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Professional Appointments

- 2018- Assistant Professor History and International Studies, Boston College
- 2015-18 Collegiate Assistant Professor, Social Sciences Division, University of Chicago
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Degrees

- 2015 Ph.D. in History, The University of Chicago
- 2008 M.A. in History, The University of Chicago
- 2000 B.A. in International Studies with Highest Honors, The University of North Carolina,
Chapel Hill
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Fields of Historical Research and Teaching

Modern China, Capitalism, Commerce, International Law, Imperialism, Globalization,
Methodology, Social Theory, Knowledge Production, Medicine

Publications

In Progress

Book manuscript: "Human Roots: Science and Capital in the Twentieth Century Global Ginseng Trade"

Journal article: "Theorizing Capital at a Global Scale"

Book Chapter: "Commerce and Coercion on the China Coast," *Handbook of War and the Sea*, eds. David Morgan Owen and James Davey, eds. (Oxford University Press)

Book

Coercive Commerce: Global Capital and Imperial Governance at the End of the Qing Empire (Hong Kong University Press, 2025)

Book Chapters

2023 "Commercial statistics of Late Qing China between global interest and local irrelevance, 1860-1910", in *Knowing empires: construction and circulation of knowledge in a global imperial age (1700-1914)*, eds. Matheus Alves Duarte da Silva, Thomas A.S. Haddad, Kapil Raj (Routledge, 2023).

2016 "Problems of Circulation in the Treaty Ports" in *Treaty Ports in Modern China: Land, Law, and Power*, eds. Robert Bickers and Isabella Jackson (London: Routledge, 2016), 78-100.

Refereed Journal Articles

2020 "Commercial Circulation and Abstract Domination," *Critical Historical Studies* V7 N1 (Spring 2020): 75-86.

2012 Stacie Hanneman, "Moving Beyond the 'Unequal Treaties'," *Frontiers of History in China* Vol. 7. No. 3 (September 2012): 344-375.

Book Reviews

2023 Review of *The Opium Business: A History of Crime and Capitalism in Maritime China*. By Peter Thilly, *Business History* 1–2. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00076791.2023.2203542>

2021 Review of *China's War on Smuggling: Law, Economic Life, and the Making of the Modern State, 1842-1965*. By Philip Thai, *Journal of Social History*, v.54, no.3: 979-981

2020 Review of *Opium's Long Shadow: From Asian Revolt to Global Drug Control*. By Steffan Rimner, *Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books*, <https://clcjbooks.rutgers.edu/books/opiums-long-shadow-from-asian-revolt-to-global-drug-control/>

2016 Review of *Britain and China, 1840-1970: Empire, Finance, and War*. Edited by Robert Bickers and Jonathan Howlett, H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews. January, 2016. <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=44964>

2016 Review of *Opium and Empire*. By Richard Grace, *Journal of Economic History*, v.76, no. 1: 231-232, DOI:10.1017/S0022050716000310

Teaching

Boston College

HIST 2702/INTL 2702 Colonial Pasts/Global Presents

HIST 2703/INTL 2703 Is All Commerce Capitalism? Global Histories of Production, Exchange, and Power

INTL 3540 Research Methods in International Studies

INTL 4051 China and the West: Law, Power, and Fantasy

HIST 4477/INTL 4477 Drugs and Money: Opioids in Global History

INTL 4941 Senior Year Seminar: What is the Global Modern and How Can We Study It?

HIST 5493 Senior Year Seminar: Histories of Capitalism Around the World

The University of Chicago

2015-18 Self, Culture, and Society, Social Sciences Common Core
year-long course in social theory, including Marx, Durkheim, Freud, Foucault

2015 Colonizations (19th-20th century, Asia), Civilizations Common Core
history course focused on themes of capital, science, and knowledge production

2014-15 Contemporary Global Issues, International Studies Program
research methodologies and major issues in global studies

2012 From the Qing Empire to the Chinese Nation State: China in the World
International Studies Prize Lectureship

2010-12 International Studies Bachelor's Thesis Seminar
year-long thesis instruction and mentoring

Professional Development

2019-20 Teaching for Inclusion and Social Justice, Faculty Cohorts on Teaching, Center for Teaching Excellence, Boston College

University Service

Boston College

2022- Member, Bodies and Places Working Group, History Department
2022, 2024 Member, Fulbright Selection Committee, Boston College
2021- Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, History Department
2021-22 Chair, Lectures Committee, History Department
2021-22 Member, Professor of the Practice in Geography Search Committee,
International Studies
2019-20 Faculty Work-in-Progress Workshop, History Department
2019 Faculty Discussant, "An Unholy Trinity of Oppression: Colonization, Capitalism,
and Race," FACES, Boston College, November 21, 2019
2018 "Global Cultures" Faculty curriculum reform committee, International Studies

University of Chicago

2016-18 Resident Head, Hitchcock House
2016-17 Co-chair, Society of Fellows
2010-13 Program Assistant, International Studies Program
2012-13 Program Assistant, Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory,
2010-12 Organizer, Social Theory Workshop, The University of Chicago

Advising

PhD

2024- Leiju Sun, Sino-Russian tea trade

Senior Thesis

2024-25 Ansley Fine, Sino-American educational exchange
2024-25 Boyu Jin, Chinese feminism
2019-20 Colin Phelan, "The Construction of Indian Forest Space During British Colonial
Rule: The Story of India's First National Park"

Research Fellows

2023 Tony Li (Tufts University), Chinese statecraft thought (*jingshi*)
2020-21 Sean Stebbins, racism in US drug policy and policing
2019 Amanda Judah, opium in US popular culture
2018-19 Yiyang Zhuge, Qing commercial diplomacy

Awards and Honors

2023-24 Honorary Fellow, Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2015-18 Collegiate Fellow, Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts, University of Chicago

2013	Doris Quinn Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
2012	University of Chicago East Asia Center Dissertation Fellowship
2012	Nicholson Center for British Studies Graduate Fellowship
2009	Eric Cochrane Research Travel Grant
2007	Provost's Summer Fellowship, Social Sciences Division
2006-09	Divisional Achievement Fellowship, Social Sciences Division

Conference and Workshop Participation

Conferences/Workshops Organized

2021-22 Co-organizer, History of Capitalism in China Workshop (with Macabe Keilher)

2011 Co-organizer, "Critical Historical Studies," (with Parker Everett and Thomas Dodman), The University of Chicago, Chicago, December 2-4.

Panels Organized

2022 "Economic Value in the Postcolonial State: Egypt, India, and China," Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL. Nov 17-20.

2012 "Imperialism, Capitalism, and Sovereignty: Forms of Modern International Law," Social Science History Association, Vancouver, BC, Canada. Nov 1-4.

Papers Presented

Invited Presentations & Talks

2023 "What the Qing Empire Can Teach Us About Capitalism and Its Global History," Center for East Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin, Feb. 15.

2020 "Not all Commerce is Capitalism," Weatherhead Institute Global History of Capitalism Seminar, Harvard University, Nov 30.

2019 "Why the Commodity Form Matters: Lessons from Chinese Treaty Ports," Trading Objecthood: Global Business and the Language of Natural History in the Long Nineteenth Century, History of Science Workshop, Princeton University, Feb 8-9.

2019 "Commercial Circulation and Abstract Domination" Capitalism and Social Theory Conference, Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory, April 12-13, 2019

2017 "Generative Coupling: Commodity Flows and Regulatory Terrain," part of "Arresting the Circulation of Knowledge?" Roundtable Discussion, History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Toronto, Nov 9-12.

2017 "Capitalism, Governance, and New Forms of Empire: How Taxation Became a Problem in China and India," Workshop on Global Capitalism, University of Chicago Center, Delhi, India, Feb 18-19.

2014 "Trans-Imperial Capital and New Triangulations in the Arts of Governance: Paperwork in Treaty Port China," Mobilities Conference, University of Chicago Paris Center, Paris, France, Jun 5-6.

2012 "Moving Beyond 'Unequal Treaties'," International Workshop on Marxisms in East Asia, Institute of Social Research and Culture Studies, National Chiao Tung University, Hsinchu, Taiwan, Jun 6-9.

2011 "Re-interpreting the Significance of Treaty Relations in the Late Qing Empire," Workshop on Theorizing Structural Change in 20th Century China, The University of Chicago Beijing Center, Beijing, China, Jul 21-24.

Other Presentations

[2025] "Capitalism and the Problem of Difference," Global Asias 25, University of California, Irvine, CA, Feb 20-21, 2025

2023 "Time, Commerce, and Domination," *Time, Labor, and Social Domination* at 30, Social Science Historical Association, Washington, D.C., Nov. 18-20.

2023 "Karl Polanyi Goes to China," Parallax Visions: War, Politics, Systems - In Celebration of Bruce Cumings (Gustavus F. and Ann M. Swift Distinguished Service Professor of History) and His Critical Scholarship, University of Chicago, Sep. 8-9.

2022 "Capital and Changing Forms of Political Legitimacy in Post-Imperial China," Economic Value in the Postcolonial State: Egypt, India, and China, Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL. Nov 17-20.

2020 "Neither Chinese nor Foreign: Capital Accumulation and Qing Governance," New Approaches to the History of Capitalism in China, Association for Asian Studies, Boston. Mar. 19-22.

2019 "How the Commodity Form Mattered: Quality and Quantity in the Chinese Ginseng Trade," (presented as "Value in China's Treaty Ports"), What is Critical History?, Social Science History Association, Chicago. Nov 21-24.

2018 "Spaces of circulation: Capital and Commercial Statistics in Late Qing China," Spaces of Circulation and Colonial/Imperial Landscapes: Criticisms and Challenges Symposium, European Society for the History of Science Biennial Conference, London, UK. Sep 15-17.

2015 "Commerce and Colonization in the late Qing," Practices of Order: Colonial and Imperial Projects, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark. Jan 28-30.

2012 "Political Economy and Treaty Relations: Capitalist Logics of Governance in Treaty Port China," Social Science History Association, Vancouver, BC, Canada. Nov 1-4.

2011 "Commercial Governance in Treaty Port China," Panel on Law, Politics, and Critical History, Critical Historical Studies, The University of Chicago. Dec. 2-4.

2011 "Problems of Circulations in the Treaty Port System, 1866-1869," Colonial Circulations: Colonialism in Comparative Perspective, University of Bristol, Bristol, England. Jul 4-5.

2007 "Forging Free Trade in China: New Sources and Approaches to Global History," Paul Lucas Global History Conference, University of Indiana, Bloomington, ID. Apr.

2007 "Reports of the Imperial Maritime Customs: creating transparency, equivalence, and calculability," Researching Modern Chinese History, University of Bristol, Bristol, England. Mar.

Professional Service

2012-present Managing Editor, *Critical Historical Studies*

Languages

Modern and Documentary Chinese

Professional Associations

American Historical Association
Social Science History Association
Association for Asian Studies