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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, International Migration, Social Networks, Social Media, Culture
and Identity

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles (Peer-Reviewed)

Li, Yao-Tai. “One Person, Three Identities? Examining Re-politicization of Ethnic,
National, and Australian Identities among 1.5-generation Taiwanese
Immigrants in Australia.” *Journal of Sociology* (Forthcoming)

Li, Yao-Tai and John Chung-En Liu. “‘Hong Kong, Add Oil!’: Examining Post-it
Notes on the Lennon Walls in the 2019 Hong Kong Anti-extradition
Bill.” *Contexts*

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.

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

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: 599–601.

2015 Cheng, Kuo-Sheng, Tina Davis, Sohoon Lee and Yao-Tai Li. "Vulnerabilities of Working Holiday Makers and Policy Recommendations." Submission to Productivity Commission Inquiry on Migrant Intake into Australia

AWARDS

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

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2019–21 Initiation Grant for Faculty Niche Research Areas (FNRA-IG), Hong Kong Baptist University
- 2019–20 Start-up Grant (Tier-2), Hong Kong Baptist University
- 2019 Travel Grant for Starting-up Scholars from Overseas, Japan Sociological Society (JSS)
- 2018–19 Faculty Research Grant II, Hong Kong Baptist University
- 2017 Start-up Grant, Hong Kong Baptist University
- 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 (R.O.C.)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Invited

- 2020 “Lennon Walls in Hong Kong.” Department of Sociology, National Taiwan 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

- 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.

TEACHING

Course Taught

Hong Kong Baptist University

- Spring 2020/SOCI 2045 Urban Sociology
- Spring 2019 & Fall 2017/SOCI 4026 Capitalism in Contemporary Societies
- Fall 2018 & Fall 2019/SOCI 2035 Social Inequalities
- Spring 2018/SOCI 2007 Quantitative Methods of Social Research

University of California, San Diego

- Spring 2017/Sociology of Immigration

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

- Spring 2016/American Society/Lane Kenworthy
- Spring 2014/Violence and Society/Cristin McVey
- Winter 2013/Socio-Cultural Foundations/Steven Parish
- Fall 2013/Debating Multiculturalism/Elise Kramer
- Fall 2013/Sociology of Law/Kwai Ng
- Winter 2012/Chinese Society/Richard Madsen
- Fall 2012/Contemporary Legal Issues/Gerald Doppelt
- Fall 2011/The Holocaust/Richard Biernacki

PROFESSIONAL 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, International Migration, International Migration Review, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Nationalities Papers, Social Movement Studies, Social Transformations in Chinese Societies, Sociological Inquiry, Sociological Quarterly, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity

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 Member, 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

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN)

European Association of Taiwan Studies (EATS)

International Sociological Association (ISA)

Japan Sociological Society (JSS)

Society for Hong Kong Studies

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)
Taiwanese Sociological Association (TSA)
The Australian Sociological Association (TASA)