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ACADEMIC POSITION

2017-2020 Postdoctoral Senior Researcher, Laboratory of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, University of Lausanne, Switzerland

EDUCATION

2017 Ph.D. Anthropology
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Dissertation: Waste and Sacredness: Nature and Cultural Conceptions of Solid Waste in Tibetan Southwest China
Minor: Culture, History, and Environment

2011 M.A. Anthropology
University of Wisconsin-Madison

2009 M.A. Social Anthropology
Peking University, China
Thesis: The Birth and Revitalization of Sima Qian Study Association in A Village of Northwest China, 1895-1905; and 1995-2005

2006 B.A., Sociology
Nanjing University, China
Thesis: An Ethnographic Report of Rain-Praying Rituals in Rural Northwest China

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2016-2017 Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for Scholarly Exchange, Doctoral Fellowship
2016 University of Wisconsin-Madison, Arvin B. Weinstein Award
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Graduate School, Vilas Conference Travel Grant
2015 University of Wisconsin-Madison, Neil L. Whitehead Award
2014-2015 National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant
2014 University of Wisconsin-Madison, Robert F. & Jean E. Holtz Center, Summer Scholar
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Anthropology Travel Grant
2012 University of Wisconsin-Madison, Center for Culture, History, and Environment Travel Grant
2011 National Science Foundation, IGERT Summer Research Grant
2008 Fei Hsiao-Tung Scholar Award, Fei Hsiao-Tung Foundation, Beijing

AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING

Anthropology of waste and waste Management; Religion and Environment; Phenomenological study of sacredness and life; Personhood; Gender; Materiality; Tibet and China

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- In prep. Deg Pa in Practice: Personhood, Plastics, Old Clothes in a Tibetan Mountain Village. *American Ethnologist*.
- In prep. Affective Waste Infrastructures: Houses, Roads, and Bins in Producing Hope and Despair in Eastern Himalaya Mountain Villages, China.
- 2016 Plastic Waste Filled Sacred Mountain Paths of Southwest China. *Anthropology News*. 9/13.
- 2014 Review of Judith Farquhar and Qicheng Zhang's "Ten Thousand Things: Nurturing Life in Contemporary Beijing," *Anthropology Today* 30(5): 24.
- 2012 Review of Koen Wellens's "Religious Revival in the Tibetan Borderland: The Premi of Southwest China," *Asian Highland Perspectives* 21: 477-80.
- 2008 Review of Wang Mingke's "Qiang between Han and Tibet: A History of Borderland among Early Chinese Anthropological Research," *Chinese Review of Anthropology* 8. [In Chinese]
- Review of Gu Zhun's "On Ancient Greek City-State," *Chinese Review of Anthropology* 5. [In Chinese]

PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

Invited talks

- 2015 Plastics and Old Clothes: Dilemmas of an Emergent Tibetan Environmental Group, Center for Tibetan Studies, Sichuan University, Chengdu, China, May 27th

Conference papers

- 2016 Affective Waste Infrastructures: Hope and Despair in Waste Management, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, November 19th
- Cultivating the Ecological Self in Shangri-La, China, Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, April 1st
- 2015 Producing Sacredness in Waste Objects in Tibetan Southwest China, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 21st
- 2014 Tibetan Garbage and Sacred Mountains, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL, April 9th
- 2013 Culture of Pollution: Garbage, Tourism, and Development in a Tibetan Village, Second City Graduate Conference, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, March 9th
- 2012 Tibetan Environmental Monks in Action: Collaborative Cosmologies and Multiple Environmentalism of Waste Management in Shangri-La, 5th Graduate Symposium, Center for Culture, History, and Environment, University of Wisconsin-Madison, February 18th

- 2011 Making Green Citizens: Contemporary Railway Construction, Waste Management and Environmentalism in Shangri-La, Neil L. Whitehead Memorial Colloquium, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 12th
- 2010 Spectacles: Ancestral Worship, Castrated Body, and Revitalization of Sima Qian, Central States Anthropological Society Annual Meeting, Madison, WI, April 10th

Panel organized

- 2016 Living and Dying with Waste Infrastructure, chair and organizer, Paper Panel, discussant Joshua Reno, AAA meeting, Minneapolis, MN, November 19th
- 2014 Waste Regimes: Political and Material Waste by which We Live, Roundtable Discussion, AAG meeting, Tampa, FL, April 12th

TEACHING

Invited Guest Lectures

- 2016 Food Waste and Gender in China, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Head teaching assistant

- 2014 Environmental Studies: A Social Perspective, Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Spring

Teaching assistant

- 2016 Religion Studies in Global Perspectives, Religious Studies Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Politics of Human Rights, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2015 Cultural Anthropology and Human Diversity, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Same course in 2013; 2012; 2011; 2010; 2009
- 2013 General Anthropology: Biological Anthropology, Archaeology, and Cultural Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- International Development, Environment, and Sustainability, Grader, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Mentor

- 2015-2016 Environmental Studies major, undergraduates, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2012-2015 Anthropology major, undergraduates, University of Wisconsin-Madison

PUBLIC WORKS

Cultural works

- 2015 Consulting Cultural Anthropologist for a documentary on the making and performativity of Shangri-La, directed by Mirka, Duijn, <http://mirka.nl/aplacecalledshangrila/>
- 2009 Invited Cultural Interpreter, International Crane Foundation, Xianghai, Jilin, China

Media appearances

- 2014 Interviewed about my research by CCTV-13 News Channel, national television in China, October 17th
- 2006 Featured in Nanjing City News, interviewed about my work on green space in Nanjing and experience in UNEP youth conference held in Köln, Germany in November, 2005

FIELDWORK

- 2014-2015 Shangri-La City and Yubeng Village, Yunnan, China
- 2012, Summer Xiao Zhongdian Village and Mountain Ranches, Yunnan, China
- 2011, Summer Shangri-La County and Deqin County, Yunnan, China
- 2007-2008 Han Cheng City, Shaanxi, China

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Graduate Committee Faculty Search, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2 positions, 2012 Spring
- Editor Assistant Chinese Review of Anthropology [in Chinese]; Law and Social Sciences [in Chinese]; Yunnan Anthropology [web series]
- Graduate Associate AnthroCircle, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Planning Committee The 10th CHE Graduate Symposium, Nelson Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison, February 11th, 2017

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association
Anthropology and Environment Society
Society for East Asian Anthropology
Association for Asian Studies
American Association of Geographers
Central States Anthropological Society

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Chinese: native
Tibetan: advanced speaking
German: beginner speaking and reading with dictionary