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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Communication Arts and Sciences (2018)
The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.
Dissertation: Atlas of Sacrifice: Three Studies of Ritual Sacrifice in Late-capitalism
Director: Stephen H. Browne

Master of International Affairs (2013)
The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.

B.A. in International Area Studies (2010)
Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA
Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Communication Arts and Sciences The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA	2019-
Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Department of Communication Arts and Sciences The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA	2018-2019
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Communication Arts and Sciences The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA	2013-2018
Editorial Assistant, Public Philosophy Journal	2015-2016
Graduate Assistant, School of International Affairs The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA	2011-2013

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Wang, Keren. *Legal and Rhetorical Foundations of Economic Globalization: An Atlas of Ritual Sacrifice in Late-Capitalism*. 1st ed. Oxford: Routledge, 2019. ISBN: 9780367188405

Peer-reviewed journal articles:

Wang, Keren. "The Rhetorical Invention of Laws of Sacrifice: Kelo v. New London," *Communication Law Review*, Volume 18, Issue 2 (October, 2018): 59-95.

Wang, Keren and Nabih Haddad, "Participatory Global Citizenship: Civic Education Beyond Territoriality," first published in *Journal of Self-Governance and Management Economics*, Vol. 3(1), 2015, included in *Yale Global Academic Papers Collection*, Yale Global Online, <<https://yaleglobal.yale.edu/special-reports/academic-papers>> (2016).

Larry C. Backer and Wang, Keren. "The Emerging Structures of Socialist Constitutionalism with Chinese Characteristics: Extrajudicial Detention and the Chinese Constitutional Order," *Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal*, volume 23 no. 2 (2014): 251-341.

Keren Wang and Larry C. Backer, "A Survey of Intra-Party Anti-Graft System Under the Context of Strengthening the Constitution Rule and CCP Discipline," *China Law Review*, vol. 2015-1 no. 4 (2015)

Work under review

Keren Wang and Dominic, "Manthey Protest in a Networked World: Advocacy and Imitation in Hong Kong's "Occupy Central" (2019), under review for publication in *Quarterly Journal of Speech*

Book chapters:

Wang, Keren. "Religion in China – Historical and Legal Context," section in *Law and Religion: Cases, Materials, and Readings 3rd ed.*, edited by Frank Ravitch and Larry C. Backer. St Paul, MN: West Academic, 2015. ISBN: 0314284079

Larry Backer, Keren Wang and Tomonori Teraoka, "Democratizing International Business and Human Rights," chapter in *Business and Human Rights: Moving Forward, Looking Back*, edited by Karen E. Bravo and Jena Martin. UK: Cambridge University Press, 2015. ISBN: 1107095522.

Book reviews and minor publications:

Wang, Keren. "Thirteenth Amendment and the Slaughter-House," featured essay, Penn State Civic & Community Engagement (CIVCM) Constitution Day 2016 Special Edition, (2017), available: <http://civcm.psu.edu/2017/09/12/the-slaughter-house-principle/>

Wang, Keren. "Written and Unwritten Constitutions," featured essay, Penn State Civic & Community Engagement (CIVCM) Constitution Day 2016 Special Edition, (2016), available: <http://civcm.psu.edu/2016/09/06/written-and-unwritten-constitutions/>

Wang, Keren. review of *Reconsidering Knowledge: Feminism and the Academy*, by Meg Luxton and Mary Jane Mossman, *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, vol. 43 no. 4 (2014)

Wang, Keren. Review of *Computer Games and the Social Imaginary* by Graeme Kirkpatrick, *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, vol. 43 no. 4 (2014)

Wang, Keren. Review of *Moving Matters: Paths of Serial Migration* by Susan Ossman, *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, vol. 43 no. 3 (2014)

Published academic translations:

Larry C. Backer, translation by Wang, Keren. "Towards a Robust Theory of the Chinese Constitutional State: Between Formalism and Legitimacy in Jiang Shigong's Constitutionalism," [Chinese] *Open Times*, 2nd Issue 2014 pp. 37-56 (2014)

Larry C. Backer, translation by Wang, Keren. "Jiang Shigong on "Written and Unwritten Constitutions" and Its Relevance to Chinese Constitutionalism," [Chinese] 40(2) *Modern China* 119-132 (2014)

Larry C. Backer, translation by Wang, Keren. "The Constitutional Legitimacy of China's Party-State System," [Chinese] *China Studies Report, Vol.25-2012*. Tsinghua University (October 16, 2012)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Don W. Davis Program in Ethical Leadership Research Grant (2018)

NCA Top Student Paper Award (2017), awarded by The Japan-U.S. Communication Association

Dissertation Fellow Award (2016 -2017), awarded by Penn State Center for Democratic Deliberation and Center & Institute Fellowship Program

CDD Research Award (2017), awarded by Penn State Center for Democratic Deliberation to support travel to Italy

Graduate student travel awards (2014-2017), awarded by the Penn State Department of Communication Arts & Sciences to support travel to the following academic conferences:

- The Sixth “Rhetoric in Society” Conference of the Rhetoric Society of Europe, University of East Anglia, Norwich (3-5 July 2017)
- Harvard East Asia Society Conference 2017, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (February 23-25, 2017)
- International Communication Association 66th Annual Conference, Fukuoka, Japan (June 9-13, 2016)
- 19th Annual UBC Interdisciplinary Legal Studies Graduate Student Conference, Vancouver: May 8-9, 2014)
- 9th Annual General Conference of the European China Law Studies Association, Hong Kong: November 15-16, 2014
- National Communication Association Annual Convention, Chicago: November 21-24, 2014
- 3rd International Conference on Asian Studies, Niigata, Japan: June 20-21, 2015

International Network Grant (2015), awarded by the Danish Agency for Science and Technology for research project: “CSR between Public and Private – Public institutional conditions for the generation and implementation of CSR norms in Denmark, China and the US”

NCA Top Student Paper Award (2014), awarded by The Association for Chinese Communication Studies Division National Communication Association Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, November 21-24, 2014.

Graduate Research Grant (2014, \$2000 total) awarded by the Penn State Department of Communication Arts & Sciences for field research in Hong Kong (December 19-25, 2014).

SIA Graduate Alumni Scholarship (2011-2013), awarded by the Penn State School of International Affairs given to top incoming MA students.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Academic conferences - competitively selected papers:

Wang, Keren. “Reexamining Ritual Sacrifice in Late Capitalism,” presented at the Society of Australasian Social Psychologists 2019 Annual Conference in Sydney, Australia (April 27, 2019)

Keren Wang and Dominic Manthey, “Play of Democratic Signification: Digital Rhetoric in Hong Kong’s 2014 Pro-Democracy Movement,” presented at the NCA 104th Annual

Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, Critical and Cultural Studies Division (November 11th, 2018).

Wang, Keren. "Three Studies of Ritual Sacrifice in Late-capitalism," presented at 2018 PSU Social Thought Conference, University Park, PA (March 31, 2018)

Keren Wang and Tomonori Teraoka, "Reflections on the Japanese post-WWII Constitutionalization Process (Top Student Paper Award)," presented at the NCA 103rd Annual Convention, Dallas, TX (November 19, 2017).

Wang, Keren. "State of Sacrifice: *Kelo v. New London*," presented at the NCA 103rd Annual Convention in Dallas, TX (November 18th, 2017)

Wang, Keren. "Public Rituals and The Rhetorical Invention of Laws of Sacrifice," presented at The Sixth "Rhetoric in Society" Conference of the Rhetoric Society of Europe, University of East Anglia, Norwich (July 5th, 2017)

Wang, Keren. "Ritualism and the Ethos of Chinese Legal Order," presented at International Conference: New International Trade and Investment Rules between Globalization and Anti-Globalization, Penn State University, University Park, PA (April 22, 2017)

Keren Wang and Tomonori Teraoka, "Legitimization Crisis of the Japanese Constitution," presented at Harvard East Asia Society Conference 2017, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (February 25, 2017)

Wang, Keren. "The State of Sacrifice – *Kelo v. New London*," presented at Camp Rhetoric 2017 at Penn State University, State College, PA (February 11, 2017)

Wang, Keren. "Fractured Legal Theology: Tension between *Doxa* and *Pistis* in Chinese Judicial Reform Discourse," paper presented at The 11th Annual General Conference of the European China Law Studies Association, at the Faculty of Law of the Roma TRE University in Rome (September 24, 2016)

Wang, Keren. "Constitutionalization of the General Will and the Legitimation Divide of Post-WWII Japan," paper presented at International Communication Association 66th Annual Conference, Fukuoka, Japan (June 9-13, 2016)

Wang, Keren. "The State of Sacrifice – an Introduction," paper presented at Camp Rhetoric 2016, State College, PA (February 20, 2016)

Wang, Keren. "Perspectives on the Rule of Law in the Political Writings of Rousseau and Marx," paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Conference: Las Vegas, NV (November 21, 2015)

Wang, Keren. "Reexamining Hong Kong's Political Tension and Rhetoric under of Chinese Socialist System," paper presented at the 10th Annual Conference of the European China Law Studies Association , University of Cologne (September 28, 2015)

Wang, Keren. "The Dynamic Role of Strategic Framing in Shaping Social Movement Personae: Analyzing Metaphors of 'Revolution' and 'Movement' in 2014 Hong Kong Protests," paper presented at the Third International Conference on Asian Studies, International University of Japan, Niigata, Japan: June 20-21, 2015.

Wang, Keren. "Framing Human Rights and the Production of Transnational Legal Consciousness," paper presented at the 2015 Social Thought Conference, The Pennsylvania State University, PA, April 19-11, 2015.

Wang, Keren. "Rhetorical Dynamics of Strategic Framing in Shaping Social Movement Personae: Analyzing Metaphors of 'Revolution' and 'Movement' in 2014 Hong Kong Protests," paper co-presented, with Dominic Manthey, at the 2015 Social Thought Conference, The Pennsylvania State University, PA, April 19-11, 2015.

Wang, Keren. "A Written Constitution without Functioning Constitutionalism," paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, November 22, 2014. Recipient of the top paper award for the Association for Chinese Communication Studies Division

Wang, Keren. "Framing and Persuasion: an Epistemological Perspective on Contemporary Social Movement ," paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, November 22, 2014.

Wang, Keren. "Institutionalize Shangfang within the Chinese Socialist Rule-of-Law Framework," paper presented at The 9th Annual General Conference of the European China Law Studies Association, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, November 15-16, 2014.

Wang, Keren. "International Organizations and Participatory Global Citizenship: Civic Education beyond Territoriality," (paper presented at the 19th Annual UBC Interdisciplinary Legal Studies Graduate Student Conference, University of British Columbia, Canada, May 8-9, 2014.)

Wang, Keren. "Reframing Knowledge/Power – an Epistemological investigation of Contemporary Social Movements," paper presented at the 2014 Social Thought Conference, The Pennsylvania State University, PA, April 4-5, 2014.

Keren Wang and Nabih Haddad, "Global Citizenship and Cosmopolitanism," paper co-presented at the 2014 Social Thought Conference, The Pennsylvania State University, PA, April 4-5, 2014.

Invited lectures:

Wang, Keren. "Citizenship and the History of American Civic Education," (presented at East China University of Political Science and Law, Shanghai, China, August 11, 2014,)

TEACHING

Courses taught at The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA (2013-present):

CAS420 - Advanced rhetorical theory seminar

Description: This upper-level rhetoric course studies ancient, Renaissance, Enlightenment, and contemporary theories of rhetoric. This course also presents a fairly high-altitude transnational survey of key rhetorical moments from the Code of Hammurabi to post-9/11 era.

CAS100C - Message Analysis

Description: This is a general education course designed to introduce students to principles of rhetorical studies with a specific focus on the analysis and evaluation of public messages in civic, cultural, and digital contexts.

CAS100A - Effective Speech

Description: This general education course studies the purposeful use of oral communication as a means of addressing practical problems, both professional and civic. It is designed to introduce students to principles of effective public speaking, implemented through the design and presentation of individual speeches and through practice in critical analysis.

iLEAP100 - American Academic Communication

Description: This course is for undergraduate students who are intermediate-advanced level non-native speakers of English. Students will become familiar with the various stages in the process of academic research, and develop strategies for reading and writing tasks throughout their university experiences in the United States.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Communication Association
Rhetoric and Communication Theory Division
Critical and Cultural Studies Division
Public Address Division
Activism and Social Justice Division

Rhetoric Society of America

American Society for the History of Rhetoric

ACADEMIC LANGUAGE SKILLS

Standard Chinese: advanced proficiency in reading, writing, speaking and conducting research; 6+ years of experience in academic translations

Japanese: advanced proficiency in reading, writing and conducting research, intermediate proficiency in speaking