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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Ph.D in East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Cambridge MA (2014)

Research fields: Intellectual, political, cultural history of the late imperial and modern China

Nanjing University, PRC

BA in History

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of History, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, 2021-

Assistant Professor of History, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, 2014 –2021

Courses developed

HIST 3000 US and China
HIST 3000 Financial History of the World
HIST 4730 Early China
HIST 3000 Classical Chinese Thought and Philosophy
HIST 3000 China to 1800
HIST 4740 The Making of Modern China
HIST 1130 Survey of China
HIST 1140 Survey of Japan
HIST 1135 Contemporary China
HIST 4500 WWII, A Global War
HIST 4990 Senior Thesis on East Asia
HIST 6000 Historiography
HIST 7690 Graduate Research Seminar on East Asia
HIST 6690 Graduate Readings Seminar on East Asia

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“The Paradoxical Effect of Autocracy: Collective Deliberation in the Ming Official Merit-Evaluation System”, chapter 4 in *The Ming World*, ed. by Kenneth Swope (Routledge, 2019). pp. 88-101.

“Learning as Public Reasoning (*gongyi*): A Paradigmatic Shift of the Late-Imperial Confucian Educational Tradition in 17th-Century China”, chapter in *Confucianism Reconsidered: Insights for American and Chinese Education in the 21st Century* (SUNY Press, 2017). pp. 111-130.

“Admiral Zheng He’s Voyages to the ‘West Oceans’(1405-1433)” in *Education About Asia* by the Association for Asian Studies, Fall, 2014. pp. 26-33.

“Sages and the Majority: Changing Paradigms of Political and Cultural Communications in Late Imperial China” in *China Media Research*, Special Issue: Chinese Philosophy and Human Communication, Volume 10, Number 4, 2014. pp 88-102.

“The Encyclopedic Reorientation of Literary Productions and Intellectual Change in the 16-17th Centuries” in *Frontiers of Literary Studies in China*, Volume 12, Number 1, 2016. pp 45-78.

“Diren de mingzi: Jiang Jieshi yu Zhonggong fan faxisi huayu” (The Name of Enemy: Chiang Kai-shek and the Chinese Communist Party’s Discourse of Anti-Fascism), chapter in *New Approaches to Chiang Kai-shek Studies: Proceedings of the Fourth International Conference on Chiang Kai-shek*, ed. By Chen Hongming (Kaiyuan shujü, Hong Kong, 2020).

“Meiguo de Zhongguo kangzhan yanjiu (the Scholarship on China’s WWII in the USA)”, book chapter in *Zhongguo Kangzhan Yanjiu (China’s War of Resisting Japanese Invasion)* (Nanjing University Press, 2021). Pp 87-105.

“Mingdai de Dangzheng yu Guanliao Zhidu (the Factional Struggle and Tension in the Administration System)”, in *Mingshi Yanjiu (Ming Study of China)* (Beijing University Press, 2023). pp.50-75.

PEER REVIEWED MONOGRAPH PROJECTS (CONTRACT SIGNED)

Manufacturing Anti-Fascism: Modern China and WWII 1935-1950 in Routledge Asian States and Empires Book Series (under contract with Routledge)

Ten Thousand Mouths Making One Voice: Popular Opinion and Public Reasoning in Late Imperial China (1580s-1680s) book manuscript under review by Harvard University Press, Asian Center.

TEXTBOOK UNDER CONTRACT

Kaifang de Zhongguo: Xinbian Zhongguo Gudaishi (The Open China: A New History of Traditional China to 1800. (under contract with Shijie Zhishi Chubanshe, Beijing)

BOOK REVIEWS AND SELECT OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Book review of John Dardess, *A Political Life in Ming China: A Grand Secretary and His Time.* (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2013), in *American Journal of Chinese Studies*. April 2014, Vol. 21:61. pp. 71-72.

Book review of Robert Sutter, *Foreign Relations of the PRC: The Legacies and Constraints of China's International Politics since 1949.* (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2013), in *East Asian Integration Studies*, Vol. 9, no. 5. 2014.

For the online version, click [here](#).

Book review of Charles Sanft, *Communication and Cooperation in Early Imperial China.* (New York: SUNY, 2015) for H-War/H-net website, 2016.

Book review of David M. Robinson, *Martial Spectacles of the Ming.* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press/Asian Center, 2013) in *American Journal of Chinese Studies* (forthcoming 2020).

Book review of Lizzie Collingham, *Taste of War: World War II and the Battle for Food* (Penguin Books, 2012) in Tencent Dajia. 5/30/2019
<https://dajia.qq.com/original/category/wy20190530.html>

Book review of Yuval Noah Harari, *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind*. (Harper, 2015) in *Oriental Morning Post, Shanghai Book Reviews*. 2/6/2017
http://www.thepaper.cn/newsDetail_forward_1611638

Book review of Philippe Aries, *Centuries of Childhood: A Social History of Family Life*. (Vintage Books, 1965) in Tencent Dajia. 6/1/2017.

Book review of Jürgen Osterhammel, *The Transformation of the World: A Global History of the Nineteenth Century*. (Princeton University Press, 2014), in Tencent Dajia. 9/2/2017
<http://dajia.qq.com/original/dajiabooks/wy20170902.html>

Book review of Ronald Wright, *A Short History of Progress*. (House of Anansi Press, 2004), in *The Paper, Shanghai Book Review*. 2/6/2018
https://www.thepaper.cn/newsDetail_forward_1902601

Review of the research field of Chinese popular religion in the US and Europe (over 4000 words) in Tencent Dajia, 8/15/2017.

Book review of *China's Good War: How World War II is Shaping a New Nationalism* by Rana Mitter, in the *Journal of Military History*.

"明朝仁宣二帝如何对待儒学、仁政 (Emperors Renzong and Xuanzong of the Ming Dynasty and Their Attitude Toward Confucian Learning and Benevolent Governance)" in 文史知识 *Wenshi zhishi* (Knowledge of Literature and History), no. 10, 2016 (Beijing: Zhonghua shuju). pp 115-121.

“中国古代另类医疗、政治与学术 (Alternative Medication, Politics and Scholarship in Traditional China)” in 中国国家历史 *Zhongguo Guojia Lishi* (The National History of China), no. 11, 2017 (Beijing: Dongfang Chubanshe). Pp. 89-102.

“The Savage Tribes That Produced Sages: The United States of America in Chinese Eyes in Mid-Nineteenth Century” in Tencent Dajia 12/25/2017
<https://dajia.qq.com/original/category/wy20171225.html>

“Not What You Think! The Liberal Tradition in American Higher Education” in Tencent Dajia. 5/20/2019
<https://dajia.qq.com/original/category/wy20190519.html>

“The Real Question: The Traditional Chinese Ideas of Death” in Tencent Dajia. 4/5/2019
<https://dajia.qq.com/original/category/wy20190405.html>

“A Very Brief Introduction to Chinese Education Tradition” in Tencent Dajia. 10/15/2018
<https://dajia.qq.com/original/category/wy20181015.html>

“Medicine and Palace Power Struggle During the Ming Dynasty Era” in Tencent Dajia. 1/23/2017
<https://dajia.qq.com/original/category/wy20170123.html>

“Medicine and History of Scholarship: the *Daocangfa* and Huang Zongxi’s *Records of Ming Scholars*” in Tencent Dajia. 5/3/2017
<https://dajia.qq.com/original/category/wy20170503.html>

And over 40 other articles on history, culture and education published on my columns in *Tencent Dajia*, *Shanghai Book Reviews* and *The Paper (Pengpai)* from 2012 to the present

Chinese translation of Wilt Idema’s (Harvard University) "The Image of Kaifeng in the Ballad Stories of the Period 1250-1450", in *Kaifeng City: Urban Imagination and Cultural Memories (Kaifeng: dushi xiangxiang yu wenhua jiyi)*. ed. David Wang & Chen Pingyuan. Beijing: Beijing University Press, 2013. pp. 144-177.

Chinese translation of Prof. Wilt Idema’s (Harvard University) article: “Skulls and Skeletons in Art and on Stage”, in *Studies of the Quanzhen Daoism from Global Perspectives (xifang shiye xia de quanzhen jiao yanjiu)*. Jinan: Qilu shushe, 2013. p. 256-279.

“Public Opinion and Collective Reasoning: China's Political Reforms in the Late-Ming Period (Gonglun yu jiti jueci: Ming-Qing de zhengzhi gaige)”, in *Bulletin of National Institute for Advanced Humanistic Studies at Fudan University (wenshi yanjiuyuan xueshu dongxun)*. No. 19 (Fall 2011).

“Between Reform and Stability: An Interview with Prof. Roderick MacFarquhar on the 20th Century China and CCP” in *Harvard Perspectives on China: History and Politics* (Beijing: renmin chibanshe, 2010). pp. 72-88.

A Concise Chronological History of China (Jianming zhongguo lishi). Nanjing: Jiangsu renmin chubanshe, 1998, reprinted 2001.

DOCUMENTARY FILM PARTICIPATED

“*Artes Liberales*” (the Way of Liberal Arts), a documentary film featuring 30 minutes of interview with me on the history of liberal arts education, premiered at the 2019 Mulan International Film Festival in Toronto, Canada. The movie also received the Bronze Spotlight Documentary Film Awards and was included in the official selection of the 2019 West Europe International Film Festival in Brussels, Belgium.

SELECT PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

“China’s Liberal Arts Tradition and American Higher Education”, invited lecture at The Shanghai American Center (ShAC), US Consulate General in Shanghai. 7/15/2019

“The Challenges and Applications of Digital Humanities”, invited talk at the MIT International

Symposium on Megadata and Information Science. Nanjing, China. 12/17/2018.

“The Necessary Enemy: Anti-Fascism and Modern China”, invited talk at China Research Institute at Bucknell University. Louisburg, PA. 10/01/2018

“Institutional Innovations and Political Decay in 17th Century China”, invited talk at the College of Arts and Sciences of Bucknell University. 10/02/2018
<http://forthemedia.blogs.bucknell.edu/oct-2-professor-yang-wei-to-speak-on-17th-century-china/>

“Anti-Fascism and the Rise of Chinese Communist Party in WWII”, invited talk at the International Association for Sino-Japanese War Research at Nanjing University, International Conference to Commemorate the Eightieth Anniversary of WWII in East Asia. 7/7/2017

“Arts, Humanities and Sciences: The Meanings of Liberal Education”, invited talk at the Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Nanjing, China. 6/22/2017

“The Image of the US in Chinese Eyes: 1840 to the present”, invited talk at the Fujian Normal University, Fuzhou, China. 6/20/2017

“Do We Need Marriage? –Ideas of Marriage in Modern China”, invited talk at the College of Social Studies, Nanjing University, Nanjing, China. 6/17/2017
Video of the talk: <https://v.qq.com/x/page/q0516wvu8pt.html>

“The Enemy’s Name: Chiang Kai-shek and the Chinese Communist Party’s Anti-Fascist Discourse”, paper presented at the 4th International Conference on Chiang Kai-shek and Modern China, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China. 6/10/2017

"Public Reasoning, Democracy, and Intercultural Synthesis in Late Qing China (1840-1911)", talk given at University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Global Intercultural Center (GLINT). 2/3/2017

"Political Reforms and the Fall of Ming Dynasty", invited talk by *Oriental Morning Post*, in Shanghai, China. 5/24/2016. For detailed news coverage on the talk, see <https://cul.qq.com/a/20160527/029743.htm>

"From *Gonglun* to Public Opinion: Negotiating Foreign Ideas and Traditional Political Identity", paper presented at the 2015 Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) in Asia at Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, 6/22/2015.
This paper was part of a panel I organized titled "Negotiating Foreignness: "Western Ideas" and the Building of Indigenous Identities in 20th-Century China". I was the panel organizer and presenter. For information on the panel and the conference, see: http://convention2.allacademic.com/one/aas/asia15/index.php?cmd=Online+Program+View+Session&selected_session_id=981563&PHPSESSID=n49gv0p203bhggcl9h325vgua7

"Commemorating the Lost Prosperity: 17th-Century Chinese Literati’s Reflections on the Fall of the

Ming Dynasty”, paper presented at the 2015 Annual Conference of the Society for Military History on “Conflict and Commemoration: The Influence of War on Society” in Montgomery, AL, 4/12/2015.

"Learning as Public Reasoning: An Alternative Confucian Education Tradition in 17th Century China", paper presented at the International Conference on Confucianism and Education at the University at Buffalo, State University of New York, 10/18/2014.

"Fangdan yu Mingdai de guanyi ceyan 访单与明代的“官意测验”", invited talk at the Center for Intellectual Studies at Nanjing University, Nanjing, China, on 6/12/2014. For online flyer and abstract, see: <https://sxsyj.nju.edu.cn/d5/4c/c12461a251212/page.htm>

“*Sunzi Cantong*, a Commercial Military Encyclopedia in Late-Ming China”, paper presented at the 2014 Annual Conference of the Society for Military History, in Kansas City, MO. 4/4/2014.

“Argumentative China: Public Reasoning in Late Imperial Politics and Culture (1580-1640)”, Paper proposal accepted and funded by the Conference on Difference and Toleration, in London School of Economics and Political Science, March 2014.

“Classical Studies, Erudition, and Statecraft: The Intellectual Pluralism in 16th Century Jiangnan China.” Invited talk at Fairbank Center, Harvard University. Cambridge, MA. 05/12/2013.

“Public Reasoning in China: a Historical Perspective.” Paper presented at International Conference on Human Rights and Social Justice in Asia at Princeton University, Princeton, NJ. 10/23/2012.

“The Invention of Indigenous Modernity in China’s Republican Period (1911-1949): Literature and Historiography.” Paper presented at the American Association for Chinese Studies 53rd Annual Meeting (AACS) at University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA. 10/15/2011.

"Public Opinion, Collective Recommendation, and Poll: Disputes on Political Reform in China (from the 16th to the 19th Centuries)." Invited talk at National Institute for Advanced Humanistic Studies Lecture Series at Fudan University, Shanghai, China. 9/13/2011.

“The Myth of the Late-Ming ‘Intellectual Emancipation’ in the 20th-Century Chinese, Japanese and American Historiography”, paper presented at International Symposium on Writing a New Literary History of Modern China, Harvard University. Cambridge, MA. 04/22/2011.

“Collective Rationale and Institutional Autonomy: a Conceptual History of Public Opinion (*gonglun*) in Early Modern Chinese Political and Social Contexts”, talk given at Fairbank Center, Harvard University. Cambridge, MA. 02/09/2011.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

UCCS Faculty Travel Revitalization Grant (2024) \$1500

UCCS College of Letters, Arts & Sciences, Dean’s research grant (2019) \$800

CU Global Ambassador Program Travel Support (2019) \$1000

International Association for WWII Studies at Nanjing University, research fund (2018) \$1500

Nominations of NEH Summer Research Stipends by University of Colorado (2016 and 2017)
UCCS College of Letters, Arts & Sciences, Dean's research grant (2017) \$2,000
UCCS Global Intercultural Research Center Grant (2016) \$4,000
The Committee on Research and Creative Works (2016) Seed Grant \$7,500
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Student/Faculty Research Award (2015) \$4,000
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Faculty Start-up support (2012) \$20,000
Harvard University GSAS Dissertation Completion Fellowship (2011) \$20,000
Harvard Fairbank Center Summer Research Grant (2011) \$3,800
Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching (2010)
Harvard Asian Center Johannean Scholar Grant (2009) \$25,000
M.T. Geoffrey Yeh Fund for Chinese Students (2008-2009) \$20,000
M.T. Geoffrey Yeh Fund for Chinese Students (2007-2008) \$20,000
Harvard University Reischauer Institute Summer Language Study Grants (2006) \$5,000
Harvard EALC Full Scholarship (2005-2010)
Mellon Summer Seminar Stipend, Washington University in St. Louis (2004)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

WWII International Research Association (centered in China), Member
American Historical Society, Member
Association for Asian Studies, Member
American Association for Chinese Studies, Member
Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies, Member
The International Association for Ming Studies, Member
Chinese Military History Society, Member
Graduate Associate, Harvard Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies 2010-2012

SERVICE

2021- Graduate Studies Director, History Department, UCCS
2014- Graduate Studies Committee, History Department, UCCS
2021- Vice-Chair of the Legal Study Association of China
2020- Board Member of US-China Relations Association
2018-2021 Co-chair of UCCS College of LAS Research Committee
2018-2020 CU President's Diversity Awards Committee
2018-2021 UCCS Diversity Council Member