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Academic Appointment

- 2025- The University of Toronto
Assistant Professor of Sociology (starting July 2025)
- 2021-25 Colby College
Assistant Professor of Sociology (2023-25)
Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology (2021-23)

Education

- 2021 Northwestern University, Ph.D., Sociology
Committee: Gary Alan Fine (Chair), Claudio Benzecry, Bruce Carruthers,
Wendy Griswold
- 2017 Northwestern University, M.A., Sociology
- 2014 Beijing Normal University, M.A., British and American Literature
- 2010 China University of Geosciences (Beijing), B.A., English

Book Projects

- In Progress* Jun Fang. *When China Meets Hollywood: Global Collaboration and State Intervention in a Creative Industry.*

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2024 Jun Fang. "The Culture of Censorship: State Intervention and Complicit Creativity in Global Film Production." *American Sociological Review* 89(3): 488-517.
- 2020 Jun Fang. "Tensions in Aesthetic Socialization: Negotiating Competence and Differentiation in Chinese Art Test Prep Schools." *Poetics* 79.

- 2020 Jun Fang & Gary Alan Fine. "Names and Selves: Transnational Identities and Self-Presentation among Elite Chinese International Students." *Qualitative Sociology* 43(4): 427-448.
- 2018 Jun Fang. "The Visual Arts in the Home of the Chinese Middle-Class: Occupational Status Groups, Abstract Art, and Self-Presentation." *Sociological Studies* 5: 66-92.

EDITED VOLUME

- 2023 Jun Fang (Co-Editor, with Svetlana Kharchenkova). Special Issue: "Arts and Culture in East Asia: Creative Practices and Their Marketization in a Global Perspective." *Journal of Chinese Sociology*.

BOOK CHAPTERS & REVIEW ESSAYS

- 2023 Jun Fang. "Globalizing the Sociology of the Arts and Culture: East Asian Perspectives." *Journal of Chinese Sociology* 10(8): 1-15.
- 2019 Gary Alan Fine & Jun Fang. "Idioculture." In Paul Atkinson, Sara Delamont, Alexandru Cernat, Joseph W. Sakshaug, and Richard A. Williams (eds.), *SAGE Research Methods Foundations*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

ENCYCLOPEDIA & OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 "On Navigating Censorship in China-Hollywood Film Production: An Interview with Jun Fang." *Accounts* 29(3): 4-8.
- 2022 Jun Fang. "Censorship of the Arts." *The Encyclopedia of China* (In Chinese). Beijing: Encyclopedia of China Publishing House.
- 2020 "A Dialogue with Alvaro Santana-Acuña on *Ascent to Glory*, Imagination, and Global Consecration." *ASA Culture Section Newsletter* 33(3): 13-16.

Papers in Progress

"From 'Cultural Diving' to 'Cultural Surfing': Organic Integration and the Making of Global Movies."

"Censorship in Art and Culture." *The Oxford Handbook of the Sociology of Speech and Censorship*, edited by Catherine Harnois. Oxford University Press.

"Global Art Worlds."

“Backdoor Mobility: Alternative Pathways to College.”

“The Zone of Access.”

Honors

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship,
American Council of Learned Societies
University of Chicago Ethnography Incubator Fellowship
Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Doctoral Fellowship, declined
- 2019 Fieldwork Research Fellowship, Northwestern Sociology

AWARDS & GRANTS

- 2024-25 Global Labs Course Development Grant, DavisConnects, Colby College
- 2020 Winch Award for Outstanding Professional Paper, Honorable Mention,
Northwestern
- 2019 ASA Culture Section Graduate Student Travel Award
Graduate Research Grant, The Graduate School, Northwestern
- 2018 Dissertation Research Travel Award, Buffett Institute for Global Affairs
External Education Grant, Northwestern Sociology
Training Grant, Central European University Budapest Foundation
- 2017 MacArthur Summer Research Grant, Northwestern Sociology
The Graduate School Conference Travel Grant, Northwestern
- 2016 Buffett Institute Conference Travel Grant, Northwestern
Sociology Alumni Fund, Northwestern

Academic Presentations

INVITED TALKS & GUEST LECTURES

- 2025 Invited talk. "The Culture of Censorship: State Intervention and Complicit Creativity in China's Engagement with Hollywood." Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies, The University of Michigan
- Guest Lecture Speaker. "Social Change in Contemporary China" Course (hosted by Dr. Rui Jie Peng). Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Lafayette College
- Guest Lecture Speaker. "Global Sociology" Course (hosted by Dr. Yang Gao). Department of Sociology, Furman University
- 2024 Invited talk. "The Culture of Censorship: State Intervention and Complicit Creativity in Global Film Production." Department of Sociology, The University of Toronto
- Invited talk. "The Culture of Censorship: State Intervention and Complicit Creativity in Global Film Production." Department of Sociology, The University of Southern California
- Guest Lecture Speaker. "Culture and Globalization" Course (hosted by Dr. Claudio Benzecry). M.S. in Leadership for Creative Enterprises, Northwestern University
- Guest Lecture Speaker. "Power, Identity, and Naming" Course (hosted by Dr. Christina A. Sue). Department of Sociology, University of Texas-San Antonio
- Invited talk. "When China Meets Hollywood: Cultural Diving and Surfing in Global Film Production." Department of Sociology, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics.
- Distinguished Speaker Series. "From 'Cultural Diving' to 'Cultural Surfing': Organic Integration and the Making of Global Movies" (hosted by Dr. Tania Aparicio Morales). Teachers College, Columbia University
- 2023 Guest Lecture Speaker. "Global Chinas and Chinese Diasporas" Course (hosted by Dr. Weirong Guo). Asian American Studies Program, University of Pennsylvania
- Guest Lecture Speaker. "Contemporary Chinese Society and Culture" Course (hosted by Dr. Bin Xu). Department of Sociology, Emory University
- Guest Lecture Speaker. "Introduction to Sociology" Course (hosted by Dr. Rui Jie Peng). Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Lafayette College

- 2022 Guest Lecture Speaker. “Sociology of Creative Industries” Course (hosted by Dr. Hannah Wohl). Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Colby Faculty Panel: “Global Perspectives on Free Speech.” Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs, Colby College
- Invited talk. “China’s Hollywood: Government Censorship and the Making of Global Movies.” East Asian Studies Colloquium, Colby College
- 2021 Invited talk. “Tensions in Aesthetic Socialization.” School of Ethnology and Sociology, Yunnan University
- Guest Lecture Speaker. “Culture and Society” Course (hosted by Weirong Guo). Department of Sociology, Emory University
- 2017-21 Guest Lecture Speaker. “Culture and Globalization” Course (hosted by Dr. Claudio Benzecry). M.S. in Leadership for Creative Enterprises, Northwestern University
- 2020 Invited talk. “Tensions in Aesthetic Socialization: Learning to Unlearn in Chinese Art Schools.” School of Social Development and Public Policy, Fudan University
- Guest Lecture Speaker. “Art Worlds and Society: Sociological Perspectives” (hosted by Honggang Lu). Department of Design, China Academy of Fine Arts
- 2019 Invited talk. “If Van Gogh Was Born in China: Creativity and Constraint in Chinese Art Schools.” Department of Sociology, East China Normal University

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- 2024 “From ‘Cultural Diving’ to ‘Cultural Surfing’: Organic Integration and the Making of Global Movies.”
The 16th European Sociological Association Conference, Porto
Ethnography Workshop, Northwestern University
- “The Value and Vision of Comparison Workshop.”
Tsinghua Institute for Advanced Study in Humanities and Social Sciences,
Tsinghua University, Beijing

- 2023 “From ‘Cultural Diving’ to ‘Cultural Surfing’: Organic Integration and the Making of Global Movies.”
 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia
 Chinese Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Tianjin
- “The Culture of Censorship: State Intervention and Complicit Creativity in Global Film Production.”
 The Society for Cinema and Media Studies Annual Conference, Denver
 Culture and Ethnography Workshop, Northwestern University
- “Backdoor Mobility: Alternative Pathways to College.”
 Eastern Sociological Association Annual Conference, Baltimore
- 2022 “Organic Integration: Authenticity and Universality in the Co-Development of Global Film Scripts.”
 Eastern Sociological Association Annual Conference, Boston
 Culture Workshop, University of California, Santa Barbara
 The 6th Annual Junior Scholars Symposium on the Sociology of Art, China
- 2020 “Fade In: Co-Developing “Organic” Scripts and the Art of Pas de Trois.”
 The 9th Social Theory Workshop – Art and Society Session, Beijing
- “How Politics Shapes Aesthetics: Censorship in China-Hollywood Collaboration.”
 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco
- 2019 “What’s in a Name?: English Names, Transnational Identities, and Self-Presentation among Chinese Students in American Universities” (with Gary Alan Fine).
 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York
- “Studying ‘Up’: Access and Status.”
 Chinese Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Yunnan
- 2017 “Constrained Creativity: Balancing Artistic Practices with Organizational Standards in Chinese Art Test Prep Schools.”
 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal
 ASA & Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings, Montreal
- “Backdoor Mobility: Art Pathway toward College in China.”
 Chicago Ethnography Conference, Chicago
 The French Network for Asian Studies International Conference, Paris

- 2016 “Art Pathway: Identity, Morality, and Creativity of Chinese Art Students.”
Cultural Sociology of Education Conference, Moscow
“Status Groups and the Conflicting Self: Art in the Chinese Middle-Class Home.”
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle
Chinese Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Nanjing

Teaching Experience

- 2021- Colby College, Instructor
Cultural Sociology | Sociology of Creativity | Sociology of Hollywood |
Contemporary Chinese Society | Introduction to Sociological Research
Methods | Qualitative Research Methods | Current Topics in Sociology |
Humanities at Play
- 2016-20 Northwestern University, Teaching Assistant
Introduction to Sociology | Field Methods | Sociology of Gender | Youth &
Society
- 2012-13 College of William & Mary, Instructor
Chinese Art: Aesthetics and Practice | Intermediate Chinese

Professional Activities

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Occasional book manuscript/proposal and journal article peer reviewer for
American Journal of Sociology | American Sociological Review | The China
Quarterly | Cultural Sociology | Ethnography | Poetics | Qualitative
Sociology | Social Forces | Sociological Forum | Social Problems | The
Sociological Quarterly | Socio-Economic Review | Sociological Studies |
Theory and Society | Work and Occupations | Oxford University Press
- 2025- Editorial Board, Poetics
- 2024-25 Committee Member, ASA Culture Section’s Nomination Committee

Committee Member, ASA Global and Transnational Sociology Section’s Best
Graduate Student Paper Award

- 2024 Committee Member, ASA Culture Section's Clifford Geertz Award for Best Article
Panel Organizer, ASA Culture Section Session "Culture in Objects" panel
Panel Presider, ASA Global and Transnational Sociology Section "Global and Comparative Ethnographies" panel
- 2023 Discussant, ASA Regular Section Ethnography/Ethnographic Studies
Presider, ASA Regular Section Cultural Studies "Field, Strategy, and Evaluation" panel
Committee Member, ASA Culture Section's Richard A. Peterson Prize for Best Student Paper Award
- 2020-23 Guest Editor, Journal of Chinese Sociology
- 2022- Committee Member, Art and Social Studies Specialty Committee, China Society for Anthropology of Arts
- 2022 Committee Member, ASA Culture Section's John Mohr Dissertation Improvement Grant
- 2019 Presider, ASA Global and Transnational Sociology Section Refereed Roundtable
Discussant, Chicago Ethnography Conference
- 2016-17 Planning Committee, Chicago Ethnography Conference
- UNIVERSITY SERVICE**
- 2024-25 Committee Member, Writing Across the Curriculum Advisory Committee, Colby College
- 2022-23 Co-organizer, Colby's Center for the Arts and Humanities Annual Theme: "PLAY!"
- 2020-21 Student Co-Coordinator, Northwestern University Culture & Society Workshop
- 2017-18 Graduate Assistant, French Interdisciplinary Group, Buffett Institute for Global Affairs, Northwestern University
- 2016-18 Student Coordinator, Northwestern University Ethnography Workshop

- 2016-17 Northwestern Sociology Graduate Student Association Teaching Committee
- 2013 Curator, “The Brush Dances and the Ink Sings – Student Art Exhibition.”
Special Collections in Earl Gregg Swem Library, College of William & Mary

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Eastern Sociological Association
European Sociological Association
The Society for Cinema and Media Studies
China Society for Anthropology of Arts

Additional Training

- 2018 The National and the Transnational Summer School, Central European University
- 2016 Sociology of Education Summer Workshop, Peking University

Professional Employment

- 2013-16 Contributing Columnist, *Caixin Global*, *The New York Times* (China Edition),
Bloomberg Businessweek (China Edition)
- 2014-15 Staff Writer, *Art289 Magazine*
- 2012-13 Adjunct Professor of Chinese Studies, College of William & Mary