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EDUCATION

Georgetown University, Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Visiting Fellows Program, Certificate in Ethics, 1994
University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, Ph.D. in Anthropology, 1978
Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA, M.A.T. in Social Studies, 1965
Harvard College, Cambridge, MA, B.A. cum laude in General Studies (with a major in Anthropology), 1964

HONORS/AWARDS

Awarded an ADVANCE Opportunity Grant to conduct research on the development of bioethics in China, 2006-07
Awarded a Presidential Initiative Grant to organize a major public panel on "Asia's Security Challenges" (held March 2006)
Appointed Visiting Fellow, Contemporary China Centre, School of Pacific and Asian Studies, The Australian National University, Canberra, June-July 2001
Awarded a research scholar grant by the Committee for Scholarly Communication with China (CSCC) as part of the national exchange program, 1998
Awarded a National Institute on Aging grant to conduct an international conference in Cleveland on "Home Health Care and Elders: International Perspectives," (held October, 1992)
Awarded a research scholar grant by the Committee for Scholarly Communication with the People's Republic of China (CSCPRC) as part of the national exchange program, 1990
Selected as alternate for a Wang Institute Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Chinese Studies, 1987
Awarded travel grant by Gerontological Society of America to present paper at the XIth International Congress of Gerontology in Tokyo, 1978
Elected to Phi Kappa Phi (Scholastic Honorary Society), 1977
National Institute of Mental Health Research Traineeship, 1972-77
Elected to Pi Lambda Theta (Educational Honorary Society), 1965

CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

Professor of Global Health and Diseases (Secondary Appointment), Case Western Reserve University 2005-
Director, Asian Studies Program, Case Western Reserve University 2007-
Professor of Anthropology, Case Western Reserve University 1998-
Lecturer, Department of Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School 1991-
Associate in Research, Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University 1985-

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association
American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics

Association for Anthropology and Gerontology
 Association for Asian Studies
 Gerontological Society of America
 International Association of Bioethics
 Society for Medical Anthropology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research

Beijing, People's Republic of China, August–December 2006, July 2007

With funding from an ADVANCE Opportunity Grant investigated the development of the field of bioethics/medical ethics in China by interviewing researchers, educators, physicians, and policymakers based in Beijing as well as other Chinese cities and acquiring books and journals prominent in the field.

Guangzhou, People's Republic of China, July 1998-December 1998

With funding from the CSCC investigated "The Impact of Economic Reform on China's Urban Elderly" by re-interviewing 200 households initially contacted in 1987. Another 100 elderly households from the same neighborhoods were added to allow for cross-cohort comparisons.

Beijing, People's Republic of China and Taipei, Republic of China, December 8, 1994-January 5, 1995 and Hong Kong, August 1994

Interviewed professionals in the field of organ transplantation concerning ethical issues in organ procurement and allocation.

Cleveland, October 22-23, 1992

As PI of a grant from the National Institute on Aging organized a conference with speakers from 12 countries on "Home Health Care and Elders: International Perspectives." Over 350 people attended the two-day conference which was sponsored by the CWRU Center on Aging and Health.

Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China, January 1991-June 1991

Under the auspices of the CSCPRC investigated "Aging, Disability, and the Process of Care Provision" by following up 200 community-dwelling elderly over the age of 70 who were first interviewed by the researcher in Guangzhou (Canton) in 1987.

Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China, June 1987-January 1988

Determined the level of functioning of a random sample of community-dwelling elderly over the age of 70 in the city of Guangzhou and documented the care options available to those elderly who could not function without assistance.

Hong Kong, September 1982-August 1984

As Principal Investigator and Project Director of the Hong Kong component of a multi-site multi-year program project supported by the National Institute on Aging examined people's perceptions of the adult life cycle and the factors contributing to the well-being of the elderly in Hong Kong (one year on site for research, one year at Harvard Graduate School of Education for analysis).

Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China, June-August 1980

Based at Zhongshan University in Guangzhou with extensive travel within Guangdong Province; collected data on community service (residents committees) organizations.

Boston, January 1979-August 1981

As Project Director of a three year National Institute on Aging funded project investigated the affects of the immigration experience and of ethnic density on intergenerational relations in ethnic groups in the Greater Boston area (as part of this project personally focused on the Cantonese-speaking segment of the Chinese community).

Boston, September 1978-August 1979

Collaborated on a two year Administration on Aging research and curriculum development project to introduce geriatric materials into the training of public health students at the Harvard School of Public Health. Major responsibilities included coordinating the writing of cases, editing, and developing cases.

Doctoral Candidate, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, 1972-78

Summer of 1973: organized and conducted survey research project on homes for the aged in Hong Kong. Summer of 1974: Selected a sample of informants, prepared interview schedules, trained assistants, and gathered base-line data on health, genealogy, employment, and household matters from nearly 100 older people. June 1975 - November 1976: Recruited/trained team of research assistants, re-interviewed previous (1974) informants and selected a subsample for intensive life history interviewing.

Consultancies

Consultant to The Clay Street Project, Cincinnati, OH, March 2006

Delivered half-day presentation on Chinese families and aging to a group of research and development trainees prior to their impending trip to China.

Consultant to Primary Source, Watertown, MA, 2001-

Assisted Primary Source, a curriculum development non-profit, with its China curriculum development efforts. In August 2001 accompanied a study tour of teachers (K-12) along the Silk Road in western China as a resource person on religion and national minorities. In April 2004 accompanied a similar study tour to Guangdong Province as a resource person on local social and economic development as well as the history of Chinese emigration.

Consultant to The Atlantic Council of the United States, Washington, D.C., 1996-1999

Assisted The Atlantic Council with its multi-year international program on "Women Entrepreneurs in Mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and the United States." Responsibilities included serving as rapporteur and facilitating discussion at international conferences and authoring the conference reports. The first conference was held in Beijing (March 1996), the second in Taipei (October 1997).

Publications

Books/Monographs

Filial Piety: Practice and Discourse in Contemporary East Asia. (ed.). Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2004.

The Return of the God of Wealth: The Transition to a Market Economy in Urban China. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1996. (Winner of the 1996 Anthony Leeds Prize awarded by the Society for Urban Anthropology)

The Aging Experience: Diversity and Commonality Across Cultures. Jennie Keith, Christine Fry, Anthony Glascock, Charlotte Ikels, Jeanette Dickerson-Putman, Henry Harpending, and Patricia Draper. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 1994. (Winner of the 1995 Richard A. Kalish Award for Innovative Publication granted by the Behavioral and Social Sciences Section of the Gerontological Society of America)

Home Health Care and Elders: International Perspectives. (ed.), Special Issue of the Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology, 8(4), 1993.

Policy and Aging in Contemporary China. Melvyn Goldstein and Charlotte Ikels (eds.), Special Issue of the Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology, 8(3), 1993.

Migration and the Elderly. (ed.), Special Issue of the Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology, 1 (2), 1986.

Aging and Adaptation: Chinese in Hong Kong and the United States. Hamden, CT: Archon Books, 1983.

Urbanization and Modernization: The Impact on Aging in Hong Kong. Ph.D. Dissertation, Department of Anthropology, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, 1978.

Refereed Journals

Economic Reform and Intergenerational Relationships in China. Oxford Development Studies, 34(4):387-400, 2006.

The Impact of Housing Policy on China's Urban Elderly. Urban Anthropology, 33(2-4):321-355, 2004.

Constructing and Deconstructing the Self: Dementia in China. Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology, 17:233-251, 2002.

The Experience of Dementia in China. Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry, 22:257-283, 1998.

Ethical Issues in Organ Procurement in Chinese Societies. The China Journal, 38:95-119, 1997.

Kidney Failure and Transplantation in China. Social Science and Medicine, 44(9): 1271-1283, 1997.

Introduction. Home Health Care: An Overview of the Issues. Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology, 8(4):291-300, 1993.

Introduction. Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology, 8(3):173-178, 1993.

Perceptions of the Adult Life Course: A Cross-Cultural Analysis (Charlotte Ikels, Jennie Keith, Jeanette Dickerson-Putman, Patricia Draper, Christine L. Fry, Anthony Glascock, and Henry Harpending). Ageing and Society, 12:49-84, 1992.

Aging and Disability in China: Cultural Issues in Measurement and Interpretation. Social Science & Medicine, 32(6):649-665, 1991.

The Resolution of Intergenerational Conflict: Perceptions of Elders and their Family Members. Modern China, 16(4):379-406, 1990.

Household Composition of the Elderly in Two Rural Villages in the People's Republic of China. (Melvyn C. Goldstein, Yachun Ku, and Charlotte Ikels). Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology, 5(2):119-130, 1990.

Delayed Reciprocity and the Support Networks of the Childless Elderly. Journal of Comparative Family Studies, XIX(1):99-112, 1988. (Reprinted in Beth B. Hess and Elizabeth W. Markson [eds.] Growing Old in America, 4th edition, New Brunswick: Transaction, pp. 441-456, 1991.)

Introduction. Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology, 1(2):113-115, 1986.

Older Immigrants and Natural Helpers. Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology, 1(2):209-222, 1986.

Parental Perspectives on the Significance of Marriage. Journal of Marriage and the Family, 42:253-264, 1985.

The Process of Care-Taker Selection. Research on Aging, 5(4):491-509, 1983. (Reprinted in Beth B. Hess and Elizabeth W. Markson (eds.), Growing Old in America, 3rd edition, pp. 136-150, New Brunswick: Transaction, 1985.)

The Family Past: Contemporary Studies and the Traditional Chinese Family - A Review Essay. The Journal of Family History, 6 (3): 97-103, 1981.

Old Age in Hong Kong. The Gerontologist, 15(3):230-35, 1975.

Book Chapters and Miscellaneous

Economic Reform and Intergenerational Relationships in China in Ageing in Asia by Roger Goodman and Sarah Harper (eds.), pp.14-27, London: Routledge, 2008. (Originally published as a Special Edition of Oxford Development Studies).

Older Immigrants: Cultural Issues in Access to Health Care (Commentary) in Social Structures: Demographic Changes and the Well-Being of Older Persons by K. Warner Schaie and Peter Uhlenberg (eds.), pp.25-36. New York, Springer Publishing Company, 2007.

Filial Piety in Changing Asian Societies (Akiko Hashimoto and Charlotte Ikels) in The Cambridge Handbook of Age and Ageing by Malcolm L. Johnson (ed.), pp.437-442. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005.

- Introduction in Filial Piety: Practice and Discourse in Contemporary East Asia by Charlotte Ikels (ed.), pp.1-15, Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2004.
- Serving the Ancestors, Serving the State: Filial Piety and Death Ritual in Contemporary Guangzhou in Filial Piety: Practice and Discourse in Contemporary East Asia by Charlotte Ikels (ed.), pp.88-105, Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2004.
- Guangzhou, China in Encyclopedia of Urban Cultures: Cities and Cultures Around the World, Vol. 2 by Melvin Ember and Carol R. Ember (eds.), pp.267-274. Danbury, CT: Grolier/Scholastic, 2002.
- Age, Aging, and Anthropology (Charlotte Ikels and Cynthia M. Beall) in Handbook of Aging and the Social Sciences (5th ed.) by Robert H. Binstock and Linda K. George (eds.), pp.125-140, New York: Academic Press, 2001.
- Gaigede Shiqide Daiji Qiyue* (The Intergenerational Contract in an Age of Reform) in Xifang Zhuanjia wei Zhongguo Jingji (Western Experts on China's Economy) by Zhang Minjie (ed.), pp.313-339, Changchun: Changchun Publishing Company, 1999. (Chinese translation of 1993 publication "Settling Accounts: The Intergenerational Contract in an Age of Reform" listed below.)
- Aging in Handbook of Immigrant Health by Sana Loue (ed.), pp.477-491, New York: Plenum Publishing, 1998.
- Grandparenthood in Cross-Cultural Perspective in Handbook of Grandparenthood by Maximiliane Szinovacz (ed.), pp.40-52, Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1998.
- Culture and the Meaning of a Good Old Age (Christine L. Fry, Jeanette Dickerson-Putman, Jennie Keith, Charlotte Ikels, Anthony P. Glascock, Henry C. Harpending, and Patricia Draper) in The Cultural Contexts of Aging (2nd ed.) by Jay Sokolovsky (ed.), pp. 99-123, Westport, CT: Greenwood, 1997.
- Long-Term Care and the Disabled Elderly in Urban China in The Cultural Contexts of Aging (2nd ed.) by Jay Sokolovsky (ed.), pp. 452-471, Westport, CT: Greenwood, 1997.
- Women and Entrepreneurship in Mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and the United States: Interim Project Report (Beatrice Fitzpatrick, Charlotte Ikels, and Karen Sutter), Washington, D.C.: The Atlantic Council of the United States, June 1997.
- Comparative Perspectives on Successful Aging (Charlotte Ikels, Jeanette Dickerson-Putman, Patricia Draper, Christine L. Fry, Anthony Glascock, Henry Harpending, and Jennie Keith) in Promoting Successful and Productive Aging by Lynne Bond, Stephen Cutler, and Armin Grams (eds.), pp. 304-323, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 1995.
- Chinese Kinship and the State: The Shaping of Policy for the Elderly in Annual Review of Gerontology and Geriatrics, vol. 13 Aging, Kinship, and Social Change by George L. Maddox and Powell Lawton (eds.), pp.123-146, New York: Springer Publishing, 1993.
- Settling Accounts: The Intergenerational Contract in an Age of Reform in Chinese Families in the Post-Mao Era by Deborah Davis and Stevan Harrell (eds.), pp.307-333, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1993.

China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore in Anthropology of Aging: A Partially Annotated Bibliography by Marjorie M. Schweitzer (ed.), pp. 104-117, Westport, CT.: Greenwood, 1991.
 Chinese Americans in Anthropology of Aging: A Partially Annotated Bibliography by Marjorie M. Schweitzer (ed.), pp. 210-213, Westport, CT: Greenwood, 1991.

New Options for Urban Elderly in China on the Eve of Tiananmen: The Impact of Reform by Deborah Davis and Ezra F. Vogel (eds.), pp. 215-240, Cambridge: Harvard Univ. Press, 1990.

Family Caregivers and the Elderly in China in Aging and Caregiving: Theory, Research and Policy by David E. Biegel and Arthur Blum (eds.), pp. 270-284, Newbury Park, CA: Sage, 1990.

Communities as Context for Successful Aging (Jennie Keith, Christine L. Fry, and Charlotte Ikels) in The Cultural Contexts of Aging: Worldwide Perspectives by Jay Sokolovsky (ed.), pp. 245-61, Westport, CT: Greenwood, 1990.

Becoming a Human Being in Theory and in Practice: Chinese Views of Human Development in Social Structure and Aging: Comparative Perspectives on Age Structuring in Modern Societies by D. Kertzer and K.W. Schaie (eds.), pp. 109-134, Hillsdale, NJ: Erlbaum, 1989.

Research on Aging: A Calculated Decision in Sociology by Beth B. Hess, E. Markson, and R. Stein, 3rd edition, NY: Macmillan, p. 236, 1988.

The Use of Qualitative Methodologies in Large-Scale Cross Cultural Research (Charlotte Ikels, Jennie Keith, and Christine L. Fry) in Qualitative Gerontology by Shulamit Reinharz and Graham D. Rowles (eds.), pp. 274-96, New York: Springer Publishing, 1988.

An Annotated Guide to Periodical Literature on Aging, (17 pages), Association for Anthropology and Gerontology, 1986.

The Chinese Family in History of the Family and Kinship: A Select International Bibliography by Gerald L. Soliday (ed.) with Richard T. Vann and Robert Wheaton, pp. 257-64. New York: Kraus-Thomson Organization, 1980.

The Coming of Age in Chinese Society: Traditional Patterns and Contemporary Hong Kong in Aging in Culture and Society: Comparative Viewpoints and Strategies by Christine L. Fry (ed.) and Contributors, pp. 80-100, New York: Bergin Publishers, Inc., 1980.

Presentations (1990 - present)

Medical Ethics Branch of the Chinese Medical Association Biennial Meeting, Urumqi, July 2007
 Delivered invited address “为什么西方国家批评中国的器官移植情况?” (“Why Do Western Countries Criticize Organ Transplantation in China?”).

Harvard University Asia Center, April 2007
 Delivered talk on “Bioethics in China Today: The View from the Top.”

Fudan University, Shanghai, December 2006
 Gave lecture “Anthropology and Bioethics: Friends or Foes?”

American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., December 2005
Hosted General Anthropology Division Roundtable on "Teaching East Asian Studies."

Pennsylvania State University, October 2005.

Served as discussant for paper on "Immigration and Aging" at the conference on "Social Structures: The Impact of Demographic Changes on the Well-being of Older Persons."

4th Annual Conference of the Association for Anthropology and Gerontology, University of Texas, Austin, March 2005

Delivered Keynote "New Directions in Research on Aging in Asia."

St. Antony's College, Oxford University, February 2005

Presented paper "Filial Piety in Crisis?: The Impact of Economic Reform on Intergenerational Relations in China" at the workshop on "Ageing in Asia."

Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Richmond, VA, February 2004.

Presented paper "Teaching about Global Aging from Cross-Cultural and Cross-National Perspectives."

Primary Source, Watertown, MA, February 2003 and March 2004

Presented "Introduction to Guangzhou" to teachers preparing for participation in a two-week study tour of Guangdong Province.

Seventh Biennial Conference of the Chinese Studies Association of Australia, Canberra, July 2001

Presented paper "Pleasing the State, Pleasing the Ancestors: Death Ritual in Contemporary Guangzhou."

Contemporary China Centre, School of Pacific and Asian Studies, The Australian National University, June 2001

Delivered talk "From Welfare Benefit to Market Commodity: Housing in Urban China."

American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 2000

Presented paper "Between Socialism and the Market: Housing Privatization in Guangzhou" at the annual meeting .

Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University, May 2000

Served as discussant of paper "Totalitarianism and Individualism: A Comparative Study of Current Eugenics Law in China, Taiwan, and Japan" presented at the workshop on "Eugenics in East Asia: A Transnational Perspective."

Association for Asian Studies, San Diego, March 2000

Presented paper "Filial Piety: When Is Enough Enough?" at the annual meeting.

Ruby Gerontology Center, California State University, Fullerton, February 2000

Delivered paper "Constructing and Deconstructing the Self: Dementia in China" as part of the symposium on "The Cultural Construction of Senile Dementia."

Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University, October 1999

Delivered talk on "The Impact of Housing Reform Implementation: Guangzhou, a Case Study."

M.I.T., Cambridge, MA, April 1997

Served as discussant for presentation on "Chinese Social Security Reforms."

Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH, April 1997

Engaged in dialogue with a class of political science students who had read my book, The Return of the God of Wealth, as part of their course assignments.

Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH, September 1996

Delivered talk on "Aging in the Era of the One-Child Family" as opening of the 1996-1997 East Asian Studies Colloquia.

American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November 1995

Presented paper "Sex, Ghosts, and Executions: The Ethics of Organ Procurement in Chinese Societies" at the annual meeting.

American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November 1995

Served as discussant for the panel "Intersections of Culture, History, and the Lifecourse in East Asia."

The Spectrum of Research on Aging and the Aged, Cleveland, OH, November 1995

Presented the poster session "The Experience of Dementia in China."

18th Annual Professional and Scientific Ohio Conference on Aging, King's Island, OH, April 1994

Delivered keynote address on "Qualitative Methodologies and Cross-Cultural Research."

Vermont Conference on the Prevention of Primary Pathology, Burlington, VT, June 1993

Delivered paper "Comparative Perspectives on Successful Aging."

Cambridge, MA, January 1993

Delivered talk on "Death and Death Ritual in Contemporary Urban China" to the Anthropologists of Boston on China (ABC Group).

Gerontological Society of America, Washington, D.C., November 1992

Presented paper "How Culture Makes a Difference in Well-Being" at the annual meeting.

Society for Cross-Cultural Research, Santa Fe, March 1992

Presented paper "Interpretation and Standardization of Quantitative Data" at the annual meeting.

American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, November 1990

Delivered paper "The Impact of Socio-Economic Status on Family Care of the Elderly in Hong Kong" at the annual meeting.

Gerontological Society of America, Boston, November 1990

Presented paper "A Good Old Age in Hong Kong."

Conference on Family Strategies in Post-Mao China, Roche Harbor, Washington, June 1990

Presented paper "Settling Accounts: The Intergenerational Contract in an Age of Reform."