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Academic Positions

- Associate Professor of Politics, Mount Holyoke College (July 2009-present).
- Chair, Department of Politics, Mount Holyoke College (July 2012-June 2014).
- Luce Assistant Professor of Politics, Mount Holyoke College (July 2002- June 2009).
- Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania (July 2000-June 2002).

Education

- Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley. Political Science. May 2000.
- M.A. University of California, Berkeley. Political Science. May 1992.
- B.A. University of California, Berkeley. Political Science and Oriental Languages (Chinese Literature). May 1990.

Teaching Fields and Research Interests

- Chinese Politics, Political Economy of East Asia, Comparative Politics, Work and Labor Politics, Rural Economic Development, Public Administration, Transnational Migration.

Courses Taught

- Politics 106: Introduction to Comparative Politics (Lecture).
- Politics 208: Chinese Politics (Lecture).
- Politics 228: East Asian Politics (Lecture).
- Politics 230: Resistance and Revolution (Lecture).
- Politics 353: The Politics of Work (Seminar).
- Politics 359: Democratization and Civil Society in East Asia (Seminar).

- Politics 373: Transformation in China and India (Seminar).
- Politics 388: Post-Communist Transitions (Seminar).

Scholarly Publications

- **Books**

- *Some Assembly Required: Work, Community, and Politics in China's Rural Enterprises* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Asia Center, 2008). [Volume 302 in the Harvard East Asia Monograph Series].

- **Journal Articles and Book Chapters (Peer-Reviewed)**

- “China and India’s Quest for Resources and Its Impact on the Rivalry” in T.V. Paul, ed., *The Himalayan Contest: Sino-Indian Rivalry in the Globalization Era* (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, in press. Expected date of publication: 2018).
- “Organizing Production Across Regions: The Wenzhou Model in China and Italy” in Ariel Ahram, Patrick Köllner, and Rudra Sil, eds., *Comparative Area Studies: Methodological Rationales and Cross-Regional Applications* (New York: Oxford University Press, in press. Expected date of publication: January 2018).
- “Made in Italy (by the Chinese): migration and the rebirth of textiles and apparel,” *Journal of Modern Italian Studies*, v.20, n.1 (January 2015), 111-126.
- “以民族志的方法阐释当代中国的劳工政治和体制变化,” *当代中国政治研究*, 北京: 中国社会科学出版社, 2014. Chinese translation of “The Worm’s Eye View: Using Ethnography to Illuminate Labor Politics and Institutional Change in Contemporary China” in Mary Gallagher, Melanie Manion, and Allen Carlson, eds., *Knowing China: New Sources, Methods, and Field Strategies* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010).
- “The Worm’s Eye View: Using Ethnography to Illuminate Labor Politics and Institutional Change in Contemporary China” in Mary Gallagher, Melanie Manion, and Allen Carlson, eds., *Knowing China: New Sources, Methods, and Field Strategies* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010).
- “Communist Legacies, Postcommunist Transformations, and the Fate of Organized Labor in Russia and China” (with Rudra Sil) in *Studies in Comparative International Development*, v.41, n.2 (Summer 2006), 62-87.
- “Leninism, Developmental Stages, and Transformation: Understanding Social and Institutional Change in Contemporary China” in *World Order After Leninism*, edited by Vladimir Tismaneanu, Marc Morjé Howard, and Rudra Sil. (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2006), 188-206.
- “Work, Conformity, and Defiance: Strategies of Control and Resistance in China’s Township and Village Enterprises” in *How China Works: Perspectives on the Twentieth Century Workplace*, edited by Jacob Eyferth. (New York: Routledge, 2006), 124-139.

- **Book Reviews**

- Cheng Li, ed., *China's Changing Political Landscape: Prospects for Democracy* (Washington, D.C.: The Brookings Institution, 2008) in *Pacific Affairs* v.82 n.2 (July 2009).
- Ching Kwan Lee, *Against the Law: Labor Protests in China's Rustbelt and Sunbelt* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2007) in *Journal of Asian Studies*, v.67, n.2 (May 2008), 15-16.
- Pun Ngai, *Made in China: Women Factory Workers in a Global Workplace* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2005) in *Journal of East Asian Studies*, v.6, n.3 (September-December 2006), 468-470.
- Luigi Tomba, *Paradoxes of Labour Reform: Chinese Labour Theory and Practice From Socialism to Market* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2002) in *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, v.9, n.1 (Spring 2004), 95-97.

Works in Progress

- “Chinese Immigration, Identity Politics, and Citizenship in Italy and Spain.”
- *Studying the Economy of Contemporary China* (with Yao Lingzhen and Han Guodong, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics).

Conference Papers and Roles (Selected)

- “Spain Revitalized: The Impact of Chinese Entrepreneurship and Identity in Iberia.” Presented at the Second Workshop on Chinese Migration in Spain, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain, July 13-14, 2017.
- Roundtable Panelist, “India as an Emerging Asia-Pacific Power: Prospects and Constraints?” 58th Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, Maryland, February 22-25, 2017.
- “The Search for More: China and India’s Quest for Resources.” Presented at “The Himalayan Contest: Sino-Indian Rivalry in the Globalization Era” Workshop, Montreal, Canada, October 8, 2016.
- “Laboring Across Regions: The Wenzhou Model and Chinese Businesses in Italy.” Presented at the 57th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, Georgia, March 16-19, 2016.
- Roundtable panelist, “Making Migration Legible: Alternatives to the Sovereignty of Typologies.” 56th Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 18-21, 2015.
- “The Reconfiguration of Spain: Chinese Migration, Social Networks, and Emerging Identities in Iberia.” Presented at the Sixth Oceanic Conference on International Studies, Melbourne, Australia, July 9-11, 2014.

- “Made in Italy (by the Chinese): Economic Restructuring and the Politics of Migration” (invited). Presented at *Italian Fashion: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow*, Columbia University Seminar in Modern Italian Studies, New York, New York, October 11, 2013.
- “Crouching Migrants, Hidden Dragons?: How the Chinese Are Redefining Understandings of Cooperation, Identity, and Inclusion in Italy.” Presented at the ISA-CISS Joint Conference with United Nations University, CRIS, Bruges, Belgium, June 19-21, 2013.
- Spain Remade and Re-Imagined: The Impact of Chinese Immigrant Networks in Iberia.” Presented at the Twelfth International CISS Millennium Conference, Prague, Czech Republic, June 24-26, 2012.
- “From Sojourners to Citizens?: Chinese Emigration and the Politics of Allegiance in Italy and Spain.” Presented at the Tenth International Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies Section/International Studies Association Millennium Conference, Venice, Italy, July 4-5, 2010.
- Chair and Discussant, “Political Economy of Migration,” Global Challenges: Migration Conference, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts, March 5-6, 2010.
- Roundtable panelist, “Ethnographic Methods in Political Science: What Difference Can They Make?” 105th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada, September 3-6, 2009.
- “From the Pacific to the Mediterranean: Chinese Immigration and Identity Politics in Italy and Spain.” Presented at the ISA-ABRI Joint International Meeting, Pontifical Catholic University, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 22-24, 2009.
- Panelist (invited), “Outside the Walls – Social Inclusion and the Chinese Communities in Prato,” Monash University Center, Prato, Italy, October 28, 2008.
- Panelist (invited), 11th Annual Freeman Foundation Symposium, “The Many Sided Pacific: Structures for Cooperation,” Salzburg Global Seminar, Salzburg, Austria, June 7-12, 2008.
- “Exit Socialism Stage Right: The Impact of Networks in Central East European and Chinese Post-Socialist Economic Transformation.” Presented at the 49th annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, California, March 26-29, 2008.
- Roundtable panelist, “Roundtable on the Beijing Consensus: Opportunities and Constraints in the Developing World,” Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Newton, Massachusetts, April 27, 2007.
- “The Worm’s Eye View: Ethnography, Micro-Level Politics, and the Study of Contemporary China.” Presented at the Sources and Methods in Chinese Politics Workshop, Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, November 3-5, 2006.
- “Emergent Forms of Production in Postcommunist Settings: China’s Township and Village Enterprises (TVEs), with Comparisons to the Russian Private Sector.” Presented at the 46th Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 1-5, 2005.
- Discussant, “Institutional Legitimacy in Contemporary China,” 56th Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, San Diego, California, March 4-7, 2004.

- “Working Around the Rules: Chinese Workers and Their Informal Strategies of Survival.” Presented at the 99th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 28-September 31, 2003.
- “Managing Industrial Conflict in Post-Socialist Responses to Globalization: The Fate of Labor in Russia and China” (with Rudra Sil). Presented at the Central and East European International Studies Association/International Studies Association Meeting, Budapest, Hungary, June 26-28, 2003.
- “Mass Production, Social Capital, and Resistance: Labor Politics in China’s TVEs.” Presented at the Workshop on Workplaces and Work Experiences in the People’s Republic of China, Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University, June 1-2, 2002.
- “The Transformation of Industrial Relations in Russia and China: Diverging Convergences?” (with Rudra Sil). Presented at the 97th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, August 29-September 2, 2001.
- “Manufacturing the TVE Miracle.” Presented at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, Illinois, March 22-25, 2001.
- “Post-Communist Transitions and the Fate of Labor in Russia and China” (with Rudra Sil). Presented at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Chicago, Illinois, February 20-24, 2001.

Other Publications

- “Japan, South Korea Rift and Obama’s Role in Diplomacy” (with Andrew Reiter), *Huffington Post*, April 16, 2014.
- “Chinese Factories and Italian Fashion,” *The Academic Minute*, WAMC Northeast Public Radio, October 10, 2011.
- “On China’s Crackdown on Tibet,” Questioning Authority Series, Mount Holyoke College Website, April 9, 2008.
- “Last Look – North Korea’s Nuclear Program: How Big a Threat?” Interview with Professor Susan Shirk. *Mount Holyoke Alumnae Quarterly* (Summer 2004), p.80.
- “The North Korean Nuclear Crisis.” Interview with Bob Paquette, WFCR 88.5 (Public Radio for Western New England), April 9, 2003.
- “Standoff on the Korean Peninsula: Talking with Calvin Chen.” Interview with the *College Street Journal*, Mount Holyoke College, March 7, 2003.
- “In Crisis, A Chance at Peace.” Perspective article published in the *Baltimore Sun*, Sunday, April 8, 2001.

Invited Talks

- “From Mao to the Mediterranean: The Political Origins and Economic Impact of Chinese Migration to Europe.” Presented at Tulane University, February 23, 2015.

- “Migration, Production Networks, and Identity Politics in Europe: Chinese Immigrant Communities in Italy and Spain.” Presented at the Comparative Politics Workshop, Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, February 22, 2013.
- “Made in Italy (by the Chinese),” Presented at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Inter-Asia Research Group), May 3, 2011.
- “Why China’s Rural Enterprises Are So Dynamic: The Zhejiang Experience.” Presented at the State University of New York at Albany, Albany, New York, April 11, 2008.
- “Industrial Success in Rural China: Lessons and Prospects in Zhejiang Province.” Presented at the China Business Seminar, Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University, March 7, 2006.
- “Conducting Fieldwork in China.” Presented at the Field Research Workshop, Center for Chinese Studies, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, March 22, 2000.
- “Peasants and China’s Township and Village Enterprises.” Presented at the Berkeley-Stanford Conference on China Studies, Berkeley, November 1996.

Manuscripts Reviewed

- Journal submission for *Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR) Review* (October 2012).
- Book manuscript review for Routledge (May 2010).
- Journal submission for *Global Labour Journal* (May 2009).
- Journal submission for *Studies in Comparative International Development* (September 2007).

Administration: Organizer, Politics and Asian Studies Lecture Series (selected).

- “When More is Less: Is the Global Diffusion of Social Media Clouding Our Vision of Global Affairs?” Lecture by Professor Rudra Sil, University of Pennsylvania, April 16, 2014.
- “Travels of a Rubber Duck: Science and Policy on Chemicals in Global Manufacturing.” Lecture by Dr. Ann Blake, October 24, 2013.
- “Building Peace Through Environmental Activism.” Lecture by Professor Alon Tal, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, October 7, 2013.
- “The Euro Crisis and Democracy.” Lecture by Professor Philippe Schmitter, European University Institute, December 4, 2012.
- “Seeking Accountability for Crimes Against Humanity in US Courts.” Lecture by Professor Terry Karl, Stanford University, New York Room, December 4, 2012.
- “What You Should Know About US-China Trade.” Lecture by Erin Ennis, Vice President, US-China Business Council, Washington, D.C., April 13, 2012.
- “Intellectual Property Rights and the Rule of Law in China.” Lecture by Amy Celico, Senior Vice President, Albright Stonebridge Group, Washington, D.C., February 24, 2012.

- “Path to Democracy? Assessing Village Elections in China.” Lecture by Professor Kevin O’Brien, Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, May 1, 2009.
- “Why Yin and Yang?: Early Chinese Cosmology and Its Significance.” Lecture by Associate Professor Wen Xing, Trinity University, November 14, 2008 (Co-organized with Jonathan Lipman).
- “Actor Ying Ruocheng and His Partnership with Arthur Miller in China.” Lecture by Assistant Professor Claire Conceison, Department of Drama and Dance, Tufts University, April 29, 2008.
- “Out of Bad Things Come Good Things: Mao’s Last Revolution.” Lecture by Leroy B. Williams Professor of History and Political Science Roderick MacFarquhar, Department of Government, Harvard University, March 29, 2008.
- “Will China Democratize?” Lecture by Assistant Professor Martin Dimitrov, Department of Government, Dartmouth College, March 22, 2008.
- “Odd Mixes vs. Simple Fixes in International Politics: Consider China,” Lecture by Professor Emeritus Ken Jowitt, Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, November 9, 2007.
- “China and Latin America: At the Intersection of Globalization, Development, and Grand Strategy.” Lecture by Dr. Evan Ellis, Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc. and Department of Political Science, University of Miami, April 13, 2007.
- “When Wal-Mart Wimped Out: Globalization and Unionization in China.” Lecture by Professor Marc Blecher, Department of Politics, Oberlin College, March 15, 2007.
- “Rising to the Challenge: China’s Grand Strategy and International Security.” Lecture by Professor Avery Goldstein, Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, April 15, 2005.
- “On the Interrelations Between the Silk Road and Islam in China.” Lecture by Professor Yao Jide, Department of International Relations, Yunnan University, People’s Republic of China, April 4, 2005.
- “From Hong Kong to Hollywood: The Global Influence of Asian Martial Arts Movies.” Lecture by Assistant Professor Jennifer Ho, Department of English, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, October 4, 2004.
- “The United States, China, and the North Korean Nuclear Crisis.” Lecture by Professor Susan Shirk, Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, University of California, San Diego, April 15, 2004.
- “Japan’s Dual Civil Society: Members Without Advocates.” Lecture by Luce Assistant Professor Robert Pekkanen, Department of Political Science, Middlebury College, April 9, 2004.
- “Western Learning, Japanese Spirit: Lessons on Institutional Adaptation from the Evolving Japanese Firm (1868-1980).” Lecture by Associate Professor Rudra Sil, Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, November 21, 2003.
- “Patrolling the Revolution: Worker Militias, Citizenship and State-building in Modern China.” Lecture by Professor Elizabeth Perry, Department of Government, Harvard University, October 24, 2003.

- “A Tale of Three Cities: Hong, Kong, Singapore, and Shanghai.” Lecture by Professor Ming Chan, Hoover Institute, Stanford University, April 10, 2003.
- “Remaking Taiwan: Society and the State Since the End of Martial Law.” Lecture by Associate Professor Thomas Gold, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, March 26, 2003.
- “Why Can’t Japan Get Back on Track?: Political Foundations of Japan’s Economic Crisis.” Lecture by Assistant Professor Jennifer Amyx, Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, December 6, 2002.

Administration: Co-Organizer.

- Faculty Seminar, “Deng Xiaoping and the Transformation of China,” with Professor Emeritus Ezra Vogel, Harvard University, April 20, 2012 (Co-organized with Professor Jonathan Lipman and Bruce Baird, University of Massachusetts, Amherst).
- “Reconfiguring the Party-State: The Shifting Locus of Power in Reform-Era China.” Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University, May 19-20, 2006 (Co-organized with Assistant Professor Xi Chen and Assistant Professor Martin Dimitrov).
- “Confucianism Resurrected: The Third International Conference on Excavated Chinese Manuscripts.” Willits-Hallowell Center, Mount Holyoke College, April 23-25, 2004 (Co-organized with Professor Wen Xing and Professor Jonathan Lipman).

Administration: Co-Sponsor (selected).

- “Regional Economic Integration in East Asia: the Role of Official Development Assistance,” Lecture by Professor Barbara Stallings, Brown University, September 21, 2012.
- “The Rise of China” Conference, Mount Holyoke College, March 6-7, 2008.
- “Laughter and Tears From Old Japan: Shinnai Singing and Kuruma Ningyo Puppetry,” University of Massachusetts, Amherst, October 5, 2007.
- “Women Executives in Corporate Japan: Navigating the Tensions Between Family and Fortune.” Lecture by Professor Glenda Roberts, Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University, April 20, 2007.
- “Japan Studies and the Critique of American Individualism.” Lecture by Assistant Professor Amy Borovoy, Department of East Asian Studies, Princeton University, March 2, 2007.
- “How Far Can We Go Without Humans in Translation?: An English/Japanese Example-Based Machine Translation System.” Lecture by Dr. Takako Aikawa, Microsoft, Inc., October 14, 2004.
- “The Values of Spontaneity.” Lecture by Philip J. Ivanhoe, John Findlay Visiting Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Boston University, March 26, 2004.
- “Can the Hanshin Tigers Save Japan: The Present Practices and Future Prospects of Japanese Baseball.” Lecture by Professor William Kelly, Department of Anthropology, Yale University, October 30, 2003.

- “The US-Japan Relationship: Focus on Iraq and North Korea.” Lecture by the Honorable Masuo Nishibayashi, Consul General of Japan (Boston), April 22, 2003.
- “What Is a Good Woman?: Contestations in the Writing of Buddhist Women’s Biographies in Late Imperial China.” Lecture by Assistant Professor Yuet Keung Lo, National University of Singapore, March 4, 2003.
- “‘The Path of Blood’: Making Sense of Menopause in Japan.” Lecture by Assistant Professor Jan Zeserson, Department of Anthropology, Franklin and Marshall College, February 28, 2003.
- “The Re-Emergence of Northeast Asian Regionalism.” Lecture by Associate Professor Kent Calder, Department of Political Science, Princeton University, February 21, 2003.

Academic Honors and Fellowships

- Mount Holyoke College Faculty Research Grant, Spring 2017.
- Mount Holyoke College Faculty Fellowship, Spring 2015.
- Mount Holyoke College Faculty Research Grant, Spring 2015.
- Mount Holyoke College Faculty Research Grant, Spring 2014.
- Mount Holyoke College Faculty Fellowship, Spring 2011.
- Mount Holyoke College Faculty Research Grant, Spring 2011.
- Mount Holyoke College Faculty Research Grant, Spring 2010.
- Mount Holyoke College Faculty Research Grant, Spring 2009.
- Mount Holyoke College Faculty Research Grant, Spring 2008.
- An Wang Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University, Fall 2005-Spring 2006.
- Mount Holyoke College Faculty Fellowship, Spring 2006.
- Mount Holyoke College Faculty Research Grant, Spring 2003.
- Hewlett Dissertation Grant, University of California, Berkeley, Spring 2000.
- Dissertation Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, 1997-1998.
- Mellon Graduate Training Grant, University of California, Berkeley, 1995-1996.
- Center for Chinese Studies Travel Grant, University of California, Berkeley, Summer 1996.
- Waste Management Inc. Scholarship, 1986-1990.
- California Alumni Leaders Scholarship, University of California, Berkeley, 1989-1990.
- AFL-CIO Scholarship, 1986-1987.
- Chancellor’s Scholarship, University of California, Berkeley, Fall 1986.

Research-Related Travel

- China
 - June 2011. Field research.
 - June 2009. Field research.

- July-August 2004. Field research.
- April-August 1998. Field research.
- June-September 1997. Field research.
- July 1996. Preliminary dissertation research.
- June 1994. Research.

- Israel
 - June 2013. Faculty Study Tour (invited).

- Italy
 - June 2015. Field Research.
 - July 2010. Field research.
 - June 2008. Field research.
 - July 2007. Field research.

- Spain
 - July 2017: Field Research.
 - July 2015. Field Research.
 - April-May 2011. Field research.
 - June 2008. Field research.

- Taiwan
 - January 2012. Election Observer, Presidential and Legislative Elections.
 - September 1997. Dissertation research.
 - July 1996. Preliminary dissertation research.
 - June-August 1987. Language training (classical Chinese).