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**Curriculum Vitae**

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**EDUCATION**

2022 (*expected*) Ph.D., Anthropology, University of Chicago

*Committee:* Susan Gal (co-chair), Michael Silverstein (co-chair), Julie Y. Chu,  
Angie Heo

*Dissertation:* “Confessional mobility and the Catholic ethic: an ethnography of  
Chinese transnationalism”

2016 M.A., Anthropology, University of Chicago

*M.A. paper:* “Silky Signs: Measuring Conversion and Cultivating Christendom *in  
ultimo Oriente*”

(Michael Silverstein, Susan Gal, Michael I. Allen, *readers*)

2013 B.A., *summa cum laude*, Anthropology and Classical Languages, University of  
California, Berkeley

*Honors thesis:* “Retrospective Re-creation: Latin *sine fine* and the Afterlife of a  
Classic”

(William F. Hanks, Trevor M. Murphy, *readers*)

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Language ideology, register, risk, migration, diaspora, semiotics, anthropology of Christianity,  
text and intertextuality, metapragmatics, China

**PUBLICATIONS**

2019 “The Hermeneutics of Silk: China and the Fabric of Christendom according to  
Martino Martini and the Early Modern Jesuit ‘Accommodationists’.” *Comparative  
Studies in Society and History* 61(2):419-446.

*In revision,* “Possessed dispossessions: Protestant and Catholic chronotopic ideologies in urban  
China,” *Signs and Society*.

*In preparation,* “Language Reanimation and the Living Latin Movement.”

**GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2020 Chinese Studies Dissertation Fellowship, Center for East Asian Studies, University of  
Chicago

2020 *Finalist*, Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship

2017 Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (funded in 2018)

2017 Fulbright U.S. Student Program Study/Research Award

2015 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

- 2014 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship  
 2013 Social Sciences Fellowship, University of Chicago

## PRESENTATIONS

### *Papers presented:*

- 2021 “Home in the City: Protestant and Catholic Chronotopic Ideologies in Urban China.” Taiwan Association for Religious Studies, September 2021. [virtual]
- 2021 “Living Latin, Purposeive Personae?” Unsettling Language: Sociolinguistics Symposium 23. University of Hong Kong, June 2021. [virtual]
- 2021 “The migratory vocation: risk and divine authentication at the airport border.” The Moral Changes and Social Affordances of Mobility [conference]. The Max Planck Cambridge Centre for Ethics, Economy and Social Change. [on Zoom]
- 2021 “Challenging churchscapes: Protestant and Catholic chronotopes in urban China.” Paper presented at the Religion and Human Sciences Workshop, University of Chicago, February 2021. [on Zoom]
- 2019 “遷徙的聖召：動員風險與中國天主教移民的政治認同” [Migratory vocations: risk and the metapragmatics of mobility among Chinese Catholic immigrants]. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Taiwan Society for Anthropology and Ethnography, Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica, Taipei, September 2019.
- 2018 “Confessional spaces and self-surveilling talk.” Paper presented at the Semiotics Workshop, University of Chicago, December 2018.
- 2018 “基督宗教的主觀性與語言意識形態：一個現象學的視角” [Christian subjectivity and language ideology: a phenomenological approach]. Paper presented at “*Xiuxing’s* Ways and Directions”: the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Anthropology of Religion Workshop, co-organized by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Nanjing University, East China Normal University, and the Mintaiyuan Museum, Quanzhou, June-July 2018.
- 2017 “Speaking Selves: Confession and Christian Subjectivity in Postsocialist China.” Paper presented at the Global Christianities Workshop, University of Chicago, January 2017.
- 2016 “Confessional discourse and the language of the liberation-oppression paradigm in the first decade of the PRC.” Paper presented at Technologies of Semiosis: the 18<sup>th</sup> Michigan Graduate Conference in Linguistic Anthropology, University of Chicago, May 2016.
- 2015 “Accommodating Habit[at]s: Jesuit Missionization and the Making of Convertibility in Early Modern China.” Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, November 2015.
- 2014 “*Non(ne) enim erat tempus ficorum?* Towards a Semiotics of Accommodation in Martino Martini’s *Brevis Relatio* (1654).” Paper presented at “Coordinating Continuities”: the 16<sup>th</sup> Michigan Graduate Conference in Linguistic Anthropology, University of Chicago, May 2014.

### *Papers discussed:*

- 2020 Discussant for Courtney Handman, “The Materiality of Circulation: Mountains, languages, and the decolonization of New Guinea.” Semiotics Workshop, University of Chicago, October 2020. [on Zoom]
- 2020 Discussant for Christine S.C. Lee, “‘You are a priest forever’: the dual sacramentality

- and humanity of Andean Roman Catholic Priests in Talavera, Peru.” MODO 思享會 No. 30, East China Normal University, May 2020. [virtual]
- 2017 Discussant for Britta Ingebretson, “Farming under the high rise: a social geography of Tunxi.” Semiotics Workshop, University of Chicago, February 2017.
- 2016 Discussant for Xiaobo Yuan, “Educating ‘Little Sinners’ in China: Underground Christian Schools and the Ethics of Self-Exile.” Global Christianities Workshop, University of Chicago, January 2016.
- 2015 Discussant for Elise Kramer, “Net-Savvy Cats and Newbie Dogs: Textual Materiality and the Embodiment of Computer-Mediated ‘Voices.’” Semiotics Workshop, University of Chicago, October 2015.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### *Instructor, University of Chicago*

2020 Power, Identity and Resistance 3: Tocqueville to Beauvoir

#### *Teaching Intern, University of Chicago*

2017 Power, Identity and Resistance 2: Smith to Foucault

2016 Power, Identity and Resistance 1: Hobbes to Mill

#### *Writing Intern, University of Chicago*

2015 Human Being and Citizen 1: Genesis to Plato

#### *Language Assistant, University of Chicago*

2014 Elementary Modern Chinese 1

### ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

- 2021 Co-organizer, Making Authority, Multimodally: The 22nd Annual Michicagoan (University of Michigan and University of Chicago) Graduate Student Conference in Linguistic Anthropology. [May 6-8, 2021, on Zoom]
- 2020-21 Co-coordinator, Semiotics Workshop, University of Chicago
- 2020 Co-organizer, “Managing Risk: Locating Practices of Ethical and Religious Reflection” (oral presentation session), 2020 American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. [*Canceled because of COVID-19*]
- 2019-20 Graduate Council Travel Fund Committee, University of Chicago
- 2019 Reviewer, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*
- 2016 Planning Committee, Technologies of Semiosis: the 18<sup>th</sup> Michicagoan Graduate Conference in Linguistic Anthropology
- 2012-13 Co-Founder and Editorial Board Member, Berkeley Undergraduate Journal of Classics

### OTHER NON-TEACHING WORK AND SERVICE

- 2020- Research and Production Intern, Ghost Island Media (Taipei, Taiwan)
- 2020 Research Fellow, *Invisibilia* and *Hidden Brain* (podcasts), National Public Radio
- 2016-17 Event Assistant, Society of Fellows, University of Chicago
- 2011-13 Media Collections Assistant, Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley

- 2011 Assistant Primate Keeper, Gibbon Conservation Center (Santa Clarita, CA)
- 2011 Layout and Design Team, Berkeley Scientific Journal

**AWARDS, HONORS, AND MINOR GRANTS**

- 2021 GRAD Global Impact Pitch Internship Award, UChicagoGRAD
- 2016 Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, Center for East Asian Studies, University of Chicago
- 2015 Lichtstern Student Conference Travel Fund, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago
- 2013 Undergraduate Student Essay Prize, Society for Linguistic Anthropology
- 2013 Phi Beta Kappa, University of California, Berkeley
- 2013 Departmental Citation, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley
- 2013 Chair's Book Prize, Department of Classics, University of California, Berkeley
- 2012 Robert and Colleen Haas Scholarship, University of California, Berkeley

**ACADEMIC EXCHANGES**

- 2021 Visiting Student, Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica (Taipei)
- 2019-20 Visiting Student, Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica (Taipei)
- 2017-18 Senior Visiting Student, School of Social Development, East China Normal University (Shanghai)

**LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH**

- Mandarin Chinese (fluent)
- Latin (reading)