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Education

2005 Ph.D. in History, Yale University
2002 M.Phil. in History, Yale University
2001 M.A. in History, Yale University
1994 B.A. *with highest honors*, History and Asian Studies, Williams College

Academic Positions

2013-present Associate Professor, Departments of History and East Asian Studies,
Princeton University
2006-2013 Assistant Professor, Departments of History and East Asian Studies,
Princeton University
2006 Lecturer, Department of History, Yale University (spring term)
1994-1995 Instructor, Sun Yat-sen Medical University, Guangzhou, China

Publications

“Republican China” (state of the field essay), in *A Companion to Chinese History*, ed. Michael Szonyi. Hoboken, N.J.: John Wiley & Sons, 2016.

The Search for Modern China: A Documentary Collection, eds. Janet Y. Chen, Pei-kai Cheng, Michael Lestz, with Jonathan D. Spence. New York: W.W. Norton, 2013.

“Will the Real Refugees Please Stand Up? War, Revolution, and the Politics of the Subei Refugee Crisis, 1940-1948.” *Twentieth-Century China* 38:2 (May 2013), 99-118.

Guilty of Indigence: The Urban Poor in China, 1900-1953. Princeton University Press, February 2012.

Review of Mark Peel, *Miss Cutler and the Case of the Resurrected Horse: Social Work and the Story of Poverty in America, Australia, and Britain*. *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 56: 2 (April 2014), 541-42.

Review of Helen M. Schneider, *Keeping the Nation's House: Domestic Management and the Making of Modern China*. *American Historical Review* 118:2 (April 2013), 497-98.

Review of Kathryn Edgerton-Tarpley, *Tears from Iron: Cultural Responses to Famine in Nineteenth-Century China*. *Journal of Asian Studies* 68:2 (May 2009), pp. 592-94.

Review of Marcia R. Ristaino, *The Jacquinet Safe Zone: Wartime Refugees in Shanghai*. *International Journal of Asian Studies* 6:2 (July 2009), pp. 235-36.

Fellowships and Honors

2015-16	American Council of Learned Societies, Frederick Burkhardt Fellowship for Recently Tenured Scholars
2015-16	Member, Institute for Advanced Study/School of Historical Studies, Princeton NJ
2010-13	Christian Gauss Fund University Preceptor, Princeton University
2008-9	American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship
2008-9	Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Junior Scholar Grant
2007-9, 11-12	Research Grants, Princeton University Committee on Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences
2002-05	Prize Fellowship, Yale University Council on East Asian Studies
2002-03	William J. Fulbright Fellowship, China, 2002
1999-2001	A. Bartlett Giamatti Fellowship, Yale University

Professional Presentations

“No Laughing Matter: Learning to Speak *Putonghua* in 1950s China,” Multilingualism beyond Europe Conference, Princeton University, September 2017.

“In Search of Standard Mandarin in Republican China,” AAS-in-Asia Conference, Seoul, June 2017.

“In Search of Standard Mandarin in Republican China,” Tel Aviv University, May 2017.

Discussant and keynote commentator, International Conference on Historical Anthropology and the History of China in the Twentieth Century, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, December 2016.

“In Search of Standard Mandarin in Republican China,” The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, October 2016.

“Language and Politics: The National Language Campaign in China, 1913-1936,” Nanjing University, June 2016.

“Taiwan Babel: The Politics of Language in the Transition from Colony to Nation, 1945-1955,”

AAS-in-Asia Conference, Kyoto, June 2016.

Discussant, “Beyond Missionary Studies Conference,” Columbia University, April 2016.

“What’s Wrong with the Chinese Language?” Goethe University-Frankfurt, December 2015.

“Learning to Speak Mandarin in Republican China, 1913-1935,” Duke University, October 2015.

“Encounters with the National Language from Colony to Nation: Taiwan, 1935-1950,” Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, March 2015.

“Encounters with the National Language from Shanghai to Chongqing, 1930-1945,” Academia Sinica, August 2014.

“Learning to Speak Mandarin in China, 1913-1935,” Emory University, April 2014.

Discussant, “The New Life Movement” panel, American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., January 2014.

“Encounters with the National Language from Shanghai to Chongqing, 1928-1945,” Fung Seminar, Princeton University, October 2013.

“Voices of a New Nation,” Association for Asian Studies, San Diego, March 2013.

“Dueling Sounds, Contending Tones,” Yale University, February 2013.

“Home and Homelessness in Shanghai,” Fung Global Forum, Shanghai, January 2013.

“Does Poverty in China Have a History?” “The Economic History of Poverty” conference, The History Project, MIT, November 2012.

“The Tale of Two Phonograph Records,” Historical Society for Twentieth-Century China, Hangzhou, June 2012.

“Beggars and Vagrants from Qing to China,” “From Qing to China” conference, Tel Aviv University, May 2012.

“The Changing Vocabulary of Work in Republican China,” East Asia in the Early Modern World, Princeton University, April 2012.

Discussant, “Suspect Loyalties: Negotiating Community and Nation in Wartime China,” Association for Asian Studies, Toronto, March 2012.

“Dueling Sounds, Contending Tones: The Unmaking of the National Language in China,” Harvard University, January 2012.

Teaching

Princeton University

HIS 325 Modern China

HIS 208 East Asia since 1800

HIS 439 China's Frontiers

FRS 102 The Many Lives of Mao Zedong

HIS 530 Modern China: Readings in Twentieth-Century History (graduate)

HIS 533 Research in Modern Chinese History (graduate)

Dissertation committees

As advisor: Daniel Barish (2017), Wayne Soon (2014)

As reader: Wei Wu (2017), James Bonk (2014), Yaqin Li (2011), Belinda Huang (2009), Lara Netting (2009)

Yale University

HIS 318 China in a Century of Revolution

HIS 493 Nationalism and Historical Memory in Modern China

University Service

Acting Associate Chair, Department of History, 2016-17.

Faculty Search Committee, Departments of East Asian Studies and History—Chinese History, Tang to Qing (chair), 2016-17.

Schwarzman Scholars Fellowship, faculty advisor, 2015-present.

Council on International Teaching and Research, 2014-17.

Labouisse Fellowship selection committee, 2013-present.

Committee on Classrooms and Scheduling, 2013-15.

East Asian Studies Program Executive Committee, 2013-present.

Wythes Center for Contemporary China Executive Committee, 2015-present.

East Asia Librarian search committee, 2014-15.

Faculty Search Committee, Asian American Studies, 2014-15.

Faculty Search Committee, Departments of History and East Asian Studies—Late Imperial China (chair), 2013-14.

Fulbright advisor, 2012-13; 2014-15.

Phi beta kappa selection committee, 2012-present.

Council of the Princeton University Community, 2007-11, Fall 2012; Executive Committee, 2009-10.

Planning Committee, Department of History, 2007-08, 2009-10, 2014-15.

Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of History, 2009-10.

Faculty Search Committee, Department of History—South Asia, 2006.

Professional Service

Associate Editor, *Journal of Chinese History*.

Referee: *Journal of Asian Studies*; *Modern Asian Studies*, *Journal of Global History*, *Cross-Currents: East Asian History and Culture Review*; *Modern Chinese Literature and Culture*; *Technology and Culture*.

Fellowship reviewer: Institute for Advanced Study/School of Historical Studies; ACLS Mellon Dissertation Fellowship; Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship; Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada; British Academy.