

Jianfeng Zhu

Education

- 2001- 07/2008: Ph.D.** Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota
1998-2001: Master in Law Law School, Zhengzhou University, Zhengzhou, China
1994-1998: Bachelor in Law Law School, Hohai University, Nanjing, China

Dissertation

“*Winning at the start line: Chinese modernity, technology and desire for a ‘high quality’ population*” examines the dynamic relationships among different population control policies, scientific and traditional knowledge, technology, women’s embodied experiences, and the formation of new subjectivities from conflicting information .

Advisor: Karen-Sue Taussig and Ann Waltner

Committee Members: Jean Langford, Karen Ho

Awards

- 2007-2008** Doctorial Dissertation Fellowship, University of Minnesota
2007 National Science Foundation, Dissertation Research Grant, Anthropology and Science and Society
2005 MacArthur Dissertation Research Grant,
2004 Anthropology Departmental Fellowship
2003 MacArthur Predissertation Fieldwork Grant
2001-2002 ICGC/Macarthur Scholar Fellowship

Employment

- Instructor. “*Skin, Sex and Genes.*” (2006 Fall) Women’s studies department, University of Minnesota
- Teaching Assistant. “*Medical Anthropology*” (2006 Spring) “*Understanding Culture*” (2003 Fall, 2005 Fall) “*World system and Power*” (2003 Spring, 2004 Spring) Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota
- Research Assistant. 2004 Fall Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota
1998-2001 Law School, Zhengzhou University, China

- Cultural Counselor. 2005 Spring ASEC Language Training Center and Tianjin TV “East meets West” program

Presentations

- "*East meets West: Representation in Action*" New York Conference for Asia Studies, New York. (invited) October 2005
- "*The Image of The 'Pretty Mommy': Care of Self and Care of a Baby in Contemporary China*" American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Washington D.C. November 2005
- “*Ridiculing Modernity: which is more modern, Cesarean section or natural birth?*” National Communication Association Annual Conference, Boston, November 2005
- "*Pregnant Women Surfing Cyberspace: Exploring Online Community of the “Pretty Mommy” in China*" Second Annual Stanford Graduate Student Conference in Cultural and Social Anthropology,(invited) April 2006 Eighth Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference,(invited) April 2006
- "*Looking Beyond a Scar: Constructing Modernity and Nature through Childbirth in Contemporary China*" The 28th annual 4S(Society for Social Studies of Science) Vancouver, BC , November 2006
- “*Nourishing Maternal Bodies: Consuming Maternal Nutrition in Socialist and Postsocialist China*” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, San Jose, CA November 2006.
- “*‘Masculine’ shopping for prenatal health: Prenatal Vitamin Consumption in Contemporary Urban China*” Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, 2009

Publications

- (Invited submission) Seeking Pleasure and Health: Space, Consumption and Two Motherhoods in Post-Mao China. *Ethos*.
- (Work in Process) Looking Beyond a Scar: Constructing Modernity and Nature through Childbirth in Contemporary China.
- (Work in process) Nourishing Maternal Bodies: Consuming Maternal Vitamins and Quasi-motherhood in “Post”-Mao China. *Cultural Anthropology*.

Professional Activities

- Session Organizer *Reckoning with “Quality” of Life: Commodification and Health in East Asia*, American Anthropological Association Conference, Washington DC. November, 2007

Teaching Interests

- Medical Culture in East Asia (with an emphasis on historical transformations of Doctor and Patient relationship)
- Medical Anthropology (History, Theories, Methodology)
- State, Reproduction and Modernity (Body, Prenatal Health care and the State Eugenics)
- Anthropological studies of Science and Knowledge: Methodology and Fieldwork