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CONTACT INFORMATION

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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Microeconomic and demographic aspects of economic development
Health, education, gender, poverty, inequality, and local governance
Household survey techniques and analysis
Chinese and East Asian political economy

CURRENT POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Colby College
Board Member, Chinese Economists Society
Research Fellow, William Davidson Institute, University of Michigan
Visiting Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, University of Michigan (2003)
Dissertation: "Poverty, Education, and Intrahousehold Bargaining: Evidence from China"
M.A., Economics, University of Michigan (1999)
M.I.I.M., Sustainable Development, School for International Training (1996)
B.A., *magnum cum laude*, International Political Economy, Colorado College (1993)

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

Brown, Philip H. and Brian Tierney. 2008. "Religious Participation and Subjective Well-Being Among the Elderly in China." Forthcoming, *Journal of Socio-Economics*.
Brown, Philip H., Desiree Tullos, Bryan Tilt, Darrin Magee, and Aaron Wolf. 2008. "Modeling the Costs and Benefits of Dam Construction from a Multidisciplinary Perspective." Forthcoming, *Journal of Environmental Management*.
Brown, Philip H., Alan de Brauw, and Yang Du. 2008. "Measuring Success in China's New Cooperative Medical System." Forthcoming, *The China Quarterly*.
Brown, Philip H., Darrin Magee, and Yilin Xu. 2008. "Socioeconomic Vulnerability in China's Hydropower Development." Forthcoming, *China Economic Review*.

- Brown, Philip H. 2009. "Dowry and Intrahousehold Bargaining: Evidence from China." Forthcoming, *Journal of Human Resources* (February 2009).
- Brown, Philip H., Alan de Brauw, and Yang Du. 2007. "The New Cooperative Medical System: Does it Help Farmers with Health Shocks Maintain Living Standards?" (in Chinese, with English summary) Forthcoming, *China Labor Economics* (Summer 2008).
- Brown, Philip H. and Jessica H. Minty. 2008. "Media Coverage and Charitable Giving After the 2004 Tsunami." *Southern Economic Journal* 75(1): 9-25 (Lead article).
Note: Featured in the "Freakonomics" column in the *New York Times*, May 13, 2008
- Agostini, Claudio A., Philip H. Brown, and Diana Paola Góngora. 2008. "Spatial Distribution of Poverty in Chile." (in Spanish, with English summary) *Estudios de Economía* 25(1): 79-110.
Note: Featured in the Latin America Companion to the 2009 *World Development Report*
- Agostini, Claudio A. and Philip H. Brown. 2007. "Spatial Aspects of Inequality in Chile" (in Spanish). *Revista de Análisis Económico* 22(1) 3-33 (Lead article).
Note: Featured in the Latin America Companion to the 2009 *World Development Report*
- Brown, Philip H. 2006. "Parental Education and Investment in Children's Human Capital in Rural China." *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 54(4): 759-790 (Lead article).
- Brown, Philip H. 2005. "Do Human Capital Investments Help to Explain the Relationship Between Parental Education and Child Learning in China?" (in Chinese, with English Summary) *China Labor Economics* 2(2): 60-75.
- Brown, Philip H. 2004. "On the Relationship Between Parental Education and Investments in Children's Human Capital." (in Chinese, with English summary) *China Labor Economics* 1(2): 25-45.
- Brown, Philip H. and Albert Park. 2002. "Education and Poverty in Rural China." *Economics of Education Review* 21, 523-541 (Lead article).
- Brown, Philip H. 2002. "Parental Investment in Children's Human Capital in Rural China." *China Education Forum* 3(1): 6-10.
- Brown, Philip H. 1994. "The 'Good Life' on the Rwandan Border," *World View*, 7(1): 1-3.

WORKING PAPERS

- Agostini, Claudio A. and Philip H. Brown. 2008. "Cash Transfers and Poverty Reduction in Chile." Revise and Resubmit, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*.
Working paper: [Social Science Research Network](#)
- Agostini, Claudio A. and Philip H. Brown. 2007. "Local Distributional Effects of Government Cash Transfers in Chile." Revise and Resubmit, *Review of Development Economics*.
Working paper: [William Davidson Institute Working Paper No. 872](#)
or [Illades – Universidad Alberto Hurtado Working Paper No. 181](#)

Brown, Philip H., Alan de Brauw, and Caroline Theoharides. 2008. "Health Seeking Behavior and Hospital Choice in China's New Cooperative Medical System." Under review.

Working paper: [Social Science Research Network](#)

Agostini, Claudio A., Philip H. Brown, and Andrei Roman. 2008. "Poverty and Inequality among Ethnic Groups in Chile." Under review.

Working paper: [Social Science Research Network](#)

Agostini, Claudio A., Philip H. Brown, and Andrei Roman. 2008. "Estimating Poverty for Indigenous Groups by Matching Census and Survey Data." Under review.

Agostini, Claudio A. and Philip H. Brown. 2007. "Inequality at Low Levels of Aggregation in Chile." Under review.

Working paper: [Social Science Research Network](#)

Early working paper: [Illades – Universidad Alberto Hurtado Working Paper No. 178](#)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

"Dams as Agents of Change in China" (with Darrin Magee, Bryan Tilt, Desiree Tullos, and Aaron Wolf).

"The Rapid Increase of Social Spending in Rural China" (with Erwin Bulte and Xiaobo Zhang).

"Willingness to Pay in China's New Cooperative Medical System" (with Thomas Huff).

OTHER RESEARCH

"Does Catastrophic Health Insurance Mitigate Consumption Shocks? Evidence from China" (with Alan de Brauw and Du Yang).

"Poverty Transfer Regimes in Chile: A Simulation Approach" (with Claudio Agostini).

"China's New Cooperative Medical System: Variation and Prospects" (with Alan de Brauw and Zhong Funing).

"Economic Implications of Health Care Reform in Rural China" (with Alan de Brauw, Du Yang, Wang Meiyan, and Zhong Funing).

"The Evolution of Income Inequality in East Asia."

SURVEY PROJECTS AND FIELDWORK

Principal Investigator, "Interdisciplinary Research and Methods for Assessing Dams as Agents of Change in China" (2008-2011): Research on evaluating the costs and benefits of large dam construction from a socioeconomic, biophysical, and geopolitical perspectives; includes large-scale survey of households affected by dam construction in western China.

Co-Principal investigators: Darrin Magee, Bryan Tilt, Desiree Tullos, Aaron Wolf

Funding: National Science Foundation

Investigator, “Evaluating the Effect of Dams on Social Dynamics” (2007-2008): Exploratory research to investigate the social dynamics of dam construction in western China.

Principal investigators: Bryan Tilt, Desiree Tullos, Aaron Wolf

Funding: National Science Foundation

Principal Investigator, “China’s NCMS: Economic Implications for Households” (2006-2007): Survey of 1500 households in 30 counties in 2 provinces to study the economic effects of China’s New Cooperative Medical System. Matched survey of county health administrators.

Co-principal investigators: Alan de Brauw, Du Yang, Wang Meiyang, Zhong Funing

Funding: Ford Foundation, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Colby College

Principal Investigator, “Health Care Reforms in Rural China” (2004-2005): Preliminary fieldwork for a household survey on health care reforms in rural China.

Co-principal investigators: Alan de Brauw, Du Yang, Zhong Funing

Funding: Colby College, Williams College, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Nanjing Agricultural University

Investigator, “China Rural Poverty Survey II” (2001): Survey of 600 rural households and the villages, schools, medical clinics, and rural financial institutions in four poor counties.

Survey of 1000 villages in the same four counties on the provision of local public goods.

Principal investigators: Albert Park, Wang Sangui

Funding: Ford Foundation

Investigator, “Gansu Survey of Children and Families” (2000): Survey of 2000 children aged 9-12 and their mothers, families, homeroom teachers, school principals, and village leaders in 20 rural counties in Gansu. Survey of 1000 teachers in village schools.

Principal investigators: Emily Hannum, Albert Park, Zhang Yanhong

Funding: Spencer Foundation

GRANTS

National Science Foundation, \$750,000 (2008)

Grant to support interdisciplinary research on dams as agents of Change in China

Colby College, Social Science Division Research Grant, \$3,500 (2008)

Grant to support research on disaggregated measures of poverty and inequality in Chile

Colby College, Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement Conference Grant, \$9,000 (2007)

Grant to support a multidisciplinary symposium on hydropower on China’s *Nu* River

Colby College, Social Science Division Research Grant, \$3,000 (2007)

Grant to support research on disaggregated measures of poverty and inequality in Chile

Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, \$25,000 (2007)

Grant to hold a conference on China’s health care system

Ford Foundation, \$70,500 (2006)

Grant to study the economic implications of China’s New Cooperative Medical System

Freeman Foundation, \$5,900 (2006)

Grant to develop internship opportunities for students in East Asia

Colby College, Social Science Division Research Grant, \$3,000 (2006)

Grant to support conference activities for the Health Care in Rural China project

Freeman Foundation, Summer Course Development Grant, \$1,750 (2005)

Grant to develop new course on the political economy of business in China

Colby College, Social Science Division Research Grant, \$3,000 (2005)

Grant to support data collection for the Health Care in Rural China preliminary survey

Freeman Foundation, Summer Course Development Grant, \$2,000 (2004)

Grant to revise seminar in economic demography

Colby College, Social Science Division Research Grant, \$3,000 (2004)

Grant to support preliminary fieldwork for project on health care in rural China

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation / University of Michigan Population Studies Center, \$3,000 (2001)

Grant to support data collection and management for the Gansu Survey of Children and Families

University of Michigan Center for Chinese Studies, \$1,800 (2000)

Grant to support pre-survey testing for the Gansu Survey of Children and Families

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Selected as one of five best professors by Class of 2008, Colby College (2007-2008)

Southwestern Economics Association Student Paper Award, first prize (2003)

University of Michigan Population Studies Center, Pre-Doctoral Training Fellowship (1998-2003)

Spencer Foundation, Dissertation Fellow (2001-2002)

University of Michigan Rackham School of Graduate Studies, Dissertation Fellow (2001)

John Elliot Parker Memorial Prize in Labor Economics and Human Resources, first prize (1999)

University of Michigan Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, Fellow (1999)

University of Michigan Department of Economics, Summer Research Fellow (1998)

Alpha Lambda Delta, Graduate Fellow (1997-1998)

Pi Gamma Mu, graduate scholarship (1997-1998)

Phi Beta Kappa (1989)

ACADEMIC SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

“The Impact of Cash Transfers on County-Level Inequality”

NBER Inter-American Seminar on Economics, Cambridge (July 2008)

“Socioeconomic Vulnerability in Large Public Works Projects in China”

- Bates College, Lewiston (May 2008); Annual Meeting, Chinese Economists Society, Tianjin (April 2008); Beijing University (October 2007); Symposium on Damming the Nu: Evaluating Hydropower on China's *Angry River*, Waterville, Maine (October 2007); Symposium on Modeling of Dam Effects, Stevenson, Washington (April 2007)
- "Measuring Success in China's New Cooperative Medical System"
Annual Meeting, Chinese Economists Society, Tianjin (April 2008)
- "Does Catastrophic Health Insurance Mitigate Consumption Shocks? Evidence from China"
Annual Meeting, Chinese Economists Society, Changsha (July 2007); World Congress, International Health Economics Association, Copenhagen (July 2007)
- "Implementation of China's New Cooperative Medical System in Anhui and Jiangsu"
International Conference on Health Care in Rural China: Progress and Prognosis, Beijing (July 2007)
- "Religion and Subjective Well-Being Among China's Elderly Population"
Pacific Rim Conference, Western Economic Association, Beijing (January 2007); International Center for Agricultural Research and Development, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Science, Beijing (December 2006); School of Public Health, Kunming Medical College (December 2006)
- "Media Coverage and Charitable Giving After the 2004 Tsunami"
Pacific Rim Conference, Western Economic Association, Beijing (January 2007); Department of Economics, Lanzhou University (December 2006); Department of Communications, Lanzhou University (December 2006)
- "Income Inequality at Low Levels of Aggregation in Chile"
Annual Conference, Western Social Science Association, Phoenix (April 2006); Department of Economics, Colby College, Waterville (March 2006)
- "China's New Cooperative Medical System: Variation and Prospects."
World Congress, International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, Tours (July 2005); Annual Meeting, Chinese Economists Society, Chongqing (June 2005)
- "Parental Education and Investment in Children's Human Capital in Rural China."
Institute of Population and Labor Economics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (January 2005); Department of Economics, Nanjing Agricultural University (January 2005); Conference on Poverty, Inequality, Labour Market, and Welfare Reform in China, Australian National University, Canberra (August 2004); Annual Meeting, Population Association of America, Boston, (April 2004); Annual Conference, Northeast Universities Development Consortium, Yale University, New Haven (October 2003); Population Studies Center, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (February 2003); Annual Meeting, Midwest Economics Association, St. Louis (March 2003); Northwest Normal University, Lanzhou (December 2001)
- "Dowry and Intrahousehold Bargaining: Evidence from China"
Annual Meeting, Chinese Economists Society, Hangzhou (June 2004); Annual Conference, Southwestern Economics Association, San Antonio (May 2003); Department

of Economics, University of Hawaii, Manoa (February 2003); Department of Economics, Vassar College (February 2003); Department of Economics, Colby College (February 2003); Department of Economics, University of California, Irvine (January 2003); Department of Economics, California State University, Long Beach (January 2003); Department of Economics, Dalhousie University, Halifax (January 2003); Department of Economics, University of Vermont (January 2003); Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D.C. (January 2003); Department of Economics, Baylor University, Waco (January 2003); Annual Conference, Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Williams College, Williamstown (October 2002); Department of Economics, Colorado College, Colorado Springs (October 2002); Department of Economics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (September 2002); RAND Workshop on Economic Demography, Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Atlanta (May 2002)

“Education and Poverty in Rural China”

Annual Conference, Harvard East Asia Society, Cambridge (March 2001); Annual Conference, Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Cornell University, Ithaca (October 2000); School of Education, Harvard University (March 2000); Population Studies Center, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (February 2000)

“Parental Investment in Children’s Human Capital in Rural China”

Alma College, Alma (November 2001); Gansu Survey of Children and Families Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge (July 2001)

NON-ACADEMIC CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, TRAININGS, AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS

“Energy, Dams, and Development in Rural China”

National Consortium for Teaching About Asia, Waterville (April 2008); Colby Club of Boston (March 2008); Colby Club of New York (March 2008)

“Poverty and Health in Rural China: Failed Reforms in the Cooperative Medical System”

Colby College Family Homecoming Weekend, Waterville, Maine (October 2007)

“Media Coverage and Charitable Giving”

Colby Club of Washington D.C., Washington, D.C. (April 2007)

“China’s Economic Growth: Implications and Challenges”

The Teaching Company, Chantilly (March 2007); Alumni College, Colby College, Waterville (July 2006); Parents Executive Committee, Colby College, Waterville (April 2006); Mid-Maine Forum on Global Relations, Waterville (March 2006); National Consortium for Teaching About Asia, Ellsworth (March 2006); The Camden Conference, Camden (February 2006)

“Training on Household Survey Design and Implementation”

Kunming Medical College (December 2006)

“Economic Science and Conventional Wisdom”

International School of Beijing (December 2006); Lanzhou University (January 2005)

"The Chinese Economy: Domestic Challenges and Global Implications"
Mid-Coast Forum on Global Relations, Camden (December 2004)

INTERVIEWS IN POPULAR PRESS

"Aid Efforts Stymied by China, Myanmar Tragedies," *National Public Radio, All Things Considered*, May 16, 2008.

"Inside the Putschfork Rebellion," *Time*, March 13, 2006.

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS

GSI Mentor, Department of Economics, University of Michigan, 2000-2003.

Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Economics, University of Michigan, 1998-2001.

Visiting Adjunct Instructor, Division of Social Sciences, Colorado Mountain College, 1994-1995.

PREVIOUS NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Consultant, HelpAge Zimbabwe, 1994-1995.

Financial Accountant, International Rescue Committee, Tanzania, 1994.

National Disaster Respondent, American Red Cross, 1993-1994.

REFEREEING ACTIVITIES

Bulletin of Economic Research; China Economic Review; Contemporary Economic Policy; Economic Development and Cultural Change; Economics of Education Review; Feminist Economics; Health Economics; Health Policy and Planning; Journal of Development Studies; Social Science and Medicine; Southern Economic Journal

Social Science Research Council, International Dissertation Research Fellowship competition (2006, 2007, 2008)

CERGE-EI/Global Development Network

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Food Policy Research Institute

William Davidson Institute

American Economic Association

Chinese Economists Society

Western Economic Association

Southern Economic Association

Population Association of America

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population

Asian Population Association

International Health Economics Association

Asian Studies Association