

LIHUA WANG, Ph. D.

**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D., Sociology**, NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, Boston, MA (1994)

**M.A., International Development**, CLARK UNIVERSITY, Worcester, MA (1988)

**B.A., Economics**, CHINESE ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, Beijing, China (1985)

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

- Visiting Scholar at Women's Studies Research Center (WSRC) at Brandeis University (2021-2022)
- Outstanding Author Contribution Award Winner, the Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence (2013)
- Student Service Appreciation Award, Northeastern University (2005)
- Fellowship, Ford Foundation (1998, 2000-2007)
- Associate in Research, Harvard University, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies (1998-2013)
- A nominee for Most Influential Professor, Tufts University (1996)
- Dissertation with Distinction, Northeastern University (1994)

**HIGHLIGHTS OF TEACHING, ADVISING, AND RESEARCH**

WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY, WORCESTER, MA

2018-CURRENT

Lecture in Sociology & Asian Studies

*Teaching Activity:* Designed and taught the following courses: Asian American Experiences, Introduction to Sociology, Gender & Sexualities & Introduction to Asian Studies.

*University Service:* Served as a member of Advisory board for Multicultural Affairs and for Asian Studies

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE, WORCESTER, MA

2018-2019

Lecture in Sociology

*Teaching Activity:* Designed and taught the following courses: Social Problems, Social Inequality & The Principle of Sociology.

COLLEGE OF HOLY CROSS, Worcester, MA

2013-2018

Visiting Assistant Professor in Sociology and Lecturer in Center for Interdisciplinary Studies

*Teaching Activity:* Designed and taught the following courses: Asian American Studies, Contemporary Asia, Body, Work and Global Society, The Sociological Perspective, Women and

Work in a Global Society, Sex and the Global City, Transnational Feminism, Chinese Family: Past To the Present, China: the Maoist Era.

*Academic Activity:* Advised two senior students to complete their capstone project for Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies.

*College Service:* Served as a member of Asian Studies Committee and a member of Committee on Mission Statement in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS)

*Significant Achievements:*

- Acknowledgement from the Donelan Office for contributions to service-based learning.
- Received Faculty Development grant.
- Awarded Research Associate fund.

CLARK UNIVERSITY, Worcester, MA

2013-2015

Lecturer in Sociology

*Teaching Activity:* Designed and taught the following courses: Sex and the Global City.

Lecturer in History

2013

*Teaching Activity:* Designed and taught the following course: China Since 1949.

WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY, Worcester, MA

2013-2014

Lecturer In Sociology

*Teaching Activity:* Designed and taught the following courses: Transnational Feminism, Sex and the Global City.

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, Boston, MA

1997-2013

Senior Lecturer and Program Coordinator

*Teaching Activity:* Designed and taught the following courses: Transnational Feminism & Activism, Sexualities in Global Perspectives, Service Learning Module, Leadership and Community Building, Introduction to Women's Studies, Modern China, and Third World Women.

*Academic Activity:* Visited and selected more than thirty internship sites for service learning, advised both undergraduate and graduate students, researched a proposal for dual major, participated on the Curriculum Committee, directed independent studies, and served as thesis advisor for undergraduate students.

*Research Activity:* Edited two books, authored ten chapters/articles, and served as a principal researcher on two projects on Chinese population policy assessment.

*University Service:* Served as research associate for Provost's Office, a member of Asian American Advisory Group on Diversity for President's Office, a member of Executive Committee in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS), a member of Holocaust

Awareness Committee, served as a liaison between Peking University and Northeastern University for WGSS, played a key role in faculty development with Uppsala University in Sweden, and a advisor for two student organizations.

*Significant Achievements:*

- Grants from Ford Foundation for multiple projects totaling \$90,000 approximately.
- Received Faculty and Undergraduate Student Research funding at NU.
- Advised and helped a senior student to receive her Fulbright Scholarship in China.
- Developed partnership with Peking University for academic exchange and played a key role in collaboration with Uppsala University in Sweden.
- Organized training and workshops in China on economic development and globalization.
- Organized an international conference with Uppsala University.
- Planned numerous events including conferences, lecture series, and film festivals.

WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, Worcester, MA 2008  
Visiting Professor in Global Studies

*Teaching Activity:* Designed and taught the following courses: Research Methodologies.

*Academic Activity:* Advised six group research projects in Hong Kong for research design and proposal writing. One of the research projects received an Award of Excellence.

TUFTS UNIVERSITY, Medford, MA 1997  
Lecturer in Literature and Language

*Teaching Activity:* Designed and taught the following courses: Chinese Language.

*Academic Activity:* Directed language lab; Supervised students organized events in celebration of Chinese New Year & Tutored advanced students in Chinese conversations.

CLARK UNIVERSITY, Worcester, MA 1996  
Visiting Assistant Professor in History

*Teaching Activity:* Designed and taught the following courses: Chinese History through Literature and Survey of Asian History.

*Academic Activity:* Served as a supervisor for senior student research project and thesis writing & Participated in a workshop on economic development and globalization for graduate students.

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, Worcester, MA 1996

Lecturer in Sociology and Anthropology

*Teaching Activity:* Designed and taught the following courses: Introduction to Sociology and Research Methodologies.

*Academic Activity:* Supervised student research projects.

TUFTS UNIVERSITY, Medford, MA 1994-1995

Visiting Assistant Professor in Anthropology

*Teaching Activity:* Designed and taught the following courses: Asian Women and Women in Development.

*Academic Activity:* Served as a member of the Honor Student Thesis Research Committee.

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, Boston, MA 1990-1993

Lecturer in Sociology and Anthropology

*Teaching Activity:* Designed and taught the following courses: Introduction to Anthropology, Peasant Society, Sociology of Family, and Violence in the Family.

*Academic Activity:* Advised students for their course selections and research projects.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

PBS/AMERICA PRODUCTION, New York City, NY 2006

Served as a Research Consultant for the documentary filmmaking “Young & Restless in China,” visited four areas in China with the film director, selected and interviewed potential people for the film and submitted a report to the director for recommendations.

- The film was on television in 2008.
- Contributed to popular education about Chinese culture and society.

PBS/K’ MEDIA GROUP, New York City, NY 2000

Served as a scholar commentator for the documentary film “In Search of China,” provided American audiences with economic, social, and historical background information and scholarly comments about how social changes took place at the end of the twentieth century China. The film was on television in 2000.

- One of the popular films in American classrooms.
- Scholarly comments and recommendations published in the book “In Search of China,” edited by Robert Kuhn.

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, Boston, MA 1998-2006

A member of Asian American Advisory Group for President’s Office

Independently conducted a research project on the existence of Asian American Centers in higher education in America and presented the findings to President Freeland; Initiated further

research on Asian American Centers, formulated a Proposal for establishing an Asian American Center at Northeastern University.

- This proposal was approved by President Freeland in 2001.
- The Asian American Center established in 2005 at NU.
- Created a multicultural campus for students.
- Increased recruitment for Asian American students.

Research Associate, Provost's Office

1999-2001

Designed and conducted two research projects which included "Models of Family -Friendly Working Environments in Higher Education" and "Maternity Leave Policies: Some Positive Aspects of Various Models."

- Recommendations for maternity leave policy successfully affected changes in Faculty Handbook.
- Helped to recruit and retain women faculty.
- Flexible work-hours adopted by some programs/departments.

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Books:**

- Women, War, and Violence: Personal Perspectives and Global Activism, Edited by Robin Chandler, Lihua Wang, and Linda Fuller, Palgrave Macmillan, 2010.
- Globalization and its Chinese Discontents: Feminist Critiques, Editor, Peking University Press, 2008.

### **Chapters and Articles:**

- "Rural Women's Bodies and Invisible Hands: Neoliberalism and Population Control in China" with Linda Blum in ***Bodies, Boundaries and Vulnerabilities***, ed. by Lisa Folkmarson Käll, Springer Sprinkle Publications, pp. 13-30, 2016.
- "Neoliberalism and the Feminization of Family Survival: The Happiness Project in Four Chinese Villages" in Advances in Gender Research 16- ***Social Production and Reproduction at the Interface of Public and Private Spheres***, edited by Marcia Segal, Vasilikie Demos, Esther Ngan-ling Chow, UK: Emerald Publishing Group, Ltd., pp. 113-136, 2012.
- "Development and Empire Building: Feminist Post-Development Discourse" in ***Globalization and its Chinese Discontent***, edited by Lihua Wang, Peking University Press, pp. 1-26, 2008.
- "Survival and or Resistance: Globalization and Buyi Women's Weaving" in ***Globalization and its Chinese Discontent***, edited by Lihua Wang, Peking University Press, pp. 167-192, 2008.
- "East Wind vs. West Wind: Resistance through Women's Weaving" was published in the ***International Conference Proceeding***, Gendering Transformation, Greece, 2005.
- "Feminist Voices under Globalization" in ***Gender and Ethnicity*** (Funu yu Mingzu), edited by Wu Xu, Guizhou People's Press, 2002.

- "Gender Consciousness in My Teen Years" in *Some Of Us: Growing Up In the Mao Era*, edited by Xueping Zhong, Rutgers University Press, pp. 120-131, 2001.
- "Chinese Gender Perspectives: Critique of Male Models of Development" in *Gender and Development*, edited by Xiaoxian Gao, Sichuan Peoples Press, 2000.
- "Social Construction of Gender: Shifting Meanings of Femininity in Contemporary China," in *Journal of Zhejiang Social Science Academy* No. 5, 2000.
- "The Seeds of Socialist Ideology: Women's Experiences in Beishadao Village" in *Women's Studies International Forum* Vol. 22, No. 1, pp.25-35, 1999.

**Translations:**

- *Routledge International Encyclopedia for Women's Studies*, editor and translator, Sanlian Publisher, 2008.
- "Grameen Bank" translation from Susan Holcomb's book *Managing to Empower: The Grameen Bank's Experience of Poverty Alleviation*, Zed, Books Ltd. 1995, in *Gender and Development*, Sanlian Publisher, 1998.

**Book Review Essays:**

- "Coerced 'Choice' on China's Hidden Children: Abandonment, Adoption, and the Human Costs of the One-Child Policy by Kay Johnson, in *Women's Review of Books*, Wellesley Center for Women. Vol 34, No. 5, September/October 2017.
- "No Empire Without Collaborators" on Chinese Comfort Women: Testimonies from Imperial Japan's Sex Slaves, in *Women's Review of Books*, Wellesley Centers for Women. Vol 32, No.5, September/ October 2015. Also see link at <http://www.wcwonline.org/Women-s-Review-Of-Books-Sept/Oct-2015/no-empire-without-collaborator s>.
- *Perspectives on Chinese Society: Anthropological Views from Japan*, American Ethnologist. Vol. 25, No. 3, August 1998.
- *The Road of Chinese Childhood: Learning and Identification in Angang*, American Ethnologist. Vol. 25, No. 1, February 1998.

**Ph. D. Dissertation:**

- "The Obedient Wife, the Iron Girl, and the Capable Woman": Chinese State Ideology and Gender Policies (1900-the 1990's), 1993.

**Work in Progress:**

- *The Masculinist State in China: An Historical Sociological and Legal Analysis*
- *Productive Femininity: The 'Iron Girl' Image in the Maoist Era China*

**GRANTS**

**Ford Foundation:**

- Four-year project on "Women and Economic Development" (2003-2007)
- "Evaluation of the State Poverty Reduction" (2000-2003)
- Conference grant for Globalization and Gender (2001)

- Conducted a five-day workshop on feminist pedagogy and economic development theories in Sichuan Province (2000)
- Conference grant for Economic Development and Gender (1998)

***Other Grants:***

- Research Assistant Award at Holy Cross (2017)
- Course Development Faculty Fellowship at Holy Cross (2017)
- Fellowship, Faculty Undergraduate Research Initiative at NU (2005)
- National Women's Studies Association, Travel grant (2002)
- Peace Education Organization Scholarship for Graduate Education (1986-1988)

**ACADEMIC RESEARCH**

- Interviewed members of Chinese New Left (2010)
- Fieldwork in Guizhou, interviewed Buyi women (2004)
- Fieldwork, Policy Evaluation of the "Happiness Project" in Sichuan Province (2002-03)
- Fieldwork, Population Control and Poverty Reduction (2001)
- Fieldwork, interviewed women in Danzi village, Sichuan Province (2000)
- Fieldwork, interviewed women in Beishadao village, Shandong Province (1992, 1987)
- Fieldwork, interviewed members of the Chinese Society for Women's Studies (1991)
- Assisted in a research project on urban economic reform conducted by Dr. Susan Shirk, University of California – San Diego, San Diego, CA (1984)
- Assisted in a research project on rural small-scale industries conducted by Dr. Christine Wong, University of California – Berkeley, Berkeley, CA (1982)

**COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH**

- Researched and indexed materials for *The First and Second Internal Revolution: Selected Materials on the History of the Struggle Over Land in the Guomindang Era*, three volumes, by the Modern Economic History Section of the Institute of Economics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing: People's Press (1981-1986)
- Researched and edited materials for *Selected Materials on the Base Areas and Liberated Areas Jiangxi*: People's Press (1987)

**INVITED LECTURES**

- "Institutional Sexism: A Historical Review of the Chinese State (1950-1980)" Women's Learning Partnership (2023)
- "Gender and the Cultural Revolution: What Was Mao's Vision of Social Justice" Assumption College (2016)
- "The Happiness Project in Four Chinese Villages" Smith College (2015)
- "One-child Policy and Women's Rights in China" Emerson College (2014)
- "Chinese Cultural Revolution Revisited" Holy Cross College (2007)
- "Feminist Post-Development Discourse: Theory and Practice" Kunming (2005)
- "Revolution and Reform: Second and Third Waves of Feminism" Guizhou (2004) ● "From

Religion to Posts: Intellectual History in the West” Xian (2002)

- “Chinese Women and the Cultural Revolution” Holy Cross College (2002)
- "Rethinking Development Paradigms and Searching for Chinese Locality," Chengdu, Institute of Ethnic Studies (2000)
- "Problems and Limitations in Euro-American Feminist Theories," Beijing Normal University (2000)
- "New Concepts and Ideas in Post-Development Theories," Shanxi Province, Women's Federation (1998)

## PRESENTATIONS

- “The Masculinist State in China: An Historical & Sociological Analysis” at Women’s Studies Research Center (WSRC), Brandeis University (2022)
- “The ‘Iron Girl’ Image and Gender Equality: Creation of Chinese Working Class Culture,” American Humanist Sociology Conference, University of Havana, Cuba (2017)
- “Rural Women’s Bodies and Invisible Hands: Neoliberalism and Population Control in China,” A Symposium: Vulnerable Bodies/Embodied Boundaries, Northeastern University (2013)
- Book talk: Women, War, and Violence, at Northeastern University (2011)
- “Neo-liberalism and Feminization of Production and Reproduction,” at Gender and Social Transformation: Global, Transnational and Local Realities and Perspectives, Beijing (2009)
- Rethinking Globalization, Round Table Discussion, Worcester State College (2006)
- “Women in Subsistence: Resistance to Globalization” at International Conference on Gendering Transformation, Greece (2005)
- “The New Reproductive Ideology” at the 26th Annual Conference for the National Women’s Studies Association, New Orleans, LA (2003)
- “From the ‘Happiness Project’ in China to an Examination of the Problems of Euro-American Feminist Discourse” at the 25th Annual Conference for the National Women’s Studies Association, Las Vegas, NV (2002)
- “Globalization and Development: Issues and Debates” at Gender, Ethnicity and Development Conference, Guiyang, China (2001)
- "Contesting Sites: Social Constructions of Youth in the 90's" at Asian Studies Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA (1999)
- "Lessons and Experiences in Chinese and International Development" at Gender, Poverty, and Participation in Rural Development Conference, Sichuan, China (1998)
- "The Cultural Politics of Ambiguity: Five Debates Over Femininity in Twentieth Century China," Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, North Carolina (1996)
- "The Debate Over Femininity in Twentieth Century China" at an Interdisciplinary Conference, Tufts University, Medford, MA (1996)
- "Rethinking the Image of the Iron Girl," Asian American Studies East Regional Conference, Clark University, Worcester, MA (1996)
- "A Proposal for a Development Strategy for Mexican Rural Women," American



- Anthropological Association East Regional Conference (1990)
- "The Impact of Deng Xiaoping's Production Responsibility Policies on Rural Women," annual meeting of Chinese Historians in the United States, Baltimore, MD (1989)
- "Chinese Perceptions of Women's Studies," Harvard Conference for International Women's Day, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (1989)

### **CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION**

- Women Take the Reel: Film Festival at Northeastern University (2010-2013)
- One week event to host Callie Crossley (the Northeastern University Humanities Center's Artists and Practitioners in Residence Program) (2010)
- TARGET International Workshop (2008-2009)
- Works in Progress: Talking Feminism at NU (2007-2008)
- Gender Matters Series (2006-2011)
- The Phenomenon of Trafficking Women in Thailand (2006)
- Commemorating the Rwanda Genocide: 12 Years Later (2006)
- Women, War, and Violence (2006)
- Women of Color Dialogue at NU (2005)
- A five-day workshop: Gender and Development at Yunnan, China (2005)
- Visiting Scholar Speaker Series (2000-2012)
- Gender Workshops at Northeastern University (2002-2004)
- Panel Discussion at the National Women's Studies Association Conference at New Orleans 2003 "Production, Reproduction, and Myth in Post-Socialist Societies"
- Organized the first Women's Studies Program delegation from NU to participate in the 24th NWSA annual conference in New Orleans. Four panelists joined the discussion; three of them were graduate students, two doctoral candidates from the Political Science Department, and one studying for her Masters degree in the History Department.
- Women's Studies Conference at Northeastern University, March 21, 2003
- "Therapeutic Implications of Gender, Race/Ethnicity and Class
- Town House Meeting with the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center, (December 7, 2002)
- A ten-day workshop: Gender and Development at Xian, China (2002)
- Teleconference at NU: Women and Leadership (2002)

### **LEADERSHIP**

- Member of Advisory Board for Asian Studies Program at Worcester State University (2023-current)
- Member of Teaching & Development Committee, Asian Studies at the College of the Holy Cross (2017-18)
- Member of the Mission Committee, Women's Studies at the College of the Holy Cross (2014-15)

- Chair of Chinese Society for Women's Studies in North America (2002-2006)
- Member of the Executive Board, Women's Studies at NU (1997-2013)
- Member of the Asian American Advisory Group for the President's Office at NU (1998-2006)