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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2020 - present Assistant Professor, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Dartmouth College
2018 - 2020 Mellon Faculty Fellow, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Dartmouth College
2017 - 2018 Visiting Instructor, Women's and Gender Studies, Carleton College

EDUCATION

2018 PhD, Department of American Studies, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Minor: Feminist & Critical Sexuality Studies
Dissertation: *The Intimacies of Racial Capitalism: Chinese Migration and Capital in South Africa*

2008 B.S. with honors, B.ChE., University of Wisconsin-Madison
Majors: Chemistry, Chemical & Biological Engineering
Minor: Gender & Women's Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

Under Review *The Chinese Century and the City of Gold*

Refereed Articles

2022 "Afro-Asian Adjacencies in South Africa's Long Twentieth Century." *Verge* 8.1
"Indian Ocean Studies, Afro-Asian Affinities" (2022): 167-194.
muse.jhu.edu/article/847068.

2021 "The Chinese Century and the City of Gold: Refashioning Race and Capitalism." *Public Culture* 33, no. 2 (May): 193-217. <https://doi.org/10.1215/08992363-8917178>

2019 "The Foreign and the Familiar: The Cultural Life of the China Bag in South Africa." *International Journal of Cultural Studies* 22, no. 4: 536-557
doi.org/10.1177/1367877919831015

2018 "Between Men': Vying Masculinities in 1970s U.S. – China Relations." *Scholar & Feminist Online*. <http://sfoonline.barnard.edu/feminist-and-queer-afro-asian-formations/between-men-vying-masculinities-in-1970s-u-s-china-relations>.

2018 "The Year of China in Africa': Two Scenes from Johannesburg." *Radical History Review* 131 (May): 146-149. doi.org/10.1215/01636545-4355257

Book Chapters

Forthcoming "Global South Frontiers: Chinese Worldmaking and Racial Imaginaries of Johannesburg." In *New World Orderings: China and the Global South*, eds. Lisa Rofel and Carlos Rojas. Durham and London: Duke University Press (January 2023).

2020 "The Chinatown Back Room: Anxious Intimacies and Apartheid Afterlives." In

Anxious Joburg: Space, Affect, and Experience in a Global South City, eds. Nicky Falkof and Cobus van Staden, 152-175. Johannesburg and New York: Wits University Press and NYU Press.

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

- 2018 “Disciplinary Violence” with Megan Steffen, Susan MacDougall, Vivian Lu. *Anthropology News* Anthropology News website, May 10. DOI: 10.1111/AN.861
- 2016 “Vulnerable Observers: Notes on Fieldwork and Rape.” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, October 12, www.chronicle.com/article/Vulnerable-Observers-Notes-on/238042

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Fellowships, Research & Travel Grants (select)

- 2019 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Post-PhD Research Grant
- 2017 University of Minnesota Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
- 2016 University of Minnesota Interdisciplinary Dissertation Fellowship
- 2014 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
- 2013 Social Science Research Council Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship

Awards

- 2022 Dartmouth Center for the Advancement of Learning Experiential Learning Initiative course grant for “Global Race x Global Migration” with Jorge Cuellar.
- 2021 Dartmouth Dean of Faculty Innovative Course on Racial Inequality, Racial Justice, and/or Anti-Racist Activism, “Global Race x Global Migration” with Jorge Cuellar.

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures

- 2022/23 “Follow the Surplus,” The Open University’s REDEFINE project, the University of York’s The politics of Chinese investments in Europe (PoliCIE), and the China in Europe Research Network (CHERN), to be scheduled.
- 2022 “Theorizing in the Chinese Century,” Department of Women, Gender & Sexuality, University of Virginia, to be held September 30, Charlottesville, VA.
- 2021 “The Chinese Century and the City of Gold: Making Sino-African Worlds,” Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, April 1, 2021.
- 2018 “From Malls to Mines: Migrancy, Labor, and Chinese Racial Capitalism in Johannesburg,” Center for Chinese Studies, Center for African Studies, and

Department of Anthropology, Rutgers University, September 26, New Brunswick, NJ.

Conference Presentations

- 2022 Participant, “Comparative Asian Americas,” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2-6, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2021 “Transnational Feminisms and the ‘Chinese Century’: Theorizing Empire and Queering Colonial Entanglements,” National Women’s Studies Association, Zoom, November 18 (roundtable co-organizer).
- 2021 “Going Underground,” part of “Ethnographies of Mobility: Circular Migration and Uneven Geographies” mini-symposium, Chinese in Africa/Africans in China Network, hosted by Lingnan University, Hong Kong, HKSAR, July 2.
- 2021 “Vexing Ventriloquism: Triangulating Africa-China Studies” with Vivian C. Lu, part of “Africa, China: Voices Beyond Centres,” Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Society Virtual Conference, July 26-30.
- 2020 “Sexing Soft Power: Gender, Sexuality, Race, and ‘China-Africa,’” African Studies Association, November 19, Washington, DC (panel co-organizer).
- 2020 Discussant, “Consumers, Entrepreneurs, Students, and Translators: The Peopling of China-Africa Relations Past and Present,” African Studies Association, November 20, Washington, DC.
- 2019 “Global China and the Afterlives of Gold: Chinese Racial Capitalism in Johannesburg,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 21-23, Boston, MA.
- 2019 “Impacts on Africa’s security, development, and perceptions: Chinese and Western Actors,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 21-23, Boston, MA. Panel chair.
- 2019 Roundtable chair, “American Studies in Africa,” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 7-10, Honolulu, Hawai’i.
- 2019 “Conjuring Contagion: Neocolonial Hygiene and Sexual Citizenship at the Johannesburg China Mall,” Proximities Symposium, Dartmouth College, May 18, Hanover, NH.
- 2019 “From Mines to Malls: Migrancy, Labor, and Chinese Racial Capitalism in Johannesburg,” North Eastern Workshop on Southern Africa, April 27, Burlington, VT.
- 2019 “Going South: Chinese Migrants, African Frontiers, and Racial Ways of Seeing,” Verge Global Asias 5, April 5, Penn State University, State College, PA.
- 2018 Roundtable participant, “Talking Race, Ethnicity and Otherness in Chinese-English

- Dialogues,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, November 14-18, San Jose, CA.
- 2018 “Executive Session: Sexual Violence in Anthropology: A Collective Conversation,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, November 14-18, San Jose, CA (session co-chair).
- 2018 Roundtable participant, “Outside the Archive: Feminist and Queer Afro-Asian Formations,” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 8-11, Atlanta, GA.
- 2018 “In Pursuit of Stardom: Anxieties of Masculinity and Reading the Archive of Afro Asian Solidarity,” Association for Asian American Studies Annual Meeting, March 30, San Francisco, CA.
- 2018 “Chinese Subalterns, African Frontiers, and Neoliberal Sojourning,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, March 22-25, Washington DC.
- 2017 “Race and the Management of Desire at a Johannesburg China Mall,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, December 3, Washington DC (session co-organizer).
- 2017 “The Ethnography of Empire: Revisiting the ‘Imperial Turn’ through the Global South,” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 9-12, Chicago, IL.
- 2017 “The Hyphen of China-Africa Studies: Possibilities, Limits, and Contingencies,” Dialogues in Ethnography: The Lived Experience of Chinese in South Africa Workshop, Department of East Asian Studies and Chinese Studies, University of Vienna, June 26, Vienna, Austria (virtual attendance).
- 2017 “The Psychic Life of Fieldwork: Evidence, Trauma, and Therapy,” American Ethnological Society Annual Meeting, April 1, Stanford, CA (session co-organizer).
- 2017 “Ethnographies of Illicit Economies: The Ethics of Exposure,” American Ethnological Society Annual Meeting, March 31, Stanford, CA (session co-organizer).
- 2017 “Keyword: Empire,” Workshopping Approaches to Race, Racism, and Racialization in Ethnographic Examinations of China-Africa and South-South Encounters, Department of Anthropology, New York University, January 13, New York, NY.
- 2016 “Sexual Impropriety and the Policing of Race: A Field Dispatch from Chinese Johannesburg,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, December 3, Washington DC.
- 2016 “The Secret Lives of Ordinary Things: Surface, Interior, Thick Speculation,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, November 19, Minneapolis, MN.

- 2016 “Notes on Qualified Life: Theorizing Suzhi from the Snake Pit,” Chinese in Africa/Africans in China Conference, August 20, Nairobi, Kenya.
- 2016 “The Foreign and the Familiar: Tracing the Cultural Lives of the China Bag in Times of Crisis,” Cultural Studies Association Annual Meeting, June 4, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 Discussant, Fan Yang’s *Faked in China: Nation Branding, Counterfeit Culture, and Globalization* (Author Meets Critics session), Cultural Studies Association Annual Meeting, June 3, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 “Informality, Duplicity, and Capital’s Surface Cultures,” Forms of Informality: Textual Analysis and Popular Culture in the Global South Symposium, March 12, Madison, WI.
- 2015 “Knock-Off Mall: The Fake and the Readymade,” The Politics of the Copy Workshop, Centre for Humanities Research, University of the Western Cape, November 28, Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2014 “Afro-Asian Nostalgia and Phantom Empires: Signs of Intimate Life at a Johannesburg China Mall,” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 6, Los Angeles, CA. Session co-organizer.
- 2014 “Rescuing Imperiled Manhood: Richard Nixon and the Black Panther Party’s Encounters in China,” Cultural Studies Association Annual Meeting, May 30, Salt Lake City, UT.
- 2013 “Know your Friends, Know Your Enemies’: The Black Panther Party and Richard Nixon’s Encounters with China,” Refiguring the 1970s: New Narratives in U.S. and International History, April 27, Chicago, IL.

Workshops, Seminars, and Papers

- 2022 “Critique in the Time of China,” “Critique in Africa” workshop, University of Nairobi, to be held October 5-7, 2022, Nairobi, Kenya (virtual attendance).
- 2020 “Afro-Asian Adjacencies in South Africa’s Long Twentieth Century,” Consortium for Studies in Race, Migration, and Sexuality, Dartmouth College, September 30, Hanover, NH.
- 2019 “Querying China-Africa: Gender, Sexuality, and Everyday Intimacies,” FCWSRC Works in Progress Faculty Seminar, Five Colleges Women’s Studies Research Center, March 6, North Hampton, MA.
- 2018 “Going South: Chinese World-Making in Johannesburg,” Brown Bag Series, Interdisciplinary Center for Global Change, University of Minnesota, January 26, Minneapolis, MN.

- 2017 “The Foreign and the Familiar: Tracing the Cultural Lives of the China Bag in South Africa,” Brown Bag Series, Interdisciplinary Center for Global Change, University of Minnesota, February 10, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2015 “Hidden in Plain Sight: Everyday Aesthetic Forms and Capital in Chinese Johannesburg,” South African Contemporary History and Humanities Seminar, Centre for Humanities Research, University of the Western Cape, November 3, Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2015 “Hidden in Plain Sight: Everyday Aesthetic Forms and Capital in Chinese Johannesburg,” Wits Interdisciplinary Seminar in the Humanities, Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Witwatersrand, October 5, Johannesburg, South Africa.
- 2015 “Bitterness, Jealousy, Betrayal: Melodramas of Chinese Capital,” Centre for Indian Studies in Africa, University of Witwatersrand, September 3, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Campus Talks

- 2022 “Labors of Love and Bullshit Jobs,” Last Lecture Series, Undergraduate Deans Office, Dartmouth College, May 16, Hanover, NH.
- 2022 Participant, “Silence” Ethnographic Writing Workshop, Dartmouth College, May 6.
- 2022 Discussant, Roth/RMS Symposium, Consortium for Studies in Race, Migration, and Sexuality, Dartmouth College, April 29, Hanover, NH.
- 2022 Moderator, A Conversation with Torrey Peters, OPAL Visibility 2022, Dartmouth College, April 5, Hanover, NH.
- 2022 Panelist, “#StopAsianHate: Why We Fight for Asian American Studies at Dartmouth,” Dartmouth Asian Pacific American Alumni Association, Dartmouth College, February 17, Hanover, NH.
- 2021 Discussant, Durba Mitra’s *Indian Sex Life: Sexuality and the Colonial Origins of Modern Social Thought*, “Conversations on South Asia” series, Dartmouth College, April 6, Hanover, NH.
- 2021 “Virality,” White Interregnum, Consortium for Studies in Race, Migration, and Sexuality, Dartmouth College, January 18, Hanover, NH.
- 2020 “Critical Approaches to Campus Sexual Violence,” Student and Presidential Committee on Sexual Assault Symposium, Dartmouth College, October 28, Hanover, NH.

TEACHING

Assistant Professor, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Dartmouth College

Winter 2023	WGSS 1 Intersections WGSS 98 Honors Thesis
Fall 2022	WGSS 12 Feminist/Queer Theories and Methods WGSS 41.06 Transnational Feminisms
Spring 2022	WGSS 3/LACS 9 Global Race x Global Migration
Fall 2021	WGSS 80 Advanced Seminar WGSS 41.06 Transnational Feminisms
Spring 2021	WGSS 16 Contemporary Issues in Feminism
Fall 2020	WGSS 41.06 Transnational Feminisms WGSS 10 Introduction to Sex, Gender, and Society

Mellon Faculty Fellow, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Dartmouth College

Fall 2019	WGSS 41.06: Transnational Feminisms
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Visiting Instructor, Women's and Gender Studies, Carleton College

Fall 2017	WGST 130: Politics of Sex
Winter 2017	Senior Honors Thesis Co-advisor, Chue Lor '18

SERVICE

Service at Dartmouth College

2022	Selection committee, Guarini Dean's Pre-to-Postdoctoral Fellowship in Asian American Studies
2019 – 2021	Founding Faculty Fellow, Dartmouth Consortium of Studies in Race, Migration, and Sexuality
2021	Co-organizer, "Work" Symposium, Asia/America Research Group,
2021	Co-organizer, WGSS 10 common experience event, Jennifer Hirsch and Shamus Khan
2020	Co-organizer, WGSS 10 common experience event, adrienne maree brown and Autumn Brown
2020 -	Faculty advisor, Sexual Assault Peer Alliance
2020 -	Member, The Student and Presidential Committee on Sexual Assault
2019	Co-organizer, WGSS 10 common experience event, Mariame Kaba
2019	Co-organizer, "Proximities" Symposium, Asia/America Research Group
2018-19	Co-convener, "Home Lost" inaugural workshop South-South Forum

Student Advising at Dartmouth College

2022-23	Thesis advisor, Lily Ren '23, WGSS
2022-23	Thesis co-advisor, Guadalupe Ortega '23, WGSS
2022	Leslie Center Student Research Award mentor, Lily Ren '22
2022	MMUF mentor, Guadalupe Ortega '23, Lily Ren
2021-22	Thesis advisor, Aoibheann Holland '22, WGSS
2021-22	Thesis co-advisor, Hannah LeBaron '22, Cognitive Science
2021-22	Thesis reader, Rebecca Nicol '22, Geography
2021-22	President's Scholarship, Diana D'Souza '23
2020-21	Thesis reader, Ameena Razzaque '21, Geography/ASCL
2021	RMS/UGAR, Sheen Kim '23 and Kyu-bin Kong '23

- 2021 UGAR mentor, Sirajum Sandhi '21
 2021 Leslie Center Student Research Award mentor, Sirajum Sandhi '21
 2019 - Thesis reader, Xiaoran Tang, MALS

Occasional Reviewer

Journal of Cultural Economy, African-East Asian Affairs, Studies in Social Justice, Critique of Anthropology, South African Historical Journal, American Ethnologist, Ethnic Studies Review, International Journal of Cultural Studies, Journal of American Studies, The China Quarterly, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Korea Journal.

AFFILIATIONS

Research Residencies

- 2016 – 2017 IDF Fellow, Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Minneapolis
 2014 – 2020 Research affiliate, Centre for Indian Studies in Africa, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

Professional Memberships (current and previous)

Asian Studies Association, African Studies Association, American Anthropological Association, American Ethnological Society, American Studies Association, Cultural Studies Association, Association for Asian American Studies, National Women's Studies Association

LANGUAGES

- Mandarin Advanced speaking and listening, proficient reading, and basic writing skills.
 Spanish Proficient reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills.

FIELDWORK

- Cape Town, South Africa (2013, 2014; 4 months)
 Johannesburg, South Africa (2013, 2014, 2015, 2020; 12 months)
 Fuzhou, Sanming, Yiwu, and Guangzhou, PRC (2020 postponed due to Covid-19)

MISC & COLLABORATIONS

- 2021 Podcast guest, "Chinese Futures," WiSER podcast, Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Witwatersrand, June 8, 2021. <https://wiser.wits.ac.za/event/wiser-podcast>.
- 2020 Podcast guest, "The Back Rooms in Johannesburg's Chinatown, the China-Africa Podcast, December 4. <https://chinaafricaproject.com/podcasts/the-back-rooms-in-johannesburgs-chinatown/>
- 2020 Interviewed for Elaine K. Dezenski, "Below the Belt and Road: Corruption and Illicit Dealings in China's Global Infrastructure," *FDD*, May 6. <https://www.fdd.org/analysis/2020/05/04/below-the-belt-and-road/>
- 2018 #mitu: Teach-in on Feminist Activism in China. Columbia University, March 27, New York City, NY.

- 2017 Research contribution to *In Search of Miss Ruthless*, curated by Hera Chan and David Xu Borgonjon, Para Site Gallery, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong, June 2 - September 10.
- 2017 Interviewed for Lily Kuo, “Chinese migrants have changed the face of South Africa. Now they’re leaving,” *Quartz*, April 30. <https://qz.com/940619/chinese-traders-changed-south-africa-now-theyre-leaving/>
- 2016 Essay “The Life of a Garment, ‘Here We’” featured in *Here We*, work by Dorothee Kreutzfeldt, Room Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa, February 13 – April 2.
- 2016 Documentary consultant/fixer, Will Hanke, Northwestern Pictures, London, UK.
- 2015 Podcast guest on “China mall’s rise amidst growing xenophobia in South Africa,” The China-Africa Project, April 20.
<http://www.chinaafricaproject.com/podcast-china-malls-johannesburg-mingwei-huang-xenophobia/>

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