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ANTHROPOLOGY

Heather S. Thomson

Advisor: Charles V. Carnegie

The Women's Agricultural Network: A Strategy for Empowerment and Entrepreneurial Success

The Maine Women's Agricultural Network (WAgN) was established to support women in agriculture to own and operate agriculturally related enterprises. This thesis applies a feminist economic perspective to WAgN to examine how the group has evolved into an organization for economic development. Additionally, this thesis provides a brief overview of the history of women in American agriculture in order to gain a perspective from which to view the emergence of a network like WAgN. Interviews with WAgN members are used to document the support the network provides and to show how members are empowered and better prepared to take on the tasks necessary to successfully operate their own agricultural businesses.

ASIAN STUDIES

Van V. Brantner

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Large-Scale Migration and the Gender Earning Gap in China's Urban Labor Market

Involving the transfer of tens of millions of people from the rural villages and farms to the major metropolitan areas, China's large-scale migration is one of the most remarkable social and economic developments in Asia today. While labor mobility and substantial reductions of government control over the labor market have clearly created better economic opportunities for some rural migrants, it is suspected of also fostering the reemergence of the old Confucian customs and traditions subordinating women. This thesis investigates the relationship between large-scale migration and gender pay inequality in urban China by utilizing two large-size surveys covering Shanghai and eleven other provinces for the year 1995. Using descriptive statistics, earnings equations, and several earnings decomposition methods, this study compares migrant women to their urban counterparts in a number of areas such as labor market treatment, social status, and personal freedoms. It also covers the spatial and temporal dimensions of rural to urban migration, the determinants to migration, the characteristics of Chinese migrant workers, and the impact of migration on their earnings.

