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Citizenship: Canada and France.

Languages: English and French (native languages), fluent in spoken and reading Mandarin Chinese.

Education

Ph.D., Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (Sorbonne, Paris), 2002.

Discipline: Anthropology of Religion, specializing in social and religious movements in contemporary China. *Doctorate in the Science of Religions and Thought Systems, Awarded with "Highest Honours and Congratulations of the Jury"*.

M. Phil, University of Paris-VIII, 1996.

Discipline: Clinical Psychology / Medical Anthropology. Specialty: Chinese Ethnopsychiatry. *"Diplôme d'études approfondies" in Clinical Psychology and Psychopathology, Awarded with Highest Distinction.*

B. A., McGill University (Montreal, Canada), 1992.

Discipline: Anthropology and East Asian Studies. *Graduated with First Class Honours.* One year of Liberal Arts studies at Brown University (Providence, RI, USA).

Academic Positions

The University of Hong Kong

Head, Department of Sociology, from Aug. 31, 2014.

Associate Professor (tenured), Department of Sociology, from Jan. 2013.

Concurrently Honourary Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Research Cluster on "Rethinking Spirituality and Religion in Asia", Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Sept. 2008-Dec. 2012.

Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient (French School of Asian Studies)

Research Fellow and Director, Hong Kong EFEO Centre, Institute of Chinese Studies, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2004-2008.

Concurrently Adjunct Assistant Professor in the departments of Anthropology and of Cultural and Religious Studies, the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

London School of Economics and Political Science

Eileen Barker Fellow in Religion and Contemporary Society, Sociology Department, 2003-2004.

Awards

2013 Levenson Prize for the Best Book on Post-1900 China and Inner Asia (Association for Asian Studies), for the book *The Religions Question in Modern China*.

2011 PROSE Award (American Publishers Awards for Professional and Scholarly Excellence) for the best book in Religion, for the book *The Religions Question in Modern China*.

2011 Hua Yan Award for excellence in the academic study of religion (International Centre for Buddhist Studies, Renmin University of China), for *The Religious Question in Modern China* (co-authored with Vincent Goossaert).

2008 Francis L. K. Hsu Award for the best book in East Asian Anthropology (Society for East Asian Anthropology of the American Anthropological Association), for *Qigong Fever*.

Fellowships

Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, May-Aug. 2014.

National Science Foundation Visiting Fellow, Yuan Ze University, Taiwan, May-July 2013.

Visiting Fellow, Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica (Taiwan), June 2005.

Finalist, Young Scholar Award, European Association for Chinese Studies, 2004

Eileen Barker Fellow in Religion and Contemporary Society, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2003-2004.

An Wang Post-doctoral Fellowship, Harvard University, Fairbank Center for East Asian Studies, 2003-2004 (declined).

Visiting Fellowship in Traditional Chinese Culture, Sichuan University Institute for Religious Studies, 1999-2000.

Doctoral Fellow, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 1996-99.

Honourary affiliations

Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (from 2012).
 Centre for Civil Society and Governance, Hong Kong University (from 2010)
 French Centre for Research on Contemporary China (CEFC),
 Hong Kong (2002-2003; 2010-)
 Centre on Religion and Chinese Society, Purdue University, USA (from 2010)
 Centre for Anthropological Research, Hong Kong University (2009-2012)
 Institute on Society, Religion and Secularity (GSRL), CNRS-EPHE, Paris (from 2004)
 Centre for the Study of Modern and Contemporary China (CECMC), Ecole des
 Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (from 2004)
 Department of Anthropology, the Chinese University of Hong Kong (2002-2003)

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

I. Publications and Works

Scholarly books, monographs and chapters

Forthcoming books (as author)

Forthcoming: David A. Palmer, *Iconocracy: The Republic of Wooden Kings*.
 A study of popular religion, ritual and temples in rural Northern Guangdong,
 engaging with political philosophy and anthropological theories of human-object
 assemblages. Writing to begin in 2016.

Forthcoming. David A. Palmer, *Homo Spiritualis: Imagining and Enacting Other Worlds*.
 First draft to be completed in May 2015, based on undergraduate course on
 “Spirituality, Religion and Social Change”.

Forthcoming. David A. Palmer and Rundong Ning: *Intimate Utopias: Volunteering,
 Individualization and Civil Society in China*. Manuscript 60% completed. Approx. 220 pp.
 Expressions of interest by University of Chicago Press and Cambridge University
 Press.

Forthcoming. David A. Palmer and Elijah Siegler. *Dream Trippers: Global Daoism and
 the Predicament of Modern Spirituality*. Manuscript 90% completed; to be submitted in
 2015 to University of Chicago Press. Approx. 220 pp.

Published books (as author)

2011. Vincent Goossaert and David A. Palmer, *The Religious Question in Modern China*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. 464 pp. Externally reviewed. Author order is alphabetical by publisher's policy.

French edition (*La question religieuse en Chine*) published by CNRS Editions, Paris, in 2012.

Awarded the 2013 Joseph Levenson Prize for the Best Book on Post-1900 China and Inner Asia, Association for Asian Studies.

Awarded the 2011 PROSE Award (American Publishers Awards for Professional and Scholarly Excellence) for best book on Religion.

Awarded the Hua Yan Award for excellence in the academic study of religion, 2011 (International Centre for Buddhist Studies, Renmin University of China).

External reviewers' comments:

"A tour de force account of Chinese religiosity over the past century... makes the history of religion in modern China... readily available for serious comparative research"
(Joseph Levenson book prize citation)

"A pioneering and original work of scholarship that redefines the role of religion in modern Chinese history" (P. Katz, external reviewer)

"This milestone work simultaneously represents the state of the field and defines the agenda for future studies" (P. Clart, external reviewer)

"A highly convincing narrative framework for understanding what religion was in late imperial China, what it became under the secularizing agendas of China's twentieth-century governments, and what it might become in the global world of the future" (D. Ownby, external reviewer)

"Superb! The best book on modern Chinese religion I have seen – and I can't see how it can be bettered" (Gil Raz, Dartmouth University)

23 book reviews published as of 23 May 2013:

"Magisterial... a masterly summation of the changes in China's religious landscape over the past century" (S. Plummer, *The Times Literary Supplement*, 6 April 2012). Review reprinted in *French in Books Apr. 2013*, 44-47).

"Engaging and authoritative... the most telling of all the studies" (I. Johnson, *The New York Review of Books* 22 Dec. 2011)

"Outstanding book... refreshing... balance and clarity... a fine example of how to combine historical materials with ethnographic data" (J. T.-H. Lee, *Journal of Asian Studies* 71/1: 208-209).

"A seminal work which will undoubtedly have a long-lasting impact on the field." (S. Billiond, *The China Journal* 67:221-222).

"Excellent book... supersedes earlier studies" (D. Overmeyer, *The China Quarterly* 207: 747-748).

"Indispensable for anyone seeking to understand the religious landscape and state-religion interactions in modern and contemporary China." (L. Teb, *Choice* 49/2: 319)

- "This work is likely to have an enduring influence not only in [the authors'] fields of specialization, but also in the fields of political science and sociology...it will constitute a source of inspiration for many a research agenda."* (A. Laliberté, *China Perspectives* 2011/4).
- "Long-awaited... put[s] together the jigsaw-puzzle...of the complex twists and turns of the Chinese peoples' religious experiences in the long 20th century...excellent..."* (S.-W. Poon, *Etudes Chinoises* 30: 301-303).
- "An exciting work of great ambition... a landmark book that will be a point of reference for the field for many years to come."* (J. Ritzinger, *Religious Studies Review* 38/1: 35)
- "The most remarkable feature of the work is the example that it sets for interdisciplinary collaboration, bringing together insights from history, religion, sociology, and anthropology."* (D. Bays, *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies in History* 43/1: 159-160)
- "One of the best books on this topic in recent years...has the potential to stimulate further dialogues between Religious Studies and Political Science."* (Y. Tao, *Religion* DOI:10.1080/0048721X.2012.697821)
- "The book... masterfully illuminates these complex processes of Chinese history."* (Ji Z., *La vie des idées*, 22 June 2012).
- "This book views Chinese religion to be an open system which constantly interacts with all social elements. This methodology does not generalize a theory or testable hypothesis to account for the emergence of these five religious questions."* (A. Hu, *Sociology of Religion* May 2012: 230-231).
- "Certainly for the foreseeable future, any scholars pursuing historical or anthropological studies of religion in modern China will have to (and will want to) engage with the fine work of Goossaert and Palmer."* (J. Kyong-McKlain, *Church History* 81/3: 736-738)
- "The engrossing work of the historian Vincent Goossaert and the anthropologist David Palmer precludes any misreading of the current religious resurgence."* (*Le Monde* 13/01/2013, p. 17)
- "This remarkable study helps us to understand the issues underlying a rapidly changing reality".* (*Le monde des religions* Jan/Feb. 2013)
- "Ambitious and exhaustive...the challenge: to map out the Chinese religious landscape and its changes, from the end of the 19th century to the beginning of the 21st."* (*Religions & histoire* 48: 14).
- "Nothing is omitted in the religious panoply of the researchers..."* (*Géographie Mar.* 2013: 53)
- "This book... allows us to better visualise the reasons for this [religious] vitality by recapitulating the tumultuous stages in Chinese religious life over a century."* (L. Testot, *Sciences humaines* Mar. 2013).
- "The first exhaustive study on the religious reality in China".* (*Journal du CNRS* Jan. 2013: 41).
- "Brilliant synthesis, exhaustive and accessible to any man of culture...The style is fluid, the reader's attention is sustained by the revelations contained in each page. The originality of the approach constantly stimulates the interest of the reader."* (H. Tawa, *Afrique-Asie* May 2013, pp. 80-81)
- "The first book to address religious vitality from 1898 to today...[the book] not only draws the religious map of China, but traces the socio-political status of religion throughout the political upheavals of this period."* (H. Masson, *Etudes* Apr. 2013, pp. 119-120).

"This book should be read religiously; it will no doubt become part of the academic canon..." (M. Muelenbeld, *Daoism: Religion, History and Society* 5:2013, pp. 210-212.)

2007. David A. Palmer. *Qigong Fever. Body, Science and Utopia in China*. New York: Columbia University Press & London: Hurst. 356 pp. Externally reviewed.

Awarded the 2008 Francis L.K. Hsu award for the best book in East Asian Anthropology (Society for East Asian Anthropology, American Anthropological Association).

External reviewers' comments:

"a pathbreaking study... indispensable to the field of Chinese studies but also to the more general topics of religion and modernity" (F. Dikötter, publisher's external review).

"Critically important; an exemplary piece of scholarship.... The foundation upon which all future conversations on this subject will be built" (M. Hood, publisher's external review)

"...an ethnohistorical account of immense originality and insight." (L. K. Hsu award citation)

20 book reviews published :

"Palmer shows definitely how such [post-Mao] fevers should be studied... meets many more goals ... than can be discussed in this review... lead[s] us to the largest problems of modernity and knowledge (J. Farquhar, *American Anthropologist* 111(1)121-122)

"erudite, engaging, and much-needed study ... extraordinarily rich text" (K. Cohen, *American Ethnologist* 36/ 1: 204-205)

"an astounding macro-history of the qigong movement in China... points out the inseparability of its development from the transformations of Chinese socialism" (S. Noakes, *Pacific Affairs* 83/2: 349-357)

"a must-read for anyone interested in social movements in contemporary China, or in the anthropology/ sociology of the body" (C. H. Lim, *China Journal* 59: 181-182)

"Treats one of the most important social movements in contemporary China in a thorough and illuminating way... should be required reading for students of China's modern cultural scene." (B. Penny, *China Quarterly* 193: 186-87)

"original and significant; the enduring relevance of the themes of science, modernity, religion, heterodoxy and state-society relations to China studies means that it will both appeal to and benefit a broad readership" (E. Dunn, *Asian Studies Review* 32/ 3: 431-32)

"a welcome addition to the study of politics, religion and science in China... deserves a wide readership" (A. Boermel, *Asian Affairs* 40(1)156-58)

"provides original and profound insights into China's political and social history over the last 60 years..." (G. Favraud, *China Perspectives* 2009/4)

"a brilliant piece of scholarship on the qigong movement and a major contribution to our understanding of the politics of science, culture and religion in the Peoples' Republic" (D. Onnby, *Pacific Affairs* 80(4) 670-671)

"There is no space to do justice to its informed and sophisticated conceptual analysis. This is the best work in its field" (N. Sivin, *Journal of Social History* 42/4: 1069-1071).

- “...extraordinarily informed and detailed study” (P. van der Veer, *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 50/3: 809-818)
- “sheds new light on the processes which culminated in the [Falungong] tragedy... dissipates... many misunderstandings.” (A. Laliberté, *Histoire Sociale/Social History* 38/78: 561-64)
- “fascinating and solidly researched... an authoritative and elucidating account of the structure of qigong-related institutions in general, and of the rise of Falun Gong in particular” (P. Thornton, *History of Religions* 49/4: 426-7).
- “does a masterful job of analysing the multilayered complexities, mechanisms, power players, elements of qigong charisma and public events...” (M. Philips, *Review of Religious Research* 49/1: 101-102)
- “This highly revealing work will stimulate and inform all readers” (R. Kirkland, *Religious Studies Review* 33/3: 265)
- “impressive... will prove of significant interest to scholars of sectarian movements in Chinese history, the role of religion in China’s quest for modernity, and religious revival in contemporary China.” (G. Fisher, *Journal of Chinese Religions* 35: 180-82)
- “clears the mysteries ... around the qigong phenomena and the qigong movement in modern China.” (K. Chen, *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 21/4: 759-767)
- “...equally important is Palmer’s contribution to understanding how large-scale social movements work in contemporary China” (S. Arthur, *Alternative Spirituality and Religion Review* 1/1: 117-119)
- “A powerful historical, political, cultural, and sociological analysis of the Qigong movement and its relationship to the state... Essential.” (G. Reece, *Choice* 45/3: 487)
- “highly readable... clear... lively... thought-provoking... touches on important issues pertaining to China’s present and future.” (S.-R. Li, *Wenhua yanjiu/Router: A Journal of Cultural Studies* 2009/6: 228-232.)

2005. *La fièvre du qigong. Guérison, Religion et Politique en Chine, 1949-1999*. Paris : Editions de l’Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (511 pp.) Externally reviewed.

2 book reviews published:

- “The author demonstrates multidisciplinary virtuosity, combining historical sensitivity, anthropological fieldwork, sociological analysis and nuanced attention to political discourses and groups.” (D. Ownby, *Etudes chinoises* 24: 558-562)
- “intriguing and riveting story... From now on, it will be difficult to write a cultural history of modern China without doing justice to the insights provided by this study” (B. Vermander, *Journal of Chinese Religions* 33: 205-207)

Edited books (as editor)

2012. David A. Palmer and Xun Liu eds., *Daoism in the Twentieth Century: Between Eternity and Modernity*. Berkeley: University of California Press. 376 pp. Externally reviewed. Sole author of 1 chapter and co-author (90%) of 1 chapter (listed in “Book chapters” below).

Chinese edition forthcoming at Qilu Press (Shandong).

“A major breakthrough in the field of Chinese religions... will undoubtedly inspire intense interest among specialists and graduate students” (anonymous external reviewer)

2011. David A. Palmer, Glenn Shive and Philip Wickeri eds., *Chinese Religious Life*. New York: Oxford University Press. 296 pp. Externally reviewed. Sole author of 2 chapters and co-author of 2 chapters (listed in “book chapters” below).

Chinese edition: 中國人的宗教生活 published 2014 at the Hong Kong University Press.

“A must-read for those who want to know the momentous religio-cultural changes in China during the past several decades.” (P. L. Kwok, publisher’s reviewer)

“Very attractive and well-conceived...far outstrips the few dated and inadequate overview volumes available at this time” (K. Dean, external reviewer)

“Unlike all other survey textbooks on Chinese religions, this volume stands out as the only one that highlights the ways in which Chinese religious practices are embedded in the historical and socio-political environments from dynastic times to the present day. So even specialists in Chinese religions will have a lot to learn from this volume” (anonymous external reviewer)

3 book reviews published as of 26 April 2013:

“Lucid, accessible survey” (A. Nathan, Foreign Affairs, Jan. 2012)

“An excellent introduction to religion in China... essential reading for anyone who wishes to understand the various modalities of religious life amongst Chinese people...Highly recommended.” (B. White, Reviews in Religion & Theology 19/4: 504-07)

“The essays in this volume present data on an important contemporary development, one with implications for insight into the human condition, but unfortunately this development remains under-theorized and generally unexplained.” (P. Moody, Journal of Chinese Political Science 18(2013): 215-216.)

Journal guest editor

2011. Special double issue on “Redemptive Societies and New Religious Movements in Modern China”. Guest editor with Wang Chien-ch’uan and Paul R. Katz, *Journal of Chinese Theatre, Ritual and Folklore / Minsu Quyi* 172 (July 2011) & 173 (October 2011). Externally reviewed.

2009. Special issue on “Forms of Religious Reconfiguration in the PRC”. Guest editor with Sébastien Billioud, *China Perspectives* 2009/4; French edition: *Perspectives chinoises* 2009/4. Externally reviewed.

2008. Special issue on “Catégories et politiques du religieux en Chine” [Categories and Politics of Religion in China]. Guest editor with Vincent Goossaert, *Archives de Sciences Sociales des Religions* 144.

Refereed Journal Publications

Draft in progress. "Ritual Conquests and Socialist Event Productions: An Exorcist Goddess and the Production of Sacrality in Contemporary China."

Draft in progress. "Bourdieu's Religious Fields in Chinese Religion."

Draft in progress. "The Third Party in Gifting Relationships: Revisiting the Anthropology of Giving."

Draft in progress. "Integrating Revolutionary and Traditional Moralities in a Confucian Volunteer Movement."

Draft in progress. "Chinese Voluntarism, Between Socialist Mass Mobilization and Grassroots Movements."

Draft in progress (with Jérémie Jammes). "The Vietnamese Caodai Religion and Transnational Religious Innovation: Conjugating French Occultism and Chinese Redemptive Societies."

2014. "Transnational Sacralizations: When Daoist Monks Meet Spiritual Tourists." *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology* 79 (2): 169-192.

2013. "From 'Congregations' to 'Small Group Community Building': Localizing the Bahá'í Faith in Hong Kong, Taiwan and Mainland China." *Chinese Sociological Review* 45:2, 78-98.

2011. "Gift and Market in the Chinese Religious Economy". *Religion* 41(4): 1-26.

2011. "Chinese Redemptive Societies and Salvationist Religion: Historical Phenomenon or Sociological Category?" *Journal of Chinese Theatre, Ritual and Folklore / Minsu Quyi* 172, pp. 21-72.

Chinese edition: "Minguo jiushi tuanti yu Zhongguo jiudu zongjiao: lishi xianxiang haishi shehuixue leibie?" in Jin Ze and Chen Jinguo eds., *Zongjiao renleixue* 3. Beijing: Shehui kexue wenxian chubanshe, 2012, pp. 3-28.

Will be anthologized in the forthcoming *Critical Readings in Chinese Religion* (Boston: Brill).

2011. "Zhiyuanzhe zuzhi 'canyu xingdong yanjiu' yu nengli jianshe – yu Sichuan 5/12 dizhen hou daxuesheng zhiyuanzhe tuandui hezuo de chubu sikao" [Capacity building in Participatory Action Research of volunteer organizations – Preliminary reflections on a collaboration with student volunteer teams involved in post-quake community building in Sichuan]. (co-authored with Shu Mengmeng) *Guangdong qingnian ganbu xueyuan xuebao [Journal of Guangdong Youth Leaders College]* vol. 25 no. 85.

2009. "China's Religious *Danwei*: Institutionalizing Religion in the Peoples' Republic." *China Perspectives* 2009/4, pp. 17-31.

French edition in *Perspectives chinoises* 2009/4, pp. 19-33.

German edition in *China heute* vol. XXX (2011) no. 1 (169).

2008. “Embodying Utopia: Charisma in the post-Mao Qigong Craze”, *Nova Religio*, Vol. 12, No. 2 (Nov 2008): 69–89.

2008. “Les mutations du discours sur les sectes en Chine moderne” [The changing discourse on sects on modern China], *Archives de sciences sociales des religions* no. 144: 31-50.

2003. “Le *qigong* et la tradition sectaire chinoise” [*Qigong* and the Chinese Sectarian Tradition], *Social Compass*, 50 (4), pp. 471-480.

2003. “Modernity and Millennialism in China: *Qigong* and the Birth of Falun Gong”, *Asian Anthropology* 2, pp. 79-110.

2002. “Le *qigong* au carrefour des discours anti: de l’antycléricisme communiste au fondamentalisme du Falun Gong [*Qigong* at the junction of ‘anti’ discourses : from communist anticlericalism to Falungong fundamentalism]”, *Extrême Orient Extrême Occident* 24: 153- 166.

2001. “The doctrine of Li Hongzhi. Falungong : between sectarianism and universal salvation”, *China Perspectives* 35, pp. 14- 23.

French edition in *Perspectives chinoises* 64, pp. 14- 23.

2001. “Falun Gong: la tentation du politique” [Falun Gong : the political temptation]. *Critique internationale*, no. 11, pp. 36- 43.

Chapters in edited books

2013. “Globalizing Daoism at Huashan: Quanzhen Monks, *Danwei* Politics and International Dream Trippers.” In Vincent Goossaert and Xun Liu eds., *Quanzhen Daoists in Chinese Society and Culture*, Berkeley: Institute of East Asian Studies, pp. 113-140. Externally reviewed.

2013. [with Wai-tou Yu] “The Jiao Rituals in Huanghua Township of Yingde City, Guangdong Province.” In Lü Pengzhi & John Lagerwey ed., *Difang Daojiao yishi shidi diaocha bijiao yanjiu xueshu yantaohui lunwenji (The Comparative Ethnography of Local Daoist Ritual)*. Taipei, Shin Wen Feng, pp. 469-502.

2012. “Introduction: the Daoist Encounter with Modernity” (co-authored with Xun Liu, in David A. Palmer and Xun Liu, eds. *Daoism in the Twentieth Century: Between Eternity and Modernity*. Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. 1-22. Reprinted as “The Daoist Encounter with Modernity: Some issues in the History and Sociology of Daoism in the Modern Era,” in Yang Fenggang and Joseph Tamney eds., *Confucianism and Spiritual Traditions in Modern China and Beyond*, Leiden: Brill. Externally reviewed.

2012. “Dao and Nation. Li Yujie: May Fourth Activist, Daoist Cultivator and Redemptive Society Patriarch in Mainland China and Taiwan,” in David A. Palmer and Xun Liu eds., *Daoism in the Twentieth Century: Between Eternity and Modernity*.

Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. 173-195. Externally reviewed. URL: <http://escholarship.org/uc/item/13w4k8d4#page-191>

2011. "Religion." In William Tay and Alvin So eds., *Handbook of Contemporary China*. Singapore: World Scientific, pp. 293-326.

2011. "The Body: Healing, Nation, and Transcendence," in David A. Palmer, Glenn Shive and Philip Wickeri eds., *Chinese Religious Life*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 87-106. Externally reviewed.

2011. "Religion in Chinese Social and Political History," in David A. Palmer, Glenn Shive and Philip Wickeri eds., *Chinese Religious Life*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 155-171. Externally reviewed.

2011. "Gender and Sexuality," (co-author with Julia Huang and Elena Valussi), in David A. Palmer, Glenn Shive and Philip Wickeri eds., *Chinese Religious Life*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 107-123. Externally reviewed.

2011. "Religious Philanthropy and Chinese Civil Society", (co-author with André Laliberté and Keping Wu), in David A. Palmer, Glenn Shive and Philip Wickeri eds., *Chinese Religious Life*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 139-154. Externally reviewed.

2011. "Religious Innovation in Post-Mao China : the Case of Zhonggong". In Adam Chau ed., *Religion in Contemporary China: Revitalization and Innovation*. London: Routledge, pp. 182-202.

2009. "Religiosity and Social Movements in China: Divisions and Multiplications", in Gilles Guiheux & K. E. Kuah-Pearce (eds.), *Social Movements in China and Hong Kong: The Expansion of Protest Space*. ICAS/Amsterdam University Press, pp. 257-282. Externally reviewed.

2008. "Heretical Doctrines, Reactionary Secret Societies, Evil Cults: Labelling Heterodoxy in 20th Century China", in Mayfair Yang (ed.), *Chinese Religiosities: the Vicissitudes of Modernity and State Formation*. Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. 113-134. Externally reviewed.

2006. "Body Cultivation in Contemporary China", in James Miller (ed.), *Chinese Religions in Contemporary Society*. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2006, pp. 147-174.

2006. "L'Etat et le sectarisme en Chine. Le cas du Falungong" [The state and sectarianism in China : the case of Falungong], in John Lagerwey (ed.), *Religion et Politique en Asie. Histoire et Actualité* [Religion and Politics in Asia : History and Actuality]. Paris : Les Indes Savantes, pp. 175-186.

2004. "Religion in Chinese Cyberspace: Preliminary Observations", in Françoise Mengin (ed.), *Cyber China: Reshaping National Identities in the Age of Information*. London: Palgrave, pp. 37-50.

Book Reviews

2014. Review of C. Fred Blake, *Burning Money: The Material Spirit of the Chinese Lifeworld*, Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2011. In *History of Religions* 50: 3, pp. 318-321.

2014. "The Charisma of Shangri-la". Review of Dan Smyer Yu, *The Spread of Tibetan Buddhism in China: Charisma, Money, Enlightenment*, London: Routledge, 2012. In *Current Anthropology* 55(1): 128-129.

2012. Review of Poon Shuk Wah, *Negotiating Religion in Modern China: State and Common People in Guangzhou, 1900-1937*, Hong Kong: The Chinese University Press, 2011. In *The China Journal* 69: 232-234.

2012. Review of Rebecca Nedostup, *Superstitious Regimes: Religion and the Politics of Chinese Modernity*, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Asia Center, 2009. In *Journal of Chinese Religions*, no. 40.

2012. Review of John Lagerwey, *China: A Religious State*. Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2010. In *China Perspectives* 2012/3: 100-102.

2012. "Urban Development, Private Property, and Public Activism in China" Review of Zhang Li's *In Search of Paradise: Middle-Class Living in a Chinese Metropolis*, Ithaca and London: Cornell University Press, 2010. In *Current Anthropology* 53/2: 250-51.

2011. Review of Kristofer Schipper, *La religion de la Chine. La tradition vivante*. Paris: Fayard, 2008. In *T'oung Pao* 97: 202-207.

2010. Double Review of Livia Kohn, *Chinese Healing Exercises: The Tradition of Daoyin* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2008) and Meir Shahar, *The Shaolin Monastery. History, Religion, and the Chinese Martial Arts* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2008). In *Etudes chinoises* 29, pp. 455-461.

2010. Review of Sigrid Schmalzer, *The Peoples' Peking Man: Popular Science and Human Identity in Twentieth-Century China*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2008. In *American Journal of Sociology* v. 115, no. 5, pp. 1621-1623.

2010. Review of Susan Brownell, *Beijing's Games: What the Olympics Mean to China*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2008. In *American Anthropologist*, v.111, no. 4, pp. 526-527.

2009. Review of David Ownby, *Falun Gong and the Future of China*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2007. In *Pacific Affairs*.

2009. Review of Richard Madsen, *Democracy's Dharma: Religious Renaissance and Political Development in Taiwan*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2007. In *China Perspectives* 2009/4: 140-142.

2009. Review of Flanagan, Kieran and Peter C. Jupp, *A Sociology of Spirituality*. Aldershot: Ashgate, 2007. In *British Journal of Sociology*, vol. 60, no. 2.

2007. Review of Du Bois, Thomas, *The Sacred Village : Social Change and Religious Life in Rural North China*, Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2005. In *T'oung Pao* 93: 262-263.
2007. Review of DeVido, Elise Anne & Benoît Vermander (eds.), *Creeds, Rites and Videotapes : Narrating religious experience in East Asia*, Taipei: Taipei Ricci Institute, 2004. *Perspectives chinoises* 97: 74-75.
2006. Review of Chau, Adam Yuet. *Miraculous Response: Doing Popular Religion in Contemporary China*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2005, In *China Review International* 13 (2): 387-389.
2006. Review of Davie, Grace, Paul Heelas & Linda Woodhead (eds.), *Predicting Religion: Christian, Secular and Alternative Futures*. In *British Journal of Sociology* 58(1): 145-146.
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Invited keynote and plenary lectures

- 2014: Keynote speech: "The Third Party in the Religious Gift Economy". International conference on "Ethics of Religious Giving in Asia: Historical and Ethnographic Explorations", Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 9 Oct.
2013. Keynote speech: "Locality, Globalization and the Construction of Sacrality: Transnational Encounters at Huashan". Conference on Religion and Locality in the Chinese World, Australian National University, 26-28 Aug.

2011. Keynote presentation: “Initial Reflections on Religion and Social Governance.” Summit on China Social Development, Renmin University of China and Yunnan University of Nationalities, Kunming, Aug. 12-14.

2011. Plenary presentation: “Nurturing a Culture of Giving: Preliminary Reflections on the Role of Religion.” Conference on Religion and Charity, Shanghai University, 16-17 Oct.

2011. Plenary presentation (with Wan Zhaoyuan): “Interfaith Dialogue in the Context of Social Development.” Conference on interfaith dialogue, Lanzhou University, May 11-12.

Invited conference papers

2014. “Rethinking the Concept of Religion in the Chinese Context”. Conference on World Religion in Local Contexts: Cross-Cultural Transmissions, Translations and Interactions”, Baha’i World Centre, Haifa, Israel, 3-4 May.

2014. “Can Religion Contribute to Civil Society in China?” Conference on Religion and Power, The University of Hong Kong, Jan. 13-14.

2013. [With Wai-tou Yu] “Negotiating Civility between Hong Kong Volunteers, Village Populations and Local Authorities: a Volunteer Teaching Group in Hongde County, Guangdong Province”. Workshop on new developments in Chinese civil society, French Centre for Research on Contemporary China/The University of Hong Kong, 31 Oct.

2013. “Gift and Market in the Chinese Religious Economy”. Conference on “Religious Issues in China’s Rural Development”, China Agricultural University, May 11.

2013. “Reconsidering the Concept of Religion: some Thoughts Arising from *The Religious Question in Modern China*”. China Studies Forum, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, 24 Mar.

2013. “The Bahá’í Community as a Global Civil Society Organization: Dynamics of Grassroots Action and International Coordination.” Conference on Religion in Global Civil Society, Shanghai University, 22 Mar.

2013. “The Bahá’í Encounter with Western Esotericism in the Early 20th Century”. Paper presented at the conference on “Invisible Connections: Syncretism and Esotericism between Asia and the West in the Modern Era”. Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, Jan. 10.

2012. “Ritual Conquests and Socialist Event Productions: An Exorcist Goddess and the Production of Sacrality in Contemporary China.” Conference on the Anthropology of Religion, China Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, May 11-12.

2011. “ ‘Ecologies’ and ‘Fields’ in Chinese Religion”. Conference on “History, Ritual and Text: Popular Belief and Local Society,” Foguang University (Taiwan), Nov. 8-9.

2011. "Religion and a Culture of Giving. Some Theoretical Reflections Arising from Investigations on the Dongjinyuan Fohui." Conference on Charity and Philanthropy in Republican China, Shandong University, Oct. 29-30.

2011. "Nurturing a Culture of Giving: Preliminary Reflections on the Role of Religion." Conference on Religion and Charity, Shanghai University, 16-17 Oct.

2011. "Transnational Sacralizations: When Chinese Daoist Monks Meet Spiritual Tourists." International Conference on Religion and Ethnicity in China, National University of Singapore, Aug. 25-28.

2011. "The Jiao Rituals in Huanghua Township of Yingde City, Guangdong Province" (with Tam Wai-lun). International Workshop on the Comparative Ethnography of Local Daoist Ritual, Hong Kong University, 21-23 April.

2010. "Chinese Redemptive Societies and Salvationist Religion: Historical Phenomenon or Sociological Category?" Conference on "Development Trends of New Religious Movements", China Academy of Social Sciences, 5-6 Dec. 2010.

2010. "Heretical Doctrines, Reactionary Secret Societies, Evil Cults: Labelling Religious Heterodoxy in 20th Century China". Shenzhen International Symposium on Cultic Studies, 1-3 Dec. 2010.

2010. "Yuebei Yingde xian Huanghua zhen Lüshan jiao yishi chuantong chutan" (A preliminary discussion of the Lüshan ritual tradition of Huanghua Township, Yingde County, North Guangdong). Conference on Linshui Furen, Gutian, Fujian, 21-25 Oct.

2010. "The Emergence of a Culture of Volunteerism in Contemporary China: A Preliminary Discussion of Significance and Conceptual Issues." Conference on Social Suffering and the Divided Moral Experience in China, Harvard University, 7-8 May 2010. Also at the International Workshop on Volunteering and Civic Engagement in Chinese Cities, Hong Kong University, 10-11 June 2010.

2010. "Participatory Action Research with Student Volunteer Groups involved in Post-Earthquake Community Service in Chengdu, Sichuan: Preliminary Reflections" (with Shu Mengmeng and Alex Christian). International Workshop on Volunteering and Civic Engagement in Chinese Cities, Hong Kong University, 20-11 June 2010.

2009. "Religious Economy or Religious Ecology? Preliminary reflections based on field research in China". Conference on "Beyond the Market: Exploring Religious Fields in Modern China", University of Wales at Lampeter, Nov. 20-21, 2009.

2009. "Chinese Redemptive Societies: Historical Phenomenon or Sociological Category?" Conference on Popular Confucianism and Redemptive Societies, Foguang University, 8-9 June 2009.

2009. "Wenming chongtu, wenming duihua, wenming quanqiu" [Clash of civilizations, dialogue of civilizations, global civilization]. Conference on New Paradigms in Chinese Philosophical Discourse, Shandong University, May 2009.

2009. "The Moral Autonomy of Civil Society: Reflections on the Chinese Experience". International Symposium on The Rising Individual and the Collective Morality: Social Transformations of Greater China in Globalisation. Hong Kong University, 14 April 2009.
2009. "Operationalizing an Anthropological Concept of Spirituality: Implications for Children's Education. Asia-Pacific Conference on Children's Spirituality and Education, Hong Kong Institute of Education, February 2009
2008. "Issues in the Social Scientific Study of Daoism in the 20th Century", Summit on Chinese Religion and Spirituality, Beijing University, 10-11 October 2008.
2008. "Searching for the autonomy of civil society: political, economic or spiritual?". Arne Næss Symposium on "Who Needs Civil Society? Dilemmas of the Struggle for Peace, Justice and the Environment". Oslo, the Nobel Institute, Aug. 29-30, 2008.
2008. "From local religion to global spirituality: the modern evolution of Taoism". Conference on Religion and Local Society and Culture, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, 19-20 June 2008.
2008. "Buddhist Content, Taoist Structure: Civil and Martial Altars in the *Jiao* Festivals of Huanghua, Northern Guangdong". International Conference on Comparative Study of Ritual in Chinese Local Society, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 5-7 May 2008.
2007. "Engaging with the Sacred Mountain: Spiritual Tourism and the American Appropriation of Huashan, China". International Conference on Asian Heritages at the Crossroads, Hong Kong University. 4-5 Dec. 2007.
2007. "Globalization and the Quanzhen Daoists". Conference on Quanzhen Daoism, University of California at Berkeley, 2-3 Nov. 2007.
2007. "Rationalizing Re-enchantment: Charisma, Affiliation and Organization in Contemporary Chinese Body Cultivation Movements". Conference on "Religion and Social Integration in Chinese Societies: Exploring Sociological Approaches to Religion in the Chinese World", Chinese University of Hong Kong, 28-30 June 2007.
2007. "Cultural Revitalization: Cultivational and Congregational Movements in Republican China" (with Vincent Goossaert). Conference on "Religious movements and redemptive societies in the 20th century Chinese world", Foguang University (Taiwan), 12-13 June 2007.
2006. "Dao and Nation: Li Yujie's Reinvention of Huashan Daoism". Conference on "Between Eternity and Modernity: Taoism and its Reinventions in the 20th Century", Harvard University, June 13-15, 2006.
2005. "Heretical Doctrines, Reactionary Secret Societies, Evil Cults: Labelling Heterodoxy in 20th Century China", conference on "Religion, Modernity and the State in China", University of California at Santa Barbara, Oct. 29-31, 2005.

2005. “Interpenetration and Polarization in the Relations Between Religious Social Movements and the Chinese State: the Cases of *Qigong* and Falun Gong”, Conference on Social Movements in China, University of Hong Kong and French Centre for Research on Contemporary China, 23-24 Mar. 2005.

2004. “The Social Body of Breath Control. *Qigong* in post-Mao China”, conference on “The Politics of Religion in Contemporary China”, Stanford University, 31 April - 2 May 2004.

2003. “L’Etat et le sectarisme en Chine contemporaine” [The State and Sectarianism in Contemporary China], conference on “Religion et politique en Asie: histoire et actualité” [Religion and Politics in Asia: History and Actuality], organized by the European Institute of Religious Studies and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris, 2-3 Oct. 2003.

2003. “Preliminary reflections on ‘science’ as a critical term in the study of Chinese religion”, conference on “Globalization and Chinese Popular Culture”, Fudan University, Shanghai, 15-17 Sept. 2003.

2003. “Contested definitions of religion and sectarianism in contemporary China”, for the conference “Religion in China”, Hong Kong University, 17-19 Mar. 2003.

2002. “Cyberspace and the Emerging Chinese Religious Landscape – Preliminary Reflections”, for the conference “New Information Technologies and the Reshaping of Power Relations: An Approach to Greater China’s Political Economy”, Centre d’études et de recherches internationales (Institut d’études politiques), Paris, 16-17 Dec. 2002.

2002. “The Body at the Junction of Religion and Scientism: Modernization of Meditative Traditions in Contemporary China”, presented *in absentia* at the conference “Religion and Culture: Past Approaches, Present Globalization, Future Challenges”, Macau Ricci Institute, 28-29 Nov. 2002.

2002. “L’émergence du Falungong dans le monde du *qigong* de Chine populaire [The Emergence of Falungong in the *qigong* sector in the Peoples’ Republic of China]”, conference on “Popular Religion in Contemporary China”, Université de Montreal, 18-19 May 2002.

2002. “*Qigong*, Scientism, and Millennialism”, conference on “Chinese Millennialism in Comparative Perspective”, Harvard University / Boston University, 28-29 April 2002.

Refereed conference papers

2013. “The Alchemical Wedding of Michael Winn: An American Daoist Master Gets Married atop a Sacred Chinese Mountain” (co-author with Elijah Siegler). Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, 24 Nov. 2013.

2013. "Clarifying the Concept of Spiritual Capital" (co-author with Michele Wong). Tenth annual symposium on the social scientific study of religion in China, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, July 12.
2013. "Generating and Applying Spiritual Capital: the Case of the Baha'i Community" (co-author with Michele Wong). Tenth annual symposium on the social scientific study of religion in China, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, July 12.
2011. "Gift and Market in the Chinese Religious Economy." Eighth annual symposium on the social scientific study of religion in China, Fuzhou University, July 1-2.
- 2011 (with Wan Zhaoyuan): "Interfaith Dialogue in the Context of Social Development." Conference on interfaith dialogue, Lanzhou University, May 11-12.
2010. "Dream Trippers at Huashan: Spiritual Tourism and the American Appropriation of a Chinese Daoist Mountain" (with Elijah Siegler). Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, 17-21 Nov. No
2010. "The Emergence of a Culture of Volunteerism in Contemporary China: A preliminary discussion of significance and conceptual issues." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, 17-21 Nov.
2010. "Chinese Redemptive Societies and Salvationist Religion: Historical Phenomenon or Sociological Category?" Seventh Symposium on the Social Scientific Study of Religion in China, Renmin University (Beijing), July 26-28.
2010. "Global Daoism and the Predicament of Modern Spirituality". International Conference on Daoist Studies, Loyola Marymount University, 2-6 June 2010.
2007. "Lineage, Morality, and Technologies of the Self: Modern Subjectivities and Embodied Experience among Western and Chinese Daoists at Huashan". Fourth International Conference on Daoist Studies, Hong Kong Institute of Education, 21-25 Nov. 2007.
2007. "From Congregations to Community Development: Changing Approaches to Religious Affiliation in the Bahá'í Faith since the mid 1990's". Fourth International Symposium on the Social Scientific Study of Religion in China, Shanghai, 13-15 July 2007.
2005. "Claiming Authenticity : Orthodoxy, Sacred Space, and Tradition at Huashan (Shaanxi, China)". Panel "Fashioning Traditions: Rethinking Orthodoxy and Orthopraxy in Asian Religion". International Congress of Asian Studies (ICAS-4), Shanghai, 20-24 Aug. 2005.
2004. "*Qigong* and the New Age Movement: A Comparative Analysis", Panel on New Religious Movements in China, European Association of Chinese Studies, Heidelberg (Germany), 26-29 Aug. 2004.

2003. "Religion, Politics, and the Moral Field in China", presented *in absentia* at the ICAS-3 International Conference of Asia Scholars, National University of Singapore, 19-22 Aug. 2003.

Invited Lectures and Presentations

2014. "Rethinking Religious Pluralism: Polyontological Dynamics in Chinese Religion". Yale-NUS College, National University of Singapore, Nov. 26.

2014. "The Bahá'í Faith and its Critical Engagement with the Global Discourse and Practice of "Development." Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, July 22.

2014. "Spirituality, Individuation and the Religious Productions of Asian Modernity". Doctoral Summer School on Cityscapes and New Religiosities in Asia, University of Goettingen, Germany, Aug. 14.

2013. "Zhongguo zongjiao yu minjian shehui" (Religion and civil society in China). Renmin University of China, Centre on Buddhism and Religious Theory, Dec. 19.

2013. "Yangren daojiao: lingxing geren zhuyi yu Zhongguo chuantong wenhua de quanqiu hua" (Western Daoism: Spiritual individualism and the globalization of traditional Chinese culture). China Academy of Social Sciences, Institute for World Religions, Dec. 18.

2013. "Yangren zai Huashan xiudao: Daojiao shengshan de quanqiu hua" (Westerners cultivating Dao at Huashan: the globalization of a sacred Chinese mountain). Peking University, Department of Sociology, Dec. 17.

2013. "China's Religious Landscape: Models of Religious Pluralism". Baha'i Chair for World Peace, University of Maryland, Nov. 24.

2013. "When American Witches, Sufis and Shamans meet Chinese Daoist Monks and Hermits: Transnational Encounters at Huashan". The College of Charleston, Nov. 19.

2013. "Can Religion Contribute to China's Civil Society?" MacMillan Center Initiative on Religion, Politics & Society, Yale University, Nov. 11.

2013. "Spiritual Capital in the Third Sector". Department of Religious Studies, Fu-jen University, 30 May 2013.

2013. "Integration and Diversification in Chinese Religion: a Discussion based on Traditional and Contemporary religious fields." China Faith Forum, East China Normal University, 22 Mar. 2013.

2013. "Spirituality and Authority in the Baha'i Faith". Dept. of Philosophy, East China Normal University, 22 Mar. 2013.

2013. "Chinese Redemptive Societies: Origins and Contemporary Issues". Institute of Religious Studies, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, 21 Mar. 2013.
2013. "Chinese Culture and the Emergence of Global Civilization". Famous Scholars Forum, Jianqiao University (Shanghai), 21 Mar. 2013.
2012. Roundtable on *The Religious Question in Modern China*. Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs, Georgetown University, 30 Nov. 2012. With Jose Casanova, Richard Madsen, Philip Gorski and Anna Sun.
2012. "Transnational Daoist Dis-orientations and the Predicament of Modern Spirituality". Max Planck Institute on Ethnic and Religious Diversity, Goettingen (Germany), 1 Nov. 2012.
2012. "Ritual Conquests and Socialist Event Productions: An Exorcist Goddess and the Production of Sacrality in Contemporary China." Max Planck Institute of Social Anthropology, Halle (Germany), 28 Oct. 2012.
2012. Author-meets-critics session on *The Religious Question in Modern China*. Response to reviews by Jose Casanova, Peter Beyer and Graeme Lang, Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Denver, CO, Aug. 17.
2012. "Publishing Peer-Reviewed Articles in the Anthropology of Religion." Chinese Spirituality and Society Program Research Training Workshop, Purdue University, July 24-25.
2012. "Using Feature Films in Undergraduate Teaching on Religion and Society." 9th Summer Institute for the Scientific Study of Religion, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, July 7.
2012. "Freedom of Religion in China." Human Rights Roundtable, Consulate General of Canada in Hong Kong, 21 May.
2012. "Approaches to Field Research on Chinese Religion". Postgraduate seminar, University of Chicago Divinity School, Feb. 8.
2012. "Theoretical Issues in the Social Scientific Study of Chinese Religion. Faculty seminar, University of Chicago Divinity School, Feb. 8.
2012. "Generating Sacrality in Contemporary Chinese Religion: Traditional Cosmology, Nation Building and Global Forces". Public lecture, University of Chicago Divinity School, Feb. 7.
2011. Keynote presentation: "Initial Reflections on Religion and Social Governance." Summit on China Social Development, Renmin University of China and Yunnan University of Nationalities, Kunming, Aug. 12-14.
2011. "Religion and Human Rights in China." Roundtable on Human Rights in China, EU Delegation in Hong Kong, 16 June.

2011. "Current Issues on Religious Freedom in China." Human Rights Roundtable, Consulate General of Canada in Hong Kong, 9 June.
2011. "Recent Developments of Civil Society in China". Round Table on the 18th Party Congress, French Centre for Research on Contemporary China, 7 June.
2011. "Religious Tests to 'One Country, Two Systems' in Hong Kong and Macau." (with Chan Kim-Kwong). Briefing at the EU Delegation in Hong Kong, 23 March.
2010. "Teaching 'Religion, Spirituality and Social Change' to Undergraduates at Hong Kong University: some preliminary reflections on course design and teaching methods." Summer Institute on the Social Scientific Study of Religion, Renmin University (Beijing), 27 July – 7 August 2010.
2010. "Zhongguo zongjiao yanjiu de sheji yu fangfa: guanyu renleixue, shehuixue ji shixue fangfa de sikao" [Research design and methodology for the study of religion in China: Reflexions on anthropological, sociological and historical approaches]. Chinese Spirituality and Society Program, Renmin University, 25 July 2010.
2009. "Sociologie de l'innovation religieuse et nouveaux mouvements religieux: le cas chinois" [Sociology of religious innovation and new religious movements: the Chinese case]. Groupe religions, sociétés, laïcités, CNRS (Paris, France), 30 June 2009.
2009. "Zongjiao yu renlei wenming de yanbian: dui zongjiao renleixue de lilun, fangfa yu shehui canyu de chongxin sikao" [Religion and the evolution of human civilization: rethinking the theories, methods and social engagement of the anthropology of religion]. Series of five lectures given at the Department of Philosophy, Shanghai Normal University, June 22-26, 2009.
2008. "Zhongguo zongjiao de quanqiu hua: yi dao jiao wei li" [The globalization of Chinese religion: the case of Daoism]. Shanghai University, 10 July 2008.
2008. "Cong renleixue de shijiao kan zhongguo zai quanqiu hua bei jing xia de jue qi" [An anthropological perspective on China's rise in a context of globalization] Shandong University (Jinan, China), 25 April 2008.
2008. "Heaven and Hell at Huashan: Two Interpretations or More". Hong Kong Anthropological Society, 21 Feb. 2008.
2007. "Tantao zongjiao shehuixue de fangfa yu lilun: yi zhongguo maohou "qigong" yundong wei ge'an" [Methods and theory in the sociology of religion: the case of the post-Mao Qigong movement], Shanghai University, 16 July 2007.
2007. "The Evolution of Modern Religiosities in 20th Century China" (with Vincent Goossaert). French Centre for Research on Contemporary China (Hong Kong), 14 Mar. 2007.
2006. "Dangdai zhongguo de zongjiao yu shehui zhuanbian" [Religion and Social Change in Contemporary China], Qinghua University, 18 Dec. 2006.

- 2006 “Doctrines hérétiques, sociétés secrètes réactionnaires, sectes pernicieuses : La stigmatisation des groupes religieux populaires dans la Chine du 20^e siècle” [Heretical Doctrines, Reactionary Secret Societies, Evil Cults : the Stigmatization of Popular Religious Movements in 20th Century China], Academia Sinica (Taiwan), French Centre for Research on Contemporary China, 10 June 2006.
2006. “De-secularization in China ?” Macau Ricci Institute, 16 Feb. 2006.
2006. “Religion, Social Movements and Power in Post-Mao China”. Hong Kong Baptist University, Institute for East-West Studies, 26 Jan. 2006.
2006. Presentation of the book *La fièvre du qigong : guérison, religion et politique en Chine* . French Centre for Research on Contemporary China (Hong Kong), 16 Jan. 2006.
2005. “Qigong, Nationalism, and Taoist Revival in Post-Mao China”. University of California at Berkeley, Centre for Chinese Studies, 26 Oct. 2005.
2005. “Zhongguo ‘qigong’ yundong yu ‘xinxing zongjiao’ he ‘minjian zongjiao’ de wenti” [The Qigong movement and the question of ‘new religions’ and ‘popular religion’], Academia Sinica (Taiwan), Institute of History and Philology, 30 May 2005.
2005. “Qigong and Modern Spiritual Utopianism”. The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Centre for the Study of Religion and Chinese Society, 18 Feb. 2005.
2005. “Utopies religieuses modernes en Chine et en Occident: le Qigong et le New Age” [Modern Religious Utopias in China and the West : Qigong and the New Age], Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris), Modern and Contemporary China Centre, 8 Feb. 2005.
2004. “Zongjiao shehuixue zai faguo” [The sociology of religions in France] Qinghua University, Sino-French Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities, 17 June 2004
2004. “Body Cultivation and Modern Religiosity in Post-Mao China” Oxford University, Institute of Chinese Studies, 13 May 2004.
2004. “Modern Religiosities in Post-Mao China” Harvard University, Fairbank Centre for East Asian Research, 16 March 2004.
2004. “Les mutations du religieux en Chine contemporaine” [Religious Transformations in Contemporary China]. Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS, Paris), Institute for the Sociology of Religion and Secularity, 11 Mar. 2004.
2004. “Body, Religion, and Power in Post-Mao China”. London School of Economics and Political Science, Sociology dept., 18 Feb. 2004
2004. “Body Cultivation in Contemporary China: Religion, Science, and Post-Mao Modernity”. Concordia University (Montreal, Canada), Religious Studies Dept., 29 Jan. 2004

2003. "New Religious Movements in China: the case of *Qigong* and Falungong". London School of Economics and Political Science, Sociology of Religion Seminar, Sept. 2003
2003. "The Chinese State and the Qigong Movement". Chinese University of Hong Kong, Dept. of Religious Studies, 21 Mar. 2003.
2003. "Qigong and Chinese Religious Modernity", Hong Kong Anthropological Society, 20 Mar. 2003.
2002. "Reinventing Chinese Tradition: the case of Qigong and Falungong", Chinese University of Hong Kong, Dept. of Anthropology, 3 Oct. 2002.
- 2002 "Questions d'identité dans le mouvement du qigong" [Questions of Identity in the Qigong Movement]. Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris), Modern and Contemporary China Centre, 17 Jan. 2002.
2002. "La tradition chinoise entre religion et sécularisation : le cas du qigong" [Chinese tradition between religion and secularization : the case of qigong]. Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (Sorbonne, Paris), Secular Religions Seminar, Jan. 2002.
2001. "Guérison, tradition et modernité en Chine contemporaine : le cas du Falungong" [Healing, Tradition and Modernity in Contemporary China : the case of Falungong. Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris), Anthropology of China Seminar, 11 Dec. 2001.
2001. "Les origines de la question du Falungong" [The Origins of the Falungong Question]. French Centre for Research on Contemporary China (Hong Kong), 13 Jan. 2001.
1999. "Linchuan minzu xinlixue zai faguo" [Clinical Ethnopsychiatry in France]. West China Institute of Medical Sciences (Chengdu), Institute of Mental Health, Dec. 1999.
1998. "The Qigong Movement in Contemporary China". University of California at Santa Barbara, Religious Studies Dept., Nov. 1998.
1998. "The Chinese Communist Party and the Invention of Traditional Chinese Medicine". Santa Barbara College of Oriental Medicine, Nov. 1998.
1998. "Culture and Healing: Introduction to Medical Anthropology". West China University of Medical Sciences (Chengdu), Graduate Society, April 1998.
1995. "Problèmes de recherche de terrain en Chine" [Problems in Field Research in China] . Université de Paris-VIII, Georges Devereux Centre for Ethnopsychiatry, Nov. 1995.

Conference Panel Discussant

2014. International Conference on “Health and Healing”, Panel on “Discourses on Hygiene and Nation-Building in Asia”, University of Hong Kong, Dev. 17, 2014.

2012. International Workshop on “Buddhism and Buddhists in the History of 20th Century China”, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, May 30-31, 2012.

2012. International Conference on “The Third Sector and Public Governance in Greater China: Opportunities, Challenges and Prospects.” HKU Faculty of Social Science, 9 March 2012.

2010. International Workshop on "Convergence and Collisions: Disease, Religion and Healing in Asia," Hong Kong University, 25-26 March, 2010.

2009. International Conference on New Approaches to the Study of Daoism, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 27-28 Nov. 2009.

2009. International Conference on Popular Confucianism and Redemptive Societies, Foguang University (Taiwan), 8-9 June 2009.

2008. Conference on “Religion and Social Development: Spirituality and the Global Citizen.” Hong Kong Institute of Education, 20-21 June 2008.

2008. Academic Symposium on Jigong: Spirit, History and Society. International Jigong Cultural Festival, Macau, 18 June 2008.

2008. International Conference on Engaged Religions and the Public Good in Chinese Societies. Tsinghua University (Hsinchu, Taiwan), 1-2 June, 2008.

2007. Panel on Religious Identity, Fourth Symposium on the Social Scientific Study of Religion, Shanghai University, 13-15 July, 2007.

2007. Panel on Religious Confucianism in Republican China, International Conference on Religious Movements and Redemptive Societies in the 20th Century Chinese World, Foguang University (Ilan, Taiwan), 12-13 June 2006.

II. Editorial Service

Editorial Board membership of scholarly journals and book series

Series Co-editor (with Richard Madsen and Kenneth Dean), *Religion in Chinese Societies*, Brill Academic Publishers, Boston (from 2009). Books published:

Thomas Jansen, Thoralf Klein, Christian Meyer (eds), *Globalisation and the Making of Religious Modernity in China* (2014)

Yonghua Liu, *Confucian Rituals and Chinese Villagers* (2013)

Yong Chen, *Confucianism as Religion: Controversies and Consequences* (2012).

Peter Tze Ming Ng, *Chinese Christianity: An Interplay between Global and Local Perspectives* (2012).

Fenggang Yang and Graeme Lang, eds. *Social Scientific Studies of Religion in China: Methodology, Theories and Findings* (2011)

Mineke Schipper, Ye Shuxian and Yin Hubin eds., *China's Creation and Origin Myths: Cross-Cultural Explorations in Oral and Written Traditions* (2011).

Fenggang Yang and Joseph Tamney, eds. *Confucianism and Spiritual Traditions in China and Beyond* (2011).

Three other manuscripts currently in production.

Associate Editor, *Review of Religion and Chinese Society*, Brill.

Editorial Board Member, *Current Anthropology* (Corresponding editor); *China Perspectives*; *Daoism: Religion, History and Society*; *Journal of Daoist Studies*.

External reviewer and referee of manuscripts and grant applications

External reviewer for academic publishers:

Oxford University Press, Columbia University Press, University of Chicago Press, Chinese University Press, Routledge.

Referee for academic journals:

American Sociological Review, British Journal of Sociology, Social Problems, Journal of Asian Studies, Modern China, Social Compass, Journal of Contemporary Religion, Journal of Religious History, China Perspectives, Asian Ethnology, Zongjiao renleixue (Anthropology of Religion), Visual Anthropology.

Referee for grant proposals:

Research Grants Council of the Hong Kong SAR, American Council of Learned Societies, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Agence Nationale de la Recherche (France) Academia Sinica (Taiwan), Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation (Taiwan), Chinese Spirituality and Society Program (John Templeton Foundation).

2009 Award Committee member for the Francis L. K. Hsu Award for Best Book in the Anthropology of East Asia (Society for East Asian Anthropology, American Anthropological Association).

2014 Award Committee member for the Best Article award of the Society for the Social Scientific Study of Religion.

III. Grants

1. Research Grants:

Religion in Minority Ethnic Regions of China. Co-investigator (Principal investigator: Liang Yongjia, China Agricultural University). CNY 200,000 (2014-2017), China National Social Science Foundation.

Public Altruism in China: Volunteering, Individualization and Civil Society. Principal Investigator. HKD 128,000. China Strategic Research Theme, University of Hong Kong, 2014-2015.

Volunteerism in Contemporary China: Moral Discourse and Social Spaces. Principal Investigator. HKD 527,500. Hong Kong Research Grants Council GRF grant, 2011-2013.

An anthropological study of volunteerism in the Chinese world. Principal Investigator. HKD 190,000. Hong Kong University New Faculty Seed Research Grant, 2009-2010.

Contested Orthodoxies: Religious Movements in Modern China. Principal Investigator. HKD 250,000, French Centre for Research on Contemporary China, 2007-2009.

Religion and Public Life in China. Co-Investigator (PI: Dr. Glenn Shive). USD 179,990, Henry Luce Foundation, 2007-2010.

3. Conference Grants

"International Conference on Texts and Contexts: Redemptive Societies and Religious Movements in Modern China". Conference organizer, University of Hong Kong. Total approx. HKD \$100,000 from the Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences.

"International Workshop on the Comparative Ethnography of Local Daoist Ritual." Conference co-organizer, Hong Kong University, April 21-23, 2011. Total approx. HKD 200,000 from the Fei Ngan Tung Buddhism and Taoism Society. Co-organized by the HKU Department of Sociology and Centre for Anthropological Research, the CUHK Centre for East Asian Studies and the UGC AoE Scheme on the Historical Anthropology of Chinese Society.

"Volunteering and Civic Engagement in Chinese Cities." Conference organizer, Hong Kong University, June 10-11, 2010. Total approx. HKD 100,000 from the Department of Sociology and the Managing World Cities Programme, Faculty of Social Science.

"Popular Confucianism and Redemptive Societies in the Chinese World". Conference co-organizer, Foguang University, Taiwan, June 8-9, 2009. Total approx. HKD 250,000 from the French Centre for Research on Contemporary China, Foguang University, Taiwan Ministry of Education, Renmin University of China, National University of Singapore, University of Montreal, CNRS (GSRL).

"Religion and Social Integration in Chinese Societies: Exploring Sociological Approaches to Religion in the Chinese World". Conference co-organizer, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, June 28-30, 2007. Total approx. HKD 500,000 from the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, HK Universities Grants Committee/Procure, Henry Luce Foundation, CUHK Institute for Chinese Studies, CUHK Department of Cultural and Religious Studies, Chung Chi College Centre for Religion and Chinese Society, Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient, CNRS (GSRL), French Centre for Research on Contemporary China.

"Between Eternity and Modernity: Daoism and its Reinventions in the Twentieth Century". Conference co-organizer, Harvard University, June 13-15, 2006. HKD 300,000 from the American Council of Learned Societies, Harvard Fairbank Center for East Asian Studies, Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient.

"Constructions of Memory: Challenges of Museology in Asia". Workshop co-organizer, Hong Kong Museum of Fine Arts. HKD 50,000 from the French Consulate General in Hong Kong, Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient, CUHK Institute of Chinese Studies.

4. Knowledge Exchange Grants

Spiritual Values in the Third Sector. HKU Faculty of Social Sciences/Hong Kong Jockey Club Excellence and Capacity Building for Entrepreneurship and Leadership in the Third Sector (ExCEL3) Initiative. Phase 1: HKD 340,000, 2012-2014; Phase 2: HKD 420,000, 2014-2017.

Mobilizing, Managing and Building Capacity among Volunteers for Emergency Relief and Community Reconstruction. HKD 200,000. Co-Investigator (PI: Dr. Albert Ko). HKU 5-12 Round Table Internal Seed Funding, 2009-2010.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

1. Postgraduate student supervision at the University of Hong Kong

In progress.

Temily Tianmay Jaya Gopan, PhD in Sociology, Hong Kong PhD Fellowship. Religion and Refugees in Hong Kong.

Fabian Winiger, PhD in Anthropology, Hong Kong PhD Fellowship. Transnational Chinese Qigong Movements.

Jules Liu, PhD in Sociology. Historical and Political Sociology of the Chinese Revolution.

Michele Wong, PhD in Sociology. Spiritual Capital in Faith-based Social Enterprises in Hong Kong.

Peng Qiaoyang, M. Phil in Sociology. Marketisation of NGOs in China.

Lu Yulin, M. Phil in Sociology. Buddhism in Chinese Cyberspace.

Completed.

2014. Ning Rundong, M. Phil on “Educational Volunteers in Beijing.”

2012. Zhang Han, Ph.D thesis on “Entrepreneurial Party-State, Territorial Corporatism and New Urban Spaces: State-Led Urban Redevelopment in Ningbo, China, 2000-2011”. Principal advisor. Visiting doctoral Fellow at Harvard University Harvard-Yenching Institute (2010-11).

2. Postgraduate student mentoring

Katiana Le Mentec, “Life through the Three Gorges Upheaval. Anthropological Analysis of Interpretation Tools and Processes of Resilience.” Ph.D. in Anthropology, University of Paris X-Nanterre, awarded on 9 June 2011.

Georges Favraud, “The Construction of Chinese Modernity in a Village Community and its Daoist Ritual Transmission”, Ph.D. in Anthropology, University of Paris X-Nanterre, awarded in Feb. 2013.

Julie Remoiville, “The Role of the Laity in the Religious Recomposition in Contemporary Urban China,” Ph.D. in the Anthropology of Religion, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, in progress, awarded in 2013.

3. External examiner of Ph.D. theses

Esler, Joshua Paul. “Tibetan Buddhism and Han Chinese: Superscribing New Meaning on the Tibetan Tradition in Modern Greater China”. Ph.D. diss. (Asian Studies), University of Western Australia. External Examiner, Mar. 2014.

Lim, Chee Ham. “Purging the Ghost of Descartes: Conducting Zhineng Qigong in Singapore”. Ph.D. diss. (Anthropology), Australian National University. External examiner, Mar. 2009.

Chenault, Marceau. “Etats de conscience du corps dans l’art traditionnel chinois du Qi Gong: Approche de psychologie phénoménologique” [States of body consciousness in the traditional Chinese art of Qi Gong: a study in phenomenological psychology]. Ph.D. diss., Université d’Orléans. External examiner, 8 Dec. 2008.

4. Courses taught

Courses taught at the University of Hong Kong, 2008-2014:

SOCI 1003 Introduction to Anthropology
 SOCI 0052 Traditional Chinese Society
 SOCI 0061 Lifestyles and Religious Practices
 SOCI 0055 A Cultural Study of Tourisms and Tourists
 SOCI 6003 Research Seminar for Postgraduate Students
 YSOC 0006 Asian Heritages
 S12 Social Innovation Internship
 CCHU 0094 Spirituality, Religion and Social Change

Courses taught and co-taught at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2004-2008

ANTH 5020 Anthropological Field Methods (MA course)
 ANTH 5251 Seminars in the Anthropology of China (MA course)
 RELS 5120 Religion, Society and Politics in Modern and Contemporary China (MA course)
 HIS 5507E Special Topics in Public History (MA course)
 ANTH 2410 Chinese Culture and Society
 RELS 2145 New Religious Movements

Course co-taught at the London School of Economics, 2003-2004

SO223 Sociology of Religion

SERVICE**Administrative service at the University of Hong Kong***In the Faculty of Social Science:*

Member, Faculty Admissions Committee (2010-2012)

Sociology representative, Knowledge Exchange Network (from 2010)

In the Department of Sociology:

Department Head (2014-2017)

Chief Examiner (Sept. 2010-2012)

Acting Programme Coordinator, Culture, Heritage and Tourism Programme (2009-2010)

Member, Departmental Research Postgraduate Committee (from 2010)

Member, B. Soc. Sc. Admissions Committee (2009-2011)

B. Soc. Sc. outgoing exchange student advisor (from 2009)

In the Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences:

Research Cluster Coordinator, Rethinking Spirituality and Religion in Asia (from 2014)

Member, Research Committee (from 2012)

Academic service in overseas institutions

Chairman of the Best Article Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2014-15.

Member of the Academic Board (Conseil Scientifique), Ecole Française d'Extrême-Orient, 2009-2012.