

CURRICULUM VITAE

Benjamin A. Elman

Gordon Wu '58 Professor of Chinese Studies since 2011, Professor of East Asian Studies & History, Princeton University since 2002.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA: Ph.D. 1980.

Coursework and preliminary examinations completed in Chinese Civilization; Qing and Modern Chinese History; Chinese Thought and Social Theory; Japanese Civilization; Japanese Thought; and Sociological Theory.

Hamilton College, Clinton, NY: B.A. 1968.

Major in Philosophy. Junior Year Program in Chinese at the East-West Center, University of Hawaii from July 1966 to August 1967, including summer of 1967 in Taiwan.

American University, Washington, DC: 1972-73.

Enrolled in M.A. Program in Area Studies: Modern China. Also did course work in modern Chinese history at the Sino-Soviet Institute, George Washington University through the Consortium

Inter-University Center for Chinese, Taipei, Taiwan 1973-74.

Intensive readings in modern and classical Chinese.

Inter-University Center for Japanese, Tokyo, Japan 1977-78.

Intensive readings in Japanese Sinology. Participated in seminars on Chinese thought and intellectual history in the Chinese Philosophy Department, Tokyo University.

DISSERTATION TITLE

"The Unravelling of Neo-Confucianism: The Lower Yangtze Academic Community in Late Imperial China." Dissertation Committee: Nathan Sivin, and Susan Naquin. Defense passed with honors October 14, 1980. Published as *From Philosophy to Philology: Social and Intellectual Aspects of Change in Late Imperial China*. Cambridge: Harvard Univ. Press, 1984. Finalist for Fairbank Prize. Reissued by HUP as paperback in 1990. Translation of first edition in Chinese by Zhao Gang for the Series "Collectanea of Research on China by Foreign Scholars," published by Jiangsu People's Press, Nanjing, 1995. Revised, second edition in English, Los Angeles: UCLA Asia Institute Monograph Series, 2001). Korean translation of second edition published by Seoul, Yeemoonseowon, 2004.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Peace Corps, Thailand, 1968-71.

Volunteer serving as provincial zone office and field supervisor for the Thailand National Malaria Eradication Project in Nakhon Sawan, Uthaitani, Chainat, Kamphaengphet, and Tak provinces along Burmese border. Trained in Thai language and in epidemiological procedures during Peace Corps training in Hawaii and at the World Health Organization's Malaria Eradication Training Center in Manila, Philippines. Responsible on assignment for statistical analyses and organizational implementation of malaria epidemiology at the village level. In field 25 days a month.

New York State Department of Public Health, 1972.

Employed as Public Health Advisor in the Syracuse regional office, responsible for venereal disease case interviews and case follow-ups in Onondaga and Tioga counties in Upstate New York.

United States State Department, Language Services.

Employed as contract escort-interpreter for guests visiting the U.S. Most recent assignments: December 1978--escorting a Deputy Minister in the Pakistani Ministry of Agriculture; April 1979--escorting the Superintendent of Black Education, Soweto, South Africa; July 1985--escorting the Chief of the Foreign Investment Import Division, Hubei Bureau of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade and the Deputy General Manager, Hubei Provincial International Economy, Technology, and Investment Corporation, People's Republic of China; October 1989--escorting the Deputy Director of the Economic Planning Commission, Tibetan Autonomous Region, People's Republic of China.

Colby College, Waterville, Maine, 1980-82.

Two-year, nonrenewable appointment as Ziskind Lecturer in East Asia Studies. Member of Philosophy and Religion Department and East Asia Studies Program.

University of Michigan, Center for Chinese Studies, 1984-85.

Postdoctoral Research Fellow.

Rice University, Houston, Texas, 1985-86.

Assistant Professor of Asian Thought, Humanities Program.

University of California, Los Angeles, 1986-2002

Associate Professor (1986-89) & Professor (1989-2002) of Chinese History, Department of History.

Institute for Advanced Study, School of Historical Studies, Princeton, 1999-2001

Mellon Visiting Professor of Traditional Chinese History and Civilization

Princeton University, 2002-.

Professor of East Asian Studies & History

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa..

Fall 1976: Oriental Studies 580, Chinese Civilization--responsible for section meetings and spot lecturing covering early China to Han dynasty.

Spring 1977: Oriental Studies 480, Chinese Civilization--responsible for section meetings and spot lecturing covering Later Han dynasty to fall of Ch'ing dynasty.

Colby College, Waterville, Maine, 1980-82:

The Classical Tradition in Chinese Philosophy
Topics in Chinese Science
The Perception of the "Orient" in the West
Medieval and Early Modern Chinese Intellectual History
Introduction to Japanese Intellectual History
Foundations of Modern Japanese Political Thought
Self, State, and Society in East Asia (team taught)

Rice University, Houston, Texas, 1985-86.

Comparative Asian Philosophies & Religion, I & II
Introduction to Japanese Thought
Perception of the "Orient" in the West

University of California, Los Angeles, 1986-.

Undergraduate Lecture Courses:

- History of China To & Since 1000 (Lower division undergraduate lecture with Teaching Assistants & Special Honor's College seminar section)
- Thought & Society in China To & Since 1000 (Upper division undergraduate lecture course)
- The Perception of "China" in the West (Social Science Collegium undergraduate seminar)
- World History 21, 800-1800 (Lower division undergraduate lecture with Teaching Assistants)

Topics in Chinese Cultural History, 1000-1900 (graduate reading seminars):

- The Cultural Significance of the Song-Jin-Yuan-Ming Transition, 1250-1450
- Literati Thought in Imperial China Since 1000
- Science & Society in Imperial China
- Education & Society in China Since 1000
- Modern Chinese Intellectual History to 1927.

Advanced Research Seminars:

- Readings in Qing Classical Scholarship (graduate reading courses)
- Classical Historiography: in fall 1996 initiated as WWW site.
- Qing Dynasty Sources
- Writing Seminar in Chinese Intellectual History (advanced graduate topics course)

Princeton University, 2002-.

Undergraduate Courses:

- Freshmen Seminar: Global Science in Europe & China, 1600-1900
- Sophomore Initiative Seminar: Introduction to Asian History
- The Perception of China & Asia in the West
- Culture & Society in Late Imperial China, 1000-1900

Graduate Courses:

- Qing History: Education & Society in Late Imperial China
- Qing History: Problems in the Transmission of Modern Science in China, 1600-1900
- Qing History: Material Culture and Technology in Late Imperial China
- Special Topics: Classical Historiography for Chinese History, 1000-1900
- Proseminar: Qing China and Tokugawa Japan—Comparative Cultural History

Internet URL: <<http://www.princeton.edu/~classbib/>>

ACADEMIC AWARDS, HONORS & VISITING APPOINTMENTS

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Distinguished Achievement Award, 2011-2016

Gordon Wu '58 Professor of Chinese Studies, Princeton University, 2011-

Associated Faculty of the Tang Center for East Asian Art in the Art and Archaeology Department, 2011-

Visiting Changjiang Chair Professor of Chinese intellectual and cultural history 教育部特聘长江学者讲座教授. Sponsored by the Chinese Ministry of Education, the Fudan University History Department, and the Fudan National Institute for Advanced Humanistic Studies, Shanghai, 2008-2010. Renewed for three years, 2011-2013.

Visiting Chair Professor of Qing History 中国人民大学客座教授. Sponsored by the Qing History Institute and People's University, Beijing, 2010-2013.

National Endowment for the Humanities: Research Fellowship for Independent Study and Research, 1982-83. Visiting Scholar, Institute for Humanistic Studies, Kyoto University, Japan.

Pacific Cultural Foundation: Research Grant for Independent Study in Taiwan, 1982.

National Academy of Sciences, Committee on Scholarly Communication with the People's Republic of China: Grant for Research Program in China, 1983-84 & 1994-95. Visiting Scholar, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (Beijing), People's University Ch'ing History Institute, and Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences.

Council for International Exchange of Scholars, Fulbright Program: Grant for Research in Taiwan, 1983-84. Visiting Scholar, Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica.

Pacific Cultural Foundation: Travel Grant to attend International Symposium of Chinese Intellectual History, Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan, December 1984.

UCLA Academic Senate Research Grant: 1987-88, 1988- 89, 1989-90, 1990-91, 1992-93, 1993-94 awards for research support for project entitled "Education & Examinations in Late Imperial China, 1400-1900."

Council for International Exchange of Scholars, Fulbright Program: Grant for Research in Taiwan, 1990-91. Visiting Scholar, Institute of History & Philology, Academia Sinica.

Pacific Cultural Foundation: Research Grant for Independent Study in Taiwan, Fall, 1990.

Japan Foundation Fellowship: Area Studies Specialist Grant for research & teaching collaboration with members of Chinese Philosophy Department, Tokyo University, and at the Institute for Humanistic Studies, Kyoto Univ., February-June 1991.

National Science Council of Republic of China Appointment: Visiting Research Professor Award at Institute of History, National Tsing Hua University, September 1991-February 1992.

Berkeley Prize given biennially for the best book published by the Univ. of California Press in East Asian Studies for *Classicism, Politics, and Kinship* (1990).

Directeur d'Etudes, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris, France), September 1994.

American Council of Learned Societies Research Fellowship, 2007-2008, for research in China, Japan, and Korea on the topic of "Reconsidering Sino-Japanese-Korean Cultural History: The Intellectual Impact of Late Imperial Chinese Classicism, Medicine, and Science, 1700-1850.

Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Distinguished Fellowship for research and writing, 2007-2008.

Visiting Scholar, History Department, National Chengchi University, Taipei, April-May 2008.

Hamilton College, 1968: Phi Beta Kappa, Honors and Squire's Prize in Philosophy.

University of Hawaii: Dean's List, Fall, 1966, and Spring, 1967. East-West Center Junior Year Fellowship, 1966-67. Chosen for field study in Taiwan, summer, 1967.

American University: Graduate Fellowship, 1972-73.

Inter-University Center, Taipei: Tuition and travel fellowship, 1973-74.

University of Pennsylvania: NEDA, Title VI fellowships, 1974-77. Distinction on PH.D. examination, 1977.

Inter-University Center, Tokyo: Tuition and stipend fellowship, 1977-78.

University of Pennsylvania: PH.D. dissertation accepted with distinction by Oriental Studies faculty, 1980.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Chair, East Asian Studies Department, Princeton University, 2010-2013.

Executive Committee, Princeton Program in East Asian Art and Archaeology, 2002-2013.

Director, Princeton University, Program in East Asian Studies, 2005-2007, 2008-10.

Steering Committee, National Institute for Advanced Humanistic Studies at Fudan University, 2006-2013.

Reviewer of membership applications, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, 2008-2012.

Reviewer of Research Proposals to The American Academy in Berlin, 2008-2009, 2009-2010.

East Asian Studies Department Graduate Admissions Committee, 2008-2009, 2009-2010. Chair, 2004-2005, 2005-2010.

Faculty Fellow, Princeton Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts, 2004-2007.

Member, Chinese Studies Selection Committee of the Committee on Scholarly Communication with China, American Council of Learned Societies, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011.

Member of the evaluation committee for the Department of Chinese Studies, National Singapore University, November 16-23, 2012.

Member of the evaluation committee for the Department of History, National Chengchi University, Mucha, Taiwan, June 7-8, 2007. Department of History, Fudan University, Shanghai, December 16-18, 2009.

Associate Editor, *New Dictionary of the History of Ideas*. 6 vols. Farmington Hills, MI: Charles Scribner's Sons, Thomson Gale, 2005.

Director of Graduate Studies, East Asian Studies Department, Princeton University, 2003-2005.

Member of the Faculty Committee on the Graduate School, Princeton University, 2003-2005.

Convener, Princeton University East Asian Studies Department Lunch Symposium, 2003-2011.

Member, Princeton University, East Asian Library Advisory Committee, 2003-2011.

Member, Interdepartmental Committee, Program in East Asian Studies, 2002-2011.

Member, Association for Asian Studies, History of Science Society, Ming Studies, Society for Song-Yuan Studies.

Current Editorial Boards:

- *Chinese Studies in History* (M. E. Sharpe) since 2008,
- *East Asian Science, Technology and Society* (Taiwan),
- *East Asian Science, Technology and Medicine* (Tübingen),
- *Frontiers of History in China: Selected Publications from Chinese Universities* (Sichuan University in Chengdu),
- *The International History Review*,
- *Isis* (Sponsored by the History of Science Society) 2007-10,
- *Modern Intellectual History* (Cambridge University),
- *National Cheng-chi University Journal of History* 《國立政治大學歷史學報》校外顧問委邀請名單,
- *Shilin* 史林 [Historians] (Shanghai Academy of Social Science).
- *Zhongguo xueshu* 中國學術 [Chinese Scholarship] (Beijing University).
- *Taiwanese Journal for Studies of Science, Technology and Medicine*.
- *Journal of Sichuan University* 四川大學學報 (Philosophy and Social Sciences Edition), since 2012.

Co-organizer for faculty and graduate student workshops for a three-year research cluster on "East Asia and the Early Modern World: Fresh Perspectives on Material Culture, Social Formations, and Intellectual History, 1550-1800," sponsored by the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies and the East Asian Studies Program, 2009-2012.

Member and Chair (2009-10) of the Derek Price/Rod Webster Prize Sub-Committee from 2007 through 2010, The History of Science Society for the best article to appear in *ISIS* over the previous three years.

Co-organizer for three workshops on "Premodern Asian Statecraft in Comparative Context: The *Rituals of Zhou [Zhouli]* in East Asian History," convened 2002-2005. Co-organizer for final conference, December 8-11, 2006, sponsored by ACLS and the CCK Foundation, the Princeton East Asian Studies Program, the Princeton Davis Center for Historical Studies, and the Mercer Trust.

Advisor to the Center for the Study of East Asian Civilizations of National Taiwan University, 2003-2006.

Director, UCLA Center for Chinese Studies, 1997-99.

Member, UCLA Academic Senate, Committee on Academic Personnel, 1998-99, 2001-2002.

Vice-Chair for Academic Personnel, UCLA History Department 1992-97; Acting Chair (on occasions), 1993-97; Graduate Admissions and Awards Committee Chair, 1988-89, 1989-90.

Co-organizer for conference on "Education and Society in Late Imperial China," sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Mellon Foundation convened June 8-14, 1989, with approximately twenty-five participants. Co-editor of conference volume, published by the University of California Press in 1994.

Co-organizer for four workshops on "Rethinking Confucianism in Asia," convened 1997-98. Final conference co-organizer, "Rethinking Confucianism in Asia at the End of the 20th Century," sponsored by the UC Pacific Rim Research Program, the UC Humanities Research Program, and organized by the UCLA Center for Chinese Studies, May 29-June 1, 1999. Conference volume published in the UCLA Asia Institute Monograph Series, 2002.

Editor of *Chinese Science*, 1992-99.

Association for Asian Studies, Levenson Book Prize Committee, for best book on premodern China, 1995-97; Chair, 1996-97.

Referee: *Historia Scientiarum* (University of Tokyo), 2010, *Modern China*, 1986-2006. *Journal of Asian Studies*, 1986; *Late Imperial China*, 1988-92, 2004-05; 2005-07; *Philosophy East & West*, 1989; Columbia University Press, 1982; University of California Press, 1987; 2010; American Council of Learned Societies' sponsored conference volume, 1987; ACLS Post-doctoral Research in Chinese Studies fellowships, 1988-89, 1996-99, 2006-10; Harvard University, Council On East Asian Studies, Publication Committee, 1989, 1999; Stanford University Press, 1989; The Univ. of Chicago Press, 1990; E.J. Brill, Leiden, 2005; Columbia University Press, 2007, 2008.

Screening Committee for 1991-92 Fulbright-Hays Study Grants for Taiwan Nationals, September 27, 1990.

Selection Committee for 1991-92 Humphrey Fellowship and Fulbright Research Scholar Grants for Taiwan Nationals, October 24, 1990.

Referee for The Canada Council, Killiam Research Fellowship, September 1990; Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, Taiwan, Conference Support, 2010.

Referee for Research Fellowships and Promotion Files, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2003, 2005

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