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CURRENT POSITION

- 2016 – present Associate Professor, Department of History, Central Michigan University,
Mount Pleasant, Michigan
- 2010 – 2016 Assistant Professor, Department of History, Central Michigan University,
Mount Pleasant, Michigan

EDUCATION

- 2010 University of California, Irvine
Ph.D., History
Dissertation: “Indoctrinating the Youth: Guomindang Policy on Secondary
Education in Wartime China and Postwar Taiwan, 1937-1960”
Advisors: Dr. Kenneth Pomeranz and Dr. Jeffrey Wasserstrom
Primary Field: East Asian History
Secondary Field: World History
- 2006 University of California, Irvine
M.A., History
- 2002 University of California, Los Angeles
B.A., History, Departmental Honors, *magna cum laude*
Minor: Education
Honors Thesis: “Shanghai Jews”

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

China, Taiwan, East Asia, World History

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Indoctrinating the Youth: Guomindang Policy on Secondary Education in Wartime China and Postwar Taiwan, 1937-1960 (manuscript in progress)

Peer-reviewed Articles

“Defiant Retreat: The Relocation of Middle Schools to China’s Interior, 1937-1945,” *Frontiers of History in China* 8.4, 558-584 (December 2013).

“Anticipating Invasion: Military Training in Taiwan’s High Schools, 1953-1960,” *Twentieth-Century China* 37.3, 204-228 (October 2012).

Book Reviews

Michael Tai. *US-China Relations in the Twenty-first Century: A question of trust*. London & New York: Routledge, 2015. *East Asian Integration Studies* (July 2018).

<https://asianintegration.org/us-china-relations-in-the-twenty-first-century-a-question-of-trust/>

Robert Culp. *Articulating Citizenship: Civic Training and Student Politics in Southeastern China, 1912-1940*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Asia Center, 2007. *China Review International*, Vol. 18, No. 2 (2011).

Andrew Morris. *Colonial Project, National Game: A History of Baseball in Taiwan*. University of California Press, 2010. *Journal of Global History* 7.2 (July 2012).

Peer Reviews of Journal Articles

Journal of Current Chinese Affairs (2018)

History of Education (2013)

Other Articles

“Asian American Representation in Film and Television,” *Recollection*, (<https://www.recollectionhistory.com>; blog of the History Department, Central Michigan University), May 8, 2018.

“2008 Retrospective: Olympics in Taiwan,” *The China Beat* (<http://thechinabeat.blogspot.com>; an academic blog about how the East is read), January 2, 2009.

Reference

“Concubines” in Dynastic China and Korea, *The Greenwood Encyclopedia of the Daily Life of Women: How They Lived from Ancient Times to the Present*, edited by Colleen Boyett, Mildred Diane Gleason, Micheal Tarver (ABC-CLIO/Greenwood, forthcoming spring 2019)

“Domestic Servants” in Modern Asia, *The Greenwood Encyclopedia of the Daily Life of Women: How They Lived from Ancient Times to the Present*, edited by Colleen Boyett, Mildred Diane Gleason, Micheal Tarver (ABC-CLIO/Greenwood, forthcoming spring 2019)

Contributor, "China," *Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations*, 13th ed. (Gale Cengage, 2012).

"Michelle Kwan," *Asian American History and Culture: An Encyclopedia*, edited by Huping Ling and Allan W. Austin (M.E. Sharpe, 2010).

"Ang Lee," *Asian American History and Culture: An Encyclopedia*, edited by Huping Ling and Allan W. Austin (M.E. Sharpe, 2010).

"Yo-Yo Ma," *Asian American History and Culture: An Encyclopedia*, edited by Huping Ling and Allen W. Austin (M.E. Sharpe, 2010).

"Vera Wang," *Asian American History and Culture: An Encyclopedia*, edited by Huping Ling and Allen W. Austin (M.E. Sharpe, 2010).

COMPETITIVE FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Dean's Discretionary Fund, College of Humanities and Social Behavioral Sciences (CHSBS), Central Michigan University, March 2015

The University of Chicago Center for East Asian Studies Library Travel Grant, March 2015

Premier Display Grant, Faculty Research and Creative Endeavors Committee (FRCE), Central Michigan University, March 2013

Dean's Discretionary Fund, CHSBS, Central Michigan University, March 2013

Summer Faculty Scholars Award, CHSBS, Central Michigan University, May-June 2012

Premier Display Grant, Faculty Research and Creative Endeavors Committee (FRCE), Central Michigan University, March 2012

Dean's Discretionary Fund, CHSBS, Central Michigan University, March 2012

Premier Display Grant, Faculty Research and Creative Endeavors Committee (FRCE), Central Michigan University, March 2011

Dean's Discretionary Fund, CHSBS, Central Michigan University, March 2011

Summer Dissertation Fellowship, School of Humanities, University of California, Irvine, 2009

Pacific Rim Mini-grant, June-December 2008

Beijing University-UC Irvine Exchange Scholar, September-December 2008

Association for Asian Studies – China and Inner Asian Council (AAS-CIAC) Small Grant, June-September 2008

Taiwan National Central Library Center for Chinese Studies Research Grant for Foreign Scholars, 2008

Humanities Center Grant, School of Humanities, University of California, Irvine, 2008 & 2004

Center for Asian Studies Grant, University of California, Irvine, 2008, 2007, 2006 & 2004

International Center for Writing and Translation Grant, University of California, Irvine, 2007, 2005 & 2004

Humanities Research Grant, University of California, Irvine, 2007

Honan Association of America Scholarship, 2006

Taiwan Ministry of Education Huayu Fellowship for language study in Taiwan, 2005

Travel Fellowship, History Department, University of California, Irvine, March 2004

University of California Regents' Fellowship, September 2003-June 2004

Honors Thesis Award, History Department, University of California, Los Angeles, June 2002
Lois and Henry Chi Scholarship, Chinese Faculty Association, California chapter, June 2001

CONFERENCE PRESENTER, CHAIR OR DISCUSSANT

Panel Chair. "From Migration to Immigration: Japanese Examples." International Graduate Historical Studies Conference: Crossing Borders, Challenging Boundaries, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI, April 1, 2017.

Panel Chair and Discussant. "Institutions, Infrastructure, and Industry in Republican China." Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, October 26, 2013.

Panel Chair. "Politics and Violence in a Changing China." International Graduate Historical Studies Conference: History without Borders, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI, April 6, 2013.

Presenter. "Surveillance and Suppression: The Three People's Principles Youth Corps' Restraint of Political Restlessness in Schools." The Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 22, 2013.

Panel Chair. "Stepping Over the Line: Transnational Actors in Changing Worlds." International Graduate Historical Studies Conference: Borders, Boundaries and Beyond, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI, April 14, 2012.

Presenter. "Survival During the War of Resistance: Secondary Schools' Relocation to Sichuan, 1937-1945." The Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Toronto, March 17, 2012.

Presenter. "Military Training in Taiwan's High Schools, 1953-1960." The Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI, March 31, 2011.

Presenter. "Nationalism and Guomindang Policy on Secondary Education in Early Postwar Taiwan." China Undisciplined Conference, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, May 31, 2008.

Presenter. "Deng Xiaoping's Broken Promise: The Establishment of 'Bureaucratic Capitalism' Rather than 'Socialist Democracy.'" Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, August 5, 2006.

Presenter. "Negotiating Between British and Chinese Transnationalisms in Singapore at the Turn of the Twentieth Century." McGill-Queen Universities' Graduate Student Conference in History, Montreal, March 12, 2004.

INVITED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

“A Future in the Past: Preparing for the History Job Market,” Department of History, Central Michigan University, October 19, 2017.

“The Last Dynasty in China: History and Traditions of the Qing,” organized by Central Michigan’s Alumni Relations for Grandparents University, June 25, 2015.

“How to Write a History Book Review,” guest lecture in History 301: The Craft of History, Central Michigan University, February 16, 2015.

“Surviving War: Middle Schools’ Retreat to China’s Interior, 1937-1945,” guest lecture for the History Club and Phi Alpha Theta, Central Michigan University, September 30, 2013.

“Student Military Training in Taiwan’s Senior High Schools, 1953-1960,” guest lecture at Ohio Northern University, April 19, 2012.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI

Undergraduate Courses:

HST 168WI Modern East Asia

HST 202 World History since 1400

HST 369 Traditional China

HST 370 Modern China

HST 496: Seminar in Asian History: East Asia and the West

Graduate Course:

HST 766 Seminar in Asian History: East Asia and the West

University of California, Irvine, CA

Problems in Asian History: East Asia and the West

Chinese History to 1800

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI

Department

Undergraduate Committee, 2016-Present

Department Meeting Secretary, 2015-2016

Personnel Committee, 2013-2014, 2015-2016

Member, Latin American History Search Committee, 2015

Graduate Studies Committee, 2010-2013

Organizer, Guest Speakers

-Ethan Segal, Michigan State University, Associate Professor of Pre-Modern Japanese History (Spring 2014)

-Maura Elizabeth Cunningham, Association for Asian Studies, Social Media Manager; University of Michigan Lieberthal Center for Chinese Studies Associate; Historian and Writer (Spring 2017)

-Joseph Ho, Albion College, Assistant Professor of Chinese History (Fall 2017)

Advisor, Plan B papers

-David Banas, Fall 2017

-Julianne Haefner, Fall 2017

-Oliver Raker, Fall 2017

-Lucas Wiles, Fall 2017

College of Humanities and Social Behavioral Sciences (CHSBS)

Tenure, Promotion, and Reappointment Committee, 2017-Present

East Asian Studies certificate advisor, Cultural and Global Studies Advisory Council, 2012-Present

Student Paper Competition Committee, 2011 and 2013-2016

College Excellence in Teaching Committee, 2013

Gabriel Chien Memorial Fund Student Essay Competition Committee, 2010-2012, 2014

Ad-hoc Responsible Conduct and Research Committee, 2010

University

Off-campus Academic Council, 2017-Present

General Education Committee, 2015-2016

Degrees, Admissions, Standards, and Honors Committee (DASH), 2011-2014

Other Service

Panelist, "Asian American Heritage," Soup and Substance Discussion, Office of Diversity Education, April 25, 2018.

Faculty Advisor, Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA), 2010-2016, 2017-Present

Facilitator, "Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder – Cosmetic Surgery Among Asians and Asian Americans," Soup and Substance Discussion, Office of Diversity Education, March 27, 2014.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

University of California, Irvine, CA

Research Assistant: Employed as a bibliographer for Kenneth Pomeranz, James Given, and Laura Mitchell, eds., *Worlds Together, Worlds Apart: A Companion Reader, Vol. 1 & 2* (W.W. Norton, 2010), 2009.

University of California, Los Angeles, CA

Research Assistant: Employed as a bibliographer by Professor Anthony Reid at UCLA's Center of Southeast Asian Studies, 2001.

LANGUAGES

Fluent in spoken Mandarin and written modern Chinese. Good knowledge in reading classical Chinese. Good knowledge in spoken and reading French.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, American Historical Association

Member, Association for Asian Studies

Member, Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs

Member, Phi Beta Kappa (The National History Honor Society)

REFERENCES

Kenneth L. Pomeranz, University Professor of History (University of Chicago)

Richard Von Glahn, Professor (University of California, Los Angeles)

Jeffrey N. Wasserstrom, Chancellor's Professor of History (University of California, Irvine)

Guo Qitao, Professor (University of California, Irvine)

Mitchell Hall, Professor (Central Michigan University)

Benjamin Weinstein, Teaching Fellow (University of Edinburgh)