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Dr. Regina M. Abrami is the Director of the Lauder Institute's Global Program and Head of its International Studies faculty at the University of Pennsylvania. She also holds appointments in the Departments of Political Science and Management as Senior Lecturer and Senior Fellow. At Wharton, she teaches a popular MBA strategic management elective "Managing and Competing: The Case of China." Lauder Institute teaching broadly centers on international and comparative political economy, comparative politics, and intercultural communication. Prior to Wharton, Dr. Abrami served on the faculty of Harvard Business School for 11 years in various capacities, including co-designer of its "Doing Business in China" course, inaugural faculty chair of its international immersion program, and faculty member in its "Business, Government, and International Economy" unit. HBS honors include appointment as a Hellman Faculty Fellow, awarded for distinction in research, and the Robert F. Greenhill Award, given in recognition of distinguished service. In addition to dozens of HBS case studies, Dr. Abrami's published work has appeared in *Comparative Politics*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, *Harvard Business Review*, *Marketwatch* (WSJ), the *China Policy Institute*, the *Oxford Handbook of Asian Business Systems*. Her 2014 book, *Can China Lead? Reaching the Limits of Power and Growth* (co-authored with William C. Kirby and F. Warren McFarlan) was published by Harvard Business Review Press (published in Chinese in 2017). In 2017, she won an Aspen Institute "Ideas Worth Teaching" Award for her Lauder Institute course on strategic foresight.



Cheng Chen

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Cheng Chen is a Professor of Political Science at University at Albany, SUNY. Her research and teaching interests include post-communist politics, nationalism and nation-building, political ideology, Chinese politics, and comparative-historical methodology. She is the author of *The Return of Ideology: The Search for Regime Identities in Post-communist Russia* (Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press, 2016), and *The Prospects for Liberal Nationalism in Post-Leninist States* (University Park, PA: Penn State University Press, 2007, 2012). She is also the co-editor of *Confronting the Challenges of Urbanization in China: Insights from Social Science Perspectives* (New York: Routledge, 2016) and *The Emergence of a New Urban China: Insider's Perspectives* (Lanham: Lexington, 2012, 2013), which was selected by Choice as an "Outstanding Academic Title" in 2013. Currently, Chen is working on a research project comparing corruption crackdowns in China and Russia under and after communism as well as a co-edited volume on anti-corruption campaigns in Asia.

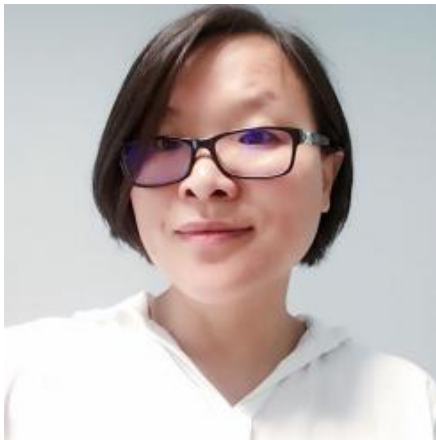
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Jacques deLisle is the Stephen A. Cozen Professor of Law at the University of Pennsylvania. His research and teaching focus on contemporary Chinese law and politics, including: legal reform and its relationship to economic reform and political change in China, the international status of Taiwan and cross-Strait relations, China's engagement with the international order, legal and political issues in Hong Kong under Chinese rule, and U.S.-China relations. His writings on these subjects appear in a variety of fora, including international relations journals, edited volumes of multidisciplinary scholarship, and Asian studies journals, as well as law reviews. DeLisle is also professor of political science and former Director of the Center for East Asian Studies at Penn and director of the Asia Program at the Foreign Policy Research Institute. He has served frequently as an expert witness on issues of P.R.C. law and government policies and is a consultant, lecturer and advisor to legal reform, development and education programs, primarily in China.



Yanhua Deng

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Yanhua Deng is a professor in the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Nanjing University, China and a current visiting scholar at the Harvard-Yenching Institute. Her research centers on contentious politics and environmental sociology. She has published articles in *China Journal*, *China Quarterly*, *Journal of Contemporary China*, *Modern China* and *Political Studies*. She is also the author of *Environmental Protest in Rural China* (China Social Sciences Press, 2016).

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Bruce Dickson

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Professor Dickson received his B.A. in political science and English literature, his M.A. in Chinese Studies, and his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Michigan. He joined the faculty of The George Washington University and the Elliott School in 1993. Professor Dickson's research and teaching focus on political dynamics in China, especially the adaptability of the Chinese Communist Party and the regime it governs. In addition to courses on China, he also teaches on comparative politics and authoritarianism. His current research examines the political consequences of economic reform in China, the Chinese Communist Party's evolving strategy for survival, and the changing relationship between state and society. His research has been supported by the National Science Foundation, the Smith Richardson Foundation, the US Institute of Peace, and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.



Matthew Erie

Associate Professor of Modern Chinese Studies and Fellow at St. Cross College, University of Oxford

Matthew S. Erie (J.D., Ph.D.) is an Associate Professor of Modern Chinese Studies and Associate Research Fellow of the Socio-Legal Studies Centre at the University of Oxford. Professor Erie's interdisciplinary work combines law and anthropology to expand the theoretical bases and empirical borders of comparative law, with a particular focus on Chinese law, Islamic law, and Asian law, more generally. Specifically, has written on Chinese domestic law (e.g., property law, constitutional law, and ethnic and religious policy) and international law (e.g., dispute resolution, conflict of laws, anti-corruption law, and investment law) in such journals as the *Virginia Journal of International Law*, *American Journal of Comparative Law*, *Law and Social Inquiry*, and *American Ethnologist*. His first book, *China and Islam: The Prophet, the Party, and Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2016), is the first ethnographic study of the relationship between sharia and state law in China. His current research project "China, Law and Development," funded by a European Research Council Starting Grant (€1.5 million), examines China's approach to building cross-border order through international economic law and the regulatory regimes of fragile host states.

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Joe Fewsmith

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Joseph Fewsmith is Professor of International Relations and Political Science at the Boston University Pardee School. He is the author or editor of eight books, including, most recently, *The Logic and Limits of Political Reform in China* (January 2013). Other works include *China since Tiananmen* (2nd edition, 2008) and *China Today, China Tomorrow* (2010). Other books include *Elite Politics in Contemporary China* (2001), *The Dilemmas of Reform in China: Political Conflict and Economic Debate* (1994), and *Party, State, and Local Elites in Republican China: Merchant Organizations and Politics in Shanghai, 1890-*

1930 (1985). He is one of the seven regular contributors to the China Leadership Monitor, a quarterly web publication analyzing current developments in China. Fewsmith travels to China regularly and is active in the Association for Asian Studies and the American Political Science Association. His articles have appeared in such journals as *Asian Survey*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *The China Journal*, *The China Quarterly*, *Current History*, *The Journal of Contemporary China*, *Problems of Communism*, and *Modern China*. He is an associate of the John King Fairbank Center for East Asian Studies at Harvard University and the Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer Range Future at Boston University.



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Diana Fu is associate professor of political science at The University of Toronto and director of the East Asia Seminar Series at the Asian Institute, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy. Her research examines popular contention, state control, civil society, and authoritarian citizenship, with a focus on contemporary China. She is author of the award-winning book “Mobilizing Without the Masses: Control and Contention in China” (2018, Cambridge University Press and Columbia Weatherhead Series). Based on political ethnography inside labor organizations, it uncovers how China’s

migrant workers organized for rights without protesting en masse. It received the 2018 American Political Science Association’s Luebbert Prize for the best book in comparative politics, the 2019 International Studies Association’s best book award in international political sociology, and the 2019 American Sociological Association’s Charles Tilly Book Award. Her articles have appeared in *Comparative Political Studies* (co-winner of the 2017 best article in CPS), *Governance* (winner of the 2019 American Sociological Association’s Distinguished Scholarly Article Award), *Modern China*, *Perspectives on Politics*, and *The China Journal*.

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Bates Gill

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Dr. Bates Gill has a 30-year career as a scholar, policy advisor and author, focusing on Asia-Pacific politics, foreign policy and security, with a particular focus on China and U.S.-China relations. He has held leadership, research and academic positions with some of the world's leading institutions and universities, including the Brookings Institution, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Johns Hopkins University, the University of Sydney, and the Australian National University. He has published eight books and over 150 other publications, including most recently *China Matters: Getting it Right for Australia* (Black Inc/LaTrobe University Press, 2017) (with Linda Jakobson). His current research projects include a focus

on the modernization of Chinese strategic forces (nuclear, cyber, space) and how U.S. allies are balancing relations between a rising China and an uncertain America.



Avery Goldstein

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Avery Goldstein is the David M. Knott Professor of Global Politics and International Relations in the Political Science Department at the University of Pennsylvania and the inaugural director of the Center for the Study of Contemporary China. His research focuses on international relations, security studies, and Chinese politics. He is the author of *Rising to the Challenge: China's Grand Strategy and International Security* (Stanford University Press, 2005), *Deterrence and Security in the 21st Century: China, Britain, France and the Enduring Legacy of the Nuclear Revolution* (Stanford University Press, 2000), and *From Bandwagon to Balance of*

Power Politics: Structural Constraints and Politics in China, 1949-1978 (Stanford University Press, 1991). His other publications include articles in *International Security*, *International Organization*, *The Journal of Strategic Studies*, *Security Studies*, *Orbis*, *The China Quarterly*, *Asian Survey*, *Comparative Politics*, and *Polity*. He is also Associate Director of the Christopher Browne Center for International Politics at Penn and Senior Fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia.

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Emily Hannum is a professor of sociology and education at the University of Pennsylvania. Her research interests are poverty and child welfare, gender and ethnic stratification, and sociology of education. Current projects focus on childhood poverty in China, the impact of large-scale school consolidations on educational attainment in China, and family separation and children's education in China and in comparative perspective. Data collection projects include a longitudinal study of rural poverty and upward mobility in northwest China and a study of environment and health at the beginning of life in southeast China. Recent publications include "Education in East Asian Societies: Postwar

Expansion and the Evolution of Inequality" (2019, *Annual Review of Sociology*, with Hiroshi Ishida, Hyunjoon Park, and Tony Tam) and "Differences at the Extremes? Gender, National Contexts, and Math Performance in Latin America." (2019, *American Educational Research Journal*, with Ran Liu and Andrea Alvarado-Urbina).



Xin He

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He Xin is Professor at HKU Law Faculty. A pioneer in studying China's legal systems from a socio-legal perspective, he is one of the most cited China law scholars. His monograph *Embedded Courts: Judicial Decision Making in China* with Kwai Hang Ng (Cambridge University Press 2017) won "the Distinguished Book Award" by the Asian Law & Society Association and the runner-up of the book prize by the ICON-S (the International Public Law Association). He was awarded the Humanities and Social Sciences Prestigious Fellowship of Hong Kong in 2019. His second monograph, *Gendered Divorces in Chinese Courts*, will be published by NYU Press in 2020. Since 2019, he has blogged dozens of Chinese essays on law and social sciences research and

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Jamie Horsley

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Jamie Horsley is a Visiting Lecturer in Law and Senior Fellow of the Paul Tsai China Center at Yale Law School. Her project work and research revolve primarily around issues of administrative law, governance and regulatory reform, including promoting government transparency, public participation and government accountability. She was formerly Executive Director of the Yale China Law Center. Prior to joining Yale, she was a partner in the international law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison; Commercial Attaché in the U.S. Embassies in Beijing and Manila; Vice President of Motorola International, Inc.; and a consultant to The Carter Center's China Village Elections Project. She

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Yue Hou is an assistant professor of political science at the University of Pennsylvania. Her substantive research interests include authoritarian institutions, business-state relations, the political economy of development, and ethnic politics, with a regional focus on China. Her book *The Private Sector in Public Office: Selective Property Rights in China* (October 2019, Cambridge University Press) examines strategies Chinese private entrepreneurs use to protect property from expropriation. In 2015–16, she was a postdoctoral fellow at Penn's Center for the Study of Contemporary China. She received her PhD in Political Science from MIT and her BA in

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Scott Kennedy

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Scott Kennedy is senior adviser and Trustee Chair in Chinese Business and Economics at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). A leading authority on Chinese economic policy, Kennedy has been traveling to China for over 30 years. His specific areas of expertise include industrial policy, technology innovation, business lobbying, U.S.-China commercial relations, and global governance. He is the author of *China's Risky Drive into New-Energy Vehicles* (CSIS, November 2018), *The Fat Tech Dragon: Benchmarking China's Innovation Drive* (CSIS, August 2017), and *The Business of Lobbying in China* (Harvard University Press, 2005). He has edited three books, including *Global Governance and China: The Dragon's Learning Curve* (Routledge, 2018). His articles have appeared in a wide array of policy, popular, and academic venues, including *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, and *China Quarterly*. He is currently writing a book tentatively titled, *The Power of Innovation: The Strategic Importance of China's High-Tech Drive*. From 2000 to 2014, Kennedy was a professor at Indiana University (IU), where he established the Research Center for Chinese Politics & Business and was the founding academic director of IU's China Office. Kennedy received his Ph.D. in political science from George Washington University, his M.A. in China Studies from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and his B.A. from the University of Virginia.

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Cheng Li

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Cheng Li is the director of the John L. Thornton China Center and a senior fellow in the Foreign Policy program at Brookings. He is also a director of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. Li focuses on the transformation of political leaders, generational change, the Chinese middle class, and technological development in China. Li grew up in Shanghai during the Cultural Revolution. In 1985, he came to the United States, where he received a master's in Asian studies from the University of California, Berkeley and a doctorate in political science from Princeton University. From 1993 to 1995, he worked in China as a fellow sponsored by the Institute of Current World Affairs in the U.S., observing grassroots changes in his native country. Based on this experience, he published a nationally acclaimed book, "Rediscovering China: Dynamics and Dilemmas of Reform" (1997). He is currently completing a book manuscript with the working title "Xi Jinping's Protégés: Rising Elite Groups in the Chinese Leadership". He is the principal editor of the Thornton Center Chinese Thinkers Series published by the Brookings Institution Press.



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Melanie Manion

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Melanie Manion is Vor Broker Family Professor of Political Science at Duke University. She studied philosophy and political economy at Peking University in the late 1970s, was trained in Far Eastern studies at McGill University and the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London, and earned her doctorate in political science at the University of Michigan. Her research focuses on contemporary authoritarianism, with empirical work on bureaucracy, corruption, information, and representation in China. She is the recipient of numerous research awards, including awards from the National Science Foundation, Fulbright Foundation, Social Science Research Council, and American Council of Learned Societies. Her newest research investigates the political selection of “winners” in China’s ongoing anticorruption campaign. Recent research, in collaboration with Charles Chang, analyzes social media self-censorship in China. Her most recent book, *Information for Autocrats* (Cambridge University Press, 2015), examines representation in Chinese local congresses. Previous publications include *Retirement of Revolutionaries* in China (Princeton University Press, 1993), *Corruption by Design* (Harvard University Press, 2004), and *Contemporary Chinese Politics: New Sources, Methods, and Field Strategies* (edited with Allen Carlson, Mary Gallagher, and Kenneth Lieberthal, Cambridge University Press, 2010). Her articles have appeared in journals including *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Political Studies*, and *China Quarterly*. She is an award-winning teacher.



Marshall Meyer

Tsai Wan-Tsai Professor Emeritus, University of Pennsylvania

Marshall W. Meyer was named Tsai Wan-Tsai Professor in the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania effective July 1, 2010, where he is also Professor of Management, Professor of Sociology, and Associate Member of the Center for East Asian Studies. Previously Meyer has held the Anheuser-Busch and Richard A. Sapp Professorships of Management at Wharton. He is Executive Senior Editor of *Management and Organization Review*. Meyer is currently conducting several research projects in the People’s Republic of China. An ongoing project concerns the transformation, strategy, and structure of Chinese state-owned enterprises. A second project titled focuses on China’s domestic markets and connects trade barriers in domestic markets to early internationalization of Chinese firms. A third project focuses on an innovative management system, ZZJYT, now being implemented by the Haier Group, currently the world’s largest-selling white goods brand.

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Margaret Pearson

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Margaret M. Pearson is Dr. Horace E. and Wilma V. Harrison Distinguished Professor, and Distinguished Scholar-Teacher in the Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park. Her research has focused on China's domestic political economy, domestic bureaucratic and regulatory behavior, and Chinese foreign economic policy. She received her Ph.D. in Political Science from Yale University and was an Associate Professor at Dartmouth College before moving to UMCP in 1996. Pearson's research on China's domestic politics focuses on state control of the economy and central-local bureaucratic relations, and environmental policy. On Chinese foreign policy, Pearson's ongoing projects include determinants of Beijing's behavior in global institutions, climate change governance, and conceptualizations of China's overseas influence. She teaches courses on Chinese domestic politics and foreign policy, and on comparative politics. She has held a Fulbright Research Fellowship at Beijing University.



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Maria Repnikova is a scholar of China's political communication. Maria speaks fluent Mandarin, Russian and Spanish. She is an Assistant Professor in Global Communication at Georgia State University, and the Director of Center for Global Information Studies. Maria was a post-doctoral fellow at the Project for Advanced Research in Global Communication at the Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania. She received her doctorate (DPhil) in Politics at the University of Oxford where she was a Rhodes Scholar. In the past, Maria has also carried out a Fulbright project on China-Russia border examining the driving factors behind the Chinese migration to the Russian Far East. Her research interests include critical journalism, political persuasion, and China's global branding, especially in the African context; authoritarian diffusion, and China-Russia comparisons.

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Andrew Scobell is a senior political scientist at the RAND Corporation, adjunct professor at the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, and member of the faculty at Pardee RAND Graduate School. He previously he served on the faculty of the George H. W. Bush School of Government and Public Service and as director of the China certificate program at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. From 1999 until 2007, Scobell was a research professor in the Strategic Studies Institute at the U.S. Army War College and adjunct professor of political science at Dickinson College, both located in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. His publications include *At the Dawn of Belt and Road: China in the Developing World* (RAND, 2018), *PLA Influence on China's National Security Policymaking* (Stanford University Press, 2015), *China's Search for Security* (Columbia University Press, 2012), *China's Use of Military Force: Beyond the Great Wall and the Long March* (Cambridge University Press, 2003). Scobell was born and raised in Hong Kong and regularly makes research trips to the region. He earned a Ph.D. in political science from Columbia University.



Joseph Torigian

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Torigian is an assistant professor at the School of International Service at American University in Washington, DC, a Stanton Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, and a Global Fellow with the Wilson Center's History and Public Policy Program. He studies the politics of authoritarian regimes with a specific focus on elite power struggles, civil-military relations, and grand strategy. His philosophy as a scholar is to select topics based on the widest gap between the under-utilization of available documents and their theoretical and empirical importance, extract broader lessons, and use those lessons to help us to understand three nations of crucial geopolitical importance – Russia, China, and North Korea. His research agenda draws upon comparative politics, international relations, security studies, and history to ask big questions about the long-term political trajectories of these three states. In particular, Torigian is interested in how leaders in those countries create security against threats from within the elite, their own people, and other states. His first book, "Prestige, Manipulation, and Coercion: Elite Power Struggles after Stalin and Mao," which examines the succession struggles in the Soviet Union and China after the deaths of Stalin and Mao, is forthcoming at Yale University Press.

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Rory Truex

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Rory Truex is an Assistant Professor in Princeton's Department of Politics and Princeton's School of Public and International Affairs. His research focuses on Chinese politics and theories of authoritarian rule. His book *Making Autocracy Work: Representation and Responsiveness in Modern China* investigates the nature of representation in authoritarian systems, specifically the politics surrounding China's National People's Congress (NPC). He argues that the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is engineering a system of "representation within bounds" in the NPC, fostering information revelation but silencing political activism. Original data on deputy backgrounds and behaviors is used to explore the nature of representation, policymaking, and incentives in this constrained system. He is currently working on a new set of projects on repression, human rights, and dissent in contemporary China. His research has been published in the *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *China Quarterly*, among other journals.



Yuhua Wang

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Dr. Yuhua Wang is the Frederick S. Danziger Associate Professor of Government (untentured) at Harvard University. He received his B.A. from Peking University and his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. His research has focused on the emergence and constraints of state institutions, with a regional focus on China. He is the author of *Tying the Autocrat's Hands: The Rise of the Rule of Law in China* (Cambridge University Press, 2015). He is currently working on a new book "The Rise and Fall of the Chinese State, 618-1911" (under contract at Princeton University Press) to examine the long-term state development in China.

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Fenggang Yang

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Fenggang Yang is Professor of Sociology, the founding Director of the Center on Religion and Chinese Society at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. He is the founding Editor of the *Review of Religion and Chinese Society*. He has been elected and served as the President of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (2014-15) and the first President of the East Asian Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (2018-2020). His research focuses on the sociology of religion, religious change in China and immigrant religion in the United States. He is the author of *Atlas of*

Religion in China: Social and Geographical Contexts (2018), *Religion in China: Survival and Revival under Communist Rule* (2012), and *Chinese Christians in America: Conversion, Assimilation, and Adhesive Identities* (1999), and the co-editor of more than ten books. Among his numerous journal articles, two won distinguished article awards. He has given many invited lectures and keynote presentations at major universities and professional associations in the US, Asia and Europe. His media interviews have appeared on the National Public Radio, New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, USA Today, Time, Economist, CNN, BBC, etc.



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"Global Asia" book series of the Amsterdam University Press. He received a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation "Writing and Research Grant" (2003) and was a fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. (2003-2004). Previously he taught as an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and as an associate professor of Asian and Middle Eastern Cultures at Barnard College of Columbia University. He has a Ph. D. in English Literature with a specialty in Literary Translation from Beijing Foreign Studies University and a second Ph.D. in Sociology from New York University.