

CURRICULUM VITAE

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DEPARTMENT: Political Science

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EDUCATION

INSTITUTION	DEGREE	DATE
Harvard University	Ph. D	2005
University of California, Berkeley	M.A.	1998
Stanford University	B.A.	1996

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2004-present Assistant Professor of Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

NONACADEMIC POSITIONS

2005 Consultant for the Ford Foundation

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2007 Accountability Without Democracy: Solidarity Groups and Public Goods Provision in Rural China. Cambridge University Press: Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics. Forthcoming, August 2007.

Articles in Refereed Journals

Forthcoming “Understanding the Falsification of Village Income Statistics,” The China Quarterly.

2007 “Solidary Groups, Informal Accountability, and Local Public Goods Provision in Rural China.” The American Political Science Review, 101, 2 (May):355-72.

- 2002 “Cadres, Temple and Lineage Institutions, and Governance in Rural China.” The China Journal, 48(July):1-27.

Chapters in Books

- 2007 “The Struggle for Public Goods Provision: Informal Institutions of Accountability in Rural China.” Grassroots Political Reform in China, Merle Goldman and Elizabeth J. Perry, eds. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, pp.117-48.
- 2007 “The Dangers of Decentralization: Fiscal Management and Informal Institutions in Rural China.” The State of Rural China: Peasants, Agriculture, and Rural Society in the Reform Era, Lei Guang, Dongtao Qi, and Wei Shan, eds. Hong Kong: Taide Times Press, pp.235-68. In Chinese.
- 2003 “Village Social Organizations,” “Ancestral Halls and Lineage Associations,” Routledge Encyclopedia of Contemporary Chinese Culture, Edward Davis, ed. London: Routledge, pp.11-12, 629-30.

Other Publications

- 2006 Chinese version of “Solidary Groups and Public Goods Provision in Rural China,” Comparative Economic and Social Systems (Jingji Shehui Tizhi Bijiao), vol.124, no.2, pp.104-12.
- 2005 “Rural Public Finance and Local Governance in China: A Program Review,” The Ford Foundation.

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

- Sage Paper Award for the best paper in comparative politics at the 2006 APSA Meeting, American Political Science Association, Comparative Politics Section, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago 2007
- Best Field Work Award, American Political Science Association, Comparative Democratization Section, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC 2005
- Appointment as Graduate Fellow, American Academy of Political Science 2005
- Best Dissertation Award, Department of Government, Harvard University 2005
- Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies Academy Scholars Fellowship, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard 2005-2006

University	2007-2008
Visiting Scholar, Research Center for the Rural Economy, Ministry of Agriculture, People's Republic of China	2001-2002
Fulbright Dissertation Research Fellowship	2000-2001

SEMINARS, COLLOQUIA, ETC.

November 2006	“To Inflate or Not to Inflate: Variation in the Over-Reporting of Village Income Per Capita,” Sources and Methods in Chinese Politics: Workshop on Methodology, Research Design, and Fieldwork Strategies, University of Michigan.
November 2006	“Accountability Without Democracy: How Solidarity Groups Provide Public Goods in Rural China,” Stanford University. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia (September 2006). Colloquium on Comparative Research, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University (November 2006). Conference on Democracy, Governance, and Identity, University of Michigan (May 2006). Center for Chinese Studies, Oxford University (April 2006). World Bank Seminar Series on the Political Economy of Governance Reform, PREM Public Sector Governance and Anticorruption Unit (November 2005).
September 2006	“Fiscal Discipline and the Dangers of Decentralization: Debt Accumulation and Local Governance,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia. International Conference on Village Self-Governance in China, European Union Training Program on Village Governance, Beijing (April 2006). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago (April 2005). Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Chicago (April 2005).
July 2006	“Mixing Methods: Issues and Strategies,” Workshop on Methods in Political Science organized by Duke University and Renmin University, Beijing.
November 2005	“Solidarity Groups and Informal Institutions in Rural China,” Conference on Straddling the State, University of Iowa.
October 2005	“The Struggle for Village Public Goods Provision: Informal Institutions and Accountability in Rural China,” Inaugural Conference of the Center for Civil Society Studies, Beijing

- University. Conference on Grassroots Political Reform in China, Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (October 2004).
- May 2005 “The Informal State: Governance, Accountability and Public Goods Provision in Rural China,” Princeton University.
- April 2005 “Democratization as Decentralization,” Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago.
- November 2004 “Local Governance and Accountability in Rural China,” Lecture series on “Democratization, (DE)Centralization, and Governance,” International Institute, University of Michigan.
- November 2004 “Informal Institutions and Accountability in Rural China,” Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan.
- September 2004 “Identities, Informal Institutions, and Local Governance in Rural China,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago.
- August 2003 “Not All Social Organizations Are Created Equal: Governance, Moral Authority, and the State in Rural China.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia.
- December 2001 “The Role of Civil Society and Non-Governmental Organizations in Chinese Rural Governance.” China Governance Donors’ Roundtable, Ford Foundation, Beijing, China.
- September 2001 “Substituting for the State? The Logic of Private Efficiency in Chinese Local Governance.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2001. Also presented at the International Symposium on Villager Self-Government and the Development of Rural Society in China, sponsored by the Carter Center and the Chinese Ministry of Civil Affairs, September 2001
- March 2001 “Strategies of Rule or Ruin? Governance and Public Goods Provision in China.” Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago.
- April 1998 “Issues in the Comparability and Reliability of Labor Data.” Berkeley-Harvard Workshop on Labor in Developing Societies, Berkeley. Co-authored with Zach Elkins and Caroline Arnold.
- March 1997 “The Effects of Marketization on Manager-Government Contracts

in Township and Village Enterprises.” Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago. Co-authored with Scott Rozelle and Shen Minggao. Also presented at the Workshop on the Chinese Economy, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVICE

Reviewer for the following:

- American Political Science Review
- Political Analysis
- Comparative Politics
- Perspective on Politics
- The China Quarterly
- The China Journal
- Pacific Affairs

Member, Award Committee for the APSA Comparative Democratization Section Best Field Work Award (2007)

M.I.T. ACTIVITIES AND COMMITTEES

- Works-In-Progress Lecture Series Coordinator, 2006-2007
- Graduate Admissions Committee Member, 2004-2005 and 2006-2007
- Personnel Committee Member, 2006-2007

FIELDS OF INTEREST

- State-society relations
- Chinese politics
- State development
- Political development
- Political economy of development