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## **January 2011 to present**

Independent photographer based in China, VII Photo Agency, New York.  
Photography workshop leader/instructor, conference speaker.

## **May 2007 to December 2010**

China Correspondent, The Straits Times, Singapore; based in Beijing, reporting from China, Myanmar, North Korea, Cambodia.

## **October 2001 to April 2007**

Correspondent, Foreign Desk and Political Desk; reporter, The Straits Times, Singapore.

## **1997 to 2000**

Summer intern photographer, The Independent and The Guardian in London, UK (1999).  
Freelance photographer, London School of Economics and Political Science press office.

## **Education**

### **2000 to 2001**

MSc in History of International Relations (distinction), London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London; finished top of cohort with Robert McKenzie Memorial Prize for 'outstanding performance in MA, MSc, MPhil or PhD degrees (all subjects)'.

### **1997 to 2000**

BA in History (first class honours), London School of Economics and Political Science; Department book prize for 'best undergraduate dissertation', 2000.

## **Awards, Fellowships, Grants, Nominations**

Nominated artist, Prix Pictet, July 2016, July 2015.

Magnum Foundation, Photography Expanded, Virtual Reality and immersive story-telling, April 2016.

Asia Society, ChinaFile photography fellowship, October 2015.

Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting grants, March 2014, January 2015, September 2015.

"Power List", top 20 arts and culture figures in Singapore, The Sunday Times, Singapore; top 6.

"People of the Year", Lianhe Zaobao, Singapore, December 2014.

Her World "Young Woman Achiever of the Year", Singapore, October 2014.

British Journal of Photography, list of 30 international photographers "Ones to Watch", 2014.

Finalist, W. Eugene Smith Grant for Humanistic Photography, October 2013.

Discernment Award and People's Choice award, ICON de Martell Cordon Bleu Awards, Singapore, September 2013.

Photo District News, New York, PDN 30, list of emerging photographers, 2013.

Nominated for the Sante Fe Prize, November 2011.

Magnum Foundation fellowship, New York University, May to July 2010.

United States Department of State Edward R. Murrow fellowship, September to October 2009.

Finalist, Ian Parry Award (The Sunday Times, London), 1999.

## **Exhibitions, Screenings, Teaching, Speaking Engagements**

exhibited artist, Istanbul Biennale, September 2017.

speaker at Magnum Foundation conference on visual story-telling, Hong Kong Baptist University, 2016.

speaker on Hong Kong Baptist University School of Communications panel, 2016.

workshop teacher and speaker at Lianzhou Photo Festival, China; Obscura Photo Festival, Malaysia; Angkor Photo Festival, Cambodia; VII workshops, Barcelona; Shooting Home, Singapore, 2016.

"Dying To Breathe", installation, Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, North Carolina, USA.

"Dying To Breathe", installation, Women in Photography exhibition, Objectifs, Singapore.

"The Rat Tribe", video installation, at Auckland Photo Festival, Arko Art Center, Seoul, June and July 2016.

"Dying To Breathe", video installation, at F/stop Photography Festival in Leipzig, June 2016.

jury member, documentary, World Press Photo, Amsterdam, February 2016.

"Dying To Breathe" short film premiered at Singapore International Film Festival, November 2015.

closing speaker at Facebook Asia-Pacific's Women's Leadership Day, Singapore, October 2015.

Burmese Spring, in group show at Annenberg Space for Photography, Los Angeles, May 2015.

speaker at Dok Foto festival, Oslo, February 2015.

"Dying To Breathe" screened at Visa Pour L'image Perpignan, France, September 2014.

exhibited at the 4th Lumix Festival for Young Photojournalism, Hannover, Germany, June 2014.

Exhibition of China's "Rat Tribe" in Magnum Foundation show at PhotoVille festival, New York, June 2012.

"Rat Tribe" multimedia piece screened at Arles Photo Festival, July 2012.

group show "Mother Democracy", on Burma and Aung San Suu Kyi, Nobel Peace Center, Oslo, June - Nov 2012.

## **Selected Publications**

ZBBZ magazine, profiled for National Day issue, "Singaporeans who shape Singapore on the international stage", August 2015.

National Geographic Proof, The New York Times Lens, on Dying To Breathe, May, June 2015.

TIME Lightbox "Sim Chi Yin joins VII", July 2014.

The Straits Times, Lianhe Zaobao profiles and interviews, various, 2014, 2015, 2016.

commissions for National Geographic, the New Yorker, Harpers, TIME, Newsweek, New York Times Magazine, Le Monde, Businessweek, Asia Society, Vogue, GQ, 2011 - 2016.

## **Books**

Roots, TwentyFifteen, Singapore, 2015.

The Long Road Home, International Labour Organization, United Nations, 2011.

## **Languages**

English, Mandarin Chinese.