

CURRICULUM VITAE

CHING KWAN LEE

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Academic Positions

2008 -- Professor of Sociology, University of California-Los Angeles
2019 -- 2021 Dr. Chung Sze-yuen Professor of Social Science, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
2003--2008 Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
2000--2003 Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
1994--1999 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Education

Ph.D. Sociology, University of California at Berkeley, 1994.
M.A. Sociology, University of California at Berkeley, 1988.
B.A. Sociology, First Class Honors, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 1987.

Awards, Fellowships and Grants

Book Awards

2019 Alice Amsden Book Award, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (for *the Specter of Global China*)

2019 Joseph Levenson Book Prize, Association for Asian Studies (for *The Specter of Global China*)

2019 Best Book Award, Global Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems (for *The Specter of Global China*)

2018 Africa-Asia Book Prize, International Convention of Asia Scholars (for *The Specter of Global China*)

2018 Asia and Transnational Book Award, Asia and Asian American Section, American Sociological Association (for *The Specter of Global China*)

2018 Distinguished Book Award, Labor and Labor Movement Section, American Sociological Association (for *The Specter of Global China*)

2018 Distinguished Book Award, Sociology of Development Section, American Sociological Association (co-winner, for *The Specter of Global China*)

2018 Distinguished Book Award, Political Economy and World System Section, American Sociological Association, Honorable Mention (for *The Specter of Global China*)

2018 Distinguished Book Award, Global and Transnational Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, Honorable Mention (for *The Specter of Global China*)

2008 Sociology of Labor Book Award, American Sociological Association (for *Against the Law*)

2000 Outstanding Book Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems (for *Gender and the South China Miracle*)

1999 Outstanding Book Award, American Sociological Association, Asia and Asian Americans Section (for *Gender and the South China Miracle*)

Fellowships

Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, 2013-4

Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, 2006-7

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC, 2003-4.

Visiting Scholar Fellowship, Harvard-Yenching Institute, Harvard University, 1999-2000

Extramural Grants (selected)

National Science Foundation Grant, 2018-2021 (Grant no. 1823681)

National Science Foundation Grant 2010-2013 (Grant no. SES-1022570)

Research Grant, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange (RG011-A-09)

American Council of Learned Societies, Workshop Grant 2019

Publications

Monographs

Under contract *Forever Hong Kong: A Global City's Struggle for Decolonization*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

2022 *Hong Kong: Global China's Restive Frontier*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

2017 *The Specter of Global China: Politics, Labor and Foreign Investment in Africa*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

*2019 Alice Amsden Book Award, Society for the Advancement of Socio-economics

*2019 Joseph Levenson Book Prize, Association for Asian Studies

*2019 Best Book Award, Global Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems

*2018 Africa-Asia Book Prize, International Convention of Asia Scholars

*2018 Asia and Transnational Book Award, Asia and Asian American Section, American Sociological Association

*2018 Distinguished Book Award, Labor and Labor Movement Section, American Sociological Association

*2018 Distinguished Book Award, Sociology of Development Section, American Sociological Association, co-winner

*2018 Distinguished Book Award, Political Economy and World System Section, American Sociological Association (Honorable Mention)

*2018 Distinguished Book Award, Global and Transnational Sociology Section, American Sociological Association (Honorable Mention)

2007 *Against the Law: Labor Protest in China's Rustbelt and Sunbelt*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

*2008 Sociology of Labor Book Award, Labor and Labor Movement Section, American Sociological Association

*Finalist, C. Wright Mills Award, 2008

1998 *Gender and the South China Miracle*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

*1999 Best Book Award, Asia and Asian Americans Section, American Sociological Association

*2000 Best Book Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Labor Studies Division

Edited Volumes

2019 *Take Back Our Future: An Eventful Sociology of the Hong Kong Umbrella Movement*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, co-edited with Ming Sing

2019 *The Social Question in the 21st Century: A Global View*. Oakland: University of California Press, co-edited with Jan Breman, Kevan Harris and Marcel van der Linden

2011 *From the Iron Rice Bowl to Informalization: Markets, State and Workers in a Changing China*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press (Co-edited with Sarosh Kuruvilla and Mary Gallagher)

2009 *Reclaiming Chinese Society: New Social Activism*. London: Routledge (Co-edited with You-tien Hsing)

2007 *Working in China: Ethnographies of Labor and Workplace Transformation*. London: Routledge

2007 *Re-envisioning the Chinese Revolution: Politics and Poetics of Collective Memories in Reform China*. Washington, D.C.: The Woodrow Wilson Center Press and Stanford: Stanford University Press. (Co-edited with Guobin Yang)

Journal Articles

- 2022 “Global China at 20: Why, How and So What?” *The China Quarterly* V. 250: 313-331
- 2019 “China’s Precariats” *Globalizations* Vol. 16(2): 137-154
- 2017 “After the Miracle: Labor Politics Under China’s New Normal” *Catalyst* 1(3): 92-115.
- 2017 “Mapping the Contested Terrain of Precarious Labor in China” *Rural China: An International Journal of History and Social Science* 14(1): 155-164.
- 2016 “Precarization or Empowerment? Reflections on Recent Labor Unrest in China” *Journal of Asian Studies*, 75(2): 317-333.
- 2014 “The Specter of Global China” *New Left Review* no. 89, September-October, pp. 29-65.
- 2014 “State and Social Protest” *Daedalus, the Journal of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences* Vol. 143(2): 124-134.
- 2013 “The Power of Instability: Unraveling the Microfoundations of Bargained Authoritarianism in China,” *American Journal of Sociology* 118(6) pp. 1475-1508 (co-authored with Yonghong Zhang).
- 2012 “The Politics of Precarity: Views Beyond the United States”, *Work & Occupations* 39(4): 388-408 (co-authored with Yelizavetta Kofman)
- 2010 “Remaking the World of Chinese Labor: A Thirty Year Retrospective” *British Journal of Industrial Relations*, vol. 48 (3), pp. 3-17 (co-authored with Eli Friedman).
- 2009 “Raw Encounters: Chinese Managers, African Workers and the Politics of Casualization in Africa’s Chinese Enclaves” *The China Quarterly* 199, September, pp. 647-666
- 2009 “The Paradox and Possibility for a Public Sociology of Labor in China,” *Work and Occupations* Vol. 36 (2): 110-125 (co-authored with Yuan Shen)
- 2008 “Rights Activism in China” *Contexts* 7(3): 14-19.
- 2005 “Livelihood Struggles and Market Reform: (Un)making Chinese Labor After State Socialism” *United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, Occasional Paper 2*. Geneva: UNRISD.
- 2002 "From the Specter of Mao to the Spirit of the Law," *Theory and Society* 31(2): 189-228.
- 2002 “Revisiting the South China Miracle,” *Journal of Labor Studies*, vol. 27(2): 61-65.

- 2000 "The Revenge of History: Collective Memories and Labor Protests in Northeastern China," *Ethnography* vol. 1(2): 217-237.
- 1999 "From Organized Dependence to Disorganized Despotism: Changing Labor Relations in Chinese Factories," *The China Quarterly* no. 157: 44-71.
- 1998 "The Labor Politics of Market Socialism," *Modern China* vol. 24(1): 3-33.
- 1997 "After the Hong Kong Miracle: Women Workers under Industrial Restructuring in Hong Kong," *Asian Survey* vol. 37(8): 752-770 (co-authored with Stephen Chiu)
- 1995 "Engendering the Worlds of Labor: Women Workers, Labor Markets and Production Politics in the South China Economic Miracle," *American Sociological Review* vol. 60(3): 378-397.
- 1993 "Familial Hegemony: Gender and Production Politics on Hong Kong's Electronics Shop Floor," *Gender & Society* vol. 7(4): 529-547.

Book Chapters

- 2020 "An Ethnography of Comparative Ethnography: Pathways to Three Logics of Comparison," in Corey M. Abramson and Neil Gong (eds) *Beyond the Case: the Logics and Practices of Comparative Ethnography*. New York: Oxford University Press, 139-161.
- 2019 "The Social Question as the Struggle over Precarity: the case of China," in Jan Breman et al. (eds) *The Social Question in the 21st Century: A Global View*. Oakland: University of California Press, pp. 58-76.
- 2019 "Take Back Our Future: an Eventful Sociology of the Hong Kong Umbrella Movement," in Ching Kwan Lee and Ming Sing (eds) *Take Back Our Future: an Eventful Sociology of the Hong Kong Umbrella Movement*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, pp. 1-33.
- 2012 "Durable Subordination: Chinese Labor Regime through a South Korean Lens" in Andrew Walter and Xiaoke Zhang (eds) *East Asian Capitalism: Diversity, Continuity and Change*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2011 "Communal Citizens or Egoistic Men? Property Rights Activism in China's New Urban Neighborhoods" in Kyung Sup Chang and Bryan Turner (eds) *Contested Citizenship in East Asia*. London: Routledge (co-authored with Peng Chen).
- 2011 "The Anti-Solidarity Machine? Labor Non-governmental Organizations in China" in Sarosh Kuruvilla, Ching Kwan Lee and Mary Gallagher (eds) *From Iron Rice Bowls to Informalization*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
- 2008 "From Inequality to Inequity: Popular Conceptions of Social (In)justice in Beijing," in Deborah Davis and Feng Wang (eds) *Creating Wealth and Poverty in Post-socialist China*. (Stanford: Stanford University Press).

- 2007 (with Mark Selden) "Durable Inequality: The Legacies of China's Revolutions and the Pitfalls of Reform" in John Foran et al. (eds) *Understanding Revolution: Social Identities, Globalization and Modernity*. (London: Routledge)
- 2007 "Is Labor a Political Force in China?" in *Grassroots Political Reform in China*, edited by Merle Goldman and Elizabeth J. Perry. (Cambridge: Harvard University Press).
- 2003 "Pathways of Labor Insurgency" in *Chinese Society: Change, Conflict and Resistance*. Second edition, edited by Elizabeth J. Perry and Mark Selden. (London: Routledge).
- 2002 "Three Patterns of Labor Transitions in Reform China," in *Politics in China: Frontiers*, edited by Jean-Louis Rocca and Franscoise Mengnin. (New York: Palgrave Press).
- 2000 "Pathways of Labor Insurgency," in *Chinese Society: Change, Conflict and Resistance*, edited by Elizabeth J. Perry and Mark Selden (London: Routledge).
- 1999 "Public Discourses and Collective Identities: Emergence of Women as a Collective Actor in the Women's Movement of Hong Kong," in *Social Movements in Hong Kong*, edited by Stephen Chiu and Tai-lok Lui (Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press).
- 1997 "Factory Regimes of Chinese Capitalism: Different Cultural Logics in Labor Control," pp. 115-142 in *Ungrounded Empires: Culture and Identity in Modern Chinese Transnationalism*, edited by Aihwa Ong and Donald Nonini (New York: Routledge).
- 1997 "Chinese Labor in the Reform Era: Changing Fragmentation and New Politics" in *Regional Handbook of Economic Development: The China Handbook*, edited by Chris Hudson (Chicago: Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers), pp. 237-249
- 1995 "Production Politics and Labor Identities: Migrant Workers in South China," pp. 15.1-15.28 in *China Review 1995*, edited by Lo Chi Kin et al. (Hong Kong: Chinese University Press).

Book Reviews

- 2017 *Will Africa Feed China?* Oxford University Press, 2015. *The Journal of Peasant Studies* 44(5): 1088-1090.
- 2015 *Inside China's Automobile Factories: the Politics of Labor and Worker Resistance*. Cambridge University Press, 2015. *Work and Occupations* 42 (4): 486-487.
- 2000 *Dragon in a Three-Piece Suit: The Emergence of Capitalism in China*. By Douglas Guthrie. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1999. *American Journal of Sociology*, vol. 105(6), May 2000: 1776-1778.

- 2003 *The Making of the Chinese Industrial Workplace: State, Revolution and Labor Management*. By Mark Frazier. New York:Cambridge University Press, *American Journal of Sociology*, vol. 109 (1), July 2003.
- 2003 *Forces of Labor: Workers' Movements and Globalization since 1870*. By Beverly Silver. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003. *Critical Solidarity*, fall 2003.
- 2008 *Creating Market Socialism: How Ordinary People Are Shaping Class and Status in China*. By Carolyn Hsu. Durham: Duke University Press, 2007. *Journal of Asian Studies* Col. 67(3): 1057-58.
- 2009 *New Masters, New Servants: Migration, Development and Women Workers in China*. Durham: Duke University Press. *The China Quarterly* 200: 1099-1100.

Professional Activities

Chair, Global and Transnational Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2021--

Chair, Society for Hong Kong Studies (an affiliate of the Association for Asian Studies), 2018 – present

Chair, Best Scholarly Book Award Committee, Global and Transnational Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2021

Chair, Book Award Selection Committee, Global Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2020

Deputy Convener, Social Sciences Panel for Research Assessment Exercise 2020, University Grants Council of Hong Kong, 2018 -- 2019

Member, Academic Advisory Committee, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, 2017 – present

Member, China and Inner Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies, 2021-2023

Member, Fellowship Selection Committee, American Council of Learned Societies, 2016 & 2019

Member, Levenson Prize Committee, Association for Asian Studies, 2007

Member, Braverman Award Committee, Labor Studies Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2002.

Workshop Director, Social Science Research Council, Inter-Asian Connections IV: Istanbul Conference, October 2-5, 2013.

Reviewer, Social Science Research Council, Pre-dissertation Fellowship Awards, 2002 & 2003

Reviewer, National Science Foundation Proposals, various years

Grant proposal reviewer for the Hong Kong Research Grants Council, 1999—

Editorial Activities

Series Editor, Cambridge Elements Series on “Global China,” Cambridge University Press, 2019 – present

Advisory Editor, *Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social and Political Movements* (2nd Edition), 2020 -- present

Editorial Board, *Business and Human Rights Journal*, 2014 -- present

Editorial Board, *The China Quarterly*, 2012 – present

Editorial Board, *Critical Historical Studies*, 2013 -- present

Editorial Board, *Ethnography*, 2009 – present

Editorial Board, *Critical Asian Studies* 2021 -- present

Consulting Editor, *International Labor and Working-Class History*, 2012 -- present

International Advisory Board, *Development and Change* 2018 -- present

International Editorial Advisory Board, *British Journal of Industrial Relations*, 2009 – present

Editorial Board, *American Sociological Review*, 2003—2006

Consulting Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*, 2009 – 2012

Editorial Board, *Pacific Affairs*, 2010 – 2014

Reviewer for *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Problems*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *International Sociology*, *Gender and Society*, *Critical Sociology*, *Ethnography*, *The China Journal*, *positions: east asia cultures critique*, *China Information*, *Modern China*, *The China Quarterly*, *Twentieth-Century China*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Environment & Planning A*, *Taiwan Sociology*, *Social Politics*, *Geoforum*, *Cultural Anthropology*, *Issues & Studies*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Law and Society*, *Mobilization*.

Book Manuscript reviewer for: Harvard University Press, University of California Press, Cambridge University Press, Cornell University Press, Yale University Press, Stanford University Press, and Institute for East Asian Studies at University of California, Berkeley.

Public Service/Media Writing

“Hong Kong’s New Political Lexicon,” Op-ed, July 9 2019, *Los Angeles Times*

“Why is Hong Kong Protesting?” The Monkey Cage Analysis, August 22, 2019, *The Washington Post*

“A Hong Kong that’s Forever Changed,” Op-ed, September 5, 2019, *Los Angeles Times*

“If Hong Kong Burns, the World Gets Burned Too,” Op-ed, May 29, 2020, *Los Angeles Times*

University Services

University of California, Los Angeles

1. Faculty Advisory Board, Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, 2008-2012
2. Member at Large, Executive Committee, Asia Institute, 2008-2012
3. Executive Committee, Center for Chinese Studies, 2008-2014
4. Executive Committee, Center for Social Theory and Comparative History, 2014 --
5. Faculty Advisory Committee, Asia Pacific Center, 2015 --
6. Legislative Assembly Department Representative, Academic Senate, 2021-2024

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

1. Director, Global China Center, 2019-2021

University of Michigan

1. Associate Director, Center for Chinese Studies, 2005 -- 2006
2. Executive Committee, Center for Chinese Studies, 2000 -- 2001.
3. Co-director, Program on the Study of Women, Gender and Development in Comparative Perspective, Institute for Research on Women and Gender
4. Review Committee, International Institute Pre-dissertation Research Awards, 2000-2001

Chinese University of Hong Kong

1. Elected Member, Faculty Board of the Faculty of Social Science, 1994 --1997
2. Chair, Student-Staff Consultation Committee, Department of Sociology, 1996 --1997
3. College Coordinator, Shaw College, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 1997 -- 1998
4. Committee Member of Admissions Committee, Graduate Studies Committee, Quality of Teaching and Research Committee, Department of Sociology, 1994 -- 1998

Recent Keynotes & Invited Lectures

“Global China and its Discontents: Lessons from Zambia and Hong Kong” Keynote Address at the Asia and Africa in Transition International Conference, University of Copenhagen, June 28-30, 2021.

“Hong Kong Unbound” Keynote Address at the Inaugural Conference of the Hong Kong Studies Association, University of Keele (UK), May 28, 2021.

“After a Sleepless Year: Hong Kong vs China,” Public Webinar, UC San Diego and UCLA, June 4, 2020

“Hong Kong: Global China’s Restive Frontier,” Munk Institute for Asian Studies, January 24, 2020, University of Toronto, Canada

“An Improbable Revolution: Hong Kong vs China,” Public Lecture, Ryerson University, January 23, 2020, Toronto, Canada

“An Improbable Revolution: Sociological Reflections on the Hong Kong Anti-extradition Movement,” Keynote Address, Taiwan Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Nov 30, 2019, Taipei.

“Global China: Event, Theory and Method,” Keynote Address, French Center for Research on Contemporary China, Hong Kong, July 5, 2019.

“China’s Precariats: A 70-Year Trajectory of Relational Struggles,” Keynote Address, Conference on “The Impact of Precarious Employment and Responses from the East Asian Experience,” Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions and Chinese University of Hong Kong, June 22-23, 2019.

“The Specter of Global China,” Keynote Address, International Conference on the Past, Present and Future of African-Asia Relations, World Society Foundation & Swiss Sociological Association, University of Neuchatel, Switzerland, April 25-27, 2019.

“The Specter of Global China,” Public lecture at Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea, December 3, 2018.

“The Specter of Global China,” Kim Koo Distinguished Lecture Series, Global Asia Research Center, National Taiwan University, Taipei, November 19, 2018.

“The Specter of Global China” Distinguished Speaker Series, Emory University, October 23, 2018.

“Global China as Theory, Method and Event” Keynote Address at the Northwest China Forum, University of Oregon, Portland, October 20-21, 2018.

“A City Lost or Found? Sketching Hong Kong’s History of the Present” Hong Kong Studies Initiative, University of British Columbia, October 18, 2018.

“The Specter of Global China” Keynote Address at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Kyoto, Japan, June 23-25, 2018.

“A Southern Perspective of Global China Studies” Keynote Address at University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, April 19, 2018.

“Global China: A Paradigm Shift?” Keynote Address at the UC Berkeley-Stanford Graduate Students Conference, April 13, 2018.

“Prairie Fires or Flickering Lights? Reflections on Recent Labor Unrest in China”, Keynote Address at Work, Employment and Society Conference, British Sociological Association, University of Leeds, September 7, 2016.

“The Specter of Global China” Columbia University, November 5, 2015.

“The Specter of Global China” University of Mississippi, November 2, 2015.

“The Specter of Global China” University of Pennsylvania, October 8, 2015.

“The Specter of Global China” Watson Center, Brown University, October 7, 2015.

“The Specter of Global China” Keynote Address in International Conference on “Southern Africa Beyond the West”, First Biennial Conference, Journal of Southern African Studies, Livingstone, Zambia, August 10, 2015.

“The Specter of Global China” Distinguished Speakers Series, University of Kentucky, September 24, 2014.

“Buying Stability in China: Market, Protests and Authoritarianism” Cornell University, September 22, 2014.

“The Specter of Global China”, Center for Chinese Studies, UC Berkeley, September 12, 2014.

“The Specter of Global China: Contesting the Fractured Power of Chinese Investment in Africa” The Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University, April 30, 2014.

“Red Dawn: the Power and Peril of Chinese Capitalism in Africa” the 13th Stanton Avery Lecture, Pomona College, April 24, 2014.

“Red Dawn: the Power and Peril of Chinese Capitalism in Africa” Contemporary China Studies Public Lecture, Hong Kong University, November 27, 2013.

“The ‘Labor Question’ of Chinese Capitalism in Africa,” Development Sociology Seminar, Cornell University, April 25, 2013.

“The ‘Labor Question’ of Chinese Capitalism in Africa” 2012 Wan Lin Kiang Lecture, University of California, Irvine, May 2, 2012.

“The Power of Instability: How China Maintains Stability” National Cheng Chi University, Taipei, Taiwan, December 26, 2011.

“The ‘Labor Question’ of Chinese Capitalism in Africa” National Cheng Chi University, Taipei, Taiwan, December 27, 2011.

“The ‘Labor Question’ of Chinese Capitalism in Africa” Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, December 28, 2011.

“The Power of Instability: How China Maintains Stability” Tunghai University, Taichung, Taiwan, December 29, 2011.

“The ‘Labor Question’ of Chinese Capitalism in Africa”, the 52nd Annual Edward H. Hume Memorial Lecture, Yale University, October 24, 2011.

“The ‘Labor Question’ of Chinese Capitalism in Africa”, Carolina Asia Center, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, October 7, 2011.

“The ‘Labor Question’ of Chinese Capitalism in Africa”, Department of Anthropology, Duke University, October 7, 2011.

“Hegemony of Harmony: How China Maintains Stability?” plenary session on “Sociology for Turbulent Times: Views from Around the World” European Sociological Association Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland, September 7-10, 2011.

“China’s Sweatshops” plenary of the Conference “Out of the Smoke and the Flame: The Triangle Shirtwaist Fire and its Legacy” Institute for Worker Education and Labor Studies, CUNY, New York, March 24, 2011.

“The Labor of Chinese Capitalism” Graduate Center, City University of New York, March 22, 2011.

“The Labor Question of Chinese Capitalism in Africa” Center for Social Inquiry, Pitzer College, Los Angeles, March 9, 2010.

“The Labor Question of Chinese Capitalism in Africa” Department of Social and Cultural Analysis, New York University, February 22, 2010.

“A New Scramble or an Alternative Modernity? Chinese Investments in Zambia”, Center for Labor Studies, UC Santa Cruz, January 31, 2009.

“Raw Encounters: Politics of Casualization in Africa’s Chinese Enclaves,” Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University, October 20, 2008.

“Raw Encounters: Labor Politics in Africa’s Chinese Enclaves,” University of California at Berkeley, Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, October 8, 2008.

“Raw Encounters: Politics of Casualization in Africa’s Chinese Enclaves,” University of British Columbia, Sociology Department, September 30, 2008.

“Out of Precariousness: Politics of Casualization in Africa’s Chinese Enclaves”, Department of Sociology, Yonsei University, South Korea, April 23, 2008.

“Contesting Chinese Labor Standards” Workshop on Globalization and Labor Standards, Columbia University, Program in Globalization and International Development, April 11, 2008.

“Out of Precariousness: Politics of Casualization in Africa’s Chinese Enclaves” Symposium on Africa Encounters Global China, University of Wisconsin, Madison, April 9, 2008.

“Against the Law: Labor Protests in China’s Rustbelt and Sunbelt,” Columbia University, Modern China Seminar, October 11, 2007.

“The Labor of Globalization”, Public Lecture on Peace and Global Studies, San Diego State University, April 19, 2007.

“From Class Formation to the Quest for Citizenship: Observations from China’s Rustbelt and Sunbelt,” Department of Sociology, Princeton University, February 26, 2007.

“Against the Law: Labor Protests in China’s Rustbelt and Sunbelt”, Department of Social and Cultural Analysis, New York University, February 7, 2007.

“Against the Law: Labor Protests in China’s Rustbelt and Sunbelt”, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University, January 26, 2007.

“Contentious Transition: Labor Protests in China’s Rustbelt and Sunbelt,” School of Industrial and Labor Relation, Cornell University, February 2, 2006.

“Contentious Transition: Labor Protests in China’s Rustbelt and Sunbelt,” St. Cloud State University, East Asia Forum Lecture, January 25, 2006.

“Contentious Transition: Labor Protests in China’s Rustbelt and Sunbelt,” UCLA, Institute of Industrial Relations and Sociology Department, October 27, 2005.

“Market Reform and Labor Conditions in China” United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, March 7, 2005, New York.

“Chinese Labor’s Contentious Transition from Socialism”, Yale University, February 23, 2005.

“Made In China’: Non-payment of Wages and Labor Struggles”, Pittsburgh University, Sociology Department and Institute for East Asian Studies, October 14 and 15, 2004.

"In the Twilight of Socialism: Patterns of Labor Contention in Reform China," Research Workshop at the Douglas A. Fraser Center for Workplace Issues, Wayne State University, November 19, 2002.

"From the Specter of Mao to the Spirit of the Law: Labor Insurgency in Post-socialist China," Center for Chinese Studies, University of California at Berkeley, November 2, 2001.

"From the Specter of Mao to the Spirit of the Law: Labor Insurgency in Post-socialist China," Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University, November 1, 2001.

"The Revenge of History: Chinese Working Class Politics in the Reform Era," Yale University, Council for East Asian Research, April 20, 2000.

"The Politics of Labor Transitions in China," A. E. Havens Center for the Study of Social Structure and Social Change, University of Wisconsin, Madison, April 3, 2000.

"In the Name of the Law: Labor Protests in Northeastern China," Director's Seminar, Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University, September 30, 1999.

“Class and Gender Inequality: Sociology and the Chinese Experience”, Ford Foundation (Beijing) Workshop on Social Stratification, People’s University, Beijing, August 2-4, 1999.