

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Oregon, 1999.

Dissertation: "Green Food: The Political Economy of Organic Agriculture in China."

Co-Chairs: Richard P. Suttmeier and Richard Kraus,

Exam Fields: Comparative Politics, Public Policy, Environmental Politics

Research Fellow, Center for Integrated Agricultural Development, China Agricultural University, 1997-1998.

Research Topic: "The Use of Market Incentives to Promote Sustainable Agriculture in China."

Intensive Chinese Language Study, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, 1984-1985.

M.A., Social Science, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1982-1984.

Masters Thesis: "The Role of Joint Economic Ventures in China's Economic Development."

Major Concentration: Political Science

Minor: Mandarin Chinese.

EMPLOYMENT AND CONSULTING

Associate Professor of Political Science, Washington State University Vancouver, 1999-present
(Promoted from Assistant Professor in 2005).

Responsible for all international affairs courses for the Program in Public Affairs. Courses include Political Economy of the Asia Pacific Region, Comparative Public Policy, Comparative Public Administration, Globalization, and International and Comparative Environmental Policy.

Leadership Team Member, Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources, Washington State University, 2006-Present.

The CSANR Leadership Team sets strategic goals and policy for the center's work in areas including organic agriculture, agriculture and energy, climate change, and agriculture and society..

Director, Program in Public Affairs, Washington State University Vancouver. 2007-2009
Direct graduate (MPA) and Undergraduate Degree Programs in public affairs.

Visiting Professor, College of Resources and Environmental Sciences, China Agricultural University, Beijing, 2007.

Conducted research on Rural Development and Climate Change Policy in China. Taught graduate and undergraduate courses on environmental policy and food safety politics.

Co-Director, Center for Social and Environmental Justice, Washington State University Vancouver, 2005-2006.

Manage all aspects of the center including budget, staff, event coordination and strategic planning. The center seeks to connect faculty research to community service and education around questions of social inequality and environmental sustainability.

Project Consultant, Rockefeller Brothers Fund and ActionAid China, 2003.

Facilitated global NGO and Chinese government information exchange on the WTO Agreement on Agriculture, 2003.

Instructor/TA, Department of Political Science, University of Oregon, 1993-1997.

Taught and assisted in the teaching of courses in comparative politics, international relations and environmental politics.

Project Consultant, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), 1998.

Program Evaluation of Institutional Capacity Building Grant to the Nanjing Institute of Environmental Sciences.

PUBLICATIONS

Scholarly Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“Stretching Away from the State: NGO Emergence and Dual Identity in a Chinese Governmental Institution.” In R. Hasmath and J Hsu eds. *China in an Era of Transition: Understanding State and Society Actors*,. Cambridge University Press, 2009.

“Forcing Global Food Standards into Local Political Economies: Organic Certification in China.” in Jim Bingen and Lawrence Busch, eds. *Agricultural Standards and the Shape of our Global Food and Fiber System*. New York: Kluwer Academic Press. 2006

“Using Global Organic Markets to Pay for Ecologically Based Agricultural Development in China.” *Agriculture and Human Values*, 2005, 22(1) 3-15.

“Risk Society Comes to China: SARS, Transparency and Public Accountability.” *Asian Perspectives*, 2004, 27(2) 241-251.

“Challenges for WTO Implementation: Lessons from China’s Deep Integration into an International Trade Regime.” *Journal of Contemporary China*, 2002, 11(32) 413-431.

“From Grassroots Movement to State Coordinated Market Strategy: The Transformation of Organic Agriculture in China.” *Government and Policy*, 2002, 20(3) June, 357 – 373.

“Successful Pesticide Reduction Policies: Learning from Indonesia.” *Society and Natural Resources*, 1997, 10(3) June, 319-328.

“Pesticides in China: Policy and Practice.” *Pesticide Outlook*, 8:1 (February 1997) 6-10.

Other Publications

“Old Arguments, New Realities: The Post-Cancun Transformation of the Free Trade Debate.” *Oregon’s Future*, 2004 5(1) Spring, 14-19.

“Biotech Boosterism and Chinese Realities.” *China Development Brief*, 2004 7(1) Spring, 46-47.

“Who’s Dumping on Whom? China and the Pacific Northwest.” *Oregon’s Future*, 2003 4(1) Spring, 38-40.

“WTO: The Impact on Chinese Localities and the Local PRC Response.” 2002. In *Food & Security in the Pacific: The Impact of China and North Korea, Proceedings of the International Conference*, St. Louis, MO, January 23-25.

“China’s ‘Green Food’ Label and the International Certification Regime for Organic Food: Harmonized Standards and Persistent Structural Contradictions.” *Sinosphere*, 3:3 (Summer 2000) 8-18. Available on line: <http://www.chinaenvironment.net/sino/sino9.pdf>

Institutional Structure and Certification Procedures at the Organic Food Development Center, Nanjing, China. GTZ, Beijing. (1998).

“Pesticides in China.” *Global Pesticide Campaigner*. 4:1 (March, 1994).

“China: Environmental Enforcement Called Lagging.” *International Environment Reporter*. 14:15 (1991) 421-422.

“China: New Laws to be Developed to Curb Solid Waste, Control River Pollution.” *International Environment Reporter*. 14:13 (1991) 360-361.

Book Reviews

“Management of Public Service Reform: A Comparative Review of Experiences in the Management of Programmes of Reform of the Administrative Arm of Central Government. Eds.

Joan Corkery, Turkia Ould Daddah, Colm O'Nuallain and Tony Land". *Review of Personnel Public Administration*. 20:2 (Spring 2000) 75-77.

"How the Farmers Changed China: Power of the People, by Kate Xiao Zhou." *Journal of Asian Studies*. 56:2 (May 1997) 497-499.

"Cultivating Crisis: The Human Cost of Pesticides in Latin America, by Douglas Murray." *Journal of Pesticide Reform*. 15:4 (Winter 1995) 21.

"Food for the Future: Conditions and Contradictions of Sustainability, ed. Patricia Allen." *Journal of Pesticide Reform*. 14:1 (Spring 1994) 36.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

(* Indicates Invited Presentation)

"Global Inequality and Climate Justice: Disaggregating China's Carbon Footprint" *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, San Diego, CA, March 20, 2008.

* "Climate Change Mitigation Policy and Rural Renewable Energy in China." (featured speaker), *Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources Annual Retreat*, Walla Walla, WA, October 9-11, 2007.

"China's Push for Rural Renewable Energy and Greenhouse Gas Reduction." *Agricultural Economy and Trade: Agribusiness, Food Marketing and Evolving Policies*, Shanghai, China. July 12-13, 2007.

* "Linking Climate Change Mitigation to Local Sustainable Development." *International Conference of Innovative Rural Development and Resource Management in Western China*, Yinchuan, Ningxia, China, May 17-20, 2007.

* "Global NGOs and the Potential for Environmental Pluralism in China." *20th Annual Mansfield Conference*, The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center, Missoula, MT, April 18-20, 2004.

* "Global Regulatory Battles over Genetically Modified Organisms: The Implications for Rural Development in China." *Workshop on the WTO and Agriculture: Implications for Poverty Alleviation in China*, National Research Center for Science and Technology Development, Ministry of Science and Technology and ActionAid China, Beijing, China, November 6-7, 2003.

* "Opportunities for China's Farmers in the WTO Negotiations on Agriculture and Beyond." *International Conference on Economic Development and Fair Trade*, School of Public Policy and Management, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, October 24-26, 2003.

* "China, the United States and the Global Politics of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture." *International Conference on Dialogue, Competition and Cooperation in the Asia Pacific Region*

after China's Accession to the WTO, Center for Asia Pacific Studies, Zhongshan University, Guangzhou, China, June 28-29, 2002.

* "WTO: The Impact on Chinese Localities and the Local PRC Response." *Food & Security in the Pacific: The Impact of China and North Korea*. Asian Affairs Center, University of Missouri-Columbia. St. Louis, MO, January 24, 2002.

* "Forcing Global Standards into Local Political Economies: Lessons from Organic Certification in China." *Standards, the WTO and the Agrifood Sector*. Institute for Food and Agricultural Standards, Michigan State University. East Lansing, MI, March 24, 2001.

"Globalization and its Discontents: Local, National and Regional Reactions to International Institutions." Roundtable, *Pacific Northwest Political Science Association*, 2000 Annual Conference. Portland, OR, November 10, 2000.

"China's Accession to the WTO as a Domestic Policy Shift: Implications for Environmental Sustainability." with Dr. Hu Tao. *Professional Association for China's Environment, Workshop on Policy Reform and China's Environment*. The World Bank, Washington, DC, August 31, 2000.

"China's 'Green Food' Label and the International Certification Regime for Organic Food: Harmonized Standards and Persistent Structural Contradictions." *Chinese Agriculture and the WTO*, Seattle, WA, December 1999.

"Green Food: The Political Economy of Organic Agriculture in China." *Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, March 1999.

"From Non-Governmental Movement to State Coordinated Market Strategy: The Transformation of Organic Agriculture in China." *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, September 1998.

"Paying for Integrated Pest Management: Using the Market to Promote Sustainable Agriculture in China." *International Conference of Integrated Pest Management*, Guangzhou, China, June 1998.

"Regulating for Profit: State Entrepreneurs and Organic Food Production in China." *Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society Annual Meeting*, Madison, WI, June 1997.

"Central Authority and Local Innovation in the Transition to Organic Agriculture in Cuba." *Public Interest Science Conference*, Eugene, OR. May 1997.

"International Influences on China's Sustainable Agriculture Policy." *International Studies Association-West*, Eugene, OR. October, 1996.

“Pesticide Reduction Policies in Developing Nations: Roots of the Indonesian Success.” *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, March 1996.

“Pesticide Use Reduction Policies in Developing Asia.” *The Politics of Sustainable Agriculture*, Eugene, OR, October 1995.

“Developing Market Incentives for Sustainable Agriculture.” *International Conference on Integrated Resource Management for Sustainable Agriculture*, Beijing, China, September 1993.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer for *The China Quarterly*, *The China Review Journal*, *Asian Perspective* and other journals

Panel Discussant, “The Political Economy of Market Reform.” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM, March 16, 2006.

Panel Chair, “Reconsidering Women’s Work in Global Contexts: From Survival to Activism,” *The Politics of Movement*, Second Annual Gender Conference sponsored by GRACe, Washington State University Vancouver, October 15, 2005

Panel Discussant, “Comparative Politics Panel.” *Pacific Northwest Political Science Association*, Portland, OR, November 4-6, 2004.

Panel Organizer, “The Political Economy and Political Ecology of Agricultural Sustainability in Asia: Farmer, State and Market in China, Indonesia and Thailand.” *Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, March 1999.

Panel Moderator, “Community Participation and Development.” *The Politics of Sustainable Agriculture*, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, October, 1995.

Panel Discussant, “International Cooperation.” *China’s Environment: Meeting Local and Global Challenges*, Portland State University, Portland, OR, May 1992.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

“Global Justice, Debt Cancellation for US and the World,” (Panel Presentation) Town Hall on the Economic Crisis, Portland, OR. January 31, 2009.

“Climate Change Politics and Policy in China,” Teacher Training Workshop Sponsored by the University of Washington, East Asian Resource Center and Washington State University, Asian Studies Program. Spokane, Washington, April 26, 2008.

“Animal Waste, Water Pollution and Regulation in Southwestern China,” Spring Research Colloquium, Center for Social and Environmental Justice, Washington State University Vancouver, Vancouver, WA. February 20, 2008.

“Greenhouse Gas Reduction Through Emissions Trading: Global Policy and Local Reality,” Focus the Nation, Willamette University, Salem, OR. January 31, 2008.

“World Trade Organization: Promise or Problem,” Portland Development Salon, Portland, OR, March 9, 2006.

“Globalization, Colonialism and the Movement for Global Justice,” Workshop for the 2006 Western Students of Color Conference, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, January 29, 2006.

“The Geopolitics of Oil and the Implications of a US Withdrawal from Iraq,” Town Hall Forum on the War in Iraq, Ft. Vancouver Library, Vancouver, WA, January 14, 2006.

“Hot Topics at the WTO Ministerial in Hong Kong,” *Teach-In on the Global Economy*, Portland State University, December 17, 2005.

Participant, Small Group Discussion on US Trade Policy, Convened by Congressman Earl Blumenauer, Portland, OR, Sept 19, 2005.

“Sustaining Unsustainable Growth: Environmental Imperatives in Emerging China,” *Currents in Contemporary East Asia*. Teacher Training Workshop Sponsored by the University of Washington, East Asian Resource Center and Washington State University, Asian Studies Program. Seattle, Washington, July 29, 2005.

Q&A Facilitation, “McLibel: Two Worlds Collide,” Documentary Film Portland Debut, Clinton Street Theatre, Portland, OR, June 24, 2005.

“Trade, Aid and Poor Country Debt Cancellation,” Invited, Expert Testimony, for United States Senator Gordon Smith and United States Representative Earl Blumenauer, Portland, Oregon, May 4, 2005.

“Globalizing China in a Pacific Rim Context,” *China's 21st Century Challenges: Economic, Political and Social Change*. Teacher Training Workshop Sponsored by the University of Washington, East Asian Resource Center and Washington State University, Asian Studies Program. Pullman, Washington, April, 23 2005.

“Globalization, Colonialism and the Movement for Global Justice,” Workshop for the 2005 Western Students of Color Conference, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR, February 27, 2005.

“Globalization and Global Democracy,” Workshop for the 2004 Northwest Student Leadership Conference, Portland State University, Portland, OR, November 20, 2004

“Socio-Economic and Political Drivers of Public Administration in 2010 and Beyond.” Plenary Presentation for the Portland State University, Mark O. Hatfield School of Government, Institute 2010. Portland, OR, June 18, 2004.

"Inequity in the Global Food System." Presentation to the Humanists of Greater Portland. Portland, OR, February 29, 2004.

Invited Roundtable Participant, *Has the Paradigm Shifted? Analysis of Recent Global Trade Meetings: WTO and FTAA*, Sponsored by the Portland State University, Mark O. Hatfield School of Government, Global Envision, and Oregon's Future, Portland, OR, December 3, 2003.

“Farm Subsidies: Strangling World Trade?” Presentation to the World Affairs Council of Oregon. Portland, OR, August 27, 2003.

Panel Moderator, “The Impact of WTO Accession on Regulations & Procedures Governing Trade and Investment in Goods and Services.” US Department of Commerce Seminar: China & the World Trade Organization (WTO): New Opportunities or New Challenges. Portland, OR December 12, 2002.

Invited Roundtable Participant, *US Policy Toward China: a Kettering Foundation National Issues Forum*. Institute for Civic Dialogue and Institute for Asian Studies, Portland State University, Portland, OR, February 22, 2002.

“Implementing Market Reforms in Authoritarian China: Will Free Market Forces Prevail.” Presentation to the Pacific Northwest International Trade Association. Portland, OR, February 21, 2002.

“Chinese Implementation of the New WTO Accession Agreement.” Presentation to the Pacific Northwest International Trade Association. Portland, OR, December 18, 2001.

“Globalization after September 11.” Community Presentation. Westminster Presbyterian Church. Portland, OR. November 4, 2001.

Forum Planner and Moderator, “China’s Water Crisis: An Environmental Forum,” Northwest China Council, Portland, OR, January 13, 2001.

“Potential Structural Problems in China's Implementation of WTO Agreements: A Case Study of China's Integration into International Trade Regimes.” Presentation to the Pacific Northwest International Trade Association. Portland, OR, October 18, 2000.

“The Long March from WTO Accession to Implementation: Lessons from China’s Integration into the Organic Food Trade Regime.” Presentation to the Washington State China Relations Council. Seattle, WA, July 13, 2000.

“The WTO, China and Southwest Washington: Implications for Trade and Democracy.”
Presentation to the Clark County League of Women Voters. Vancouver, WA, April 12, 2000.

“China and Sustainable Development.” Presentation to the Northwest China Council, China
Business Network Luncheon. Portland, OR, November 3, 1999

“An Introduction to the WTO and Global Trade Issues.” Presentation to the WTO, Trade and
Transportation Forum (A public forum with US Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater, in
preparation for the WTO Ministerial in Seattle). Vancouver, WA, October 8, 1999.

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Washington State University Vancouver, Students’ Choice Teacher of the Year Award, 2005.

Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Seed Grant to Establish Global NGO and Chinese Government
Information Exchange on the WTO Agreement on Agriculture, 2003 (\$2000.00).

Washington State University Vancouver, Summer Overage Grant, 2002 (\$750.00).

Admitted to Graduate Faculty, Washington State University, 2001.

University of Oregon, Doctoral Research Fellowship, 1998 (\$16,000.00).

Graduate Research Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies/Committee on Scholarly
Communication with China, 1997 (\$17,220.00).

International Trade and Development Fellowship, Nippon Foundation of Japan, 1996 and 1998
(\$15,000.00)

University of Oregon Scholarship, 1996 (\$2900.00)

All Comprehensive Examinations Passed with Distinction, 1995 and 1996.

University Club Foundation Fellowship for Leadership and Academic Excellence, 1995
(\$5000.00).

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English: Native Speaker

Mandarin Chinese: Fluent