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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 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
Advisors: Dr. Kenneth Pomeranz and Dr. Jeffrey Wasserstrom
Primary Field: Modern Chinese History
Secondary Field: World History
- 2006 University of California, Irvine
M.A., East Asian History
- 2002 University of California, Los Angeles
B.A., History, Departmental Honors, *magna cum laude*
Minor: Education

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

China, Taiwan, East Asia, World History

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Indoctrinating the Youth: Secondary Education in Wartime China and Taiwan, 1937-1960 (83,000 words written)

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/>

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).

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

Academic Blog Posts

“The Japanese Emperor Abdicates,” [Re]collection History, (<http://www.recollectionhistory.com>; blog of the History Department, Central Michigan University), September 17, 2019.

“Asian American Representation in Film and Television,” [Re]collection History, (<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

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

“Michelle Kwan,” “Ang Lee,” “Yo-Yo Ma,” and “Vera Wang,” *Asian American History and Culture: An Encyclopedia*, edited by Huping Ling and Allan W. Austin (M.E. Sharpe, 2010).

COMPETITIVE FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award for Research in Taiwan, February-July 2021

Premier Display Grant, Faculty Research and Creative Endeavors Committee (FRCE), Central Michigan University, 2019, 2013, 2012, 2011
Dean's Discretionary Fund, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS), Central Michigan University, 2015, 2013, 2012, 2011
The University of Chicago Center for East Asian Studies Library Travel Grant, March 2015
Summer Faculty Scholars Award, CLASS, Central Michigan University, May-June 2012
Summer Dissertation Fellowship, School of Humanities, University of California, Irvine, 2009
Pacific Rim Mini-grant, June-December 2008
Peking 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

Presenter. "The Tiananmen Protest and Massacre: Reflections on the 30th Anniversary." Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, October 5, 2019.

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 AND ADVISING

Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI

Undergraduate Courses:

HST 168WI Modern East Asia

HST 202 World History since 1400

HST 301: The Craft of History

HST 369 Traditional China

HST 370 Modern China

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

Graduate Course:

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

Dissertation Committee Member, David Banas, 2018-Present

Advisor, Plan B papers

-David Banas, Fall 2017

-Julianne Haefner, Fall 2017

-Daniel Palazzolo, Fall 2017

-Oliver Raker, Fall 2017

-Lucas Wiles, Fall 2017

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

Personnel Committee, 2013-2014, 2015-2016, 2019-2020

Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2016-2019, 2020-Present

Department Meeting Secretary, 2015-2016

Member, Visiting Professor in 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 & Spring 2019)

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

Mentoring, SRCEE: David Banas, Graduate Research and Creative Endeavor (Spring 2018)

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS)

East Asian Studies certificate advisor, Cultural and Global Studies Advisory Council, 2012-
Present (on leave in fall 2014 and sabbatical in spring 2017)

Tenure, Promotion, and Reappointment Committee, 2017-2019

Student Paper Competition Committee, 2011, 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 (OCAC), 2017-2020

General Education Committee, 2015-2016

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

Other Service

Faculty Advisor, Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA), 2010-2016, 2017-Present

Paper Judge, CMU's International Graduate Historical Studies Conference, March 29-30, 2019.

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

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

Manuscript Reviewer of Journal Articles

Journal of Current Chinese Affairs (2018)

History of Education (2013)

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. Basic 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 of History (University of California, Los Angeles)

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

James Carter, Chair and Professor of the History (St. Joseph's University)

Guo Qitao, Professor of History (University of California, Irvine)

Mitchell Hall, Professor of History (Central Michigan University)

Gregory Smith, Chair and Associate Professor of History (Central Michigan University)