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### RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Quantitative/Qualitative Research Methods, Race and Ethnicity, Immigration, Sociology of Religion, Asian American Studies, Culture, and China

### DISSERTATION

The dissertation project will explore how Chinese Christian immigrants have understood and practiced their tripartite identity—Chinese, Christian, and American, and examine how Evangelical Christian faith has impacted Chinese immigrants' understanding and practice of their ethnic identity and American identity, and a variety of issues, such as race, civic participation, gender, and transnationalism using data collected from a Chinese Christian church in the Twin Cities area through ethnographic fieldwork.

### EDUCATION: University of Minnesota , Department of Sociology      Minneapolis, MN

Ph.D. Candidate of Sociology

Nankai University, Department of Sociology

Tianjin, China

Master's Degree of Sociology

Awarded May 1997

Harbin Normal University, Department of Political Science

Harbin, China

B.A. of Political Science

Awarded May 1991

### EXPERIENCE:

Assistant Professor

Fall 2005 to present

Teaching "Introduction to Sociology," "Sociological Theory," and "Ethnic and Race Relations" at Westmont College

Instructor

Spring 2005

Teaching "Immigration and the New World"

Ethnic Studies Department, Metropolitan State University

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2005

For "Social Theory"

Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2004

For two courses: "Introduction to Criminal Behavior and Social Control" and "Criminal Psychopathology"

Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota

Instructor

Spring 2004

Teaching "Immigration and the New World"

Ethnic Studies Department, Metropolitan State University

Teaching Assistant For “Principles of Social Psychology” Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota	Spring 2004
Lab instructor Gave lectures on using SPSS to do the intermediate level of data analysis Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota	Fall 2003
Project Manager The American Mosaic Project Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota	Summer 2002 – Fall 2003
Research Assistant Rural Sociology and Community Center, University of Minnesota	Summer 2001-Spring 2002
Lab Instructor for “Basic Social Statistics” Teaching students how to use SPSS statistics software to do data analysis Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota	Spring 2001
Lab Instructor Leading discussion session of “Introduction to Sociology” Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota	Fall 2000
Lab Instructor Leading discussion session of “Introduction to Sociology” Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota	Spring 2000
Teaching Assistant For “Introduction to Sociology” Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota	Fall 1999
Teaching Assistant For “Sociological Perspective on Race Class and Gender” Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota	Summer 1999
Teaching Assistant For “Sociological Perspective on Race Class and Gender” Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota	Spring 1999
Teaching Assistant For “Introduction to Sociology” Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota	Winter 1999
Teaching Assistant For “American Race Relations” Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota	Fall 1998
Teaching Assistant For “Introduction to Criminal Behavior and Social Control” Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota	Summer 1998
Teaching Assistant For “Comparative Asian Development” Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota	Spring 1998

Teaching Assistant For “Modern Japanese Society” Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota	Winter 1998
Teaching Assistant For “Policing in American Society” Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota	Fall 1997
Nankai University Principle Investigator Conducted evaluation research on the rehabilitation program for disabled children in China supported by UNICEF (United Nations Children’s Fund)	Tianjin, China April 1997 - June 1997
Instructor Lectured on the classical Marxist sociological theory Department of Sociology, Nankai University	March 1996 - July 1996
Helongjiang Farm Management Institute for Cadres Lecturer Lectured on courses of Sociology, Law, Political Science, and Philosophy	Harbin, China July 1991 - August 1994

**GRANT AND AWARDS**

2004 Graduate Student Travel Award  
 2003 Graduate Student Travel Award  
 2000 MacArthur Program Predissertation Fieldwork Research Grants

**PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

“Religion and Race: How Evangelical Beliefs Have Influenced Chinese Immigrants’ Understanding of Practice of Race.” Presented at 2007 Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association, New York, August 2007.

“The Impact of Institutional Factors on Chinese Conversion to Evangelical Protestantism in the United States.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco, CA, August 2004.

“One (Multicultural) Nation Under God? A Preliminary Study of Changing Uses and Meanings of the Term ‘Judeo-Christian.’” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Norfolk, Virginia, October 2003.

“The Persistence of Ethnicity and Religiously Segmented Assimilation: An Ethnographic Study of a Chinese Christian Church,” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Sociologists of Minnesota and Wisconsin Sociologist Association, St. Paul, MN, October 2003.

**PUBLICATIONS**

“One (Multicultural) Nation Under God? Changing Uses and Meanings of the Term ‘Judeo-Christian’ in the American Media.” With Douglas Hartmann and William Wischstadt. 2005. *Journal of Media and Religion*, 4(4): 207-234.

“The Impact of Institutional Factors on Chinese Conversion to Evangelical Protestantism in the United States.” 2006. *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*. 67(2):149-159.

**WORKING PAPERS**

“The Resurgence of Anti-Immigrant Sentiment in Contemporary America: The Significance of Race and Religion.” With Sadie Pendaz.

“Race and Religion: How Evangelical Protestantism Impacts Chinese Christian Immigrants’ Understanding and Practice of Race in the United States.”

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### Membership

American Sociological Association  
Association for the Sociology of Religion  
The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion  
The Midwest Sociological Association  
Minnesota Sociological Association

### Session Organizer

Co-organizer with Sadie Pendaz, Race and Religion Session, 2005 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Association

## COMPUTER SKILLS

Expertise on Excel, SPSS, and SAS.

## ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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## CHURCH INVOLVEMENT

Member of OMF International through OMF Partnership Program	December 2006--
Founder and Leader of UCSB Chinese Christian Fellowship	March 2006 --
Sunday Worship Leader Chinese Evangelical Free Church of Santa Barbara	Fall 2005 --
Adult Sunday School Teacher Chinese Evangelical Free Church of Santa Barbara	Spring 2006--
Bible Study Group Leader Chinese Evangelical Free Church of Santa Barbara	Fall 2005 --
Main Leader New Life Fellowship at Twin City Chinese Christian Church	October 1998—July 2005

Sunday Worship Presider Twin City Chinese Christian Church	May 2002—August 2005
Adult Sunday School Teacher Twin City Chinese Christian Church	May 2002—August 2003
Sunday Worship Presider Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church	Fall 2000—April 2002
Adult Sunday School Teacher Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church	Fall 1998—April 2002
Overall Coordinator Chinese Evangelistic Conference at the Twin Cities (Involve 12 Churches and parachurch organizations)	Summer 2001
Overall Coordinator Chinese Evangelistic Conference at the Twin Cities (Involve 12 Churches and parachurch organizations)	Summer 2000

**Denominational Preference**

Nondenominational

**CHRISTIAN FAITH REFERENCES**

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