language Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, January 2023.

“Chasing Zombies: Buddhism and Political Subjectivity in the Capitalocene.” Paper presented at the conference on the “Dharma-Ending Age: The Climate Crisis through the Lens of Buddhist Eschatology, Past and Present,” University of British Columbia, Vancouver, 7-9 October 2022.

- "In the Event of Women." Invited discussant on Roundtable for the release of Tani Barlow's book *In the Event of Women*, panel on Zoom, January 2022.
- "Feminist Collaborations." Invited participant on Roundtable at the Annual Meeting of the National Women's Studies Association, November 2021.
- "From Hunger Strikes to 'Lying Flat': Three Decades of Studying Power and Resistance in China." Invited presentation to the Jefferson Educational Society (online), 18 August 2021.
- "Chinese Feminisms as Transnational Feminisms." Panel Chair and Organizer. Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies (virtual), March 2021.
- "Changing China: The Dream and the Real." Co-authored paper (with Meryl Altman of DePauw University). Paper presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the National Women's Studies Association, Atlanta, 8-11 November 2018.
- "Buddhist Practice and the Political Imaginary in Contemporary China." Paper presented at the 26th Annual ASIANetwork Conference, Philadelphia, PA, 6-8 April 2018.
- "Contemporary Buddhist practice and the (de)gendering of Chinese nationalisms." Paper presented at the Workshop on Interrogating Buddhism and Nationalism, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford, UK, 27-28 January 2018.
- "25 Years of Feminist NGOs in China: Reflections on Neoliberalism and its Resistances." Invited presentation to the Conference on "China and International NGOs." Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan, 8-9 December 2016.
- "Walking, Talking, Meditating: Thinking about Everyday Resistances in Neoliberal China and Beyond." Presentation to the Asian Conference on Asian Studies, 3-5 June 2016, Kobe, Japan.
- "Feminism becomes neoliberalism: reflections on two decades of feminist resistances in globalizing China." Invited presentation for the Symposium on Gender and Transnational Identities in Asia, University of Illinois Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies and Center for Women and Gender in Global Perspectives, November 2015.
- "Everyday Politics in Contemporary Beijing: Privatized Activism as Counterhegemony." Paper for the panel on Women, Politics & Power in Millennial Urban Asia, Association for Asian Studies in Asia Conference, National University of Singapore, July 2014.
- "The Politics of Cynicism and Neoliberal Hegemony: Representations of Gender in Chinese Internet Humor." Paper presented at the conference "Political Humor in Modern China: Interdisciplinary Perspectives," Hong Kong Polytechnic University, December 2013.
- "Thinking About China Today through Western Social Theory." Invited presentation, Department of History, Capital Normal University, Beijing, November 2013.
- Panel discussant, "Chinese Women's Struggles at the Intersection of Social Power and Self-Determination," Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Diego, March 2013.
- "Chinese Feminism in the Context of Chinese Intellectual Criticism." Invited plenary presentation to the Conference on Feminist Sinologies, University of Michigan, October 2012.
- "Indigenization, localization, nativization: The Meanings of *bentuhua* and Transnational Feminism in China." Paper presented on the panel on "Gender and Transnationalism in China," Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, March 2012, Toronto, Canada.

"*Nuxing zhuyi dui Meiguo gonggong zhengce de yingxiang* (Feminism's Influence on American Public Policy)." Invited presentation to the International Symposium on Gender and Public Policy: Interdisciplinary Perspectives, China Women's University, Beijing, China, December 2011 (in Chinese).

"Harmony and Critique: Contemporary Chinese Feminist Perspectives, Chinese Modernity, and the 'Harmonious Society'." Paper presented at the Symposium on "China's Appeal and its Discontents." Hong Kong Shue Yan University, Hong Kong, June 20-23, 2011.

Chair and organizer, panel on "Political Satire and Political Imagination in Contemporary Chinese Media: Interdisciplinary Perspectives," at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Honolulu, April 3, 2011.

"High Tech Satire as Political Imaginary: Representations of Gender, Political, and Social Issues on the Chinese Internet." Co-authored paper, with Professor Le Ping, presented on the panel on "Political Satire and Political Imagination in Contemporary Chinese Media: Interdisciplinary Perspectives," at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Honolulu, April 3, 2011.

"Chinese Feminist Discourse as 'Critique': Women's Studies and Non-governmental Organizations in the Context of Chinese Critical Inquiry." Paper presented at the International Symposium on "Chinese Women Organizing: Looking Back, Looking Forward," hosted by Beijing Foreign Studies University and Oxford University, sponsored by the Ford Foundation. Beijing, China, July 5-6, 2010.

"Engendering the Local: Development Projects and the Empowerment of Chinese Rural Women." Paper presented at the Conference on Women, Gender, and Development in Rural China, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, 14-15 August 2009.

SELECTED RECENT PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Invited expert/consultant:

- "China wants more young women to have children. Many are refusing until the country is made safer for them." Australian Broadcasting Corporation, August 2022
- "Chinese female athletes—feminist icons or propaganda tools?" *Players*, Deutschlandfunk (German NPR), February 2022

Invited book reviewer:

- *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*

Invited manuscript reviewer:

- *Research Handbook on Feminist Political Thought*
- *positions: asia critique*
- *Modern China*
- *Journal of Historical Sociology*
- *Feminist Theory*
- Routledge Research
- *International Feminist Journal of Politics*
- Syracuse University Press
- *Critical Asian Studies*
- *NORA - Nordic Journal of Feminist and Gender Research*
- *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*
- *Women's Studies International Forum*
- *Journal of the British Association of Chinese Studies*
- *Development and Change*
- *China Information*
- *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*

- *Voluntas*
- Oxford University Press
- Palgrave-Macmillan

Advisory and consulting experience:

- External reviewer for hiring of Professor of Chinese Literature and Film with tenure, University of California San Diego, August 2023.
- External reviewer for promotion case, Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics (Chinese literature), University of Oklahoma, Summer 2022
- Expert affidavit for domestic violence asylum case for Chinese woman, Sanctuary for Families, New York, Spring 2019
- External reviewer for tenure case, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Summer 2018
- Expert affidavit for domestic violence asylum case for Chinese woman, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, New York, Summer 2016
- External reviewer for promotion case, Department of Political Science, Connecticut College, September 2015
- Invited book endorsement, Palgrave-Macmillan, September 2015
- Invited book endorsement, Ashgate Publishing, June 2015
- Invited book endorsement, Hong Kong University Press, February 2015
- Discipline peer reviewer, Fulbright Scholar Program, 2013-2015

Workshops and other professional development:

- Participant, GLCA Institute for Collaborative Projects in Women's/Gender/Sexuality Studies, June 2018
- Participant, GLCA Transnational Feminisms Institute, Ann Arbor, May 2017
- Participant, GLCA Women's/Gender/Sexuality/Queer Studies Institute, Ann Arbor, May 2016

SELECTED RECENT COLLEGE SERVICE

- Organizer, session for Spring 2023 Educator's Resource Institute, "Mindful Communication"
- Organizer, Spring 2023 faculty book group on Mindful Communication
- External member, Spanish search committee, 2022-2023 academic year
- Member, Curriculum Committee, January 2022-present
- Invited masterclass instructor, Allegheny admissions, March 2022
- Institutional mentor, 2021-present
- Member, Shared Governance Task Force, Summer 2021
- Participant, "Knotty Problems" teaching panel, November 2020
- Participant, "What Political Science Can Tell Us about the 2020 Election" panel, October 2020
- Member, Curriculum Committee, 2018-2019
- President, Allegheny College chapter of American Association of University Professors, 2014-2018
- Member of Women's Studies Steering Committee, 2000-2020
- Speaker, with Marley Parish '19, at Quigley Town Hall, "What the Xi is Happening in China?", April 2018
- Invited Speaker, Phi Beta Kappa Induction, May 2017, "The Three Marks of Commencing"
- internship coordinator, Department of Political Science, 2015-2017
- member, Strategic Planning Committee, 2016-2017
- co-organizer, Annual Theme, The Year of Mindfulness, 2016-2017
- participant, faculty study tour, "Legacies and Landscapes of Cuba," January 2016
- Co-Chair, Finance and Facilities Committee, 2015-2016
- participant, Diversity Innovation Fund LeGuin Reading Group, 2015-2016

- Member, Finance and Facilities Committee, 2014-2017
- Karl W. Weiss '87 Faculty Lecture Series, April 2016, "Laughing, walking, meditating: thinking about everyday resistances in neoliberal China and beyond"
- Finalist, Allegheny College Provost search, 2014-2015

RECENT COURSES TAUGHT

Spring 2023

- PolSc 130, World Politics
- PolSc 228, Government and Politics of China
- PolSc 390, Comparative Political Theory

Fall 2022

- PolSc 130, World Politics
- PolSc 276, Imagining New Political Futures
- PolSc 336, East Asian Democracy: Theory and Practice

Spring 2022

- PolSc 130, World Politics
- PolSc 584, Junior Seminar in Comparative Politics—Political Liberalism and Its Critics
- WGSS 400, Transnational Feminisms

Fall 2021

- FS 101, "Change Your Mind, Change the World?"
- PolSc 130, World Politics
- PolSc 336, East Asian Democracy: Theory and Practice

Spring 2021

- PolSc 276, Imagining New Political Futures
- PolSc 228, Government and Politics of China
- PolSc 594, Junior Seminar in Comparative Politics: Global Liberalism and Its Critics

Fall 2020

- FS 101, "Inequality and the Politics of Empathy"
- PolSc 130, World Politics
- WGSS 400, Global Feminisms

Summer 2019

- EL term course, 21st Century China: Dreams and Realities (with Shanna Kirschner)

RECENT FIELD EXPERIENCE

Beijing, China, September-November 2019: field research on Chinese feminist theory

Beijing, China, July 2014: field research on Buddhist practitioners in Beijing

Beijing, China, October-November 2013: field research on Buddhist and environmental volunteering

LANGUAGES

- Chinese (Mandarin): speaking, reading, writing

REFERENCES: available upon request