

Digital Archive of #MeToo and Women's Rights Movement in China

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TIME



Tarana Burke
"ME TOO" CREATOR



Alyssa Milano 
@Alyssa_Milano

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If you've been sexually harassed or assaulted write 'me too' as a reply to this tweet.

Me too.

Suggested by a friend: "If all the women who have been sexually harassed or assaulted wrote 'Me too.' as a status, we might give people a sense of the magnitude of the problem."

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#MeToo and Its Significance for Research and Library Collections

- #MeToo in the U.S.
 - In 2006 Tarana Burke, a NYC social activist, started “Me Too” movement to promote “empowerment through empathy” among sexually abused women
 - In Oct. 2017 Alyssa Milano relaunched #MeToo Movement in twitter following the Harvey Weinstein sexual abuse allegations
 - In 2018 #MeToo was validated in midterm elections which voted 117 women to congress, following the controversial Brett Kavanaugh’ s appointment to Supreme Court despite accusations of sexual assaults
 - Numerous activities happened; enormous amounts of resources in all formats have been produced

- Schlesinger Library at Harvard

- The Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study of Harvard:
“documents the lives of American women of the past and present for the future”
- The library as “the largest and most significant repository of documents covering women's lives and activities in the U.S.”
 - Holds many archives & special collections of women related to China, e.g.:
 - American woman missionaries to China, e.g. Papers of Grace M. Boynton 包贵思
 - Papers of Ida Pruitt 浦爱德 (and Marjorie King) (containing the lost Chinese manuscript of novelist Laoshe's Jihuang 饥荒 the Yellow Storm, i.e. the volume 3 of Sishi tongtang 四世同堂 Four Generations in One House),
 - Papers of Anna Chennault 陈香梅

- Digital Media Archive of #MeToo at Harvard
 - In 2018 Schlesinger Library Awarded Grant
 - S.T. Lee Innovation Grants: “Funding creative partnerships between Harvard faculty and Harvard Library staff that improve access to information and the experience of using library resources at Harvard University”
 - Seng Tee Lee 李成智: Singaporean-Chinese businessman & philanthropist
 - To comprehensively document the #metoo movement for long-term preservation and access
 - To provide enduring scholarly access to #metoo contents ranging from social media conversations, press stories, to multimedia declarations and files, etc.
 - Guided by a steering committee of 8 professors of history, law, business, and data science and 6 librarians and archivists
 - To focus only on U.S.

#MeToo (米兔 RiceBunny) in Continuation of Women's Rights Movement in China



- #MeToo Exposed about 80 High-profile Cases of Sexual Assaults by Professors and Leaders in Various Fields
 - In Dec. 2017, Prof. Zhou Bin, Deputy Dean of College of Traditional Chinese Studies, Nanchang Univ.
 - In Jan. 2018, Prof. Chen Xiaowu, “Yangtze River Scholar” & Executive Deputy Dean of Graduate College, Beihang Univ.
 - In Apr., Prof. Shen Yang of Peking Univ. and Nanjing Univ.
 - In Jul. 2018, Zhu Jun, CCTV host
 - In Aug 2018, Prof. Yang Xiongli, Academician, Fudan Univ.
 - In Aug. 2018, Master Xuecheng, President of Buddhist Association of China
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- #MeToo Development in China
 - Most cases have some positive responses and results
 - Women's rights issues are discussed in public discourse and unprecedentedly become openly shared and discussed topics in multiple social media and web networks
 - Almost all groups of women no longer hold the sufferings and injustice to themselves but speak out and publicize their experiences and voices
 - Continuous litigation efforts, including activists petitioned recent National Congress & Parliament participants to set up legal mechanism against sexual harassment in three areas of public space (work sites, colleges and public transportation).
 - But very few perpetrators have been charged or indicted for sexual crimes; many first chose to “accuse accusers” for libel and defamation
 - Strongly debated, still misunderstood and disliked by many patriarchal men

To Master Xuecheng: “努力忏悔, 安度余年
(Repent hard, live remaining years
peacefully)”

A-metoo-ha



Yue Xin Incident from Prof. Shen Yang Case:
Sympathizer and supporter for women and
labor rights: resisted/protested, disappeared,
appeared apologizing in video in Jan. 2019



北大畢業生岳昕參與佳士工人聲援活動後，在公眾視野中消失

YUE XIN

- #MeToo in the Continuum of Women's Rights Movement in China
 - 2003, Prof. Ai Xiaoming 艾晓明 and students for the Vagina Monologues 阴道独白
 - 2009, NGO Voice of Women 女权之声 founded by Lu Pin 吕频
 - 2012, Shaving heads and publicly protesting against MOE's discrimination against female students in college admission
 - 2012, Occupying men's room 占领男厕所 for building more rest rooms for female (2 to 1 ratio)
 - 2012, Protesting in bloody wedding dress 带血的婚纱 against domestic violence
 - 2013, Theater performance 阴道之道 Our Vaginas, OurSelves, highlighting discrimination against women and sexual minorities
 - 2013, Xiao Meili's 1,200 mile trek from Beijing to Guangzhou 女权徒步 advocating social institutions against sexual assaults
 - 2015, the arrest of Feminist Five 女权五姐妹 and national and international rescuing efforts, 2016 the case dismissed
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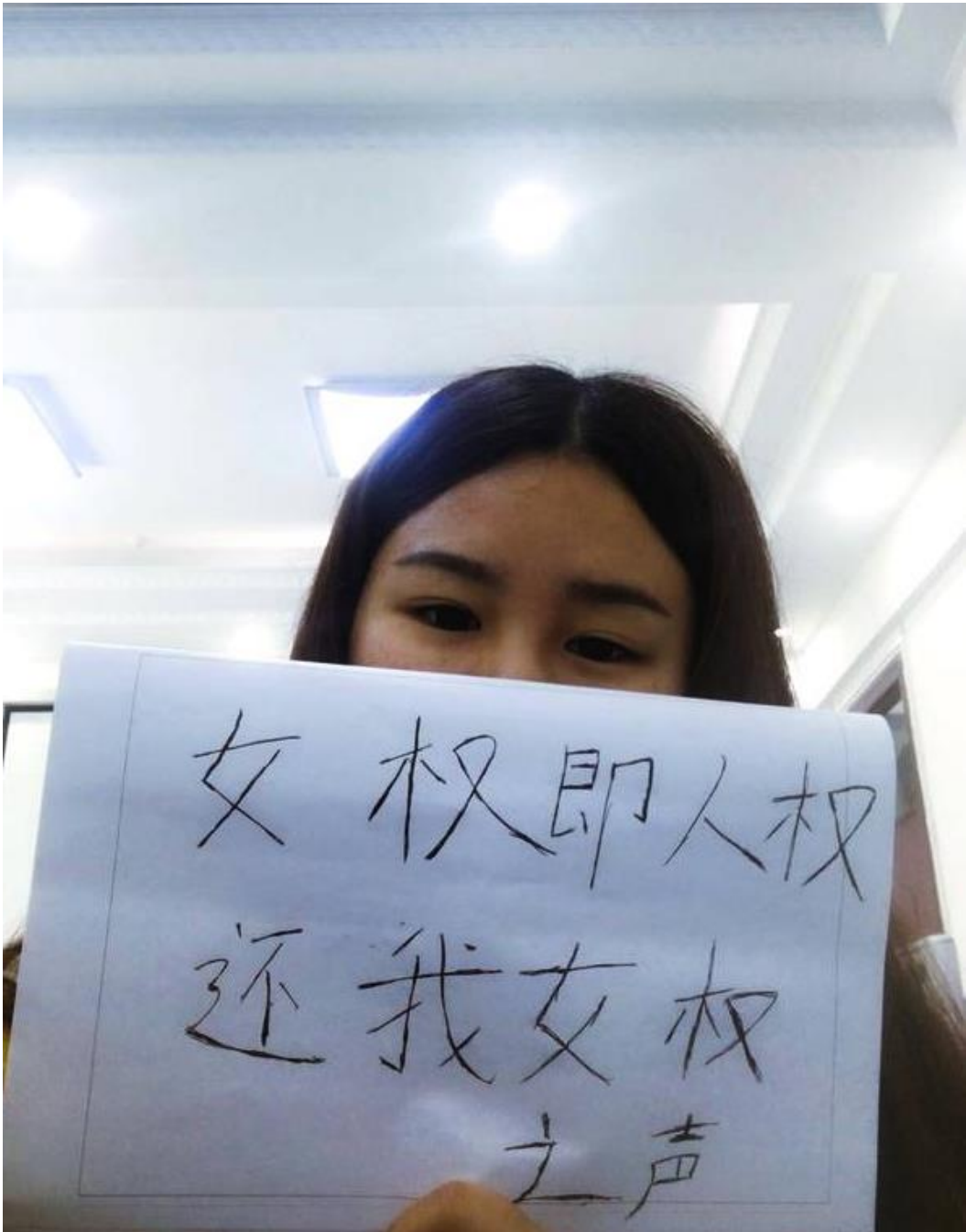
女大学生占领江滩男厕所。 记者余晖 摄





Mar. 7, 2015 “Feminist Five” were arrested for planning to distribute anti-sexual harassment flyers in public buses, but released on bail April 13



A photograph of a woman with long dark hair holding a white sign with handwritten Chinese text. The sign is held in front of her face, partially obscuring it. The background shows an indoor setting with a ceiling light fixture.

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Ivy Plus Libraries Confederation: Web Resources Collection Program

- Ivy 8 + 5 (MIT, Chicago, Johns Hopkins, Duke, Stanford) = 13 libraries
- “Collectively provide access to a rich and unique record of human thought and creativity through resource sharing and collaboration”
- Borrow direct; collection initiatives; web archive; etc.
- Galadriel Chilton, Director of Collections Initiatives, Yale; Samantha Abrams, Web Resources Collection Librarian, Columbia
- Archive-it of Internet Archive as the platform

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- **Ivy Plus Web Archive Projects:**
 1. Collaborative Architecture, Urbanism, and Sustainability Web Archive
 2. Contemporary Composers Web Archive
 3. Global Webcomics Web Archive
 4. National Statistical Offices and Central Banks Web Archive;
 5. Latin American and Caribbean Contemporary Art Web Archive
 6. State Elections Web Archive
 7. Brazilian Presidential Transition (2018) Web Archive



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Ivy Plus Libraries Confederation

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Organization URL: http://library.columbia.edu/find/web-archives/Ivy_Plus_Libraries.html

Description: The Ivy Plus Libraries Confederation (IPLC) Web Collecting Program is a collaborative collection development effort to build curated, thematic collections of freely available, but at-risk, web content in order to support research at participating Libraries and beyond. Participating Libraries are: Brown, Chicago, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Duke, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Penn, Princeton, and Yale.

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Brazilian Presidential Transition (2018) Web Archive

Archived since: Dec, 2018

Description: The Brazilian Presidential Transition (2018) Web Archive is a collection built by the Ivy Plus Libraries Confederation and member libraries of the Latin America Libraries of the Northeast Group, with significant contributions from members of the Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin

Project Progress/Process

- Exploring the Interest and the topic
- Collaboration in proposal writing and submitting
- Waiting for feedback from Web Archive Committee's meetings, and improve, prepare and plan accordingly until the Committee is fully satisfied
- Working out work sheet to archive the web and digital resources
- Communicating with the Web Resources Collection Librarian at every stage of the process

Conclusion

- #MeToo in the U.S. gave birth to #MeToo in China, which is an integral part and facilitating factor of women's rights movement in China
- While the Digital Media Archive of #MeToo of Schlesinger Library at Harvard excludes China, our Digital Archive of #MeToo and Women's Rights Movement in China under Ivy Plus Libraries Confederation wishes to bridge the gap and provide new digital library resources for Chinese feminism studies
- We hope that the Digital Archive of #MeToo and Women's Rights Movement in China will be made available and accessible next year



Thank you!

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