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Biography

Professor Deborah Davis is the Professor of Sociology at Yale University. She is a world renowned scholar on families, gender and society in Urban China. She has been running a summer workshop for more than ten years with CUHK where Yale students work collaboratively with students from Hong Kong and China. She adopted creative methods of engaging her students in understanding decision making, power, gender roles, and dynamics between husbands and wives, parents and children in China. Professor Davis currently is an Associate Editor of The Journal of Asian Studies and on the editorial board of The China Quarterly. In 2004 she helped launch the Yale China Health Journal. At Yale she has served as Director of Academic Programs at the Yale Center for the Study of Globalization, Chair of the Department of Sociology, Chair of the Council of East Asian Studies, Director of Graduate Studies in both East Asian Studies and Sociology, and co-chair of the Women Faculty Forum. Currently she serves as a vice-president of the Board of Trustees of the Yale-China Association. Professor Davis is the author or editor of ten books, including The Consumer Revolution in Urban China (California 2000), SARS: Reception and Interpretation in three Chinese Cities (Routledge 2007), Creating Wealth and Poverty in China (Stanford 2009), and most recently Wives, Husbands and Lovers (Stanford 2014).