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EDUCATION

Georgetown University, Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Visiting Fellows Program, Certificate in Ethics, 1994

University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, Ph.D. in Anthropology, 1978

Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA, M.A.T. in Social Studies, 1965

Harvard/Radcliffe College, Cambridge, MA, B.A. cum laude in General Studies (with a major in Anthropology), 1964

HONORS/AWARDS

Awarded a Baker Nord Travel Grant to present paper at World Congress of Bioethics in Croatia, September 2008

Awarded an ADVANCE Opportunity Grant to conduct research on the development of bioethics in China, 2006-07

Awarded a Presidential Initiative Grant to organize a major public panel on "Asia's Security Challenges" (held March 2006)

Appointed Visiting Fellow, Contemporary China Centre, School of Pacific and Asian Studies, The Australian National University, Canberra, June-July 2001.

Awarded a research scholar grant by the Committee for Scholarly Communication with China (CSCC) as a part of the national exchange program, 1998

Awarded the 1996 Anthony Leeds Prize by the Society for Urban Anthropology for the book, The Return of the God of Wealth.

Co-awarded the 1995 Richard Kalish Award for Innovative Publication by the Behavioral and Social Sciences Section of the Gerontological Society of America for the book, The Aging Experience.

Awarded a National Institute on Aging grant to conduct an international conference in Cleveland on "Home Health Care and Elders: International Perspectives," (held October, 1992)

Awarded a research scholar grant by the Committee for Scholarly Communication with the People's Republic of China (CSCPRC) as part of the national exchange program, 1990

Selected as alternate for a Wang Institute Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Chinese Studies, 1987

Awarded travel grant by Gerontological Society of America to present paper at the XIth International Congress of Gerontology in Tokyo, 1978

Elected to Phi Kappa Phi (Scholastic Honorary Society), 1977

National Institute of Mental Health Research Traineeship, 1972-77

Elected to Pi Lambda Theta (Educational Honorary Society), 1965

APPOINTMENTS (Since 1985)

Professor of Anthropology Emerita, Case Western Reserve University, 2011-

Professor (Secondary Appointment), Mandel School of Applied Social Science, Case Western Reserve University 2008-2011

Professor of Global Health and Diseases (Secondary Appointment), Case Western Reserve University 2005-2011

Director, Asian Studies Program, Case Western Reserve University 2007-2011
 Professor of Anthropology, Case Western Reserve University 1998-2011
 Associate Professor of Anthropology, Case Western Reserve University, 1991-1998
 Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Case Western Reserve University, 1985-1991
 Lecturer, Department of Global Health and Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School 1991-
 Associate in Research, Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University 1985-

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association
 American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics
 Association for Anthropology and Gerontology
 Association for Asian Studies
 Gerontological Society of America
 International Association of Bioethics
 Society for Medical Anthropology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research

Beijing, People's Republic of China, August–December 2006 (July 2007, May 2008, April 2013, October/November 2015)

With funding from an ADVANCE Opportunity Grant investigated the development of the field of bioethics/medical ethics in China by interviewing researchers, educators, physicians, and policymakers based in Beijing as well as other Chinese cities and acquiring books and journals prominent in the field.

Guangzhou, People's Republic of China, July 1998-December 1998

With funding from the CSCC investigated "The Impact of Economic Reform on China's Urban Elderly" by re-interviewing members of 200 households initially contacted in 1987. Another 100 elderly households from the same neighborhoods were added to allow for cross-cohort comparisons.

Beijing, People's Republic of China and Taipei, Republic of China, December 8, 1994-January 5, 1995 and Hong Kong, August 1994

Interviewed professionals in the field of organ transplantation concerning ethical issues in organ procurement and allocation.

Cleveland, October 22-23, 1992

As PI of a grant from the National Institute on Aging organized a conference with speakers from 12 countries on "Home Health Care and Elders: International Perspectives." Over 350 people attended the two-day conference which was sponsored by the CWRU Center on Aging and Health.

Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China, January 1991-June 1991

Under the auspices of the CSCPRC investigated "Aging, Disability, and the Process of Care Provision" by following up 200 community-dwelling elderly over the age of 70 who were first interviewed by the researcher in Guangzhou (Canton) in 1987.

Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China, June 1987-January 1988

Determined the level of functioning of a random sample of community-dwelling elderly over the age of 70 in the city of Guangzhou and documented the care options available to those elderly who could not function without assistance.

Hong Kong, September 1982-August 1984

As Principal Investigator and Project Director of the Hong Kong component of a multi-site multi-year program project supported by the National Institute on Aging examined people's perceptions of the adult life cycle and the factors contributing to the well-being of the elderly in Hong Kong (one year on site for research, one year at Harvard Graduate School of Education for analysis).

Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China, June-August 1980

Based at Zhongshan University in Guangzhou with extensive travel within Guangdong Province; collected data on community service (residents committees) organizations.

Boston, January 1979-August 1981

As Project Director of a three year National Institute on Aging funded project investigated the affects of the immigration experience and of ethnic density on intergenerational relations in ethnic groups in the Greater Boston area (as part of this project personally focused on the Cantonese-speaking segment of the Chinese community).

Boston, September 1978-August 1979

Collaborated on a two year Administration on Aging research and curriculum development project to introduce geriatric materials into the training of public health students at the Harvard School of Public Health. Major responsibilities included coordinating the writing of cases, editing, and developing cases.

Doctoral Candidate, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, 1972-78

Summer of 1973: organized and conducted survey research project on homes for the aged in Hong Kong. Summer of 1974: Selected a sample of informants, prepared interview schedules, trained assistants, and gathered base-line data on health, genealogy, employment, and household matters from nearly 100 older people. June 1975 - November 1976: Recruited/trained team of research assistants, re-interviewed previous (1974) informants and selected a subsample for intensive life history interviewing.

Consultancies

Consultant to The Clay Street Project, Cincinnati, OH, March 2006

Delivered half-day presentation on Chinese family and aging to a group of research and development trainees prior to their impending trip to China.

Consultant to Primary Source, Watertown, MA, 2001-2004

Assisted Primary Source, a curriculum development non-profit, with its China curriculum development efforts. In August 2001 accompanied a study tour of teachers (K-12) along the Silk Road in western China as a resource person on religion and national minorities. In April 2004 accompanied a similar study tour to Guangdong Province as a resource person on local social and economic development as well as the history of Chinese emigration.

Consultant to The Atlantic Council of the United States, Washington, D.C., 1996-1999

Assisted The Atlantic Council with its multi-year international program on "Women Entrepreneurs in Mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and the United States." Responsibilities included serving as rapporteur and facilitating discussion at international conferences and authoring the conference reports. The first conference was held in Beijing (March 1996), the second in Taipei (October 1997).

Publications

Books/Monographs

Filial Piety: Practice and Discourse in Contemporary East Asia. (ed.). Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2004.

The Return of the God of Wealth: The Transition to a Market Economy in Urban China. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1996. (Winner of the 1996 Anthony Leeds Prize awarded by the Society for Urban Anthropology)

The Aging Experience: Diversity and Commonality Across Cultures. Jennie Keith, Christine Fry, Anthony Glascock, Charlotte Ikels, Jeanette Dickerson-Putman, Henry Harpending, and Patricia Draper. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 1994. (Winner of the 1995 Richard A. Kalish Award for Innovative Publication granted by the Behavioral and Social Sciences Section of the Gerontological Society of America)

Home Health Care and Elders: International Perspectives. (ed.), Special Issue of the *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*, 8(4), 1993.

Policy and Aging in Contemporary China. Melvyn Goldstein and Charlotte Ikels (eds.), Special Issue of the *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*, 8(3), 1993.

Migration and the Elderly. (ed.), Special Issue of the *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*, 1 (2), 1986.

Aging and Adaptation: Chinese in Hong Kong and the United States. Hamden, CT: Archon Books, 1983.

Urbanization and Modernization: The Impact on Aging in Hong Kong. Ph.D. Dissertation, Department of Anthropology, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, 1978.

Refereed Journals

The Anthropology of Organ Transplantation. *Annual Review of Anthropology* 42:89-102, 2013.

- The Evolution of Bioethics in China. *Harvard Asia Quarterly* XIV(4):57-65, 2012.
- Economic Reform and Intergenerational Relationships in China. *Oxford Development Studies*, 34(4):387-400, 2006.
- The Impact of Housing Policy on China's Urban Elderly. *Urban Anthropology*, 33(2-4):321-355, 2004.
- Constructing and Deconstructing the Self: Dementia in China. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*, 17:233-251, 2002.
- The Experience of Dementia in China. *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry*, 22:257-283, 1998.
- Ethical Issues in Organ Procurement in Chinese Societies. *The China Journal*, 38:95-119, 1997.
- Kidney Failure and Transplantation in China. *Social Science and Medicine*, 44(9): 1271-1283, 1997.
- Introduction. Home Health Care: An Overview of the Issues. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*, 8(4):291-300, 1993.
- Introduction. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*, 8(3):173-178, 1993.
- Perceptions of the Adult Life Course: A Cross-Cultural Analysis (Charlotte Ikels, Jennie Keith, Jeanette Dickerson-Putman, Patricia Draper, Christine L. Fry, Anthony Glascock, and Henry Harpending). *Ageing and Society*, 12:49-84, 1992.
- Aging and Disability in China: Cultural Issues in Measurement and Interpretation. *Social Science & Medicine*, 32(6):649-665, 1991.
- The Resolution of Intergenerational Conflict: Perceptions of Elders and their Family Members. *Modern China*, 16(4):379-406, 1990.
- Household Composition of the Elderly in Two Rural Villages in the People's Republic of China. (Melvyn C. Goldstein, Yachun Ku, and Charlotte Ikels). *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*, 5(2):119-130, 1990.
- Delayed Reciprocity and the Support Networks of the Childless Elderly. *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, XIX(1):99-112, 1988. (Reprinted in Beth B. Hess and Elizabeth W. Markson [eds.] *Growing Old in America*, 4th edition, New Brunswick: Transaction, pp. 441-456, 1991.)
- Introduction. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*, 1(2):113-115, 1986.
- Older Immigrants and Natural Helpers. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*, 1(2):209-222, 1986.
- Parental Perspectives on the Significance of Marriage. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 42:253-264, 1985.

The Process of Care-Taker Selection. *Research on Aging*, 5(4):491-509, 1983. (Reprinted in Beth B. Hess and Elizabeth W. Markson (eds.), *Growing Old in America*, 3rd edition, pp. 136-150, New Brunswick: Transaction, 1985.)

The Family Past: Contemporary Studies and the Traditional Chinese Family - A Review Essay. *The Journal of Family History*, 6 (3): 97-103, 1981.

Old Age in Hong Kong. *The Gerontologist*, 15(3):230-35, 1975.

Book Chapters and Miscellaneous

Culture and Meaning: Strategies for Understanding the Well-Being of the Oldest Old (Christine L. Fry and Charlotte Ikels) in *Understanding Well-Being in the Oldest Old* by Leonard Poon and Jiska Cohen-Mansfield (eds.), Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2011.

Life Cycle: Old Age in *Encyclopedia of Modern China*, 4 vols., by David Pong (ed.), Vol.2, pp.481-483, Detroit, Charles Scribner's Sons, an imprint of Gale/Cengage Learning, 2009.

Economic Reform and Intergenerational Relationships in China in *Ageing in Asia* by Roger Goodman and Sarah Harper (eds.), pp.14-27, London: Routledge, 2008. (Originally published as a Special Edition of *Oxford Development Studies*).

Older Immigrants: Cultural Issues in Access to Health Care (Commentary) in *Social Structures: Demographic Changes and the Well-Being of Older Persons* by K. Warner Schaie and Peter Uhlenberg (eds.), pp.25-36. New York, Springer Publishing Company, 2007.

Filial Piety in Changing Asian Societies (Akiko Hashimoto and Charlotte Ikels) in *The Cambridge Handbook of Age and Ageing* by Malcolm L. Johnson (ed.), pp.437-442. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005.

Introduction in *Filial Piety: Practice and Discourse in Contemporary East Asia* by Charlotte Ikels (ed.), pp.1-15, Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2004.

Serving the Ancestors, Serving the State: Filial Piety and Death Ritual in Contemporary Guangzhou in *Filial Piety: Practice and Discourse in Contemporary East Asia* by Charlotte Ikels (ed.), pp.88-105, Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2004.

Family and Household in *China: Adapting the Past Confronting the Future* by Thomas Buoye, Kirk Denton, Bruce Dickson, Barry Naughton, and Martin K. Whyte (eds.), pp.310-320, Ann Arbor: Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan, 2002.

Elementary Education in *China: Adapting the Past Confronting the Future* by Thomas Buoye, Kirk Denton, Bruce Dickson, Barry Naughton, and Martin K. Whyte (eds.), pp.225-234, Ann Arbor: Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan, 2002.

Guangzhou, China in *Encyclopedia of Urban Cultures: Cities and Cultures Around the World*, Vol. 2 by Melvin Ember and Carol R. Ember (eds.), pp.267-274. Danbury, CT: Grolier/Scholastic, 2002.

- Age, Aging, and Anthropology (Charlotte Ikels and Cynthia M. Beall) in *Handbook of Aging and the Social Sciences* (5th ed.) by Robert H. Binstock and Linda K. George (eds.), pp.125-140, New York: Academic Press, 2001.
- Gaigede Shiqide Daiji Qiyue* (The Intergenerational Contract in an Age of Reform) in *Xifang Zhuanjia wei Zhongguo Jingji* (*Western Experts on China's Economy*) by Zhang Minjie (ed.), pp.313-339, Changchun: Changchun Publishing Company, 1999. (Chinese translation of 1993 publication "Settling Accounts: The Intergenerational Contract in an Age of Reform" listed below.)
- Aging in *Handbook of Immigrant Health* by Sana Loue (ed.), pp.477-491, New York: Plenum Publishing, 1998.
- Grandparenthood in Cross-Cultural Perspective in *Handbook of Grandparenthood* by Maximiliane Szinovacz (ed.), pp.40-52, Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1998.
- Culture and the Meaning of a Good Old Age (Christine L. Fry, Jeanette Dickerson-Putman, Jennie Keith, Charlotte Ikels, Anthony P. Glascock, Henry C. Harpending, and Patricia Draper) in *The Cultural Contexts of Aging* (2nd ed.) by Jay Sokolovsky (ed.), pp. 99-123, Westport, CT: Greenwood, 1997.
- Long-Term Care and the Disabled Elderly in Urban China in *The Cultural Contexts of Aging* (2nd ed.) by Jay Sokolovsky (ed.), pp. 452-471, Westport, CT: Greenwood, 1997.
- Women and Entrepreneurship in Mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and the United States: Interim Project Report* (Beatrice Fitzpatrick, Charlotte Ikels, and Karen Sutter), Washington, D.C.: The Atlantic Council of the United States, June 1997.
- Comparative Perspectives on Successful Aging (Charlotte Ikels, Jeanette Dickerson-Putman, Patricia Draper, Christine L. Fry, Anthony Glascock, Henry Harpending, and Jennie Keith) in *Promoting Successful and Productive Aging* by Lynne Bond, Stephen Cutler, and Armin Grams (eds.), pp. 304-323, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 1995.
- Chinese Kinship and the State: The Shaping of Policy for the Elderly in *Annual Review of Gerontology and Geriatrics*, vol. 13 *Aging, Kinship, and Social Change* by George L. Maddox and Powell Lawton (eds.), pp.123-146, New York: Springer Publishing, 1993.
- Settling Accounts: The Intergenerational Contract in an Age of Reform in *Chinese Families in the Post-Mao Era* by Deborah Davis and Stevan Harrell (eds.), pp.307-333, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1993.
- China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore in *Anthropology of Aging: A Partially Annotated Bibliography* by Marjorie M. Schweitzer (ed.), pp. 104-117, Westport, CT.: Greenwood, 1991.
- Chinese Americans in *Anthropology of Aging: A Partially Annotated Bibliography* by Marjorie M. Schweitzer (ed.), pp. 210-213, Westport, CT: Greenwood, 1991.
- New Options for Urban Elderly in *China on the Eve of Tiananmen: The Impact of Reform* by Deborah Davis and Ezra F. Vogel (eds.), pp. 215-240, Cambridge: Harvard Univ. Press, 1990.

Family Caregivers and the Elderly in China in *Aging and Caregiving: Theory, Research and Policy* by David E. Biegel and Arthur Blum (eds.), pp. 270-284, Newbury Park, CA: Sage, 1990.

Communities as Context for Successful Aging (Jennie Keith, Christine L. Fry, and Charlotte Ikels) in *The Cultural Contexts of Aging: Worldwide Perspectives* by Jay Sokolovsky (ed.), pp. 245-61, Westport, CT: Greenwood, 1990.

Becoming a Human Being in Theory and in Practice: Chinese Views of Human Development in *Social Structure and Aging: Comparative Perspectives on Age Structuring in Modern Societies* by D. Kertzer and K.W. Schaie (eds.), pp. 109-134, Hillsdale, NJ: Erlbaum, 1989.

Research on Aging: A Calculated Decision in *Sociology* by Beth B. Hess, E. Markson, and R. Stein, 3rd edition, NY: Macmillan, p. 236, 1988.

The Use of Qualitative Methodologies in Large-Scale Cross Cultural Research (Charlotte Ikels, Jennie Keith, and Christine L. Fry) in *Qualitative Gerontology* by Shulamit Reinharz and Graham D. Rowles (eds.), pp. 274-96, New York: Springer Publishing, 1988.

An Annotated Guide to Periodical Literature on Aging, (17 pages), Association for Anthropology and Gerontology, 1986.

The Chinese Family in *History of the Family and Kinship: A Select International Bibliography* by Gerald L. Soliday (ed.) with Richard T. Vann and Robert Wheaton, pp. 257-64. New York: Kraus-Thomson Organization, 1980.

The Coming of Age in Chinese Society: Traditional Patterns and Contemporary Hong Kong in *Aging in Culture and Society: Comparative Viewpoints and Strategies* by Christine L. Fry (ed.) and Contributors, pp. 80-100, New York: Bergin Publishers, Inc., 1980.

Book and Film Reviews:

Lora-Wainwright, Anna. Fighting for Breath: Living Morally and Dying of Cancer in a Chinese Village in *China Information*, 28:410-411, November 2014.

Chow, Nelson W.S. Socialist Welfare with Chinese Characteristics: The Reform of the Social Security System in China in *The Journal of Asian Studies*, 61(3):1024-1025, August 2002.

Cheng, Joseph Y.S. (ed.) Guangdong in the Twenty-first Century: Stagnation or Take-off?. Hong Kong: City University of Hong Kong Press. *The China Journal*, 47:166-168, January 2002.

Doring, Ole (ed.). Chinese Scientists and Responsibility: Ethical Issues of Human Genetics in Chinese and International Contexts. Hamburg: Institut fur Asienkunde. *The China Journal*, 45:207-208, January 2001.

Yeung, Y.M. and David K.Y. Chu (eds.). Guangdong: Survey of a Province Undergoing Rapid Change (2nd ed.). Hong Kong: The Chinese University Press. *The China Journal*, 43:177-179, January 2000.

Chen Shejing, Social Policy of the Economic State and Community Care in Chinese Culture. Aldershot: Avebury. *Ageing and Society*, 17(2) 241-242, March 1997.

Wong, Linda and Stewart MacPherson (eds.), Social Change and Social Policy in Contemporary China. Aldershot: Avebury. *The China Journal*, 37: 152-154, January 1997.

Yeung, Y.M. and David K. Y. Chu (eds.). Guangdong: Survey of a Province Undergoing Rapid Change. Hong Kong: The Chinese University Press. *China Review International*, 2(1):281-283, 1995.

Pang, Keum-Young Chung, Korean Elderly Women in America: Everyday Life, Health, and Illness. New York: AMS Press. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, 6(2):178-180, 1992.

Zengbu after Mao. *American Anthropologist*, 92(1):272-73, 1990.

Depending on Heaven. *American Anthropologist*, 91(3):88, 1989.

First Moon: Celebration of a Chinese New Year. *American Anthropologist*, 90(4):1050,1988.

Gui Dao-On the Way: A Station on the Yangzi, Women in China Today, Wuxing People's Commune, and Small Happiness: Women of a Chinese Village. *American Anthropologist*, 87:739-741, 1985.

Day, Alice T., 'We can manage': Expectations about Care and Varieties of Family Support among People 75 years and over. Melbourne Institute of Family Studies. *The Gerontologist*, 25(5):557-58, 1985.

Sher, Ada Elizabeth, Aging in Post-Mao China: The Politics of Veneration. Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press. *Pacific Affairs*, 58(3):520, 1985.

Presentations (1990 - present)

Harvard Center Shanghai, October 2015

Delivered the closing remarks at the Eldercare Symposium "Improving the Quality of Elder Care in China and Asia: Models, Methods, and Contexts."

University of Paris Descartes, November 2014

Presented invited paper "Organ Transplantation in China: The Roles of Culture and Politics" at the conference on "Transfert de matieres, transplantation et fabrication du vivant."

China Lecture Trip March-April 2013

Delivered invited talk on "Organ Transplantation, Body, and Culture" at Zhongshan University (Guangzhou), Fudan University (Shanghai), and Beijing (Peking) University.

Association for Asian Studies, San Diego, March 2013

Served as discussant for panel on “Social and Cultural Perspectives on Aging and Caregiving in Contemporary China.”

Oxford University, February 2012

Presented paper “Bioethics in China: The Origin and State of the Field.”

University of Hong Kong, Conference on “Strengthening Hong Kong’s Families: Obligations and Care across the Generations”, Hong Kong, June 2010.

As invited keynote speaker delivered address “Filial Piety in Contemporary East Asia.”

American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, December 2009

Presented paper “China’s Encounter with Bioethics: Contestation or Collaboration?”

World Congress of Bioethics, Rijeka, Croatia, September 2008

Presented paper “Bioethics and Organ Transplantation in China: How Is Culture a Challenge?”

Medical Ethics Branch of the Chinese Medical Association Biennial Meeting, Urumqi, July 2007

Delivered invited address “为什么西方国家批评中国的器官移植情况?” (“Why Do Western Countries Criticize Organ Transplantation in China?”).

Harvard University Asia Center, April 2007

Delivered talk on “Bioethics in China Today: The View from the Top.”

Fudan University, Shanghai, December 2006

Gave lecture “Anthropology and Bioethics: Friends or Foes?”

American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., December 2005

Hosted General Anthropology Division Roundtable on “Teaching East Asian Studies.”

Pennsylvania State University, October 2005.

Served as discussant for paper on “Immigration and Aging” at the conference on “Social Structures: The Impact of Demographic Changes on the Well-being of Older Persons.”

4th Annual Conference of the Association for Anthropology and Gerontology, University of Texas, Austin, March 2005.

Delivered Keynote “New Directions in Research on Aging in Asia.”

St. Antony's College, Oxford University, February 2005

Presented paper “Filial Piety in Crisis?: The Impact of Economic Reform on Intergenerational Relations in China” at the workshop “Ageing in Asia.”

Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Richmond, VA, February 2004

Presented paper “Teaching about Global Aging from Cross-Cultural and Cross-National Perspectives.”

Primary Source, Watertown, MA, February 2003 and March 2004

Presented talk on “Introduction to Guangzhou” to teachers preparing to take part in a two-week study tour to Guangdong Province.

Seventh Biennial Conference of the Chinese Studies Association of Australia, Canberra, July 2001
Presented paper "Pleasing the State, Pleasing the Ancestors: Death Ritual in Contemporary Guangzhou."

Contemporary China Centre, School of Pacific and Asian Studies, The Australian National University, June 2001
Delivered talk "From Welfare Benefit to Market Commodity: Housing in Urban China."

American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 2000
Presented paper "Between Socialism and the Market: Housing Privatization in Guangzhou" at the annual meeting .

Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University, May 2000
Served as discussant of paper "Totalitarianism and Individualism: A Comparative Study of Current Eugenics Law in China, Taiwan, and Japan" presented at the workshop on "Eugenics in East Asia: A Transnational Perspective."

Association for Asian Studies, San Diego, March 2000
Presented paper "Filial Piety: When Is Enough Enough?" at the annual meeting.

Ruby Gerontology Center, California State University, Fullerton, February 2000
Delivered paper "Constructing and Deconstructing the Self: Dementia in China" as part of the symposium on "The Cultural Construction of Senile Dementia."

Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University, October 1999
Delivered talk on "The Impact of Housing Reform Implementation: Guangzhou, a Case Study."

M.I.T., Cambridge, MA, April 1997
Served as discussant for presentation on "Chinese Social Security Reforms."

Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH, April 1997
Engaged in dialogue with a class of political science students who had read my book, The Return of the God of Wealth, as part of their course assignments.

Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH, September 1996
Delivered talk on "Aging in the Era of the One-Child Family" as opening of the 1996-1997 East Asian Studies Colloquia.

American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November 1995
Presented paper "Sex, Ghosts, and Executions: The Ethics of Organ Procurement in Chinese Societies" at the annual meeting.

American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November 1995
Served as discussant for the panel "Intersections of Culture, History, and the Lifecourse in East Asia."

The Spectrum of Research on Aging and the Aged, Cleveland, OH, November 1995
Presented the poster session "The Experience of Dementia in China."

18th Annual Professional and Scientific Ohio Conference on Aging, King's Island, OH, April 1994
Delivered keynote address on "Qualitative Methodologies and Cross-Cultural Research."

Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, November 1993
Discussant for symposium: "Intergenerational Supports in the Later Years of Life: A Life Course and Cross Cultural Perspective."

Vermont Conference on the Prevention of Primary Pathology, Burlington, VT, June 1993
Delivered paper "Comparative Perspectives on Successful Aging."

Cambridge, MA, January 1993
Delivered talk on "Death and Death Ritual in Contemporary Urban China" to the Anthropologists of Boston on China (ABC Group).

Gerontological Society of America, Washington, D.C., November 1992
Presented paper "How Culture Makes a Difference in Well-Being" at the annual meeting.

Society for Cross-Cultural Research, Santa Fe, March 1992
Presented paper "Interpretation and Standardization of Quantitative Data" at the annual meeting.

American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, November 1990
Delivered paper "The Impact of Socio-Economic Status on Family Care of the Elderly in Hong Kong" at the annual meeting.

Gerontological Society of America, Boston, November 1990
Presented paper "A Good Old Age in Hong Kong."

Conference on Family Strategies in Post-Mao China, Roche Harbor, Washington, June 1990
Presented paper "Settling Accounts: The Intergenerational Contract in an Age of Reform."

Other Professional Activities

Editorial Board, Culture, Medicine & Psychiatry, 2008-2010

Co-Editor, Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology, 1985-1995

Editorial Board, Journals of Gerontology: Social Science, 1993-1996

Grant Reviewer/Interviewer (1990-present):

Committee on Scholarly Communication with China
Danish Agency for Science and Technology Innovation
Economic and Social Research Council (United Kingdom)
National Science Foundation
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
University Grants Committee (Hong Kong)

Wenner-Gren

Manuscript Reviewer (1990-present):

American Anthropologist
 American Journal of Transplantation
 Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
 Asian Survey Review
 Cambridge University Press
 Childhood and Society
 Cornell University Press
 Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry
 Ethos
 International Journal of Behavioral Development
 Journal of Aging and Social Policy
 Journal of Aging Studies
 Journal of Applied Gerontology
 Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology
 Journal of Family Issues
 Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences
 Journal of Marriage and the Family
 Journal of Southeast Asian Studies
 Medical Anthropology Quarterly
 National Geographic Society
 Pacific Affairs
 Proceedings of the National Academy of Science
 Research on Aging
 Social Science and Medicine
 Sociological Forum
 The China Journal
 The China Quarterly
 The Gerontologist
 The Western Journal of Medicine

Member, Committee on Advanced Study in China, 1995-1997

Teaching

Department of Anthropology, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Fall 1985-2011

As Professor teaching courses in Introduction to Socio-Cultural Anthropology, Chinese Culture and Society, Japanese Culture and Society, The Anthropology of Aging, Asian Medical Systems, Death and Dying, Controversial Issues in Anthropology, and Utopian Communities in Theory and Practice.

Department of Anthropology, Tufts University, Medford, MA, Spring, 1985

As Visiting Assistant Professor taught Chinese Culture and Society.

Department of Anthropology, Brown University, Providence, Fall 1984

As Visiting Assistant Professor taught Culture and Human Behavior: The Life-Cycle in Cross-Cultural Perspective.

Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts, Boston, Fall 1978

Taught two sections of Introduction to Cultural Anthropology.

Department of Sociology, Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA, 1968-1972

Co-planned and introduced the social science component of a special program for minority students. Designed modules and evaluated success of program which was expanded to include all students at this predominantly Black institution. Taught courses in Sociology, Sociological Methods, Social Change, Cultural Anthropology, and Western Civilization.

Social Studies Department, Bedford High School, Bedford, MA, 1965-68

Taught courses in Western Civilization and Far Eastern History. Introduced courses in Sociology and International Relations. Received summer grant from school system to develop a Sociology Curriculum Guide.