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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Anthropology, Yale University
M.Phil. Anthropology, Yale University
M.A. International Relations, Yale University
B.A. English Language and Literature, Fudan University

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Associate Professor 08/2020 – Present
Centre for China Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

- Associate Director
- Director of BA Program of Chinese Studies
- Graduate Division Head

Assistant Professor 08/2013 – 07/2020
Centre for China Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

MAIN RESEARCH INTERESTS

Migration and Mobility; Urbanization and Rural-urban Relations; Education and Equality
Youth Culture and Identity; Family Relations; Foodways; Socioecological Transformation;
Ethnographic Research

RESEARCH OUTPUTS

Referred Single-authored Book

Ling, Minhua. 2019. *The Inconvenient Generation: Migrant Youth Coming of Age on Shanghai's Edge*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press. (<https://www.sup.org/books/title/?id=28262>)

Referred Journal Articles

Ling, Minhua. 2020 (Online First). "Container housing: Formal informality and deterritorialised home-making amid bulldozer urbanism in Shanghai." *Urban Studies*.

Ling, Minhua. 2017. "Returning to No Home: Educational Remigration and Displacement in Rural China." *Anthropological Quarterly* 90 (3): 715-742.

Ling, Minhua. 2017. "Precious Son, Reliable Daughter: Redefining Son Preference in Migrant Households in Urban China." *The China Quarterly* 229: 150-171.

Ling, Minhua. 2015. "'Bad students go to vocational schools!': Education, Social Reproduction and Migrant Youth in Urban China." *The China Journal* 73: 108-131.

Invited Presentations

2018. "Home to Return? On the Dilemma Facing Migrant Children Aspiring for Higher Education." College of Education, Peking University, China.

2015. "'Daughter is less burdensome than son': Migration, Gender, and Child Rearing in Urban China." Department of Anthropology, Sun Yat-Sen University, China.

CURRICULUM VITAE

2015. "What is New about Neo-Shanghainese? Rights and Belonging to a Resurgent Global City." Hong Kong Anthropological Society, Hong Kong.
2015. "Rights to City and China's Urban Citizenship." NYU-Shanghai, China.
2014. "Learning Not to Labor: Vocational Education, Migrant Youth, and Future Making in Urban China." Hong Kong University.
2013. "Diverging Paths, Converging Dreams: Coming of Age on China's Urban Edge." Seminar on Topics in World Cities, Bryn Mawr College, Philadelphia, USA.

Referred Conference Papers (Recent Three Years)

2019. "Doing Family across the Rural-urban Divide: Migration, Childrearing, and Familial Negotiation in Contemporary China." 118th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Vancouver, Canada.
2019. "Consumption of Packaged Convenience Food among Left-behind Children in Rural China." 11th International Convention of Asia Scholars, Leiden, the Netherlands.
2018. "Contained Fluidity: Bulldozer Urbanism and its Everyday Politics in Shanghai." AAS-in ASIA 2018 Conference, New Delhi, India.
2017. "Snail House: Bulldozer Urbanism and Container Livelihood in Shanghai." 116th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC, USA.
2017. "Learning Not to Labor: Vocational Education, Migrant Youth, and Identity Making in Urban China." The 10th International Convention of Asia Scholars, Chiang Mai, Thailand
2017. "Oscillation for Education, Governance through (Im)Mobility: Invisible Borderwork in Late-Socialist China." AAS-in-Asia 2017 Conference, Seoul, South Korea.

Book Reviews

2017. "*Youth Cultures in China* by Jeroen de Kloet and Anthony Fung." *China Perspectives* 2017/3: 70.
2016. "*Class Work: Vocational Schools and China's Urban Youth* by T. E. Woronov." *American Anthropologist* 118 (3): 701-702.
2015. "*Class in Contemporary China* by David S. Goodman." *Anthropos* 110 (2): 622-623.

Other Publications

2012. Translation (with Mi Shu). *Learning to Labor* (学做工 in Chinese) by Paul Willis. Nanjing, China: Yiling Press.
2007. "Floating or Staying Behind: Dilemma Facing Migrant Workers' Children (in Chinese)?" *Urban China*, Vol. 22: 53-55.

COMPETITIVE RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2019 General Research Fund, Hong Kong Research Grant Council
Principal Investigator, "Food Consumption of Left-behind Children and Rural Transformation in Post-reform China,"
- 2019 Collaborative Research Fund, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Co-Investigator, "The Last Transitions of Rural China."

CURRICULUM VITAE

- 2018 Direct Grant for Research, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Principal Investigator, “Eating Junk: Consumption of Packaged Food among Left-behind Children in Rural China.”
- 2015 Early Career Scheme Grant, Hong Kong Research Grant Council
Principal Investigator, “In Search of Identity: Second-generation Migrant Youth in Urban China.”
- 2014 Direct Grant for Research, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Principal Investigator, “Learning to Labor: School-to-Work Transition among Second-generation Migrant Youth in Urban China.”
- 2010 Council on East Asian Summer Travel and Research Grant, Yale University
Principal Investigator, “Left Behind, Forging Ahead: Migrant Workers’ Children Coming of Age in Post-Socialist China.”
- 2008 Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation, USA
Co-Principal Investigator (with supervisor Professor Helen Siu), “Migrant Workers’ Children in Developing Nations.”
- 2008 International Research Dissertation Grant, MacMillan Center, Yale University
Principal Investigator, “Left Behind, Forging Ahead: Migrant Workers’ Children Coming of Age in Post-Socialist China.”
- 2008 Dissertation Research Grant, Council on East Asian Studies, Yale University
Principal Investigator, “Left Behind, Forging Ahead: Migrant Workers’ Children Coming of Age in Post-Socialist China.”

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

- 2016 Brown International Advanced Research Institutes Fellowship, Brown University
- 2011-12 East Asian Studies Prize Fellowship, Yale University
- 2006 McDougal Fellowship, Yale University
- 2005-07 Kwok Fellowship, Yale University
- 2003-05 University Fellowship, Yale University
- 2001 Sony Scholarship, Fudan University

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

Supervisor

PhD: Liu, Yiling (Chinese Studies, graduated in 2013/07)
Thesis: “‘Black-hearted Clinics’: Medical Practice in China’s Urban Villages”

MPhil: Li, Yiwei (Chinese Studies, to graduate in 2021/07)
Thesis: “New Mainland-Hongkongers in Time of China’s Rise”

Co-supervisor

PhD: MA Huijuan (Chinese Studies, graduated in 2017/07)
Thesis: “When Local Beliefs Encounter Global Heritage: A Case Study of the Temple Islands in Eastern Shandong, China.”

MPhil: Annemarelle J. VAN SCHAYIK (Chinese Studies, graduated in 2014/07)
Thesis: “Familiarity in the Unfamiliar: The Greater China Educational Journey of Mainland Postgraduate Students in Hong Kong.”

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Department

Member, Department Academic Personnel Committee, Centre for China Studies (CCS), 08/2020 – present
Member, Board of Anthropology Department, 08/2020 – present
Talk Coordinator, CCS Visiting Speaker Series, 08/2014 – present
Member, Executive Committee, CCS Board, 08/2017 – present
Member, Graduate Panel, CCS Board, 08/2017 – present
Member, Assessment Panel, CCS Board, 08/2017 – present
Member, Staff-Student Consultative Committee, CCS Board, 08/2017 – present
Member, Curriculum Committee, CCS Board, 08/2017 – present
Member, Research Committee, CCS Board, 08/2017 – present
Member, Programme Board for BA/BSSc in Contemporary China Studies, 08/2013 – 07/2017
Member, Programme Board for MA in Chinese Studies, 08/2013 – 07/2017
Member, Programme Board for MPhil/PhD in Chinese Studies, 08/2013 – 07/2017

Faculty

Member, Committee on Teaching and Learning, Faculty Board of Arts, 08/2019 - present
Assistant Professor Representative, Faculty Board of Arts, 08/2017 – present

College

Member, Chung Chi College Education Conferences Committee, 08/2014 – present
Chair, Chung Chi College Education Conferences Committee and SLLW Working Group 2019/20, 09/2019 – 02/2020
Member, Working Group on the Siu Lien Ling Wong Visiting Fellows Programme 2015/16, Chung Chi College, 12/2015 – 04/2016

University

Member, Executive Committee, Universities Service Centre for China Studies, 08/2016 – present

External

Editorial Board Member

- *Ethnography*, peer-reviewed international interdisciplinary journal published by SAGE, 03/2019 – present
- *China Perspectives (Perspectives Chinoises)*, academic quarterly published by French Centre for Research on Contemporary China, 03/2018 – present

Manuscript Reviewer

The China Journal; The China Quarterly; Modern China; Ethnography; Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology; Asian Anthropology; Cities; Urban Studies; Social Problems; Social Sciences; Sociological Forum; Qualitative Sociology; Habitat International; Population, Space and Place; Comparative Education Review

Executive Committee Member

- Hong Kong Anthropological Society, 08/2017 – present

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Anthropological Association
Association for Asian Studies
East Asian Anthropological Association
Social Science History Association