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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Loyola University Maryland Baltimore, Maryland

Professor, Department of Political Science, 2020-present

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2014-2020

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2008-2014

Catholic University Leuven Leuven, Belgium

Visiting Professor, 2025-2027

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile Santiago, Chile

Fulbright Teaching/Research Scholar, Fall 2015

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, Ph.D. in Political Science, May 2008

Williams College, B.A. in Asian Studies, May 1991

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Loyola International Nachbahr Huis Director, KU Leuven, 2025-2027

Chairman, Department of Political Science, 2017-2025

Global Studies Advisory Committee, 2009-2014

BOOK

The Politics of Protestant Churches and the Party-State in China, God Above Party?
(New York: Routledge, 2018).

EDITOR OF SPECIAL ISSUE ON FIELDWORK ON CHRISTIANITY IN CHINA

Editor, Special Issue and Introductory essay, "Negotiations and Diversifications of China's Christianities," and article, "Looking Back, Looking Forward: A Sketch of the Field of Christianity in China Studies and Possible Future Directions," *Review of Religion and Chinese Society* 6:1 (April 2019): 1-4, 99-125.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

"Online and Offline Religion in China: A Protestant WeChat 'Alter-Public' through the Bible Handcopying Movement," (co-authored with Jianbo Huang) *Religions* 10.10 (2019): 561 (17 pages).

"Protestantism, Community Service, and Evangelism in Contemporary China,"

(co-authored with Jianbo Huang and Jesse Sun) *International Journal for the Study of the Christian Church* (January 2016), 305-319.

“Protestant Christianity and Civil Society in Authoritarian China, The Impact of Official Churches and Unregistered ‘Urban Churches’ on Civil Society Development in the 2000s,” *China Perspectives* 3 (2012), 43-52.

“Attraction without Networks: Recruiting Strangers to Unregistered Protestantism,” (co-authored with Kevin J. O’Brien) *Mobilization* 12:1 (March 2007), 79-94.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

“Is there religious freedom in China?” and “How is Christianity practiced in China?” Chapters in James Miller and Benjamin Overmeire, eds. *Chinese Religions in Five Minutes* (Equinox, forthcoming).

“The Public Transcript and the Rise and Fall of ‘Urban Churches’,” chapter in Hank Johnston and Sheldon Zhang, eds., *Protest and Resistance in the Chinese Party-State* (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2022), 279-303.

“One more Christian, one fewer *activist*,’ – Does Christianity Squelch Activism? Hypotheses from Studying Former Tiananmen Activists who Converted to Protestant Christianity,” chapter in Fenggang Yang and Chris White, eds., *Christian Social Activism and Rule of Law in Chinese Societies* (Lehigh University Press, 2021), 383-394.

“Protestant resistance and activism in China’s official churches,” chapter in Teresa Wright, ed., *Handbook of Protest and Resistance in China* (Edward Elgar Publishing, June 2019).

“Three high-profile Protestant microbloggers in contemporary China: expanding public discourse or burrowing into religious niches on Weibo (China’s Twitter)?” (co-authored with Jianbo Huang), in Stefania Travagnin, ed., *Religion and Media in China: Insights and Case Studies from the Mainland, Taiwan and Hong Kong* (Routledge, November 2016).

“Protestant Reactions to the Nationalism Agenda in Contemporary China,” in Francis G.K. Lim, ed., *Christianity in Contemporary China, Socio-cultural Perspectives* (Routledge, 2012), pp. 59-77.

“The State-Religion Relationship in Contemporary China: Corporatism with Hegemony,” in Jennifer Y.J. Hsu and Reza Hasmath, eds., *The Chinese Corporatist State: Adaptation, Survival, and Revival* (Routledge, 2012).

“Pathways to the Pulpit: Leadership Training in “Patriotic” and Unregistered Chinese Protestant Churches,” in Yoshiko Ashiwa and David Wank, eds., *Making Religion, Making the State: The Politics of Religion in Contemporary China* (Stanford, 2009).

“Recruitment to Chinese House Churches,” with Kevin J. O’Brien, in Kevin J. O’Brien, ed., *Popular Protest in China* (Harvard, 2008), 108-25. [light revision of co-authored journal article]

BOOK REVIEWS AND BOOK NOTES

Religious Entrepreneurism in China’s Urban House Churches, The Rise and Fall of Early Rain

Reformed Presbyterian Church (New York: Routledge, 2020) by Li Ma. *Review of Religion and Chinese Societies* 7:1 (2020): 149-152.

China Dream, (Counterpoint, 2018), by Ma, Jian. *International Journal for the Study of the Christian Church* 19:2-3 (2019): 192-195.

China and Islam, the Prophet, the Party-state, and the Law, (Oxford University Press, 2016) by Matthew S. Erie. *Sociology of Islam* 6.4 (2018): 454-459.

Christian Values in Communist China, (Routledge, 2013) by Gerda Wielander. *Review of Religion and Chinese Society* 3:2 (2016): 261-264.

A Protestant Church in Communist China, Moore Memorial Church Shanghai, 1949-1989, (Lehigh University Press, 2012) by John Craig William Keating. *Journal of Chinese Religions* 42:2 (2014): 228-229.

Overseas Chinese Christian Entrepreneurs in Modern China, A Case Study of the Influence of Christian Ethics on Business Life (Anthem Press, 2012) by Joy Kooi-Chin Tong. *China Journal* 70 (July 2013): 227-229.

Religion in China: Survival and Revival under Communist Rule (Oxford, 2011) by Fenggang Yang. *Social Forces* (November 2012), doi: 10.1093/sf/sos037.

China's New Confucianism, Politics and Everyday Life in a Changing Society (Princeton, 2008, 2010 with a new preface) by Daniel A. Bell. *Religious Studies Review* 38:1(March 2012): 34.

INVITED VISITING SCHOLAR POSITION

Erasmus Mundus scholar. Roskilde University, Copenhagen, Denmark May-June 2012

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Changes in China’s Triple Religious Market after 2018: the Impact of Xi Jinping’s ‘heavy regulation,’” (with coauthor) Society for the Scientific Study of Religion National Conference, Utah, October 2023.

“Conceptualizing pathways after Protestant Christian conversion: the role of social networks in 21st century Chinese social & political activism,” Christianity and Social Activism in Chinese Societies Conference, Purdue University, February 24-26, 2019.

“The United Front Work Conferences and Religious Affairs Work (1990 to 2015): Foreshadowing Discourse and Policies,” Symposium on Chinese Communist Party’s United Front Work Department, Weatherhead Asian Institute, Columbia University, September 2017.

“China’s Global Capital vs Social Forces in Chile: Contention over Chile’s Copper Mines,” American Political Science Association national meeting, Philadelphia, 2016.

“Indigenizing Christianity under President Xi Jinping: A Few Questions,” July 2016 Fudan-University of California, San Diego Presentation at Policy Briefing, San Diego, July 2016.

“A defender los intereses de las iglesias protestantes contra abusos del poder del partido-estado comunista en China contemporánea [Defending the Interests of Protestant Churches against Abuses of Communist Party-state Power in Contemporary China],” [in Spanish], XV Congreso del Asociación Latinoamericana de Estudios de Asia y África, [15th Congress of the Latin American Association of the Study of Asia and Africa], Universidad Adolfo Ibañez, Santiago, Chile, January 14, 2016.

“Resistance within the Party-state in China, Protestant Church Leaders Mobilizing against Local State Power,” *China y America Latina en el ‘siglo asiático’* [China and Latin America in the “Asian Century”], Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile, September 22-23, 2015; *Religion y Sociedad en el Asia-Pacífico Globalizado* [Religion and Society in the Globalized Asia-Pacific], Universidad del Desarrollo, Santiago, Chile, November 26, 2015. (in Spanish)

“Chinese Christianity as a Force for Change: individuals, churches, and Party-state,” invited participant in “Christianity in China: A Force for Change?” panel at Brookings Institution, Washington, DC, June 2014.

“Forging a Public Sphere in Contemporary China? Possible Lessons from a New Type of Open, Autonomous, and Large Unregistered Urban Protestant Churches,” 10th Annual Conference on the Social Scientific Study of Religion in China, Hong Kong, 2013.

“The Emergence of Unregistered Churches and a Nationwide Network,” presented at conference on “Religion, Faith, State, and Society [in China],” Sweden, June 2011.

“Protestant Reactions to the Nationalist Agenda in Contemporary China,” presented at conference “Christianity in China Today: Socio-cultural perspectives,” Nanyang Technology University, Singapore, January 2011.

“Making Case Study Research Better: Step One of Research Design,” pedagogical lecture at the 7th Symposium on Social Scientific Study of Religion in Beijing, China, 2010.

ORGANIZED PANELS

“Politics of China’s Investment and Resource Extraction in Africa & Latin America,” American Political Science Association national meeting, Philadelphia, 2016.

“China’s Religions Online: the Politics of Buddhism, Protestant Christianity, and Islam in Cyberspace,” Association for Asian Studies meeting, Philadelphia, 2014.

“Religion at the Political Margins in China,” Association for Asian Studies meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii, 2011.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM ORGANIZER

2015 national program for Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR), October 2015, Orange County, California

RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

Loyola University Maryland Summer Research Grant, “Chinese Protestant Collective Contention within Official Churches,” 2018.

Loyola University Maryland Mid-Career Summer Grant, “China’s Expanding Influence in Latin America? Studying China’s Export of Religion Management Strategies to Cuba”, 2016.

Fulbright Scholar Chile, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, “The Impact of China’s “Going Global” Strategy on Latin American Economies, A Comparison of the Transformations in the Argentinian Soy and Chilean Copper Sectors,” Fall 2015.

Loyola University Maryland Summer Research Grants, *God Above Party, the Politics of Protestants and Party-State in Contemporary China*, 2011, 2013.

Loyola University Maryland Junior Sabbatical, Fieldwork in People’s Republic of China for Project: *God Above Party*, 2010.

Chiang Ch’ing Kuo Predoctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2004.

Harvard-Peking University-University of Hawaii Fellowship, 2002-2003.

Foreign Languages Area Scholarship, Chinese, 2001.

Harvey Fellowship, Mustard Seed Foundation, 2000.

SELECT APPEARANCES AND INTERVIEWS IN VARIOUS MEDIA

Television

Live video interview (in Mandarin Chinese), VOA Chinese service, "With 'leading' as the fundamental work principle, does Chinese religious freedom require believing in the Chinese Communist Party first?" Voice of America (August 12, 2016). Accessed February 10, 2017. <http://www.voachinese.com/a/3461688.html>.

Interview with Barbara Serra, segment on “South China Sea Activity,” *Al Jazeera America*, “International Newshour,” April 16, 2015 (5-min expert interview).

“News Pulse, Papal Visit to the Philippines,” *Channel NewsAsia*, January 15, 2015.

“Between the Lines,” August 21, 2014, (<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/video>)

Podcasts

Michael Lipin, VOA China 360 podcast, “What’s behind China’s Unusual Removal of Christian Church Crosses?” August 14, 2016, <http://www.voanews.com/a/3464424.html>.

Invited blogposts

“Law and Religion in the People’s Republic of China,” Canopy Forum on the Interactions of Law and Religion, Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Emory University, (August 1, 2024) (<https://canopyforum.org/2024/08/01/law-and-religion-in-the-peoples-republic-of-china/>).

“Official Protestant Groups Plan Next Five Years of Sinicization, What Does the TSPM/CCC 5-Year Plan Tell Us about the Direction of Official Protestantism?” ChinaSource (April 3, 2024) (<https://chinasource.org/articles/official-protestant-groups-plan-next-five-years-of-sinicization/>)

“The 2023 Regulations for Religious Activity Site Registration: What the Party Doesn’t Want You to Know,” ChinaSource, (February 12, 2024) (<https://chinasource.org/articles/the-2023-regulations-for-religious-activity-site-registration/>)

“As US retreats, China advances: UNESCO’s World Heritage sites, tourism, and religion,” Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University, (April 2, 2019) (<https://berkleycenter.georgetown.edu/posts/as-the-united-states-retreats-china-advances-unesco-s-world-heritage-sites-tourism-and-religion>).

“China at 65: Religious Freedom is Better and Worse,” Cornerstone webpage, Georgetown University’s Religious Freedom Project of the Berkley Center: <http://berkleycenter.georgetown.edu/cornerstone/the-changing-dynamic-of-religious-freedom-in-china/responses/china-at-65-religious-freedom-is-better-and-worse-eda6d3a7-7fc3-4a69-8b8e-1755896ab758>, published October 1, 2014.

U.S. and international newspapers

Ian Johnson, “Chinese Christians Resist Government Plan to Remove Crosses,” *New York Times*, August 10, 2015, http://www.nytimes.com/2015/08/11/world/asia/chinese-christians-resist-government-plan-to-remove-crosses.html?emc=edit_tnt_20150811&nliid=16767078&tnmailto=y&r=1.

Robert Marquand, “Xi Jinping state visit: China’s arrest of southern Christians intensifies,” *Christian Science Monitor*, September 25, 2015 <http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Asia-Pacific/2015/0925/China-state-visit-Xi-s-crackdown-on-southern-Christians-intensifies>, September 25, 2015.

_____, “In China, a Church-State Showdown of Biblical Proportions,” *Christian Science Monitor*, <http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Asia-Pacific/2015/0111/In-China-a-church-state-showdown-of-biblical-proportions>, published January 11, 2015, accessed January 16, 2015.

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Tom Phillips, "Chinese Christians Under Pressure from Anti-Cult Campaign," *The Telegraph*,
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/china/11198580/Chinese-Christians-under-pressure-from-anti-cult-campaign.html>, published October 30, 2014.

Annelien De Greef, *Der Standaard* [Belgium's largest newspaper], "Jacht op kruisen is geopend (Hunt for Christians is open)," published May 22, 2015, accessed May 27, 2015,
http://www.standaard.be/cnt/dmf20150522_01694830.

Rebecca Trounson, "Kuang-hsun Ting dies at 97; bishop led Protestant church in China," *Los Angeles Times*, November 28, 2012, accessed November 29, 2012,
<http://www.latimes.com/news/obituaries/la-me-1129-bishop-ting-20121129,0,6020039.story>.

Edgar Dasor, "Les Deux Visages du Christianisme Chinois (The Two Images of Chinese Christianity)," published April 7, 2012, accessed April 14, 2012,
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Kim Schou, "Strict Controls on Christians Fail (Streng kontrol med kristne fejl)," *Kristeligt Dagblad* published October 26, 2011, accessed May 15, 2012,
<http://www.kristeligt-dagblad.dk/artikel/437919:Udland--Streng-kontrol-med-kristne-fejler?all=1>.

Donata Hardenberg, "Christianity: China's Best Bet?" *Al Jazeera*, published July 1, 2011, accessed June 12, 2012,
<http://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/101east/2011/06/2011629646319175.html>.

Andrew Jacobs, "Chinese Christians Rally around Underground Church," *The New York Times*, published May 12, 2011 (online and in print edition),
<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/05/13/world/asia/13china.html>.

Chris Buckley and Sui-Lee Wee, "Beijing Church Faces Eviction in Tense Times," published April 3, 2011, Reuters, <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/03/us-china-church-idUSTRE7320S420110403>.

John Garnaut, "Obama pressed to make a stand in Beijing for religious faith," *The Age*, published November 16, 2009, accessed October 31, 2011, <http://www.watoday.com.au/world/obama-pressed-to-make-a-stand-in-beijing-for-religious-freedom-20091115-igf2.html>.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AND ARTICLES

"How China's Religious Affairs Bureaucracy Works," article for Christian NGO ChinaSource.org, Winter 2004, *ChinaSource Quarterly*, published December 4, 2013,
<http://www.chsource.org/en/articles/government-and-policy/item/440-how-china-s-religious-affairs-bureaucracy-works>.

ARTICLE REFEREE AND MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER POSITIONS

American Journal of Sociology, China Perspectives, Chinese Sociological Review, Religions,

Religion, State, and Society, Comparative Politics, Journal of Third World Studies, Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion, Modern China, Politics and Religion, Qualitative Sociology, Review of Religion in Chinese Societies, Social Problems. Springer, Oxford University Press.

LANGUAGES

English, Chinese, Danish, Spanish