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Education

PhD in Modern Chinese History, anticipated graduation in May 2019.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures.

Dissertation: *Roots of a Nation: Ecology and State-building in Eastern Tibet under Republican China*.

Exam fields: Modern Chinese History (Borderlands and Ethnicity, Gender, Law and Society),
Modern Japanese History, Global Environmental History.

Supervisor: SHAO Dan.

MA in Asian Studies, 2013.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures.

BA with Honors in Linguistics, 2006.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Department of Linguistics.

Refereed Publications

“Wheat Dreams: High-Altitude Farm Stations and Chinese Micro-Order in Kham, 1937-49” in *Frontier Tibet: Patterns of Change in the Sino-Tibetan Borderlands*, ed. Stephane Gros (under contract with Amsterdam University Press).

2018. “Hacking the Yak: The Chinese Effort to Improve a Tibetan Animal in the Early Twentieth Century.” *East Asian Science, Technology, and Medicine* 48.

2016. “Planting and Its Discontents: Or How Nomads Produced Spaces of Resistance in China’s Erstwhile Xikang Province.” *Resilience: A Journal of the Environmental Humanities* 3.

Book Reviews

2019. Review of Di Wang, *Violence and Order on the Chengdu Plain: The Story of a Secret Brotherhood in Rural China, 1939-1949*. Stanford, California: Stanford University Press, 2018. For *The Chinese Historical Review*, Vol. 26, No. 1 (forthcoming).

2018. Review of David Bello, *Across Forest, Steppe, and Mountain: Environment, Identity, and Empire in Qing China’s Borderlands*. Cambridge University Press, 2016. For *Agricultural History*, Vol. 92, No. 3.

Other Publications

2018. "Lost Province: China's Xikang, Now Tibet And Sichuan, Is Turning 80. But Few People Realize It Ever Existed." *SupChina*, December 26, 2018.

(<https://supchina.com/2018/12/26/lost-province-chinas-xikang-now-tibet-and-sichuan-is-turning-80/>)

2018. "Thinking with Stoler." *Kritik*, January 23, 2018.

(<https://unitforcriticism.wordpress.com/2018/01/>)

2012. "Tea with the Gao Brothers: The Gao Brothers Reflect on the 60th Anniversary of the PRC and the Gentrification of the Factory 798 Art District." In Majella Munroe (ed.), *Modern Art Asia, Issues 1-8: Papers on Modern and Contemporary Asian Art*. Enzo Arts and Publishing Limited.

2010. "Review: Song of Tibet." *Asia Educational Media Services News and Reviews*, Issue 36

(www.aems.illinois.edu/publications/filmreviews/songoftibet.html).

2010. "Review: Summer Pasture." *Asia Educational Media Services News and Reviews*, Issue 36

(www.aems.illinois.edu/publications/filmreviews/summerpasture.html).

Awards, Honors, and Fellowships

2018. Global Intersections Grant for project "Chinese Agriculture, Society, and Environment" at UIUC.

2017-18. UIUC Graduate College Dissertation Completion Fellowship.

2017-18. School of Literatures, Cultures and Linguistics Dissertation Completion Fellowship (declined).

2017. "Best Essay" Prize, Agricultural History Society Graduate Workshop.

2015-16. IIE Fulbright Research Grant.

2015. UIUC Graduate College Dissertation Travel Grant (declined).

2015. Henry Luce Foundation / ACLS Pre-dissertation Summer Travel Grant.

2014-15. University of Illinois Foreign Language and International Studies Fellowship.

2014. Summer Research Grant, University of Illinois Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures.

2013-14. UIUC Intersect Fellowship for participation in Cultures of Law in Global Contexts Project.

2013-14. FLAS Fellowship for Chinese Studies (declined).

2013. EALC Departmental Conference Travel Award.

2012. Nanjing University Postgraduate Summer School in Chinese Studies Fellowship (June-July).

2011. List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students (spring and fall semesters).

2011. Summer Research Grant, University of Illinois Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures.
2011. Best Presentation Award, Ethnography of the University Initiative Spring 2011 Student Conference, University of Illinois.
2010. Nanjing University Postgraduate Summer School in Chinese Studies Fellowship, June-July.
- 2002-2006. James M. Johnston Scholarship, UNC Chapel Hill.

Conference Presentations

2018. "Chinese Meteorology in Eastern Tibet During the 1940s". The 3rd Annual ACRE China Workshop, Tokyo, November 16 (Via Goto Meeting).
2018. "Enlightening the Natives?: Crisis, Rice, and Education in Wartime Kangding." Workshop on Technology, Politics, and Material Transformation in Asia's Long World War II, Columbia University, New York, NY, October 5.
2018. "Food and Accommodation: Chinese Grain Governance in Eastern Tibet, 1908-1949." Workshop on Chinese Food: History, Economy, and Political Ecology at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 27-28.
2018. "Impossible Weather: China's Western Borderlands in Meteorological Perspective during the Early Twentieth Century." Asian Extremes: Climate, Meteorology and Disaster in History, National University of Singapore, May 17 (Via Goto Meeting).
2017. "Metrics and Misery: Observing Kham from Kangding Weather Station, 1939-49." East Asian Studies Center Consortium National Dissertation Workshop, Indiana University at Bloomington, IN, June 23.
2017. "Improving Kham: Everyday Life on the Scientific Frontier of Chinese Frontier Agriculture." Agricultural History Society Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, June 10.
2016. "Chinese Physiocracy: Kham as Laboratory for the Agrarian Theory of China." "Territories, Communities, Exchanges on the Sino-Tibetan Borderlands" Conference in Paris, February 18.
2015. "The High Pasture People: Yaks in the Making of a Political Ecosystem." American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., March 19.
2014. "The Highest High Court in China: Materiality in the Making of a Modern Provincial Justice System." Cultures of Law in Global Contexts Symposium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 28.
2014. "Planting and its Discontents: Khampa Nomadic Pastoralism as Technology of Resistance, 1910-1950." Global Environmental Histories from Below Symposium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 8.
2013. "Composing a Province out of a Battlefield: Gender, Violence and Assimilation in Republican Xikang." Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, East Lansing, MI, October 26.
2012. "Poetic Ecomorality: How Early Confucian Scholars Dealt with the Plants and Animals in the *Book of Odes*." Columbia University Graduate Conference on East Asia, February 10.

2011. “Leaving China to Study It: Academic Decision-Making Among Graduate Students in Chinese Studies at the University of Illinois.” Ethnography of the University Student Conference, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 26.

Invited Talks

2019. “Assimilation Ecology: Ethnicity, Gender, and Lifeways in the Chinese Settlement of Eastern Tibet.” Invited colloquium at the Yale Program in Agrarian Studies, February 15.

2018. “Hunger in the Making of a Modern Sino-Tibetan Borderland.” Invited talk for the EALC Speaker Series at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, November 29.

2018. “The Past and Present of Chinese Agriculture and its Impact on Southeast Asia.” Invited talk at the International Perspectives Seminar of the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Program, February 9.

2017. “U.S. Race Relations in Chinese Perspective.” Invited talk for The 11th Annual China Town Hall at the Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, October 24.

2017. “Academic Freedom and Its Limits in America as Seen through the Salaita Controversy.” Invited talk at the U.S. Consulate-General in Chengdu, China, January 25.

2016. “Window or Mirror? How Cultural Knowledge Changes Culture.” Invited talk at TEDx event “Window,” Chengdu Foreign Languages School, April 3.

Teaching Experience

2019 Spring. Instructor of Record (Chinese 203)

East Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

I will be teaching intermediate (third-semester) Chinese.

2018 Fall. Instructor of Record (East Asian Civilizations).

History; East Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

I taught the introductory survey course on East Asian history, with a focus on Chinese, Japanese, and Korean inter-connections and global connections since 1600.

2015 Spring. Instructor of Record (The Cultural History of Chinese Revolutions).

East Asian Languages and Cultures; Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

I proposed, designed and taught an entirely new course focusing on issues of gender, ethnicity and nationality in Chinese uprisings from the 19th through 21st centuries.

2010 Fall – 2013 Spring. Teaching Assistant (East Asian Civilizations).

East Asian Languages and Cultures; History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

I led three weekly discussion sections for six semesters and graded all assignments for each student.

Course Guest Lectures

- 2017.** “Working with Chinese Archives.” Proseminar (EALC 500), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, November 7.
- 2012.** “The Great Qing in the Modern World.” East Asian Civilizations, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, December 12.
- 2012.** “Tang Cosmopolitanism at Chang’an.” East Asian Civilizations, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, November 12.
- 2012.** “Political Reform and the Revolution of 1911.” East Asian Civilizations, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 14.
- 2011.** “Commodore Perry’s Black Ships: Western Intrusion in Japan and China in the Nineteenth Century.” East Asian Civilizations, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, February 21.

Conferences and Other Meetings Organized

- 2018.** Lead organizer for symposium, “Planting China: The Illinois Symposium on Chinese Agriculture, Society, and Environment.” To be held at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL (April 21).
- 2015.** Co-organizer for symposium, “Narratives of Empire: The Third Annual Graduate Symposium on East Asian Studies.” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL (April 25).
- 2014.** Co-organizer for The Second Annual Graduate Symposium on East Asian Studies. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL (April 26).
- 2013.** Lead organizer for the First Annual East Asia Humanities Symposium. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL (April 27).
- 2012.** Co-coordinator for conference, “The American University Meets the Pacific Century.” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL (March 9-10).

Service and Leadership Experience

- 2018.** Project leader, Chinese Agriculture, Society, and Environment project, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2017-18.** Graduate Student Representative on the Executive Committee of the Graduate College Fellowship Board, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2014-15.** Graduate Student Representative to the Faculty, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2014-15.** President of the Illinois Society for East Asian Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2012-13. President of the Illinois Society for East Asian Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2004-2006. Co-President of Carolina Music Outreach at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Languages

English (native)

Modern Chinese (very high speaking, reading and writing proficiency)

Classical Chinese (high reading proficiency)

Japanese (intermediate reading)

Russian (intermediate speaking and reading)

French (intermediate reading)

Tibetan (basic reading)

Professional Associations

American Society for Environmental History

Association for Asian Studies

Agricultural History Society