

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EMPLOYMENT

UNLV, Professor	2010-present
UNLV, Associate Professor	2003-2010
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

### ACADEMIC INTERESTS

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

### LANGUAGES

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

### AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Study of Religion Book Award 2016 (nominated)  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Distinguished Book Award 2016 (nominated)  
Victor Turner Prize 2016 (nominated)  
UNLV Faculty Opportunity Award 2012-2013  
UNLV Travel Award 2002; 2003; 2005; 2007; 2008; 2014  
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 Mature Returning Student Award 1989  
U.C. Berkeley Luce Foundation Grant 1988; 1989  
U.C. Berkeley Regents Fellowship 1987; 1989

## COURSES TAUGHT

At UNLV: **Undergraduate Courses:** 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; Buddhism and Culture; Signifying Identities; Food and Identity; and Ethnographic Field Methods. **Graduate Courses:** Gender, Sexuality, Race and Flexible Citizenship; Identities, Power and Culture.

Xinan Minzu University, China, Spring 2011: Buddhism and Culture; Making Gender, Sexuality and Race.

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.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

2015 Bao, Jiemin. *Creating a Buddhist Community: A Thai Temple in Silicon Valley*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

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

### Edited Volume

2008 Bao, Jiemin, and William Jankowiak (editors). A special issue on polygyny. *Ethnology* Volume 47, No. 3. (Abstracts online at <http://ethnology.pitt.edu/ojs/index.php/Ethnology/issue/view/232>)

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book chapters (selected)

2021 Bao, Jiemin and William Willis. The Cultural Appropriation of Buddha in American LaAdvertisements. *Journal of Global Buddhism*. Forthcoming.

2017 Bao, Jiemin. Not Simple Temple Food: Thai Community-Making in the United States. *Journal of Global Buddhism* 18 (2017): 189-209. (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1116286>)

2017 Bao, Jiemin. Nationalisms and Soft Power Games: Chinese Language Programs in Thailand. *Journal of Chinese Overseas* 13 (1): 3-30. (<http://booksandjournals.brillonline.com/content/journals/17932548/13/1>)

2017 Bao, Jiemin. Transnational Cuisine: Southeast Asian Chinese Food in Las Vegas [跨国肴：拉斯维加斯的东南亚华人饮食], my book chapter, published in 2011 in *Chinese Food and Foodways in Southeast Asia and Beyond*, edited by Chee-Beng Tan. Singapore: National University of Singapore Press, was translated into Chinese by Weijun Gong and Fengjuan Sun, and published by Xiamen University Press, pp. 213-234.

2015 Bao, Jiemin. Carving out Hybrid Cultural Space: Building a Thai Buddhist Temple in the United States. *Anthropology of Religion* 6 (October 2015): 213-237.

- 2012 Bao, Jiemin. The Chinese Diaspora: From China to Thailand to the United States. In *Chinese Transnational Networks*. Edited by Chee-Beng Tan, pp. 403-416. New York & London: Routledge.
- 2011 Bao, Jiemin. Transnational Cuisine: Southeast Asian Chinese Food in Las Vegas. In *Chinese Food and Foodways in Southeast Asia and Beyond*. Edited by Chee-Beng Tan, pp. 175-191. Singapore: National University of Singapore Press. In 2017 this edited volume, including my chapter on transnational food, 跨国菜肴：拉斯维加斯的东南亚华人饮食 was translated into Chinese and published by Xiamen University Press, pp. 215-236.
- 2010 Bao, Jiemin. The Thais. In *More Peoples of Las Vegas: One City, Many Faces*. Volume 2. Edited by Jerry Simich and Tom Wright, pp. 183-197. Reno: University of Nevada Press.
- 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):163-190.
- 2009 Bao, Jiemin. An overlooked dimension of cultural identification: The intersection between class and sexuality. (In Chinese). In *Shijie Mingzhu*, Beijing: China's Social Science Academy 90 (1): 43-50.
- 2008 Bao, Jiemin. Denaturalizing polygyny. *Ethnology* 47 (3):145-161.
- 2008 Bao, Jiemin, and William Jankowiak. Introduction: privilege disguises torment. *Ethnology* 47 (3):137-144.
- 2008 Bao, Jiemin. From wandering to *wat*: Creating a Thai temple and inventing new space in the United States. *Amerasia Journal* 34 (3):1-18
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 1999 Bao, Jiemin. Chinese-Thai transmigrants: Reworking identities and gender relations in Thailand and the United States. *Amerasia Journal*. 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.
- 1990 Bao, Jiemin. Elderly Chinese immigrant women in Thailand: Tears behind the smiles. In *Patterns of Migration in Southeast Asia*. Invited chapter. Edited by Robert R. Reed, pp. 237-257. Centers for South and Southeast Asian Studies Publications. Occasional Paper No. 16, U.C. Berkeley.
- 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)

### Encyclopedia Entries

- 2014 Bao, Jiemin. Six encyclopedia entries: Chang and Eng (The Siamese Twins), pp. 192-195; Thai American organizations, pp. 1083-1086; Thai Americans, pp. 1086-1090; Thai cuisine in the United States, pp. 1090-1093; Thai Temples, pp. 1093-1098; Thai Town, pp. 1098-1099. In *Asian Americans: An Encyclopedia of Social, Cultural, Economic, and Political History*. Edited by Xiaojian Zhao and Edward J.W. Park. Santa Barbara, CA: Greenwood Press. (Altogether about 13,000 words.)
- 2011 Bao, Jiemin and Rayette Martin. Thai dance and music. In *Encyclopedia of Asian American Folklore and Folklife*. Edited by Jonathan H. X. Lee and Kathleen Nadeau. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, pp. 1116-1119.
- 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.

### INVITED LECTURES (SELECTED)

- 2017 An invited book talk on *Creating a Buddhist Community: A Thai Temple in Silicon Valley* at the Graduate School of Human Sciences, Assumption University, Bangkok, Thailand.
- 2017 An invited book talk on *Creating a Buddhist Community: A Thai Temple in Silicon Valley* at the Department of Philosophy and Religion, Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand.

- 2016 An invited book talk on *Creating a Buddhist Community: A Thai Temple in Silicon Valley* at Center for Religious and Law Studies, China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, China.
- 2016 An invited lecture on “Space-making and Identity-making: Constructing a Thai Buddhist Chapel in the Silicon Valley” at School of Ethnology and Sociology, Minzu University of China, Beijing, China.
- 2016 An invited lecture on “My Experience in Conducting Ethnographic Fieldwork in Thailand and the United States” at China Research Institute of Minzu University of China, Beijing, China.
- 2015 An invited book talk on *Creating a Buddhist Community: A Thai Temple in Silicon Valley* at East China Normal University, Shanghai, China.
- 2014 An invited lecture on “American Buddhism and Identity Formation among Thai Americans” at Shanghai Shifan University in Shanghai, China.
- 2013 在美国的泰国移民:佛教文化空间与多种认同 (**Thai Americans: Buddhist Cultural Space and Multiple Identities**) Lecture presented at Sun Yat – Sen University, Guangzhou, China.
- 2011 Romanticizing Meditation in the United States. Lecture presented at Fudan University, Shanghai, China.
- 2011 De-romanticizing American Buddhism. Lecture presented at Minzu University of China, Beijing, China.
- 2011 Multiple Belongings and Gendered Identities. Lecture presented at Minzu University of China, Beijing, China.

**PAPERS DELIVERED AT INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES  
(SELECTED)**

- 2015 Playing the Soft Power Game: The Revival of Chinese Language Programs in Thailand. Paper presented at The Fourth Sino-Thai Politics Strategy Seminar, Huaqiao University, Xiamen, **China**.
- 2013 Gendered Transnational Migration from Thailand to the United States. Paper presented at the International Conference on “Gender and Migration: Changes and Challenges,” the Chinese University of Hong Kong, **China**.
- 2013 The Politics of Learning Chinese in Thailand. Paper presented at the 7th International Symposium on Overseas Talent Development with China, Huazhong Shifan University, Wuhan, **China**.
- 2012 Chinese Thai Remigration: From Thailand to the United States. Paper presented at the World Confederation of Institutes and Libraries in Chinese Overseas Studies Conference, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, **Canada**.

- 2011 American Buddhist practices: Going beyond a cult and the two Buddhisms paradigm. Paper presented at the International Symposium on Cultic Studies, Assumption University, Bangkok, **Thailand**.
- 2011 TransBuddhists: The Chinese Thai Diaspora. Paper presented at the International Conference on Chinese Overseas: Culture, Religion and WorldView, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, **China**.
- 2009 “China Fever” in Thailand. Paper presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Anthropological and Ethological Sciences (ICAES), Kunming, **China**.
- 2007 Re-territorializing Buddhism in the United States: A Thai temple in the Bay Area. Paper presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> South and Southeast Asian Association Conference for the Study of Culture and Religion (SSEASR), Nakponpathom, **Thailand**.
- 2006 Learning Chinese in Thailand (1908-2006). A public lecture delivered at Charles University, 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 (SELECTED)**

- 2021 Appropriating Buddha in American Advertisements. Paper presented at the Far West Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Conference, Seattle.
- 2020 Selling Buddha in the United States and Thailand. Society for Cross-Culture Research Conference, 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Seattle.
- 2015 The Trans/national Imaginary: Global Cities and Racial Borderlands. Association for Asian

- American Studies 35th Annual Meeting, Chicago/Evanston, Illinois.
- 2014 Thai Transnational Monks: Meeting New Challenges in the United States. Paper presented at the South and Southeast Asian American Studies Conference.
- 2012 Thai American Buddhist classed practices: Converting economic capital into religious capital. Paper presented at the Society for Cross-Cultural Research 41st Annual Meeting, Las Vegas.
- 2009 Trans-local circuits: identity formation among Thai American youth. Paper presented at the Southwestern Anthropological Association Conference, Las Vegas.
- 2009 Going beyond “Two Buddhisms.” Paper presented at the Society for Cross-Cultural Research 38th Annual Meeting, Las Vegas.
- 2008 Displaced but popular: Thai food, music and dance. Paper presented at the Far West Popular Culture Association/American Culture Associations 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SESSIONS ORGANIZED AND/OR CHAIRED (SELECTED)**

- 2015 Co-chaired a panel entitled “Overseas Chinese, Migrant and Ethnic Groups” at The Fourth Sino-Thai Politics Strategy Seminar, Huaqiao University, Xiamen, China.
- 2012 Chaired a panel entitled “Empathy and Spirituality” at the Society for Cross-Cultural Research 41st Annual Meeting, Las Vegas.
- 2009 Chaired a panel entitled “Migration, Culture, and Identities” at the 16<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Anthropological and Ethological Sciences (ICAES), Kunming, China.



- 2009 Organized and chaired a panel entitled “Identity Formation: Multiple Belongings and Regulations” at the Southwestern Anthropological Association Conference, Las Vegas.
- 2009 Organized and chaired a panel entitled “Religion In-the-Making” at the Society for Cross-Cultural Research 38th Annual Meeting, Las Vegas.
- 2008 Chaired a section at the FWPCA/ACA 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, Las Vegas.
- 2007 Chaired a panel at the 2<sup>nd</sup> SSEASR Conference of South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religion, in Nakponpathom, Thailand.
- 1999 Organized a panel on “Thai Transnational Migration and Thai Diaspora” at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Thai Studies. Amsterdam, the Netherlands. (Unable to attend the conference because of health reasons).
- 1997 Chaired a panel on “Sexual Migrations and Ethnicity” at the First International Conference on Sexuality: Beyond Boundaries, Sexuality across Culture. Amsterdam, the Netherlands.