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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

07/2020 – Assistant Professor of Sociology and Global Gender & Sexuality Studies
University at Buffalo, State University of New York

08/2019 – 06/2020 Suzanne W. Barnett Chair of Contemporary China Studies (endowed position)
Assistant Professor in International Political Economy
University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA

EDUCATION

2019 Ph.D. in Sociology, Johns Hopkins University

2015 M.A. in Sociology, Johns Hopkins University

2010 M.A. in Social Sciences, University of Chicago

2007 B.A. in Social Sciences with Honors, University of Hong Kong

2002-03 Undergraduate study in Psychology, Peking University, China

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Gender and work, labor politics, political economy, historical and comparative sociology, social reproduction, industrialization & deindustrialization, welfare policy, urban studies, China

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

National & International Awards/Fellowships

Henry Luce/ACLS Early Career Fellowship in China Studies, American Council of Learned Societies (2021-2022)

Arts & Science Postdoctoral Fellowship, The University of Toronto (2019-2020, declined)

Woodrow Wilson National Dissertation Fellowship in Women's Studies (2018-2019)

Rose Laub Coser Dissertation Proposal Award, Eastern Sociological Society (2018)

Award for Junior Chinese Feminist Scholars, Chinese Society for Women's Studies (2018)

Small Research Grant, China & Inner Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies (2017)

Best Student Paper Prize, China & Inner Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies (2015)

Distinguished Mainland Student Fellowship, the Government of Hong Kong (2003-2006)

Drs. Richard Charles and Esther Yewpick Lee Charitable Foundation Scholarship (2002)

University-level Awards/Fellowships

Gender Institute Faculty Research Award, SUNY Buffalo (2022)
 Humanities Institute Faculty Research Fellowship, SUNY Buffalo (2021-22; declined)
 Women, Gender and Sexuality Program, Prize Teaching Fellowship, JHU (2017)
 Dean's Teaching Fellowship, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, JHU (2015 & 2017)
 Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Sociology, JHU (2016)
 Summer Research Grant, Program of Women, Gender and Sexuality, JHU (2014)
 Conference & Research Grant, East Asian Studies, JHU (2012, 2013, 2015 & 2016)
 University Endowment Fellowship, University of Chicago (2007)

PUBLICATIONS

Book manuscript in preparation

“The Fabric of Care: Women’s Work and the Politics of Livelihood in Industrial China (1920-2020)”

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Dong, Yige. 2020. “Spinners or Sitters? Regimes of Social Reproduction and Urban Chinese Workers’ Employment Choices,” *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, 61, no. 2-3: 200-216.

Wu, Angela X. and **Yige Dong**. 2019. "What Is Made-in-China Feminism(s)? Gender Discontent and Class Friction in Post-Socialist China," *Critical Asian Studies*, 51 (4): 1-22.

Andreas, Joel and **Yige Dong**. 2018. “The Brief, Tumultuous History of ‘Big Democracy’ in China’s Factories,” *Modern China* 44 (5): 455-96.

Peer-reviewed book chapters

Dong, Yige and Eileen Otis, “Gender Politics in 21st Century China: Work, Family and Activism,” in Oxford Handbook of Gender History in Asian, in preparation.

Andreas, Joel and **Yige Dong**. 2017. “Mass Supervision and the Bureaucratization of Governance in China,” in *To Govern China: Evolving Practice of Power*, eds. Vivienne Shue and Patricia Thornton (Cambridge University Press, 2017), 123-52.

Book reviews

Dong, Yige. forthcoming. Red Silk: Class, Gender, and Revolution in China’s Yangzi Delta Silk Industry (Cambridge: Harvard Asia Center, 2020), written by Robert Cliver, *The PRC History Review*.

Dong, Yige. 2019. *Factory Boys, Factory Girls: Gender, Family and the Migration of Rural People in Contemporary China* (Hong Kong: The Chinese University of Hong Kong Press, 2017), written by Du Ping, *NAN NÜ* 21 (2): 355-58.

Other publications

Dong, Yige. 2022. “Feminist Agitation inside Chinese factories,” in Ivan Franceschini, Kevin Lin, Christian Sorace,

and Nicholas Loubere eds, *Proletarian China: A Century of Chinese Labour*, Verso Books.

Dong, Yige. 2021. "[The crisis of social reproduction and 'Made-in-China' feminism.](#)" *Soundings: A Journal of Politics and Culture*, Issue 79: 10-23.

Dong, Yige, 2019. "[Does China Have a Feminist Movement from the Left?](#)" *Made in China Journal*, 4 (1): 58-63.

Dong, Yige. 2018. "The Gender Question in New PRC Historical Studies," *Tsinghua Sociological Review* 8: 43-59. (in Chinese)

Dong, Yige. 2017. "Studying Socialist China: Reflections from a Gender Perspective," *Journal of Chinese Women's Studies* 143 (5): 20-25. (in Chinese)

Dong, Yige. 2017. "How Chinese Students Become Nationalist: American Experience and Transpacific Futures," *American Quarterly* 69 (3): 559-67.

Dong, Yige, 2014. "[Domestic Violence: The Mainstream Topic after the 1995 Conference,](#)" *China Development Brief*, No. 61 (Fall Issue), 2014.

Dong, Yige, 2014. "[The Rise and Fall of the Anti-Domestic Violence Network,](#)" *China Development Brief*, No. 61 (Fall Issue), 2014.

INVITED TALKS & LECTURES

2022 "Collectivized Care and Its Discontents: The Politics of Social Reproduction in Socialist China," Conference on *Care Work and the Hidden Labor of Capitalism*, Fordham University, October 22-24. (in person, scheduled)

2021 "Feminism and the Politics of Social Reproduction in China," Berlin Contemporary China Network Lecture Series Contentious Politics in China, December 16. (online)

"Factory Girls Going Home: Care Work and Migrant Labor in Contemporary China," Contemporary China Speaker Series, Duke Kunshan University, December 3. (online)

"Red Housekeeping" in a Socialist Factory: *Jiasbu* and the Transformation of Reproductive Labor in Urban China, 1949-1962," History of Women and Gender Colloquium, New York University, November 18. (online)

Talk, "[Care Crisis, Class Inequality, and the 'Made-in-China' Feminism,](#)" Department of Global and International Studies, UC Irvine, October, 22.

Panelist, "[Manning up for the Nation: State, Media, and China's Regulation against 'Sissy' Men,](#)" Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, University of Chicago, October 20.

"Between Archival Research and Oral History: A Paradigm of Dialectical Construction in the Study of Gender and Early PRC China," *Gender in Chinese Studies: A Conference in Honor of Prof. Wang Zheng*, University of Michigan, April 9-10 (online due to COVID-19)

Guest Lecture on "Rethinking Migrant Labor through the Lens of Social Reproduction," Globalization & Development (graduate seminar), Department of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University, March 3, 2021 (online).

- 2020 “Care Crisis, Class Inequality, and ‘Made-in-China’ Feminism,” at [Cambridge University China Forum](#), Nov 24, 2020 (online).
- Guest Lecture on “Doing Interviews and Oral History in Studying the PRC,” Introduction to Sources and Methods in Studying PRC, joint graduate seminar hosted by University of Chicago & Harvard University, Oct 21, 2020 (online).
- “Bring Political Economy Back to Gender Studies,” in Tsinghua Sociology Forum, August 13, 2020 (online).
- “A Workshop on the History of Capitalism,” April 23-25, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX. (postponed due to COVID-19)
- “From Mill Town to iPhone City: Gender, Labor, and the Politics of Care in China’s Industrial Development,” March 9, University at Buffalo, SUNY.
- “From Mill Town to iPhone City: The Politics of Care in an Industrializing China,” Feb 21, Oikos Workshop Series at the Institute of Public Knowledge, New York University, New York.
- “Feminist Movements and the Crisis of Social Reproduction in China,” The China Question Symposium, January 25, Verso Loft, New York.
- 2018 “Gender and Social Reproduction in Socialist China: A Historical Perspective,” conference on Women and the Chinese Revolution, June 29, People’s University of China, Beijing, China.

SELECTED CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES

Workshop organized

- 2023 “Mental and Manual Labor in Mao-era China,” an international workshop co-organized with Joel Andreas and Pun Ngai. Lingnan University, Hong Kong. (in person, scheduled in January 2023)

Panels organized

- 2021 Session on Citizenship, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 6-10, online.
- 2020 Co-organizer (with Pilar Gonalons-Pons & Kate Cairns), “Towards a Political Economy of Care Work,” themed session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 8-11, San Francisco.
- 2019 Co-organizer (with Victor Seow), “Made in China: Technology, Labor, and the Productive Life,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, March 21-24, Denver.
- 2018 “State, Stage, Social Media and Beyond: Frontiers of Feminist Movements in Contemporary China,” Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Meeting, January 25-28, Atlanta.
- 2017 Co-organizer (with Catherine Cheng), “Seeing like a Junior Chinese Feminist: A Critical Reflection on the Social Inquiry of Chinese women and Feminist Movements in Chinese Societies,” 13th International Congress on Qualitative Inquiry, May 17-20, Urbana Champaign.
- “Class, Gender, Ethnicity and Beyond: Mao-Era China from an Intersectional Approach,” Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, March 16-19, Toronto.

- 2016 Co-organizer (with Chenshu Zhou), “Between the State and the Masses: Uncovering the Public in Maoist China,” Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, March 31-April 3, Seattle.

Presentations

- 2022 “The Social Reproduction Question: A Reinterpretation of China’s Early Reform,” panel on *Historicizing China’s 1980s Reforms and the Neoliberal Moment*, Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, March 24-27.
- 2021 “Understanding Everyday Life at the Institutional Margins—A Case Study of the Women Workers’ Department of the Trade Union,” Contemporary Chinese Marriage and Family in Social Life Archives, Fudan University, China, December 10. (online)
- “Neo-Familialism in Xi’s China: Population, Gender, and Governmentality,” with Angela Wu, panel on *The Familial Is Political*, Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, March 21-26 (online due to COVID-19).
- 2020 “The Question of Social Reproduction from a World-System Perspective,” Annual Conference of the Political Economy of the World-System Section of the American Sociological Association, April 10-11, Baltimore (postponed due to COVID-19).
- 2019 “‘Red’ Housekeeping in the Socialist Factory: Care Work in China’s Urban People’s Commune Movement, 1958-1962,” workshop on Gynocentric Technologies and Reproductive Labor in East Asia (1800s-2010s), June 7-9, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.
- “Dilemma of the Foxconn Moms: The Politics of Labor Reproduction in China’s New Economic Frontier,” panel on *Made in China: Technology, Labor, and the Productive Life*, Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, March 21-24, Denver.
- 2018 “From Mill Town to iPhone City: Gender, Class, and the Politics of Care in an Industrializing China,” session on *Intersectionality in World-Historical Perspective*, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 11-14, Philadelphia.
- Panelist on “The Chinese Rustbelt: Sociological and Historical Perspectives,” June 23, Peking University, Beijing.
- 2017 Panelist on “Gender in India,” May 5, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.
- “From Spinners to Sitters: Gendered Labor and Industrial Restructuring in Postsocialist China,” North American Chinese Sociologists Association Annual Meeting, August 11, Montreal.
- “Lens of the Past: Methodological Issues in Studying Women’s Work Beyond the West,” 13th International Congress on Qualitative Inquiry, May 17-20, Urbana Champaign.
- 2017 “The Shadow Labor: Informal Workers and the Gendered Regime of Accumulation in Mao-Era China,” conference on Refracting Gender in Modern China: New Voices & New Perspectives, February 18-19, SOAS, London.
- 2016 “Reorganizing Gendered Labor During China’s Industrial Transition,” conference on Precarious Work: Domination and Resistance in the US, China, and the World, August 19, Seattle.
- “Between Workplace and Neighborhood: Engendering Urban Space in Early Mao’s China,” panel on Between the State and the Masses: Uncovering the Public in Maoist China, Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, March 31-April 2, Seattle.

- 2015 “The Burden of Class Antagonism: On the Rise of Popular Feminism in Postsocialist China” (with Angela X. Wu), session on Gender Activism and the Global South, American Sociological Association, August 22-25, Chicago.
- “Making the Workplace a Big Socialist Family: Transforming Urban Gender Relations in Mao-Era China (1949-76),” Urban China Research Network, May 8-9, Brown University, Providence.
- 2014 “The Paradox of Gender in Mao’s China During the Great Leap Forward,” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, November 6-9, Toronto.
- “Gender, Child Rearing, and the ‘Scientific Parenthood’ in 1980s’ China,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, March 27-30, Philadelphia.
- 2013 Co-presenter (with Joel Andreas), “Bureaucratizing ‘Mass Supervision,’” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, March 21-24, San Diego.

OTHER PUBLIC TALKS

- 2021 Guest speaker, “Gendered Labor in China: A Feminist Critique of Political Economy,” *Gender Matters Podcast Series, Episode 12*, Gender Institute at SUNY Buffalo, December 13.
- Panelist, “China in Conflict: 1949 to Now”, DSA San Francisco Educational Committee, September, 18.
- “Gender and the Workplace,” podcast *with Randomwalk Theory (随机游走)*, March 20, 2021 (in Mandarin).
- 2020 Panelist, “What Will the Trade War Mean for Class Politics?” at the Long US-China Institute, UC Irvine. Dec 1, 2020.
- Guest speaker, “Feminism, Gender, and Rural-Urban Migration,” Episode 3, *Podcast series “In-betweeness”*. July 21, 2020.
- “To Live Is to Work: The Labor Question from the Perspective of Feminist Political Economy.” at *People’s Food Sovereignty Forum*. July 11, 2020.
- Panelist, “Viral Politics: Left Perspectives on the World and China,” sponsored by *Critical China Scholars*, June 18, 2020.
- “Weber, Marx, and Critical Sociology,” *Symposium on Max Weber*, Zhejiang University Institute for Advanced Study in Humanities and Social Sciences. June 14, 2020.
- “What Is ‘Essential Work’? Analyzing the COVID-19 Era from a Gender Perspective.” Center of Gender and Culture Studies, University of Shanghai for Science and Technology. May 19, 2020.
- “The Racialization of the Coronavirus and Policy Action in China.”** Center for Intercultural and Civic Engagement, University of Puget Sound. April 1, 2020.
- 2017 “The Women Question in 20th Century China,” August 24, REFINE Feminist School, New York.
- “Rethinking Chinese Women’s Liberation under Socialism,” May 9, webinar hosted by New Women in Media, Guangzhou, China.

- 2016 “Community-based Social Movements and the Life of Grace Lee Boggs,” August 16, Genesis Foundation, Beijing.
- “The Missing Women in Academia,” January 12, New Women in Media, Guangzhou, China.
- 2015 “Queer Chinese Identities,” November 9, LGBTQ Life Office, JHU, Baltimore.
- 2013 “From the ‘Woman Question’ to ‘Gender Analysis’: Western Social Theories and the Case of China,” October 30, Department of Economics, People’s University of China, Beijing.
- 2011 “Violence against Women: Figures and Facts,” March 24, Chinese Women’s University, Beijing.
- 2010 “Gender-based Violence in China: How the State and Society Respond,” September 4, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Lund, Sweden

MEDIA COVERAGE

- Interviewed, “[In China, Women Fill Gap in Heavy-Labor Industries](#),” *The Wall Street Journal*, August 10, 2021.
- Quoted, “[Gender imbalance: The China ceiling](#),” *Chatham House*, June 4, 2021.
- Interviewed, “[Feminism in China dates to communist revolution but today activists feel squeezed by the state](#),” *South China Morning Post*, May 5, 2021.
- Interviewed, “[Why are Chinese women stigmatised in work after having a miscarriage?](#),” *South China Morning Post*, April 12, 2021.
- Quoted, “[How Intel Got Blindsided by China’s Culture Wars](#),” *Protocol*, March 26, 2021.
- Quoted, “[Pretty Lady Cadres: New Data Shows the Limits of Women’s Advancement in China’s Leadership](#),” *China File*, Dec 21, 2020.
- Interviewed, “[Nü Problems for China’s Economic Growth](#),” *The Wire China*, Dec 20, 2020.
- Interviewed, “[Un #moiaussi chinois](#),” *La Presse*, Dec 10, 2020.
- Quoted, “[Earth to Washington and Beijing: It’s not all about you](#),” *POLITICO China Watcher*, Sept 24, 2020.
- Featured in “[Yige Dong: China Scholar](#),” *Hatches*, Feb 14, 2020.
- Interviewed, “[Thwarted at Home, Can China’s Feminists Rebuild a Movement Abroad?](#)” *China File*, August 28, 2019.
- Research quoted in “[Obstacles to the Development of Female Scientific Researchers: A Survey](#),” *Chinese Women’s Research Network*, February 10, 2017.
- Interviewed, “[Change Ideas and Advance Gender Equality in Academia](#),” *Chinese Social Sciences*, March 2, 2016.
- Research featured in “[Gender Discrimination Has Led Women to Quit Academia](#),” *The Paper*, January 2, 2016.

TEACHING & ADVISING

University at Buffalo, SUNY (since Fall 2020)

GG540 New Ethnographic Methods; SOC314 Sociology of Gender; SOC211 Sociology of Diversity

University of Puget Sound (2019-2020)

IPE350 The Political Economy of Gender and Sexuality in China; IPE355 Postcolonialism, Revolution, and Global Capitalism: A Feminist Inquiry; AS344 Asia in Motion; IPE401 Senior Thesis Seminar

Johns Hopkins University (2015-2019)

Issues in International Development (Spring 2019)

Postcolonialism and Global Capitalism: Feminist Inquiry from Asian Perspectives (Fall 2017)

- Teaching Prize, Program on Women, Gender, and Sexuality

Family, Gender, and Sexuality in China (1949-present) (Fall 2015 & Spring 2017)

- Dean's Teaching Fellowship, Krieger School of Arts & Sciences

PhD Dissertation Committee Member

Shiyue Cui (Summer 2021-) UB Sociology

Srushti Upadhyay (Spring 2021-) UB Sociology

Surabhi Pant (Summer 2021-) UB Sociology

Yuyun Sriwahyuni (Fall 2021-) UB Global Gender & Sexuality Studies

Qualifying Exam Reader

Zhe Wang (Spring 2021) UB Sociology

Yuyun Sriwahyuni (Summer 2021) UB Global Gender & Sexuality Studies

Undergrad Honors Project

Absolom Abraha (Fall 2020) UB Sociology, "How and Why Do Nations Differ? A Cross-National Analysis of LGBT Rights in Nigeria, Thailand, and the United States."

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Board Member, *The Made in China Journal* (since 2018)

Occasional reviewer for *Sociological Forum*, *Critical Sociology*, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, *Journal of Historical Sociology*, *Journal of Gender Studies*, *Feminist Economics*, *Positions: Asian Critique*, *The China Quarterly*, *The China Journal*, *The Chinese Journal of Communication*, *Twentieth-Century China*

Session organizer, *Citizenship*, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 2021

Council Member, Section on the Political Economy of the World-System, American Sociological Association (nominated, 2020)

Graduate Student Representative, Section on Sociology of Development, American Sociological Association (nominated, 2018)

Interviewer, Fulbright Student Program, Johns Hopkins University (2017)

UNIVERSITY/DEPARTMENT SERVICE

2022	Ad-hoc organizing committee member, talk series on Social Reproduction (AY 2022-23), Gender Institute, SUNY Buffalo
2020-	Advisory Council Member, Asian Studies, SUNY Buffalo
2020-22	Colloquium committee member, Department of Sociology, SUNY Buffalo
2019-20	Committee member on Student Paper Award for Race & Pedagogy, Puget Sound
2016	Student Representative, Assistant Professor Search Committee, Sociology, JHU

2014-15 Student Representative, Curriculum Committee, Sociology, JHU
2011-12 Departmental Representative, Graduate Representative Organization, JHU

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Association for Asian Studies
Social Science History Association

Eastern Sociological Society
Sociologists for Women in Society