

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

May 2025	Ph.D., Sociology , Syracuse University (expected)
2015-2017	M.A., Sociology , Syracuse University
2013-2015	M.A., Public Policy , University of Maryland, College Park
2009-2013	B.A., Business Administration , Shandong University, Jinan, China
2010-2011	Human Resource Management, Sichuan University, Chengdu, China (Exchange Student)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

2024-2025	Visiting Assistant Professor , Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Bucknell University
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RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

General:	Migration; Globalization; Political Economy; Social Stratification; Political Sociology.
Specific:	Chinese migrants in Africa; Sino-African engagement; Irregular Chinese emigrants to the U.S., Transitions in Chinese political economy; Social stratification and mobility in contemporary China; Migration networks; Family life in international migration; Chinese Nationalism; Digital Authoritarianism; Class Inequalities; State-Society Relations; Contentious Politics.

GRANTS FOR DISSERTATION RESEARCH

2021	American Sociological Association Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (ASA DDRIG) (\$15,960)
2021	Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Syracuse University (\$21,000)
2021	Goekjian/African Study Research Grant, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Syracuse University (\$2500)
2020	Roscoe-Martin Grant for Graduate Student Research, Syracuse University (\$1200)
2020	Dissertation Fellowship for Summer Research, Department of Sociology, Syracuse University (\$3266)
2020	Goekjian/East Asia Program Research Grant, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Syracuse University (\$2000)
2019	Roscoe-Martin Grant for Graduate Student Research, Syracuse University (\$1200)
2019	MASU Africa Summer Research Grant, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs,

2018	Syracuse University (\$2000) MASU Africa Summer Research Grant, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Syracuse University (\$1750)
2017	Roscoe-Martin Grant for Graduate Student Research, Syracuse University (\$1000)
2016	MASU Africa Summer Research Grant, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Syracuse University (\$2500)

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

2014-2015	Joseph D. Tydings Endowment, University of Maryland
2014-2015	Millard E. Tydings Regents-Public Affairs Fellowship, University of Maryland
2014-2015	John J Sexton Fellowship for Local Government Studies, University of Maryland
2014-2015	Gov Lee Iii Regents Fellowship, University of Maryland
2014-2015	Gladys Noon Spellman Fellowship, University of Maryland
2013	Distinguished Senior Thesis Awards, Shandong University
2011	Excellent Exchange Student Awards, Shandong University

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Wang, Jinpu. 2024. "Hurdles' or 'Lubricants': Petty Corruption and New Chinese Migrants in Ghana." *Sociological Forum*. 39(1):66-78. DOI: doi.org/10.1111/socf.12979

Wang, Jinpu. 2023. "Climbing Up a New Ladder- Drivers and Aspirations of Chinese New Migrants in Ghana." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 49 (7): 1667-1685. DOI: 10.1080/1369183X.2021.2021868

Xiang, Yu. & **Wang, Jinpu.** 2022. "Nationalism and Heroism with Chinese Characteristics: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Wolf Warrior II." *Continuum* (Mount Lawley, W.A.) 36 (5): 751-762. DOI:10.1080/10304312.2022.2110567

Wang, Jinpu. 2022. "Circulating fashion: a global production networks analysis of Chinese wig business in Africa." *Journal of Small Business & Entrepreneurship*, 34(4), 397-418. DOI:10.1080/08276331.2021.1965809.

Wang, Jinpu. & Zhan, Ning. 2019. Nationalism, Overseas Chinese State and the Construction of 'Chineseness' among Chinese Migrant Entrepreneurs in Ghana. *Asian Ethnicity*, 20(1), 8-29. DOI: 10.1080/14631369.2018.1547875

Silverstein, Merrell, Zuo, Dongmei., **Wang, Jinpu.**, & Bengtson, Vern. L. 2019. Intergenerational Religious Participation in Adolescence and Provision of Assistance to Older Mothers. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 81(5), 1206-1220. DOI: 10.1111/jomf.12592

Manuscripts under Review

"Surviving Chaos: Digital Rumor Communication for People during Shanghai Lockdown." *Under Review*.

"Plague, Food, and Freedom: Bounded Resistance in the Shanghai Lockdown." *Under Review*.

Manuscripts in Process

“ ‘Walking the Corridor:’ Chinese Irregular Emigration and the Making of a Precariat Class in Post-Reform Era China.”

“Karaoke, Sex Workers, and Chinese Ethnic Economy in Ghana.”

“The Formation and Stratification of Chinese Migrant Communities in Ghana.”

“Reconfiguring Family Arrangement and Familism: Chinese mobile families in Africa.”

“Middle-class as an approach: a critical turn in state-society relations in post-pandemic China.

Other Publications

Xiang, Yu and **Wang, Jinpu**. “Wolf Warrior II and the legacy of nationalism and racism.” September 2nd, 2022. *China Factor*. <https://chinafactor.news/2022/09/02/wolf-warrior-ii-and-the-legacy-of-nationalism-and-racism/>

Xiang, Yu and **Wang, Jinpu**. What Wolf Warrior II tells us about China & Africa. *Asian Times*. September 2nd, 2022. <https://asiatimes.com/2022/09/what-wolf-warrior-ii-tells-us-about-china-africa/>

Xiang, Yu and **Wang, Jinpu**. Wolf Warrior II: what the blockbuster movie tells us about China’s views on Africa. *The Conversation*. September 1st, 2022. <https://theconversation.com/wolf-warrior-ii-what-the-blockbuster-movie-tells-us-about-chinas-views-on-africa-189332>

Wang, Jinpu. What drives Chinese migrants to Ghana: it’s not just an economic decision. *The Conversation*. April 7th, 2022. <https://theconversation.com/what-drives-chinese-migrants-to-ghana-its-not-just-an-economic-decision-177580>

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Grounded Theory.” Invited lecture at Institute of Institutional Training, Shanghai, March 15th, 2022

“Doing Fieldwork in Africa: Transnational Mobilities and Imaginations.” Invited talk at Institute of Economic Sociology and Multinationals, Shanghai University, Shanghai, January 3rd, 2020

“‘Chinese Dream’ or ‘African Dream’? —Family and Migratory Decision-making among New Chinese Migrants in Ghana.” Invited presentation at Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Syracuse University, Oct.31st, 2019

“AIDS, Sexuality, and Cultural Change in China.” Invited lecturer for undergraduate *Culture and AIDS* course, Syracuse University, Oct.17th, 2019

“Migration through the Lens of Social Change.” Invited lecturer for undergraduate *Introduction to Sociology* course, Syracuse University, Apr.16th, 2019

“The Formation and Stratification of Chinese Migrant Communities in Ghana.” Presentation at Sociology Department Colloquium, Syracuse University, March.19th, 2019

“Recent Waves of Chinese Migrants in Ghana.” Invited presentation at Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Syracuse University, September 28th, 2016

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Shifting Sands of Time: Navigating the Temporal Realities of Chinese Migrant Labor between Ghana and the Homeland.” Canadian Sociological Association 2024 Annual Conference. McGill University, Quebec, Canada. June 21, 2024.

“Navigating Currents of Disinformation: The Role of AI in Shaping Perceptions of Food Safety and Sovereignty on Chinese Social Media.” The 2024 Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society (AFHVS) and the Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS) Conference. Syracuse University, NY. (with Lijing Gao and Yu Xiang) June 5, 2024.

“Petty Corruption and New Chinese Migrants in Ghana.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference 2023. Philadelphia. August 19th, 2023.

“Jumping off a ‘reversing bus’: Chinese irregular emigrants to North America in the post-pandemic era.” Canadian Sociological Association 2023 Annual Conference. York University, Toronto. May 30th, 2023.

“Temporal Disembeddedness: Aspirations and Mobilities of Chinese Migrant Laborers in Ghana.” The 19th Annual IMISCOE Conference. OsloMet University, Oslo, Norway, July 1st, 2022.

“Navigating in a ‘transnational opportunity structure’: mobility patterns of new Chinese entrepreneurial migrants in Africa.” Canadian Sociological Association 2022 Annual Conference. Virtual Meeting. May 17th, 2022.

“Under the Homeland’s Shadow: Chinese Emigrants in Ghana.” Boston Area Migration Studies Workshop, Work in Progress Series. Virtual Meeting. March.3rd, 2022

“Circulating Beauty: Chinese Wig Business in Ghana.” International Symposium on Global Chinese Entrepreneurship. Asia Pacific Center, UCLA International Institute. Virtual Meeting. Nov.21st, 2020

“Negotiating ‘Americanization’: Adaptation and Segmentation of Chinese Restaurants in an American City”. American Sociological Association Annual Conference 2019. New York City, August 14th, 2019

“The Gaze upon African Women on Chinese Short Video Platform – Kwai” African Women in Media 2019 Conference, Nairobi, Kenya, July 12th, 2019

“‘Princesses’ with Southern Accents: Chinese Migrant Sex Workers in Ghana” the 21st Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference, Chicago, March 16th, 2019

“Network Building and Community Formation among Chinese Migrants in Ghana.” The 7th International Conference of the World Confederation of Institutes and Libraries for Chinese Overseas Studies (WCILCOS), Ithaca, September 27th, 2018

“Nationalism, Overseas Chinese State, and the Construction of “Chineseness” among Chinese Migrant Entrepreneurs in Ghana” 5th Conference of the "Chinese in Africa/Africans in China Research Network, Brussels, Belgium, June 28th, 2018

“The Role of Family in Migratory Decision-making among Chinese Migrants in Ghana” The International

Society for the Study of Chinese Overseas Annual Meeting 2017, Nagasaki, Japan, November 19th, 2017

“Expanding” or “Crowded-out”? —Migratory Incentives of Chinese Migrants in Ghana. American Sociological Association Annual Conference 2017, Montreal, Canada, August 16th, 2017

“China’s Rural Education in Crisis: Urbanization, Migration, and Value Change” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting 2016, Boston, March 17th, 2016.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Fall 2024	Classical Sociological Theory, In-person, Bucknell University
Fall 2024	Introduction to Sociology, In-person, Bucknell University
Spring 2024	Global Community (undergraduate), In-person, Syracuse University
Fall 2023	Global Community (undergraduate), In-person, Syracuse University
Summer 2023	Sociology of Families (undergraduate), Online, Syracuse University
Winter 2022	Racial and Ethnic Inequalities (undergraduate), Online, Syracuse University
Fall 2020	Social Problems (undergraduate), In-person, Syracuse University

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2023	Introduction to Social Research (undergraduate), Syracuse University
Fall 2022	Introduction to Sociology (undergraduate), Syracuse University
Spring 2021	Social Problems (undergraduate), Syracuse University
Fall 2019	Introduction to Sociology (undergraduate), Syracuse University
Spring 2019	Race, Gender, and Class in the Caribbean (undergraduate), Syracuse University
Fall 2018	Introduction to Sociology (undergraduate), Syracuse University
Spring 2018	Social Problems (undergraduate), Syracuse University
Spring 2016	Research Methodology (undergraduate), Syracuse University
Fall 2015	Research Methodology (undergraduate), Syracuse University
Spring 2015	Public Management and Leadership (graduate), University of Maryland, College Park

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Field Research on irregular Chinese emigrants in the U.S., California, May 2023
Field Research on Chinese migrants in Ghana, May-August, 2022
Field Research on Chinese returnee migrants from Ghana, China, November 2021-March, 2022
Field Research on Chinese migrants in Ghana, July-August, 2019
Field Research on Chinese migrants in Ghana, June-August, 2018
Research Assistant, Aging Study Institute, Syracuse University, Fall 2016-Fall 2018
Field Research on Chinese migrants in Ghana, June-August, 2016
Research Assistant, with Prof. Toby Egan, University of Maryland, Fall 2014-Spring 2015
Field Research on Rural Primary Schools, Sichuan, China, Dec 2014-Jan 2015

OTHER WORK AND INTERN EXPERIENCE

Intern, International Organization for Migration, Accra, Ghana, Jun-Aug 2016
Volunteer, Salvation Army, Syracuse, NY, 2015-2019
Intern Analyst, Environment Finance Center, College Park, MD, May-Aug 2014
Intern Analyst, National Bureau of Statistics of China, Jinan, China, Sep 2012-Jun 2013
Intern, Bureau of Civil Affairs, Jinan, China, Jul 2012- Jan 2013
Intern Counselor, Mental Health Education and Counseling Center of Shandong University, Jinan, China, Sep 2011-June 2013
Volunteer Teacher, Shimian County Primary School of Ya'an City, Sichuan, China, Jul-Aug 2011

RESEARCH, PEDAGOGICAL, AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

2024	Course Design and Pedagogy Workshop, Bucknell University
2024	Workshop on the Teaching of Writing, Bucknell University
2023	Harassment Prevention Training, Syracuse University
2022	Intergroup Dialogue Training on Race and Ethnicity, Syracuse University
2017	ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
2015	University Teaching Sessions by the Future Professoriate Program, Syracuse University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Canadian Sociological Association
The International Society for the Study of Chinese Overseas
Ghana Studies Association
Japan Association for Migration Policy Studies

SKILLS

Software: Stata; Atlas.ti; NVivo; SPSS; R; ArcGIS; DiVoMiner

Language: Mandarin Chinese (native); English (proficient)

REFERENCES

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