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Academic Appointment

2025 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Bryn Mawr College

Education

2025 **University of Chicago** Chicago, IL
Ph.D. in Sociology
Graduate Certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies

Book Project - *In Transition: Politics of Transgender Healthcare in China*

- Martin P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Fellowship, American Sociological Association (ASA) Section on Sexualities

2020 M.A. in Sociology

2017 M.A. in Social Sciences

2016 **Kean University** Wenzhou, China & Union, NJ
B.A. in English (*summa cum laude*)

Research and Teaching Interests

Gender and Sexuality, Medical Sociology, Global Sociology, Science and Society, China

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

Zhou, Xiaogao. 2024. "Care in Transition: Global Norms, Transnational Adaptation, and Family-Centered Gender-Affirming Care in China." *Social Science & Medicine* 344:116658.
[doi:10.1016/j.socscimed.2024.116658](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2024.116658).

- 2025 ASA Donald W. Light Award for the Applied or Public Practice of Medical Sociology (Honorable Mention)
- 2025 ASA Science, Technology and Knowledge Section Hacker-Mullins Student Paper Award
- 2025 ASA Global and Transnational Sociology Best Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2024 ASA Human Rights Section Graduate Student Paper Award (Honorable Mention)

Zhu, Junfeng, Bal, Michèle, **Zhou, Xiaogao**, Stok, Marijn, and John de Wit. 2025. "Sustaining Heteronormativity in Marriage: How Chinese Newspapers Frame Heterosexual Marriage Undertaken by Chinese Queer People." *Journal of Homosexuality* 72(3):501–19.
[doi:10.1080/00918369.2024.2322623](https://doi.org/10.1080/00918369.2024.2322623).

Zhou, Xiaogao, and Songyin Liu. 2023. "Making Gender Crises: State Newspapers and the Regulation of Gender Nonconformity in China." *Social Problems* 72(2):611–26.
[doi:10.1093/socpro/spad059](https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spad059). (online first)

Girardelli, Davide, Stephanie Kelly, Bodong Chen, **Xiaogao Zhou**, and Tingting Gu. 2020. "‘Learning Lords’ and ‘Ink in Your Stomach’: Eliciting Chinese EFL Students’ Beliefs about

Classroom Participation.” *Communication Education*. 69(2):155–75. doi: 10.1080/03634523.2020.1723804.

- Top Paper Award, International Communication Association Instructional & Development Panel

Public Sociology

Gender Identity and Social Transitioning (forthcoming) book chapter in *Step Out of Gender Dysphoria* (2nd Publication) by Shanghai Scientific and Technological Literature Press. In Chinese.

2021 National Transgender Health Survey. 2023, *Beijing LGBT Center*. Research Report in Chinese

Fellowship, Grants, and Awards

External:

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| 2025 | Donald W. Light Award for the Applied or Public Practice of Medical Sociology (Honorable Mention), ASA Medical Sociology Section Hacker-Mullins Student Paper Award, ASA Science, Technology, and Knowledge Section Best Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Global and Transnational Sociology Section |
| 2024 | Graduate Student Paper Award (Honorable Mention), ASA Human Rights Section Co-Winner, Martin P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Fellowship (\$1500), ASA Section on Sexualities Fellow, NSF Early Career Award Funded Summer Workshop on Public Sector Organizational Effectiveness, University of Notre Dame |
| 2022 | OYCF-Chow Fellow (\$3500), Overseas Young Chinese Forum |
| 2021 | Fellow, “Embedded in China” workshop, Peking University |
| 2016 | Rainbow Scholarship (\$500), Chinese Rainbow Network |
| 2015 | Top Paper Award, International Communication Association Instructional & Development Panel |

Internal:

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| 2024 | Dissertation Completion Fellow, Center for International Social Science Research (<i>Declined</i>) Residential Fellow, Center for Gender and Sexuality Studies (<i>Declined</i>) Graduate Fellow, Social Science Research Council |
| 2023 | Graduate Student Research Grant (\$3,000), Center for Studies of Gender and Sexuality Chinese Studies Dissertation Research Grant (\$5,000), Center for East Asian Studies Fellow (\$2,000), University of Chicago Center in Beijing |
| 2022 | Charles R. Henderson Fund (\$3,000), Department of Sociology |
| 2021 | Research Grant for PhD Students (\$5,000), Pozen Center for Human Rights Chinese Studies Pre-Dissertation Grant (\$3,000), Center for East Asian Studies Lloyd and Susanne Rudolph Field Research Award (\$5,000), Center for International Social Science Research |
| 2014 | Students Partnering Faculty (SpF) Research Program, Kean University |

Teaching

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| 2024 Spring | Pedagogical Training: Course Design and College Teaching |
| 2021 Spring | B.A Thesis Seminar in Sociology Major I (co-designed and co-taught, Preceptor) |
| 2021 Winter | B.A Thesis Seminar in Sociology Major III (co-designed and co-taught, Preceptor) |
| 2020 Fall | B.A Thesis Seminar in Sociology Major II (co-designed and co-taught, Preceptor) |
| 2020 Spring | B.A Thesis Seminar in Sociology Major I (co-designed and co-taught, Preceptor) |
| 2019 Fall | Computing for the Social Sciences (Teaching Assistant) |

Selected Presentations & Talks

How to Make the Most Out of Fieldwork: Do's and Don'ts of Field Research in China
2024 **Invited Panelist**, Overseas Young Chinese Forum Annual Meeting (San Diego, CA)

Instituting Gender Affirming Care: Health Politics and Hybrid Professional Knowledge
2025 Association for Asian Studies (Columbus, OH)
2024 Young Researcher International Workshop, The School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (Paris, France)
2024 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Montréal, Canada)
2024 Summer Workshop on Organizational Effectiveness, University of Notre Dame (Chicago, IL)

Trans Health & STS: Perspectives from the Sociology of Science and Knowledge
2024 **Invited Panelist**, ASA Science, Knowledge, and Technology Section Event (Virtual)

Uneven Transition: Family-Centered Gender-Affirming Care in China
2024 Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting (Virtual)
2023 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, PA)
2023 **Guest Lecture: *Queer China*** at New York University Shanghai (Shanghai, China)

(Coauthored) *Governing Gender Nonconformity: Competing Ideologies and Gender Crises in Chinese State Newspapers*

2023 Guest Lecture: *Chinese Media* at New York University Shanghai (Shanghai, China)
2022 **Invited Keynote Presentation**, LGBT Young Leader Summit by Lavender Alliance at University of California-Berkeley (Virtual)
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Virtual)
International Communication Association Annual Meeting (Virtual)

Constructing Heterosexuality, Maintaining Homosexuality: Marriage Between Gays and Lesbians in China
2020 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Virtual)

(Coauthored) *The Role of Face-Saving and Communication Anxiety in Chinese EFL Students' In-Class Participation: An Extension of the Theory of Planned Behavior*

2016 International Communication Association Annual Meeting (Fukuoka, Japan)

Services

University Services

2020-2023 Student Coordinator, Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop

2021 Department of Sociology B.A. Student Theses Symposium
2020 (Canceled due to COVID-19) Spring Institute Planning Committee

Disciplinary Services

2019-2021 Member, Book Review Board at *American Journal of Sociology*

Ad-Hoc Reviewers

American Journal of Sociology; Social Forces; Social Science & Medicine; Journal of Health and Social Behavior; International Journal of Sexual Health

Professional Organization Affiliation

American Sociological Association (ASA),
World Professional Organization for Transgender Health (WPATH),
Association for Asian Studies (AAS),
Overseas Young Chinese Forum (OYCF)

Languages

English (fluent), Mandarin (native)