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Education

University of Hawaii, Manoa	05/94 - 12/99	Ph.D.	History
University of Hawaii, Manoa	08/92 - 05/94	M.A.	History
Tunghai University (Taiwan)	06/89 - 08/89	(Chinese Lang.)	
Whitman College	08/85 - 05/89	B.A.	History

Academic Positions

2010 - present	Director of Graduate Studies , Dept. of History & Religious Studies, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania.
2008 - present	Associate Professor of History & Asian Studies , Dept. of History & Religious Studies, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania.
2010-11	Visiting Research Scholar , Department of History, Yunnan University.
2002 - 2008	Assistant Professor of History & Asian Studies , Dept. of History & Religious Studies, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania.
2007-08	Visiting Fellow , Center for Studies of Chinese Southwest Borderland Ethnic Minorities of Yunnan University.
2001-2002	Assistant Professor , Department of History, University of Colorado at Denver, Denver, Colorado.
2001	Visiting Fellow , Center of Islamic and Central Asian Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin Germany.
1999-2001	Assistant Professor , Department of History, Juniata College, Pennsylvania.
1997-98	Research Scholar , Department of History, Yunnan University, China.
1996-97	Research Scholar , Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan.
1989-90	Instructor , Foreign Languages and Literature Department, Yunnan University, China.

Publications

- 2010 **"Ruminations on the Interpretive Framework of 19th Century Tibet-Yunnan Relations,"** *Journal of Ethnology* 1-2 (2010) [In Chinese].
- 2009 [Book] **Sources in Chinese History: Diverse Perspectives from 1644 to the Present** (Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2009).
- 2007 **"Holy Culture Wars: Patterns of Ethno-Religious Violence in 19th and 20th Century China,"** in *Belief and Bloodshed: Religion and Violence Across Time and Tradition*. Ed. James Wellman. (Rowman & Littlefield, 2007).
- 2006 [Book] **The Chinese Sultanate: Islam, Violence, and the Panthay Rebellion, 1856-1873.** (Stanford University Press). (CHINESE Translation under contract with Yang Jide and Ningxia Chubanshe).
- 2003 **"Blinkered Visions: Islamic Identity, Hui Ethnicity, and the Panthay Rebellion in Southwest China, 1856-1874,"** *Journal of Asian Studies*, vol. 62, no. 4 November 2003. (CHINESE Translation in Lu Ren (ed.), *Xiandai Xifang Xueshu Sheyehong de Zhongguo Xinan Bianjiang Shi*, 2007)
- 2002 **"Trading Places: Resistance, Ethnicity and Governance in 19th Century Yunnan,"** in Robert J. Antony and Jane K. Leonard, eds., *Dragons, Tigers, and Dogs Qing Crisis Management and the Boundaries of State Power in Late Imperial China* Cornell East Asia Series.
- 1999 **"Larger Than Life: French Imperialism in Southwest China, 1886-1904"** in *Shixue Luncong* (Studies in History), no.7, Dec., 1999.
- 1997 **"Islam in the World of Yunnan: Muslim Yunnanese Identity in 19th Century Yunnan,"** *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*, 17(1) 1997.

Book Reviews & Other Publications

- 2008 Review of *Amid the Clouds and Mist: China's Colonization of Guizhou, 1200-1700* by John E Herman. *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*, forthcoming [68.1 (December 2008)].
- 2007 Review of *Frontier People: Han Settlers In Minority Areas Of China* by Mette Halskov Hansen. *China Information* 21.1 (2007).
- 2007 Review of *Empire at the Margins: Culture, Ethnicity, and Frontier in Early Modern China* edited by Pamela Crossley, Helen Siu, and Donald Sutton. *Journal of Asian Studies*, 65.3 (2007).

- 2006 Review of *Reluctant Pioneers: China's Expansion Northward, 1644-1937* by James Reardon-Anderson. *Journal of Social History*, 40.1 September 2006.
- 2003 Review of *Code, Custom and Legal Practice in China: The Qing and the Republic Compared*, by Philip C.C. Huang. *China Review International*, 10.2, Fall 2003, 411-414.
- 2003 Review of *Ways of Being Ethnic in Southwest China*. By Stevan Harrell. *The Historian*, 65.6, 1438-1439.
- 2002 Review of *Perspectives on the Yi of Southwest China* edited by Stevan Harrell. *The Historian*, 65.2, 479-480.
- 2002 Review of *The Sextants of Beijing: Global Currents in Chinese History* by Joanna Waley-Cohen. *Journal of World History*, 13.1. (Spring 2002), 203-205.
- 2001 Review of *Musulman de Chine: Une anthropologie des Hui du Henan* by Elisabeth Allès. *China Perspectives* No. 36 (July-August 2001), 76-77.

Fellowships & Awards

- 2011-2013 **Mellon Foundation – Supplemental New Direction Fellowship** [\$40,000]
[Three-summer Competitive Supplemental Grant on “Islam in Tibet”]
- 2011 **Confucius Institute Workshop Grant - “China in Motion: Urban-Rural Migration in Modern China”** [\$8,000]
- 2007-2010 **Mellon Foundation – New Direction Fellowship** [\$164,147]
[Three-year Grant on “Islam in Tibet”]
- 2007/2008 **Fulbright Scholar Research Award – China** [\$69,000]
[Project Title: Corridors of Contact: Lin Zexu, Barbarians and Borderlands in Late Imperial China, 1785-1850]
- 2007 (Spring) **Institute for the Arts and Humanities – Resident Scholar**
(Penn State) [\$1,000 with one semester teaching release]
- 2006 **International Programs Faculty Travel Fund** [\$2,000]
- 2005 **Kent Forster Memorial Junior Faculty Award** [\$4,000]
- 2005 **University of Pittsburgh East Asian Library travel grant**
[\$500]
- 2001 **Junior Fellow of the Working Group Modernity and Islam** (Berlin, Germany) [\$10,000]

- 2000 **Islam and Modernity Summer Academy**, Working Group
Modernity and Islam, (Berlin, Germany) [\$4,000]
- 1998/99 **University of Hawaii Dissertation Completion
Fellowship**
(United States—Year) [\$10,000]
- 1997/98 **Outstanding Young Scholar Dissertation Scholarship** —
China Times Cultural Foundation (US) (China—Year) [\$8,000]
- 1997 **Pacific Cultural Foundation Scholarship**
(Taiwan—Summer) [\$2,000]
- 1996/97 **J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship**
(Taiwan—Year) [\$14,000]
- 1996/97 **Foreign Language Area Studies Dissertation Scholarship**,
(Chinese Language), Declined.
- 1989-90 **Whitman-in-China Fellowship** (Yunnan University)

Professional & Invited Papers

Association for Asian Studies (AAS) — National Conference (Honolulu, HI)
 • **March 31, 2011** — Organizer and panelist on panel entitled “Contesting Ethnicity
in Imperial China.” Presented paper entitled “Strangers Inside the Gate: Lin Zexu,
Collaborators and Ethno-Frontiers”

American Historical Association (AHA) – National Conference (Boston, MA)
 • **January 8, 2011** — Organizer and panelist on panel entitled “Transformation,
Integration and Confrontation in Late Nineteenth- and Early Twentieth-Century
Eastern Tibet (Kham).” Presented paper entitled “Accommodation, Acculturation,
amalgamation, and Back Again: The Tibetan Muslim Experience in Nineteenth- to
Twenty-First-Century Kham”

**Workshop On Proselytizing And The Limits Of Religious Pluralism In The
Era Of Globalization, National University of Singapore,**
 • **September 16-17, 2010** — Invited speaker, delivered talk entitled “A Rock and a
Hard Place: Converting Lapsed Muslims on the Sino-Tibetan Borderlands.”

**From Mao to Deng: The Fall and Rise of China Symposium, Camden
County Community College**
 • **February 25, 2009** — Invited speaker, delivered talk entitled “China’s Shangri-las:
How Tibetans, Muslims and Mongols Shaped the People’s Republic of China”

Duke in China – Yunnan Normal University, Kunming, China

- **February 22, 2007** — Invited speaker, delivered talk entitled “The Yunnan Difference: Contesting the Definitions of Local, Regional and National Histories on China’s Borderlands.”

Symposium on Eurasian Connections, New York University,

- **April 22, 2007** — Invited speaker, delivered paper "Muslim Chinese Inside and Out: Shifting Conceptualizations of Empire, Barbarians and Islam in Late Imperial China"

Association for Asian Studies (AAS) — National Conference (Boston, MA)

- **March 22, 2007** — Organizer and panelist on panel entitled “Khams on the Periphery, Khams at the Center: Geopolitical, Cultural and Ethnic Interaction Along the Sino-Tibetan Frontier.” Presented paper entitled “Ethnic Corridors and Sino-Tibetan Relations: Interpretative Frameworks of 19th Century Khams”

Symposium on Asia in the Curriculum (Los Angeles CA)

- **October 13, 2006:** Invited speaker to participate on Islam in Asia panel, delivered talk examining the historical significance of Muslims in Chinese and Tibetan history.

Pacific Basin Institute (Pomona College) Invited Speaker Series (Claremont, CA)

- **October 12, 2006:** Invited speaker to deliver talk entitled “Corridors of Contact: Lin Zexu, Barbarians, and Borderlands in Late Imperial China, 1785-1850.”

Sino-Tibetan Borderlands Symposium (Chengdu, China)

- **June 20-23, 2006:** Presented paper entitled “Traitors, Fanatics, and Barbarians: The Blinkered Narratives of Tibet, Islam and non-Han Ethnic Groups along the 19th Century Sino-Tibetan Borderlands”

Third Nanjing University-Harvard (Yanching) Forum for Dialogue between Chinese and Islamic Civilization (Kunming, China)

- **June 16-18, 2006:** Presented paper entitled “Local Visions and Global Connections – Yunnan Muslims between Two Worlds.”

UCLA International Institute: Islam in Asia Workshop (Los Angeles CA)

- **May 13, 2006** — Invited speaker. Delivered talk “Islam and Governing a Diverse China” for workshop on Islam in Asia

UCLA International Institute: Islam in China Workshop (Los Angeles CA)

- **May 14, 2005** — Invited speaker. Delivered talk “Islam South of the Clouds,” for workshop on China’s Muslim minorities.

Association for Asian Studies (AAS) — National Conference (Chicago, IL)

- **April 1, 2005** — Organizer and panelist. Presented entitled “Blurred Boundaries: Shifting Notions of Hanjian-ism in 19th Century Yunnan”

American Historical Association (AHA) – National Conference (Seattle, WA)

- **January 7, 2005** — Organizer and panelist. Presented entitled “Which Hui?: Myths, Misconceptions and Misrepresentations of Muslim Chinese (Hui) in Modern China

Workshop on Islamic Education in China - State Department Bureau of Intelligence and Research (Washington D.C.)

- **October 7, 2004** — Presented paper “Islamic and Hui Education in Yunnan: The Origins and Resurgence of Islamic Education in Southwest China.”

Center for East Asian Studies – University of Wisconsin, Madison

- **April 13, 2004** — Invited to presented paper “Islam Beyond the Pale: Islamic Identity and the Panthay Rebellion.”

Religion, Conflict and Violence: Exploring Patterns Past and Present, East and West Symposium (University of Washington)

- **May 12-13, 2004** — Invited to present paper “Holy Culture Wars or Cultural Holy Wars: Patterns of Islamic Violence and Conflict in 19th and 20th Century China.”

Religious Studies Public Lecture Series (Pennsylvania State University)

- **February 5, 2004** — Presented “Islam in China: The Search for Accommodation or Autonomy?”

Workshop on China's Ethnic Minorities - State Department Bureau of Intelligence and Research (Washington D.C.)

- **October 6, 2003** — Presented paper “View from Below: Ethnicity, Trade, and Notions of Illicitness in Southwest China.”

International Conference on the History and Culture of Dali, Yunnan and Nanzhao Culture (Dali, China).

- **October 14 - 18, 2002** — Presented paper “The Du Wenxiu Sultanate through Foreign Eyes: A New Look at Western Accounts of the Pingnan Regime.”

American Historical Association (AHA) – National Conference (San Francisco),

- **January 3, 2002** — Co-organizer of panel entitled “(de)Limiting Empire: Islam, Ethnicity, and Education in the Borderlands of the Qing and Ottoman Empires. Presented paper, “Islam, Ethnic Corridors, and State Transgressions.”

Wissenschaftskolleg Berlin Seminar, Institute for Advanced Study Berlin

- **June 27, 2001** — Invited to present paper “Illicit Visions: Re-envisioning the Panthay Rebellion and Muslim Identity in Late Imperial Yunnan.”

“1900: The Boxers, China and the World,” Chiang Ching-kuo/British Academy

- **June 22-24, 2001** — Brunei Gallery, School of Oriental and African Studies, London. Invited to present paper entitled “Boxers Beyond the Pale: Re-positioning Anti-foreign and Anti-Christian Hostility in Southwest China, 1875-1902.”

“History and Historiography: New Approaches and Perspectives”

Institute of Islamic Studies, Free University of Berlin Summer Academy —

- **September 18-29, 2000** — Free University of Berlin. Presented paper entitled “Islam South of the Clouds: Muslim Yunnanese, Ethnic Insurgency, and Transnationalism in Southwestern China.”

"(Il)licit Bonds: Flows of People, Objects and Ideas" Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Workshop —

- **July 1-3, 2000** — CERI- Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Internationales (Center for International Studies and Research), Paris. Presented paper entitled "On the Edge: Cross-border Ethnicity and Trade along the Yunnanese Borderlands."

"Qing Crisis Management & Bonds of Civil Community" American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Research Symposium —

- **October 10-13, 1998** — Presented paper entitled "Trading Places: Resistance, Ethnicity and Governance in 19th Century Yunnan."

Association for Asian Studies (AAS) — National Conference (Washington D.C.)

- **March 28, 1998** — Presented paper entitled "Dual-ing Frontiers:" The Power of the Chinese Historical Narrative in Southwestern China.

Courses Taught

Intro Level History Courses:

World History to 1500 (HIST10)

History of Modern East Asian History (HIST175)

Tibet: Sacred People, Places and Spaces (HIST/RLST 197A)

Upper Level History Courses:

20th Century China (HIST486)

19th Century China (HIST485W)

Graduate Level History Courses:

Islam's Orient: Islam, Nationalism and Ethnic Violence in China (HIST/RLST/CMLIT597C)

First Year Seminar for Graduate Teaching Assistants (HIST602a)

Teaching Seminar for Advanced History Graduate Students (HIST602b)

Late Imperial and Modern China (HIST581) [*To be taught FA2011*]

Ethnicity and Borderlands in Late Imperial China (HIST588) [*To be taught FA2012*]

Languages

Chinese (Classical and Modern Mandarin)

French (Conversant Reading/Speaking)

Tibetan (Intermediate Reading/Speaking)

Italian (Reading)

References

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