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EMPLOYMENT

UNLV, Associate Professor	2003-present
UNLV, Assistant Professor	1997-2003

EDUCATION

Postdoctoral	Rockefeller Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship	2000-2001
Postdoctoral	Social Science Research Council Research Fellowship	1996-1997
Postdoctoral	East-West Center, Hawaii, Postdoctoral Fellowship	1994-1995
Ph.D.	University of California, Berkeley	1994
M.A.	University of California, Berkeley	1989
B.A.	Laotian, Beijing Foreign Languages Institute, China	1975

ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Topical: Sex/Gender, Race/Ethnicity, Class, Transnational Migration, Buddhism
 Areal: Southeast Asia, United States, China

LANGUAGES

Thai: speaking and translating
 Lao: speaking, writing, and translating
 Mandarin: speaking, writing, and translating
 Chinese dialects: Shanghai and Ningpo

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

UNLV Travel Award 2002; 2003; 2005; 2007, 2008
 UNLV College of Liberal Arts Summer Fellowship 2007
 Harry J. Benda Prize 2006-2007 (nominated)
 UNLV William Morris Award for Excellence in Scholarship 2006 (nominated)
 UNLV SITE Research Grant 1998; 2002; 2003; 2005
 U.C. Berkeley Chancellor's Dissertation-Year Fellowship 1993-1994
 Mabelle McLeod Lewis Memorial Fellowship 1992-1993
 Social Science Research Council Doctoral Research Fellowship 1991-1992
 U.C. Berkeley Humanities Graduate Research Grant 1991; 1993
 U.C. Berkeley Regents Traveling Fellowship (declined) 1991-1992
 The Institute for Intercultural Studies Grant 1991
 National Women's Studies Association Fellowship 1990
 U.C. Berkeley Faculty Club Fellowship 1990
 International Peace Scholarship 1989; 1990; 1992
 Alice Galloway Memorial Fellowship 1989
 U.C. Berkeley Returning Student Award 1989
 U.C. Berkeley Luce Foundation Grant 1988; 1989
 U.C. Berkeley Regents Fellowship 1987; 1989

COURSES TAUGHT

At UNLV since 1997: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology; Making Gender, Sexuality and Race; Contemporary Asian American Families; Asian American Narratives and Films; Asian American Women; Marriages and Cultures; Southeast Asian Americans; and Buddhism and Culture; Gender, Sexuality, Race and Flexible Citizenship; Identities, Power and Culture.

Charles University, Czech Republic, Spring 2006: Making Gender, Sexuality and Race; Marriages and Cultures.

U.C. Berkeley, Summer 1996: Asian Women in America, Ethnic Studies Department.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Book

2005 Bao, Jiemin. *Marital Acts: Gender, Sexuality, and Identity among the Chinese Thai Diaspora*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.

Edited Volume

In Press Bao, Jiemin, and William Jankowiak (editors). A special issue of *Ethnology: An International Journal of Cultural and Social Anthropology* on polygamy. (Author or co-author of two articles listed below).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

In Press Bao, Jiemin. Half a heart: Denaturalizing polygyny in Bangkok, Thailand. *Ethnology*.

In Press Bao, Jiemin, and William Jankowiak. Introduction. *Ethnology*.

2009 Bao, Jiemin. Thai American middle-classness: Forging alliances with Whites and cultivating patronage from Thailand's elite. *Journal of Asian American Studies*. 12(2)

2009 Bao, Jiemin. From wandering to *wat*: Creating a Thai temple and inventing new space in the United States. *Amerasia*. 34(3).

2009 Bao, Jiemin. An overlooked dimension of cultural identification: The intersection between class and sexuality. (In Chinese). In *Shijie Mingzhu* (World Ethno-national Studies), Beijing: China's Social Science Academy. 90(1).

2008 Bao, Jiemin. A Thai Buddhist temple in Silicon Valley, California: A multidimensional institution. *South and Southeast Asian Culture and Religion Journal* (2):20-36.

2005 Bao, Jiemin. Merit-Making capitalism: Re-territorializing Thai Buddhism in Silicon Valley, California. *Journal of Asian American Studies* 8 (2):115-142.

2003 Bao, Jiemin. The gendered biopolitics of marriage and migration: A study of pre-1949 Chinese immigrants in Thailand. *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*. 34(1):127-151.

1999 Bao, Jiemin. Chinese-Thai transmigrants: Reworking identities and gender relations in Thailand and the United States. *Amerasia* 25(2):95-115.

1998 Bao, Jiemin. Same bed, different dreams: Intersections of ethnicity, gender, and sexuality among middle- and upper-class Chinese immigrants in Bangkok. *Positions* 6(2):475-502. [This article

was translated into Thai and incorporated into a textbook which is used in universities throughout Thailand.]

- 1995 Bao, Jiemin. Sino-Thai ethnic identity: Married daughters of China and daughters-in-law of Thailand. *Southeast Asian Journal of Social Science* 23(1):57-77. Reprinted in *Alternate Identities: The Chinese of Contemporary Thailand*. Edited by Tong Chee Kiong and Chan Kwok Bun, pp. 271-298. Singapore: Times Academic Press, 2001.
- 1990 Bao, Jiemin. Sino-Thai women in Bangkok: Social change and marriage patterns. *The National Women's Studies Association Journal* 2(4):699-700.
- 1986 Bao, Jiemin. The history of the Laotian national flag. *Asian-African Studies* 2:29-30. (In Chinese)
- 1983 Bao, Jiemin. Comparison of the new year in Laos, Burma, and Xishuang Banna. *Asian-African Studies* 1:79-82. (In Chinese)

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

- In Press Bao, Jiemin. Learning Chinese in Thailand: From ideological threat to economic tool. In *Overseas Chinese Studies*. Edited by Shiyuan Hao. Beijing: China's Social Science Academy Press.
- 2008 Bao, Jiemin. Thai Americans: Performing gender. In *Emerging Voices: The Experiences of Underrepresented Asian Americans*. Edited by Ling Huping, pp. 253-288. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.
- 2007 Bao, Jiemin. Lukchin: Chinese Thai transnational bridge builders. In *Chinese Transnational Networks*. Edited by Chee-Beng Tan, pp. 92-106. New York & London: Routledge.
- 2000 Bao, Jiemin. Reconfiguring >Chineseness= in Thailand: Articulating ethnicity along sex/gender and class lines. In *Genders and Sexualities in Modern Thailand*. Edited by Peter Jackson and Nerida Cook, pp. 63-77. Chiang Mai: Silkworm Books.
- 1990 Bao, Jiemin. Elderly Chinese immigrant women in Thailand: Tears behind the smiles. In *Patterns of Migration in Southeast Asia*. Edited by Robert R. Reed, pp. 237-257. Centers for South and Southeast Asian Studies Publications. Occasional Paper No. 16, U.C. Berkeley.

Non-peer Reviewed

- 2008 Bao, Jiemin. Thai immigration to Nevada. *Online Nevada Encyclopedia*. Publisher: Nevada Humanities.

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2008 Bao, Jiemin. Thai Americans. In *Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Society*. Edited by Richard T. Schaefer. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, pp. 1300-1302.
- 2005 Bao, Jiemin. Chinese in Thailand. In *Encyclopedia of Diasporas*. Edited by Melvin Ember, Carol R. Ember, and Ian Skoggard. New York: Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers, pp. 751-759.

Papers Under Review

Bao, Jiemin. The Thais. In *The Peoples of Las Vegas*. Volume 2. Invited chapter. Edited by Jerry Simich and Tom Wright. Reno: University of Nevada Press.

Bao, Jiemin. Transnational food: Southeast Asian Chinese cuisine in Las Vegas. Submitted to Chee-Beng Tan (ed.). Invited chapter, book manuscript under review, National University of Singapore Press.

Bao, Jiemin. The Siamese twins: Chang and Eng, (1811-1874). In *The Encyclopedia of Asian American Popular Culture*. Edited by Felicia Campbell. Invited entry, book manuscript under review, Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

Bao, Jiemin and Rayette Martin. Thai dance and music in the U.S. and Thai American youth. In *The Encyclopedia of Asian American Popular Culture*. Edited by Felicia Campbell. Invited entry, book manuscript under review, Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

Bao, Jiemin and Rayette Martin. Tiger Woods (1975-). In *The Encyclopedia of Asian American Popular Culture*. Edited by Felicia Campbell. Invited entry, book manuscript under review, Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

Book Reviews

2008 Bao, Jiemin. Book review of *Maid to Order in Hong Kong: Stories of Migrant Workers* (2007; second edition) by Nicole Constable. *Pacific Affairs* 81(2):284-285.

2006 Bao, Jiemin. Book review of *Taiwanese American Transnational Families: Women and Kin Work* (2005) by Maria W. L. Chee. *American Anthropologist* 108(3):573-574.

2003 Bao, Jiemin. Book review of *Borders of Being: Citizenship, Fertility, and Sexuality in Asia and the Pacific*. Edited by Margaret Jolly and Kalpana Ram. *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 12 (1): 144-147.

Manuscripts in Progress

Bao, Jiemin. *Thai Americans in Silicon Valley: Practicing Middle-Classness*. Book manuscript in preparation.

PAPERS DELIVERED AT INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

2009 Learning Chinese in Thailand: From ideological threat to economic tool. Paper will be presented at the 16th International Congress of Anthropological and Ethological Sciences (ICAES) in Kunming, China.

2007 Re-territorializing Buddhism in the United States: A Thai temple in the Bay Area. Paper presented at the 2nd South and Southeast Asian Association Conference for the Study of Culture and Religion (SSEASR), in Nakponpathom, Thailand.

2006 Learning Chinese in Thailand (1908-2006). A public lecture delivered at Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic.

2005 An overlooked dimension of Chinese Thai identity: Class sexuality. Paper presented at the Third International Conference of Institutes & Libraries for Chinese Overseas Studies, Singapore.

- 2004 Educated undocumented Chinese women in Bangkok. Paper presented at the 5th Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Chinese Overseas, Elsinore, Denmark.
- 2004 Chinese Thai: From “married-out-daughters” to “bridge builders” Paper presented at the International Conference on Qiaoxiang and Chinese Overseas, Quanzhou, China.
- 2003 Forced migration in the second half of the nineteenth century: Male Chinese migrants in Siam and the “widows of living ones” in China. Paper presented at the 8th International Association for the Study of Forced Migration Biannual Conference, Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- 1997 Thai Chinese transmigrants: Reworking gender/sex and cultural identities in Thailand and the United States. Paper presented at the First International Conference on Sexuality: Beyond Boundaries, Sexuality across Cultures, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
- 1996 Marriage as a performance: Classed and ethnicized gender in Thailand. Paper presented at the Sixth International Conference on Thai Studies, Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- 1995 Men's privilege and women's power: Constructions of sexuality and ethnicity among second generation Chinese (*lukchin*) in Bangkok. Paper presented at the Conference on Gender and Sexuality in Modern Thailand, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia.

PAPERS DELIVERED AT DOMESTIC PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

- 2009 Going beyond “two Buddhisms.” Paper presented at the Society for Cross-Cultural Research 38th Annual Meeting, Las Vegas.
- 2009 Trans-local circuits: identity formation among Thai American youth. Paper presented at the Southwestern Anthropological Association Conference, Las Vegas.
- 2008 Displaced but popular: Thai food, music and dance. Paper presented at the Far West Popular Culture Association/American Culture Associations 20th Anniversary Conference, Las Vegas.
- 2007 A transnational cosmopolitan Thai temple school in the San Francisco Bay Area. Paper presented at the Association for Asian American Studies Annual Meeting, New York.
- 2006 The effects of class: Thai Buddhist communities in Las Vegas and the San Francisco Bay Area. Paper presented at the 30th Great Basin Anthropological Conference, Las Vegas.
- 2005 Thai Americans: Making merit, building temples, and expressing identities. Paper presented at the Asian American Studies Annual Conference, Los Angeles.
- 2004 Deconstructing heterosexuality: Gender specific naturalization among three generations of Chinese transmigrants. Paper presented at the Heterosexuality and its Discontents Conference, Columbia University.
- 2002 Chinese Thai Americans: The instability of identity games. Paper presented at the Global and Local Dimensions of Asian America: An International Conference on Asian Diasporas, UC Berkeley.

- 2002 Chinese Thai transmigrants in Thailand and the United States: Negotiating identity, sexuality and gender. Paper presented at the Borderlands/Bordercrossings: Asia Pacific and the Americas Transnational Circuits and Local Nationalisms Conference, Duke University.
- 2000 Cultural identity games: "You are whatever you think you are." Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Meetings, San Francisco.
- 2000 Transforming sexuality in the context of transnational migration. Paper presented at the Sexuality Research Fellowship Program Fellows Conference. Organized by the Social Science Research Council, Columbia University.
- 1998 Partial truth and multiple positions: Doing research among Thai Chinese transmigrants in the San Francisco Bay Area. Paper presented at the Social Science Research Council Conference of Research Fellows on Transformations: Immigration and Immigration Research in the United States, Columbia University.
- 1995 A political performance of citizenship: Name changing among ethnic Chinese in Thailand. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Meetings, Washington, DC.
- 1995 Chinese Americans: Migration and identities. An invited talk presented at California State University at Stanislaus, Turlock, California.
- 1995 Thai-Chinese-Americans: transnational migration, reworked sexuality, and identities. Paper presented at the Association for Asian American Studies National Conference, Oakland, California.
- 1994 Men's privilege and women's power: The gendered construction of ethnicity among Chinese immigrants in Bangkok. Paper presented at the East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 1994 The construction of "inside" and "outside" domains among Chinese immigrants in Thailand since the middle of the twentieth century. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Boston.
- 1992 Ethnicity and gender of Sino-Thai in wedding rituals within Bangkok culture. Paper presented at the International Conference on Overseas Chinese: The Legal, Political, and Economic Status of Chinese in the Diaspora, San Francisco.
- 1990 Does a woman's economic status improve her marital relationship? The story of an immigrant woman in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Paper presented at the Northwest Regional Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies Third Annual Conference, University of Washington, Seattle.
- 1990 Reflections on methodology: Interviewing women in the field. Paper presented at the First Annual UC Berkeley Graduate Feminist Conference, UC Berkeley.
- 1990 Sino-Thai women in Bangkok: Social change and marriage patterns. Paper presented at the Social Science Research Council at Asilomar Conference Center. Monterey, California.
- 1990 "Centers" of Thai religion, landscape and politics. Paper presented at the Seventh Annual Conference on Southeast Asian Studies, UC Berkeley.

- 1989 Thai women: An economic perspective. Paper presented at the Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Long Beach, California.
- 1989 Elderly Chinese immigrant women in Thailand: Tears behind the smiles. Paper presented at the Sixth Annual Conference on Southeast Asian Studies, UC Berkeley.

FIELDWORK AND ARCHIVAL RESEARCH

Silicon Valley, California, Research on Chinese Thai Americans & Thai Americans, 1995-1997; 2004-present

Las Vegas, Research on Thai Americans, 2003-present

Bangkok, Thailand, 1988, 1991-92, 1996, 2003, 2007

Ban Noi, northeastern Thailand, 2007

Guangdong, China, Summer 1991; Summer 1992

Shanghai, China, Summer 2005