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Education

Ph.D. in History, Johns Hopkins University, 2007.

M.A. in History, Johns Hopkins University, 2003.

M.A. in Pre-Modern Chinese History, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China, 1999.

B.A. in English Language and Literature, Lanzhou University, Lanzhou, China, 1996.

Professional employment

Assistant Professor of Modern Chinese History and Culture, Washington University in St. Louis, 2011 to present.

Post-doctoral Fellow in China Studies, Washington University in St. Louis, 2009-2011.

Assistant Professor, Department of History, SUNY-Fredonia, 2007-2010.

Visiting Faculty, CET Academic Programs — Beijing, Spring 2007.

Work-in-Progress

My new book examines rumors and political propaganda during China's Korean War campaign (1950-1953), with particular focus on the remaking of the North Korean ally in China's political and popular discourses. The book examines the social anxieties and historical memories that unofficial views encoded, the social system that produced and consumed unofficial views, the official measures to define rumors and monitor rumor-mongering, and how all of the above converged with questions of propaganda, mobilization, and the transformation of the urban informational space in the formative years of the People's Republic of China. I am currently working on three articles: "Writing the Unspeakable: Soldiers, Sex, and Popular Literature about the Korean War in 1950s China" (in progress); "Embracing the North Korean Ally: Politics and Popular Culture in Cold War China" (under review); and "War Remembered, Revolution Forgotten: Coming to Terms with the North Korean Ally in Post-socialist China" (complete and under revision).

Publications

Book

Runaway Wives, Urban Crimes, and Survival Tactics in Wartime Beijing, 1937-1949
(Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Asia Center, 2015).

Edited Volumes and Special Issues in Journals

(In Chinese) *Journal of Cultural Studies – Special Issue on Chinese Socialist Culture* (December 2015).

(In English) *Frontier of History in China – Special Issue on People, Cadres, and Mass Campaigns in the 1950s and 60s* 7:4 (December 2012).

(In Chinese) *Bibliography of Qing History Research Published in the United States, 1971-2006* (Beijing: Renmin chubanshe, 2007).

Journal articles and book chapters

(in English)

“Wayward Daughters: Sex, Family, and Law in Early Twentieth-Century Beijing,” in Madeleine Zelin and Li Chen, eds. *Chinese Law: Knowledge, Practice, and Transformation, 1530s to 1950s* (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2015): 176-203.

“Female Workers, Political Mobilization, and the Meaning of Revolutionary Citizenship in Beijing, 1948-1950,” *Frontiers of History in China* 9:4 (2014): 558-583.

“Introduction: Remolding the Chinese Society: People, Cadres, and Mass Campaigns in the 1950s and 60s,” *Frontiers of History in China – Special Issue on People, Cadres, and Mass Campaigns in the 1950s and 60s* 7:4 (December 2012): 495-498.

“‘Writing History in a Digital Age’: The New Qing History Project and the Digitization of Qing Archives,” *History Compass*, 6:6 (December 2012): 1-8.

“Individual Agency and Social Networking in Modern Chinese Cities,” *Journal of Urban History*, 36:5 (September 2010): 729-741.

“Down the Alleyway: Courtyard Tenements and Women’s Networks in 1940s Beijing,” *Journal of Urban History*, 36: 2 (March 2010): 151-172.

“Writing History in a Prosperous Age: The New Qing History Project,” *Late Imperial China*, 29:1 (June 2008): 120-145.

“Runaway Wives and Their Matchmakers: Women’s Network in Beijing’s Courtyard Tenement, 1928-1949.” In *Social and Cultural Research Occasional Paper*, published jointly by Center for Qualitative Social Research at Department of Sociology in Hong Kong Shue Yan University and East Asian Studies Program at Pace University in New York.

“The Anti-Christian Campaign and Imperial Control in Eighteenth-Century China,” *Asia Pacific: Perspectives – Special Issue on Church, State, and Community in East Asia*, 5: 1 (December 2004): 18-20.

“Christianity Viewed from the Perspective of the Eighteenth-Century Chinese Imperial Archives: The Cause of the 1746-1748 Persecutions,” in Jochen Schlobach ed. *Les Lumieres Europeennes* (Paris: Honore Champion, 2002).

(in Chinese)

(Forthcoming) “The *White Haired Girl* as a Socialist Cultural Spectacle: An Introduction,” *Journal of Cultural Studies – Special Issue on Chinese Socialist Culture* (December 2015).

(Forthcoming) “Politics, Propaganda, and Popular Literature: Remaking the North Korea Ally in Revolutionary China,” *Journal of Cultural Studies – Special Issue on Chinese Socialist Culture* (December 2015).

“Managing Marriages: Customary Nuptials, Law, and State Power in Republican China through the Lens of Bigamy Cases Preserved at Beijing District Court,” in *Qing and Republican Legal Archives in Beijing: Utilizing Legal Sources and Doing Research* (Beijing: Zhongguo zhengfa daxue chubanshe, 2014).

- “Women and *zhiye*: Conceptualizing Women’s Employment in Early Twentieth-century China,” in Huang Xingtao ed. *New History: Remapping Chinese Cultural History* (Beijing: Zhonghua shuju, 2010): 58-87.
- “Introduction: Chinese History after the Eighteenth Century,” *Qing History Overseas Research*, Vol.9, (2010): 1-9.
- “Tales of Seduction: Courting, Gender Norms, and Legal Principles in 1940s Beijing,” in Yang Nianqun ed. *New History: Sense, Image, and Narratives* (Beijing: Zhonghua shuju, 2007): 296-330.
- “Legal Concept and Social Reality: Wifely Desertion in Wartime Beijing,” *Journal of Legal History*, Vol.1 (2004): 212-29.
- “Imperial Documents of the Anti-Christian Campaigns in Qianlong’s Reign, 1736-1795,” *Historical Archives*, Vol.2, (1998): 85-9.
- “Provincial Officials and the Anti-Christian Campaigns during Qianlong Period, 1736-1795,” *Journal of Qing History*, Vol.4, (1998): 55-63.

Book Reviews

(in English)

- “Janet Chen, *Guilty of Indigence: The Urban Poor in China, 1900-1953*,” *Journal of Asian Studies* 72:1 (February 2013): 168-169.
- “Qin Fang, ‘Beauty and A Broken City: Women and Their Publicity in Tianjin, 1898-1911’,” *Chinese History Dissertation Reviews*, 2012.
- “Shuk-wah Poon, *Negotiating Religion in Modern China: State and Common People in Guangzhou, 1900-1937*,” *Journal of Asian Studies*, 71:1 (February 2012): 231-232.
- “Peter J. Carroll, *Between Heaven and Modernity: Reconstructing Suzhou, 1895-1937*,” *The Chinese Historical Review*, 14: 1 (Spring 2007): 150-2.
- “Di Wang, *Street Culture in Chengdu: Public Space, Urban Commoners, and Local Politics, 1870-1930*,” *Histoire Sociale/Social History*, 37: 74 (November 2004): 316-9.

(in Chinese)

- “State of the Field: Source of Power and Social Networks of Local Elite in Qing,” *Qing History Overseas Research*, Vol.5, (2005): 245-251.
- “State of the Field: Civil Justice and Adjudicative Practice in Qing,” *Qing History Overseas Research*, Vol.4 (2005): 255-62.
- “State of the Field: Imperial Authority and Bureaucracy in Qing,” *Qing History Overseas Research*, Vol.3 (2005): 227-34.
- “State of the Field: Manchus in Qing History: Ethnicity and Qing Rulership,” *Qing History Overseas Research*, Vol.1 (2004): 55-63.
- “Revisiting Hankou: Space and Social Structure of a Commercial City in Qing,” *Qing History Overseas Research*, Vol.4 (2005): 293-305.
- “Methods of Crafting History: Time, Memory, and Narrative,” *China Book Reviews*.

Courses Taught (since 2011)

- L22 316C Modern China: 1890s to the Present (FL11, FL12, SP16)
- L03 3352 China’s Urban Experience: Shanghai and Beyond (SP12)
- L03 3163 Historical Landscape and National Identity in Modern China (FL13)
- L03 3263 Sino-American Relations, 19th-20th Centuries (SP13, SP14)

L03 484 The Core Seminar in East Asian Studies: East Asia in Scholarly Literature (FL11, FL12)

L03 4242 Culture and Politics in the People's Republic of China (SP16)

L03 555 Advanced Topics in Modern Chinese History (SP12, SP14)

L03 551 Urban Culture in Modern China (SP13, FL15)

Grants and Fellowships

Classroom Innovation and Course Development Grant, Washington University, 2015;

Publication Subsidies Award, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, 2015;

Public Intellectuals Program Fellow, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations (New York), 2014-16;

Visiting Faculty Fellowship, International Center for Studies of Chinese Civilization, Fudan University, 2014-15;

Faculty Fellowship, Center for the Humanities, Washington University in St. Louis, 2014;

Roland Grimm Travel Award, Washington University in St. Louis, 2014;

International Scholar Grant, Chinese University of Political Science and Law and Beijing Social Sciences Research Council, 2011-12;

Research Grant, "Qing history published in English," National Committee of the Qing History Project, 2009; (declined)

Scholarly Incentive Awards, SUNY-Fredonia, 2008;

Instructional Incentive Awards (Material Culture in East Asian History), SUNY-Fredonia, 2008;

Research Grant, "Annotated bibliography of Qing studies published in the United States since 1971," National Committee of the Qing History Project, 2005;

Dean's Teaching Fellowship, Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, 2005;

Research Grant, "Review of Qing studies published in English since the 1990s," National Committee of the Qing History Project, 2004;

Nominee for the 2003 Teaching Assistant Award, Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, 2003;

Graduate Summer Research Grant, The Program for the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality, Johns Hopkins University, 2003;

Technology Fellowship of "The American Cultural Landscape, with Prof. Mary Ryan, Center for Educational Resources, Johns Hopkins University, 2003;

J. Brian Key Graduate Assistance Fund, Johns Hopkins University, 2002;

Graduate Summer Travel Research Fund, Institute for Global Studies in Culture, Power, and History, Johns Hopkins University, 2001;

Junior Eighteenth-Century-Study Scholar Fellowship, German Society for the Eighteenth-Century & French Society for the Eighteenth Century Studies, 1999;

Travel Fellowship, International Society for the Eighteenth-Century Studies, 1999;

Seminars, Conferences, and Public Talks

Invited Talk, "Writing the Unspeakable: Soldiers, Sex, and Popular Literature about the Korean War in 1950s China," workshop on "Chinese Views of the Global Order: Theory and Practice," SUNY-Geneseo, Geneseo NY. (October 2, 2015);

- “Writing the Unspeakable: Soldiers, Sex, and Popular Literature about the Korean War in 1950s China,” paper presented at the International Conference on “Sex and Sexuality in Chinese Revolutions,” East China Normal University, Shanghai (September 6, 2015);
- “Revolutionary War, Sexual Desire, and Internationalist Politics: The Korean Narrative in Chinese Cold War Literature,” paper presented at the International Workshop on “China Imagining the World, 1839-1978,” Fudan University, Shanghai (June 21, 2015);
- “The Making of Urban Criminal Space: Migration, Mobility, and Women’s Survival Strategies in Wartime Beijing,” paper presented at the International Conference on “A Tale of Two Cities in China: Comparing Beijing and Shanghai,” Beijing Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing (June 14, 2015);
- Invited Talk, “War Remembered, Revolution Forgotten: Coming to Terms with the North Korean Ally in Post-socialist China,” East Asia: Transregional Histories Lecture Series, University of Chicago (March 17, 2015);
- Invited Talk, “Wayward Daughters: Sex, Family, and Law in Early Twentieth-Century Beijing,” Institute of Modern Chinese History, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing (June 17, 2014);
- Invited Talk, “Memory Lost: Remembering the Korean War in Post-Revolutionary China,” Dandong College, Liaoning Province (June 7, 2014); Communication University of China, Beijing (June 14, 2014);
- “Embracing the North Korean Ally: Politics and Popular Culture in Cold War China,” paper presented at History Colloquium, History Department at Washington University (October 16, 2013).
- “Imagining the North Korean Ally in the Cold War China, 1950-1966,” paper presented at the International Workshop on “Sino-American Relations in Cold War Years: Historical Narrative, Literary Imagery, and Political Prospect,” Washington University/Fudan University, June 29, 2013.
- Invited Talk, “City’s Dark Corner: Survival and Crimes in Beijing’s Tenement Neighborhood,” Institute of Cultural Studies at Capital Normal University, Beijing, (June 24, 2013); Institute of Literature, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (July 2, 2013).
- “Gender and Class in Wartime Beijing’s Courtyard Tenements,” paper presented at the Summer Institute “China’s Urban Studies: A Comparative Perspective” sponsored by Harvard-Yenching Institute, Hong Kong University, and East China Normal University, Shanghai, June 15, 2013.
- Invited Talk, “Sexing Chinese Law: Runaway Daughters, Parental Authority, and the Legal Reform in Early Twentieth-Century China,” East Asian Studies Program at Grand Valley State University, Michigan (April 11, 2013);
- “Wayward Daughters: Sex, Family, and Law in Early Twentieth-Century Beijing,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, New Orleans, January 5, 2013.
- Invited Talk, “The Imagined War: Rumor-mongering and Political Propaganda during the Resist America Aid Korea Campaign in Early 1950s China,” Department of History, Capital Normal University, Beijing (December 13, 2012); Department of Political Science, East China Normal University (December 17, 2012).
- Invited Talk, “Culturing the Korean War: Popular Entertainment, Political Propaganda, and the Making of Revolutionary Citizenship in early 1950s China,” Institute of Cultural Studies,

- Capital Normal University, Beijing (December 11, 2012); Department of Chinese Literature, Fudan University, Shanghai (December 18, 2012).
- “Wayward Daughters: Sex, Family, and Law in Early Twentieth-Century Beijing,” paper presented at Fall Colloquium Series of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program at Washington University in St. Louis (November 29, 2012).
- “Living on the Social Margin: Marriage, Law, and State in Early Twentieth-Century Beijing,” paper presented at the International Conference on the Centennial Anniversary of the End of Qing Dynasty and the Establishment of the Republic of China,” Renmin University of China, Beijing (June 16, 2012).
- “Women at War: The Making of the Home Front during the Resist America Aid Korea Campaign,” Center for American Studies, Fudan University (June 14, 2012).
- Panel Chair and Discussant: “China in the 1950s: Revisiting the Formative Years of the People’s Republic,” The Joint International Conference of the Historical Society for Twentieth-Century China (HSTCC) and the Center for Chiang Kai-shek and Modern Chinese History at Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China (June 8, 2012).
- “The Emotional Cost of War: Women and the Politics of Dependency in Wartime Beijing,” paper presented at the International Conference on “War, Violence, and Their Aftermath: Historical Memory, Literary Imagination, and Cultural Turn,” Washington University in St. Louis (April 6, 2012).
- “Customary Nuptials, Serial Marriages, and the Civil Code in Republican China,” paper presented at the Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies, Princeton (October 2011).
- “Mass Campaigns and Women Workers in 1949 Beijing,” paper presented at the New York Conference of Asian Studies, Buffalo (September 2011).
- “Mobilizing Women and Creating Socialist Neighborhood in Beijing, 1949-1952,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Honolulu (April 2011).
- “Women, Crime, and Social Networks in Early Twentieth-Century Beijing’s Neighborhood,” paper presented at “Reconsider the City: A Conference on Urban History,” SUNY-Fredonia (April 24, 2010).
- “Women in the Neighborhoods: Serial Marriage and the Legality of Rituals in Early *Twentieth-Century* Beijing,” paper presented at the Left Forum, New York (April 19, 2009).
- “Crime and Urban Social Order in Republican China,” paper presented at “Law, Society, and Culture in Asian History Seminar Series,” Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, SUNY-*Buffalo* (March 17, 2009).
- “Transgressing the Boundaries: A Story of a Female Abductor in Early Twentieth-Century Beijing,” paper presented at Asia at Noon, Asian Studies Program, SUNY-*Buffalo*, April 2008.
- “Down the Alleyway: Courtyard Tenements and Women’s Networks in 1940s Beijing,” paper presented at the Traditional China Seminar, Columbia University, New York (March 27, 2008).
- “Beijing before the Olympics: Urban History and Politics,” paper presented at the Department of History and the East Asian Program, Pace University, New York (March 27, 2008).
- “Bigamy, Wedding Customs, and the Civil Code in Republican Beijing,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Chicago, March 2005.

- “Individual Livelihood and Family Integrity: Criminalizing Runaway Wives in Republican China,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Seattle, January 2005.
- “Recreation, Romance, and Urban Space in 1940’s Beijing,” paper presented at the Comparative and World History Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, 2004.
- “Moral Economy and Low-Income Family Structure in Republican Beijing,” paper presented at the Graduate Students Workshop, The Program for the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality, Johns Hopkins University, 2003.
- “‘Looking for a Master’: Runaway Wives in Republican Beijing, 1920-1949,” paper presented at the Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, The George Washington University, Washington D. C. October, 2003.
- “Anxiety and Prosperity: The Anti-Christian Campaign and Political Culture in the Late Eighteenth Century China,” paper presented at the Annual Conference of Graduate Students of Asian Studies, Columbia University, New York, February 2001.
- “Provincial officials and the anti-Christian campaigns during Qianlong period, 1736-1795,” paper presented at the Young Scholars of Eighteenth-Century Studies seminar at Saarbrücken in Germany in July 1999 and the Congress of the International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies at Dublin in Ireland in August 1999.

Service to the Profession

Associate editor of the journal *Twentieth-Century China*, since March, 2015;
 Manuscripts reviewed for *Modern China*, *Twentieth-Century China*, *Du Bois Review*, and *Frontiers of History in China*.

Conferences Organized

- International Workshop on “China Imagining the World, 1839-1978,” Fudan University, Shanghai (June 21-22, 2015);
- Workshop on “Coming to Terms with Socialism, 1949-1978,” Washington University in St. Louis (February 17-18, 2014);
- International Workshop on “Sino-American Relations in Cold War Years: Historical Narrative, Literary Imagery, and Political Prospect,” Washington University/Fudan University (June 29-30, 2013);
- International Conference on “War, Violence, and Their Aftermath: Historical Memory, Literary Imagination, and Cultural Turn,” Washington University in St. Louis (April 5-6, 2012);

Student Advising

Ph.D. Program:

Serving as co-advisor:

- Lei Qin (Chinese-Comparative Literature)
- Ling Kang (Chinese-Comparative Literature)

Serving as Member of the Dissertation Committee

- Yoojin Soh (Chinese-Comparative Literature, 2012)

Serving as Member of the Comprehensive Exam Committee

- Ling Kang (Chinese-Comparative Literature)

Fanghao Chen (Chinese-Comparative Literature)
Wei Wang (Chinese Literature)
Shuxin Hong (Chinese Literature)
Hao Jin (Chinese-Comparative Literature)
Li Wei (Chinese Literature)
Popo Pi (Chinese-Comparative Literature)
Melody Yunzi Li (Comparative Literature)
Lei Qin (Chinese-Comparative Literature)
Yanbing Tan (Chinese Literature)
Jue Lu (Chinese Literature)

M.A. Program:

Serving as primary advisor:

Joshua Brooks (EAS-JD, 2014) (MA thesis)
Kate Mazzarella (EAS, 2014)
Mei Zhang (East Asian Studies, 2014)
Clarissa Polk (EAS-JD, 2013)
Jesse Moll (East Asian Studies, 2013)
Wenshao Zhang (East Asian Studies, 2013)
Edward Watson (East Asian Studies, 2013)

Undergraduate students:

Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2013-14

Advisees for Honor Thesis:

Ai Chu (International and Area Studies, 2014)
Sarah Haik (Interdisciplinary Project in the Humanities, 2014)

University Service

Panelist, "China's Stock Market Crash and Its Political Implications," Weidenbaum Center Public Policy Luncheon, Washington University (September 9, 2015);
Panelist, "Deciphering Hong Kong Protest," Weidenbaum Center Public Policy Luncheon, Washington University (October 13, 2014);
Panelist, "Chinese Economic Reform and the US-China Relations," Weidenbaum Center Public Policy Luncheon, Washington University (March 22, 2013);
Faculty adviser, Global Diversity Overseas Seminar in Shanghai, Washington University (summer 2012);

Public Outreach and Community Service

Scholar escort, Congressional staff delegation to China, organized by the National Committee on US-China Relations and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Chinese People's Congress (December 5-15, 2015);
Chair and moderator, "US-China Relations at the Crossroad: Essential Messages from Obama-Xi Summit," co-sponsored by the National Committee on US-China Relations and World Affairs Council, St. Louis (October 14, 2015);
Invited talk, "Inside Look at the New Global Role of China," Roundtable of the World President Organization, St. Louis Chapter (May 8, 2013);

Invited talk, “From China to America: A Cross-Cultural Journey” at a special dinner reception organized by the China Care Club of Washington University and Parents of Children Adopted from China (October 19, 2012);

Membership of Professional Organizations

Association for Asian Studies (AAS)

Historical Society for Twentieth-Century China (HSTCC)