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APPOINTMENT

- 2025- **University of California, Riverside**
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
- 2024-25 **Harvard University**
Postdoctoral Fellow, Weatherhead Scholars Program
- 2023-24 **University of Pennsylvania**
Inaugural Panda Express Postdoctoral Fellow, Asian American Studies

EDUCATION

- 2023 **Emory University**, Ph.D. in Sociology
- 2017 **Fudan University**, M.A. in Sociology
- 2014 **Fudan University**, B.A. in Sociology
- 2012 **Aarhus University**, Visiting Student

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Politics, Culture, Education, Migration, Asian America & Diasporas, Global & Transnational Sociology, Mixed Methods

PUBLICATIONS (* = equal authorship)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2025 Weirong Guo. “Echoes of Silence: How Student Migrants Navigate Political Taboos Across Borders.” *Social Forces*, soaf144.
• Featured in *The Wall Street Journal* and *Initium Media*.
• Honorable Mention, Outstanding Graduate Student Research Article Award, *Association for Asian American Studies Social Science Caucus*, 2022
- Weirong Guo. “From Engagement to Detachment: Divergent Cosmopolitanisms Among Transnational Chinese Students.” *Social Problems*, spaf056.
- Weirong Guo*, and Qing Tingting Liu*. “Privilege or Marginalization: How Chinese Youth from Divergent Class Backgrounds Make Sense of Racism in the United States and Australia.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, Online First.

- 2022 [Weirong Guo](#), and Bin Xu. “Dignity in Red Envelopes: Disreputable Exchange and Cultural Reproduction of Inequality in Informal Medical Payment.” [Social Psychology Quarterly](#) 85(1):23-43.
- 2019 Bin Xu, Licheng Qian, and [Weirong Guo](#). “The Cultural Sociology of China: Trajectory and Dynamics of a Burgeoning Field.” [Cultural Sociology](#) 13(4):387-410.
- 2018 [Weirong Guo](#). “Whose ‘Hongbao’ to Take: A Study of the Informal Transactions between Doctors and Patients with a Cultural Approach.” [Sociological Journal](#) 1:15-55. (In Chinese)
- Best Master’s Thesis Award, *Sociological Association of the China Yangtze River Region*, 2019
 - Best Paper Award, *Annual Conference of the Chinese Sociological Association*, 2017
- 2015 [Weirong Guo](#), and Zhengfen Wang. “Positions in the ‘System’ and Views on Social Change: A Comparative Analysis of Three Types of Middle-Class Professionals in China.” [Journal of Gansu Administration Institute](#) 112:68-80. (In Chinese)
- Best Undergraduate Thesis Award, Fudan University, 2014
- 2015 Haoran Cheng*, Qianli Cheng*, Junchao Tang*, Yajun Zheng*, and [Weirong Guo](#)*. “Apathy and Entertainment-orientedness: Chinese Undergraduates’ Political Attitudes in the Internet Era.” [Sociology](#) 108:1-14. (In Chinese)
- Best Paper Award, 14th “Challenge Cup” Academic Competition, China, 2015

Under Review

“Symbolic Sovereignty: Chinese Youth Narratives on Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Future Wars.” **Proposal Accepted** in Special Issue.

Edited Volume

- 2022 Yi Zhou, [Weirong Guo](#), Yajun Zheng, and Junchao Tang, eds. *Cultural Sociology: Classics & Frontiers*. Beijing: Peking University Press.
- Ranked No. 4 among bestsellers in social sciences on JD.com (as of September 2022)

Book

- 2014 Ronggui Huang*, Yong Gui*, Boya Feng*, Qiumeng Sun*, [Weirong Guo](#)*, and Ran Yi*. *Social Attitudes of Doctors in Contemporary China*. Shanghai: Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences Press.

Public Writing

- 2024 [Weirong Guo](#). “Changing Faces: The Shifting Image of Chinese Student Migrants in American Media.” [Contexts Blog](#).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Between Nations: How Chinese Students Navigate Transnational Identity and Global Politics (Book Manuscript in Preparation)

“Strangers in a Divided Land: Chinese International Students’ Encounters with Discrimination and Racial Politics.”

“Chinese, Asian American, Global Citizen, or Non-Identity: Identity Constructions Among Chinese International Students in the United States.”

“Why Support Authoritarianism? A Longitudinal Study of Political Support Among Chinese College Students.”

“Whom to Trust, State or Society? The Differentiated Trust in Contemporary China” (With Weihua An).

HONORS

Fellowships

- 2024 Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Weatherhead Scholars Program, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University
- LRCCS Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Study of China, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (Shortlisted)
- 2023 Panda Express Postdoctoral Fellowship in Asian American Studies, University of Pennsylvania
- 2022 Dean’s Teaching Fellowship, Laney Graduate School, Emory University
- 2016 National Scholarship for Distinguished Graduate Students, Ministry of Education, China
- 2015 Samsung Scholarship for Distinguished Graduate Students, Fudan University
- 2014 Kwang-Hua Scholarship for Distinguished Graduate Students, Fudan University
- 2010-16 Distinguished Undergraduate & Graduate Academic Scholarship (*6), Fudan University

Awards

- 2022 Emory Sociology Graduate-Student Teacher of the Year
- Honorable Mention, Outstanding Graduate Student Research Article Award, Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) Social Science Caucus
- 2021 EITM Certification for coursework taken at the ICPSR Summer Program (Course: Data Science and Text Analysis; Letter Grade: A)
- 2019 Best Master’s Thesis Award, Sociological Association of the China Yangtze River Delta Region
- 2017 Best Paper Award, Chinese Sociological Association Annual Meeting

- 2015 Best Paper Award, Social Science Doctoral Forum of Fudan University
- 2015 Best Paper Award, 14th “Challenge Cup” Academic Competition, China
- 2014 Best Undergraduate Thesis Award, Fudan University

Grants

- 2024 China-U.S. Scholars Program (CUSP) Grant for Conference Participation and Research Travel
American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting Travel Fund Award
- 2023 ASA Student Forum Travel Award
- 2021 Martin Levin ICPSR Training Award, Emory University
- 2020 Competitive Research Grant, Laney Graduate School, Emory University
- 2019 Summer Research Grant, Laney Graduate School, Emory University
- 2018-22 Conference Travel Grant (*3), Laney Graduate School, Emory University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2025-26 **Instructor, University of California, Riverside**
Introduction to Sociology (500+ students), Fall 2025, Winter 2026, Spring 2026
Immigration and Society (75 students), Fall 2025, Winter 2026
Capstone Seminar in Sociology, Spring 2026
- 2023-24 **Instructor, University of Pennsylvania**
Global Chinas and Chinese Diasporas, Fall 2023
Gender, Work, and Family in Global Asias, Spring 2024
- 2021-23 **Instructor, Emory University**
Culture and Society, Spring 2021 (online) & Spring 2023
- 2017-20 **Teaching Assistant, Emory University**
Introduction to General Sociology; Development of Sociological Theory;
Culture and Society
- 2014-17 **Teaching Assistant, Fudan University**
Cultural Sociology; Urban Sociology; Research Methods in Sociology; History of Western Social Thoughts

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks & Lectures

- 2026 Invited Panelist. “Panda Express Paradox: Reclaiming Academic Voices When the World Falls Apart” Symposium, University of Pennsylvania (Scheduled)
- Invited Panelist. “The Culture of Democracy & Authoritarianism,” Contemporary Culture and Life (CCL) Series, ASA Culture Section (Scheduled)
- 2025 Guest Speaker. “How Societies Remember” Course.
Department of Sociology, Emory University
- Guest Speaker. “Intersectionality” Course.
Department of Sociology, Emory University
- Invited Talk. “Research Output Roundtable: The Youth and The World.”
Chinese Sociology Society UK, Virtual
- Guest Speaker. “Contemporary Chinese Society” Course.
Department of Sociology, Colby College
- Invited Talk. Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences (MAPSS), The University of Chicago
- Invited Talk. Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Lafayette College
- 2024 Invited Talk. “Social Sciences PhD Training in North America.”
School of Journalism, Fudan University, Virtual
- Invited Talk. “Research Output Roundtable: Culture as Methods.”
Chinese Sociology Society UK, Virtual
- Guest Speaker. “Research Methods and Models: Design” Course.
Department of Sociology, Emory University
- 2023 Guest Speaker. “Structural Aspects of Social Interaction” Course.
Department of Sociology, Emory University
- Guest Speaker. “Individual and Society” Course.
Department of Sociology, Emory University
- Guest Speaker. “Individual, Interaction, and Inequality” Course.
Department of Sociology, Emory University
- 2022 Invited Talk. School of Social Sciences, Singapore Management University
- Invited Talk. Department of Sociology, California State University, Sacramento
- Guest Speaker. “China and the World” Course.
Department of Sociology, Colby College
- Guest Speaker. “Research Methods and Models: Design” Course.
Department of Sociology, Emory University

Invited Talk. “Beyond Bourdieu: Cultural Sociology as a Research Perspective.”
Junior Theorists Lecture Series, hosted by *Shehuixue Lilun Dagang* (an academic Chinese social media channel)

Guest Speaker. “Cultural Sociology” Course.
Department of Sociology, University of Macau

2021 Guest Speaker. “Contemporary China and Culture” Course.
Department of Sociology, Emory University

Invited Debate Judge. Michigan China Forum, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

2020 Guest Speaker. “Sociological Research Methods” Course.
Department of Sociology, Zhejiang University

2019-20 Guest Speaker. “Development of Sociological Theory” Course.
Department of Sociology, Emory University

2015 Guest Speaker. “History of Western Social Thoughts” Course.
Department of Sociology, Fudan University

Conferences & Workshops

2025 “Chinese, Asian American, Global Citizen, or Non-Identity: Identity
Constructions Among Chinese International Students in the United States.”
Culture and Social Analysis Workshop, Harvard University
Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Columbus, OH

“Privilege or Marginalization: How Chinese Youth from Divergent Class
Backgrounds Experience Racialization in the United States and Australia” (With
Qing Liu*)
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
Workshop on Overseas Chinese Students at Sciences Po, Paris, France

2024 “Unspoken Politics: A Comparative and Multilevel Approach to Political
Avoidance.”
Weatherhead Scholars Program Seminar, Harvard University
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada

2023 “Patriotism in Action and Nationalism in Discourse.”
Young Scholars Conference, Fudan-UC Center on Contemporary China, UC
San Diego, La Jolla, CA
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

2022 “Beyond Exertion and Enaction: A Comparative and Multilevel Approach to
Political Avoidance.”
“Youth Political Mobilization and Socialization in Contemporary China”
Workshop, Harvard Ash Center, Virtual

- “Kantian and Stoic Cosmopolitanism: How to Become Cosmopolitan in a Divided World.”
 Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Virtual
 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA
- 2021 “Whom to Trust, State or Society? The Differentiated Trust in Contemporary China.”
 Chinese Studies in Motion: Local Experiences in Global Perspective, the China Research Center, Atlanta, GA
 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY
- “Exerted or Enacted: How Proximate Social Structures Influence the Decision to Self-Censor.”
 Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Virtual
- 2020 “‘Take Care of Yourself and Start with the Little Things’: How Chinese College Students Express and Practice Patriotism.”
 Chinese Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Virtual
- 2019 “Talk of Politics in a Global World: How Chinese Students Discuss Politics on American Campus.”
 Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
 Chinese Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Kunming, China
- 2018 “Dignity in the Red Envelope: Culture Work in Informal Payments for Medical Services in China.”
 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
 The Roots and Branches of Interpretive Sociology, Philadelphia, PA

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Professional Service

Ad hoc reviewer for *American Sociological Review* (x2), *Social Psychology Quarterly* (x2), *Social Forces* (x2), *Social Problems*, *Cultural Sociology* (x2), *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Journal of Current Chinese Affairs* (x2)

- 2026 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, ASA Section on Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity
- 2025 Communications/Newsletter Faculty Adviser, ASA Culture Section
 Local Events Coordinator, Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS)
 Social Science Caucus
- 2024 Nominations Committee, ASA Culture Section

Session Organizer, ASA Section on Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity
Outstanding Article Award Committee, ASA Section on Political Sociology
Organizer, “Beyond Borders: Navigating the Currents of Transnational Activism and Solidarity” Symposium, UPenn
Discussant, “THiS: Theory, History, Society” Workshop, Virtual

2023-26 Social Media Coordinator, AAAS Social Science Caucus

2023 Panelist, National Committee on US-China Relations CHINA Town Hall 2023: Onsite Panel & National Live Webcast Watch Party, UPenn

Presider & Discussant, ASA Section on Asia and Asian America Regular Session
Panel Organizer (“Ideology, Identity, Popular Culture: Chinese Youth Nationalism in the New Era”), Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference

2022 Presider, ASA International Migration Section Refereed Roundtable
Discussant, Social Theory Workshop, Panel on Money & Social Transition in Contemporary China, Shanghai University

2018 Presider, South-Eastern Undergraduate Sociology Symposium, Atlanta

2016-21 Co-editor, Translator & Proofreader for *Cultural Sociology: Classics & Frontiers*

University Service

2024-25 Faculty Mentor, Undergraduate Research Assistantship with the Weatherhead Scholars Program, Harvard University

2023 Emory Eleanor Main Mentorship Award Committee
Emory Sociology Graduate Student Teaching Award Committee

2022-23 Emory Sociology Research Apprenticeship (SRA) Graduate Mentor

2019-22 Research in Sociology at Emory (RISE) Graduate Mentor

2018-19 Vice President of Emory Coalition of Graduate Sociologists (COGS)
Student Representative on the Speaker’s Committee
Graduate Students Recruitment Committee Member

2014-15 Trinity-in-Shanghai Program Assistant, Fudan University
WUSTL (Washington University in St. Louis)-Fudan Program Assistant

Quoted in Media

The Wall Street Journal, Initium Media

Association Memberships

American Sociological Association, Association for Asian American Studies Social Science Caucus, Association for Asian Studies, Chinese Sociological Association, International Chinese Sociological Association, Society for the Study of Social Problems

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 2021 “Data Science and Text Analysis,” “Matrix Algebra,” “Introduction to R, Stata, and SPSS.” Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
- 2020 Emory College Online Teaching Strategies (ECOTS) Training
Teaching Sociology (Required Pedagogy Course at Emory Sociology)
- 2018-19 The Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity (TATTO) Program, Laney Graduate School, Emory University
- 2017-20 Jones Program in Ethics, Laney Graduate School, Emory University
- 2017-19 Political Sociology Summer Workshop, Renmin University of China and the University of Chicago, Beijing, China
- 2015 Sociology of Education Summer Workshop, Peking University, Beijing, China

SKILLS

Digital Proficiencies: MAXQDA, NVivo, STATA, R, SPSS, HLM 8

Language: Chinese (native), English (fluent), Japanese (highest N1 level), German (A2 level), Korean (intermediate), French (elementary)