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## CURRENT POSITION

2008 – present Research Assistant Professor, Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Anthropology - 2008 - The Australian National University, Canberra  
Dissertation title: *Constructing China's Jerusalem: Christians, Power and Place in Contemporary Wenzhou* (Dissertation committee: Andrew Kipnis, Philip Taylor, & Nick Tapp)

M.A. Sociology -2000 - Fordham University, New York City  
M.A. thesis title: *Bonding Social Capital with Bridging Effect: Youth Adaptation Processes in a Chinatown Church* (Thesis advisor: Mark R. Warren)

B.A. Sociology -1998 - Peking University, Beijing

## MONOGRAPH

2011 *Constructing China's Jerusalem: Christians, Power, and Place in Contemporary Wenzhou*. Stanford: Stanford University Press (<http://www.sup.org/book.cgi?id=18405>)

## REFREED JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Forthcoming. Urban Property as Spiritual Resource: The Prosperity Gospel Phenomenon in Contemporary Coastal China, in Amos Yong and Katy Attanasi, eds., *Pentecostalism and Prosperity: The Socio-Economics of Global Charismatic Movement* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012)

2010 Subjectivity and Locality in Chinese Religious Practices (中国宗教实践中的主体性与地方性) *Journal of Peking University* (Philosophy and Social Sciences edition) 47(6): 20-27.

Reprinted in *Religion* (zongjiao), No.1, 2011

2009 Raising the Quality of Belief: Suzhi and the Production of an Elite Protestantism. *China Perspectives/Perspectives chinoises* (in English and French) 4: 54-65.

2008 Boss Christians: The Business of Religion in the “Wenzhou Model” of Christian Revival. *The China Journal* 59 (January): 61-87.

German version published in *China heute* 161: 33-46

2007 Christian Entrepreneurs and the Post-Mao State: An Ethnographic Account of Church-State Relations in China’s Economic Transition. *Sociology of Religion* 68 (1) 45-66.  
Full text at <http://socrel.oxfordjournals.org/content/68/1/45.full.pdf+html>

Chinese version to be published in 《宗教人类学》第四卷, 北京: 社会科学出版社

2005 The Church as a Surrogate Family for Working Class Immigrant Chinese Youth: An Ethnography of Segmented Assimilation. *Sociology of Religion* 66 (2): 183-200.  
Full text at <http://socrel.oxfordjournals.org/content/66/2/183.full.pdf>

## ARTICLES IN PREPARATION

Renegotiating Locality and Morality in a Chinese Religious Diaspora: Wenzhou Protestants in Paris, France

Gender, Modernity, and Pentecostal/Charismatic Christianity in China

## REVIEW ESSAYS

2010 Christianity within local political-economic systems(地方政治经济体系中的基督教). *The Anthropology of Religion* (宗教人类学), Vol. 2, eds. Jin Ze and Chen Jinguo. Pp. 176-81. Beijing: The China Social Sciences Press.

## BOOK REVIEWS AND TRANSLATIONS

Forthcoming. Review of *Charisma and Compassion: Cheng Yen and the Buddhist Tzu Chi Movement*. By Julia Huang. Harvard: Harvard University Press. *Religion and Society: Advances in Research*

Forthcoming. Review of *Gods, Ghosts, and Gangsters: Ritual Violence, Martial Arts, and Masculinity on the Margins of Chinese Society*, by Avron Boretz. Honolulu: University of Hawai‘i Press. *The China Journal*

2011 Review of Xinyang dan bu rentong: dangdai zhongguo xinyang de shehuixue quanshi (*Believing without Identifying: The Sociological Interpretation of Spiritual Beliefs in Contemporary China*), by Li Xiangping. Beijing: Social Sciences Academic Press. *China Perspectives/Perspectives chinoises* 1: 92-93.

- 2009 Review of *Chinese Religiosities: Afflictions of Modernity and State Formation*, edited by Mayfair Yang. Berkeley: University of California Press. *The China Journal* 62: 155-157.
- 2009 Review of *Contextualization of Christianity in China: An Evaluation in Modern Perspective*, edited by Peter Chen-main Wang. Sankt Augustin: Institue Monumenta Serica. *The China Journal* 61: 165-167.
- 2008 Review of *Global "Body Shopping": An Indian Labour System in the Information Technology Industry*, by Biao Xiang. Princeton University Press. *The Asian Pacific Journal of Anthropology* 9 (1): 94-95.
- 2007 Review of *Narratives of the Chinese Economic Reforms: Individual Pathways from Plan to Market*, edited by Dorothy J. Solinger. The Edwin Mellen Press. *The China Journal* 57: 171-173.
- 2006 Review of *Miraculous Response: Doing Popular Religion in Contemporary China*, by Adam Yuet Chau. Stanford University Press. *The China Journal* 56: 171-173.
- 2005 Review of *God and Caesar in China: Policy Implications of Church-State Tensions*, edited by Jason Kindopp and Carol Lee Hamrin. Brookings Institute Press. *The China Journal*.53: 215-217.
- 1999 Translation of *Getting an Heir--Adoption and the Construction of Kinship in Late Imperial China* by Ann Waltner. The University of Hawaii Press 1990; Zhejiang People's Press, China.

## ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2009-2011 Sole investigator for the RGC funded project "Religion, Trade and Locality in a Chinese Diaspora: Wenzhou Christian Merchants in Paris"

## RESEARCH-RELATED AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2010 Nominee for Outstanding Young Researcher Award, HKU
- 2009 President's Prize for Best Dissertation on an Asian subject, Asian Studies Association of Australia
- 2009 General Research Fund (HK\$ 408,800), Hong Kong Research Grants Council
- 2007 Sir Raymond Firth Award (for the most promising PhD thesis), ANU
- 2007 Joseph Fichter Research Award (US\$3,800), Association for the Sociology of Religion
- 2006 Jack Shand Research Award (US\$2,800), Society for the Scientific Study of

## Religion

- 2006 Robert J. McNamara Student Paper Award, Association for the Sociology of Religion (“Christian Entrepreneurs and the post-Mao State: An Ethnographic Account of Church-State Relations in China’s Economic Transition”)
- 2005 Constant H. Jacquet Research Award (US\$2,100), Religious Research Association
- 2004-2008 International Postgraduate Research Scholarship, Australian Government
- 2003 Robert J. McNamara Student Paper Award, Association for the Sociology of Religion (“Negotiating the Sacred in the Ethnic Enclave: Youth Adaptation Processes in a Chinatown Church”)
- 1997 Yan Jingyao Scholarship, Peking University, Beijing.

## PRESENTATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

- 2011 “Renegotiating Locality and Morality in a Chinese Religious Diaspora: Wenzhou Protestants in Paris,” Conference on 60 years of anthropology at ANU, Australian National University, Canberra, September 28, 2011
- 2011 “Grassroots Christian Charity as Local Elite Institution,” International Workshop on Religion and Public Life in the Lower Yangzi Region, Fudan University, Shanghai, August 4-5.
- 2011 “From Entrepreneurs’ Charity to Religious Welfare: Reflections on a case,” Spiritual Capital and Public Goods: The 8<sup>th</sup> Symposium of Social Science of Religion, Fuzhou University, Fujian, July 1.
- 2011 “Renegotiating Locality and Morality in a Chinese Religious Diaspora: Wenzhou Protestants in Paris,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Hawaii, March 31
- 2011 Invited presentation “Gender, Modernity, and Pentecostal/Charismatic Christianity in China,” International Workshop on Markets, Democracy and Miracles: Evangelicalism and Charismatic Christians in the Second and Third Generation, Institute on Culture, Religion and World Affairs (CURA), Boston University, March 19-20
- 2010 Invited presentation “Producing Christian Space in Capitalist Wenzhou.” International Workshop on Companies, State and Religions, School of Modern languages and cultures, University of Hong Kong, November.
- 2010 Invited talk on religious revival in the context of daily life, Centre for the Study of Religion and Chinese Society’s (CSRCS) Public lecture series, Chung Chi College, Chinese University of Hong Kong, October 25
- 2010 Invited talk on ethnographic practice, Shandong Academy of Social Sciences, Jinan, September 21

2010 Invited lecture on ethnographic practice, The 7th Sino-US-Europe Advanced Summer Workshop on Religious Research, co-organized by Renmin University of China and Purdue University, Beijing, July 31

2010 “Christian research in the context of Chinese studies” The 7th Annual Conference of the Social Scientific Study of Religion in China, co-organized by Purdue University and Renmin University of China, Beijing, July 25

2010 “When Migrant Entrepreneurs Meet Global Religion: Transnational Chinese Christian Businesses in Paris” World Congress of Sociology. Session: Religion on the Move: Religion in the Context of Global Migration, July 12. Gothenburg, Sweden.

2010 Invited talk on my book (Stanford 2010), Department of Anthropology Friday Seminar Series, Chinese University of Hong Kong, April 9

2010 Invited presentation: “Transforming Migrant Workers into “Noodle Christians”: The Politics of Suffering and Morality Building in Christian Wenzhou,” International workshop on *Social Suffering, the Culture of Compassion, and the Divided Moral Experience in China*. Harvard University, May 7-8.

2010 Invited talk on my book (Stanford 2010), GROUPE SOCIÉTÉS, RELIGIONS, LAÏCITÉS, CNRS (French National Centre for Scientific Research), Paris, February 17.

2009 “Christian Activism in Wenzhou,” Interdisciplinary China Lunch Seminar, Hong Kong Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, November 24.

2009 “Christian Revival and the Politics of Morality in Urban China,” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, November.

2009 “Morality and Religiosity in China’s Post-reform Transformations: The Case of Wenzhou Christian Merchants,” Society for East Asian Anthropology, American Anthropological Association, Conference in Conjunction with Taiwan Society of Anthropology and Ethnology Annual Meeting, Academia Sinica, Taipei.

2008 Invited presentation: “The Politics of Christian Charity in Translocal Wenzhou” Conference on Indigenous Charities: Historical Studies of Charity Institutions Across Culture. Centre for Comparative and Public History, Chinese University of Hong Kong.

2008 “Reform-era Christian Revival on China’s Southeast Coast: A Case Study.” In *Studies in Christianity and Chinese Society and Culture*, edited by Peter Ng and Wu Xiaoxin. Pp. 463-494. Hong Kong: The Chinese University Press.

2007 “Narrating an Urban Cosmopolitan Christian Identity: Rhetorical Change in the Reform-era Development of Chinese Christianity”

Fourth International Symposium on the Social Scientific Study of Religion in China, “Religious identities, religious congregations, and social change,” Shanghai University.

2007 Invited presentation: “Constructing “China’s Jerusalem”: Entrepreneurial Logic and the Wenzhou Model of Christian Revival in the Reform Era”  
International Conference on Religion and Social Integration in Chinese Societies: Exploring Sociological Approaches to the Study of Religion in the Chinese World, Chinese University of Hong Kong.

2006 “The Post-Mao Christian Revival and Local Governance on China’s Southeast Coast”  
Third International Young Scholars’ Conference on Christianity and Chinese Society and Culture, Chung Chi College, Chinese University of Hong Kong.

2006 “Christian Entrepreneurs and the Post-Mao State: An Ethnographic Account of Church-state Relations in China's Economic Transition”  
The Second Annual Graduate Seminar on China, Chinese University of Hong Kong.

2005 “The Post-Mao Revival of Christianity and Local Governance: An Ethnographic Study of China’s Church-State Relations” Association for the Sociology of Religion, 62nd Annual Meeting (Philadelphia)

2005 “Christianity and Local Governance in Postsocialist China: An Ethnographic Approach to Church-State Relations” Third Graduate Students Workshop on States of Transgression: Strategies of Domination, Accommodation and Resistance in Asia, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore (Singapore)

2002. “Negotiating the Local: Youth Adaptation Processes in a Chinatown Church.” Sussex Migration Working Paper Series No. 7. Sussex, U.K.: Sussex Centre for Migration Research, University of Sussex.

2000 “Bonding Social Capital with Bridging Effect: A Study of a Chinatown Church and Its Young Members” Session: “Immigrant Religions in the US and Europe” Association for the Sociology of Religion, 62nd Annual Meeting (Washington, DC)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE**

Member, Association for Asian Studies, American Anthropological Association, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Affiliated fellow, Center on Religion and Chinese Society, Purdue University, USA

Member, Postdoctoral Fellow Search committee, Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities & Social Sciences, University of Hong Kong

Member, Faculty Ethics Panel, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Hong Kong

Panel organizer, “Religion and mobility in a globalizing Asia”, Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Hawaii, 2011

Discussant, session on Sectarianism and Medical Charities, International workshop on Medical Charities in Asia and the Middle East, Penang, Malaysia, November 2010.

Discussant, session on Shipping Bones, Conference on Indigenous Charities: Historical Studies of Charity Institutions Across Culture, CUHK, November 2008.

Interpreter, International Symposium: “Religious identities, religious congregations, and social change” (Shanghai, July 13-15 2007)

Interpreter for Prof. Grace Davie and Prof. Nancy Ammerman, Summer Institute for the Social Scientific Study of Religion in China (Shanghai, July 16-28 2007)

Article manuscript reviewer for:

*Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*

*Sociological Forum*

*China: An International Journal*

*Journal of Current Chinese Affairs*

*Logos & Pneuma: Chinese Journal of Theology*

*Review of Religious Research*

*The China Journal*

*The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology*

*Comparative Political Studies*

## **FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE**

I have conducted extended ethnographic fieldwork among Chinese Christian communities in New York City (USA), Wenzhou (China), and Paris (France).