

# JULIA CHUANG

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## APPOINTMENTS

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Spring 2020 **Visiting Scholar**, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University  
2016- **Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology, Boston College  
2014-16 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D., Sociology**, University of California, Berkeley, 2014  
**M.A., Sociology**, University of California, Berkeley, 2009  
**B.A., Social Studies**, *cum laude*, Harvard University, 2003

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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China, development, ethnography, computational social science

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Book

2020 “Beneath the China Boom: Labor, Citizenship, and the Making of a Rural Land Market.” University of California Press.

### Articles

2016 “Factory Girls After the Factory: Female Return Migrations in Rural China,” *Gender & Society* Vol. 30 (3): 467-489.

2015 “Urbanization Through Dispossession: Survival and Stratification in China’s New Townships,” *Journal of Peasant Studies* Vol. 42 (2), 275-294.

\* Distinguished Graduate Student Paper, American Sociological Association, Section on Labor and Labor Movements

\* Bharadwaj and Wolf Prize for outstanding article by a young scholar,  
*Journal of Peasant Studies*

- 2014 “China’s Rural Land Politics: Bureaucratic Absorption and the Muting of Rightful Resistance,” *The China Quarterly* Vol. 219, 649-669.
- 2014 “Chains of Debt: Labor Trafficking as a Career in China’s Construction Industry,” in Kimberly K. Hoang and Rhacel Parrenas (eds.), *Human Trafficking Reconsidered: Rethinking the Problem, Envisioning New Solutions*, pp. 58-68. New York: Open Society Institute.

### **Other publications**

- 2018 Review of *Masculine Compromise: Migration, Family and Gender in China*, by Yuk-Ping Choi and Yinni Pang. *Contemporary Sociology* 47(3): 308-310.
- 2017 Review of *Building China: Informal Work and the New Precariat*, by Sarah Swider. *Industrial Labor Review* 70(5): 1291-1293.
- 2014 Review of *Taming Tibet: Landscape Transformation and the Gift of Chinese Development*, by Emily Yeh. *Journal of Peasant Studies* 40(2): 1-4.
- 2014 “The Withering Away of the State in China?” Review of *Capitalism From Below: Markets and Institutional Change in China*, Victor Nee and Sonja Opper. Second author with John Lie. *Contemporary Sociology* 43(37): 37-39.
- 2008 “Peoplehood.” Second author with John Lie. In Richard T. Schaefer (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity and Society*. Sage Publications.

### **Working papers**

- n.d. “Land Reform and Collective Ownership in Rural China, 1949-present,” with John Yasuda.
- n.d. “Rights-based Framing of Land-related Protests in China: Evidence from Social Media”

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

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### **External funding**

- Spring 2020 Visiting scholar, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University  
2014-2016 Postdoctoral Fellowship in International Studies, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University

2014-2015	An Wang Postdoctoral Fellowship, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University (declined)
2012-2014	ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucarius Foundation, PhD Scholarship in Migration Studies, “Settling in Motion” program
2011-2012	Social Science Research Council (SSRC) / American Council of Learned Societies, International Dissertation Research Fellowship
2010-2011	Wenner-Gren Foundation, Dissertation Fieldwork Grant

### **Internal sources**

2018	Boston College Research Incentive Grant, Institute of Liberal Arts
2017	Boston College Manuscript Mini-Conference Grant, Institute for Liberal Arts
2013-2014	UC Berkeley C. F. and Cecilia Koo Chair Fellowship for Outstanding Graduate Student in East Asian Studies
2013-2014	UC Berkeley Sociology Department Leo Lowenthal Fellowship
2012, 2013	UC Berkeley Graduate Division Summer Grant
2012-2013	UC Berkeley John L. Simpson Memorial Fellowship, Institute of International Studies
2009-2010	UC Berkeley Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship
2007, 2009-2010	UC Berkeley Center for Chinese Studies Liu Research Fellowship
2007-2008	UC Labor and Employment Research Fund Pre-Dissertation Fellowship
2006, 2007, 2009	Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant
Summer 2002	Harvard Asia Center Folger Research Fellowship
Summer 2002	Harvard Asia Center Dean’s Research Award
Summer 2001	Harvard Asia Center Summer Language Grant

### **AWARDS**

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2017	Bharadwaj and Wolf Prize for outstanding article published in <i>Journal of Peasant Studies</i> by a young scholar
2014	American Sociological Association, Distinguished Graduate Student Paper, Section on Labor and Labor Movements
2008	Gertrude Jaeger Prize for Best Paper written by a female graduate student, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley
2003	Thomas T. Hoopes Prize for Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis, Harvard University

### **INVITED TALKS**

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“Beneath the China Boom: Labor, Citizenship and the Making of a Rural Land Market”  
 Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton, East Asian Studies Seminar, March 2020  
 Cornell University, Cornell Contemporary China Initiative speaker series, November 2019

Simon Fraser University, School of International Studies, December 2017  
Stanford University, China Social Science Workshop, February 2018  
Brandeis University, Department of Sociology Colloquium, February 2018  
University of New Hampshire, Department of Sociology Colloquium, March 2018

“Trading Land for Welfare”: Inequality and Citizenship Reform in Rural China”  
UC Berkeley, Department of Sociology Colloquium, October 2017

“Two Models of Chinese Development”  
Harvard Kennedy School, Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation,  
February 2017

“China’s Construction Boom and Bust: Land Sale as Solution to Fiscal Crisis”  
MIT, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, April 2016

“The Changing Foundations of Chinese Development”  
Boston College, Department of Sociology, October 2016  
University of San Francisco, Department of Sociology, November 2016  
Georgia Institute of Technology, School of History and Sociology, November 2016

“The Changing Foundations of Chinese Development: From Low-Cost Labor to Land  
Dispossession”  
Harvard University, Department of Sociology, October 2016  
UCLA, Center for Social Theory and Comparative History colloquium, February 2015

## **RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2019 Discussant on Author Meets Critics for Michael Levien’s *Dispossession Without Development: Land Grabs in Neoliberal India*, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, March
- 2018 “Urbanizing Rural China: Challenges of Rural Governance.” Workshop sponsored by Freie Universitat Berlin, Skagen, Denmark, February
- 2017 Discussant on book panel, Zhuqing Li’s *Reinventing China: The Experience of Contemporary Chinese Returnees from the West*, New England Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Boston, January
- 2016 “From Labor Commodification to Land Dispossession: The Changing Foundations of Chinese Development, 1978 to present.” Asia and Asian-America section session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, August
- 2015 Discussant on Author Meets Critics book panel, Cedric DeLeon, *Origins of the Right to Work*, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, November
- “Land and China’s Economic Growth.” ASA Sociology of Development mini-conference, Brown University, March

- 2014 “China’s New Socialist Countryside Campaign: Egalitarian or Predatory?”  
Recasting the Rural workshop, Brown University, February  
“Land and China’s Economic Growth.” New England Association for Asian  
Studies Annual Meeting, University of Connecticut, October  
“Urbanization Through Dispossession: Survival and Stratification in China’  
Townships.” Land and Environment section session, SSHA Annual Meeting,  
Toronto, November Sociology of Development section session, “Development in  
Hard Times,” ASA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, August
- 2013 “China’s Rural Land Politics: Bureaucratic Absorption and the Muting of Rightful  
Resistance.” ASA Annual Meeting, NYC, August

## TEACHING

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Department of Sociology, Boston College

Spring 2018/19	Global Inequalities (undergraduate core)
2017-2018	Second Year Empirical Research Seminar (graduate)
Spring 2017/18/19	Empirical Research Seminar (graduate)
Spring 2017	Craft of Ethnography (undergraduate/graduate)
Spring 2017	China’s Rise (undergraduate)

Department of Sociology, Brown University

Spring 2016	Sociology of Money (undergraduate)
Fall 2014	China’s Rise (undergraduate)

## ADVISING

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### PhD students:

Fengrui Tian, Sociology, Boston College  
Ashley Parry, Sociology, Boston College  
Samantha Eddy, Sociology, Boston College

### MA and undergraduate thesis advising:

Fengrui Tian, MA thesis, Sociology, Boston College  
Ashley Parry, MA thesis, Sociology, Boston College  
William Hubschman, senior thesis, Sociology, Boston College  
Christopher Yu, senior thesis (co-advisor), Sociology, Boston College  
Sangwoo Kim, senior thesis, Sociology, Boston College  
Sarah-Eve Dill, senior thesis, Development Studies, Brown University

### Committee and Qualifying Examinations:

Orla Kelly, PhD qualifying area exam, Sociology, Boston College  
Patrick CoatarPeter, PhD qualifying area exam, Sociology, Boston College  
Samantha Eddy, PhD qualifying area exam, Sociology, Boston College  
Kathryn Olson, dissertation proposal committee member, Sociology, Boston College

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Laura Tennenhouse, dissertation proposal outside committee member, Theology, Boston College

**Undergraduate research fellows:**

Chester Lee, MCAS, Boston College

Kaidan Yao, Sociology, Boston College

**SERVICE (for the university)**

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Benigno and Corizon Aquino Scholarship committee, Spring 2018 and 2019

Asian Studies affiliated faculty, 2017-2019

**SERVICE (for the discipline)**

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2016-present Editorial Board, *Sociology of Development*

2016-present Member, Global and Transnational Sociology nominations committee, American Sociological Association

2015-2016 Co-Chair, Rural, Agricultural and Environmental Network, Social Science History Association

Member, American Sociological Association (ASA), Social Science History Association (SSHA)

**LANGUAGES**

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Natural languages: Mandarin Chinese (fluent)

Programming languages: R and Python

**REFERENCES**

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Professor Michael Burawoy (Chair)  
Department of Sociology  
UC Berkeley  
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Professor John Lie  
Department of Sociology  
UC Berkeley  
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Professor Cedric De Leon  
Department of Sociology  
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