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Major Professional Interests: Late imperial and modern Chinese history (16th-20th centuries), Chinese international history, China and Southeast Asia, history of the South China Sea, economic history, migration, global history, maritime history, overseas Chinese, social history and legal culture.

EDUCATION:

University of California, Berkeley, Ph.D., East Asian History, 1993

Renmin University (Beijing, PRC), Graduate Faculty of Law, 1988-90.

National Chengchi University (Taipei, Taiwan), Chinese/Chinese history, 1982-84

Georgetown University, M.A., History, 1984

Loyola Marymount University, B.A., History, *cum laude*, 1979.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

(Postdoctoral)

2024, Appointed Wayne V. Jones II Research Professor of History

2022, Bentley Book Prize, The World History Association

2021, Fulbright Fellowship, Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program, China/Taiwan

2018-20, WCAS Research Innovation Grant, Northwestern University

2014-15, Fellow, Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University

2012-13, Fellowship, National Endowment for the Humanities.

2012, Appointed Gerald F. and Marjorie G. Fitzgerald Chair in Economic History, Northwestern University.

2008-09, Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ

2008, Fellowship, National Humanities Center (declined).

2008, J. William Fulbright Fellowship, CIES (declined).

2004-05, American Council of Learned Societies/Social Science Research Council/
National Endowment for the Humanities International and Area Studies Fellowship.

2004-05, Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship.

2004-05, J. William Fulbright Fellowship, CIES (declined).

2001, Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship (summer research in Europe).

2000-01, American Council of Learned Societies/National Endowment for the
Humanities, National Program for Advanced Study and Research in China, 2000-2001.

2000, Appointed Wayne V. Jones Research Professor of History, Northwestern Univ.
 1999, *CHOICE* Outstanding Academic Book, *Social Power and Legal Culture*.
 1999, University Research Grant, Northwestern University
 1995-96, American Council of Learned Societies, Chiang Ching-kuo Postdoctoral Fellowship in Chinese Studies.
 1995-96, An Wang Postdoctoral Fellow in Chinese Studies, Harvard University, Fairbank Center for East Asian Research.
 1995-96, Fellow, Mary Ingraham Bunting Institute, Radcliffe College.
 1995, Fellow, Center for the Humanities, Northwestern University (declined).

(Predoctoral)

1992, Sidney H. Ehrman Graduate Fellowship, UC Berkeley.
 1991-92, Mellon Foundation Graduate Fellowship in the Humanities
 1990-91, Mabelle McCloud Lewis Memorial Fund Dissertation Fellowship in the Humanities (Stanford, CA).
 1988-89, Fulbright-Hays, Directed Dissertation Research Abroad (China).
 1988-90, Committee on Scholarly Communication with the People's Republic of China. Research grant sponsored by the National Academy of Sciences, Social Science Research Council, and American Council of Learned Societies.
 1987-88, Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), UC Berkeley.
 1985, Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, UC Berkeley, summer intensive, 2nd-year classical Chinese, University of Washington.
 1984-85, Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, UC Berkeley.
 1983-84, Republic of China, Ministry of Education Scholarship (language study, Taiwan).
 1982-83, China Studies Fellowship, Georgetown University (language study, Taiwan).
 1980-82, University Fellowship, Georgetown University.
 1979, Pi Gamma Mu Social Science Research Award, Loyola chapter, "The Yalta Environment in China."

AWARDS FOR TEACHING:

2004, Appointed Charles Deering McCormick Professor of Teaching Excellence.
 1999, Distinguished Teaching Award, WCAS, Northwestern University.
 1988, Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor of the Year Award, U.C. Berkeley.

EMPLOYMENT:

Northwestern University, Department of History:
 Wayne V. Jones II Research Professor of History, 2024-
 Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor of History, 1992-present
 Gerald F. and Marjorie G. Fitzgerald Professor of Economic History, 2012-16
 Charles Deering McCormick Professor of Teaching Excellence, 2004-08
 Wayne V. Jones Research Professor of History, 2000-02

Northwestern University, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures:

Chair, 2023-2026
 Affiliated Faculty, 2013-present

Northwestern University, Program in Asian American Studies:
 Founding Director, 1999-2002

Nanyang Technological University, Department of History, School of the Humanities,
 Singapore, Visiting Professor, August 2023

Academia Sinica, Institute of Modern History, Taiwan, Visiting Scholar, May-Dec., 2021

Renmin University, Institute for Qing History, Senior Research Scholar, Beijing, PRC,
 2000-2001.

Harvard University, Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, An Wang Postdoctoral
 Fellow in Chinese Studies, 1995-96.

University of California, Berkeley:
 Translator/Researcher, East Asian Library, Chinese Stone Rubbings Cataloging
 Project, Spring/Summer 1992.
 Graduate Student Instructor, Chinese history, 1986, 1987.
 Research Assistant (Ira Lapidus, *The Cambridge Shorter History of Islam*), 1984-
 85.

Taipei, Taiwan, English language instructor (Futai Engineering Co., etc.), 1982-84.

Librarian, The Rand Corporation, Santa Monica, CA, 1979-1980.

Stationary Guide/Crowd Controller, Universal Studios Tour, 1975-1979.

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

A People's History of the South China Sea. Current project.

Distant Shores: Colonial Encounters on China's Maritime Frontier. Princeton: Princeton
 University Press, 2021; paperback 2023.

**Winner, Bentley Book Prize, The World History Association, 2022

**Chinese Translation: *Yaoyuan de hai an: Zhongguo haijiang shang de zhimin
 kuozhang*. Translated by Lin Yujing. Taipei: China Times Publishing Company,
 2023.

Social Power and Legal Culture: Litigation Masters in Late Imperial China. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1998.

**CHOICE Outstanding Academic Book, 1999.

**Chinese Translation: *Shehui quanli yu falü wenhua: Zhonghua diguo wanqi de songshi* [Social Power and Legal Culture: Litigation Masters in Late Imperial China], with new preface. Tr. Ming Hui. Beijing: Beijing University Press, 2012.

**New Chinese Translation, Guangxi Normal University Press, forthcoming.

Articles and Book Chapters:

“Does the ‘Indo-Pacific’ Have a History?” AHR History Lab, “Big Asia: Rethinking a Region.” *American Historical Review* 130.2 (June 2025): 686-91.

“Chaozhouese Merchants in the South China Sea.” In Howard Chiang and Alison Groppe, eds. *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Sinophone Culture*. London: Routledge, forthcoming, 2025.

“Submerged Hostilities: Hydrological Flux and Social Disputation in Southeastern China, 1669-1912.” *Journal of Asian Studies* 82.3 (August 2023): 362-84.

“Entangled States: The Translocal Repercussions of Rural Pacification in China, 1869-1873.” *American Historical Review* 121.3 (June 2016): 755-79.

“Gouzhu yige jianyue de shijie: Aosiman diguo he Qing diguo de falü ji caichan” [Constructing a simplified world: law and property in the Ottoman and Qing empires]. In Zhang Shimin, Bu Dewei, and Na Haoya, eds. *Shijie xuezhe lun Zhongguo chuantong falü wenhua* [International Scholarship on Traditional Chinese Law]. Beijing: Falü chubanshe, 2010, pp. 299-326.

“Small Time Crooks: Opium, Migrants, and the War on Drugs in China, 1819-1860.” *Late Imperial China*, 30.1 (June 2009): 1-47.

“Criminal and Civil Procedure in Chinese Law.” In *The Oxford International Encyclopedia of Legal History*. Ed. Stanley N. Katz. London: Oxford University Press, 2009.

“Parties and Witnesses in Chinese Law.” In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Legal History*. Ed., Stanley N. Katz. London: Oxford University Press, 2009.

“A World Made Simple: Law and Property in the Ottoman and Qing Empires.” In Huricihan Islamoglu and Peter Perdue, eds. *Shared Histories of Modernity in China, India, and the Ottoman Empire*. London and New Delhi: Routledge, 2009, pp. 273-98 (chapter reprinted from *The Journal of Early Modern History*).

“The Disputation of the Body-Snatchers: Scandal in Chinese Legal Culture.” In Joseph

W. Esherick, Wen-hsin Yeh, and Madeleine Zelin, eds. *Empire, Nation, and Beyond: Chinese History in Late Imperial and Modern Times—A Festschrift in Honor of Frederic Wakeman*. Berkeley: Institute for East Asian Studies, 2006, pp. 58-77.

“Tiaozhan quanwei: Qingdai fashang de guafu he songshi” [Contesting authority: Qing widows and their litigation masters at law]. In *Meiguo xuezhe lun Zhongguo falü chuantong* [American scholarship on Chinese legal traditions], revised edition. Ed. Gao Daoyun [Karen Turner], Gao Hongjun, and He Weifang. Beijing: Qinghua daxue chubanshe [Tsinghua University Press], 2004, pp. 552-78.

“A World Made Simple: Law and Property in the Ottoman and Qing Empires.” *Journal of Early Modern History* V:4 (December 2001): 331-52.

“Civil and Uncivil Disputes in Southeast Coastal China, 1723-1820.” In Kathryn Bernhardt and Philip C.C. Huang, eds. *Civil Law in Qing and Republican China*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 1994, pp. 85-121.

Public Media:

Podcast, East Asia Now, <https://soundcloud.com/eastasianow/melissa-macauley-on-the-19th-c-expansion-of-chinese-in-southeast-asia>

Podcast, Asian Review of Books, <https://asianreviewofbooks.com/content/podcast-with-melissa-macauley-author-of-distant-shores-colonial-encounters-on-chinas-maritime-frontier/>

“To Understand the Trump GOP, We Need to Look to Lenin and Mao.” *Washington Post*, November 1, 2020, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2020/11/01/understand-trumps-gop-we-need-look-lenin-mao/>

Book Reviews and Review Articles:

Cai Tinglan. *Miscellany of the South Seas: A Chinese Scholar's Chronicle of Shipwreck and Travel through 1830s Vietnam*. Translated with Introduction by Kathlene Baldanza and Zhao Lu. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2023. Reviewed in *Journal of Chinese History* 8.1 (January 2024): 185-88.

William T. Rowe. *Speaking of Profit: Bao Shichen and Reform in Nineteenth-Century China*. Cambridge: Harvard University Asia Center, 2018. Reviewed in the *American Historical Review* 123.5 (Dec. 2018): 1649-1650.

Kathryn Bernhardt, *Women and Property in China, 960-1949*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1999. Reviewed in *Nan Nü: Men, Women, and Gender in Early and Imperial China* 4.1 (Leiden: Brill, 2002): 122-26.

Matthew H. Sommer. *Sex, Law, and Society in Late Imperial China*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2000. Reviewed in *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies* 61:1 (June 2001): 230-

37.

Harold Tanner, *Strike Hard! Anti-Crime Campaigns and Chinese Criminal Justice, 1979-1985*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1999. Reviewed in *The American Historical Review* 105.3 (June 2000): 906-907.

Timothy Brook, *The Confusions of Pleasure: Commerce and Culture in Ming China*. Berkeley: UC Press, 1998. Reviewed in *The Journal of Economic History* 59.4 (Dec. 1999): 1106-1107.

Geoffrey MacCormack, *The Spirit of Traditional Chinese Law*. Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, 1996. Reviewed in *Law and History Review* 18.1 (Fall 1999): 252-53.

Ainslee T. Embree and Carol Gluck, eds., *Asia in Western and World History*. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 1997. Reviewed in *The Journal of Asian Studies* 57.4 (Nov. 1998): 1099-1100.

Helen Dunstan, *Conflicting Counsels to Confuse the Age: A Documentary Study of Political Economy in Qing China, 1644-1840*. Ann Arbor: Center for Chinese Studies, The University of Michigan, 1996. Reviewed in *The Journal of Economic History* 58.3 (Sept. 1998): 892-94.

Hill Gates. *China's Motor: A Thousand Years of Petty Capitalism*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1996. Reviewed in *The Journal of Economic History* 57.2 (June 1997): 552-53.

Pierre-Etienne Will and R. Bin Wong, with James Lee. *Nourish the People: The State Civilian Granary System in China, 1650-1850*. Michigan Monographs in Chinese Studies, University of Michigan, 1991. Reviewed in *The Journal of Economic History* 55.1 (March 1995): 182-83.

Christina K. Gilmartin, Gail Hershatter, Lisa Rofel, Tyrene White, eds. *Engendering China: Women, Culture, and the State*. Harvard Contemporary China Series 10. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1994. Reviewed in *The Journal of Asian Studies* 54.4 (Nov. 1994): 1239-40.

Henry Rosemont, Jr. *A Chinese Mirror: Moral Reflections on Political Economy and Society*. La Salle, IL: Open Court Press, 1991. Reviewed in *The Journal of Asian Studies* 53.1 (Feb. 1994): 175-77.

Translation:

A Song of Unending Sorrow (Changhen ge): Interpretive Paintings by Pau Siu-yau. Hong Kong: Printmart Press, 1985. Catalogue to the exhibit of twenty-five of Pau Siu-yau's paintings held at the Pacific Asia Museum, Pasadena, CA, Sept. 14 to Oct. 26, 1985.

Editorships:

Editorial Board, *Journal of Asian Studies*, 2005-2008.

Editorial Board, Adam Matthew Digital Limited, Digitization project, *National Archives of Great Britain, Foreign Office Records, China, 1830-1930*.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- 3/25 Discussant, Panel on “Circulatory Systems: The Chinese Diaspora in the Making and Unmaking of States.” Annual Meeting, Association for Asian Studies, Columbus, Ohio.

- 12/24 “The Chinese in Southeast Asia: Economic Interactions, Continuity and Change.” Harvard-Yenching Institute-National University of Singapore Joint Training Workshop: Chinese Communities in Southeast Asia: History, Culture, and Literature, Singapore.

- 12/24 “Studying Historical Migration: Methodologies, Periodization, and Space.” Harvard-Yenching Institute-National University of Singapore Joint Training Workshop: Chinese Communities in Southeast Asia: History, Culture, and Literature, Singapore.

- 9/24 “The Politics of Commemoration in Post-Mao China.” Chabreja Center for Historical Studies, Northwestern University.

- 3/24 Discussant, Panel “Legal Knowledge as Power Across the Pacific: Translation, Transgression, and Contestation in Trans-Imperial Encounters.” Annual Meeting, Association for Asian Studies, Seattle.

- 1/24 “Does the Indo-Pacific Have a History?” Roundtable: “Big Asia: A Roundtable on Border Crossing.” Annual Meeting, American Historical Association, San Francisco.

- 11/23 “Distant Shores: Colonial Encounters on China’s Maritime Frontier.” Department of History/Institute for East Asian Studies, U.C. Berkeley.

- 8/23 “Distant Shores: Colonial Encounters on China’s Maritime Frontier.” School of Humanities, Distinguished Lectures in the Humanities Series, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.

- 8/23 “A People’s History of the South China Sea.” Department of History, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.

- 5/23 “Translocalism on China’s Maritime Frontier.” Panel on “Oceans, Coasts, and Islands.” Workshop “Transnational Turns and the Future of Chinese Studies.” UC Santa Cruz.

- 3/23 “Distant Shores: Some Reflections.” Conference on “The New Economic History of China.” Center for Economic History. Northwestern University.

- 11/22 “Distant Shores: Colonial Encounters on China’s Maritime Frontier.” Center for East Asian Studies. University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 11/22 Discussant, Panel “Legal Modernization in Early Twentieth-Century China.” Annual Meeting, American Society for Legal History. Chicago.
- 10/22 “Distant Shores: Colonial Encounters on China’s Maritime Frontier.” Department of History and Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University.
- 10/22 “Distant Shores: Colonial Encounters on China’s Maritime Frontier.” Global History Workshop, Princeton University.
- 4/22 Discussant, Panel on “Violence, Memory, and Carceral Regimes,” Conference on “Global Perspectives on the Prison and Systems of Punishment,” Chabreja Center for Historical Studies, Northwestern University.
- 3/22 Chair and Discussant, Panel, “The ‘South’ in Modern East and Southeast Asia: Inter-Asian Voices.” Association for Asian Studies, Annual Meeting.
- 2/22 “China and the Early Modern World.” Workshop on the Early Modern in European and Chinese History, Department of History, Yale University.
- 2/22 “Submerged Hostilities: Hydrological Instability and Disputation in Southeastern China, 1669-1912,” Chabreja Center for Historical Studies, Northwestern University.
- 1/22 “Distant Shores: Colonial Encounters on China’s Maritime Frontier. China Centre, University of Oxford (virtual).
- 11/21 “The Maritime Frontier of Modern China.” National Chengchi University, Taiwan (in Chinese).
- 11/21 Discussant. “Fulbright Fellows’ Research Proposals.” Taipei, Taiwan.
- 10/21 “The Maritime Frontier of Modern China.” Department of Chinese Studies, National University of Singapore (virtual).
- 8/21 “China’s Maritime Power: Connecting the Past to the Present.” Public Forum, Conference on Maritime Asia: The Securitization of the China Seas in the 19th – 21st Centuries, Centre for Geopolitics, University of Cambridge (virtual).
- 8/21 “Waves of Benevolence: Social Networking and Political Power in the South China Sea.” University of Cambridge, UK (virtual).
- 10/20 Discussant. “China as Polyolith: It’s Time for a New Paradigm in Chinese History,” by

- James Millward. Chabraja Center for Historical Studies, Northwestern University (virtual).
- 3/19 Panel Discussant. "The New Qing History: A Maritime Approach." Annual Meeting, Association for Asian Studies, Denver, CO.
- 5/18 "Translocal Territorialism: The Efficacy of Informal Chinese Expansion, 1767-1929." Berkeley-Cambridge Workshop, "Maritime Asia: The Securitization of the China Seas in the 19th and 20th Centuries," UC Berkeley.
- 4/18 "Translocal Chaozhou at Full Moon, 1891-1929." East Asia Research group, Buffett Institute, Northwestern University.
- 3/18 Panel Discussant, "Writing Japanese History for the *Cambridge History of Japan*." Annual Meeting, Association for Asian Studies, Washington, D.C.
- 10/17 "Translocal Families and the South China Sea, 1876-1929: Multiscopic Approaches to Global History." Conference, "Anxieties of Abundance: Sources and Methods for Qing Studies in the Digital Age." Johns Hopkins University, East Asian Studies Program, October 19-20, 2017.
- 5/16 Panel Discussant, "China in the World," Symposium on Chinese History, University of Hong Kong.
- 5/15 Panel Discussant, "Binding Maritime China: Evasion;" and "Binding Maritime China: Interloping." Conference on "Binding Maritime China: Control, Evasion, Interloping." Boston University, Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies.
- 3/15 Panel Discussant, "Legal Politics in the Qing Colonial Territories." Annual Meeting, Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, IL.
- 11/14 "Chinese Translocalism and the South China Sea, 1661-1937." Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University.
- 10/14 "Militarized State-Building and the Rise of Narco-Capitalism: Post-Taiping China and Post-Civil-War America Compared." Workshop, "1864 and the End of Global Civil War," Yale University.
- 10/13 "China, Southeast Asia, and Nineteenth-Century Counterinsurgency." Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University.
- 10/13 "Entangled Encounters: The Transnational Repercussions of Rural Pacification in China, 1869-1873." Chabraja Center for Historical Studies, Northwestern University.

- 3/13 "The Coastal Evacuation and the Evolution of a Masculine Ethic in Seventeenth-Century Chaozhou." Panel: "Borderland by the Sea: China's Southeast Coast in Interesting Times, 16th-18th Centuries." Annual Meeting, Association for Asian Studies.
- 2/13 "Opium, Empire, and Global History." Workshop, Department of History/Asian Studies Program, University of Utah.
- 2/13 "Maritime China: The Temporal and Spatial Boundlessness of Historical Events." Department of History/Asian Studies Program, University of Utah.
- 1/13 "Entangled Encounters: The Transnational Repercussions of Rural Pacification in China." Council on East Asian Studies, Yale University.
- 3/12 "China in the Modern World: War, Imperialism, Peace." Roundtable: Reconceptualizing Nineteenth-Century China. Society for Qing Studies, Annual Meeting, Association for Asian Studies, Toronto.
- 8/11 "The Entangled History of the Nanyang in the Nineteenth Century." National University of Singapore, Asian Research Center.
- 5/11 "The *Qingxiang* of General Fang Yao." University of Chicago, East Asia Transregional Studies Workshop.
- 4/11 "The Transnational Repercussions of Rural Pacification in China, 1869-1891." University of Toronto, Munk School of Global Affairs.
- 1/11 Discussant, Panel on "Property Rights, Contracts, and Economic Development in the Qing," Annual Meeting, American Historical Association, Boston, MA.
- 10/09 "*Qingxiang*: The Transnational Repercussions of Rural Pacification in China, 1869-1891." Columbia University, Modern China Seminar.
- 6/09 "The Beijing Massacre: Evolving Memories After Twenty Years." Conference on "Remembering Tiananmen: Twentieth Anniversary Symposium. Buffett Center for Comparative and International Studies, Northwestern University.
- 2/09 "The Transnational Repercussions of Counterinsurgency in Southeast Coastal China, 1869-1891." East Asian Studies Program, Princeton University.
- 12/08 "Mendacity in the Archives." Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey.
- 5/08 "Crime, Migration, and Class in Nineteenth-Century China." East Asia: Trans-Regional Histories Workshop, University of Chicago.

- 4/08 "Crime, Migration, and Petty Entrepreneurship in China, 1819-1860." Annual Meeting, Association for Asian Studies, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 5/07 "Migration and the Dispossessed in Nineteenth-Century China." East Asian Research Group, Northwestern University.
- 3/07 "Crime and Migration in China and Southeast Asia." Buffet Center for International and Comparative Studies, Northwestern University.
- 5/06 "Small Time Crooks: Crime, Migration, and Petty Entrepreneurship in China, 1819-1860." Institute of East Asian Studies, U.C. Berkeley.
- 10/04 "Source Materials for Advanced Research on Chao Shan Migration History." Shantou University Library, Shantou, China (in Chinese).
- 9/04 "Chaozhou and Shantou in World History." Shantou University Department of History, Shantou, China (in Chinese).
- 10/02 "Chinese Law in Historical Perspective," University of Chicago Law School.
- 4/02 Chair and Discussant, Panel on "Law Becomes Fiction: Narrating Crime and Punishment in the Qing." Annual Meeting, Association for Asian Studies, Washington, D.C.
- 12/00 "Scandal in the Shaping of Chinese Law." Keynote Address, Conference on "Law in Chinese Culture," Center for the Humanities, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia.
- 6/00 "A World Made Simple: Law and Property in the Ottoman and Qing Empires." Conference on "Shared Histories of Modernity: China and the Ottoman Empire in the Nineteenth Century." Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2/00 "Power and Social Resistance in Qing Legal Culture," Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University.
- 1/99 "Legal Culture and Historical Change." American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL.
- 12/97 "The Disputation of the Body-Snatchers: The Role of Scandal in Defining a Category of Law." Institute for East Asian Studies, UC Berkeley.
- 9/97 Discussant, panel on "Gender and the Body in Modern China." Midwestern Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, DeKalb, Illinois.
- 1/97 "Social Empowerment in Chinese Legal Culture." Department of History, UC San Diego.

- 5/96 "The Rhetoric of Pettifoggery in Late Imperial China." The Bunting Institute, Radcliffe College.
- 2/96 "Sprouts of a Legal Profession in China." School of Law, Harvard University.
- 12/95 "Litigation Masters and Local Power in Late Imperial China." Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University.
- 4/95 Panel Discussant, "The Development of the Legal Profession in Contemporary China." Annual Meeting, Association for Asian Studies, Washington, D.C.
- 6/94 "Trickster Tales: A Preliminary Discussion of Non-Official Sources Concerning Litigation Brokers." Paper delivered at UCLA, Center for Chinese Studies.
- 12/93 "'Things Seen Are Things As Seen:' The Bureaucratic Unraveling of Magistrate Yan's Malevolent Plot." Lecture, UC San Diego, Center for Chinese Studies.
- 10/93 Panel Discussant, "Crime in Qing China." Midwest Conference for the Association for Asian Studies, Cleveland, OH.
- 3/93 "Code and Custom in Eighteenth-Century China: Conflicting Property Notions in Provincial Governance." Paper presented at the annual meeting, Association for Asian Studies, Los Angeles, CA.
- 3/92 "Pettifoggers, Property, and Litigation in Late Imperial China." Department of East Asian Languages and Culture, Columbia University.
- 3/92 "Property and Pettifoggery in Chinese Society." Departments of History and East Asian Studies, Princeton University.
- 3/92 "Local Advocacy and State Power." China Studies Group, UC Berkeley.
- 8/91 "Civil and Uncivil Disputes in Late Imperial Fujian, 1723-1820." Paper presented to conference on "Civil Law in Chinese History," UCLA.
- 4/91 "The Social Basis of a 'Litigious' Society." Paper presented at annual meeting, Association for Asian Studies, New Orleans, LA.
- 4/91 "Historical and Archival Research in China Before and After the Beijing Massacre." Report given at annual meeting, Association for Asian Studies, at the request of the Committee on Scholarly Communication with the People's Republic of China, New Orleans, LA.

- 8/90 "Law in Chinese Social History (in Chinese)." Conference on Chinese Social History in China and the United States," Institute for Qing History, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing.
- 11/89 "Pondering the 'Pernicious Pettifogger' of Late Imperial China." Paper presented at workshop on "Chinese Law and Society," UCLA.
- 11/89 "The Transformation of the Chinese Student Movement in Early May 1989." Lecture, Center for Chinese Studies, UC Berkeley.
- 4/89 "Reflections on the First International Conference on Chinese Legal History" (in Chinese). Closing presentation, foreign perspective. First International Conference on Chinese Legal History, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, PRC.
- 11/88 "Historical Studies in the United States," (in Chinese), History Department, People's University, Beijing, PRC.

PUBLIC SERVICE and OTHER PRESENTATIONS:

- 9/24 "Distant Shores: Colonial Encounters on China's Maritime Frontier, Northshore Authors' Showcase.
- 11/23 "China: Conflict or Cooperation?" Roundtable, Weinberg College Center for International and Area Studies, Northwestern University.
- 3/12 China's Rise As a Global Power, Part I: The Era of Resistance to Global Capitalism, 1949-1976." NU Alumnae Continuing Education Course.
- 1/11 "Small Time Crooks: Opium, Migration, and the Challenges of Archival Research in China." NU Alumnae Continuing Education Course.
- 11/05 "Improvisation in Discussion Seminar." McCormick Lecture, Searle Center for Teaching Excellence," Northwestern University.
- 9/05 "Is the United States Obligated to Defend Taiwan?" NU Alumni Weekend Lecture.
- 6/03 "The Chinese Government and SARS: What Have We Learned?" NU GLOBE Student Organization.
- 10/99 "Taiwan and the Future of Sino-American Relations," Fireside, International Studies Residential College, Northwestern University.
- 3/99 "Politics and History in Contemporary China," Monday Class (Woman's organization in Chicago).

- 2/99 "1999: The Politics of Commemoration in China," Fireside, International Studies Residential College, Northwestern University.
- 11/96 Panel on "Human Rights in China" with Chinese dissident, Harry Wu (Wu Hongda). Milt Rosenberg Show, WGN Radio, Chicago.
- 7/95 "Sino-American Relations in the 1990s," League of Women Voters, Chicago North Shore Chapter.
- 2/94 "Mao Zedong and the Will to Power." Fireside, International Studies Residential College, Northwestern University.
- 10/92 "The People's Republic of China and Taiwan in the 1990s." Fireside, Northwestern University, Chinese Students' Association in conjunction with the International Studies Residential College.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED:

"9066 and the Japanese Internment: 60 Years Later." Sponsored by the Asian American Studies Program, Northwestern University. Panelists included historians, lawyers, poets, performance artists, and people who had experienced relocation, internment, and resettlement in Chicago, Illinois. Northwestern University, Feb. 2002.

LANGUAGES:

Modern Chinese (Mandarin dialect), Classical Chinese, Japanese, French, Spanish.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION (selected):

Selection Committee, Fulbright U.S. Scholars Selection Committee, 2021
 Review Panelist, Fellowships, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2015
 Association for Asian Studies, Levenson Book Award Committee, 2009-11
 Editorial Board, *Journal of Asian Studies*, 2005-2008.
 External Reviewer, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, 2010-
 Peer Reviewer and Site Visitor, National Endowment for the Humanities, American Institute of Indian Studies
 Reviewer (external), various tenure and promotion cases, United States and Asia

PEER REVIEW (selected):

Peer Reviewer: *The Journal of Asian Studies*; *American Historical Review*; *Modern China*; *Late Imperial China*; *Journal of Chinese History*; *Modern Asian Studies*; *Journal of World History*; *Law and Social Inquiry*; *Law and History Review*; *Journal of Urban History*; *Journal of Women's History*; *Harvard University Press*, *University of London Press*, *Stanford University Press*.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Member, Association for Asian Studies

American Historical Association
 Society for Qing Studies
 World History Association
 International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees/Amusement Park
 Division, (IATSE) Labor Union Member, 1975-1979.

INTERVIEWS: BBC, *Chicago Tribune*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Newsweek*, WGN News Radio (Chicago), Hong Kong Television, CNN, *USA Today*, *South China Morning Post*, *The Guardian*.

COURSES TAUGHT:

Northwestern University:

Undergraduate Courses:

"Chinese Civilization," History 281, lecture course
 "Sino-American Relations in the Modern World," History 282, lecture course
 "Modern China: The Transition to Modern Times, 1600-1912," History 381-1, lecture
 "Modern China: The Twentieth Century," History 381-2, lecture course
 "Imperialism in Asia," History 395, Undergraduate Research Seminar
 "Women in Early Modern China," History 392, upper-division seminar.
 "Chinese Women in Modern Transformation," History 392, upper-division seminar.
 "Intellectuals and the State in Modern China," History 392, upper-division seminar.
 "Sino-American Relations in the Twentieth Century," History 395, Undergraduate Research Seminar.
 "Political Culture in Twentieth-Century China," History 392, upper-division seminar.
 "China in the Modern World," History 395, Undergraduate Research Seminar.
 "China in the Western Imagination," History 103, freshman seminar.
 "China in the American Imagination," History 103, freshman seminar.
 "China and the West," History 393/Kaplan Institute for the Humanities Seminar

Graduate Courses:

"Graduate First-Year Research Seminar," History 570-1 and 570-2.
 "Historical Pedagogy," History 560.
 "Field Seminar: Readings in Early Modern Chinese History and Culture," History 481-1.
 "Global China," Seminar, History 492
 "Sino-Southeast Asian Relations in the Modern World," Seminar, History 492.
 "Sino-American Relations in the Twentieth Century," History 492, seminar.
 "China and the West," History 492, seminar.
 "Readings in Chinese Legal Culture," History 499, Independent Study.
 "Modern China, I: Republican China," History 499, Independent study.
 "Modern China, II: People's Republic of China," History 499.
 "Readings on the Chinese Diaspora," History 499.
 "Women and Chinese Politics in Comparative Perspective," History 499
 "Revolutionary China," History 499.
 "Culture and Politics in Twentieth-Century China," History 490
 "Readings in Nineteenth-Century Chinese Social History," History 499.

“Rebellions and Regionalism in Nineteenth-Century China,” History 499.
 “Late Imperial China in World History,” History 499.
 “Readings in Late Imperial Chinese Intellectual and Religious History,” History 499.
 “Christianity in China,” History 499.

DEPARTMENTAL, COLLEGE, AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE:
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Department of History:

Director of Graduate Studies, 2001-2004.
 Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2010-
 Faculty Senator, 2016-18
 Chair, Search Committee, East Asian history, 1999-2000
 Chair, Search Committee, Asian American history, 1998-99
 Chair, Graduate Affairs Committee, 2001-2004
 Chair, Undergraduate Affairs Committee, 2010-
 Chair, Romani [Grad Research] Prize Committee, 2001-2004, 2006-07.
 Chair, Undergraduate Honors and Prizes Committee, 2010-2011.
 Chair and/or Member, Five departmental tenure committees
 Member, Departmental Planning Committee, 1993-94; 1999-2000; 2006-08; 2014-15
 Search Committee, Medieval and Early Modern Middle Eastern History, 2022-
 2023
 Search Committee (ad hoc), West African history, 2022
 Search Committee, Southeast Asian History, 2014-15
 Search Committee, Early Modern European History, 2009-10.
 Search Committee, Modern Middle East, 2007-08.
 Search Committee, Japanese history, 2006-07.
 Search Committee, Latin American history, 1993-94
 Advisory Board, Chabreja Center for Historical Studies, 2009-12; 2019-20;
 2021-23
 Graduate Affairs Committee, 2001-2006.
 Romani Prize Committee (Graduate research prize), 2001-2007.
 Graduate Awards Committee, 2018-19
 Graduate Professional Development Coordinator, 2013-14; 2015-16
 Graduate Minority Affairs Committee, 2001-2006.
 Joint Appointments Committee, 1998-99, 2001-02, 2011-12, 2015-17
 Undergraduate Program Committee, 1992-2000; 2009-11.
 Undergraduate Program Subcommittee, Program Review, 1994-95
 Johnston Prize Committee (Undergraduate honors research), 1997-2000, 2010-
 Subcommittee on Faculty Dev't and Governance, Prog Review, 2002-03.
 Coordinator, Graduate Professional Development, 2013-14; 2015-16
 Coordinator, Teaching Matrix, Non-Western courses, 2015-2017
 Coordinator, Chinese Language Exam (graduate), 2016-20, 2021-22
 T.A Coordinator, 1997-98
 Coordinator, Afternoon Advisers, 2010-2011

Departmental Undergraduate Advisor, 1996-98, 2006-07, 2017-18, 2020-21, 2022.
 Mentor, various Assistant Professors of History
 Mentor, five Assistant Professors of History, Searle Center for Teaching
 Departmental Scribe, 1992-93

Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences:

Chair, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, 2023-2026
 Founding Director, Asian American Studies Program, 2001-2002.
 Chair, Asian American Studies Program Committee, 1999-2000.
 Chair, CAS Search Committee, Director, Asian American Studies, 2001-2002.
 Chair, Curricular Policy Committee, 2001-02.
 Member, Tenure Committee, 2014-2017
 Search Committee, DALC, Chinese Literature, 2013-2014.
 Search Committee, Political Science, Chinese Politics, 2011-12.
 Search Committee, Political Science, Comparative Politics, 2002-03
 CAS Search Committee, Director of Asian American Studies, 1998-99.
 WCAS Teaching Awards Committee, 2006-
 Committee to Establish Asian Lang. and Cultures Dept., 2011-12
 Committee on Asian Studies, 1992-2000.
 Asian Studies Graduate Cluster committee, 2006-
 Freshman Humanities Program Curricular Committee, 2006-07.
 Committee on Asian American Studies, 1998-2002.
 Curricular Policy Committee, 1998-2002.
 Dissertation Year Fellowship Committee, 1998-1999; 2001-04, 2005-06.
 Luce Prize Committee, 2001-2008
 Freshman Advisor, 1993-1999; 2007-2008, 20.
 Faculty Advisor, International Studies Residential College, 1998-2008.
 Various Ad Hoc tenure committees.

University

Member, Faculty Senate, 2016-
 Member, Faculty Senate Sub-Committee on Research, 2016-
 Advisory Board, Chabreja Center for Historical Studies, 2009-2012; 2019-20,
 2021-22
 McCormick Teaching Award Committee, 2006-2012
 History Department Coordinator, Certificate Program in Law and Social Science
 (joint program of the School of Law, the Graduate School, and the
 American Bar Foundation).
 Member, University Classroom committee, 2007-2012
 Member, Classroom utilization subcommittee, 2007-2012.

UC BERKELEY: Student Member, East Asian Library Committee, 1991.