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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Department of Sociology, Rutgers University.

Dissertation: *Organizing Transnational Moral Conservatism: How U.S. Christian and Taiwanese “Pro-Family” Movements Converge, Diverge, and Collide.*

Committee members: Arlene Stein (Chair, Sociology), Zakia Salime, Richard Williams, Louisa Schein (Anthropology and Women’s and Gender Studies), and Travis K.S. Kong (Sociology, Hong Kong University)

Certificate in Women’s and Gender Studies, Rutgers University, 2015.

M.A., Sociology, Rutgers University, 2014.

M.A., Sociology, National Taiwan University, 2006.

Master’s thesis: *Doing Soldier as a Male Ritual: A Study of the Service Process of Conscripted Soldiers’ Masculinities in Taiwan (2000–2006).*

B.A., Sociology (major) and Philosophy (minor), National Taiwan University, 2003.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Sociology of Gender and Sexualities, Religion, Social Inequalities, Global and Transnational Sociology, Asian Studies, Mixed-methods Research

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2018–present.

Instructor, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University. 2012–2018.

Courses Taught

Contemporary Sociological Theory (502) Professor, 2018.

Sociology of Masculinities (391) Professor, 2018.

Sexualities, Economy, and Global Inequalities (421) Instructor, 2017.

Sexuality and Society (440) Instructor, 2012 and 2015.

Introduction to Social Research (311) Teaching Assistant, 2017.

Normality and Abnormality (240) Teaching Assistant, 2013.

Introduction to Sociology (101) Instructor, 2014; Teaching Assistant, 2012–2016.

HONORS AND AWARDS

International Student Leadership Award, Rutgers University – International Scholar and Student Services, 2018.

- Fellow, Institute for Research on Women, Rutgers University, 2017–2018.
- Taipei International Book Exhibition. The 2017 Editor Award of Translated Books. Taiwanese translation of *Tearoom Trade: Impersonal Sex in Public Restrooms* (Humphreys 1975; Kao trans. 2016, New Taipei City: Socio).
- Eastern Sociological Association (ESS) Rose Laub Coser Dissertation Proposal Award, Honorable Mention, 2016.
- Doctoral Fellow in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, 2015–16.
- Pennsylvania/New Jersey Chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR). Second Place in Student Paper Competition, 2014–2015. “Belief, Behavior, and Belonging: How Religious Involvement Influences Attitudes toward Homosexuality in 40 Countries.”
- Leather Archives & Museum, Chicago. Honorable Mention, Visiting Scholar Program, 2014–2015. “Mapping East Asian Sexuality and Multidimensional Power: A Sexual-Script Study of Taiwanese BDSM Subculture.”
- Taiwan Cultural Studies Association. Master’s Thesis Award, 2007. “Doing Soldier as a Male Ritual: A Study of the Service Process of Conscripted Soldiers’ Masculinities in Taiwan (2000–2006).”

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Books

Translated Laud Humphreys, *Tearoom Trade: Impersonal Sex in Public Places* (茶室交易) from English to Traditional Chinese. Published in 2016 by New Taipei City, Taiwan: Socio 群學.

* 2017 Editor Award of Translated Books from the Taipei International Book Exhibition.

Articles

English

Kao, Ying-Chao. 2017. “Weapons of the Weak Soldiers: Military Masculinity and Embodied Resistance in Taiwanese Conscription.” Pp. 199–218 in *East Asian Men: Masculinity, Sexuality and Desire*, edited by X. Lin, C. Haywood and M. Mac an Ghail. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan.

Kao, Ying-Chao. 2013. “The Rise of BDSM (Sub)culture and Its (Dis)contents: A Literature Review.” *Sexuality Research in China* 34-2:160–80.

Kao, Ying-Chao and Herng-Dar Bih. 2013. “Masculinity in Ambiguity: Constructing Taiwanese Masculine Identities between Great Powers.” Pp. 175–91 in *Masculinities in a Global Era, International and Cultural Psychology*, edited by J. Gelfer. New York: Springer.

Chinese/Taiwanese

Kao, Ying-Chao. 2010. “Doing Soldier, Making Love, and Becoming Men: An Exploratory Study of Queer Methodology based on Military Fieldwork (做兵、做愛、做男人：從軍

事田野經驗探索酷兒理論方法論。” Pp. 331–68 in *Qualitative/Gender Studies* (質性/別研究), edited by P. Chou and Y.H. Lin. Kaohsiung, Taiwan: Chuliu.

Kao, Ying-Chao. 2007. “Boys Becoming Men: Possibilities and Prohibitions of Encounters in the Military Field (做兵「轉大人」：田野邂逅的能與不能).” Pp. 93–121 in *So I Do My Fieldwork: Personal Journeys of a Quaternary Practice* (以身為度、如是我做：田野工作的教與學), edited by G. S. Shieh. Taipei, Taiwan: Socio.

Kao, Ying-Chao. 2006. “Sex, Lies, and Pistol Belts (性、謊言、S 腰帶).” Pp. 76–85 in *Gender Quotient Fever* (GQ 男人在發燒), edited by H.D. Bih and W.L. Hong. Taipei, Taiwan: Fembooks.

Research in Progress

“Kinky Assemblage: Legitimizing Taiwanese BDSM Sexuality” (Revise and resubmit, *Sexualities*).

“Belief, Behavior, and Belonging: How Religious Involvement Influences Attitudes toward Homosexuality in 40 Countries.”

“Transnational Circulations of Moral Conservatism: How the US and Taiwanese Christian Pro-Family Movements Conspire to Produce Sexual Inequalities”

“De-uniformed Sexualities: Non-conventionality in the Sexual Scripts of Taiwan Uniform Fetishists and/or BDSM Practitioners.”

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY (SELECTED)

Kao, Ying-Chao. 2016. “Evidence Speaks: Why is Abstinence-Only Sex Education Ineffective and Harmful? (讓研究證據說話：為什麼貞潔教育無效又有害?)” *Gender Equity Education Quarterly* 74:99–112.

Kao, Ying-Chao. 2013, Nov 30. “The ‘Sexonomics’ Behind Homophobia (恐懼同志的「性經濟」動力).” *Independent Critique @ Common Wealth*. (<http://opinion.cw.com.tw/blog/profile/52/article/796>).

Kao, Ying-Chao. 2012. “See through the Enchantment of Science: The Truth Behind the Letter from the President of American College of Pediatrics (看穿科學迷障：「美國小兒科學院長信」事件的真相).” *Gender Equity Education Quarterly* 57:69–73.

Kao, Ying-Chao. 2012. “Attack of the Pink Slime.” *Contexts* 11(3):6.

Kao, Ying-Chao and Lilia Raileanu. 2012. “How IRBs Threaten Sexuality Research: An Interview with Janice Irvine.” *Contexts Podcast*. Podcast, Retrieved June 5, 2012 (<https://contexts.org/episodes/how-irbs-threaten-sexuality-research/>).

Kao, Ying-Chao. 2012, May 9. “Talking Gaga over Gay Rights Question.” P. 8 in *Taipei Times*. Taipei, Taiwan.

Kao, Ying-Chao. 2012. “Masculinities (陽剛氣質),” in *Encyclopedia of Taiwan*, edited by

- R.O.C. Ministry of Culture. New Taipei City, Taiwan: Ministry of Culture, R.O.C.
- Kao, Ying-Chao. 2011. "The Diversity of Gay Lifespans in the Psychology Textbook *Human Development* (從心理學教科書《人類發展》看見同志生命的多樣性)." *Gender Equity Education Quarterly* 56:84–97.
- Koh, Cheenghee, Ying-Chao Kao and Cheng-Ting Wu. 2011, May 5. "False Knowledge: 'Same-Sex Intimate Friendships' (拒絕拷貝「同性密友期」山寨知識)." P. Gender in *Lihpao Daily*. Taipei, Taiwan.
- Kao, Ying-Chao. 2009. "The Love That Dare Speak Its Name: Queer Curricula in Grade 1–6 Textbooks (老師，你／妳也可以教得這麼酷！—國小課本中同志「說得出口的愛」)." Pp. 77–81 in *We Can Teach Gender These Ways*, edited by J. J. Hsiao, L. C. Wang, and J.Y. Hong. Taipei, Taiwan: Ministry of Education.
- Kao, Ying-Chao. 2009. "300 Rainbows in an Elementary School: How to Talk About Gender Diversity and Tongzhi (LGBT) Education with 4th–6th Graders (300 道彩虹的綻放! —與國小兒童談多元性別及同志教育)." Pp. 82–87 in *We Can Teach Gender These Ways*, edited by J.J. Hsiao, L.C. Wang, and J.Y. Hong. Taipei, Taiwan: Ministry of Education.
- Kao, Ying-Chao. 2009. "'Time Machine:' A Lesson Plan Using the History of Fashion to Examine the Change of Naturalism against Homosexuality (「時光飛毯」：從時尚史看「(同志)違反自然說」的社會變遷意義)." Pp. 202–210 in *Teach Gender Right*, edited by M.-H. You and L.-L. Tsai. Taipei, Taiwan: Ministry of Education.
- Kao, Ying-Chao. 2006. "How to Study Gender in Organizations: A Chronicle of Dr. R. W. Connell's Lecture (如何研究組織中的性別? —R. W. Connell 教授演講紀實)." *Forum in Women's and Gender Studies* 78:32–43.

INVITED TALKS AND GUEST LECTURES (SELECTED)

- 2017 [Keynote speech] "Melting Down 'Hetero-Dominionism': An Analysis of the Transnational Network of American Christian Rights and East Asian Anti-Tongzhi (Anti-LGBTQI+) Movements." The International Conference of LGBTQ Movements and Conservative Power in East Asia. Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2017 "Challenging Common-sense: *Tearoom Trade* and 'the Breastplate of Righteousness,'" Department of Social Welfare, National Chung-Cheng University, Chiayi, Taiwan.
- 2016 "Beyond 'Culture War': Mixed-Methods Analyses on the Birth of Taiwan's Christian Pro-Family Movements," Department of Sociology, Tunghai University, Taichung, Taiwan.
- 2016 "Gender Inequalities in Globalization," Young Adults Training Program, Philo School of Politics and Economy, Taipei.
- 2016 "Contributions of BDSM Studies to Taiwan: Deconstructing Deviance, Eroticized Power, and 'Kinky Democracy,'" Department of Sociology, Soochow University, Taipei.
- 2015 "Gender Diversity in Taiwan's Social and Educational Structures," Department of Politics, Soochow University, Taipei.

- 2013 “Teaching Normality and Abnormality of Gender: International Cases,” National Academy for Educational Research, Taiwan.

INVITED LECTURES (SELECTED)

- 2017 “BDSM and Other Staging of Power,” in Louisa Schein’s Research on Sexualities class, Department of Women’s and Gender Studies, Rutgers University.
- 2016 “My Translation of Laud Humphreys’ *Tearoom Trade*,” in Tey Meadow’s Sociology of Sexualities class, Department of Sociology, Columbia University.
- 2015 “Sociology of Sexualities in Taiwan: Abstinence-only Education, BDSM, and Kinky Democracy,” Center for General Education, National Sun Yat-sen University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan.
- 2011 “Revisiting Masculinities,” National Dong Hwa University, Hualien, Taiwan.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

Presentations in English

- Kao, Ying-Chao. 2018. “Impure and Partial Religion: The Hybridized Motivations of Anti-LGBTQ and Pro-Family Christian Movements in Taiwan.” Paper presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, PA.
- Kao, Ying-Chao. 2017. “Transnational Circulations of Moral Conservatism: How the US and Taiwanese Christian Pro-Family Movements Conspire to Produce Sexual Inequalities.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada.
- Kao, Ying-Chao. 2016a. “Weapons of the Weak Soldiers: Military Masculinity and Embodied Resistance in Taiwanese Conscription.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA.
- Kao, Ying-Chao. 2016b. “The Liminality of the Erotic: Mapping the Circulation of Christian Sexuality Between the United States and Taiwan.” Paper presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Seattle, WA.
- Kao, Ying-Chao. 2015. “Kinky Assemblage: Legitimizing Taiwanese BDSM Sexuality.” Paper presented at the Crossing Borders: The Eastern Sociological Society 2015 Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- Kao, Ying-Chao. 2014. “Belief, Behavior, and Belonging: How Religious Involvement Differently Influences Attitudes toward Homosexuality in 40 Countries.” Paper presented at the 2014 Conference on the 10th Anniversary of Gender Equity Education Act, Kaohsiung, Taiwan.
- Kao, Ying-Chao. 2013. “The Rise of BDSM (Sub)culture and Its (Dis)contents: A Critical Literature Review.” Paper presented at Toward Sexual Happiness: The 4th International Conference of Chinese Sexualities Studies, Beijing and the 108th Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association, New York. *

Kao, Ying-Chao. 2011. "Boundary Crossing: Femme Gays' Diaspora and the Intersection of Nationalities and Sexualities." Paper presented at Women's World 2011, Ottawa, Canada.

Presentations in Chinese/Taiwanese

Kao, Ying-Chao. 2010. "Un-united Forms of Sexuality: Exploring an Emerging Community of Uniform Fetishists and/or BDSMers in Taiwan." Paper presented at the 2nd Cross-Strait Conference on Gender/Sexuality, Taoyuan, Taiwan.

Kao, Ying-Chao. 2009. "Embodied Weapon: Sex/Gender as Resistance in Taiwanese Men's 'Doing Soldier' Process." Paper presented at the 3rd International Conference on Gender Equity Education in the Asia-Pacific Region, Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

Kao, Ying-Chao. 2007. "Doing Soldier as a Male Ritual: A Study of the Service Process of Conscript Soldiers' Masculinities in Taiwan (2000–2006)." Paper presented at the 8th Annual Conference of the Taiwan Cultural Studies Association, Taipei, Taiwan. (Award-winner presentation).

Kao, Ying-Chao. 2006. "Rituals of Doing Soldier: Taiwanese Conscripts' Transitional Processes." Paper presented at the 1st Gender Studies Graduate Students Conference, Taipei, Taiwan.

Kao, Ying-Chao. 2006. "Military Training in High Schools and the Construction of National Masculinity: A Taiwanese Perspective." Paper presented at the 2nd International Conference on Gender Equity Education in the Asia-Pacific Region, Taipo, Hong Kong.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR), Joseph H. Fichter Research Grant. 2017–2018.

Graduate School–New Brunswick, Rutgers University, TA/GA Professional Development Fund Award. 2017.

Graduate School–New Brunswick, Rutgers University, Teaching Assistantship. 2012–2015; 2016–2017.

Academia Sinica, Institute of Sociology. Taipei, Taiwan. Fellowship for Doctoral Candidates in the Humanities and Social Sciences. "Transnational Circuits of Knowledge and Sexuality: How US Christian Conservatism Circulates Globally to Shape Gender Equity Education in Taiwan." September 2015–August 2016.

Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Travel Grant Award. "Belief, Behavior, and Belonging: How Religious Involvement Influences Attitudes toward Homosexuality in 40 Countries." February 2015.

Department of Sociology, Rutgers University, Research Grant. October 2015.

North American Taiwan Studies Association (NATSA) Travel Grant Award. 2015–2017.

Graduate School–New Brunswick, Rutgers University, Special Study Opportunity and Pre-dissertation Travel Awards, 2013.

Ministry of Education, Taiwan. Study Abroad Scholarship. “Uniform, Body and Colonialism: Material Culture of Taiwanese Soldiers’ and Nurses’ Clothing and Their Hybrids (1895–2005).” September 2010–August 2012.

PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER SERVICE

Discussant, “Gender, Sex, and Power,” panel at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Co-organizer, “Global Migrations of Sexualities and Disability,” panel at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, PA.

Reviewer, *Rutgers Journal of Sociology*.

Program Coordinator, 2016 Annual Meeting of the North American Taiwan Studies Association, University of Toronto, Canada.

Organizer, “Exploring the Uncharted Religious Right and its Disenchantment: Trans-disciplinary and Trans-institutional Social Studies,” panel at 2016 Meeting of the Taiwanese Sociological Association. National Dong Hwa University, Hualien, Taiwan, 2016.

Co-organizer, Kinky Democracy and Pleasurable Techniques: The First Asia-Pacific Academic Conference of BDSM Sexuality and Culture. Taipei, National Taiwan University, 2015.

Presider and Discussant, “Defining Sexuality: Theories and Methods.” Crossing Borders: The Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. New York, NY, 2015.

Taiwan Study Association, Rutgers University. President (2012–2013) and Board Member (2011–2013).

Transnational Alliance of Taiwanese Tongzhi (TATT). Initiator and President (2014–present).

Department of Sociology Diversity Committee, Rutgers University, 2011–2012.

Taiwan Gender Equity Education Association. Member (2007–present).

Taiwan Tongzhi (LGBT) Hotline Association. Board Member (2003–2009) and Senior Volunteer (2003–present) in the Section of Sexual Rights.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA), Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR), Eastern Sociological Society (ESS), American Anthropological Association (AAA), Taiwanese Sociological Association (TSA), Taiwanese Feminist Scholars Association (TFSA), North American Taiwan Studies Association (NATSA).

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English (Comprehension, Reading, and Writing)

Fluent in Chinese/Mandarin/Taiwanese (Comprehension, Reading, and Writing)

REFERENCES

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