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## EDUCATION

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- 2021 (exp.) Ph.D. University of Chicago, History**  
*Dissertation:* “Barbarians on the Shore: Global Trade, Conflict Resolution, and Everyday Life on the South China Coast, 1770-1853”  
*Committee:* Kenneth Pomeranz (chair), Leora Auslander, Mark Bradley  
*Fields:* Late Imperial and Modern China  
Modern Japan  
Transnational History of Europe, 1700-Present
- 2016 M.A. University of Chicago, History**
- 2014 M.A. University of Chicago, Social Sciences**
- 2010 B.A. Yale University, Literature, East Asian Studies**

### Non-Degree Educational Training

- Summer 2018 Middlebury College Portuguese School (Middlebury, VT)
- Summer 2016 Hokkaido International Foundation Summer Japanese Program (Hakodate, Japan)
- 2013 National Taiwan Normal University Mandarin Training Center (Taipei, Taiwan)
- 2010 – 2011 Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies,  
Hopkins-Nanjing Center, Graduate Certificate in Chinese and American Studies  
(Nanjing, China)
- Summer 2010 Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies (Beijing, China)
- Summer 2007 Harvard-Beijing Academy (Beijing, China)

## SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

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### External Awards

- 2020 Social Sciences Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2019 – 2020 Fulbright Fellowship (IIE), U.S. Department of State
- 2019 – 2020 CLIR Mellon Fellowship for Dissertation Research in Original Sources
- 2018 Kathryn Wasserman Davis Fellowship for Peace
- 2017 Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS China Studies Pre-dissertation Grant

- 2017 Esherick-Ye Family Foundation Research Grant
- 2016 – 2018 Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for Japanese, Academic Year
- 2016 Percy Buchanan Prize, Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs  
*(for the best graduate student paper relating to China and/or Inner Asia)*
- 2016 Asian Studies Prize, Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs  
*(for the best graduate student paper in any category)*
- 2016 Alfred D. Chandler Jr. Travel Fellowship, Harvard Business School
- 2016 Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for Japanese, Summer
- 2013 Huayu Enrichment Scholarship, Taiwan Ministry of Education
- 2010 – 2011 Freeman Foundation Fellowship
- 2006 National Merit Scholarship

### **Internal Awards**

- 2019 Lloyd and Susanne Rudolph Field Research Award, Center for International Social Science Research, University of Chicago
- 2019 Nicholson Graduate Research Fellowship, Nicholson Center for British Studies, University of Chicago
- 2018 Bessie Pierce Prize Preceptorship, Department of History, University of Chicago
- 2018 Committee on Chinese Studies Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, Center for East Asian Studies, University of Chicago
- 2018 Kunstadter Research Travel Grant, Department of History, University of Chicago
- 2016 First Prize (for best research presentation), History Presentation Extravaganza, Department of History, University of Chicago
- 2016 Second Prize, Hokkaido International Foundation (HIF) Japanese Speech Contest
- 2016 Audience's Selection for Best Speech, HIF Japanese Speech Contest
- 2016 Professional Training Grant for Japanese Studies, University of Chicago
- 2016, 2015 Center for East Asian Studies Conference Travel Grant, University of Chicago

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- 2018 “Imagining China’s Children: Lower-Elementary Reading Primers and the Reconstruction of Chinese Childhood, 1945-1951.” *Cross-Currents: East Asian History and Culture Review*. No. 26 (March 2018): 1-41. ISSN: 2158-9674.

## OTHER ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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- 2018 “Students of the Nation: Images of the Nationalizing Chinese Child.” Photo Essay, *Cross-Currents: East Asian History and Culture Review*. No. 26 (March 2018): 113-115.
- 2015 “Additional Notes and Commentary on *maskee* in Chinese Pidgin English.” *Language and Linguistics in Melanesia*. Vol. 33, No. 1 (2015), 48-51.

## PROFESSIONAL TRANSLATIONS

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- 2018 English translations of three seventeenth-century poems by a Chinese ship’s captain engaged in trade with the Philippines, reproduced and cited in Stuart McManus and Dana Leibsohn, “Eloquence and Ethnohistory: Indigenous Loyalty and the Making of a Tagalog *Letrado*,” *Colonial Latin American Review* 27:4 (2018): 522-574.
- 2016 English translation of the Song dynasty fable *Baqiong Ren* from the *Taiping Guangji*, for Pulitzer Prize winner Tracy Kidder’s 2016 biography of Paul English, *A Truck Full of Money* (acknowledgement on p. 259).

## PAPERS PRESENTED

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- 2019 “Teaching Young Communists: Practical Problems of Language, Literacy, and Nationalism in 1940s CCP Childhood Education.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Denver, CO, March 21 – 24, 2019. (Panel on “Finding the Nation’s Voice: Language Ideologies and the Remaking of Mandarin in Twentieth-Century Mainland China and Taiwan.”)
- 2016 “Imagining China’s Children: Lower-Elementary Reading Primers and the Reconstruction of Chinese Childhood, 1945-1951.” 65th Annual Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL, October 14 – 16, 2016. (Panel on “The Chinese Lyric: Gifts, Farewells, and Appraisals.”)
- 2016 “Speaking with Devils: Sino-Western Communication and Daily Life in Pre-Opium War Canton.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, March 31 – April 3, 2016. (Panel on “Speaking across Borders: Language and Human Movement across Asia.”)
- 2015 “Pidgins and Businessmen: The *Hongmao tongyong fanhua* and the Standardization of Chinese Pidgin English in the Early 19th Century.” 64th Annual Midwest Conference of Asian Affairs, Washington University in St. Louis, MO, October 16 – 18, 2015. (Panel on “Language, Literature, and National Identity in Asia.”)

## OTHER ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

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- 2019 Guest lecturer for Naperville Central High School on “Historicizing Modern China: Thinking about the PRC in the Modern Global Order,” outreach program of the Center for East Asian Studies at the University of Chicago, February 28, 2019.
- 2019 Discussant for Charles Begue Fawell, “Floating Fortress, Mobile Frontier: Layovers and Lawlessness ‘East of Suez,’ 1870-1930,” Council of Advanced Studies Workshop on Transnational Approaches to Modern Europe, University of Chicago, January 16, 2019.
- 2018 Discussant for Yuanxie Shi, “Timber Rafting and Waterborne Trade: A Case Study of the Zhou Family’s Business in Eastern Zhejiang,” Council of Advanced Studies Workshop on East Asia: Transregional Histories, University of Chicago, October 25, 2018.
- 2017 Guest lecturer on “Globalization and Multiculturalism in China, Germany, and the United States,” University of International Business and Economics (对外经济贸易大学), Beijing, China, July 12, 2017.
- 2017 Discussant for Stacie Anne Kent, “Commercial Treaties: A Framework for Governance,” Council of Advanced Studies Workshop on East Asia: Transregional Histories, University of Chicago, February 9, 2017.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **Preceptor, Collegiate Division, University of Chicago**

- Spring 2019 HIST 29801: BA Thesis Seminar I (historiography and historical methods)  
Winter 2019 HIST 29802: BA Thesis Seminar IIb (research practicum and thesis preparation)  
Autumn 2018 HIST 29802: BA Thesis Seminar IIa (research practicum and thesis preparation)  
*Designed curricula and taught seminars; co-advised six undergraduate history theses*

### **Teaching Intern, Collegiate Division, University of Chicago**

- Spring 2019 CRES 24002: Colonizations II

### **Teaching Assistant, Collegiate Division, University of Chicago**

- Winter 2019 HIST 15200/EALC 10900: Intro to East Asian Civilization II (Japan)  
Autumn 2017 HIST 24611/ECON 22020: Economic Change in China, ca. 1800-2000

### **Teaching Assistant, Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences, University of Chicago**

- Autumn 2018 MAPS 31500: Historical Methods  
Autumn 2017 MAPS 31500: Historical Methods  
*Designed and independently taught one unit of the course (on material and visual history), held weekly office hours, graded written work, and helped mentor graduate students preparing to write their M.A. theses.*

## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2016 – 2019 Resident Head, Vincent House, University of Chicago Housing and Residence Life  
*Serve as a live-in mentor, administrator, and activities and governance advisor for 47 undergraduate students; supervise an undergraduate RA, provide personal and institutional support for residents (counseling, recommendation letters for jobs and fellowships, etc.), liaise with campus partners including the Dean of Students office and Title IX office, serve on the university-wide Housing Disciplinary Review Committee, and work closely with residents to foster a stronger sense of of community through a variety of intellectual, cultural, and recreational activities.*
- 2017 – 2018 Research Assistant, University of Chicago Center in Hong Kong  
*Researched the history of a Grade III Heritage Site that was converted into the University of Chicago Center in Hong Kong; helped gather materials from the Hong Kong Public Records Office and Hong Kong Museum of History for permanent and rotating exhibits open to the public.*
- 2016 Research Assistant, Stevanovich Institute on the Formation of Knowledge
- 2008 – 2010 Research and Administrative Assistant, Yale Law School Library
- Summer 2009 Research Intern, Singapore Institute of International Affairs
- Winter 2008 Research Assistant, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences
- Summer 2008 Intern, Economic Section, American Institute in Taiwan, U.S. Department of State
- 2007 – 2008 Editorial Assistant, World Languages Department, Yale University Press

## SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

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- 2018 – 2019 Coordinator, East Asia: Transregional Histories Workshop, Council on Advanced Studies, University of Chicago  
*Organized biweekly seminar-style workshops featuring University of Chicago Ph.D. students and faculty as well as outside faculty presenters from Australian National University, Fudan University, the Hoover Institution, Michigan State University, Northwestern University, and UCLA; oversaw grant writing, travel and reimbursement logistics, event moderating, and set-up tasks.*
- 2016 – 2017 Co-President, History Graduate Student Association, University of Chicago
- 2016 – 2017 Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Student Affairs Committee, Department of History, University of Chicago
- 2016 – 2017 Co-Organizer, Monthly “Food for Thought” Student-Faculty Luncheons, Department of History, University of Chicago

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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American Historical Association  
Association for Asian Studies  
Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Mandarin: Near-native Speaking, Advanced Reading/Writing (including classical Chinese)  
German: Advanced Speaking/Reading/Writing  
Japanese: Intermediate Speaking/Reading/Writing  
Portuguese: Intermediate Speaking/Reading/Writing  
French: Intermediate Reading  
Dutch: Intermediate Reading  
Latin: Intermediate Reading

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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ArcGIS (University of Chicago)  
Printmaking (Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art, in woodcutting and etching)

## MISCELLANEOUS

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2012 2nd-3rd Place (tie), New York State Quick Chess Championship  
2010 Dean Temple Memorial Trophy, Trumbull College, Yale University  
*(for exceptional contribution to intramural athletics)*

**Other interests:** Avid runner (5k through marathon) and cross-country skier; amateur circus performer (primarily partner acrobatics, with experience including choreography, introductory instruction, and routine showcases as well as adaptations of *Alice in Wonderland*, the musical *Chicago*, and Bulgakov's *The Master and Margarita*)