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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA. Department of History.
Associate Professor of Chinese History, September 2009-
Assistant Professor of Chinese History, July 2003 to September 2009.

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. Department of History.
Assistant Professor of Chinese History, August 2001 to May 2003.

EDUCATION

Columbia University, New York, NY.

Ph.D., History, October 2001.

M.Phil., History, October 1996.

Dissertation: "Religion, Superstition and Governing Society in Nationalist China."

Major field: Modern China. Minor fields: Modern Japanese history, pre-modern Chinese history,
history of political myth and ceremony.

M.A., October 1995.

Master's essay: "'The State is real, the individual is wicked': New Life Movement Discipline and Didacticism."

Harvard College, Cambridge, MA.

B.A. cum laude, East Asian Studies, June 1989.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Major fellowships

Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies, Center for Chinese Studies, National Library, Taiwan, September-December 2010.

An Wang Postdoctoral Fellowship, Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University, 2004-05.

Stanford Postdoctoral Fellowship Program in Chinese Studies, Center for East Asian Studies, 2004-05, declined.

V.K. Wellington Koo Dissertation Fellowship, East Asian Institute, Columbia University, 1999-2000.

Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, 1998-99.

American Council of Learned Societies/Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Fellowship for Dissertation Research Abroad, July-October 1997.

Committee on Scholarly Communication with China Fellowship for Graduate Study in China, September 1996-July 1997.

Fulbright-Hays Research Fellowship, 1996-7, declined.

Hofstadter/President's Fellow, Department of History, Columbia University, 1993-99.

Research funding

Research Incentive Grant, Boston College, 2007-09.

Faculty Fellowship, Boston College, Fall 2007.

Research Expense Grants, Boston College, Summer-Fall 2005 and Winter-Spring 2003-04.

East Asian Collection, Stanford University Research Grant, Stanford East Asia National Resource Center, 2002.

Purdue Library Scholars' Grant, Purdue University, 2002.

Teaching recognition and grants

Teaching with New Media (TWIN) Award, *summa cum laude*, Boston College, 2006. Given in recognition of faculty members for outstanding uses of technology to enhance learning.

International Curriculum Enhancement Grant, US Department of Education, administered by International Programs in Agriculture, Purdue University, 2001-2002. With Sally Hastings. Grant awarded to develop new course, "Gender in East Asian History."

Princeton-in-Asia Intern, Dalian University of Technology, Dalian, China, 1990-91.

LANGUAGES

Fluent in spoken Mandarin and written modern Chinese. Good knowledge of classical Chinese and Japanese. Reading knowledge of French.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Monographs:

Superstitious Regimes: Religion and the Politics of Chinese Modernity (Harvard University Asia Center, 2009.)

Articles in edited volumes:

"Ritual Competition and the Modernizing Nation-State," in Mayfair Mei-hui Yang, ed. *Chinese Religiosities: Afflictions of Modernity and State Formation* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2008), 87-112.

"Two Tombs: Thoughts on Zhu Yuanzhang, the Kuomintang, and the Meanings of National Heroes," in Sarah K. Schneewind, ed. *Long Live the Emperor! The Uses of the Ming Founder Across Six Centuries of East Asian History* (Minneapolis: Ming Studies, 2008), 355-390.

"Civic Faith and Hybrid Ritual in Nationalist China," in Dennis Washburn and A. Kevin Reinhart, ed., *Converting Cultures: Religion, Ideology, and Transformations of Modernity* (Leiden: Brill, 2007), 27-56.

Journal articles:

"'Begging the Sages of the Party-State': Citizenship and Government in Transition in Nationalist China, 1927-1937," with Liang Hong-ming, *International Review of Social History*, 2001 Supplement (also published as Lex Heerma van Voss, ed., *Petitions in Social History* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002)), 183-207.

Encyclopedia articles:

"Nanjing," in David Pong, gen. ed., *Encyclopedia of Modern China* (Scribner's, 2009) v. 3, 1-4.

Book reviews:

Review of Madeleine Yue Dong and Joshua Goldstein, ed., *Everyday Modernity in China* in *Journal of Asian Studies*, 66: 4 (November 2007), 1114-5.

Review of Beatrice Leung and Shun-hing Chan, *Changing Church and State Relations in Hong Kong, 1950-2000*, in *China Information* 18:3 (November 2004), 512-514.

Review of Yihong Pan, *Tempered in the Revolutionary Furnace: China's Youth in the Rustication Movement*, in *History: Review of New Books* 32.1 (Fall 2003), 31-32.

Review of Charles Brewer Jones, *Buddhism in Taiwan: Religion and the State, 1660-1990*, *Modern Chinese Literature and Culture List*, October 6, 2000.

Other articles:

"Who's Afraid of Technology?", *The Heights*, February 23, 2006.

Conference Report on 'Casting Faiths: The Construction of Religion in East and Southeast Asia', *Asian Studies Newsletter* 50:3 (Fall 2005), 22-23.

Film Review of *Through Chinese Women's Eyes*, *Out of Phoenix Bridge* and *Night Girl*, in *The Newsletter for Coordinating Council for Women in History* 34:3 (Fall 2004), 7 & 9.

Website:

"China Gateway" (www.bc.edu/chinagateway) a site of resources for students of Chinese history and cultures, links to the broader scholarly community, and primary-source learning modules.

Work in progress:

Mapping Body and Spirit: Home, Displacement and Community across China's Mid Twentieth Century Wars. Research monograph.

"Sun Yat-sen and the Ghosts of Nanjing: A Geography." Article.

"Seeing and Surveying Religion in Republican China." Journal article.

"The Gender of Superstition: Mediums, Medicine and Modernities in Republican China." Journal article.

Invited lectures and workshop papers:

"Buddhism and the Boundaries of 'Religion' as a Category of Modern Chinese Governance." Columbia University Buddhist Studies Seminar, March 2, 2010.

"Religion and the Politics of Being Public in Nationalist China." Paper for "A Century of Change: China and Modernization 1900–the Present," conference sponsored by Asian Division, Library of Congress, Washington D.C., Confucius Institute at the University of Maryland, and Institute for Religion and Society, Oxford, UK; September 16-18, 2009.

"The Public and the Hidden in Religion during Times of War and Crisis." Paper for Conference on Engaged Religion and the Public Good in Chinese Societies, National Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan, June 1-2, 2008.

"The Gender of 'Superstition': Mediums, Medicine, and Chinese State Modernity, 1927-1937." Gender Studies Lecture Series, National Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan, December 27, 2007.

"Ritual Competition and the Modernizing Nation State." University of California, San Diego, November 15, 2007.

"Ritual Competition and the Modernizing Nation State: the Case of China, 1927-1937." Princeton University East Asian Studies Lecture Series, November 7, 2007.

"The Anti-superstition Campaign as Emotional Imperative and Emotional Process." Seminar talk, Harvard-Yenching Institute, May 9, 2006.

"The Anti-superstition Campaign as Emotional Imperative and Emotional Process." Paper for International Conference on Religion, Modernity, and the State in China and Taiwan, University of California, Santa Barbara, October 28-30, 2005.

"Material Motives in the Nationalist 'Anti-Superstition' Campaigns in China: Ways of Reading Religious Suppression and Resistance." Paper for "Casting Faiths: The Construction of Religion in East and Southeast Asia" workshop at National University of Singapore, June 6-8, 2005.

"Surveying and Seeing Religious Practice in Republican China." Paper for Workshop on "Religion" in China: Rethinking Indigenous and Imported Categories of Thought, Fairbank Center for East

- Asian Research, Harvard University, May 28-29, 2005.
- “Sentimental Regimes: Ritual, Emotion and the Mirage of Secular Nationalism.” Paper for “Affect, Emotion and Public Life in Modern East Asia,” a joint workshop of the Fairbank Center for East Asian Research and the Reischauer Institute, Harvard University, May 6-7, 2005.
- “Material Motives in the Nationalist Campaigns against Superstition, 1927-1937.” Director’s Seminar, Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University, March 24, 2005.
- “The Uses of Superstition: Religion and the Nationalist Campaign to Reform Chinese Society.” Invited lecture, Southern Methodist University, October 25, 2004.
- “Planning the Ritual Economy: The Chinese Nationalist Party Meets Popular Religious Practice, 1927-1937.” Director’s Seminar, Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University, May 14, 2004.
- “Planning the Ritual Economy: The Chinese Nationalist Party Meets Popular Religious Practice, 1927-1937.” Presentation for “New Directions in Modern Chinese History,” 2003 Fall Colloquium Series, Stanford University, October 30, 2003.
- “The Gender of Superstition: Medicine, Magic and the Chinese Nationalist State.” Paper presented at Conference on Civility and Governmentality in Republican China (1912-1949), Bard College, April 26, 2003.
- “The Supply and Demand of Fortunes: Banning ‘Superstitious Persons’ in Kuomintang China.” Paper presented at Workshop on Deviance and Social Control in Early Twentieth Century China, Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University, April 12-13, 2003.
- “Civic Faith and Hybrid Ritual in Nationalist China.” Presentation for the East Asian Colloquium Series, East Asian Studies Center, Indiana University, Bloomington, December 6, 2002.
- “The Gender of Superstition: Medicine, Magic and the Chinese Nationalist State.” Women’s Studies Noon Lecture, Purdue University, November 6, 2002.

Conference papers:

- “Seeing and Surveying Religion in Republican China: the Birth of an Epistemology.” Paper for “Religion, Ethnicity, and Politics in Modern China”, panel accepted for Social Science History Association 2010 Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 18-21, 2010.
- “Seeing and Surveying Religion in Nationalist China: the Birth of an Epistemology.” Paper for the Seventh Annual Symposium on the Social Scientific Study of Religion in China, Renmin University, Beijing, July 26-27, 2010.
- “Shanghai in the *Dianshizhai Huabao* Illustrated Journal” (with Jeffrey Wasserstrom.) Presentation at “Visualizing Global Asia at the Turn of the 20th Century,” MIT Visualizing Cultures/Council on East Asian Studies, Yale University, April 29-May 1, 2010.
- “Contesting Ritual in the Age of Mass Politics in China.” Paper presented at the Confucian Traditions Group, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November 17-20, 2007
- “Surveying and Seeing Religious Practice in Republican China.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Boston, MA, March 22-25, 2007.
- “‘Superstition’ and the Politics of Chinese Modernity in Rural Jiangsu, 1927-1937.” Paper presented at “Rethinking the Rural: Land and the Nation in the 1920s and 1930s” international conference, Royal Holloway, University of London, January 4-6, 2007.
- “Two Tombs: Thoughts on Zhu Yuanzhang, the Kuomintang, and the Meanings of National Heroes.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Francisco, CA, April 6-9, 2006.
- “The Material Motive in Campaigns against Religion: National Arguments and Local Repercussions in 1930s China.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Philadelphia, January 5-8, 2006.

- "Reading Resistance to the Chinese Nationalist Campaigns against Superstition, 1927-1937." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Washington, DC, March 4-7, 2004.
- "The Gender of Superstition: Medicine, Magic and the Chinese Nationalist State." Paper presented at the Association for Asian Studies 2003 New England Regional Meeting, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, October 24-25, 2003
- "The Gender of Superstition: Medicine, Magic and the Chinese Nationalist State." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago, January 2-5, 2003.
- "Civic Faith and Hybrid Ritual in Nationalist China." Paper presented at "Converting Cultures: Religion, Ideology and Transformations of Modernity", Humanities Institute, Dartmouth College, December 1-3, 2002.
- "Religion, Superstition and the Art of Governing Society in Nationalist China." Paper presented at Siting Secularism Conference, Oberlin College, April 19-21, 2002.
- "The Uses of Superstition: Religion and the Nationalist Campaign to Reform Chinese Society." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Washington, DC, April 4-7, 2002.
- "Science, Superstition and the Art of Governing Society." Paper presented at "Ideology and Science: A Special Autumn Symposium in Chinese Studies," University of California, Berkeley, October 19, 2001.
- "The Uses of Superstition: Lessons in Religion and Politics from Nationalist China." Paper presented at "China's Long Twentieth Century: Words, Images, Voices," Second Annual Graduate Symposium, University of Chicago, April 13-14, 2001.
- "Religion, Superstition and Governing Society in Nationalist China." Paper presented at 7th Annual Graduate Student Conference on East Asia, Columbia University, February 7, 1998.
- "The State is real, the individual is wicked!': New Life Movement Discipline and Didacticism." Paper presented at 4th Annual Graduate Student Conference on East Asia, Columbia University, February 10-12, 1995.

Commentator and organizer:

- Discussant, "Dissemination of Western Knowledge and Ideology in Late Imperial and Modern China," Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, San Diego, January 7-10, 2010.
- Discussant, Session on "Church and State in East Asia," Religion, Identity and Power: Consortium of African and Asian Studies Inaugural International Conference, Leiden University, August 26-28, 2009.
- Panel co-organizer, "The Power of 'Religion' in China," Confucian Traditions Group, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November 17-20, 2007
- Discussant, Katherine Carlitz, "The 'Virtuous Woman' in Republican-era China: Defense against Modernity? Nationalist Tool?", China Gender Studies Workshop, Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University, November 3, 2006.
- Discussant, Workshop on "Public Culture in Contemporary East Asia: Global Flows, Cultural Intimacy, and the Nation-State," Asia Center and Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University, April 22, 2006.
- Co-organizer, "Affect, Emotion and Public Life in Modern East Asia," a joint workshop of the Fairbank Center for East Asian Research and the Reischauer Institute, Harvard University, May 6-7, 2005.
- Discussant, Eugenia Lean, "Politics of Passion: The Case of Shi Jianqiao and the Rise of Public Sympathy in 1930s China." Director's Seminar, Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University, April 28, 2005.

Panel chair and discussant, "Imagining Nanjing: Socio-Cultural Transformations of a Chinese City, 1500-1937," Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, New York, March 27-30, 2003.

Panel co-organizer, "Gender, Medicine and the State," Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago, January 2-5, 2003.

Panel organizer, "Re-evaluating Reform: Rhetoric, Politics and the Personal in Shaping Republican China," Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Washington, DC, April 4-7, 2002.

Panel chair and discussant, "Capitalism in Contemporary China." Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Lincoln, NE, September 28-30, 2001.

Guest lectures and seminars:

"Medicine, Self and Nation in Nationalist China." Guest lecture and discussion for History 2395: Modern East Asia (Instructor: Prof. Sarah Schneewind), Southern Methodist University, October 25, 2004.

Graduate document-reading seminar for students of History 396b: New Directions in Modern Chinese History (Instructor: Prof. Matthew Sommer), Stanford University, October 31, 2003.

"Gender, Transculturalism, China and History." Guest lecture for IDIS 280: Women's Studies: An Introduction (Instructor: Ms Ya-chen Chen), Purdue University, April 18, 2003.

"Chinese History during the Republic, 1911-1949." Guest lecture for Chinese 280: Topics in Chinese Civilization and Culture, Purdue University (Instructor: Prof. Alice Wang), March 25, 2003.

"The Social Background of *Camel Xiangzi* and Lao She's Reception in the US." Guest lecture for Chinese 594: 20th Century Chinese Fiction (Instructor: Prof. Ai-jen Wann), Purdue University, March 10, 2003.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Boston College:

Undergraduate courses:

HS 006 Asia in the World II (university core curriculum)

HS 152 China Pop: Chinese Society through Popular Culture

HS 300.86 Study and Writing of History: Rites of Power in China

HS 300.97 Study and Writing of History: Shanghai in Myth and History

HS 303 Late Imperial China, 1600-1912

HS 304 Greater China in the Modern Age, 1895-Present

Directed independent study and research in modern Chinese history, US-China relations, the Japanese empire in China, contemporary Chinese society, the comparative history of the Olympics and the history of the Chinese diaspora

Graduate/upper division:

HS 628 Religion in Chinese Society (upper level undergraduate/graduate seminar)

HS 802 Graduate Colloquium: Introduction to Doctoral Studies

HS 805 Graduate Colloquium: Nation, Religion and the Meaning of the Modern

HS 817 Graduate Colloquium: Ritual and Space

Directed graduate fields in the history and historiography of religion and conversion, nationalism, the state and modernity, religion and modernity and modern Chinese and Japanese history.

Graduate advisees: 1 MA completed, 1 MA and 1 PhD in progress

Graduate field examinees: 6 MA; 5 PhD

Purdue University:

Undergraduate: East Asia and Its Historic Tradition; East Asia in the Modern World; Traditional

China; Modern China

Graduate/upper division: Defining China: Culture, Nation and Identity in the Modern Era; independent study in modern Chinese women's history.

Graduate supervision: 1 PhD field examination, 1 PhD doctoral defense committee

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Member: American Historical Association, Association for Asian Studies, Coordinating Council for Women in History.

Associate: Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University.

Service to the profession:

Co-organizer: Modern Chinese History Seminar, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, 2006 to present.

Officer: Coordinating Council for Women in History: Outreach Coordinator, 2002-2006; Website Coordinator, 2004-2008.

Refereed manuscripts for Harvard University Press, *Journal of Asian Studies*; *Modern China*; *Twentieth Century China*; *Agricultural History*.

Supervised and edited Chinese-to-English translation of Zhu Yuhe, ed., *Zhongguo geming shi tonglun* [General History of the Chinese Revolution] (Beijing: Tsinghua University Press, 1997), Purdue-Tsinghua Chinese History Project, May-August 2002.

University service:

Director, Asian Studies Program, July 2009-present.

McCarthy Prize Committee, 2006 and 2007; David L. Boren National Security Education Program Campus Review Committee, 2007; Selection Committee, Teaching with New Media Awards, 2007; Advanced Study Grant Committee (Humanities); 2010; Asia Advisory Committee, Office of International Programs, 2007-present.

Associated faculty: Asian Studies minor, Boston College and Purdue University; Women's Studies Program, Purdue University, 2002-03.

Departmental service:

Boston College: History Department Graduate Committee (2006-07, 08-10), Library Liaison Committee (2005-07), Core Committee (2003-04), search committee for replacement hire, East Asia (2008); chair's advisory committee on Islamic World position (2005); Purdue University: Graduate Committee, Elections Committee.

Faculty co-advisor: Phi Alpha Theta, Boston College, 2003-04 and 2005-07.

Outreach and Professional Development

Panelist, Symposium on Religion and the Future of China, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, June 11, 2008.

Presenter, "Which is More Cosmopolitan, Chinese Secularism or Chinese Religion?", Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations 2008 Harvard Conference, April 3-6, 2008.

Invited participant, Workshop on Chinese Protestantism and Contemporary Church-State Relations, Long Term Strategy Group, Cambridge, MA, March 9, 2007.

Faculty presenter/panelist, Boston College:

- Asian Journeys exhibit, McMullen Museum: Exhibit opening, February 25, 2010; Traveling Seminar, March 23, 2010
- Teaching with Visuals, Faculty Summer Workshop, Instructional Design and eTeaching Services, June 12, 2007
- Admitted Eagle Weekend for prospective undergraduates and families, April 15, 2007.
- "Why Go to Graduate School?", McNair Scholars and Learning to Learn Programs, October

16, 2006.

Participant, Teachers for a New Era Faculty Mentoring Program, School of Arts and Sciences and Lynch School of Education, Boston College, 2005-06 and 2008.

Participant, Faculty Summer Workshop pilot program, Academic Technology Services, Boston College, June 21-30, 2004.

Participant, Workshop on Writing as Inquiry, School of Liberal Arts Program on Writing Intensive Instruction, Purdue University, May 6-10, 2002.

Guest speaker, Teaching about Asia, Freeman Seminar for K-12 teachers, Purdue University, March 20, 2002 (sponsored by East Asian Studies Center, Indiana University.)

Co-organizer, 5th Annual Graduate Student Conference on East Asia, Columbia University, February 7-9, 1996.

Rapporteur, University Seminar on Traditional China, Columbia University, 1994-95.

Selected participant, Ford Foundation Workshop on Research and Research Methods in the Developing World, Columbia University, 1994-5.

Rapporteur, Luce Workshop on Contract in Chinese Culture, Columbia University, October 1994.

ADVANCED STUDY AND RESEARCH AFFILIATION:

Institute of Modern History, **Academia Sinica**, Taipei, Taiwan (1997)

Department of History, **Nanjing University** (1996-7)

Taipei Language Institute, Taipei and Taichung, Taiwan (1991-93)

Dalian University of Technology, Dalian, China (1990-91)