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Curriculum Vitae
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, UC Davis, 2003-present.
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, UC Davis, 1996-2003.

EDUCATION

Ph. D. in Sociology, University of Michigan, 1996.
M. A. in Comparative Literature, University of Michigan, 1989.
B. A. in Foreign Languages and Literature, National Taiwan University, 1987.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Civil societies; Political Cultures; Health and illness experiences; Cultural Sociology; Comparative historical sociology.

SCHOLARSHIP

Book

Ming-Cheng M. Lo. *Doctors within Borders: Profession, Ethnicity, and Modernity in Colonial Taiwan*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2002.

John R. Hall, Laura Grindstaff, and Ming-Cheng M. Lo. Eds. *The Routledge Handbook of Cultural Sociology*. London: Routledge, forthcoming 2010.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

Ming-Cheng M. Lo and Yun Fan. "Hybrid Cultural Codes in Non-Western Civil Society: Images of Women in Taiwan and Hong Kong." *Sociological Theory*, forthcoming.

Ming-Cheng M. Lo. "Cultural Brokerage: Creating Linkages between Voices of Lifeworld and Medicine in Cross-Cultural Clinical Settings." *Health*, forthcoming.

Ming-Cheng M. Lo. "Cultures of Democracy: A Civil Society Approach." *The Routledge Handbook of Cultural Sociology*, eds., John R. Hall, Laura Grindstaff, and Ming-Cheng M. Lo. Eds., forthcoming.

Ming-Cheng M. Lo and Christopher P. Bettinger. "Civic Solidarity in Hong Kong and Taiwan." *The China Quarterly* 197: 183-203, 2009

Ming-Cheng M. Lo and Clare Stacey. "Beyond Cultural Competency: Bourdieu, Patients and Clinical Encounters." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 30 (5): 741-755, 2008.

Ming-Cheng M. Lo, Christopher P. Bettigner, and Yun Fan. "Deploying Weapons of the Weak in Civil Society: Political Culture in Hong Kong and Taiwan," *Social Justice* 32 (2): 77-104, 2006.

Ming-Cheng M. Lo. "Professions: Prodigal Daughter of Modernity," pp. 381-406 in *Remaking Modernity: Politics, Processes and History in Sociology*, eds. Julia Adams, Elisabeth S. Clemens and Ann Shola Orloff, Durham: Duke University Press, 2005.

Ming-Cheng M. Lo and Eileen M. Otis. "Guanxi Civility: Processes, Potentials, and Contingencies," *Politics and Society* 31 (1): 131-162, 2003.

Ming-Cheng M. Lo. "Between Ethnicity and Modernity: Taiwanese Medical Students and Doctors under Japan's *Kōminka* Campaign, 1937-1945," *Positions* 10 (2): 285-332, 2002.

Ming-Cheng M. Lo and Christopher P. Bettinger. "The Historical Emergence of a 'Familial Society' in Japan," *Theory and Society* 30 (2): 237-279, 2001.

Ming-Cheng M. Lo. "Confronting Contradictions and Negotiating Identities: Taiwanese Doctors' Anti-Colonialism in the 1920s," pp. 210-239 in *Globalization and Social Movements*, eds. John Guidry, Michael D. Kennedy and Mayer Zald, Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2000.

Ming-Cheng M. Lo. "Crafting the Collective Identity: The Origin and Transformation of Taiwanese Nationalism," *The Journal of Historical Sociology* 7 (2): 199-223, 1994.

Work-in-progress

Ming-Cheng M. Lo. "One Science Does Not Fit All: The Social Processes of 'Culturally competent Healthcare'" (proposal funded by the ASA/NSF Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation).

Book Reviews

Review of *The Devil's Handwriting: Precoloniality and the German Colonial State in Qingdao, Samoa, and Southwest Africa* by George Steinmetz. *Social Forces* 87 (4): 2226-2228.

Review of *The Gold Standard: The Challenge of Evidence-Based Medicine and Standardization in Health Care* by Stefan Timmermans and Marc Berg. *American Journal of Sociology* 110 (2): 513-514, 2004.

Reply to Jen-to Yao's review of *Doctors within Borders: Profession, Ethnicity, and Modernity in Colonial Taiwan*. *Taiwanese Sociology* 5: 262-268, 2003. [In Chinese]

Review of *Becoming Japanese: Colonial Taiwan and the Politics of Identity Formation* by Leo Ching. *Journal of Asian Studies* 62 (2): 612-614, 2003.

Review of *Other Modernities: Gendered Yearning in China After Socialism* by Lisa Rofel. *Journal of Asian and African Studies* 37 (1): 115-116, 2002.

Review of *Nihon Kaizo Keikaku* by Ichiro Ozawa. *China Times*. October 13, 1994. [in Chinese]

Review of *Peasant Power in China: The Era of Rural Reform, 1979-1989* by Daniel Kelliher. *Contemporary Sociology* 23 (1): 37-38, 1994.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures and Presentations

2009 "Opening Address." Conference on Intellectuals, Professions, and Knowledge Production in Twentieth-Century China. Center for Chinese Studies, University of California, Berkeley.

2008 "Deploying Weapons of the Weak in Civil Society." Mini-Conference on "Sociology and Empire. Boston University. [Invited Panelist]

- 2007 “Is Civil Society Possible in East Asia?” Special Thematic Session at the ASA Meetings. [Invited Panelist]
- 2007 “Taiwan and Its Contexts.” The Council on East Asian Studies, Yale University. [Invited Panelist]
- 2004 “Dialogues across the Veil: Some Thoughts on Taiwan Studies in North America.” Annual meetings for North America Taiwan Studies Association (Honolulu, Hawaii). [Keynote Speaker]
- 2003 “Blueprints for Taiwan Studies in the Humanities and the Social Sciences: A Workshop.” The Center for Comparative and Interdisciplinary Research on Asia, University of California, Los Angeles. [Invited Panelist]
- 2003 “Modernity and the Social Formation of Professions.” National Taiwan University (Taipei); Academia Sinica (Taipei).
- 2002 “Doctors within Borders: Profession, Ethnicity, and Modernity in Colonial Taiwan.” The Conference on Taiwan under Japanese Colonial Rule, 1895-1945. The Institute of East Asian Studies and The Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University. [Invited Panelist]
- 2001 “Politics and the Social Formation of Professions.” The Making and Unmaking of Modernity Workshop, Northwestern University.
- 2001 “Transnational Social Movements.” The Transnational Practices Research Workshop, UC Berkeley. [Invited Panelist]
- 2000 “Doctors within Borders: Profession, Ethnicity, and Modernity in Colonial Taiwan.” National Taiwan University (Taipei); National Cheng-Chih University (Taipei); National Ching-Hwa Universtiy (Hsing-Chu, Taiwan).
- 2000 “Scientific Colonialism: Taiwan as Japan’s Medical Utopia (or Not).” Center for Chinese Studies, UC Berkeley.
- 1999 “Colonialism and Citizenship: Japan’s “Imperialization” Project in Taiwan.” UC Davis Center for History, Society, and Culture.
- 1997 “Japan’s Kōminka Campaign in Taiwan.” Center for Japanese Studies at UC Berkeley.

Conference Presentations

- 2009 “Cultural Brokerage: Creating Linkages between Voices of Lifeworld and Medicine in Cross-Cultural Clinical Settings.” Annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (San Francisco, CA).
- 2007 “Beyond Cultural Competency: Bourdieu, Patients and Clinical Encounters” (with Clare Stacey). Annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (New York, NY).
- 2006 “Gender and Civic Imagination: Political Culture in Hong Kong and Taiwan” (with Yun Fan). Annual meetings of the Social Science History Association (Minneapolis, Minnesota).
- 2005 “The Process of Civility: Changing Modes of Dialogue in American Civic Political Culture” (with Christopher Bettinger). The 37th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology (Stockholm, Sweden).
- 2004 “Cynic Publics and Disempowered Societies: Civic Political Cultures in Hong Kong and Taiwan” (with Christopher Bettinger and Yun Fan). Annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (San Francisco, CA).
- 2003 “Modernity and the Social Formation of Professions.” Annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (Atlanta, GA).
- 2001 “An Emergent Civil Society? From a *Guanxi* Market to Networks of Collective Action in China” (with Eileen Otis). Annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (Anaheim, CA).
- 2000 “Scientific Colonialism: Taiwan as Japan’s Medical Utopia (or Not).” Annual meetings of the Association of Asian Studies (San Diego, CA).
- 1999 “Toward An Ideal Type of ‘Guanxi’ Civil Society” (with Eileen Otis). Annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (Chicago, IL).
- 1998 “Taiwanese Medical Students and Doctors under Japan’s *Kōminka* Movement: A Case Study of Identity Politics in Colonial Assimilation.” Annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (San Francisco, CA)
- 1996 “Taming the Colonial Body: Placing Taiwan within the Japanese Medical Empire.” Annual meetings of the Association of Asian Studies (Honolulu, HI).
- 1995 “Between the Nation and the Empire: Japanese Medical Policies During W. W. II.” Annual meetings of the Social Science History Association (Chicago, IL).

- 1995 “Emplotting the Inbetweenness: The Mobilization of Physicians in the Public Sphere in Taiwan during the 1920s.” Annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (Washington D. C.).
- 1994 “Understanding the Formation of National Identities in Meiji Japan: A Narrative Approach” (with Christopher Bettinger).” Annual meetings of the Social Science History Association (Atlanta, GA).
- 1992 “Crafting the Collective Identity: The Historical Transformation of Taiwanese Nationalism.” Annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (Pittsburgh, PA).

Additional Conference Service

- 2009 Discussant: “Dynamics Across the Taiwan Straits.” Institute of East Asian Studies at UC Berkeley.
- 2005 Panel Organizer: “Civil Society: Past and Present.” The 37th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology (Stockholm, Sweden)
- 2005 Panel Organizer: “The Political Sociology of Civil Society.” Annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (Philadelphia, PA).
- 2001 Discussant: “Comparative Perspectives on Nationalism.” Annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (Anaheim, CA).

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2003 The Pacific Regional Humanities Center, Release-Time Award, UC Davis.
- 2001-02 The Davis Humanities Institute Fellow, UC Davis.
- 1999 Faculty Development Award, UC Davis.
- 1999 APRU Fellow, Association of Pacific Rim Universities.
- 1995-96 Sawyer Research Fellow, The International Institute at U of Michigan.
- 1995 Certificate of Recognition, Sigma Xi The Scientific Research Society, University of Michigan Chapter.

Grants

- 2006-2007 Research Grant, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (\$75,000). (“One Science Does Not Fit All.”)
- 2005 Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline, The American Sociological Association (\$7,000). (“One Science Does Not Fit All.”)
- 2002 The Institute of Government Affairs Junior Faculty Grant, UC Davis (\$3,000). (“One Science Does Not Fit All.”)
- 2001-02 Mini Grant, University of California Pacific Rim Research Program (\$3,000). (“Cynic Publics and Disempowered Societies: Civic Political Cultures in Hong Kong and Taiwan.”)
- 1999 Publication Assistance Funds (\$3,000), UC Davis. (“Doctors within Borders.”)
- 1999 Junior Faculty Research Fellowship (\$2,800), UC Davis.
- 1997-98 Research Grant, UC Davis Washington Center (\$2,700). (“Doctors within Borders.”)
- 1996-97 New Faculty Research Grant Program (\$3,000), UC Davis. (“Doctors within Borders.”)
- 1995-96 Fellowship for Research on ROC on Taiwan’s Development Experiences, Center for Chinese Studies at U of Michigan (\$15,000).
- 1995-96 Dissertation Support Fund for Graduate Students from Abroad, the International Institute at U of Michigan (declined).
- 1995 Rackham Dissertation Grant, U of Michigan (\$5,000).
- 1994-95 Chiang Ching-Kuo Dissertation Fellowship (\$15,000).
- 1992-93 Barbor Scholarship for Oriental Women, U of Michigan (\$6,000).

SERVICE

Ad Hoc Reviewer

American Sociological Review; Comparative Studies of Society and History; Current Anthropology; Feminist Studies; Health; Israel Science Foundation; Journal of Asian Studies; Journal of Asian and African Studies; The National

Women's Studies Association Journal; Taiwan Sociological Research; Taiwanese Sociology; Social Problems; Sociological Theory; Theory and Society.

External Examiner, Swarthmore College (2009).

Editorial Board Membership

2009-2011 *Sociological Theory*

2006- *East Asian Science, Technology and Society: An International Journal*

Profession

2008-11 Council member, Comparative Historical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association.

2008-09 Chair, The Bendix Best Student Paper Committee, Comparative Historical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association.

2006-07 Nomination Committee, Political Sociology Section, American Sociological Association.

2006-07 Barrington Moore Book Award Committee, Comparative Historical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association.

2002-05 Secretary-Treasurer, Comparative Historical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association.

University

2006-2007 Program Committee for East Asian Studies, UC Davis.

2004-05 At-large Representative to the Assembly of the Senate, UC Davis.

2002-03 Program Committee for East Asian Studies, UC Davis.

1998-00 Program Committee, Center for History, Society, and Culture, UC Davis; Davis campus representative to the Executive Committee of the Pacific Rim Research Program, University of California.

1996-99 Program Committee for East Asian Studies, UC Davis.

Department

- 2009-10 Non-Senate Faculty Evaluation Committee [Chair]; Comprehensive Exam Committee [Chair].
- 2008-09 Non-Senate Faculty Evaluation Committee [Chair]; Merit and Promotions.
- 2006-07 Historical-Comparative Search; Non-Senate Faculty Evaluation; Representative to the Assembly of the Senate (1st alternate).
- 2005-06 Graduate Program Committee [Chairing in Fall; Serving as a member in Winter and Spring]; Unity Task Force; Non-Senate Faculty Evaluation; Representatives to the Assembly of the College of L&S.
- 2004-05 Comprehensive Exam; Historical-Comparative Search; Representatives to the Assembly of the College of L&S; Special Project.
- 2003-04 Comprehensive Exam; Historical-Comparative Search; Ombudsperson; Representative to the Assembly of the College of L&S.
- 2002-03 Chair of Colloquia/Lemert Lecture Committee.
- 2001-02 Comprehensive Exam Committee; Health/Medicine Search.
- 2000-01 Computer Committee.
- 1999-00 Graduate Admission Committee. [Winter and Spring]
- 1998-99 MA Exam Committee.
- 1997-98 Graduate Program Committee.
- 1996-97 Race/Immigration Search.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, Social Science History Association.

Member, American Sociological Association; sections in Comparative Historical Sociology, Political Sociology, Culture, Asian and Asian American Studies, Medical Sociology.

COURSES TAUGHT

Comparative and Historical Sociology (graduate seminar)
 Contemporary Social Theories (graduate seminar)

Nationalism and Nationality (graduate seminar)
Social Movements (graduate seminar)
Introduction to Social Research (undergraduate lecture class)
Social Identities and Experiences of Asian Americans (undergraduate seminar)
Social Movements (undergraduate lecture class)
Sociological Perspectives on East Asia (undergraduate lecture class)
Immigration (undergraduate lecture class)
Honors Thesis (undergraduate seminar)
Culture, Health, and Inequalities (undergraduate seminar)