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**EDUCATION****Columbia University, New York, NY****Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology, Expected May 2018****Master of Philosophy in Sociology, October 2013****Master of Arts in Sociology, May 2012**

Dissertation Title: "Domesticating Biotechnological Innovation: Science, Market and the State in Post-Socialist China"

Advisor: Gil Eyal

Core Committee: Gil Eyal, Josh Whitford, and Karen Barkey

**Harvard University, Cambridge, MA****Master of Arts in Regional Studies of East Asia, May 2010**

Advisor: Martin K. Whyte

Fully funded merit-based scholarship.

**Yale University, New Haven, CT****Bachelor of Science with Distinction in East Asian Studies, May 2008**

Double Major in Chemistry and East Asian Studies

Advisors: Deborah Davis (EAS) and Robert H. Crabtree (Chemistry)

**AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

**Yale Council on East Asian Studies Postdoctoral Associate**, Yale Council on East Asian Studies, 2017-2018

**Harvard Program on Science, Technology, and Society Postdoctoral Fellowship**, Harvard Program on Science, Technology, and Society, 2017-2018 (Declined for Yale post-doc)

**Lindt Dissertation Fellowship**, Columbia Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2016-2017

**Columbia Teaching Scholarship**, Columbia Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2015-2016

**Mellon Interdisciplinary Fellowship**, Interdisciplinary Center For Innovative Theory and Empirics, Columbia University, 2014-2016

**Charles Tilly Award for Excellence in Teaching**, Columbia Sociology Department, 2014

**Fulbright Scholarship**, China (Peking University), United States State Department, 2013-2014

**Mellon Traveling Fellowship**, Columbia Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2013-2014  
(Declined for Fulbright)

**Paul F. Lazarsfeld Fellowship**, Columbia University, 2010-2017

**Light Fellowship for Study in Chinese**, Yale University, 2008-2009 (Declined for a full merit based scholarship for MA at Harvard)

**Academic All-American**, Intercollegiate Sailing Association, 2008

**Greenburg Scholarship for Study in Chinese**, Yale University, Summer 2007

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Abigail E. Coplin**. Review of *Paper Tigers, Hidden Dragons: Firms and the Political Economy of China's Technological Development*, by Douglas B. Fuller, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, forthcoming.

Betsy A. Smith, Douglas S. Daniels, **Abigail E. Coplin**, Gregory E. Jordan, Lynn M. McGregor, and, Alanna Schepartz. "Minimally Cationic Cell-Permeable Miniature Proteins via  $\alpha$ -Helical Arginine Display." *Journal of the American Chemical Society* 2008 130 (10), 2948-2949.

Adelina Voutchkova, **Abigail Coplin**, Nicholas E. Leadbeater and Robert H. Crabtree. "Palladium-catalyzed decarboxylative coupling of aromatic acids with arylhalides or unactivated arenes using microwave heating." *Chemical Communications* 2008, 47, 6312-6314

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

**Abigail Coplin.** "'The East is 'Scientific': Scientists, the State, and Credibility Crises During China's GMO Controversy.'" Chinese Food: History, Economy and Ecology Workshop, Harvard University Fairbank Center, April 27-28 2018.

**Abigail Coplin.** "Building Monsanto with Chinese Characteristics: State-Industry Symbiosis, Organizational Chimerism, and China's Nationalist Modality of Entrepreneurial Science." Eastern Sociology Society 2018 Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, February 22-25, 2018.

**Abigail Coplin.** "The East is 'Scientific': Scientists, the State, and Credibility Crises During China's GMO Controversy." Eastern Sociology Society 2018 Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, February 22-25, 2018.

**Abigail Coplin.** "Dead Cat, Live Cat, if Schrodinger's Cat Catches Mice, It's a Good Cat: Organizational Chimerism and China's Nationalist Modality of Entrepreneurial Science." Invited public lecture at Fairfield University, 3/7/2018.

**Abigail Coplin.** "Nationalist Modalities of Science and the Emergence of Organizational Chimerism: Building Monsanto with Chinese Characteristics." Invited talk at Yale Sociology Comparative Research Workshop, 2/27/18.

**Abigail Coplin.** "Building Monsanto with Chinese Characteristics: State-Industry Symbiosis, Organizational Chimerism, and China's Nationalist Modality of Entrepreneurial Science." Public Lecture hosted by the Yale Council on East Asian Studies, 12/4/2017.

**Abigail Coplin.** "The East is 'Scientific': Scientists, the State, and Credibility Crises During China's GMO Controversy." Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S), Boston MA, 08/30/17-9/2/2017.

**Abigail Coplin.** "Caught in the Uncanny Valley: Scientists and the State During China's GMO Controversy." Fifth Oxford Young Scholars Conference on Contemporary China, Oxford University, Accepted, but logistically unable to attend.

**Abigail Coplin.** "The Limits of Politicized Science: Scientists and the State During China's GMO Controversy." Expertise from Margin to Center: Science, Politics, and Democracy, Columbia University, 4/14/2016.

**Abigail Coplin,** "Opportunities and Limits of Ambiguity: Building Monsanto with Chinese Characteristics." Political Economy Summer School 2015, Centre D'Etudes Europeennes, Science Po, France 7/7/2015.

**Abigail Coplin,** "Co-opting Tradition for Innovation." East Asia Workshop, Department of Sociology, Yale University, 3/19/2012.

**Abigail Coplin,** "Research Cells: Organizing Globalized Scientific Innovation." Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociology Society, New York, NY, 2/25/2012.

**Abigail Coplin,** "Working Within the Boundaries." Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociology Society, New York, NY, 2/23/2012.

## WORKING PAPERS

**Abigail Coplin.** "The East is Scientific: Scientists and the State During China's GMO Controversy." Preparing for submission to *Social Studies of Science*.

**Abigail Coplin.** "Dead Cat, Live Cat, if Schrodinger's Cat Catches Mice, It's a Good Cat: Organizational Chimerism and China's Nationalist Modality of Entrepreneurial Science." Preparing for submission to *American Journal of Sociology*.

**Abigail Coplin.** "Ownership Does Not Matter: Explaining Organizational Isomorphism in China's Hi-tech Sectors." Preparing for submission to *The China Quarterly*.

**Abigail Coplin.** "Working within the Boundaries and Diversifying Expertise: the Changing Identity of Chinese Economists 1978-2000." Preparing for submission to *Economy and Society*.

**Abigail Coplin and Xing Wang Deng.** *Chinese Agrobiotechnology: Past, Present, and Future*. Book project soon to be under contract with Springer Nature.

## TEACHING

Spring 2018	Instructor and course designer for EAST 401/ SOCY 305: State-Society Relations in Post-Socialist China, Yale University
Spring 2018	Undergraduate senior essay advisor, Sociology Department, Yale University
Spring 2016	Instructor and course designer for SOCI W3962: State-Society Relations in Post-Socialist China: Through the Lens of Social Theory, Columbia University
March 2015	Lecturer for Columbia Social Science Short Course at the Columbia Global Center Beijing, Beijing, P.R.C.
Fall 2014	Teaching Assistant for SOCI W2220: Evaluating Empirical Evidence (Prof. Josh Whitford), Columbia University
Spring 2013	Teaching Assistant for SOCI W1000: Social World (Prof. Gil Eyal), Columbia University
Fall 2012	Teaching Assistant for W3000: Social Theory (Prof. Gil Eyal), Columbia University
Spring 2012	Teaching Assistant for SOCI W1000: Social World (Prof. Gil Eyal), Columbia University
Fall 2011	Teaching Assistant for SOCI W1000: Social World (Prof. Peter Bearman), Columbia University
Fall 2009	Teaching Fellow for Gov 1280: Government and Politics of China (Prof. Nara Dillon), Harvard University

## SERVICE

2017-2018	Organizer of the Yale China Forum—a weekly meeting of China-interested faculty, fellows, and administrators to discuss the diverse China-related work happening across the university and current issues confronted by those who engage China. The forum's aim is to provide a place for us to compare notes on the common challenges and opportunities we face in conducting research and programming in China, and thus is interdisciplinary by design.
2016-Present	Columbia University Fulbright Alumnae Advisor
2015-2016	Social Coordinator for the Mellon Interdisciplinary Fellows
2015	Speaker at the Fulbright China Orientation, Washington D.C. (June)
2015	Panel Discussant, Panel on "Analytical Importance of Everyday Words and

- Objects" at the Third Harriet Zuckerman Conference at the 2015 Mellon Biennial. (Columbia University April 9, 215)
- 2013-2014 English Tutor and editor for the Deng Laboratory, Peking University
- 2014-Present Yale Alumnae Interviewer
- 2013 Co-organizer of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Aage Sørensen Memorial Conference, Columbia University (April 12-13, 2013)
- 2012-2013 Coordinator for Science, Knowledge and Technology Workshop, Columbia Sociology Department, Columbia University
- 2012-2013 Columbia Sociology Department Graduate Student Representative
- 2011-Present Elected Associate for the Yale Sailing Associates
- 2009-2010 At Large Representative for Interdisciplinary Programs, Harvard Graduate Student Council
- 2009-2010 President, Harvard East Asian Society
- 2008-2010 Vice-President, Harvard East Asian Society
- 2008-Present New England Intercollegiate Sailing Association Judge
- 2008 Recipient of the *Dave Perry Award*, Yale University Sailing Team, Presented annually to a member of the senior class who has made outstanding contributions to Yale sailing through a commitment to excellence, a dedication to teamwork, and the inspiration of others to participate and excel in sailing.
- 2007-2008 Public Relations Officer, Light Fellowship Student Advisory Board
- 2007-2008 Rear Commodore, Yale Sailing Team
- 2006-2008 Treasurer, Yale Sailing Team

## EMPLOYMENT

- 2008-2010 **Harvard Beijing Academy Bilingual Assistant/ Secretary**  
*Harvard Summer Program in Beijing/ Harvard Extension School*

In charge of coordinating and managing all logistics and finances during the application process and study abroad portion of the Harvard Chinese language study abroad program in Beijing, which included 81 students and 44 teachers. Business was conducted 95% in Mandarin.

## LANGUAGES

**Mandarin**-Fluent (Speaking, Reading, Writing)

**French**- Reading proficient at a basic level.

**Latin**- Reading proficient at a basic level.

**Ancient Greek**- Reading Proficient at a basic level.

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Proficient in coding in R

Proficient in sequence analysis, network analysis, generalized linear modeling and other statistical inference techniques

Proficient in ethnography, interviewing, and other qualitative research methods

#### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association  
Association for Asian Studies  
Society for Social Studies of Science  
Eastern Sociological Society

#### **EXTRACURRICULAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- 2010 Winner of the Wilson Trophy/ British National Team Race Championship (W/ Team Extreme)
- 2008 Intercollegiate Sailing Association All-American
- 2008 Intercollegiate Sailing Association Fleet Racing National Semi-Final, B-Division Winner
- 2007 Intercollegiate Sailing Association All-American
- 2007 Intercollegiate Sailing Association Fleet Racing Nationals, B-Division Winner
- 2007 Intercollegiate Sailing Association Team Racing Nationals, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place