

## **JULIA CHUANG**

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### **EMPLOYMENT**

2024-present **Associate Professor of Sociology**, University of Maryland  
2021-2024 **Assistant Professor of Sociology**, University of Maryland  
Spring 2019 **Visiting Scholar**, Institute of Advanced Study  
2016-2021 **Assistant Professor of Sociology**, Boston College  
2014-16 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University

### **EDUCATION**

**Ph.D., Sociology**, University of California, Berkeley, 2014  
**M.A., Sociology**, University of California, Berkeley, 2009  
**B.A., Social Studies, cum laude**, Harvard University, 2003

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Books**

Chuang, Julia. 2020. "Beneath the China Boom: Labor, Citizenship, and the Making of a Rural Land Market." University of California Press.

- American Sociological Association (ASA) Labor and Labor Movements Section, Distinguished Scholarly Monograph Award, 2021
- ASA Development Section, Best Book Award, Honorable Mention, 2021
- ASA Section on Asia and Asian America, Transnational Asia Book Award, Honorable Mention, 2021

#### **Articles**

Smith, Nick R. and Julia Chuang. N.d. "Who Controls China's Rural Land? Village Leadership Under State Pressure." In "New Actors in Rural China", ed. Jesper Zeuthen, Elena Meyer-Clement, Kristin Looney, John Donaldson. Cornell University Press. Revise and resubmit.

Chuang, Julia and Nick Smith. 2025. "Regimes of Dispossession in China: Intra-state Competition and Land Dispossession Outcomes," *Journal of Peasant Studies* online first.

Chuang, Julia. 2022. "Questions of Culture in the Life of Off-shored Chinese Capital." *Economic Sociology: Perspectives and Conversation*. Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies.

Tian, Fengrui and Julia Chuang. 2022. "Depoliticizing China's Grassroots NGOs: State and Civil Society as an Institutional Field of Power." *The China Quarterly* Vol. 250, 509-530.

Chuang, Julia and John Yasuda. 2021. "Polanyi and the Peasant Question in China: State, Peasant, and Land Relations in China, 1949-present." *Politics & Society* Vol. 50 (2), 311-347.

Chuang, Julia. 2016. "Factory Girls After the Factory: Female Return Migrations in Rural China," *Gender & Society* Vol. 30 (3): 467-489.

Chuang, Julia. 2015. "Urbanization Through Dispossession: Survival and Stratification in China's New Townships," *Journal of Peasant Studies* Vol. 42 (2), 275-294.

- ASA Section on Labor and Labor Movements, Distinguished Graduate Student Paper
- Bharadwaj and Wolf Prize for outstanding article by a young scholar, *Journal of Peasant Studies*

Chuang, Julia. 2014. "China's Rural Land Politics: Bureaucratic Absorption and the Muting of Rightful Resistance," *The China Quarterly* Vol. 219, 649-669.

Chuang, Julia. 2014. "Chains of Debt: Labor Trafficking as a Career in China's Construction Industry," in Kimberly K. Hoang and Rhacel Parrenas (eds.), *Human Trafficking Reconsidered: Rethinking the Problem, Envisioning New Solutions*, pp. 58-68. New York: Open Society Institute.

### **Other publications**

Chuang, Julia. 2026. Review of *Everyday Democracy: Civil Society, Youth, and the Struggle Against Authoritarian Culture in China*, by Anthony Spires. *Asian Perspective*.

Chuang, Julia and Fengrui Tian. 2025. Review of *Markets with Bureaucratic Characteristics: How economic bureaucrats make policies and remake the Chinese state*, by Yingyao Wang. *Contemporary Sociology* 54(5): 454-457.

Chuang, Julia. 2024. Review of *The Logic of Governance in China: An Organizational Approach*, by Xueguang Zhou. *Journal of Asian Studies* 83(1): 179-181.

Deomeniconi, Carlotta, Sibel Tari, et al. 2021. "Role Detection and Prediction in Dynamic Political Networks." Women in Data Science 2019 Workshop Proceedings.

Chuang, Julia. 2018. Review of *Masculine Compromise: Migration, Family and Gender in China*, by Yuk-Ping Choi and Yinni Peng. *Contemporary Sociology* 47(3): 308-310.

Chuang, Julia. 2017. Review of *Building China: Informal Work and the New Precariat*, by Sarah Swider. *Industrial Labor Review* 70(5): 1291-1293.

Chuang, Julia. 2016. "Factory Girls After the Factory." August 3, 2016. *Gender & Society* blog. Invited blog entry.

Chuang, Julia. 2014. Review of *Taming Tibet: Landscape Transformation and the Gift of Chinese Development*, by Emily Yeh. *Journal of Peasant Studies* 40(2): 1-4.

Chuang, Julia. 2014. "The Withering Away of the State in China?" Review of *Capitalism From Below: Markets and Institutional Change in China*, Victor Nee and Sonja Oppen. Second author with John Lie. *Contemporary Sociology* 43(37): 37-39.

Lie, John and Julia Chuang. 2008. "Peoplehood." In Richard T. Schaefer (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity and Society*. Sage Publications.

### **Under Review**

Chuang, Julia. N.d. "Organizational Structure of Migrant Brokerage: The Case of Investment Immigration to the U.S." Under review at *Comparative Migration Studies*.

Chuang, Julia. 2026. "Losing Farmland or Homestead Land? Household Outcomes of Land Dispossession in Rural China." Under review at *Journal of Rural Studies*.

### **In Progress**

Chuang, Julia and Laith Ulaby. "Workplace Organization and AI Automation." In preparation.

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

#### **External funding**

ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucarius Foundation, PhD Scholarship in Migration Studies, "Settling in Motion" program, 2012-2014.

Social Science Research Council, International Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2011-2012.  
Wenner-Gren Foundation, Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, 2010-2011.

#### **Internal sources**

University of Maryland, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Faculty-Student Research Award, 2023.

University of Maryland, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Dean's Research Initiative Award, 2022.

Boston College Research Incentive Grant, Institute of Liberal Arts, 2018.

Boston College Manuscript Mini-Conference Grant, Institute for Liberal Arts, 2017.

UC Berkeley C. F. and Cecilia Koo Chair Fellowship for Outstanding Graduate Student in East Asian Studies, 2013-2014.

UC Berkeley Sociology Department Leo Lowenthal Fellowship, 2013-2014.

UC Berkeley Graduate Division Summer Grant, 2012, 2013.

UC Berkeley John L. Simpson Memorial Fellowship, Institute of International Studies, 2012-2013.

UC Berkeley Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, 2009-2010.

UC Berkeley Center for Chinese Studies Liu Research Fellowship, 2007, 2009-2010.

UC Labor and Employment Research Fund Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, 2009.

Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant, 2007-2008, 2009.

### **INVITED TALKS**

"Land Commercialization and the Social Reproduction of Labor in Rural China"

National Tsing Hua University, Taipei School of Economics and Political Sciences colloquium, December 2022

"Classification in Chinese Governance: Petitions, Ideology, and Protests"

Keynote talk, Categorizing People and Resources in Contemporary China seminar, University of Copenhagen, May 2022

"Reflections on Fieldwork in China"

Brown University, Watson Institute, November 2021

"Assembling the New China: Labor Brokerage"

University of Oslo seminar series, April 2021  
 “Why have Land Protests in Rural China Disappeared?”  
 Critical China Scholars working group, 2020  
 University of Pennsylvania, Center for Study of Contemporary China, November 2021  
 “Beneath the China Boom: Labor, Citizenship and the Making of a Rural Land Market”  
 Georgetown University, Asia Seminar, October 2021  
 Johns Hopkins University, East Asia Seminar, October 2021  
 SUNY Buffalo, Department of Sociology Colloquium, March 2021  
 Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton, East Asian Studies Seminar, March 2020  
 Cornell University, Cornell Contemporary China Initiative speaker series, November 2019  
 Simon Fraser University, School of International Studies, December 2017  
 Stanford University, China Social Science Workshop, February 2018  
 Brandeis University, Department of Sociology Colloquium, February 2018  
 University of New Hampshire, Department of Sociology Colloquium, March 2018  
 “Trading Land for Welfare”: Inequality and Citizenship Reform in Rural China”  
 UC Berkeley, Department of Sociology Colloquium, October 2017  
 “Two Models of Chinese Development”  
 Harvard Kennedy School, Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, February 2017  
 “China’s Construction Boom and Bust: Land Sale as Solution to Fiscal Crisis”  
 MIT, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, April 2016  
 “The Changing Foundations of Chinese Development”  
 Boston College, Department of Sociology, October 2016  
 University of San Francisco, Department of Sociology, November 2016  
 Georgia Institute of Technology, School of History and Sociology, November 2016  
 “The Changing Foundations of Chinese Development: From Low-Cost Labor to Land Dispossession”  
 Harvard University, Department of Sociology, October 2016  
 UCLA, Center for Social Theory and Comparative History colloquium, February 2015

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

““Migration is an Unlimited Market’: How Brokers Transform Investment Migration into a Market,” Section Session, International Migration Section, ASA Annual Meeting, 2024  
 Critic, Author Meets Critics, *The Gender Order of Neoliberalism*, Eastern Sociological Society, 2024  
 Author, Book panel on Inland Urbanization in China, Association for Asian Studies, 2022  
 “Why have Land Protests in Rural China Disappeared?” Special Session on Sociology of Dispossession, ASA Annual Meeting, 2021.  
 “Welfare Redistribution, Political Containment, and Land Reform in Rural China’s Contentious Politics.” Rural Transformation and Governance in China panel, Association for Asian Studies, 2021.  
 Discussant on Author Meets Critics for Michael Levien’s *Dispossession Without Development: Land Grabs in Neoliberal India*, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, March 2019.

“Urbanizing Rural China: Challenges of Rural Governance.” Workshop sponsored by Freie Universität Berlin, Skagen, Denmark, February 2018.

Discussant on book panel, Zhuqing Li’s *Reinventing China: The Experience of Contemporary Chinese Returnees from the West*, New England Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Boston, January 2017.

“From Labor Commodification to Land Dispossession: The Changing Foundations of Chinese Development, 1978 to present.” Asia and Asian-America section session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, August 2016.

Discussant on Author Meets Critics book panel, Cedric DeLeon, *Origins of the Right to Work*, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, November 2015.

“Land and China’s Economic Growth.” ASA Sociology of Development mini-conference, Brown University, March 2015.

“China’s New Socialist Countryside Campaign: Egalitarian or Predatory?” Recasting the Rural workshop, Brown University, February 2015.

“Land and China’s Economic Growth.” New England Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, University of Connecticut, October 2014.

“Urbanization Through Dispossession: Survival and Stratification in China’ Townships.” Land and Environment section session, SSHA Annual Meeting, Toronto, November Sociology of Development section session, “Development in Hard Times,” ASA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, August 2014.

“China’s Rural Land Politics: Bureaucratic Absorption and the Muting of Rightful Resistance.” ASA Annual Meeting, NYC, August 2013.

## TEACHING

Department of Sociology, University of Maryland

Introduction to Sociology – Spring 2022, Fall 2022

Globalization’s Winners and Losers – Spring 2023, Fall 2024

Contemporary Theory – Spring 2023

Rise of China – Fall 2022

Craft of Ethnography – Fall 2021

Department of Sociology, Boston College

Global Inequalities (undergraduate core) – Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2019

Interviewing Methods (undergraduate/graduate) – Spring 2021, Fall 2024

Second Year Empirical Research Seminar (graduate)

Empirical Research Seminar (graduate)

Craft of Ethnography (undergraduate/graduate) – Spring 2017

China’s Rise (undergraduate) – Spring 2017

## ADVISING

### PhD students:

Nikita Vasamwan, Sociology, University of Maryland

Shriyam Gupta, Sociology, University of Maryland

Yi-Ching Huang, Sociology, University of Maryland

Mary Destefano, University of Maryland (co-Chair)

Fengrui Tian, Sociology, Boston College (Co-Chair) – Postdoctoral Fellow at University of Michigan, Center for Chinese Studies

Shilpa Reddy, Sociology, University of Maryland (co-Chair) – member at Twin Oaks cooperative

Samantha Eddy, Sociology, Boston College (Co-Chair) -- Associate Director of Academic Programs, Bentley University

**MA and undergraduate thesis advising:**

Nikita Vasamwan, Sociology, University of Maryland

Shriyam Gupta, Sociology, University of Maryland

Yi-Ching Huang, Sociology, University of Maryland

Gaelle Bargain-Darrigues, MA thesis, Sociology, Boston College

Eunyque Sykes, MA thesis, Sociology, Boston College

Yitong Liu, senior thesis, Sociology, Boston College

Fengrui Tian, MA thesis, Sociology, Boston College

Ashley Parry, MA thesis, Sociology, Boston College

William Hubschman, senior thesis, Sociology, Boston College

Christopher Yu, senior thesis (co-advisor), Sociology, Boston College

Sangwoo Kim, senior thesis, Sociology, Boston College

Sarah-Eve Dill, senior thesis, Development Studies, Brown University

**Committee and Qualifying Examinations:**

Yi-ching Huang, Sociology, University of Maryland

Nikita Viswasam, Sociology, University of Maryland

Fengrui Tian, PhD qualifying area exam, Sociology, Boston College

Orla Kelly, PhD qualifying area exam, Sociology, Boston College

Patrick CoatarPeter, PhD qualifying area exam, Sociology, Boston College

Samantha Eddy, PhD qualifying area exam, Sociology, Boston College

Kathryn Olson, dissertation proposal committee member, Sociology, Boston College

Laura Tennenhouse, dissertation proposal outside committee member, Theology, Boston College

**SERVICE (for the university)**

Student Research Initiative, mentor (summer 2025)

Institutional Review Board committee, Boston College, 2020-2021

Benigno and Corizon Aquino Scholarship committee, Boston College, Spring 2018 and 2019

Asian Studies affiliated faculty, Boston College, 2017-2019

**SERVICE (for the discipline)**

Editorial Board, *Gender & Society*, 2023-2025.

Editorial Board, *Sociology of Development*, 2016-present

Chair, Asia and Asian American Section Book Award committee, American Sociological Association 2023-2024

Member, Asia and Asian American Section Book Award committee, American Sociological Association, 2022-2023

Member, Labor and Labor Movements Section Book Award committee, American Sociological Association, 2022-2023

Member, Global and Transnational Sociology nominations committee, American Sociological Association, 2016-2018.

Co-Chair, Rural, Agricultural and Environmental Network, Social Science History Association, 2015-2016.

Member, American Sociological Association (ASA), Social Science History Association (SSHA)

### **LANGUAGES AND TRAINING**

Languages: Mandarin Chinese (fluent)

Software: R, Python

Women in Data Science and Mathematics workshop, Institute for Computational and Experimental Research Methodology, Brown University, 2019.

### **REFERENCES**

Available upon request