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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, 2011-

M.A. Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 2009 – 2011

Master thesis: “Rethinking Informality in Time of Change and Crisis: Self-Employment and Petty Entrepreneurship in Havana”; Supervisor: Dr. Henry Dietz

(Available at: <http://repositories.lib.utexas.edu/handle/2152/ETD-UT-2011-12-4405>)

B.A. Dual degree in Spanish and Economics, Peking University, 2005 – 2009

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Chinese, English, Spanish, Portuguese

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Urbanization, housing, informal economy, crime and violence, internal migration, comparative and historical sociology; China, Mexico, Cuba

PUBLICATIONS

Chen, Yu. 2014. “Housing Development and Urbanization in Latin America”, chapter 7 in Zheng Bingwen (ed.) *Housing Policies: Lessons from Latin American Urbanization*, Beijing: Economy and Management Publishing House, pp. 191-219.

Roberts, Bryan R., Yu Chen. 2013. “Drugs, Violence and the State”. *Annual Review of Sociology*, Vol. 39, pp. 105-125.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2014 “La Formulación e Implementación de Políticas Habitacionales en el Contexto de Decentralización Administrativa y Fiscal en China”, Segundo Seminario Internacional “China, América Latina y el Caribe: Condiciones y Retos en el Siglo XXI”, Mexico City

2014 “Housing Development and Urbanization in Latin America”, Latin America’s Housing Supply Systems: The Chinese and LAC Perspectives, Chinese Academy of Social Science and Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Beijing.

2013 “What is Unique about Fraccionamientos? Study of a Settlement Type in Two Municipalities in Guadalajara Metropolitan Area”, 108th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York

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2012 “‘Forced Entrepreneurship’ in Time of Crisis and Structural Changes: Self-Employment in Havana”, 37th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Vancouver

2012 “Cuentapropismo in Havana: Context and Coping Mechanisms”, Second Prize of the Jorge Pérez-López Graduate Student Paper Award Competition, Annual Conference of the Association for the Studies of the Cuban Economy, Miami

2012 “Cuentapropismo in Havana: Informality in Time of Crisis and Structural Changes”, LAGO Graduate Student Conference, Tulane University, New Orleans

TRANSLATED WORK

Ward, Peter M. 2014. “Self-Help Housing: Ideas and Practice in Latin America”, chapter 8 in Zheng Bingwen (ed.) *Housing Policies: Lessons from Latin American Urbanization*, Beijing: Economy and Management Publishing House, pp. 221-247.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

2012 Research Assistant for Dr. Bryan Roberts (Dept. of Sociology, U. Texas at Austin), Project: “Drug, Violence and the State”

2012 Participating in Dr. Peter Ward (Dept. of Sociology, U. Texas at Austin)’s project: “The Contract for Deed Prevalence Project in Texas Colonias and Informal Low Income Subdivision”
(<http://www.lahn.utexas.org/Texas%20Colonias/TDHCA.html>)

2011 Participating in Dr Peter Ward’s project: “The Rehabilitation and Retrofitting of Consolidated Self-Built Housing, and the Regeneration of the Innerburbs in Latin America: Towards a Policy Agenda for the Next Decade”
<http://www.lahn.utexas.org/Austin%20Conference%20Materials/2011FinalLatinAmericanHousing.pdf>

10/2006 – 6/2007 Study abroad in University of Havana, Cuba

SCHOLARSHIPS AND HONORS

2012 Lozano Long Summer Research Grant

Research Assistantship (University of Texas at Austin)

2010 Tinker Field Research Grant (University of Texas at Austin)

2009 Teaching Assistantship (University of Texas at Austin)

2008 Starlight International Media Scholarship (Peking University)

2007 Título de Oro, University of Havana

2006 Chinese Government Scholarship for study abroad in Cuba

2006 Merit student of Peking University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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8/2009- Teaching Assistant, University of Texas at Austin

- 2014 spring, Sociological Theory (Dept. of Sociology)
- 2013 spring, Social Transformation of Love and Relationship (Dept. of Sociology)
- 2012 fall, Sociology of Criminal Justice (Dept. of Sociology)
- 2011 fall, Introduction to the Study of Society (Dept. of Sociology)
- 2011 spring, Crime and Violence in Urban Latin America (Dept. of Sociology)
- 2010 fall, Introduction to Social Demography (Dept. of Sociology)
- 2010 spring, Crime and Violence in Urban Latin America (Dept. of Sociology)
- 2009 fall, History of Mexican Americans in the United States (Dept. of History)