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## EDUCATION

- **Ph.D in Sociology, September 2016-Present**  
**Johns Hopkins University, Maryland, US**

### **ABD Status, August 2020**

Dissertation: “*Enclosure with Chinese Characteristics:*” *Agrarian Capitalism, Social Inequality, and Crises of Social Reproduction in Rural China*  
(Committee: Beverly Silver, Joel Andreas, Michael Levien)

- **Master’s Degree in Sociology, Sept 2018**  
**Johns Hopkins University, Maryland, US**
- **Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, 2015**  
**University of Michigan, Michigan, US**

Graduation with High Distinction and High Honor

Thesis: *Land Reform and State Penetration: A Comparative Study of CCP and KMT's Rural Policies during the Chinese Revolution* (Mary Gallagher, advisor)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Political Economy of Development
- State and Institutional Change
- Historical Capitalism
- Social Movement
- Labor Migration and Reproduction
- Intellectual History

## PUBLICATION

- “*Enclosure with Chinese Characteristics*”: *A Polanyian Approach to the Origins and Limits of Land Commodification in China* (*The Journal of Peasant Studies*, January 2022, Pp 1-29: <https://doi.org/10.1080/03066150.2021.1979967>)
- “Real-estate Boom, Commodification and Crises of Social Reproductive Institutions in Rural China.” (*Development and Change*, May 2023, Volume 54, Issue 3, Pp 543-569: <https://doi-org.proxy1.library.jhu.edu/10.1111/dech.12769>; Open Access)

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

- *When Capital Comes with a Familiar Face: Embedded Agricultural Capital and Failed Peasant Rent Protest in rural China* (Ready for submission, *The China Journal*)
- *An Institutional Analysis of the Forms and Limits of Counter Movements in China* (part of a special issue for *Politics and Society*)
- Platform to the Rescue? Online Market as a Spatial-Temporal Fix and its Limits. (Preparing for Journal Submission)
- *The End of Spatial Fix: Real Estate and a Chinese Trajectory towards Systemic Crisis of Capital Accumulation* (Preparing for Journal Submission)
- *China's Social and Labor Protest in the Long Duree, 1850-2016* (Preparing for Journal Submission)
- *How Ideas Travel: The Theory of Property Right in Post-Reform China's Rural Land Reform* (Preparing for Journal Submission).
- Book Manuscript: "*Enclosure with Chinese Characteristics: Agricultural Capitalism and Uneven Rural Development*".

## **CONTACT INFORMATION OF REFEREES**

- Prof. Joel Andreas, [jandreas@jhu.edu](mailto:jandreas@jhu.edu)
- Prof. Beverly Silver, [silver@jhu.edu](mailto:silver@jhu.edu)
- Prof. Michael Levien, [levien@jhu.edu](mailto:levien@jhu.edu)

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS**

- "Enclosure with Chinese Characteristics": Agricultural Capitalism in Rural China. Department of Sociology, Peking University. Beijing, China. June 2023
- "When Capital Comes with a Familiar Face:" Embedded Agricultural Capital and Failed Peasant Protests. Session 1605: Work in agrarian times and societies. Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, US, November 2023.
- Real-estate Boom and Crises of Social Reproductive Institutions in Rural China. Section of Development Sociology, Roundtable #6 (Comparing Urban and Rural Development), American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, US, 2023.
- Authoritarian Countermovement: Farmland Commodification in China. Panel on 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Counter Movements and New Rhythms of Capitalist Development, European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes Annual Conference. Lisbon Portugal, July 2023.

- “Enclosure with Chinese characteristics”: a Polanyian Approach to Agricultural Capitalism and State-led Countermovement in China. Seminar on Capturing the Countermovement, organized by Geoff Goodwin and Cuvi Jacinto. Universite Libre De Bruxelles, Brussels Belgium, April 2023.
- Real-estate Boom and Crises of Social Reproductive Institutions in Rural China. Department of Sociology, Zhejiang University. Hangzhou, China, March 2023.
- The Crises of Social Reproduction in Rural China. SOSC Seminar. Division of Social Science. Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong SAR, December 2021.
- “Why Have We Failed?”: The Contradictions of Agrarian Capital Accumulation in Rural China, Conference on Rural Poverty Alleviation, Fudan University, Shanghai China, June 2021.
- Seeing like the State: Understanding China’s Rural Land Reform from a Historical Perspective, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, US, November 2019.
- Seeing like the State: Understanding China’s Changing Land Ownership Institution from a Historical Perspective, at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C, US, May 2019.

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

- Dean’s Teaching Fellowship, Spring 2023 (Postponed due to family medical emergency)
- Johns Hopkins University Covid-19 Dissertation Research Relief Award, June 2021
- 21-Century City Initiative, Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, May 2020
- OYCF-Chow Dissertation Fieldwork Fellowship, by the OYCF-Chow Fellowship Committee, April 2020
- Johns Hopkins University East Asian Studies Research Grant, April 2020
- Adam Smith Fellowship, George Mason University, April 2020 (Awarded and Declined)
- Pre-Dissertation Summer Travel Grants, by Henry-Luce Foundation/ACLS Program in China Studies, summer 2019
- China and Inner Asia Council Small Grants, by the Association for Asian Studies, summer 2019
- Graduation with High Distinction, University of Michigan, May 2015
- High Honor from the Department of Political Science for Undergraduate Thesis, University of Michigan, May 2015
- Thesis Grant: the Gerstein Award, University of Michigan, April 2015
- Consecutive University Honor from Winter 2013 to Winter 2015, University of Michigan

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Lead instructor, Fall 2023**  
**Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland**  
Course taught: *Agrarian Change in Post-Reform China and Beyond*
- **Teaching Assistant, September 2017 – December 2020**  
**Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland**  
Courses Facilitated:
  - Introduction to Sociology
  - Issues in International Development
  - Research Tools for Global Sociology and Development
  - Introduction to Social Statistics
- **Co-Advising Undergraduate Independent Study Project, Fall 2022, Spring 2023**  
Wei Zhou: *Pitfall of Financialization: Boom, Bubble, and Bust of Housing Market in China*

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

- American Sociological Association
  - Comparative-historical Sociology Section
  - Development Sociology Section
- European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes
- Social Science History Association

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- Reviewer for *Development and Change, Gender and Society*
- Roundtable President, American Sociological Association Annual Conference

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Managing Fieldwork Research Team in Zhejiang Province, China, April-August 2022**
- **Research Assistant, September 2016 – Present**  
**Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland**  
Participation in the Global Social Protest Project
- **Research Assistant, September 2015 – April 2016**  
**University of Michigan Center for Chinese Studies, Ann Arbor, Michigan**  
Data Collection for Prof. Mary Gallagher's research projects  
Evaluated projects' potential and feasibility  
Wrote stage reports and literature review

## LANGUAGE

- Chinese: Native
- English: Proficient