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EDUCATION

PhD, Sociology, Stanford University, 2003.

MA, Sociology, The Catholic University of America, 1996.

MA, Sociology, Peking University, China, 1989.

BE, Electronic Engineering, Tsinghua University, China, 1986.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Professor, University of California, Irvine. 2021 - Present

Associate Professor, University of California, Irvine. 2009-2021.

Assistant Professor, University of California, Irvine. 2003-2009.

Acting Assistant Professor, University of California, Irvine. 2002-2003.

AWARDS AND HONORS

The 2024 Distinguished Scholarly Book Award (Honorable Mention), American Sociological Association, for *Deadly Decision: Succession Politics and Pretest Repression in the 1989 Tiananmen Massacre*.

The 2012 Barrington Moore Book Award, Section of Comparative and Historical Sociology of American Sociological Association, for *Collective Killings in Rural China during the Cultural Revolution*.

The 2012 Charles Tilly Award for Best Book (Honorable Mention), Section of Collective Behavior and Social Movements, American Sociological Association, for *Collective Killings*.

The 2012 Chinese Sociological Association's Outstanding Achievement Paper Award (First Prize) , for Paper "Perceived Happiness in the Era of Economic Growth."

The 2011 Best Books of Year, *Spectator* (UK), for *Collective Killings*.

The 2003 Gordon White Award Best Paper of the Year (Finalist), *The China Quarterly*, for "Cultural Revolution in the Countryside: Scope, Timing and Human Impact" (Co-authored with Andrew Walder)

BOOKS

Deadly Decision: Succession Politics and Pretest Repression in the 1989 Tiananmen Massacre. Cambridge University Press. 2023

Distinguished Scholarly Book Award (Honorable Mention), American Sociological Association, 2024

Collective Killings in Rural China during the Cultural Revolution. Cambridge University Press. 2011.

Barrington Moore Book Award, 2012

Charles Tilly Award for Best Book (Honorable Mention), 2012

One of the Best Books of Year, *Spectator* (UK), 2011

Chinese translation published by Chinese University of Hong Kong Press in 2017

Social Class in Transitional China (In Chinese, Edited). Yang Su, Shizheng Feng and Chunping Han. Social Sciences Academic Press, Beijing, China. 2011.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

"Ethics of Social Protest" in *The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social and Political Movements*, Second Edition. Edited by David A. Snow, Donatella della Porta, Doug McAdam, and Bert Klandermans. John Wiley & Sons. 2023.

"Flexibility and Authority: Resolving Labor Disputes in a County Government in Western China." Xin He and Yang Su. *Law & Society Review*, 53(4): 1341–1376. 2019.

"Flexibility and Authority: Keys for Informal Justice to Succeed," in Shahla Ali (ed.) *Comparative and Transnational Dispute Resolution*, Routledge, 2021.

"Collective Petitions and Local State Responses in China," Lei Guang and Yang Su. pp. 167-183 in Teresa Wright ed. *Handbook of Dissent and Protest in China*, Edward Elgar Publishing. 2019.

- "Government Counterframing and the Revolutionary No-show in 1989." Yang Su and Ting Jiang. In Guoguang Wu and Helen Lansdowne (ed.), *China's Transition from Communism: New Perspectives*. London: Routledge. 2015.
- "Above the Roof, Beneath the Law: Perceived Justice behind Disruptive Tactics of Migrant Wage Claimants in China." Xin He, Lungang Wang and Yang Su. *Law & Society Review* 47 (4): 703-738. 2013.
- "Social Scientific Inquiry into Genocide and Mass Killing." Peter Owens, Yang Su and David Snow. *Annual Review of Sociology*, Vol. 39. 2013.
- "The Making of Maoist Model in Post-Mao Era: The Myth of Nanjie Village." Shizheng Feng and Yang Su. *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, 46 (1): 39-51. 2013.
- "Do the 'Haves' Come out ahead in Shanghai Courts?" Xin He and Yang Su. *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, 10 (1): 120-45. 2013.
- "Adapt or Voice: Class, Guanxi and Protest Propensity in China." Yang Su and Shizheng Feng. *Journal of Asian Studies*. February, 2013.
- "Communist Resilience: Institutional Changes in China since 1989." Wang Feng and Yang Su. In Nina Bangdelj and Dorothy Solinger (ed.) *Socialism Vanished, Socialism Transformed: Twenty Years After the Berlin Wall*. Oxford University Press. 2012.
- "State-Sponsored Social Movements." *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social Movements and Collective Action*. Wiley-Blackwell. 2012.
- "Perceived Happiness in the Era of Economic Growth." Junqiang Liu, Moulin Xiong and Yang Su. *Social Sciences in China* (中国社会科学), December issue. 2012.
- Winner of the 2012 Chinese Sociological Association's Outstanding Achievement Award (First Prize)
- English translation by the journal's staff is published by the Journal's English edition, *Social Sciences in China*, 2013, Vol. 34, No. 4, 20-37.
- "The Political Consequences of Social Movements" Edwin Amenta, Neal Caren, Elizabeth Chiarello and Yang Su. *Annual Review of Sociology* Vol.36. 2010.
- "Street as Courtroom: State Accommodation of Labor Protest in South China." Yang Su and Xin He. *Law and Society Review*, 44 (1): 157-84. 2010.
- "Introduction: Bring Class Analysis Back In (导论 : 把阶级还给不平等研究)." Yang Su, Shizheng Feng, and Chunping Han. In *Social Class in Transitional China*. Yang Su, Shizheng

Feng and Chunping Han (Editors, in Chinese). Social Sciences Academic Press, Beijing, China. 2011.

“Class Structures behind the Myth of Nanjie Village (国家组织和社会不平等—一个‘共产主义小区’的阶级分化.” Shizheng Feng and Yang Su. In *Social Class in Transitional China*. Yang Su, Shizheng Feng and Chunping Han (Editors, in Chinese). Social Sciences Academic Press, Beijing, China. 2011.

“Mass Killings in the Cultural Revolution: A Study of Three Provinces.” In Paul Pickowicz, Joseph Esherick and Andrew Walder (eds.) *China's Cultural Revolution as History*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press. 2006.

Translated and reprinted in *Modern China Studies* 13 (2006): 117-140.

Translated and reprinted in Pp. 685-710 in *Cultural Revolution: Historic Truth and Collective Memories*, Song Yongyi (ed). Hong Kong: Tianyuan Shuwu Publishing House, 2007.

"The Cultural Revolution in the Countryside: Scope, Timing and Human Impact." Andrew G. Walder and Yang Su. *The China Quarterly* 173:75-99. 2003.

Finalist, Gordon White Award Best Paper of the Year, *The China Quarterly*.

"The War at Home: Anti-War Protests and Congressional Voting, 1965-73." Doug McAdam and Yang Su. *American Sociological Review* 67: 696-721. 2002.

"Protest Events: Cause or Consequence of State Action? The U.S. Women's Movement and Federal Congressional Activities, 1956-1979." Sarah A. Soule, Doug McAdam, John D. McCarthy, and Yang Su. *Mobilization* 4: 239-255. 1999.

"The Role of Community Service in Identity Development: Normative, Unconventional, and Deviant Orientations." James Youniss, Jeff McLellan, Yang Su and Miranda Yates. *Journal of Adolescent Research* 14: 248-261. 1999.

"The Contingent Effects of Risk Perception on Risk Taking Behavior: Adolescent Participative Orientation and Marijuana Use." Che -Fu Lee, Yang Su and Barbara Hazard. 1998. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* 27: 17-27. 1998.

"Social Integration: Community Service and Marijuana Use in High School Seniors." James Youniss, Miranda J. Yates and Yang Su. *Journal of Adolescence Research* 12 (2):245-262. 1997.

"The Villagers and Their Interaction in Ancestor Worship Rites: A Field Study in Northwestern China, 1992." *Sociology and Social Research* (In Chinese). January/February 1993: 58-72

BOOK REVIEWS

Review Essay

“Freedom After Breaking the Blockade: Remembering Guao Hua,” *The 21th Century*. (“突破封锁线以后的自由—高华纪念” 刊于《二十一世紀》第一三〇期). 2012.

“Criminology, Racial Dehumanization and the Crime of Genocide in Darfur.” *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, January 2011 vol. 40 no. 110-12 (with David Snow)

Review

I Have No Enemies: The Life and Legacy of Liu Xiaobo, by Perry Link and Wu Dazhi. *Foreign Affairs*, November/December 2023.

Chairman Mao’s Children: Generation and the Politics of Memory in China, by Bin Xu. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, May 2023 vol 52. no.3: 287-289.

China’s Long March to Freedom: Grassroots Modernization, by Kate Zhou. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, November 2011 vol. 40 no. 6: 766-768.

China’s Popular Protest in China, by Kevin O’Brien (ed.), *The China Quarterly*, 198, June 2009, pp. 459–493.

China’s Water Warriors: Citizen Action and Policy Change, by Andrew C. Mertha. *Mobilization*, 2009.

Disorganizing China: Counter-Bureaucracy and the Decline of Socialism by Eddy U. *American Journal of Sociology* 114 (4). 2009.

State, Parties, and Social Movements edited by Jack Goldstone. *Contemporary Sociology* 34: 529-30. 2006.

China’s New Order: Society, Politics, and Economy in Transition, by WANG Hui. *Journal of Asian Business* 21: 77-79. 2005.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“A Successful Strategy of Government Response: Waiting Out” *Mobilizing Ideas* (A online blog for social movement scholars community), January 5, 2015 (Invited Blog)

“When it comes to popular protest, success is measured in the long term.” *South China Morning Post*, Oct 06, 2015. (Newspaper Op Ed)

“Impartial Judiciary Is the Cornerstone of The Rule of Law (司法公正是依法治国的基石)” *People’s Forum* (人民论坛) (Invited Op Ed) (with Xin He). 2015

“Don’t Overlook Mike Daisey’s Bigger Point about Apple” (Invited Op Ed by *CNN Opinion*), <https://www.cnn.com/2012/03/19/opinion/su-he-apple/index.html>

“Was the U.S. naive about the Chen Guangcheng deal?” (Invited Op Ed by *CNN Opinion*) <https://www.cnn.com/2012/05/04/opinion/su-chinese-dissident/index.html>

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Book Talk: *Deadly Decision in Beijing*,” University of Michigan 2024

“Political Origins of Authoritarian Anomaly: Two Orderly Waves of Leadership Succession under Communism.” UC Davis 2025.

“Hardship and Happiness: The Impact of Mao Years.” Fudan University, China. 2018.

“The Elite Conflict during the Tiananmen Student Movement.” 1) UCSD. 2014. 2) Columbia University 2018. 3) University of Michigan. 2018.

“The Maoism in the Post-Mao Era”, Academia Sinica, Taiwan; 2) UCLA. 2014.

“Collective Killings in Rural China during the Cultural Revolution. 1) University of Helsinki; 2) Yale University; 3) Chinese University of Hong Kong; Science and Technology University of Hong Kong; 4) University of California, Berkeley; 5) Purdue University. 6) UCLA. 2012.

“Institutionalization of Protest Policing” in America. South Western University of Law and Politics (China). 2011.

Invited Instructor at “Workshop on Political Sociology” sponsored by University of Chicago and Renmin University of China, Summer 2011, Beijing

Invited Presentation at Harvard University Law School (Stanford-Harvard Junior Faculty Forum on Comparative Law), 2009

Summer Workshop on Social Movements and Collective Action Research, Sponsored by Renmin University of China and UC Irvine, Beijing, China. 2007. Co-Organizer and Instructor,

Conference on “Cultural Production and Cultural Consumption in Contemporary China,” Sponsored by The Overseas Young Chinese Forum and The Center for China Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Co-organizer. 2007.

Conference on "Social Class in Transitional China," Sponsored by The Overseas Young Chinese Forum and the Center of Asian Studies, UC Irvine, Costa Meza, CA. Co-Organizer. 2006.

"Maoism in Post-Mao Era," East Asian Studies Program, University of Utah. 2006.

"Politicized Bureaucracy and the Origin of the Cultural Revolution Mass Movement, 1949-1966" Paper presented at Annual Meeting of North American Chinese Sociologists Association, Montreal. 2006.

"State Sponsorship or State Failure: Mass Killings in Rural China 1967-1971." Presented at Stanford-UC San Diego Conference on The Cultural Revolution. San Diego, CA, August. 2003.

"Class Conflict or Elite Patronage? The Mass Factionalism in Rural China 1966-1971." Presented at Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association. Riverside, CA. 2002.

"Violence as Ritual and Ceremony: Soldier Riots in the 1989 Tiananmen Square State Crackdown." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco. 1998.

"Plausibility Structure of Evangelicalism: The Subculture Networks in a Modern Society." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York. 1996.

"Why Don't Young Women Vote: Gender Gap Persists Among High School Seniors, 1976-1988?" Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington DC. Bob Edwards, Yang Su and John D. McCarthy. 1995.

FUNDED PROJECTS AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

"Event History Data Collection on Large-Scale Government-Protest Standoffs in the World, 1950-2011" currently funded by a seed grant of \$3000, to be developed into a funded project

"Do Haves Come Out Ahead in Chinese Courts," Awarded by Hong Kong General Research Fund (GRF) in 2010, HK\$682,410, proximately US\$90,000, Co-Investigator

"State Channeling of Labor Protest in China," Awarded by Hong Kong General Research Fund (GRF) in 2009, HK\$787,060, proximately US\$100,000, Co-Investigator

“Dynamics of US Protest, 1960-80.” PIs: Doug McAdam, John McCarthy, Susan Olzak and Sarah Soule. Funded by the National Science Foundation. (1996-2002 as RA and Co-author)

“The Chinese Cultural Revolution, 1966-71: An Event History Database.” PI: Andrew Walder. Funded by Stanford OTL Research Initiative Grant (1998- 2002 as RA, Co-author and Dissertation Researcher).

Community Service and Identity Development in Adolescents.” PI: James Youniss & Miranda Yates. Funded by the William T. Grant Foundation. (1994-1996 as RA and Co-author).

“Collaborative Research in the Dimensions of Selection Bias in the Coverage of Washington, D. C. Demonstrations, 1973, 1981, 1992-95.” PIs: John D. McCarthy and Clark McPhail. Funded by the National Science Foundation (1993-1996 as RA).

“A Comparative Study of Community Organizing Groups.” PIs: John D. McCarthy and Jim Castelli. Funded by the Aspen Institute Non-Profit Fund (1995-96 as RA).

“Community Redistribution and Social Stratification in Micun Township, Henan Province.” One-year fieldwork for master’s degree thesis. Funded by Sociological Research Institute, Beijing University. 1987-88.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

Committee Member of Subcommittee of Course, Part-Time and Summer Session Education, Academic Senate of UCI, 2016-2019

Member of Editorial Board of *Sociological Theory*, August, 2013-Present

Elected Representative in Academic Senate of University of California, Irvine. 2011-2015

Executive committee member of International Studies Program at UCI, 2010-Present

Elected Representative in Academic Senate of University of California, Irvine. 2003-2004

Panel organizer. Roundtable sections of Collective Action and Social Movements, the Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association, 2003, Atlanta

Journal Reviewer. *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Journal of Asian Business*, *Mobilization* and *China Quarterly*

Member. American Sociological Association

Member. Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section, American Sociological Association

COURSES TAUGHT (AT UC IRVINE)

Undergraduate courses

Socialism and Socialist Societies
Protest, Movements and Revolution
Chinese Revolution and Its Aftermath
Sociology Major Seminar
Seminar on Statistics and Data Analysis
Social Statistics

Graduate Seminars

Sociology of Knowledge Production
Comparative Contentious Politics
Seminar on Genocide and Mass Killings
Political Sociology
Pro-seminar for Second-Year Paper Writing