

Lijun He

Research Interests:

- Community grant making
- Social entrepreneurship
- Chinese civil society.

Research Methodologies:

- I am approaching my research from sociology and political science perspective and
- Quantitative
- Qualitative

Tentative Dissertation Title: "Re-examining the Prospects for Chinese Civil Society: Inhibition and Mechanisms of Grant-making Philanthropy in Supporting Community-based Organizations"

Primary Advisor: Dr. Chao Guo

Research Statement:

My research entails a systemic hypothesis and validation on various factors that inhibit Chinese foundations (both public and non-public foundations) in supporting community-based civil nonprofit organizations. It aims to help the emerging nonprofit organizations tap institutional philanthropic resources and provide insights on the internal collaboration opportunity for Chinese civil society. I will choose Guangdong province, where civil society is regarded as more developed than other places in China due to active media and policy support, as the research site.

Personal Info:

I am in my third year of PhD Program in Philanthropic Studies and minor in nonprofit management. During my graduate study, I worked as graduate assistant and interns in various local and national nonprofit organizations, including the Department of Major Gift at American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis, Grants Department of Nina Mason Pulliam Trust (Indianapolis), the Burmese Project at the International Center (Indianapolis), and department of Global Philanthropy at Council on Foundations (Washington DC area). I also write column on philanthropy for Southern China Daily and China Fortune magazine.