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### EDUCATION

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- 2008      PhD, University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology  
Dissertation: “Engendering Wealth: China’s New Rich and the Rise of an Elite Masculinity”
- 2001      MA, University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology  
MA Thesis: “Commemorating By Consuming: Re-Examining the Mao Craze of the Early Nineties”
- 1997      BA, Columbia College, Columbia University, New York NY, Major: Anthropology  
Honors: Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Departmental Honors in Anthropology

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- 2017-      Associate Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Rochester, Rochester NY
- 2010-2017      Assistant Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Rochester, Rochester NY
- 2009-2010      Visiting Assistant Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg VA
- 2008-2009      Postdoctoral Fellow in Chinese Studies, Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University, Stanford CA

### FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

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- #"\$%&#\$\$#! '()\*+, !-.\*(+/0+!1+223 , 4506!789 :#\$\$;\$\$\$<!
- 2016-2018      Fellow, Public Intellectuals Program, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations
- 2014-2015      Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS China Studies Postdoctoral Fellowship (US\$50,000)
- 2014-2015      Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange Junior Scholar Grant (US\$30,00)

2008-2009 Stanford University, Ce

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2015 *Ordinary Ethics in China*. Edited by Charles Stafford. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 21(3): 692-3.

2015 *Go Nation: Chinese Masculinities and the Game of Weiqi in China*. By Marc Moskowitz. *Women and Gender in Chinese Studies Review*. Issue 9:  
<http://www.wagnet.ox.ac.uk/wagrev/journals/issue9.html>

2014 *Men and Masculinities in Contemporary China*. By Geng Song and Derek Hird. *Nan Nü: Men, Women, and Gender in China*. 16(2): 381-384.

## **INVITED LECTURES**

**“Funny Money and Political Authority in China,” Australian Centre on China in the World,  
Australian National University**

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**“Exit Strategies: Nationalism, Secession, and Deglobalization” 6 Conable Conference in International Studies, Rochester Institute of Technology**

**JAS at AAS: Global Capitalism in Asia Roundtable, Association for Asian Studies 2013 Meeting**  
Invited member of roundtable on global capitalism in Asia. San Diego, California, 3/2013

**“Irony, Cynicism, and the Chinese State” Symposium, London School of Economics**  
Invited to participate in a two-day symposium and present paper “Morality and Cynicism in a ‘Grey’ World” 6/2012

**York University, Schulich School of Business, Marketing Department, Toronto, Canada**  
“Social Networks and Luxury Consumption Among China’s New Rich” Invited Lecture 2/2012

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**American Anthropological Association 2016 Meeting**

“Bodies, Banquets, and Business: The Carnality of China’s State Capitalism” as part of the panel, “Vital Knowledge and Lively Carnality: Inspirations from the Work of Judith Farquhar on Medicine, Bodies and Vitalities” and Discussant for panel, “Beyond Feminization: The Geopolitics of Asian Hypermasculinities” Minneapolis, 11/2016

**American Anthropological Association 2015 Meeting**

“Luxury and Its Discontents: Nationalism, Spirituality, and Emerging Modes of Distinction Among China's New Rich” as part of the panel “Beyond Value: Rarity, Luxury, and Relational Consumption in China” Denver, Colorado, 11/2015

**Association for Asian Studies 2014 Meeting**

“Unwritten Rules: Corruption, Patronage, and Reciprocity Among China’s Elite” as part of the panel “Elastic Rules: Everyday Legality and Morality in Post-Mao China” Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 3/2014.

**Norms in the Margins & Margins of the Norms: The Social Construction of Illegality International Conference** “The Hidden Rules of Officialdom: Elite Social Networks and the Moral Economy of Corruption in Contemporary China” as part of the panel “The Ethics of Illegality” Brussels, Belgium, 10/2012

**New York Conference on Asian Studies (NYCAS) 2012 Meeting**

“Luxury Brands and Social Networks Among China’s New Rich” as part of a panel I organized, “Consumption and Sociality in East Asia” SUNY-New Paltz, New Paltz, New York, 9/2012

**American Anthropological Association 2011 Meeting** “Police and Thieves are All One Family: State-Criminal Alliances in a Chinese City” as part of the panel “Illegal Anthropology and Anthropologists” Montreal, Canada, 11/2011

**American Anthropological Association 2009 Meeting** “Relationships are the Law: Elite Networks and the Masculinization of Business in Post-socialist China” as part of the panel “Gender and Comparative Socialisms” Philadelphia, PA, 12/2009

**Stanford University, Center for East Asian Studies Brown Bag Talk** “Relationships are the Law: Elite Networks, Masculinity, and Corruption in Contemporary China.” 10/2008

**University of Chicago’s G** “Entertaining is My Job: Masculinity, Sexuality, and Leisure Among Chengdu’s New Rich Entrepreneurs.” 10/2007

**American Anthropological Association 2006 Meeting** “From Fruit Plates to License Plates: Signifying *Guanxi* in Urban China,” part of the panel “Anxious Wealth in Growing Cities: The Urban Middle Classes of South Asia and China.” San Jose, CA, 11/2006

**University of Chicago’s C** “Re-Examining the Mao Craze of the Early 90’s.” 11/2001

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

### **Department of Anthropology, University of Rochester Assistant/Associate Professor**

2010-present

“Introduction to Anthropology”  
“Theory and Method in Anthropology”  
“Chinese Society After Mao”  
“Anthropology of Socialism and Post-socialism”  
“Culture and Consumption”  
“Contemporary Issues and Anthropology”  
“Advanced Topics: Money and Morality”  
“Anthropological Approaches to Gender and Sexuality”  
“(Il)legal Anthropology”  
“Global Masculinities”  
“Anthropological Theory: Past and Present”

### **Department of Anthropology, College of William and Mary Visiting Assistant Professor**

2009-2010

“Anthropology of Gender and Sexuality”  
“Peoples and Cultures of East Asia” (Required Course)  
“Introduction to Cultural Anthropology”  
“Culture and Consumption”

### **Stanford University**

Instructor for “Gender and Class in Post-Mao China” 2009

### **Center for International Studies, University of Chicago**

2007

Instructor for “Contemporary Global Issues II”

### **Center for Gender Studies, University of Chicago**

Instructor for “Critical Perspectives on Masculinity” 2006

### **Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago**

Teaching Assistant for “Anthropological Methods” 2006

### **History Department, University of Chicago**

Teaching Assistant for “East Asian Civilizations” (China Quarter) 2001

### **Guangdong College of Education, Guangzhou, China**

English as a Second Language Teacher 1997-1998

### **Pedagogical Training**

**Writing Program, University of Chicago**

2006



## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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### **Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies**

**Director (Interim)** Fall 2017

**Grants Committee** 2017-2018

### **Project Imagine Committee Member**

Summer and Fall 2020

### **Faculty Council Steering Committee Member**

2017-2018 Academic Year

### **Faculty Council Departmental Representative**

2011-2012, 2016-2018

### **Humanities Center Director Search Committee Member**

April-May 2016

### **Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Search Committee Member**

October-November 2019

### **Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dept. of Anthropology**

Fall 2013-Summer 2014, Fall 2015-Spring 2017

### **East Asian Studies Curriculum Committee**

Developed and drafted a proposal for the East Asian Studies major and minor curriculums, Fall 2010-Summer 2012

### **Freshman Adviser**

Fall 2012-Summer 2014

### **Dissertation Committee Member**

Bo Zheng (Defended 7/12), Matilda Tang (Defended 8/19), Ching Hung Hsiao (Defended 11/13), Shaofei Lu (Defended 3/16), Sohl Lee (Defended 7/14), Hairong Shang (Defended 6/2015), Nan Zhang, Yangyang Yu (Defended 10/18)

### **Honors Thesis Primary Reader**

Christine Rose, Spring 2012

Joseph Orman, Fall 2016-Spring 2017

Amelia Kelly, Fall 2017-Spring 2018

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### **Professional Organization Service**

Association for Political and Legal Anthropology, Early Career Mentoring Committee Member  
2017-2019

### **Tenure Case Review**

Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ohio University

### **Peer Review**

#### **Articles**

American Ethnologist (5x); Current Anthropology (2x); Cultural Anthropology; Journal of Asian Studies; Transnational Cultural Studies; China Quarterly (3x); The China Journal (4x); Modern China (2x); Journal of Sexualities: Studies in Culture and Society; Men and Masculinities; The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology; Crime, Law and Social Change; East Asia: An International Quarterly; City and Society; Social Forces; China Perspective

#### **Books**

Springer Publishing, Routledge (2x), Brill, Stanford University Press, Cornell University Press, Rowman and Littlefield

#### **Research Grants**

Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Field Research Fellowship 2014  
Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Insight Grant 2018

#### **External Thesis Examiner**

Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies PhD Dissertation, University of Copenhagen 1/2015  
Dept. of Anthropology BA Thesis, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, 5/2016  
Dept. of Anthropology PhD Dissertation, Australian National University, 8/2018  
Dept. of Political and Social Change, Australian National University, 1/2021

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### **St. Louis Sister City Delegation to China, Nanjing and Wuhan, China**

Translator/Cultural Consultant

9/2004

Member of the delegation that renewed and/or signed sister city agreements with Nanjing and Wuhan.  
Served as a translator during trade and business negotiations and guided delegation members through

**Language Training:** 8 quarters of Chinese at the University of Chicago (1998-2001), Princeton in Beijing Summer Language Program (1999), Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies at Tsinghua University (Summer 2000 and Summer 2001), Sichuan University Chinese Language Program (2002-2003)