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### **ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

2017– Assistant Professor of Sociology, Hong Kong Baptist University

### **VISITING APPOINTMENTS**

Aug. 2015–Feb. 2016 Visiting Scholar, Department of Sociology and Social Policy,  
University of Sydney, Australia

Dec. 2014–May 2015 Visiting Scholar, Cosmopolitan Civil Societies Research  
Centre, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia

### **EDUCATION**

- 2017 Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, San Diego  
Dissertation Title: “Making and Unmaking Pan-ethnicity: The Formation and  
Decline of Overseas Chinese Identity in Australia”  
Dissertation Committee: David FitzGerald (Co-chair), Christena Turner (Co-  
chair), Jeffrey Haydu, Vanesa Ribas, Yen Le Espiritu (Ethnic Studies)
- 2013 M.A., Sociology, University of California, San Diego  
Field Exams: Race and Ethnicity, Urban Sociology
- 2008 M.A., Political Science, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2006 B.A., Political Science, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan

### **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Race and Ethnicity, Culture and Identity, Migration, Work, Social Media, Contentious  
Politics

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Journal Articles (Peer-Reviewed)**

- Li, Yao-Tai** and Katherine Whitworth. 2021. “Reclaiming Hong Kong through  
Neighborhood-making: A Study of the 2019 Anti-ELAB Movement.” *Urban  
Studies* (Forthcoming)
- Li, Yao-Tai** and Katherine Whitworth. 2021. “Contentious Repertoires: Examining the  
Persuasive Functions of Text and Images on the Lennon Walls in Hong  
Kong’s Anti-ELAB Movement of 2019.” *Journal of Contemporary  
Asia* (Forthcoming)
- Li, Yao-Tai** and Jenna Ng. 2021. “‘Moral Dilemma of Striking’: A Medical Worker’s  
Response to Job Duty, Public Health Protection, and the Politicization of  
Strikes.” *Work, Employment and Society* (Online first)

- Li, Yao-Tai** and John Chung-En Liu. 2021. “‘Hong Kong, Add Oil!’: Examining Post-it Notes on the Lennon Walls in the 2019 Hong Kong Movement.” *Contexts* 20(1): 68–69.
- Ho, Jing-Mao, **Yao-Tai Li**, and Katherine Whitworth. 2021. “Unequal Discourses: Problems of the Current Model of World Health Development.” *World Development* 137: 105176.
- Li, Yao-Tai** and John Chung-En Liu. 2021. “Auditing Ethnic Preference in Hong Kong’s Financial Job Market: The Mediation of White Privilege and Hong Kong Localism.” *International Sociology* 36(1): 71–90.
- Li, Yao-Tai. 2020. “‘I Was Discriminated against Because I Was Seen as PRC-Chinese’: The Negotiation between Ethnicity and Nationalism among Taiwanese Migrants in Australia.” *British Journal of Sociology* 71(5): 1016–1030.
- Li, Yao-Tai. 2020. “One Person, Three Identities? Examining Re-politicization of Ethnic, National, and Australian Identities among 1.5-generation Taiwanese Immigrants in Australia.” *Journal of Sociology* (Online first)
- Li, Yao-Tai** and Yunya Song. 2020. “Taiwan as Ghost Island? Ambivalent Articulation of Marginalized Identities in Computer-mediated Discourses.” *Discourse & Society* 31(3): 285–306.
- Li, Yao-Tai. 2020. “Disharmonious Chinese Ethnic Business: Intergroup Stereotypes among Chinese Migrant Employees in Australia.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 43(4): 732–750.
- Li, Yao-Tai. 2020. “Maintaining Transnational Ties and the Convertibility of Working Holiday Makers’ Experiences in Australia.” *Current Sociology* 68(3): 316–332.
- Li, Yao-Tai. 2019. “‘It’s Not Discrimination’: Chinese Migrant Workers’ Perceptions of and Reactions to Racial Microaggressions in Australia.” *Sociological Perspectives* 62(4): 554–571.
- Winner of the 2016 Graduate Student Paper Award, Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)
- Li, Yao-Tai. 2017. “Constituting Co-Ethnic Exploitation: The Economic and Cultural Meanings of Cash-In-Hand Jobs for Ethnic Chinese Migrants in Australia.” *Critical Sociology* 43(6): 919–932.
- Li, Yao-Tai** and Katherine Whitworth. 2016. “When the State Becomes Part of the Exploitation: Migrants’ Agency within the Institutional Constraints in Australia.” *International Migration* 54(6): 138–150.

Li, Yao-Tai. 2016. "‘Playing’ at the Ethnic Boundary: The Boundary Making/Unmaking among Ethnic Chinese Groups in Australia." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 39(4): 671–689.

Li, Yao-Tai. 2015. "Shaping A Stranger: City Culture and Its Effects on Taiwanese Sojourners in China." *City, Culture, and Architecture* 1(1): 51–62.

Li, Yao-Tai. 2015. "Regulating the Market Risks: The Coalitions between Occupational Unions and CSOs in Taiwan." *Development and Society* 44(2): 295–317.

### **Book Reviews and Other Publications**

2021 Review of *The Sympathetic Consumer: Moral Critique in Capitalist Culture* by Tad Skotnicki. *Sociology*

2021 Review of Taiwan: Manipulation of Ideology and Struggle for Identity edited by Chris Shei. *International Journal of Taiwan Studies*

2018 Review of *Mobilizing Without the Masses: Control and Contention in China* by Diana Fu. *Social Movement Studies* 17(5): 631–633.

2017 Review of *Forget Chineseness: On the Geopolitics of Cultural Identification* by Allen Chun. *Cultural Sociology* 11(4): 540–542.

2016 Review of *The Chinese Face in Australia: Multi-generational Ethnicity among Australian-born Chinese* by Lucille Lok-Sun Ngan and Kwok-bun Chan. *International Sociology* 31(5): 599–601.

2015 "Vulnerabilities of Working Holiday Makers and Policy Recommendations." Submission to Productivity Commission Inquiry on Migrant Intake into Australia

### **AWARDS**

2020 A. Noam Chomsky Rising Star Emerging Scholar Award, Society of Transnational Academic Researchers (STAR)

2020 Faculty Early Career Teaching Award, Hong Kong Baptist University

2017 Dissertation Writing Award, Department of Sociology, UCSD

2016 Graduate Student Paper Award, Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

2016 American Sociological Association Student Forum Travel Award

2016 The Lee Student Travel Fund Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

2015 Young Scholar Award, China Times Cultural Foundation, New York

2014 Summer Research Grant Awards, Department of Sociology, UCSD

2013–14 UC California Studies Consortium (UCCSC) Award, University of California Humanities Research Institute (UCHRI)

2013 The Dean of Social Science Research Fund Award, UCSD

### **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2020–23 Principal Investigator, “Examining the Everyday Interaction and Boundary Making/Unmaking between Mainland Skilled Professionals and Locals in Hong Kong.” Early Career Scheme, Research Grants Council, Hong Kong.
- 2019–21 Principal Investigator, “Shaping Discrimination? Tracking Print Media and Social Media Portrayal of Mainlanders in Hong Kong since 1997.” Initiation Grant for Faculty Niche Research Areas (FNRA-IG), HKBU.
- 2019–20 Principal Investigator, “Hierarchical Hiring Practices: The Coexistence of Ethnic Preference and Ethnic Discrimination in Hong Kong’s Financial Job Market.” Start-up Grant (Tier-2), HKBU.
- 2019 Travel Grant for Starting-up Scholars from Overseas, Japan Sociological Society (JSS)
- 2018–19 Principal Investigator, “New Forms of Discrimination? Re-examining the Online Discourses of Racial Discrimination on Airbnb.” Faculty Research Grant II, HKBU.
- 2017 Start-up Grant, HKBU
- 2015–16 Dissertation Fellowship for ROC Students Abroad, Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange
- 2015 Australian Government Endeavour Research Fellowship
- 2014 Next Generation Sociologists Grant, ISA World Congress of Sociology
- 2014 International Graduate Student Travel Grant, East-West Center, Honolulu
- 2013 Travel Grant, The University Service Centre for China Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 2012–13 IICAS Graduate Travel Grant Award, UCSD
- 2011–13 Fulbright Graduate Study Grants
- 2011–14 Government Scholarship for Studying Abroad, Ministry of Education, Taiwan

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

### **Invited**

- 2020 “Lennon Walls in Hong Kong.” Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University, Taiwan
- 2020 “Immigrants and Identity Politics.” Department of Political Science, National Chengchi University, Taiwan
- 2019 “New Media as an Alternative in Changing Spatial Perceptions of Work and Achieving Work Justice for Temporary Migrant Workers.” Living in the Age of Convergences: Affect, Affordance, Agency academic workshop, National Library of Singapore, Singapore.
- 2019 “Toward A Sociology of Microaggressions: Structural Mechanisms of Racial Microaggressions and Their Relationship with Institutionalized Racism in Australia.” School of Social and Political Science, University of Sydney, Australia.
- 2018 “A Disharmonious Ethnic Economy and the Intergroup Stereotypes among Chinese Migrant Employees in Australia.” Department of Sociology, Macquarie University, Australia.

- 2017 “Data Mining and Coding with Nvivo.” Department of Sociology, University of California, San Diego, USA.
- 2015 “How Does Temporary Migration Lead to (Co-Ethnic) Exploitation?” Department of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Sydney, Australia.
- 2010 “New Wine in Old Bottles? The Developmental Trajectories and Movement Models of Craft Union in Taiwan.” Labor Studies Conference: Asking Questions Towards the Future. Taipei, Taiwan.

**Conference Presentations**

- 2021 “Negotiating the Deconstruction of Racialized Discourse amidst COVID-19: WHO and Taiwan’s Narratives as an Example.” 2021 Annual Conference of Association for Asian Studies. (Online via Zoom)
- 2019 “Formosa or the Ghost Island? Loser Aesthetics and Conflicting Emotions toward Taiwan’s Status Quo and Future.” 2019 Annual Meeting of the Taiwanese Sociological Association, Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2019 “New Forms of Discrimination? Re-examining the Online Discourses of Racial Discrimination on Airbnb.” 92nd Annual Meeting of the Japan Sociological Society, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2018 “Hiding or Revealing? Reflections on Doing Ethnography in a Field with Potential Identity Conflicts.” Regular session on Ethnography/Ethnographic Studies at the Annual Meeting of ASA. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 “Unconscious Racial Micro-aggressions: The Hiring Practice and Employment Relationship of Chinese Migrants in Australia.” Regular session on Racial and Ethnic Inequality at the Annual Meeting of ASA. Seattle, WA.
- 2016 “When the State Becomes Part of the Exploitation: Policy Outcome for Temporary Migrants in Australia.” Regular session on Labor Studies and Policies at the Annual Meeting of SSSP. Seattle, WA.
- 2016 “Racial Micro-aggressions in the Labor Market and Workplace in Australia.” Regular session on Race and Labor at the Annual Meeting of SSSP. Seattle, WA.
- 2015 “Co-Ethnic Exploitation and Cash-In-Hand Jobs in Australia.” 2015 Annual Conference of The Australian Sociological Association: Neoliberalism and Contemporary Challenges for the Asia-Pacific. Cairns, Australia.
- 2014 “Diffuse or Enclosed? The Ethnic Communities of Taiwanese Migrant Workers in China.” XVIII World Congress of Sociology—Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology. Yokohama, Japan.

2013 “Being a Taiwanese Abroad: The Shaping of Ethnic Communities of Taiwanese Migrant Workers in China.” Strangers in New Homelands Conference—The 6th Annual Conference on the Social Reconstructing of “Home” among Immigrants in the Diaspora. Winnipeg, MB, Canada.

### **MEDIA COVERAGE**

“How Racism and Discrimination Affect Black People in China and Hong Kong.” *South China Morning Post*

“In Australia, Staying Loyal to Taiwan Can Mean Losing a Job.” *The New York Times*

“Chinese-language Backpacker Websites Used to Advertise \$9-an-hour Jobs.” *The Guardian*

“US and Hong Kong Congress Occupied, Who’s Violating Democracy Though?” *Apple Daily*

### **TEACHING**

#### **Course Taught**

Hong Kong Baptist University

- SOCI 2007 Quantitative Methods of Social Research
- SOCI 2035 Social Inequalities
- SOCI 2045 Urban Sociology
- SOCI 4026 Capitalism in Contemporary Societies
- GTSU2035 Understanding Social Sustainability through Documentary Films

University of California, San Diego

- Spring 2017/Sociology of Immigration

#### **Teaching Assistant at UC San Diego (by Quarter/Course):**

- Spring 2016/American Society
- Spring 2014/Violence and Society
- Winter 2013/Socio-Cultural Foundations
- Fall 2013/Debating Multiculturalism
- Fall 2013/Sociology of Law
- Winter 2012/Chinese Society
- Fall 2012/Contemporary Legal Issues
- Fall 2011/The Holocaust

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES/ACTIVITIES**

Ad-hoc Reviewer:

*American Journal of Sociology, Canadian Review of Sociology, Critical Sociology, Cosmopolitan Civil Societies: An Interdisciplinary Journal, Current Sociology, Development and Society, Ethnic and Racial Studies, European Journal of Social Psychology, International Migration, International Migration Review, International Sociology, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of Youth Studies, Nationalities Papers, Patterns of Prejudice, SAGE Open, Social Movement Studies,*

*Social Transformations in Chinese Societies, Sociological Inquiry, Sociological Quarterly, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism, The Sociological Review, Urban Studies, Work, Employment and Society*

2021–24 Editorial Board, *Work, Employment and Society*

2021 *Work, Employment and Society* Conference Organizing Committee

2021 A. Noam Chomsky Global Connections Awards Committee, Society of Transnational Academic Researchers

2020– Expert Roster for Peer Review of United Nations Networks on Migration.

2020– Society and Community Concentration Coordinator, Master of Social Sciences (Contemporary China Studies), HKBU

2019– Associate Editor, *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*

2019 Award Judge & Commentator for the 7th Global Social Sciences Graduate Student Conference, HKBU

2018 Discussant for a regular session “Encompassing Margins: Globalizing Race and Ethnicity” at the Annual Meeting of ASA. Philadelphia, PA.

2017 Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

2014– Executive Council Member of Taiwan Working Holiday Youth (T-WHY)

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Association for Asian Studies (AAS)

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN)

British Sociological Association (BSA)

European Association of Taiwan Studies (EATS)

International Sociological Association (ISA)

Society for Hong Kong Studies

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

Taiwanese Sociological Association (TSA)

The Australian Sociological Association (TASA)