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Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA

**PhD**, Religion, 2019-2025

- Specialization: Comparative Studies / Subfield: Neo-Confucianism
- Dissertation: “Contemplation and Action in Confucian-Christian Dialogue: Aloysius Chang’s Chinese Catholic Adaptation of Neo-Confucian ‘Quiet-Sitting’ (*Jingzuo* 靜坐)”
- Defense Date: October 3, 2024
- Committee: Francis X. Clooney, SJ; Peter K. Bol; Michael Puett; Benoît Vermander, SJ  
**AM**, Study of Religion, awarded November 2021

**Yale Divinity School**, New Haven, CT

**MAR**, World Christianity, 2017-2019

- Thesis: “Zhang Ding’s *Discussion on the Errors of Confucianism* (*Rujiao Bian Miu* 儒教辨謬): A Nineteenth-Century Chinese Christian’s Dialogue with the Way of the Sages”
- Advisor: Chloë Starr

**Fudan University**, Shanghai, China

**MA**, Chinese Philosophy, 2015-2017

- Thesis: “Justice as Harmony: Rawlsian, Contractual Methodology for Reconstructing a Confucian Conception of Distributive Justice”
- Advisor: Bai Tongdong

**Belmont University**, Nashville, TN

**BA**, *summa cum laude*, Asian Studies and Comparative Philosophy, Alpha Chi, 2011-2014

- Advisor: Ronnie Littlejohn

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

- Comparative Theology (esp. Confucian-Christian comparison)
- Christian Theology in China and East Asia
- Chinese Philosophical and Religious Traditions (esp. Neo-Confucianism)
- World Christianity
- Theology of Religions
- Contemplative Studies
- Theory and Method in Comparative Studies
- US-China Relations (esp. religious, cultural, and intellectual exchange)

## TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Lecturer**, Boston College, 2024-2025

- “Chinese Religions and Christianity in Dialogue”

**Guest Lecturer**, Harvard Divinity School, Spring 2024

- Invited to teach three-week unit on Confucianism for Prof. Francis Clooney’s course “Can We Still Read Religious Classics?”

**Course Creator and Instructor**, Harvard Catholic Forum, Fall 2023 (7-week course)

- “Catholic Responses to a Pluralistic Age”

**Teaching Fellow**, Harvard University, 2021-2023

- “Interreligious Theology in a Post-Postmodern Era” (Prof. Francis Clooney)
- “Power and Civilization: China” (Profs. Peter Bol & William Kirby)
- “Classical Chinese Ethical and Political Theory” (Prof. Michael Puett)
- “Twins and Twinship in Religion and Mythology” (Prof. Kimberley Patton)
- “Birds in Religion and Mythology” (Prof. Kimberley Patton)

**Head Teaching Fellow**, Harvard University, Spring 2022

- “The United States and China” (Prof. William Kirby)

**Academic Editor and Translator (Chinese to English)**, Freelance, 2016-20

**Content Operations**, musical.ly, Shanghai, China, 2016-17

**Chinese Student Exchange Program Assistant Coordinator**, Belmont University, 2016

**Teaching Assistant**, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, 2015-16

- “Pre-Qin Confucianism and Legalism” (Prof. Bai Tongdong)

**English Teacher**, Hua Xi English / Era Education / CIEE, Chengdu, China, 2015

## PUBLICATIONS

### Articles and Book Chapters:

“Rereading Zhu Xi’s Quiet-Sitting Practice through a Chinese Catholic Lens.” *Journal of Contemplative Studies* (forthcoming).

First author, with Bin Song, “Ruist (Confucian) Receptions of Jesus in Late Imperial China” in *Afterlives: Jesus in Global Perspective, Volume II: Interfaith Afterlives*, edited by Gregory C. Jenks (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2023), 124-39.

“‘America’s Theologian’ Enters the Middle Kingdom: Uncovering the Earliest Chinese Reception of Jonathan Edwards.” *Jonathan Edwards Studies* 9.2 (Fall 2019): 60-82.

## Reviews:

*Balthasar in Light of Early Confucianism*, by Joshua R. Brown (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2020). Reviewed for *Reading Religion*, 08/2023.

*Confucianism and Catholicism: Reinvigorating the Dialogue*, edited by Michael R. Slater, Erin M. Cline, and Philip J. Ivanhoe (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2020). Reviewed for *Reading Religion*, 12/2021. Online at <<https://readingreligion.org/books/confucianism-and-catholicism>>.

*A Theology of Dao*, by Heup Young Kim (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2017). Reviewed for *Reading Religion*, 05/2019. Online at <<https://readingreligion.org/9781626982192/a-theology-of-dao/>>.

*From Christ to Confucius: German Missionaries, Chinese Christians, and the Globalization of Christianity, 1860-1950*, by Albert Monshan Wu (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2016). Reviewed for *Reading Religion*, 07/2018. Online at <<http://readingreligion.org/books/christ-confucius>>.

*Confucianism in China: An Introduction*, by Tony Swain (New York, NY: Bloomsbury Academic, 2017). Reviewed for *Reading Religion*, 01/2018. Online at <<http://readingreligion.org/books/confucianism-china>>.

## PRESENTATIONS

“Rereading Zhu Xi’s Quiet-Sitting Practice through a Chinese Catholic Lens”

- Confucian Studies Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, 11/2024

“Assessing and Extending John Berthrong’s Work on ‘Dual Religious Citizenship’: A Call to Consider Confucian-Christian Traditions”

- Chinese Religions Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, 11/18/2023

“Rethinking the ‘Golden Rule’ through Confucian-Christian Comparison”

- Belmont University Convocation, 10/28/2022

“Rediscovering the *Dao*: An Analysis of Allusions to the Confucian Classics in the ‘Nestorian Stele’ at Xi’an”

- 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the American Association for Chinese Studies, Denver, CO, 10/08/2022

“*Laudato Si*’, Confucian *Li* (禮), and the Etiquette of ‘Ecological Conversion’”

- Co-Sponsored Session: Comparative Theology Unit, Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit, and Religion and Ecology Unit; American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, 11/22/2021

“Arguing ‘Orthodoxy’: Heaven, History, and Heterodoxy in Chinese Christian Responses to the Nanjing Anti-Christian Movement of 1616-1617”

- 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the American Association for Chinese Studies, Denver, CO, 10/02/2021

“Debating the Sagely Way: On the Apologetic Approach and Historiographical Relevance of a Nineteenth-Century Chinese Christian’s Dialogue with Confucian Orthodoxy”

- Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies, Oxford, UK, 08/01/2019

“A Confucian-Christian Prescription for National Wellbeing: Fan Zimei 范子美 (1866-1936) on Building Character and Preserving Tradition to Achieve ‘Great Harmony’ (*Datong* 大同)”

- 25<sup>th</sup> National Conference of the Asian Studies Development Program, Nashville, TN, 03/08/2019

“Rediscovering the Chinese Heritage and Religious Beliefs of Chang and Eng Bunker”

- 29<sup>th</sup> Bunker Family Reunion in Honor of the Siamese Twins, Mount Airy, NC, 07/27/2018

“The Disparate Realisms of Laozi and Zhuangzi: A Synthesis of Interpretations”

- 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Daoist Studies: *Authority versus Authenticity*, Beijing Normal University and the Laozi Institute, Beijing, China, 06/01/2018

“A Neo-Confucian Challenge to the ‘Is-Ought Problem’: Wang Yangming’s *Liangzhi* (良知)”

- American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, 02/24/2018

Panel Chair, “East-West Comparative Dialogues on Morality”

- Affiliated Session of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, 02/24/2018

“Were the Siamese Twins the First Naturalized Asian Americans?”

- 27<sup>th</sup> Bunker Family Reunion in Honor of the Siamese Twins, Mount Airy, NC, 07/30/2016

“Commodification of Culture in China’s New Cultural Industry”

- Belmont University Convocation, Belmont University, Nashville, TN, 09/2014

“Reel Revolution: Depictions of the Cultural Revolution in Chinese Cinema”

- Belmont Undergraduate Research Symposium, Asian Studies Session, Nashville, TN, 04/15/2014

“Confucian Revivalism and Its Role in Contemporary Chinese Society and Education”

- 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference and UAA Ethics Center Inaugural Convocation: *Living Ethically in the Global World*, U. of Alaska-Anchorage, 03/27/2014

## **FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND INVOLVEMENTS**

**Dissertation Completion Fellowship**, Harvard Griffin Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2023-24

**Graduate Summer Research Grant**, Harvard Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, 2023

- Project: “Sitting in Silence with Zhang Chunshen: A Chinese Catholic’s Adaptation of Confucian Contemplation,” Fu Jen Catholic University, New Taipei City

**Parish Pastoral Council**, St. Paul’s Parish, Cambridge, MA, 2023-present

**Graduate Fellow**, Harvard Catholic Forum, 2022-2024

**Researcher and Consultant**, Chang & Eng Bunker Museum, Mount Airy, NC, 2020-present

**Certificate of Distinction in Teaching**, Harvard University Office of Undergraduate Education, Spring 2022, Fall 2023

**Resident Scholar**, Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School, 2019-21

**James Hillhouse Scholarship**, Yale Divinity School, 2018-19

**Samuel Templeman Gladding Scholarship**, Yale Divinity School, 2017-19

**Co-Founder & Leadership Council**, Yale Divinity School Interfaith Club, 2017-19

**Yale Travel Seminar**, Summer 2018

- Program: “Religious Pilgrimage in China”

**Commencement Speaker Representing Foreign Students**, Fudan University School of Philosophy, 06/23/2017

**Bass Award for Asian Studies**, Belmont University, 2014-15

**ASIANetwork/Freeman Foundation Student-Faculty Fellowship**, 2014-15

- Project: “Commodification of Culture in China’s New Cultural Industries”

**Kathleen B. Horrell Scholarship Award**, Belmont University, 12/12/2014

- Highest scholastic record across all majors in university graduating class