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Education:

1972-1979	Boston University (Ph.D. in Sociology)
1971-1972	University of Munich (special student in East Asian Seminar)
1969-1970	Harvard University (M.A. in East Asian Studies)
1963-1967	Wellesley College (B.A. in Political Science)

Teaching and Research Appointments:

1978-	Yale University, Department of Sociology, Assistant Professor to Professor Emerita
2017-2025	Schwarzman College, Visiting Faculty
2015-2020	Fudan University, Department of Sociology, Distinguished Visiting Professor
1998	Chinese University of Hong Kong, Department of Sociology, Visiting Professor
1994	L'EHESS Maison des Sciences de l' Homme, Directeur d'Etudes Associé
1988-90	Yale University, Law School, Willard W. Brown Lecturer in Comparative Cultures
1980-1982	Harvard University, Research Associate, Russian Research Center
1970-1971	Tunghai University, Taichung, Taiwan, Department of English, Instructor
1967-1969	Chinese University of Hong Kong, Department of Sociology and Social Work, Lecturer

Honors:

2024	Yale University, Graduate DeVane Award for Distinguished Teaching and Scholarship
2013	Lex Hixon '63 Prize for Teaching Excellence in the Social Sciences, one of six Yale College prizes awarded in recognition of distinguished undergraduate teaching
2013	Oxford University, St Anthony's College, Huang Hsing Foundatio Lecturer
2013	Hong Kong Baptist University, Global Social Science Scholar in Residence
2013	Wesleyan University, Annual Mansfield Freeman Lecturer
2009	Hong Kong University, visiting research professor
1997	Faculty, Lectures and Conversations with Yale's Great Teachers
1994	Maison des Sciences de L'Homme (Paris), Directeur d'Etudes Associé
1993	Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences

Fellowships and Grants

2013-15	Templeton Foundation, research grant, Co-I : PI Becky Hsu Georgetown
2005	ASA Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline

2005 Ford Foundation, conference grant
 1996 Henry Luce Foundation, The US-China Cooperative Research Program for study of Chinese Urban Consumption (1997-1999)
 1996 ACLS conference grant
 1994 Committee on Scholarly Communication with China, National Program for Advanced Study and Research
 1989 ACLS conference grant
 1987 National Academy of Sciences, Committee on Scholarly Exchange with the Peoples Republic of China, Research Scholar
 1986 ACLS Postdoctoral Research Grant
 1985 ACLS Postdoctoral Research Grant (declined)
 1980 National Institute on Aging, Research Grant: Co-investigator in study of retirement in Eastern Europe and China (1980-1982)
 1981 Rockefeller Foundation, Conference Grant as Co-chairman of International Conference held at Bellagio, Italy: "The State and Retirement in Six Socialist Economies"
 1979 National Academy of Sciences, Committee on Scholarly Exchange with the People's Republic of China, Research Scholar
 1978 International Association of Gerontology, Travel Grant to Japan
 1976 Social Science Research Council, Foreign Area Fellowship (1976-1977)

Publications:

Book

2025 *Chinese Encounters with America, edited with Terry Lautz* (Columbia University Press, Cohen-Tucker Series)
 2014 *Wives, Husbands, Lovers: Marriage and Sexuality in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Urban China* edited with Sara Friedman (Stanford University Press)
 2009 *Creating Wealth and Poverty in Postsocialist China* edited with Wang Feng (Stanford University Press)
 2007 *SARS: Reception and Interpretations in Three Chinese Cities* edited with Helen Siu (Routledge)
 2000 *The Consumer Revolution in Urban China* (University of California Press) Chinese edition, 中国城市的消费革命 with new introduction by Lu Hanlong, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, 2003
 1995 *Urban Spaces in Contemporary China*, edited with R. Kraus, B. Naughton, and E. Perry (Cambridge University Press)
 1993 *Chinese Families in the Post-Mao Era*, edited with Stevan Harrell (University of California Press)
 1991 *Long Lives* (revised and expanded 2nd edition) (Stanford University Press)
 1990 *Chinese Society on the Eve of Tiananmen*, edited with Ezra Vogel (Contemporary China Series/Harvard University Press)

- 1987 *Aging China: Family, Economic, and Government Policies in Transition*, edited with James Schulz (translations by Deborah Davis and Yimin Lin) (Gerontological Society of America)
- 1983 *Long Lives: Chinese Elderly and the Communist Revolution* (Harvard University Press)

Articles and book chapters:

- 2023 Chen Juan, Pierre Landry, and Deborah Davis. "Implementing the National New Type Urbanization Plan in China" Ch. 6 in *Urbanizing China* edited by Weiping Wu and Qin Gao (University of Pennsylvania Press).
- 2021 Chen Juan, Karita Kan, Deborah Davis "Administrative reclassification and neighborhood governance in urbanizing China," *Cities* .118
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cities.2021.103386>
- 2021 "We Do: Parental Involvement in the Marriages of Urban Sons and Daughters," in *Chinese Families Upside Down* edited by Yunxiang Yan (Brill) 31-54.
- 2019 "Performing Happiness for Self and Others" Weddings in Shanghai" in *The Chinese Pursuit of Happiness* edited by Becky Yang Hsu and Richard Madsen (University of California Press):66-83.
- 2019 Tian, Felicia F. and Deborah S. Davis "Reinstating the Family: Intergenerational Influence on Assortative Mating in China, *Chinese Sociological Review*, DOI: 10.1080/21620555.2019.1632701
- 2015 Chen, Juan, Deborah Davis, Kaming Wu, and Haijing Dai. "Life Satisfaction in urbanizing China," *Cities* 49:88-97
- 2014 "Privatizing Marriage in Postsocialist China," *Modern China* 40.6:551-577
- 2014 Davis, Deborah, Juan Chen and Pierre Landry. "How Dynamics of Urbanization Affect Physical and Mental Health in Urban China." *The China Quarterly* No 220 (December): 988-1110
- 2014 "Demographic Challenges for a Rising China," *Daedalus* (April) : 26-38
- 2010 Davis, Deborah and Jianying Wang. "China's New Upper Middle Classes: The Importance of Occupational Disaggregation." In *China's Emerging Middle Class; Beyond Economic Transformation*, edited by Cheng Li (Washington DC; Brookings Institute):157-178
- 2010 "Who Gets the House? Re-Negotiating Property rights in Post-socialist Urban China," *Modern China* 36.5:463-92
- 2010 Landry, Pierre Deborah Davis, and Shiru Wang) "Competition without Parties: Elections in Rural China", *CPS (Comparative Political Studies)* 43.6:763-790

- 2007 Davis, Deborah, Pierre Landry, Yusheng Peng, Jin Xiao) "'Gendered Pathways to Rural Schooling," *The China Quarterly* No 189:60-82
- 2006 (with Yanjie Bian and Shaoguang Wang as co-authors) " Family Social Capital in Urban China; A Social Network Approach," in *Social Change in Contemporary China* edited by Wenfang Tang and Burkart Holzner (University of Pittsburgh Press):219-232
- 2006 "Urban Chinese Homeowners as Citizen-Consumers", in *The Ambivalent Consumer*, edited by Sheldon Garon and Patricia Maclachlan , by Cornell University Press:281-299
- 2006 (with Shaoguang Wang and Yanjie Bian)"The Uneven Distribution of Cultural Capital: Book Reading in Urban China," *Modern China* 32.3 (July):315-345
- 2005 (with Yanjie Bian and Shaoguang Wang) , "Multiple Capitals", in *Social Transformations in Chinese Society*, vol. 1 (November): 31-58.
- 2005 "Urban Consumer Culture," *The China Quarterly* No.183 (September):677-694
- 2005 (with Yanjie Bian, Ronald Breiger, Joseph Galaskiewicz) "Occupation, Class, and Networks in Urban China," *Social Forces* 83 no.4 (June):1443-1468
- Chinese translation: 2005 "中国城市的 职业, 阶层, 和 关系网" 改革开放时代 (Opening Times) 178 (no.4):98-118.
- 2004 "Talking about Property in the New Chinese Domestic Property Regime," in *The New Economic Sociology* edited by Frank Dobbin (Russell Sage Foundation):288-307.
- 2004 (with 王绍光 and 边燕杰) 文化资本的非均匀分布 (Uneven distribution of cultural capital), 年度学术 *Theoria* 2004 中国人民大学出版社:316-345
- 2003 (with Lu Hanlong) " Property in Transition: Conflicts over Ownership in Post Socialist Shanghai" *European Journal of Sociology* (April): 77-99.
- 2003 "From Welfare Benefit to Capitalized Asset" in *Chinese Urban Housing Reform* eds. Ray Forrest and James Lee (Routledge):183-196.
- 2003 (with Chan Kinman) "The Consequences of Home Ownership in Post-Handover Hong Kong," *Indicators of Social Development: Hong Kong 2001* (Chinese University of Hong Kong Press):233-248.
- 2002 "When a House Becomes his Home," in *Popular China* edited by Perry Link, Richard Madsen, and Paul Pickowicz (Rowman and Littlefield):231-250.
- 2000 "Social Class Transformation: Training, Hiring and Promoting Urban Professionals and Managers after 1949," *Modern China* (July): 251-275.
- 2000 "Reconfiguring Shanghai Households: How Privatisation and Loss of Public Goods Regime Alter Patterns of Co-residence", in *Redrawing Boundaries: Work, Households and*

- Gender in China* edited by B. Entwisle and G. Henderson (University of California Press):245-260.
- 2000 (with Julia Sensenbrenner) "Commercializing Childhood: Parental Purchases for Shanghai's Only Children" in *The Consumer Revolution in Urban China* :54-79.
- 1999 "The 1985 Law of Succession," *China Review 1999* (Chinese University of Hong Kong Press) :1-23.
- 1999 "Self-Employment in Shanghai," *The China Quarterly* No. 157 (March):22-43.
- 1997 "Social Transformation of Metropolitan China since 1949," in *Cities in the Developing World* edited by Josef Gugler (Oxford University Press): 248-258.
- 1997 "Inequality and Insecurity among Elderly in Contemporary China," in *Asian Concepts and Experiences: Past and Present*. edited by Susanne Formanek and Sepp Linhart (Austrian Academy of Sciences):133-154.
- 1995 "Transformations structurelles du lieu de travail en milieu urbain de 1952 a 1992," in *Les Metropoles Chinoises au XXieme Siecle* edited by Christian Henriot (Paris: Editions Arguments), pp. 89-104.
- 1995 "Urban China," in *Urban Spaces in Contemporary China*, edited by Davis, Kraus, Perry and Naughton (Cambridge University Press), pp.1-19.
- 1995 "Inequalities and Stratification in the Nineties," *China Review 1995* (Chinese University of Hong Kong Press), pp.19.1-25.
- 1994 "Chinese Society under Deng," in *Reform and Development in Deng's China*, edited by Shao-chuan Leng, Vol. IV, Miller Center on Asian Political Leadership (University Press of America): 65-84.
- 1993 (with Stevan Harrell) "Impact of Post-Mao Reforms on Family Life," in *Chinese Families in the Post-Mao Era* (University of California Press): 1-24.
- 1993 "Urban Households: Supplicants to a Socialist State," in *Chinese Families in the Post-Mao Era* (University of California Press): 50-76.
- 1993 "Financial Security of Urban Retirees," *Journal of Cross-cultural Gerontology* (July): 179-195.
- 1992 "Job Mobility in Post-Mao Cities: Increase on the Margins," *The China Quarterly* (December) No. 132: 1062-1085.
- 1992 "Skidding": Downward Mobility among Children of the Maoist Middle Class," *Modern China* (October): 410-437.
- 1992 "Urban Families and the Post-Mao State," in proceedings of conference "Family Process and Political Process," Institute for Modern History, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan. Part II: 1125-1150.
- 1991 "Housing and Family Life in Shanghai," *China Update*, Vol. 11, No. 3: 8-13

- 1990 "Urban Job Mobility," in *Chinese Society on the Eve of Tiananmen* edited by Davis and Vogel (Harvard University Press): 85-108.
- 1989 "My Mother's House," in *Unofficial China*: edited by Perry Link, Richard Madsen, and Paul Pickowicz (Westview Press): 88-100.
- 1989 "Chinese Social Welfare: Policies and Outcomes," *The China Quarterly*, No. 119: 577-597.
- 1988 "Unequal Chances, Unequal Outcomes: Pension Reforms and Urban Inequality," *The China Quarterly*, No. 114: 223-242.
- 1987 "The Impact of Demographic Change on Family Life of American Elderly," in *Aging China*, edited by Deborah Davis-Friedmann and James Schulz: 57-67.
- 1987 "Jingji gaige dui tuixiu nuzhigong de shenghuo you shemima yingxiang?" (What is the Impact of Economic Reform on Female Pensioners), *Lao Dong Bao* (Shanghai): Jan. 8: 4.
- 1985 "Intergenerational Inequality and the Chinese Revolution," in *Modern China*, (April): 177-201.
- 1985 "Chinese Retirement: Policy and Practice," in *Current Perspectives on Aging and the Life Cycle*, edited by Zena Blau (JAI Press): 295-313.
- 1985 "Old Age Security and the One-Child Campaign" in *China's One Child Family Policy*, edited by Elizabeth Croll, Penny Kane and Delia Davin, (Macmillan): 149-162.
- 1984 "Granny Cheung" in *Lives: Chinese Working Women*, edited by Janet Salaff and Mary Sheridan (Indiana University Press): 71-75
- 1984 "The Provision of Essential Services in Rural China," in *Rural Public Services: International Comparisons*, edited by Richard Lonsdale (Westview Press): 204-224.
- 1981 "The Chinese Family and the Four Modernizations," in *China Briefings*, (Westview Press and China Council of Asia Society): 67-78.
- 1981 "Retirement and Social Welfare Programs for Chinese Elderly: A Minimal Role for the State," in *The Situation of the Asian/Pacific Elderly*, edited by Charlotte Nusberg and Masako Osako (International Federation on Aging): 52-65.
- 1978 "Housing Policy: Recent Indications of Long Term Trends," *Contemporary China*, Vol. 2: 71-80
- 1977 "Welfare Practices in Rural China," *World Development*, Vol. 6, No. 5: 609-619.
- 1971 "The Cultural Revolution in Wuhan," in *The Cultural Revolution in the Provinces* (Harvard East Asian Monograph) No. 42: 147-170.

Conferences Organized:

- 2011 *Marriage in Cosmopolitan China: Hong Kong, Taipei, and Shanghai* (Hong Kong University, July 5-6,2011)
- 2006 *Poverty and Wealth in Contemporary China*
(funded by the ASA Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline, Ford Foundation, The University of California-Irvine and Yale Council of East Asian Studies)
- 2005 *Mental Healthcare in China Today, Changsha, Hunan Province, China*
(funded by Yale-China Association and Yale School of Nursing)
- 2003 *SARS: Globalization's Newest Challenge*
(funded by Yale Council of East Asian Studies and Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences)
- 2002 *The Aids Epidemic in China: Points of Vulnerability and Sources of Strength*
Yale China Association and Yale School of Public Health
(funded by Albert Kunstadter Foundation and the Yale University Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS)
- 2002 *Hardships in Rural China*, Yale University
(funded by the Yale Council of East Asian Studies)
- 2001 *Health of China Workshop*: Yale China Association and Yale University
(funded by Coca Cola Foundation)
- 2000 *Consumer Culture in Four Chinese Cities*: Yale University,
(funded by Henry Luce Foundation)
- 1997 *Urban Consumption and the Emerging Consumer Culture*: Yale University
(funded by American Council of Learned Societies)
- 1993 *City Living, City Life*: Washington , DC, Woodrow Wilson Center
(funded by Luce and Woodrow Wilson Center)
- 1990 *Families Strategies in Post-Mao China*: Roche Harbor, Seattle
(funded by American Council of Learned Societies)
- 1986 *Population Aging in East Asia*: Beijing, China
(funded by NIA)
- 1985 *Gender and Inequality*: Whitney Humanities Center: Yale University
(funded by East Asian Studies, Women's Studies, and Dept of Sociology)

Selected Professional Service:

- ACLS Joint Committee on Chinese Studies (1992-97)Chair (1990-92)
- Academia Sinica,(Taiwan) Institute of Sociology, Advisor
- American Sociological Association: Committee on Committees (1985-1987)

- *ASR* Editorial Board (1999-2001)
- Association for Asian Studies: Levinson Prize Committee, Chair (2000-2002)
- Journal of Asian Studies, Associate editor (2008-2017)
- Centre for Social Innovation Studies” (社會創新研究中心) Chinese University of Hong Kong, Advisor
- *The China Quarterly* (editorial board(2013-present)
- Ford Foundation, project to support sociology in China. Executive Committee (1994-97). -Advisory Committee (1998-2003)
- Gerontological Society of America: Task Force on China (1986-1989)
- Harvard University, Overseers' Committee to Visit East Asian Studies (1991-96)
- *Journal of Asian Studies*, Associate Editor (2010-2017)
- Urban China Research Network, International Advisory Board (2000-present)
- National Academy of Sciences, Committee on Scholarly Communication with China
 - Committee on Advanced Study in China (1985-86) (1995-98)
 - Visiting Scholar Exchange Program (1987-89)
 - Panel on Library Automation (1991-92)
- *Social Forces* Editorial Board (2001-2004)
- *Sociological Review of Tsinghua University* (2000- present)
- Universities Grants Committee (Hong Kong), panel chair (2005-2011)
- University Service Center, Chinese University of Hong Kong, International Advisory Board (chair 2015-2018)
- Yale-China Association, Trustee (1982-1988) (1990-96) (1997-2003) (2004-2010) (2013-2019)

Selected Administrative Experience at Yale University

- Director of Academic Programs, Yale Center for Study of Globalization (2001-2)
- Chair, Department of Sociology (1992-97)
- Chair, Council on East Asian Studies (1991-92) (1999-2000)
- Co-Chair, Women Faculty Forum (2006-2008)
- Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology (1999-2000)
- Director of Graduate Studies, East Asian Studies (1984-88)(2003)(2010-12)
- Member, Yale Graduate School Disciplinary Committee (2002-04)
- Member, Publications Committee, Yale University Press (1997-2000)
- Member, Advisory Committee of Division of Social Sciences/Tenure Appointments Committee for the Social Sciences (1997-2001) (2004-2006)
- Member, Committee on Economic Status of the Faculty (2003-2004)
- Member, Yale College Steering Committee (1994-1995)
- Member, Yale College Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid (1993-1995)
- Member, Yale College Committee on Athletics (1993-1995)

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