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PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

Poverty, Inequality, Social Policy, and Economic and Subjective Well-being
The Chinese Social Welfare State in Transition
Comparative Research across Asian Countries and Asian Ethnic Groups
Rural-to-Urban Migration and Asian American Immigrants
International Social and Economic Development
International Program and Impact Evaluation

EDUCATION

July 2005 **Ph.D.**, *Honored with Distinction*, Columbia University School of Social Work, New York, NY

July 2003 **M.Phil.**, Columbia University School of Social Work, New York, NY

July 2001 **M.A.**, Peking University Department of Sociology, Beijing, China

July 1998 **B.A.**, *Honored Outstanding Graduate in Beijing*, China Youth University of Political Studies, Beijing, China

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

July 2016- **Professor and Director of China Center for Social Policy** (since January 2017); Associate Professor (fall 2016), Columbia University School of Social Work

Sept. 2016- **Faculty**, Columbia University Center on Poverty and Social Policy and Weatherhead East Asian Institute

2012- **Faculty** (since July 2016); Research Associate (2012-2016), Columbia Population Research Center

2014- **Academic Board Member**, China Institute for Income Distribution, Beijing Normal University

2014- **Public Intellectual Fellow**, National Committee on United States-China Relations

2018 **Consultant**, Asian Development Bank, Project on People-centered, Socially-inclusive, and Environmentally-sound Urbanization in China

- 2005-2016 **Professor and Coordinator of International Initiatives** (2014-2016); Associate Professor (2010-2014); Assistant Professor (2005-2010), Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service
- 2015-2016 **Consultant**, World Bank Social Protection and Labor Group, Projects on Social Assistance in China
- 2014 **Consultant**, UNICEF Social Inclusion and Policy Section, Project on Child Poverty and Social Protection
- 2012-2014 **Consultant**, UNICEF and Ministry of Civil Affairs of China, Project on Migrant Children and Social Inclusion in China
- Spring 2014 **Visiting Scholar**, India China Institute, New School University
- Fall 2009 **Visiting Scholar**, Columbia University Population Research Center and Weatherhead East Asian Institute
- 2001-2005 **Research Associate** (2003-2005); Research Assistant (2001-2003), Columbia University Social Indicators Survey Center

PUBLICATIONS

Book and Journal Special Issues:

- Gao, Q.** & Zhai, F. (2019). Symposium on *Gender, Migration, and Human Development in East Asia*. *Journal of Asian Public Policy*, 12(2).
- Gao, Q.**, Zhang, Y. & Zhai, F. (2019). Special Issue on *Social Assistance in China: Impact Evaluation and Policy Implications*. *China: An International Journal*, 17(1).
- Gao, Q.** (2017). *Welfare, Work and Poverty: Social Assistance in China*. Oxford University Press.

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles:

- Huo, X., **Gao, Q.**, Zhai, F. & Lin, M. (2020). Effects of welfare entry and exit on adolescent mental health: Evidence from panel data in China. *Social Science & Medicine*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2020.112969>.
- Han, H. & **Gao, Q.** (2020). Impact evaluation of Dibao program in rural China: A literature review and prospects for research. *Studies in Labor Economics*. In press. (in Chinese)
- Liu, S., Zhai, F. & **Gao, Q.** (2020). Parental stress and parenting in Chinese immigrant families: The mediating role of social support. *Child & Family Social Work*. DOI: 10.1111/cfs.12734.

- Mitra, S., **Gao, Q.**, Chen, W. & Zhang, Y. (2020). Health, work, and income among middle-aged and older adults: A panel analysis for China. *Journal of the Economics of Ageing*, 17. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeoa.2020.100255>.
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- Zhang, Y. & **Gao, Q.** (2020). Catastrophic health expenditure and health-related quality of life among older adults in China. *Ageing & Society*. DOI:10.1017/S0144686X19001661.
- Gao, Q.**, Yang, S. & Zhai, F. (2019). Social policy and income inequality during the Hu-Wen era: A progressive legacy? *The China Quarterly*, 237: 82–107.
- Gao, Q.** & Zhai, F. (2019). Improving Dibao monitoring and evaluation: Methodologies and roadmap. *China: An International Journal*, 17(1): 130–148.
- Gao, Q.**, Zhang, Y. & Zhai, F. (2019). Introduction: Social assistance in China: Impact evaluation and policy implications. *China: An International Journal*, 17(1): 3-9.
- Han, H. & **Gao, Q.** (2019). Community-based welfare targeting and political elite capture: Evidence from rural China. *World Development*, 115: 145-159.
- Han, H. & **Gao, Q.** (2019). Does welfare participation improve life satisfaction? Evidence from panel data in rural China. *Journal of Happiness Studies*. DOI: 10.1007/s10902-019-00157-z.
- Huang, X. & **Gao, Q.** (2019). Alleviating poverty or discontent: Impact of social assistance on Chinese citizens' views of government. *China: An International Journal*, 17(1): 76–95.
- Huo, X., **Gao, Q.** & Yang, S. (2019). From economic policy paradigm to social policy paradigm: The transformation and mechanism of anti-poverty course in rural China. *Journal of China Agricultural University (Social Sciences)*, 36(6): 116-127. (in Chinese)
- Wang, Y., **Gao, Q.** & Yang, S. (2019). Prioritising health and food: Social assistance and family consumption in rural China. *China: An International Journal*, 17(1): 48–75.
- Wang, Y., Pei, F., Zhai, F. & **Gao, Q.** (2019). Academic performance and peer relations among rural-to-urban migrant children in Beijing: Do social identity and self-efficacy matter? *Asian Social Work and Policy Review*. DOI: 10.1111/aswp.12179.
- Wang, Y., Yang, S. & **Gao, Q.** (2019). Social assistance and household consumption in urban China: From 2002 to 2013. *Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy*, 24(2): 182-207.

- Yang, S. & **Gao, Q.** (2019). Impact of Minimum Living Security on income poverty and consumption expenditure. *Social Security Studies*, 2019(5): 63-78. (in Chinese)
- Zhai, F. & **Gao, Q.** (2019). Strengthening coordination between rural and urban Dibao: Evidence and implications. *China: An International Journal*, 17(1): 96–108.
- Zhai, F., **Gao, Q.** & Wang, X. (2019). Education and gender gap in couples' time use: Evidence from China. *Journal of Asian Public Policy*. DOI: 10.1080/17516234.2019.1632018.
- Gao, Q.**, Yang, S., Zhang, Y. & Li, S. (2018). The divided Chinese welfare system: Do health and education change the picture? *Social Policy & Society*, 17(2): 227-244.
- Han, H. & **Gao, Q.** (2018). Proxy means tests and targeting performance of rural subsistence allowance: Analysis based on CHIP data. *Chinese Journal of Population Science*, 2018(3): 73-84. (in Chinese)
- Han, H. & **Gao, Q.** (2018). The subjective well-being effect of Dibao program in urban China: An empirical study based on the China Family Panel Studies. *Chinese Social Security Review*, 2(3): 82-97. (in Chinese)
- Huang, X. & **Gao, Q.** (2018). Does social insurance enrollment improve citizen assessment of local government performance? Evidence from China. *Social Science Research*, 70: 28-40.
- Lu, J. & **Gao, Q.** (2018). Contesting Chineseness: An examination of religion and national identity in Mainland China. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 57(2): 318-340.
- Wu, S., Fraser, M. W., Chapman, M. V., **Gao, Q.**, Huang, J. & Chowa, G. (2018). Exploring the relationship between welfare participation in childhood and depression in adulthood in the United States. *Social Science Research*, 76, 12-22.
- Wu, S., Wu, Q., Fraser, M. W., Chapman, M. V., & **Gao, Q.** (2018). Welfare participation and depression among youth in the United States: A systematic review. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 94, 354-367.
- Gao, Q.** & Rickne, J. (2017). Inequality in social insurance participation and generosity: Do firm characteristics matter? *Social Policy & Administration*, 51(5): 755-775.
- Gao, Q.**, Yang, S. & Li, S. (2017). Social insurance for migrant workers in China: Impact of the 2008 Labor Contract Law. *Economic and Political Studies*, 5(3): 285-304.
- Gao, Q.** & Zhai, F. (2017). Public assistance, economic prospect, and happiness in urban China. *Social Indicators Research*, 132: 451–473.

- Han, H. & **Gao, Q.** (2017). Protective effectiveness of Dibao in rural China: Empirical evidence from China Family Panel Studies. *Journal of Public Management*, 14(2): 81-96. (in Chinese)
- Han, H., **Gao, Q.** & Xu, Y. (2017). Poverty and material deprivation in rural China: Evidence from Henan and Shaanxi. *Population Journal*, 39: 27-42. (in Chinese)
- Han, H., **Gao, Q.** & Xu, Y. (2017). Absolute poverty among rural older population and its contributing factors: Empirical evidence from a material deprivation perspective. *Population and Economics*, 224: 70-83. (in Chinese)
- Liu, S., Zhai, F. & **Gao, Q.** (2017). Parental acculturation and parenting behaviors in Chinese immigrant parents: The mediating role of social support. *China Journal of Social Work*, 10: 2-3, 203-219.
- Lu, J. & **Gao, Q.** (2017). Faith and happiness in China: Roles of religious identity, beliefs, and practice. *Social Indicators Research*, 132: 273–290.
- Mathew, S., Zhai, F. & **Gao, Q.** (2017). Social support and parental nurturance among Asian Indian families in the US: Mediating role of parenting self-efficacy. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, 38: 354–369.
- Wu, S., Wang, X., Wu, Q, Zhai, F. & **Gao, Q.** (2017). Acculturation-based family conflict: A validation of Asian American Family Conflict Scale among Chinese Americans. *PsyCh Journal*, 6: 294–302.
- Han, H., **Gao, Q.**, & Xu, Y. (2016). Welfare participation and family consumption choices in rural China. *Global Social Welfare*, 3(4), 223-241.
- Gao, Q.**, Wu, S. & Zhai, F. (2015). Welfare participation and time use in China. *Social Indicators Research*, 124: 863-887.
- Gao, Q.**, Yang, S. & Li, S. (2015). Welfare, targeting, and anti-poverty effectiveness: The case of urban China. *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, 56, 30-42.
- Gao, Q.**, Ying, Q. & Luo, D. (2015). Hidden income and occupational background: Evidence from Guangzhou. *Journal of Contemporary China*, 24(94), 721-741.
- Yang, S., **Gao, Q.** & Li, S. (2015). Targeting and anti-poverty performance of the Minimum Livelihood Guarantee program in urban China. *Studies in Labor Economics*, 3(3): 52-78. (in Chinese)
- Gao, Q.**, Zhai, F. Yang, S. & Li, S. (2014). Does welfare enable family expenditures on human capital? Evidence from China. *World Development*, 64: 219-231.

- Gao, Q.** & Rickne, J. (2014). Firm ownership and social insurance inequality in transitional China: Evidence from a large panel of firm data. *European Journal of Social Security*, 16(1): 2-25. **Winner of Best Paper Prize, awarded to the best paper presented at the 20th Foundation for International Studies on Social Security (FISS) conference.**
- Gao, Q.**, Yang, S. & Li, S. (2013). The Chinese welfare state in transition: 1988-2007. *Journal of Social Policy*, 42(4): 743-762.
- Gao, Q.** (2013). Public assistance and poverty reduction: The case of Shanghai. *Global Social Policy*, 13(2): 193-215.
- Yang, S., **Gao, Q.** & Li, S. (2013). Social welfare system and income distribution in China: 1988-2007. *Economic Theory and Business Management*, 2013(3): 29-38. (in Chinese)
- Gao, Q.**, Yang, S. & Li, S. (2012). Labor contracts and social insurance participation among migrant workers in China. *China Economic Review*, 23(4): 1195-1205.
- Gao, Q.** & Zhai, F. (2012). Anti-poverty family policies in China: A critical evaluation. *Asian Social Work and Policy Review*, 6(1): 122-135.
- Gao, Q.**, Yoo, J.Y., Yang, S., & Zhai, F. (2011). Welfare residualism: A comparative study of the basic livelihood security systems in China and South Korea. *International Journal of Social Welfare*, 20(2): 113-124.
- Gao, Q.** (2010). Redistributive nature of the Chinese social benefit system: Progressive or regressive? *The China Quarterly*, 201(1): 1-19.
- Gao, Q.**, Zhai, F., & Garfinkel, I. (2010). How does public assistance affect family expenditures? The case of urban China. *World Development*, 38(7), 989-1000.
- Gao, Q.** & Zhai, F. (2010). Demographic changes and household income in urban China: 1988-2002. *Journal of Asian Public Policy*, 3(1), 18-36.
- Zhai, F. & **Gao, Q.** (2010). Center-based care in the context of the one-child policy in China: Do child gender and siblings matter? *Population Research and Policy Review*, 29(5), 745-774.
- Zhai, F., Raver, C., Jones, S., Li-Grining, C., Pressler, E., & **Gao, Q.** (2010). Dosage effects of classroom-based interventions on school readiness: Evidence from a randomized experiment in Head Start settings. *Social Service Review*, 84(4), 709-711.
- Gao, Q.**, Garfinkel, I. & Zhai, F. (2009). Anti-poverty effectiveness of the Minimum Living Standard Assistance policy in urban China. *Review of Income and Wealth*, 55(s1): 630-655.
- Zhai, F. & **Gao, Q.** (2009). Child maltreatment among Asian Americans: Characteristics and explanatory framework. *Child Maltreatment*, 14(2): 207-224.

- Gao, Q.** (2008). The Chinese social benefit system in transition: Reforms and impacts on income inequality. *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*, 1136: 342-347.
- Zhai, F. & **Gao, Q.** (2008). Center-based early childhood education and care in China: Policies, trends, and implications. *Asian Social Work and Policy Review*, 2(3): 127-148.
- Kaushal, N., **Gao, Q.**, & Waldfogel, J. (2007). Welfare reform and family expenditures: How are single mothers adapting to the new welfare and work regime? *Social Service Review*, 81(3), 369-396. **Winner of the 2008 Frank R. Breul Memorial Prize, awarded to the best article published in *Social Service Review* in 2007.**
- Lewis, C., Garfinkel, I. & **Gao, Q.** (2007). Incarceration and unwed fathers in fragile families. *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, 34(3), 77-94.
- Rich, L., Garfinkel, I. & **Gao, Q.** (2007). Child support enforcement policy and unmarried fathers' employment in the underground and regular economies. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 26(4), 765-784.
- Gao, Q.** (2006). The social benefit system in urban China: Reforms and trends from 1988 to 2002. *Journal of East Asian Studies*, 6(1), 31-67.
- Gao, Q.** (2001). On inherent similarities between ethnography and oral history. *Folklore Studies*, 57, 144-148. (in Chinese)
- Gao, Q.** (1999). Indigenous models and the construction of social work profession in China. *The Journal of China Youth University of Political Studies, Social Work Education Association of China Annual Collection of Papers*, 98-102. (in Chinese)

Peer-reviewed Book Chapters:

- Gao, Q.**, Yang, S., Zhai, F. & Wang, Y. (2019). Social policy reforms and economic distances in China: 2002-2013. In Li, S., Sato, H. & Sicular, T. (eds.), *The Rise and Fall of Inequality in China: Evidence, Analysis, and Prospects*. Oxford University Press.
- Gao, Q.** (2018). China's fight against poverty: Rallying all forces to eradicate poverty by 2020. In M. Stepan & J. Duckett (eds.), *Serve the People: Innovation and IT in China's Social Development Agenda*. Mercator Institute for China Studies (MERICS) Papers on China No. 6.
- Yang, S., **Gao, Q.**, Zhai, F. & Wang, Y. (2017). Social policy in China: Development and income inequality from 2002 to 2013. In S. Li, X. Yue, T. Sicular, & H. Sato (eds.), *Recent Changes in Income Distribution in China: Research Series V on Income Distribution in China* (pp. 440-460; in Chinese). Beijing: China Financial and Economic Publishing House.

- Gao, Q.,** Evans, M. & Garfinkel, I. (2013). Social benefits and income inequality in post-socialist China and Vietnam. In Baehler, K. & Besharov, D. (eds.), *Chinese Social Policy in a Time of Transition*. Oxford University Press.
- Gao, Q. & Riskin, C.** (2013). Generosity and participation: Variations in urban China's Minimum Livelihood Guarantee policy. In Kennedy, D. & Stiglitz, J. E. (eds.), *Law and Economics with Chinese Characteristics: Institutions for Promoting Development in the 21st Century*. Oxford University Press.
- Gao, Q.,** Garfinkel, I. & Zhai, F. (2011). How effective is the Minimum Living Standard Assistance policy in urban China? In Xu, X., Li, S., Wu, X., & Yue, X. (eds.), *Productivity and Income Distribution: Macro Accounting and Micro measurement*. Beijing: Peking University Press. (in Chinese)
- Kaushal, N. & **Gao, Q.** (2011). Food Stamp program and consumption choices in low-educated single mother families. In Grossman, M. (ed.), *Economic Aspects of Obesity*. University of Chicago Press.
- Riskin, C. & **Gao, Q.** (2010). The changing nature of urban poverty in China. In Anand, S., Segal, P. & Stiglitz, J. E. (eds.), *Debates in the Measurement of Global Poverty*. Oxford University Press.
- Gao, Q. & Riskin, C.** (2009). Market versus social benefits: Explaining China's changing income inequality. In Davis, D. & Wang, F. (eds.), *Creating Wealth and Poverty in Postsocialist China*. Stanford University Press.
- Gao, Q.,** Kaushal, N., & Waldfogel, J. (2009). How have expansions in the Earned Income Tax Credit affected family expenditures? In Ziliak, J. (ed.), *Ten Years after: Evaluating the Long-Term Effects of Welfare Reform on Children, Families, Welfare, and Work*. Cambridge University Press.
- Gao, Q.** (2008). Social benefits in urban China: Determinants and impacts on income inequality in 1988 and 2002. In Wan, G. (ed.), *Understanding Inequality and Poverty in China: Methods and Applications*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Book Review:

- Gao, Q.** (2019). Review of *China's Social Welfare: The Third Turning Point*, by Joe C.B. Leung and Yuebin Xu. Cambridge: Polity Press, 2015. *The China Journal*, 81.
- Gao, Q.** (2013). Review of *China's Changing Welfare Mix: Local Perspectives*, edited by Carrillo, B. & Duckett, J., London: Routledge, 2011. *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, 66(5): 1244-1245.

Working Paper:

Smeeding, T., **Gao, Q.**, Saunders, P. & Wing, C. (2008). Elder poverty in an ageing world: Conditions of social vulnerability and low income for women in rich and middle-income nations. Luxembourg Income Study Working Paper No. 497.

FUNDING SUPPORT

- 2019-2020 **UNICEF**, “Child Multidimensional Poverty in China: The Role of Dibao and Other Social Policies.” PI.
- 2019-2020 **Columbia Population Research Center Seed Grant**, “Operation Parenting: A Social Group Model among Immigrant Parents of Children with Behavior Problems.” PI. Co-PI: Fuhua Zhai of Fordham University.
- 2018-2020 **National Natural Science Foundation of China**, “Dibao’s Targeting, Anti-Poverty Effectiveness and Behavioral Incentives in Rural China.” Grant Number: 71703008. Co-PI. PI: Huawei Han of Beijing Normal University.
- 2016-2019 **National Social Science Fund of China Key Program**, “Income, Wealth, and Redistributive Effects of Social Benefits.” Grant Number: 16AJY007. Co-PI. PI: Yake Wang of University of International Business and Economics, China.
- 2016-2018 **Zeng Family Foundation Grant**, “Social Policy and Social Work Development in China.” PI.
- 2018 **Asian Development Bank**, “Hebei Elderly Care Development Project.” International Social Protection Specialist.
- 2016-2017 **Columbia Population Research Center Seed Grant**, “Women, Men, Work, Family: Gender Inequality in Time Use in Transitional China.” PI. Co-PI: Fuhua Zhai of Fordham University.
- 2015-2017 **National Social Science Fund of China Key Program**, “Economic Mobility of Urban and Rural Workers in China: A Comparative Study.” Grant Number: 16AJY006. Co-PI. PI: Sui Yang of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.
- 2016 **Columbia University Weatherhead East Asian Institute**, “Income Inequality and Social Policy in China.” PI.
- 2016 **World Bank Social Protection and Labor Group**, “Strengthening Coordination between Rural and Urban Dibao Programs.” PI.
- 2016 **Beijing Xicheng District Youth League**, “Supporting Children and Adolescents in Low-Income Families in Beijing: A Pilot Study.” Co-Investigator. PI: Yuna Ma of China Youth University of Political Studies.
- 2014-2017 **Lois and Samuel Silberman Fund Faculty Grant**, “Cultural Values,

- Childrearing Practices, and Child Maltreatment among Asian Immigrant Families in Hawaii.” Co-PI. PI: Jing Guo of University of Hawaii at Manoa.
- 2015 **World Bank Social Protection and Labor Group**, “Monitoring and Evaluation of Social Assistance in China.” PI.
- 2014 **UNICEF Social Inclusion and Policy Section**, “Child Poverty and Social Protection in China.” PI.
- 2013-2014 **Fordham University Faculty Fellowship**, “Child Maltreatment among Asian Americans: Risk and Protective Factors.” PI.
- 2012-2014 **UNICEF and Ministry of Civil Affairs of China**, “Migrant Children and Social Inclusion in China.” PI.
- 2012-2013 **Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange Scholar Grant**, “Social Policy, Poverty, and Income Inequality in China: From 2002 to 2007.” PI. Co-Investigator: Shi Li of Beijing Normal University.
- 2012-2013 **Fordham University Faculty Research Grant**, “Sources and Distribution of Hidden Income in China: Evidence from Guangzhou.” PI. Co-Investigators: Qianwei Ying of Sichuan University and Danglun Luo of Sun Yat-sen University.
- 2011-2013 **National Natural Science Foundation of China**, “Market Environment, Trade Credit, and the Growth of Private Enterprises in China.” Co-Investigator. PI: Qianwei Ying of Sichuan University.
- 2009-2012 **Lois and Samuel Silberman Fund Faculty Grant Program**, “Cultural Values, Childrearing Practices, and Child Maltreatment among Asian Americans in New York City.” PI. Co-Investigator: Fuhua Zhai of Stony Brook University.
- 2009-2012 **Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation Faculty Research Grant Program**, “Cultural Values, Childrearing Practices, and Child Maltreatment among Asian Americans in New York City.” PI. Co-Investigator: Fuhua Zhai of Stony Brook University.
- 2009-2010 **Global Public Policy Network**, “Social Benefits and Income Inequality in Post-Socialist China and Vietnam.” PI. Co-Investigators: Martin Evans of UNICEF and Irwin Garfinkel of Columbia University.
- 2009-2010 **Fordham University Faculty Fellowship**, “How Does Public Assistance Affect Family Expenditures and Happiness? The Case of Urban China.” PI.
- 2008-2009 **Fordham University Faculty Research Grant**, “Anti-Poverty Effectiveness of the Minimum Living Standard Assistance Policy in Urban China.” PI.

- 2007-2008 **Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange Junior Scholar Grant**, “The Chinese Social Benefit System in Transition: Impacts and Implications for Future Reforms.” PI.
- 2007-2008 **Horowitz Foundation Social Policy Award**, “The Chinese Social Benefit System in Transition: Size, Domains, and Redistributive Effects.” PI.
- 2007-2008 **University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research Young Investigator Development Grant**, “The Earned Income Tax Credit, Family Expenditures, and Child Well-being.” PI. Co-Investigators: Neeraj Kaushal and Jane Waldfogel of Columbia University.
- 2006-2007 **Fordham University Faculty Research Grant**, “Reforming the Chinese Social Benefit System: Transitions, Impacts, and Policy Implications.” PI.
- 2004-2005 **Columbia University Public Policy Consortium Fellowship**
2004-2005 **Columbia University Weatherhead East Asian Institute V. K. Wellington Koo Dissertation Fellowship**, awarded to the best dissertation proposal in social sciences on contemporary China at Columbia University
- 2005 **Columbia University Weatherhead East Asian Institute Daniel and Marianne Spiegel Fund Grant**
- 2004 **Columbia University Weatherhead East Asian Institute Ph.D. Training Grant**
“The Chinese Social Benefit System and its Impact on Income Inequality: From 1988 to 2002.” PI.

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

- 6/2018 **Invited Keynote Speaker**, 25th Annual Conference of the Foundation for International Studies on Social Security (FISS), Sigtuna, Sweden.
- 11/2016 **Invited Co-Chair**, 68th Student Conference on U.S. Affairs (SCUSA), United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.
- 10/2016 **Invited Keynote Speaker**, Symposium on “Social Assistance in Chinese Societies” hosted by Nanjing University and co-sponsored by the Ministry of Civil Affairs of China, Association of Chinese Social Security Research, and UNICEF.
- 10/2013 **Winner of Best Paper Prize**, paper on social insurance inequality in urban China presented at the 20th Foundation for International Studies on Social Security (FISS) conference (with co-author Johanna Rickne).
- 05/2012 **Funded-Research Scholar Award**, Fordham University, sole winner in the social sciences for outstanding contributions to the University and its mission through externally funded research.

- 06/2011 **Invited Speaker**, United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) Expert Group Meeting on “Assessing family policies: Confronting family poverty and social exclusion & ensuring work-family balance”
- 06/2009 **One of the Top 20 Articles of 2008 in the Annual Rosabeth Moss Kanter Award for Excellence in Work-Family Research competition**, awarded to an article published in *Social Service Review* in 2007 (with co-authors Neeraj Kaushal and Jane Waldfogel)
- 12/2008 **Emerging Social Work Leader Award**, National Association of Social Workers – New York City Chapter
- 11/2007 **2008 Frank R. Breul Memorial Prize**, awarded to the best article published in *Social Service Review* in 2007 (with co-authors Neeraj Kaushal and Jane Waldfogel)

INVITED TALKS

Doing Research in China: Trajectory and Reflections

6/2019 American Council of Learned Societies and the Henry Luce Foundation

China’s War on Poverty: Winning at What Cost?

4/2019 Department of Political Science, Vassar College

4/2019 Center for the Study of Contemporary China, University of Pennsylvania

China’s War on Poverty: Will It Succeed?

2/2018 Rutgers Center for Chinese Studies, Rutgers University

7/2018 China Youth University of Political Studies

10/2018 Urban China Network, Graduate School of Architecture, Preservation and Planning, Columbia University

Welfare, Work, and Poverty: Social Assistance in China

6/2018 Foundation for International Studies on Social Security, Sweden

10/2017 India China Institute, New School University

5/2017 National Committee on US-China Relations

6/2016 Beijing City University; Beijing Normal University; China Youth University of Political Studies; Ministry of Civil Affairs of China; Peking University; Peking University Medical School

11/2015 Fordham University College at 60

Social Assistance in China: Effectiveness, Impacts, and Future Directions

10/2016 Invited keynote speech, symposium on “Social Assistance in Chinese Societies,” Nanjing, China

Poverty, Inequality, and Social Welfare Policies in China: Polarization or Harmony?

- 06/2014 Invited talk, Soochow University, Taiwan
03/2014 Public talk, India China Institute, New School University
02/2014 Invited presenter, panel on “East Asian Miracle at Risk: Is a Social Crisis Brewing?” Columbia University Weatherhead East Asian Institute

The Chinese Welfare State in Transition: 1988-2007

- 05/2013 Public talk at the Tsinghua-Brookings Institution, Beijing
05/2013 Invited speaker, Social Welfare Development and Governance Transformation in East Asia International Workshop, Wuhan, China

Anti-poverty Family Policies in China: A Critical Evaluation

- 06/2011 Invited speaker, United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) Expert Group Meeting on “Assessing family policies: Confronting family poverty and social exclusion & ensuring work-family balance”

JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Asia Pacific Journal of Social Work and Development (Review Panel)
China Journal of Social Work
Journal of Poverty & Social Justice
Journal of Social Policy (International Editorial Adviser)