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Chair and Professor of History, Saint Joseph's University
Director, Asian Studies Program, Saint Joseph's University
Editorial Board, *Twentieth-Century China*
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EMPLOYMENT RECORD

Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Professor of History, August 2010 –
Chair, History Department, Spring 2015-
Director, International Relations Program, June 2010- December 2013
Associate Professor of History, August 2005 – June 2010
Assistant Professor of History, August 1999 - June 2005
Founding Director, Asian Studies Program, Fall 2003-Spring 2006; Spring 2015-

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey

Visiting Professor of History, Spring 2016

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Lecturer in Department of History, Spring 2013; Spring 2006
Lecturer in History Department, College of General Studies, Fall 1998

State University of New York, College at New Paltz, New Paltz, New York

Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Spring 1999.

The College of New Jersey, Ewing, New Jersey

Adjunct Instructor of History, Fall 1998.

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

Lecturer in History Department, Spring 1998.
Part-time Acting Instructor, Fall 1997; Fall 1994.

EDUCATION

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

Ph.D. in History, May, 1998.
Dissertation: "Nationalism in an International City: Creating a Chinese Harbin, 1916-1932."
Dissertation directors: Jonathan D. Spence, Beatrice S. Bartlett
Qualifying examinations (May, 1994): Major field: History of China Since 1550 (Spence, Bartlett)
Minor: Traditional China (Valerie Hansen)
Southeast Asia Since 1858 (Benedict Kiernan)
Master of Arts and Master of Philosophy, May, 1994.

Heilongjiang University, Harbin, China

Visiting scholar, 1995-96.

CET/Harbin Institute of Technology, Harbin, China

Advanced Chinese Program, summer 1992

University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia

Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, May 1991. History (departmental honors) and Philosophy

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Fellow, Public Intellectuals Program, National Committee on US-China Relations (2011-2013)
Chief Editor, *Twentieth-Century China* (ISSN: 1521-5385). Refereed, tri-annual scholarly journal focusing
on twentieth-century Chinese history, politics, and society (2008-2014)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Champions Day: The End of Old Shanghai. New York: W.W. Norton, (forthcoming June 2020).
(with Richard A. Warren). *Forging the Modern World: A History*, 2nd ed. New York: Oxford University
Press, 2018. (First edition published 2013.)

Heart of Buddha, Heart of China: The Life of Tanxu, a Twentieth-Century Monk. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011.

Creating a Chinese Harbin: Nationalism in an International City, 1916-1932. Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 2002.

Edited Books

(ed. with Richard Warren) *Sources for Forging the Modern World, 2nd ed.* New York: Oxford University Press, 2018.

(ed. with Cynthia Paces) *1989: End of the 20th Century*. New York: W.W. Norton, 2010.

Book chapters

“Echoes of the Past in China’s Urban Future” Conclusion to *China’s Urban Future and the Quest for Stability*. Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queens University Press, 2020.

“The Rise of Nationalism and Revolutionary Parties, 1919-1937,” Chapter in Jeffrey N. Wasserstrom, ed., *The Oxford Illustrated History of Modern China*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2016.

“Looking for Lok To,” in Angilee Shah and Jeffrey N. Wasserstrom, eds., *Chinese Characters: Fast-Changing Lives in a Fast-Changing Land*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2012.

(with Cynthia Paces), “One Revolution of the Earth.” Chapter in James Carter and Cynthia Paces, eds., *1989: End of the 20th Century*. New York: W.W. Norton, 2010.

“Touring Harbin’s Pasts.” Chapter in Daniel Walkowitz and Lisa Knauer, eds., *Memory and the Impact of Political Transformation in Public Space*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2004: 149-166.

“A Tale of Two Temples: Nation, Region, and Religious Architecture in Harbin, 1928-1998.” Chapter in *Place, Space, and Identity: Harbin and Manchuria in the Twentieth Century*, a special issue of *South Atlantic Quarterly* (99:1, Winter, 2000): 97-115.

Journal Articles

“The Future of Harbin’s Past,” *Itinerario* 35, no. 3 (2011): 73-85; Korean version published in *Journal of Manchurian Studies* 9.

“Buddhism, Resistance, and Collaboration in Manchuria,” *Journal of Global Buddhism* 10 (2009): 193-216.

“Struggle for the Soul of a City: Nationalism, Imperialism, and Racial Tension in 1920s Harbin,” *Modern China* 27: 1 (January 2001): 91-116.

“New Additions to the Search Party: Using *The Search for Modern China: A Documentary Collection*,” *Education About Asia* 5:2 (Fall 2000): 19-22.

“Blue Skies, Black Snow, Red Tape: Archives in North Manchuria” *Wall and Market* 2: 1 (Spring 1997).

“A Subject Elite: The First Decade of the Constitutionalist Party in Cochinchina, 1917-1927” *The Vietnam Forum* 14 (Spring, 1994): 211-243.

Other publications

“Why China’s May Fourth celebrations also bring new concerns for Beijing,” *Washington Post Monkey Cage Blog*. May 3, 2019. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/05/03/why-chinas-may-fourth-celebrations-also-bring-new-concerns-beijing/>

“China and the Family of Nations,” *China-US Focus*. July 21, 2017. <http://www.chinausfocus.com/foreign-policy/2017/0721/15263.html>

“‘This is Not That China Story’: Q&A With Michael Meyer, Author of *In Manchuria*” *ChinaFile* Feb. 4, 2015. <http://www.chinafile.com/reporting-opinion/culture/not-china-story>

“The East (Side) is Red” *Los Angeles Review of Books China Blog*. Dec. 10, 2014. <http://blog.lareviewofbooks.org/chinablog/east-side-red/>

“Shanghai Joyce,” (with Jeffrey Wasserstrom). *Times Literary Supplement* (Nov. 1, 2013): 15.

“Jogging the Memory,” *Los Angeles Review of Books China Blog*. Oct. 23, 2013. <http://blog.lareviewofbooks.org/chinablog/jogging-memory/>

“Renewal of the Chinese Nation or Nationalism?” *China-US Focus*. Feb. 22, 2013 <http://www.chinausfocus.com/culture-history/renewal-of-the-chinese-nation-or-nationalism/>

“Taprooms and Temples: Beer, Buddhism and Tourism in China,” *The National Interest*. Nov. 28, 2011. <http://nationalinterest.org/commentary/taprooms-temples-beer-buddhism-tourism-china-6192>

“Harbin’s Past, Modern Style,” *The China Beat*, July 31, 2011, <http://www.thechinabeat.org/?p=3629>

“Basketbrawls Past and Present,” *The China Beat*, Oct. 15, 2010, <http://www.thechinabeat.org/?p=2755>

“Harbin,” in Melvin Ember and Carol R. Ember, eds., *Encyclopedia of Urban Cultures: Cities and Cultures Around the World*, Vol. 2: 317-323. Danbury, Conn.: Grolier, published under the

auspices of the Human Relations Area Files at Yale University, 2002.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND PARTICIPATION

- “Shanghai, 1941: A Day at the Races” Keynote address, “Snapshots in Time: Photography and History in Modern China” Postgraduate workshop, University of Bristol, England. June 23, 2016.
- “Forging the Modern World.” Public presentation, National Archives—New York City, April 28, 2016.
- “Xi Jinping’s China Dream, or, How the CCP Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Opium War.” The Cosmopolitan Club (Philadelphia), April 13, 2013. Also presented at The Philadelphia Club, Feb. 28, 2013.
- “China: Its Recent Past and Scenarios for the Future.” Germantown Academy, Fort Washington, Penn. Nov. 28, 2012
- “The Art of the Profile: Telling China’s Story, One Life at a Time.” *Past Tense* seminar, Huntington Library. Panel with Jeff Wasserstrom and Angilee Shah. Pasadena, California, Sept. 28, 2012.
- Chinese Characters* book launch/Q & A, with Jeffrey Wasserstrom and Angilee Shah. University of Southern California US-China Institute; Pomona College. (both) Sept. 27, 2012.
- “Crossing Borders on the China Coast,” presentation for National Committee on US-China Relations Public Intellectuals Program symposium. Washington, DC, September 26, 2011.
- “Nationalism and Religion in Twentieth-Century Asia,” Presentation and dialogue with Vinayak Chaturvedi. University of California—Irvine, April 22, 2011
- “*Heart of Buddha, Heart of China: On Writing History and/as Biography*,” Presentation and dialogue with Jeffrey Wasserstrom, University of California – Irvine, April 22, 2011.
- “The Future of Harbin’s Pasts,” Manchurian Studies Association Meeting: *Urban Space and Cultural Politics of Manchuria*. Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea May 15, 2009
- “Travels with Tanxu: Looking for China in Religion, Politics, and Architecture,” *Insiders And Outsiders In Chinese History*. Yale University, May 8-9, 2009
- “Travels With Tanxu: A Buddhist Monk in Search of China, 1875-1963,” East Asian Studies lecture series, Princeton University. March 4, 2009.
- “The Future of Harbin’s Pasts,” Johns Hopkins Workshops in Comparative History of Science and Technology. *Science, Technology and Modernity: Colonial Cities in Asia, 1890-1945*. Baltimore, January 16-17, 2009.
- “Buddhism, Resistance, and Collaboration in Manchuria,” Conference: “Buddhist Activism in Greater China and Beyond,” Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon. April 25-26, 2008.
- “Reconstructing Harbin,” Conference: “Ethnic Ghettoes and Transcultural Processes in a Globalised City – New Research on Harbin,” Institute of History and the Institute of Eastern European History, University of Heidelberg. April 16-19, 2008.
- “Travels With Tanxu: Looking for China in Architecture, Politics, and Religion,” East Asian Studies lecture, Bryn Mawr College. January 2008.
- “Travels of Tanxu,” Lees Seminar, Rutgers University – Camden. December 2007.
- “Collaboration,” Saint Joseph’s University Dean’s Colloquium. January 2005.
- “Nationalism in an International City,” East Asian Studies speakers’ series. Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Fall 2004.
- “China’s future,” symposium at Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. April, 2004.
- “Manchukuo and Confucianism.” Seventh International Conference on Sino-Japanese Relations, Washington, D.C., December 2001.
- Invited speaker, University of Chicago Graduate Seminar, “Manchuria.” April 2001.
- “Basketball and Bolsheviks: Chinese Nationalism and the White Russians in 1920s Harbin.” UCLA Center for Chinese Studies Symposium, Los Angeles, January 1999.
- “Symbolic Assaults: The Construction of National and Regional Identity in Harbin, 1928-1998.” University of Toronto Symposium on Northeast Asia, Toronto, November 1998.

CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED (NON-INVITED)

- “Shanghai Takes Time Out for Champions’: A Day at the Races.” Historical Society for Twentieth Century China International Meeting. Taipei, Taiwan, August 2014.
- “Travels of Tan Xu: Buddhism and Nationalism in 20th Century China,” Historical Society for Twentieth Century China International Meeting. Singapore, June 2006.
- “Collaborating With Confucius in Manchukuo,” Historical Society for Twentieth Century China

- International Meeting. Vienna, Austria, May 2004.
- “Tan Xu and Cultural Nationalism in Republican China.” Association for Asian Studies National Meeting, San Diego, March 2004.
- “Confucian Modernity in a Nation-less state: Manchukuo,” American Historical Association National Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2004
- “Paradise Temple and Harbin City Planning, 1916-1932,” Presented at the conference “Far East Meridian of the Russian Culture,” Amur State University, Blagoveshchensk, Russia, May 2000.
- “Preserving the Future and Planning the Past in 1920s Harbin.” Association for Asian Studies National Meeting, San Diego. March 2000
- “Confucianism and the Creation of a Manchurian National Identity,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., January 1999.
- “‘A Chinese Place’: The Chinese Takeover of Harbin, 1917-1928.” International Conference on Russia in Manchuria and Northeast Asia, Khabarovsk, Russia, June 1998.
- “‘A Lot of Barbarians’: Western Reactions to the Chinese Takeover of Harbin, 1921-24.” American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Annual Meeting, Seattle, November 1997.
- “Building Modern China, Claiming Modern Harbin.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 1997.
- “Peeling Onion Domes: Paradise Temple and Efforts to Sinify Harbin’s Physical and Cultural Landscape, 1921-1926.” Annual Meeting of the New England Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Burlington, Vermont, Oct. 19, 1996.
- “没有国家的国家主义 *Meiyou guojia de guojiazhu yi* [Nationalism Without a Nation: Manchukuo].” Heilongjiang University Conference on Northeast Asian History, Harbin, China, August 1996.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (OTHER THAN PRESENTATIONS)

- Participant, “Re-Imagining the Role of World History in the First-Year College Experience.” World History Association Annual Meeting, Ghent, Belgium, July 2016.
- Workshop Chair, “Embodied Learning in the Asian Religions Classroom.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Seattle, April 2016.
- Panel chair/commentator, “Globalization and Identity,” Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Villanova University, Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009.
- Panel chair/commentator, “Loyalties and Identity,” Historical Society for Twentieth Century China Biennial Conference: Chinese Identities: Local, Regional, National, International. Honolulu, Hawaii, June, 2008.
- Panel commentator, “Constructing Places: Building Nations and Negotiating Identities in Colonial and Post-Colonial Cities of the Japanese Empire.” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, January, 2005.
- Panel commentator, “As China Encountered the World: the Interaction and Reciprocity between China and Nations, 1900-66.” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, January, 2004.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Hon, Tze-ki. *Revolution as Restoration: Guocui xuebao and China's Path to Modernity*. Leiden: Brill, 2015. *Monumenta Serica* Vol 64: 2, 526-528 (December 2016).
- Richard J. Smith. *The I Ching: A Biography*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2012. *The Los Angeles Review of Books* (Oct. 15, 2012): <http://lareviewofbooks.org/article.php?id=998>.
- Shao Dan, *Remote Homeland; Recovered Borderland: Manchus, Manchukuo, and Manchuria, 1907-1985*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2011. *The China Quarterly* (March 2012): pp 249-251
- Elizabeth J. Remick. *Building Local States: China During the Republican and Post-Mao Eras*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Asia Center, 2004. *The China Quarterly* (June 2005).
- Odd Arne Westad, *Decisive Encounters: The Chinese Civil War, 1946-1950*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2003. *Journal of Intelligence and National Security* (19:4, Winter 2004).
- Michael J. Bradshaw, *The Russian Far East and Pacific Asia: Unfulfilled Potential*. Richmond, Surrey: Curzon, 2001, and Judith Thornton and Charles E. Ziegler, eds., *Russia's Far East: A Region at Risk*. Seattle: National Bureau of Asian Research in association with the University of Washington, 2002. *The Journal of Asian Studies* (February, 2003).

Qiang Zhai, *China and the Vietnam Wars, 1950-1975*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2000. *Journal of Intelligence and National Security*.
Stephen Kotkin and Bruce A. Elleman, eds, *Mongolia in the Twentieth Century: Landlocked Cosmopolitan*. Armonk NY: M. E. Sharpe, 1999. *Nationalities Papers* (Fall 2000).
Hanchao Lu, *Beyond the Neon Lights: Everyday Shanghai in the Early Twentieth Century*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1999. H-NET, Humanities and Social Sciences Online.
David Wolff, *To the Harbin Station: The Liberal Alternative in Russian Manchuria, 1898-1914*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1999. *The Journal of Asian Studies* (Spring 2000).
Bruce Elleman, *Diplomacy and Deception: The Secret History of Sino-Soviet Diplomatic Relations, 1917-1927*. Armonk, N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe, 1997. *Nationalities Papers* (Fall 1998)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS (selected)

Tengelmann Award for Distinguished Teaching and Research, Saint Joseph's University, 2015
Saint Joseph's University Summer Research Grant, Summer 2012
National Committee on US-China Relations, Public Intellectuals Program Fellow, 2011-2013
Saint Joseph's University Summer Research Grant, Summer 2006
Saint Joseph's University Certificate of Merit Award for Research, 2006
Saint Joseph's University Certificate of Merit Award for Service, 2005
Saint Joseph's University Certificate of Merit Award for Teaching, 2002
Saint Joseph's University Faculty Development Travel Grant, Summer 2000
College Fellow, Jonathan Edwards College, Yale University, fall 1997
Yale Council for International and Area Studies Dissertation Grant, 1995-96
Smith-Richardson Foundation Dissertation Grant, 1995-96
Bradley Foundation Fellowship, Yale Center for International Security Studies, 1994-95
Yale Center for International and Area Studies, summer travel grant, 1994
Foreign Language and Area Studies full-year fellowship, for advanced study of Japanese, 1993-94
Foreign Language and Area Studies summer fellowship, for advanced study of Chinese, 1992
Phi Beta Kappa
Phi Alpha Theta
Mitchell Award (awarded to outstanding history graduate in Richmond College), 1991
University of Richmond University Scholar

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Chinese (mandarin); Literary Chinese; Japanese; Russian; French

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
Association for Asian Studies
Chinese Urban History Society
Historical Society for Twentieth-century China (President, 2008-2010; Vice-President, 2006-2008)
Mid-Atlantic Association for Asian Studies

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Program Committee, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, 2016-18
Editor, *Twentieth-Century China* (2008-2014)
Secretary-Treasurer, *Twentieth-Century China* (2015-)
External tenure/promotion evaluator: University of Massachusetts; National University of Singapore; University of Guelph; Saint Mary's University; Wright State University; University of the Pacific; Drexel University; University of California—Irvine.
Outside thesis examiner, Princeton University (PhD); National University of Singapore (PhD); Ursinus College (B.A.)
Program Committee, Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting (2009-2011)
President, Historical Society for Twentieth-century China (2008-2010)
Grant evaluator, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
Manuscript reviewer: University of Toronto Press, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Journal of Social History*, Brill Publishers, University of British

Columbia Press, Pearson, Wadsworth/Cengage, University Press of Kentucky, University of Chicago Press, *Studies in Chinese Religion, Twentieth-Century China*, Hong Kong University Press

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Summer, 1997. Association of Yale Alumni. Internet program coordinator. Served as discussion facilitator, technical consultant, and content resource for AYA's first on-line program, which brought together Yale faculty and alumni from around the world to discuss the transition of Hong Kong to Chinese rule.