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Curriculum Vitae

Institute of Ethnology
Academia Sinica
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Anthropology	2017
Department of Anthropology	
Brown University	

M.A. in Anthropology	2013
Department of Anthropology	
Brown University	

M.A. in Social Sciences	2010
University of Chicago	

B.A. [with Honors] in Anthropology and International Studies	2007
University of Chicago	

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Academia Sinica	
Assistant Research Fellow	
Institute of Ethnology	2018-

University of Pennsylvania	2018
Post-Doctoral Fellow	
Wolf Humanities Center/Department of Anthropology	

Brandeis University	2017-18
Lecturer	
Department of Anthropology	

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- "If You Greet Them on the Street, They Ignore You": Chinese Migrant Entrepreneurs, (Refused) Greetings, and the Interpersonal Ethics of Global Inequality in Tanzania. *Anthropological Quarterly*, 91(1): 237-265 2018
- "Uncle Sam Said Very Clearly You Are Not a Country": Independence Activists and the Mapping of Imperial Cosmologies in Taiwan. *Verge: Studies in Global Asias*, 2(2): 115-137. 2016
- Weak Passports and "Low-Quality" People: Chinese Expatriates and the Moral Politics of Petty Corruption in Tanzania. Under Review
- The Semiotics of "Heiren": Discontent, Everyday Knowledge Production, and Discursive Complicity among the Chinese in Tanzania. Under Review

Book Chapters

- Chinese Peanuts and Chinese *Machinga*: The Use and Abuse of a Rumor in Dar es Salaam (and Ethnographic Writing). *New Directions in the Study of Africa and China*. Chris Alden and Dan Large, eds. Social Science Research Council. 2018
- 對台灣研究 "So What" 問題的深思：從北美學術市場結構反省 NATSA 發展策略 [Considering the "So What" Question in Taiwan Studies: Reflecting on NATSA's Development Strategy from the Perspective of the North American Academic Market]. Co-Authored with Chih-Ming Liang. 跨界跨代的臺灣研究-北美臺灣研究學會 (NATSA) 二十年 [Crossing Disciplines and Generations: 20 Years of NATSA]. Pan Mei-lin, Lin Jih-wen, Chang Lung-chih, and Yang Meng-Hsuan, eds. Kaoshiung: Chu-Liu Publishing. 2016
- Pre-Histories of China-Tanzania: Intermediaries, Sub-Empires, and the Use and Abuse of Analogy. Under Review

Book Reviews

- China's Second Continent: How a Million Migrants are Building a New Empire in Africa. *African Review of Economics and Finance*, 8(1): 156-9. 2016

The Image of the Black in African and Asian Art. *Notes and Records: An International Journal of African and African Diaspora Studies*.

Forthcoming

Manuscripts in Preparation

Diplomats, Activists, and the Haunt-ology of American Empire in Martial Law Taiwan

Public Scholarship

“Racist” or “Not-Racist”: The Better Question is Whether Racism is Being (Re)-Produced or Deconstructed in China. *Node to Node: Musings on Fieldwork*.

[<https://dereksheridan.wordpress.com/2016/06/22/racist-or-not-racist-the-better-question-is-whether-racism-is-being-re-produced-or-deconstructed-in-china/>]

June 2016

Empire State of Mind: A Reflection on Howard French’s “China’s Second Continent.” *Node to Node: Musings on Fieldwork*.
[<https://dereksheridan.wordpress.com/2014/08/07/empire-state-of-mind-a-reflection-on-howard-frenchs-chinas-second-continent/>]

August 2014

Unthinking (and then Rethinking) the Relevance of “China-Africa”: Some Small Notes from the Wholesale-Retail Trade in Uganda and Tanzania. *The Africa Daily*.

[<https://dereksheridan.wordpress.com/2014/08/02/unthinking-and-then-rethinking-the-relevance-of-china-africa-some-small-notes-from-the-wholesale-retail-trade-in-uganda-and-tanzania/>]

December 2013

The Discourse of “Empire” as Moral Critique. *China-Africa Forum*.
Social Science Research Council China-Africa Research Hub.

Forthcoming

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

External Grants and Fellowships

Association for Asian Studies China and Inner Asia Council (AAS-CIAC)
Small Grant

2018

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant

2014–15

Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant

2014–15

Social Science Research Council Dissertation Proposal Development
Fellowship (SSRC-DPDF)

2013

Internal Grants and Fellowships

Watson Institute for International Studies Interdisciplinary Opportunity and Fellowship	2016-17
Watson Institute Graduate Fieldwork Travel Grant (<i>For Swahili Language Training</i>)	2014
National Science Foundation IGERT Fellowship for the Brown University Graduate Program in Development (GPD)	2013-14
Brown University Graduate Fellowship	2011-12, 2015-16
Brown University Graduate International Colloquium Fund (<i>For Social Science Colloquium on China</i>)	2011-12, 2012-13 2013-14
University of Chicago Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences (MAPSS) Scholarship	2009-10

CAMPUS TALKS

Weak Passports and Low-Quality People: Chinese Expatriates and the Moral Politics of Petty Corruption in Tanzania. Department of Ethnography. National Chengchi University. Apr 3, 2018.	2018
Weak Passports and 'Low-Quality' People: Chinese and Tanzanian Encounters with a Hungry State. Brown University Department of Anthropology Friday Speaker Series. Feb 10, 2017.	2017
Commodities, Intermediaries, and the "Imperialism" of Chinese Trade in Tanzania. Watson Institute Development and Governance Seminar. Feb 8, 2017.	2017
"Chinese-ness" before the Chinese: Historical Traces and Contemporary Cultural Projects in a Tanzanian Martial Arts and Film Club. Brown University. Mar 21, 2016.	2016
China-in-Africa in Proximity: Chinese Migrants and the Production of Trust and Value in Dar es Salaam. Brown University. May 6, 2014.	2014

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Conferences and Workshops Organized

Africa-China: Mutual Influence in the Early 21st Century. Brandeis University. April 26, 2018. 2018

Workshopping Approaches to Race, Racism, and Racialization in Ethnographic Examinations of China-Africa and South-South Encounters [with Melissa Lefkowitz]. New York University. Jan 13, 2017. 2017

Not a Single Story: Three Dimensions of Africa-China Relations [with Patricia Agupusi]. Brown University. Mar 21, 2016. 2016

Program Director. 19th Annual North American Taiwan Studies Association (NATSA) Conference. University of California-Santa Barbara. June 21-22, 2013. 2013

Panels Organized/Chaired

Locating China in the South [with Melissa Lefkowitz]. 2018 Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies. Washington, D.C. Mar 22-Mar 25, 2018 2018

Locating China in the South [with Mingwei Huang]. 117th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, D.C. Nov 29-Dec 3, 2017. 2017

Race, Racism, and Racialization in Africa-China Relations. 60th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association. Chicago, IL. Nov 16-18, 2017. 2017

Activism and the Political Imagination [with Nicholas Carby-Denning]. 113th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Chicago, IL. Nov 20-24, 2013. 2013

Colloquia Organized

Social Science Colloquia on China [with Irene Pang]. Brown University. 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14

Invited Papers

Rethinking Traditionalism: Myron Cohen and the Place of Ethnography in the Study of Taiwan's History. 3rd World Congress of Taiwan Studies. Academia Sinica (Taiwan). Sep 6-8, 2018. 2018

Invited Workshops

"If you Greet Them, they Ignore You": Chinese Migrants, (Refused) Greetings, and the Interpersonal Ethics of Global Inequality in Tanzania. Articulating China-Africa Relations. Sun Yat-Sen University (Guangzhou). Jun 9, 2018. 2018

The Chinese English Keywords Project. Hong Kong. Jan 8-Jan 12, 2018. 2018

Dialogues with Ethnography: The Lived Experiences of Chinese Migrants in Africa. Vienna (Skype). June 26, 2017 2017

Roundtables

Talking Race, Ethnicity and Otherness in Chinese-English Dialogues. 118th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. San Jose (Skype). November 16, 2018. 2018

Papers Presented

When Martial Arts Diplomacy Meets the Kung Fu Histories of the Swahili Coast. 5th Chinese in Africa/Africans in China Conference. Solvay Brussels School for Economics and Management (Belgium). Dec 12-14, 2014. 2018

"If You Greet Them, They Ignore You: Chinese Migrant Entrepreneurs, (Refused) Greetings, and the Interpersonal Ethics of Global Inequality in Tanzania. Global Encounters: Transnational Mobility within and Beyond China. Minzu University of China. Beijing. Jun 23-24, 2018. 2018

Everyday Orientalism? Speech, Sincerity and the Politics of Everyday Knowledge Production in Sino-Tanzanian Encounters. Orientalism, Neo-Orientalism, and Post-Orientalism in African, Middle East, Latin American, Asian/Chinese Studies. Shanghai University. May 17-18, 2018. 2018

Weak Passports and Problematic People: Chinese Expatriates and the Moral Politics of Petty Corruption in Tanzania. -2018 Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies. Washington, D.C. Mar 22-Mar 25, 2018. 2018
-117th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, D.C. Nov 29-Dec 3, 2017. 2017

"We Are Very Friendly, But They Never Greet Us!": Chinese Migrant Entrepreneurs, (Refused) Greetings, and the Interpersonal Ethics of Global Inequality in a Tanzanian Marketplace.

- 59th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association. Washington, DC
Dec 1-3, 2016. 2016
- 115th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association.
Minneapolis, MN. Nov 16-20, 2016. 2016
- 4th Chinese in Africa/Africans in China Conference. Nairobi, Kenya.
Aug 18-20, 2016. 2016
- Taiwan and the Making of America's Cold War Sinology.
22nd Annual North American Taiwan Studies Association (NATSA)
Conference. University of Toronto. June 10-11, 2016. 2016
- Chinese-ness before the Chinese: Historical Traces and Contemporary
Cultural Projects in a Tanzanian Martial Arts and Film Club.
2016 Annual Meeting of the American Comparative Literature
Association. Harvard University. Mar 29-Apr 1, 2016. 2016
- Ethnography as Agency: Speech, Sincerity, and the Politics of Everyday
Knowledge Production in Sino-Tanzanian Encounters.
3rd Annual University of Pennsylvania Semiotic Anthropology Conference.
May 5-6, 2016. 2016
- Weak Passports and "Low-Quality" People: Everyday Extortion,
Global Hierarchies, and How to be Chinese in Tanzania.
19th Annual Harvard East Asia Society Conference. Feb 20-21, 2016. 2016
- Telling the "Real" Story: Sincerity, Speech, and *Suzhi* in the Discourse
of Sino-Tanzanian Friendship.
-Columbia Conference on East Asia. Feb 26-26, 2016. 2016
- Building Images: Exploring 21st Century Sino-African Dynamics
Though Cultural Exchange, Media Representation, and Translation.
University of Nottingham. Jan 14-16, 2016. 2016
- The "China-Africa" Concept and the Ethnography of Everyday
Knowledge Production.
3rd Chinese in Africa/Africans in China Conference. Jinan University (China).
Dec 12-14, 2014. 2014
- "When Taiwan is Independent, We Can Watch Baseball": Affective
Reason and Reasonable Affect among Nationalist Political Activists.
-20th Annual North American Taiwan Studies Association (NATSA)
Conference. University of Wisconsin-Madison. June 20-21, 2014. 2014
- 113th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association.
Chicago, IL. Nov 20-24, 2013. 2013
- "Uncle Sam Said Very Clearly You Are Not a Country": Deceptions and
Revelations of the Imperial Imagination in Taiwan.

Inaugural Nexus Taiwan Conference. Brown University. Apr 7-9, 2016.	2016
-9 th Annual Brown University Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference. Apr 4, 2014.	2014
-17 th Annual Harvard East Asia Society Conference. Feb 21-23, 2014.	2014
-19 th Annual North American Taiwan Studies Association (NATSA) Conference. University of California-Santa Barbara. June 21-22, 2013.	2013
Tensions of Pax Americana: Imperial Specters and American Presence in Cold War Taiwan.	
-States of Belonging Conference. University of Colorado-Boulder. Sep 24-25, 2010.	2010
-16 th Annual North American Taiwan Studies Association (NATSA) Conference. University of California-Berkeley. June 18-20, 2010.	2010

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Brandeis University

Anthropology of Global China (Undergrad)	Spring 2018
History of Anthropological Thought (Grad)	Spring 2018
Anthropology of Stuff (Undergrad/Grad)	Fall 2017
Anthropology of Development (Undergrad)	Fall 2017
Brandeis Anthropology Research Seminar (Grad)	2017-18

Brown University

Anthropology of Stuff (Summer Session/Pre-College)	2014, 2016
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Teaching Assistance

Language and Power (with Paja Faudree)	2013
Culture and Human Behavior (with Sarah Chase)	2012

Thesis Advising

Jonathan Rocha (MA-Brandeis University-Anthropology)	2018 (Expected)
Haoqian Chen (MA-Brandeis University-Anthropology)	2018 (Expected)

Professional Training

Brown University Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning Certificate	2012-13
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Other Teaching Experience

TOEFL and Business English. Merica English. Taiwan.	2010-11
English Reading and Writing. Churchill English. Taiwan.	2008-09
English as a Second Language. HESS Education. Taiwan.	2007-08

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Costs of War. For Catherine Lutz. (Research and Writing)	2014, 2017
Moralities of War. For Catherine Lutz. (Research and Writing)	2013-14

ACADEMIC SERVICE

North American Taiwan Studies Association (NATSA)	
-Special Advisor	2013-14
-Co-Director and Head Program Commissioner	2012-13
-Program Committee Member	2011-12
-Executive Committee Member	2010-11
Department of Anthropology Friday Speaker Series, Brown University.	
Organizing Committee Member	2012-13

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS

Trans-pacific Fermentations: Taiwan and the Making of America's Cold War Sinology. An Oral History Project of the North American Taiwan Studies Association.	
-Coordinator	2016-
-Interviewer	2014-16

MEDIA COVERAGE

Knowledge Production, Rumors, and Truth. <i>Cowries and Rice Podcast</i> . [https://soundcloud.com/cowriesrice/episode-70-knowledge-production?utm_source=soundcloud&utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=twitter]	2016
Taiwan's Collective Memory of Japan: Around the Horn. Edited by Steven Denney. <i>SinoNK</i> . [http://sinonk.com/2015/08/31/collective-memory-of-japan-in-taiwan/]	2015
Deep thoughts by Derek Sheridan. <i>Cowries and Rice Podcast</i> . [cowriesrice.blogspot.com/2014/02/deep-thoughts-by-derek-sheridan.html]	2014

LANGUAGES

Mandarin Chinese (Reading, Speaking, Writing)
Swahili (Speaking)
Spanish (Reading)

English (Native)

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Tanzania	17 Months
Taiwan	4 Months
China	1 Month
Uganda	1 Month

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association
African Studies Association
Association for Asian Studies
Chinese in Africa/Africans in China Research Network
North American Taiwan Studies Association