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Dean of Arts & Sciences
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EDUCATION:

1999 **Ph.D.** Department of History, University of Hawai'i, Manoa
1994 **M.A.** Department of History, University of Hawai'i, Manoa
1989 Certificate in Chinese Language, Tunghai University (Taiwan)
1989 **B.A.** Department of History, Whitman College

ACADEMIC & RESEARCH POSITIONS:

2023 – present **Dean of Arts & Sciences/Professor of History**, New York University, Shanghai
2019 – 2023 **Professor of History**, Department of History, Pennsylvania State University.
2022 (year) **China-United States Program (IIE) Fellow**
2020-21 **Wilson Fellow**, Kissinger Institute on China and the United States, Wilson Center, Washington DC
2009-19 **Associate Professor of History**, Department of History, Pennsylvania State University.
2010-17 **Director of Graduate Studies**, Department of History, Pennsylvania State University.
2015 **Visiting Research Scholar**, Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, New Delhi, India.
2010-11 **Visiting Research Scholar**, Department of History, Yunnan University.
2007-08 **Visiting Fellow**, Center for Studies of Chinese Southwest Borderland Ethnic Minorities, Yunnan University.
2002-08 **Assistant Professor of History & Asian Studies**, Department of History, Pennsylvania State University.
2001-02 **Assistant Professor**, Department of History, University of Colorado at Denver, Denver, Colorado.
2001 (Spring) **Visiting Fellow**, Center of Islamic and Central Asian Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin Germany.
1999-2001 **Assistant Professor**, Department of History, Juniata College, Pennsylvania.
1997-98 **Doctoral Research Scholar**, History Department, Yunnan University, China.
1996-97 **Doctoral Research Scholar**, Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan.
1989-90 **Instructor**, Foreign Languages and Literature Department, Yunnan University, China

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

BOOKS:

----- ***The Chinese Mandarin: The Life of Lin Zexu, 1785-1850.*** Oxford University Press. [Under Contract]

2023 ***The Panthay Rebellion: Islam, Ethnicity and the Dali Sultanate in Southwest China, 1856-1873,*** Verso
(REPRINT OF *The Chinese Sultanate*, with new preface by Tariq Ali)

2021 ***Sources in Chinese History (Revised 2nd Edition).*** Co-authored with Yurong Yang Atwill. Routledge.

2018 ***Islamic Shangri-la: Inter-Asian Relations and Lhasa's Muslim Communities, 1600-1960,*** University of California Press.

2010 ***Sources in Chinese History (1644-present).*** Co-authored with Yurong Yang Atwill. Upper Saddle River: Prentice Hall.

2006 ***The Chinese Sultanate: Islam, Violence, and the Panthay Rebellion, 1856-1873.*** Stanford University Press.
(CHINESE Translation under contract with Prof. Yang Jide and Ningxia Chubanshe).

SELECTED SCHOLARLY ESSAYS AND BOOK CHAPTERS:

- 2023 **"The Lhasa Uprisings of 1959 and 2008: Muslims in a Buddhist Land,"** in Eric Tagliacozzo and David Powers, eds. *Islamic Ecumene: Comparing Global Muslim Societies* Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press.
- 2018 **"Lhasa's Departed Past,"** #AsiaNow, October 8: www.asian-studies.org/asia-now/entryid/178
- 2016 **"Boundaries of Belonging: Sino-Indian Relations and the 1960 Tibetan Muslim Incident,"** *Journal of Asian Studies* 75(3) August 2016: 595-620.
- 2014 **"A Tibetan By Any Other Name: The Case of Muslim Tibetans and Ambiguous Ethno-religious Identities"** *Cahiers d'Extrême Asie* 23: 31-61.
- 2010 **"Ruminations on the Interpretive Framework of 19th Century Tibet-Yunnan Relations,"** *Journal of Ethnology* 1-2 (2010) [In Chinese] (大卫·阿提威, "十九世纪滇藏关系解释范式的反思," 民族学刊, 2 (2010): 19-24.
- 2007 **"Holy Culture Wars: Patterns of Ethno-Religious Violence in 19th and 20th Century China,"** in *Belief and Bloodshed: Religion and Violence Across Time and Tradition*. Ed. James Wellman. (Rowman & Littlefield): 115-130.
- 2006 **"Islam and 19th century Yunnan: Local Visions and Global Connections,"** In Tu Weiming and Yao Jide (eds.), "The Global Significance of Local Knowledge (本土知识的全球意义), *Nanjing University-Harvard Yenching Forum for Dialogue between Chinese and Islamic Civilizations* (Conference Proceedings): 1-7.
- 2003 **"Blinkered Visions: Islamic Identity, Hui Ethnicity, and the Panthay Rebellion in Southwest China, 1856-1874,"** *Journal of Asian Studies*, vol. 62, no. 4 November 2003, 1079-1108.
(CHINESE Translation in Lu Ren (ed.), *Xiandai Xifang Xueshu Sheyeyzhong de Zhongguo Xinan Bianjiang Shi*, 2007) (REPRINTED: Michael Dillon, ed. *Islam in China: Key Papers*, 2 vols, Global Oriental, 2009, pp 300-329).
- 2002 **"Trading Places: Resistance, Ethnicity and Governance in 19th Century Yunnan,"** in Robert J. Antony and Jane K. Leonard, eds., *Dragons, Tigers, and Dogs Qing Crisis Management and the Boundaries of State Power in Late Imperial China* (Ithaca: Cornell East Asia Series, 245-273).
- 2002 **"The Du Wenxiu Sultanate through Foreign Eyes: A New Look at Western Accounts of the Dali (Du Wenxiu) Pingnan Regime,"** in *Nanzhao Dali Lishi Wenhua Guoji Xueshu Taolunhui* [Conference Proceedings], 241-249.
- 1999 **"Larger Than Life: French Imperialism in Southwest China, 1886-1904"** in *Shixue Luncong* (Studies in History), no.7, Dec., 1999.
- 1997 **"Islam in the World of Yunnan: Muslim Yunnanese Identity in 19th Century Yunnan,"** *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*, 17(1) 1997, 9-30.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS:

- 2023 (Spring) **Humanities Institute** Resident Scholar (Penn State)
- 2022 (Year) **China-United State Program** (IIE)
- 2020-2021 **Woodrow Wilson Center (Washington D.C.)**, Resident Fellow
- 2020 [Declined] **Institut d'études avancées de Paris/Institute of Advanced Studies, Paris**, Resident Fellow
- 2019 [Declined] **Center of Chinese Studies (National Library, Taiwan)**, Research Grant for Foreign Scholars
- 2019 - Spring **Sydney China Fellowship (China Studies Center, University of Sydney)**, Visiting Scholar
- 2016 **Association of Nepal and Himalayan Studies**, Senior Fellowship

2014-2016	Public Intellectuals Program Fellow , National Committee of China-United States Relations.
2014-2015	NEH FPIRI Fellow (administered by American Institute of Indian Studies) Senior Scholar Fellowship
2014	Graduate School Alumni Society Graduate Program Chair Leadership Award
2012-2015	European Research Council , Center for Himalayan Studies (CNRS). (Participating scholar)
2011-2013	Mellon Foundation – Supplemental New Directions Fellowship
2011	Confucius Institute Workshop Grant – “China in Motion: Urban-Rural Migration in Modern China”
2007-2010	Mellon Foundation – New Directions Fellowship
2007/2008	Fulbright Scholar Research Award – People’s Republic of China
2007 (Spring)	Institute for the Arts and Humanities – Resident Scholar (Penn State)
2006	International Programs Faculty Travel Fund (Penn State)
2005	Kent Forster Memorial Junior Faculty Award (Penn State)
2005	University of Pittsburgh East Asian Library travel grant
2001	Junior Fellow of the Working Group Modernity and Islam (Berlin, Germany)
2000	Islam and Modernity Summer Academy , Working Group Modernity and Islam, (Germany)
1998/99	University of Hawaii Dissertation Completion Fellowship (United State-Year)
1997/98	Outstanding Young Scholar Dissertation Scholarship – China Times Cultural Foundation
1997	Pacific Cultural Foundation Scholarship (Taiwan-Summer)
1996/97	J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship (Taiwan-Year)
1996/97	Foreign Language Area Studies Dissertation Scholarship (Chinese Language), Declined.
1996/97	Foreign Language Area Studies (Chinese-Summer)
1989-90	Whitman-in-China Fellowship (Yunnan University)

FEATURED REVIEWS, FIELD REPORTS & SHORT ESSAYS

2018	Featured Review: The New Inter-Asian History: Moving Beyond China’s Borders , <i>Twentieth-Century China</i> , 43.1 (January 2018): 89-98.
2016	Islamic Shangri-La: Tibetan Muslim Hybridity, Assimilation and Diaspora (ANHS Senior Fellowship Report). <i>HIMALAYA, the Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies</i> : Vol. 36 (2): 129-130.
2014	Featured Review of <i>What Remains: Coming to Terms with Civil War in 19th century China</i> , by Tobie Meyer-Fong. <i>American Historical Review</i> 119.3 (June 2014) 831-32.

BOOK REVIEWS

2020	Review of A History of Modern Tibet, Volume 4 In the Eye of the Storm, 1957-1959 . By Melvyn Goldstein, <i>Journal of Asian Studies</i> 79.2 (May 2020): 468-470.
2020	Review of <i>The Muslim Merchants of Premodern China: The History of a Maritime Asian Trade Diaspora, 750–1400</i> by John W. Chaffee, <i>American Historical Review</i> 125.2 (April 2020): 628-629.
2012	Review of <i>Islam in Traditional China: A Bibliographical Guide</i> by Donald Leslie, Yang Daye and Ahmed Youssef. <i>Der Islam</i> , 88.2 (October 2012) 366-68.
2008	Review of <i>Amid the Clouds and Mist: China's Colonization of Guizhou, 1200-1700</i> by John E Herman. <i>Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies</i> , 68.2 (December 2008): 163-169.

- 2007 Review of *Frontier People: Han Settlers In Minority Areas Of China* by Mette Halskov Hansen. *China Information* 21.1 (2007): 157-58.
- 2007 Review of *Empire at the Margins: Culture, Ethnicity, and Frontier in Early Modern China* edited by Pamela Crossley, Helen Siu, and Donald Sutton. *Journal of Asian Studies*, 65.3 (2007): 604-606
- 2006 Review of *Reluctant Pioneers: China's Expansion Northward, 1644-1937* by James Reardon-Anderson. *Journal of Social History*, 40.1 September 2006: 279-801.
- 2003 Review of *Code, Custom and Legal Practice in China: The Qing and the Republic Compared*, by Philip C.C. Huang. *China Review International*, 10.2, Fall 2003, 411-414.
- 2003 Review of *Ways of Being Ethnic in Southwest China*. By Stevan Harrell. *The Historian*, 65.6, 1438-1439.
- 2002 Review of *Perspectives on the Yi of Southwest China* edited by Stevan Harrell. *The Historian*, 65.2, 479-480.
- 2002 Review of *The Sextants of Beijing: Global Currents in Chinese History* by Joanna Waley-Cohen. *Journal of World History*, 13.1. (Spring 2002), 203-205.
- 2001 Review of *Musulman de Chine: Une anthropologie des Hui du Henan* by Elisabeth Allès. *China Perspectives* No. 36 (July-August 2001), 76-77.

Professional & Invited Papers

Royal Asiatic Society (Shanghai, China)

- **March 2024 — Invited Speaker:** Beyond the Opium War: Rethinking the Contributions of Commissioner Lin Zexu to 19th century Imperial China

AAS-in-Asia Conference (Yogyakarta, Indonesia)

- **July 2024 — Chair and Discussant:** Inter-Asian Histories of the Tibetan Plateau: War, Tributes, Frontiers, Photographs, and Tea

Association for Asian Studies (AAS) — National Conference (Seattle, WA)

- **March 2024 — “Forgotten Partners: Tibetan Muslim Elites and Tibet’s Inter-Asian Relations”**

Reed College (Portland, OR) – Department of History

- **November 7, 2022 — “In the Pursuit of Evil: Lin Zexu and the Opium War, 1839-1842”**

Association for Asian Studies (AAS) — National Conference (Honolulu, HI)

- **March 2022 — “Cold War Contradictions: The Tibetan Muslim Experience in Maoist-era Lhasa (1959-61)”**

Wilson Center (Washington DC)

- **January 12, 2021 — In China’s Shadow: The Ascendancy of High Asia, 1900-1965.**

Bucknell University (Lewisburg, PA)

- **March 28-29, 2020 [CANCELLED] — Islam in China: Religion, Ethnicity, and the State Symposium**

Notre Dame University (South Bend, IN)

- **March 23, 2020 [CANCELLED] — Invited Speaker " Muslims in a Buddhist Land"**

Dali University — Institute of Ethnic Studies (Dali, Yunnan PRC)

- **December 6, 2019 — Inaugural Speaker Endowed Speaker Series: “From the Panthay Rebellion to Lin Zexu: Choosing a Path in Chinese Studies”** (in Chinese: : 我的中国研究 : 从“潘泰”到林则徐)

George Mason University — Islam in China Forum (Fairfax, VA)

- **April 4, 2019 — Invited Speaker "Islam in China: New Studies and Perspectives"**

Association for Asian Studies (AAS) — National Conference (Denver, CO)

- **March 2019 — "Islam in Asian Studies" Invited Roundtable**

University of Sydney (Sydney, Australia)

- **March 5, 2019 — Invited speaker, “Cold War Asia and Tibet’s Himalayan Past: Tibetan Muslims, Nepalese Rebels and the Bandung Dilemma, 1951-1961”**

University of Sydney (Sydney, Australia)

- **February 20, 2019 — Sydney Ideas (Public Forum): "The Xinjiang Crackdown: Islam and Nationalities Policy in China Today"**

American Historical Association (AHA) — National Conference (Washington, D.C.)

- **January 2018**—Panelist and Commentator
 - “Half-Breeds, Mongrels and Mules: Half-Tibetans at the Intersection of Race, Ethnicity and Nationalism, 1900-1960”

University of Rochester (Rochester, NY)

- **October 27, 2016** — Invited speaker, "Islamic Shangri-la: Tibetan Muslims and the Emergence of Modern Tibet"

University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh, PA) **Thinking About China's Western Borderlands Workshop**

- **April 6, 2016** — Invited speaker, "Five Fingers of Tibet: Himalayan States in the Conceptualization of Sino-Indian Border Relations since 1949"

Association for Asian Studies (AAS) — National Conference (Seattle, WA)

- **April 3, 2016** — Panel Chair for panel entitled “Minority Report: Ethno-Nationalism and Japanese Imperialism in the Sino-Soviet Borderlands, 1919-1949.”

University of Puget Sound, (Tacoma, WA)

- **November 18, 2015** — Invited speaker, Lhasa 1960: Tibetan Muslims and the Emergence of Modern Tibet

Pacific Basin Institute, Pomona College (Pomona, CA)

- **October 14, 2013** — Invited speaker, “Islamic Shangri-la: Tibetan Muslims and the Formation of Modern Tibet.”

Cornell University – Comparative Muslim Societies, (Ithaca, NY)

- **September 19, 2013** — Invited speaker “Tibetan Muslims: Islam in a Buddhist Land.”

International Association for Tibetan Studies 13th Seminar (Ulaan Bataar, Mongolia)

- **July 21, 2013** — Panelist, “Kham Tibetan Muslims: The Shaping and Shifting of Indigenous Conceptualizations of Authority, Trade and Culture”

Centre d'Études Himalayennes - Territories, communities, and exchanges in Khams (Paris, France)

- **June 25-26, 2013** — Invited speaker “Islam in Tibet: A Forgotten Shangri-la”

Forms of Exchange: China and the Muslim World, Institute of East Asian Studies (Berkeley, CA)

- **April 19, 2013** — Invited speaker “Exiled from an Islamic Shangri-la: Lhasa Muslim Identity and the ‘Kashmiri Tibetan’ Incident of 1960”

Association for Asian Studies (AAS) — National Conference (San Diego, CA)

- **March 21, 2013** — Panel Chair “Resistance & Engagement: Gender, Internet and the State.”

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

NATIONAL and INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:

Association of Asian Studies, East and Inner Asia Council (EIAC), Council Member, 2025-present

National Committee US-China Relations Congressional Staff Delegation (Scholar Escort), 2016.

Dissertation Review (Chinese History) – Advisory Board Member, 2012-2016.

Association of Asian Studies, Program Committee – Board Member, 2011-2013.

International Journal of Islam in Asia - Editorial Advisory Board Member, 2019-present.

FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION REFEREE:

American Academy in Berlin, 2014 to present

Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, 2012 to present

Penn State Mellon New Directions (down-select), 2010 to 2021

University of Missouri Research Board, 2016

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER/READER:

Cornell University Press

Houghton Mifflin

I.B. Taurus

Lexington Press

Cengage Learning

Longman Publishing

North Carolina University Press

Oxford University Press

Pearson Publishing

Prentice Hall

Routledge Publishing

Stanford University Press

University of California Press

ARTICLE REVIEWER/READER:

Modern China

Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies

Verge: Studies in Global Asias

Twentieth Century China

Journal of Asian Studies

The Historian

Al-Quantara

PROMOTION & TENURE EXTERNAL REVIEWER:

Arkansas State University

Carnegie Mellon University

Cornell University

Loyola University (New Orleans)

University of Hawaii, Manoa

Brigham Young University

University of Sydney

LANGUAGES

Chinese	– Proficient Classical and Modern Mandarin
French	– Advanced Reading/Speaking
Italian	– Intermediate Reading/Basic Speaking
Tibetan	– Intermediate Reading/Basic Speaking