

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

2007 Ph.D. in Chinese History. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
2003 Exchange Student. Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
2003 M.A. in Chinese History. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
1999 B.A. in Chinese History, Literature, and Philosophy. Renmin University of China,
Beijing, China

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2021- Associate Professor of History, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
2015- Faculty Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre
Dame, Notre Dame IN
2015- Faculty Fellow, Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies, University of Notre
Dame, Notre Dame, IN

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2014- 2021 Assistant Professor of History, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
2015 Spring Visiting Scholar, Standard University, Stanford, CA
2014 spring Tenured Associate Professor, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR
2008-2013 Assistant Professor of History, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR
2012-2013 Visiting Fellow at Wolfson College, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK
2007-2008 Assistant Professor of History, Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah,
GA

PUBLICATIONS**Books:**

Witchcraft and the Rise of the First Confucian Empire. Albany, NY: State University of
New York Press, 2014. Pg. 300. Paperback, 2015

Awards: 2014 Academic Award for Excellence, presented by Chinese Historians in the United States; FINALIST - 2015 Best First Book in the History of Religions, presented by the American Academy of Religion

Reviews:

The American Historical Review; The Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society; The Journal of Chinese Studies; San Francisco Book Review; The Pomegranate: The International Journal of Pagan Studies; Oriental Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic; The Chinese Historical Review; Religious Studies Review; Magic, Ritual, and Witchcraft; China Review International; Journal of Chinese Religion, Journal of Chinese Philosophy, Journal of Chinese Studies, Journal of American Oriental Society

Chinese Translation:

Wugu zhi huo yu rujia diguo de xingqi 巫蠱之禍與儒家帝國的興起 (Witchcraft and the Rise of the First Confucian Empire). Beijing: Beijing Normal University press, 2021.

Book under contract but not yet published

From Utopia to Serfdom: Emperor's Law, Confucian Virtue and Legal Empire of Western Han China (221 BCE -23 CE). (Under contract with Cambridge University Press. The draft of the book, around 100,000 words, has been completed)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

2023

“Women you duoai ziji de fumu: Dui you ai zhi xiao de zai siko 我們有多愛自己的父母：對由愛至孝的再思考,”(Chinese translation of How Strong is Your Love for your Parents) *Hanxue yinghua 漢學英華*, vol. 2 (2023), 425-465.

“Where were the Compensations for Victims? Body Politic and the Absence of Corrective Justice in Early Chinese Law (221BCE-9 CE),” *The American Historical Review*, submitted.

“Crime-Free Utopia and Amnesty: Pursuit of a Perfect Society and the Collapse of the Justice System in Early China (202 BCE – 9 AD),” *T'oung Pao*, submitted.

“Criminalizing Job Performance: Brutal Perfectionism in Early Chinese Empires,” *The Journal of Asian Studies*, submitted.

2020

“How Strong is Your Love for Your Parents? Childlike Mindset and Confucian Filial Piety,” *the Bulletin of the Jao Tsung-I Academy of Sinology*, 7(2020), 225-254.

2019

“Confucians, Social Networks, and Bureaucracy: Donghai 東海 Men and Models for Success in the Western Han China (206 BCE–9 CE)”, *Early China*, 42(2019), 237-271.

“A Study of Person Entity Extraction and Profiling from Classical Chinese,” Proceedings of *Historiography International Workshop on Entity REtrieval (EYRE) at CIKM, 2019*. (Co-authored with *Yihong Ma, @Qingkai Zeng, @Tianwen Jiang, and Meng Jiang)

2017

“Zhengzhi quanli bangjia xia de tianren ganying zaiyi shuo (gongyuan qian 206 nian – gongyuan 8nian) “政治權力綁架下的天人感應災異說 (公元前 206 年–公元 8 年) [Moral Cosmology that was Kidnapped by Political Power (206 BCE to 8 CE), *Zhongguo shi yanjiu* 中國史研究 [Journal of Chinese Historical Studies], 2017.2, 63-80. [Chinese translation of “The Hermeneutics of Omens: The Bankruptcy of Moral Cosmology in the Western Han China (206 BCE-8 CE)”]

2015

“The Hermeneutics of Omens: The Bankruptcy of Moral Cosmology in the Western Han China (206 BCE-8 CE),” *The Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, volume 25, issue 03 (2015), 439-459.

2011

“Excavating the Genealogy of Classical Studies in the Western Han Dynasty (206BCE-8 CE),” *The Journal of American Oriental Society*, 131.3 (2011), 371-394.

“Recasting the Ruling Class: Re-reading the Witchcraft Scandal in the Western Han Dynasty” 重塑統治集團：西漢巫蠱案的再解讀, *Hunan sheng bowu guan guan kan* 湖南省博物館館刊 (Bulletin of Hunan Provincial Museum), 7 (2011), 535-559.

2010

“Who Said, ‘Confucius Composed Chunqiu’? the Genealogy of the ‘Chunqiu’ Canon in the pre-Han and Han Periods,” *Frontiers of History in China*, 5.3(2010): 363-385.

2006

“Dialectics between Reconstruction and Deconstruction: Some Reflections on Studies of Early Confucianism in American Sinology” 重構與解構：對美國漢學界早期儒學研究的一些回顧和思考, *China Scholarship* 中國學術, 24 (2006), 228–247.

Book Chapters

“Western Han Dynasty,” in *Routledge Handbook of Imperial Chinese History* edited by Victor Cunrui Xiong & Kenneth J. Hammond, Abingdon, Oxon ; New York, NY: Routledge, 2019. pp. 25-38.

“When the Founder is Not a Creator: Confucius and Confucianism Reconsidered,” in *Varieties of Religious Invention*, edited by Patrick Gray, Oxford University Press, 2015. pp. 62-82.

Reviews, Encyclopedia Entries, and Translations

Translation of “The Statute Regarding the Remarriage of Women in *The Qin Bamboo Slips in the Collection of Yuelu Academy* (Vol. 5) 嶽麓書院藏秦簡 and the Scandal of Lao’ ai 嫪毐,” *Bamboo and Silk*, 5(1), 106-131.

Review of *Excavating the Afterlife the Archaeology of Early Chinese Religion* by, Guolong Lai, *Early China*, 41(2018), pp 461–464.

Review of *Dubious Facts: The Evidence of Early Chinese Historiography* by Garret P. S. Olberding, *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, 28 (2018), 164-166.

Review of *Public Memory in Early China* by K.E. Brashier. *Journal of Chinese History* 2017.1 (1), 197-198.

Review of *Writing and the Ancient State: Early China in Comparative Perspective* by Haicheng Wang, *Frontiers of History in China*, 2016, 11 (1): 174-176.

Book Review, *Michael Loewe. Bing: From Farmer's Son to Magistrate in Han China* by Michael Lowes. *China Review International*, 20.1&2 (2013), 122-124.

Book Review, *The Journey of Maps and Images on the Silk Road*, edited by Philippe Forêt and Andreas Kaplony, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 42.2 (2010), 323-324.

Translation of “Shigaku Zasshi Summary of Japanese Scholarship for 2001: Shang, Zhou, Spring and Autumn,” *Early China*, 30 (2005), 205–222.

Encyclopedia Articles: “Social Structures of Warring States,” “Social Structures of Han China,” *World History Encyclopedia: Era 3 Classical Traditions 1000 BCE-300CE*, volume 5, ed. Alfred J. Andrea, Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio, 2011, 115-116.

SCHOLARSHIP, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

2023	Kellogg Workshop and Conference grant, Notre Dame, IN Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies Conference grant, Notre Dame IN
2022	ISLA Small Research Grant ISLA Large Research Grant
2021	Course Development Grants in The Data Science Minor (\$2000)
2020	Liu Institute Faculty Funding for Digital Empires (\$ 3000), Notre Dame, IN Kellogg Institute Faculty Research Grant for Digital Empires (\$ 2000), Notre Dame, IN
2019	Small Research and Creative Work Grant (\$2,090), Notre Dame, IN International Research Travel Grant (\$1,600), Notre Dame, IN

- 2018 ACLS (American Council of Learned Society) Program in China Studies/ Henry Luce Foundation Collaborative Reading Workshop Grant (with Guolong Lai at University of Florida \$ 15,000)
Large Henkels Grant, Notre Dame, IN (\$20,000)
Chiang Chingkuo Foundation Scholar Grant, Taipei, Taiwan (\$ 25,000)
Asia Research Collaboration Grant, Notre Dame, IN (\$12,000)
Kellogg Institute Conference Travel Grant, Notre Dame, IN (\$1,140)
- 2017 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Large Grants for Research and Creative Work, Notre Dame, IN (\$ 10,000)
- 2017 Kellogg Institute Workshop Grant, Notre Dame, IN (\$ 3,750)
- 2016 Teaching beyond the Classroom Grants, Notre Dame, IN (\$ 1,500)
- 2015-2016 Fellowship at International Center for Study of Chinese Civilization, Fudan University, China (ca. \$10,000)
- 2015 Faculty Research Support Program (FRSP) Initiation Grant, Notre Dame (\$ 5000), IN
- 2014 Association for Asian Studies China and Inner Asia Council Small Grants (\$2000)
- 2012-2013 Cambridge faculty fellowship, Wolfson College, Cambridge, UK (\$ 55,000)
- 2012-2013 Lucy Cavendish College Visiting Fellow, Cambridge, UK (Declined)
- 2013 Fulbright College Faculty Travel Funds, UARK (\$ 1000)
- 2012 Arts and Humanities Seed Fund Program, UARK (\$ 5000)
- 2012 Robert C. and Sandra Connor Endowed Faculty Fellowship, UARK
- 2011 Honors College Curriculum Development Grant, UARK (\$25,000, with Dr. Ka Zeng and Dr. Jingping Gu)
- 2007 Teaching and Learning Grant 2007-2008, Armstrong Atlantic State University
- 2005 China Research Travel Grant, Cornell University
- 2004 Starr Fellowship, Cornell University
- 2002-2002 East Asian Program Fellowship, Cornell University

DISTINCTIONS, HONORS, AWARDS

- 2022 The Kellogg Institute Academic Conferences and Workshop Grants
- 2019 Global Gateway Faculty Research Award for project entitled "Digital Empires: Structured Biographical and Social Network Analysis of Early Chinese Empires" (with Meng Jiang at the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, \$ 43,811), Notre Dame, IN
- 2018 Faculty Honorees of Men's Lacrosse Faculty Recognition, Notre Dame, IN
- 2015 FINALIST - 2015 Best First Book in the History of Religions, presented by the American Academy of Religion
- 2014 Academic Award for Excellence [for *Witchcraft and the Rise of the First Confucian Empire*], presented by Chinese Historians in the United States
- 2008 Teaching Commitment Award, University of Arkansas
- 2006 China Times Cultural Foundation Young Scholar Award
- 2006 Chung and Ya Chao Liu Memorial Award, Cornell University

INVITED TALKS

2022

“When the law is unjust: Confucianism and Legal Practice in Early China”, Tufts University, Sept 29, 2022. (Online)

“Law, Justice, and Governance: Thought and Practice in Early Imperial China,” Philology in Our Time, The Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy at Academia Sinica, Taiwan (online), April 29, 2022.

2021

“Witchcraft and the Rise of Confucian Empire: Western Han under Scrutinization of Digital Humanities” 巫蠱之禍與儒生帝國的興起：數字人文化重構下的西漢歷史，Northwest University of China 西北大學, Sept, 10, 2021. (Online)

2020

"Convicts as Officials in the Western Han (202 BC–9 AD): Disparities between Philosophical Ideal and Realpolitik," University of Pennsylvania, November 4, 2020.

2019 “Confucian Politics in the Perspective of Social Network Analysis”, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, March 13, 2019

“Political Ambition and the Bureaucratic Hierarchy”, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, March 14, 2019

“From Love to Filial Piety: Reexamination of Children’s Affection for Parents”, East China Normal University, June 20, 2019

2017 “Marquis of Haihun 海昏, Witchcraft Scandal, and the Rise of the First Confucian Empire,” University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, June, 9, 2017.

2016 “An Empire without Politicians: Confucian and Bureaucracy,” Fudan University, Shanghai, China, May 23, 2016

“Confucians and Bureaucracy,” invited by *Oriental History Review* 東方歷史評論, 706 Youth Space, Beijing, June 19, 2016

2015 “Witchcraft and the Rise of the First Confucian Empire: A Revisionist View of Early Chinese Imperial History from the Perspective of Digital Humanities,” University of California, Berkeley, March 11, 2015

- “A Close Reading: How to Construct the Multiple Voices in the *Grand Scribe's Records* and the *History of Western Han Dynasty*,” Renmin University of China, Beijing, China, December, 22, 2015
- “Colloquium on the Han Empire: A Dialogue with Professor Hou Xudong 侯旭东 at Tsinghua University,” organized by the Beijing Normal University Press, Bi an Book Store 彼岸書店, December 20, 2015
- 2013 “The Digital Humanities and Re-examination of the Rise of the First Confucian Empire” , presented at the Historical Studies Series at Renmin University of China, November 28, 2013
- “Witchcraft and the Rise of the First Confucian Empire” presented at Early China Seminar at Columbia University, Nov. 16th, 2013
- “Witchcraft and the Rise of the First Confucian Empire”, presented at Peking University, China, June 13th, 2013
- “The Muted Bureaucrats and the Combative *Ru* (Confucian) Scholars: A Comparative Reading of an Archaeologically Discovered text ‘Wei li zhi dao’ 為吏之道 and Wang Chong’s ‘Cheng cai’ 程材 in *Lun Heng* 論衡,” presented at Needham Research Institute, Cambridge, UK, May 10th, 2013
- “Witchcraft and the Rise of the First Confucian Empire,” presented at Association of Cambridge Studies China Research Seminar Series, King's College, University of Cambridge, UK, May 11th, 2013
- “Witchcraft and the Rebirth of the Ruling Elite in Western Han China, 206 BCE – 8CE,” presented at China Research Seminar at Department of East Asian Studies at University of Cambridge, UK, February 13th, 2013
- “Witchcraft and the Rise of the First Confucian Empire,” presented at Wolfson College, University of Cambridge, UK, February 20th, 2013
- 2012 “Hermeneutics of Omens: Political Application of Moral Cosmology and Its Bankruptcy in Western Han China (206 BCE -8 CE),” presented at the East Asian Studies Program at Princeton University, May 16th, 2012
- “Bloody Struggle Disguised underneath the Correlative Cosmology: the Bankruptcy of Omen Politics in the West Han China”, presented at the College of Literature and Communication, Minzu University of China, Beijing, December 3rd, 2012

- 2007 “A Class Merely on Paper?: A Study of “The Collective Biographies of Confucians” in The Grand Scribe’s Records (*Shiji* 史記),” invited by the Department of Asian Languages and Literatures at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, March 05, 2007

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATION

2023

Crime-Free Utopia and Collapse of the Justice System: When Philosopher-dreams were Applied to Early China (221BCE-25 CE), American Philosophical Association Pacific Division meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 5-8, 2023.

“Imperial Amnesty: Catching, Releasing, and the Collapse of Justice in the Early Imperial China (221 BCE-9AD), Annual Meeting of AAS (Association for Asian Studies), Boston, MI, March 16-19, 2023.

2022

“Criminalizing the Bureaucrats: Performance Legitimacy and Collective Lies in Early Imperial China (221BCE-25 CE),” Annual Meeting of AAS (Association for Asian Studies), Honolulu, Hawaii, March 24-27, 2022.

“Innocent Convicts and the Unlawful Commoners: The Conception of Justice in Early Imperial China (221 BCE -9CE)” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, Canada, April 13-16, 2022.

“The Master Kept a Distance from His Own Son: Filial Piety, Confucius’ Communal Life, and Text Clustering in Early China,” ACLS- UChicago Workshop: Literacy Culture across Eurasia Part II: Global China, Global Greece, University of Chicago, April 22-24, 2022 (online).

“When the Law was Unjust: Mutual Responsibility, Innocent Convicts, and Possible Legal Reform in Early China (221 BCE-21CE)” Transatlantic Workshop Bielefeld/Notre Dame, Bielefeld University and online, May 12-17, 2022.

“Unjust Law and Upright Confucians: Confucianism and Legal Practice in Early China”, Creel Lecture and Workshop on the *Analects*, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL Oct 22-23, 2022.

“Roundtable on *The Confucian-Legalist State: A New Theory of Chinese History* by Zhang Dingxin,” Tsinghua University 清華大學, Nov, 20, 2022 (online)

“Data of Narrative and Narrative of Data: How Long-distant reading can help reexamine Early Imperial China” Digital Humanities and History International Symposium 數字人

文與歷史學國際學術研討會, Hunan University 湖南大學, Changsha, Hunan, Dec 3-4, 2022 (online)

- 2021 “Criminalize the Empire: Shang Yang and Han Feizi in dialogue with the Western Han Reality (202 BC E–9 CE),” *International Colloquium: Ancient Worlds in Asia* 亞洲的古代世界国际学术论坛, Hong Kong Baptist University, Jan, 19, 2021. (Online Conference)

"Can Heavy Punishment Deter Crime: Legalism and Qin-Han Empires (221 BC E–9 CE)," *The American Philosophical Central Division Meeting*, Feb, 2021, 2021 (Online Conference)

“Teachers to the Throne: Morality, Political Power, and Social Networks in the Western Han China (202 BC E–9 CE), *Annual Meeting of AAS (Association for Asian Studies)*, March 21, 2021 (Online Conference)

- 2019 “Morality and Political Power: from Tutors to the Emperor to the Chancellor of the Empire,” *Political Meritocracy in Comparative Historical Perspective*, Harvard University Shanghai Center, March 16-17, 2019

“How Strong is Your Love for Your Parents? Filial Piety and Confucian Ethics,” *2019 Annual Meeting of AAS (Association for Asian Studies)*, Denver, CO, March 21-24, 2019

“Law, Technical Bureaucrats, and Bureaucratic Hierarchy: Was the Ancient Chinese Empire a Weber’s Modern State?” *Ancient History from the View of World History: Eurasian Dialogues and Imperial Comparisons Fudan-Copenhagen Joint Workshop*, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, June 29-30, 2019

“Technical Merit, Moral Virtue and Bureaucratic Hierarchy,” *ISCP 21st International Conference on Chinese Philosophy*, the University of Bern, Bern, Switzerland July 2-5, 2019

“Convict Politics: Translating ideas or Inventing New Frameworks,” *Purdue-East Asia: Exploring New Humanities*, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, Oct 20-22, 2019

“The Master Kept a Distance from His Own Son: Filial Piety, Confucius’ Learning Community, and Textual Stratification,” *Midwest Conference on Chinese Thought (MCCT)*, North Central College in Naperville, IL, April 26-27, 2019

Celebrating the Centennial of China’s May 4th Movement: A Day of Reading Classical Chinese Texts, University of Chicago, May 4th, 2019

“Digital Empire: Encoding Biography and Social Network Analysis,” *Brainstorm: New or Big History in Digital Age*, University of Notre Dame Beijing Gateway, June 24, 2019

- “Convict Politics: Elites and Law in Early Chinese Empires,” International Conference “China and the World: Language, Culture, Politics” Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgaria, Dec 14-15, 2019
- Y. Ma, Q. Zeng, T. Jiang, L. Cai, and M. Jiang., 2019. A Study of Person Entity Extraction and Profiling from Classical Chinese Historiography. In *International Workshop on Entity REtrieval (EYRE) at ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM)*
- 2018 “Technical Merit, Moral Virtue, and Bureaucratic Hierarchy: Confucian Political Philosophy,” *Political Meritocracy in Comparative Historical Perspective*, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, Nov 1-2, 2018
- “Tutor to the Crown Prince and Chancellor of the Empire: Confucian Dream and Political Reality in Western Han China (206 BCE-8 CE),” *Exercising Power in Ancient Empires: A Comparative Perspective*, University of Notre Dame, Oct 25-26, 2018
- 2017 “Confucian Thought, Political Elites, and Bureaucratic Hierarchy in Early Chinese Empires,” *Occult Arts, Art History, and Cultural Exchange in Early China: An International Conference in Honor of Professor Li Ling 李零*, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China June 11-14, 2017
- “Confucian Thought and an Alternative to Democracy: Political Elites and Bureaucratic Hierarchy in Early Chinese Empires,” *ISCP 20th International Conference on Chinese Philosophy*, Nanyang Technological University, July 4-7, Singapore, 2017
- “Confucians and Bureaucratic Hierarchy: Social Network Analysis of Men from Donghai Region in Western Han China (206BCE-8CE),” *Chinese Studies Association of Australia 15th Biennial Conference: Chinese values and counter-values: past and present*, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia, July 10-12, 2017
- 2016 “Fighting against Bureaucratic Hierarchy: The formation of Confucian Elites in Early Imperial China,” *Forming Chinese Culture: From the Age of Confucius to the Early Imperial Age*, Stanford, CA, April 21-22, 2016
- “Flourishing under a Centralized Bureaucracy: Social Network Analysis of the Shandong Region Elites in Western Han China,” *the 75th Annual Meeting of Association for Asian Studies*, Seattle, WA, March 31-April 3, 2016
- “When *ru* became followers of Confucius: A Close Reading of Sima Qian’s ‘Collective Biographies of Ru,’” *the Annual Meeting of American Academy of Religion*, San Antonio, TX, Nov 19-22.

- 2015 “Ambition of Being High Officials: Employing the Concepts of Politician and Bureaucrats to Examine the Debate over Relative Merit of Confucians and Technical Clerks”, *International Conference of Science, Thought and the Cultural History and Commemorative Symposium Honoring the Retirement of Professor Benjamin Elman*, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, Dec. 27-29, 2015.
- “Is Confucian Xiao 孝 Consanguinism?” the *Annual Meeting of American Academy of Religion*, Atlanta, GA, Nov 20-22, 2015
- “Be A Politician not A Bureaucrat: Debate over Relative Merit of Confucians (rusheng) and Technical Bureaucrats (wenli),” *Workshop on Early China*, University of Chicago, November 6-7, 2015.
- “The Master Kept A Distance from His Own Son: Is Confucian Morality based on Family Affection?” the *Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society*, University of Colorado at Boulder, October 8–10, 2015.
- 2014 “Moral Cosmology and Political Struggle in the Western Han Dynasty,” *Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society Western Branch*, Stanford, CA, Oct 30-Nov 1, 2014 (could not make it because of surgery)
- 2013 “Omen Politics in the Western Han Dynasty”, presented at *the Archeologically Discovered Materials and the Transition between Qin and Han Dynasties: the International Conference*, Hangzhou, China, November 22-24, 2013.
- “Correlative Thinking and Western Han Politics,” *New York Conference on Asian Studies (NYCAS)*, Binghamton University, September 27-28, 2013.
- “Do Paratextual Features speak? A Case Study of ‘The Way of Being a Clerk’ 為吏之道” *Paleography, Manuscripts, and Thought*, Peking University, June 13rd, 2013.
- 2012 “When the Founder is Not a Creator: Confucius and Confucianism Reconsidered,” the *2012 Annual Meeting American Academy of Religion*, Chicago, November 17-19th, 2012.
- “Political Application of Moral Cosmology and Its Bankruptcy in Western Han China (206BCE—8CE),” *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division*, Seattle, WA, April 4 -7, 2012.
- 2011 “Confucians as Politicians: Correlative Cosmology and Factional Struggles in the Western Han Dynasty,” *2011 Annual Meeting of American Academy of Religion (AAR)*, San Francisco, California, November 19-22, 2011.

- “Hermeneutics of Omens: Correlative Cosmology and Factional Struggles in the Western Han Dynasty,” *15th Annual Southeast Early China Roundtable Conference*, Sewanee: The University of the South, October 7-9, 2011.
- 2010 “Continuity or Disruption: Excavating the Genealogy of Classical Studies in the Western Han Dynasty,” the *62nd Annual Meeting of Association for Asian Studies (AAS)*, Philadelphia, March 25-28, 2010.
- 2009 “A Crafted History: The Genealogy of Classical Studies in the Western Han Dynasty” paper accepted by *13th Annual Southeast Early China Roundtable Conference*, Athens, Georgia, October 23-25, 2009. (Could not make it because of surgery)
- “The Silent Transformation: Emergence of Confucian Interpretative Schools in the Middle of Western Han” paper accepted by New York Conference on Asian Studies also organizer of the panel “Imagining and Reimagining Confucianism and Empire through History,” Ithaca, NY Oct 9-10th, 2009. (Could not make it because of surgery)
- “Recasting the Ruling Class: A Turning Point in the Western Han Dynasty” plenary lecture given at the *12th Annual Conference and International Symposium of Study of the History of the Qin and Han China*, Yongcheng, Henan , August 15-19, 2009
- “Witchcraft Scandal and Rise of Confucian Officials in the Western Han Dynasty,” the 61st Annual Meeting of Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, Il, March 26-29, 2009
- 2008 “A Reshuffle of Power: Witchcraft Scandal in the Western Han Dynasty,” *the 12th Annual Southeast Early China Roundtable Conference*, University of North Florida, Jacksonville, Florida, Nov. 14-16th, 2008
- 2007 “Discourse and Reality: The Formation of the Confucian Group in the Western Han Dynasty,” *11th Southeast Early China Roundtable*, Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, FL, November 9-11, 2007
- 2006 “Laconic Chronicle versus Detailed Knowledge of History: The Conception of the Spring and Autumn Canon in the Pre-Han and Han Periods” *58th Annual Meeting of Association for Asian Studies*, San Francisco, CA, April 6-9, 2006
- “When the Minority Were Portrayed as Protagonists: A Study of Social and Political Status of Confucians (*Ru*) during the Reign of Emperor Wu,” *Asian Studies Colloquium*, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, May 2, 2006
- 2004 “Why the *Xing Zi Ming Chu* (Human Nature Derived from Decrees), A Newly Discovered Text, Is A Confucian Text,” *13th Annual Graduate Student Conference on East Asia*, Columbia University, New York, NY, February 6-7, 2004

TEACHING

Courses Offered

Classical Thought in East Asia: Confucianism, Daoism and Buddhism
 Classical Chinese Thought: Law, Justice, and Empire
 Early Chinese Empires: Mythology, Archeology, and Historiography
 From Narratives to Data: Social Networks, Geographical Mobility, and Criminals of
 Early Chinese Empires (Digital Humanities)
 China's Foreign Trade and International Order: History, Policy, and Theory (Co-taught
 with Dr. Ka Zeng and Dr. Jingping Gu)
 Ideas and Institutions of World Civilizations I
 History of China to 1644
 Modern China
 Where East Meets West: The Silk Road, Western Missionaries, and Opium Wars

Graduate Dissertation Committees

Romain Thurin, dissertation title “Nomadic Warriors on the Edge of the World Empire: the Early Karamanids (1225-1335),” Defended, 2022, Notre Dame.
Jared Phillips, Dissertation title “A Tangled Hope: America, China, and Human Rights at the End of the Cold War, 1976-2000,” defended 2013, UARK

Graduate Examination Committees

Khan Shairani, “China and the Conquering Nomads: Xiongnu, Turks, Mongols, and Manchu,” Notre Dame, 2020
Romain Thurin, “Nomadic Empires in Chinese History, From Qin-Han Era (206 BC-220AD), Sui-Tang Dynasties (581-907CE) and Yuan Empire (1271-1368 CE),” Notre Dame, 2019

Master's Theses Committees

Justin R Hunter, “Observations of re-representing music of the other: Western military music, transcription, and modernization in pre-Meiji Japan” defended 2008, UARK
Nathaniel Ethan Clark, “Philosophical influences of *The Art of War* found in *The Romance of the Three Kingdoms*, defended 2012, UARK
Xun Yang, “The Principle of Dong Zhongshu's Omen Discourse and Wang Chong's Criticism of Heaven's Reprimand in the Chapter "Qian Gao,” defended 2016, UARK

SERVICE

Department of History

Work In Progress Committee, Notre Dame 2017-2018
 Undergraduate Study Committee, Notre Dame, 2016-2017, 2021-2022, 2023
 Committee of Department Website 2021
 Ad Hoc committee for a digital humanist in the early modern/medieval/antiquity periods, Notre Dame, 2020
 Library Committee, UARK
 Medieval Middle East Search Committee, UARK

College and University

Kellogg Faculty Committee, 2023
 Liu Institute Faculty Committee, 2023
 University Committee on Libraries, Notre Dame 2017-2019
 College Council, Notre Dame, 2015-2018
 Kellogg International Scholars Program selection committee, Notre Dame 2020
 Kellogg Institute's Grants Committee, Notre Dame, 2020-2022
 Liu Institute Faculty Grants Review Committee, Notre Dame 2019-2022
 Liu Institute Faculty Committee, 2021-2022
 Fulbright Campus Interview Committee, Notre Dame 2015, 2016, 2020
 Faculty Development Committee, Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences, UARK
 Asian Studies Committee, UARK

Professional

Steering Committee:

Confucian Tradition Group at AAR (American Academy of Religion), 2015-2018, 2019-2021
 Xuantang Library of Doctoral Dissertations 選堂博士文庫, 2021-present

Chair of Book Prize Committee, ISCLH (International Society of Chinese Law and History), 2022
 Executive Committee, ISCLH (International Society of Chinese Law and History), 2023

Conference committee:

The International Society for Chinese Law and History, 2020-2021

Manuscripts and Proposals Reviewers:

Tenure Review, Carleton college, 2023
 Book Manuscript Review, State University of New York Press (SUNY) 2023
 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Insight Grant Review, 2023
 ACLS (The American Council of Learned Societies) Fellowship Review, 2023
Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy, 2017, 2019, 2023
South China quarterly Nanguo xushu 南國學術, 2023
Nan Nu: Men, Women and Gender in China, 2022
Odysseus research project of the Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), 2022
Journal of Chinese Historical Studies 中國史研究, 2021, 2022
American Review of China Studies, 2021
T'oung Pao, 2020
American Journal of Chinese Studies, 2019
Bulletin of Jao Tsung-I Academy of Sinology (BJAS), 2019
Monumenta Serica: Journal of Oriental Studies, 2018
Fragments, 2018
Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies, 2017
Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies, 2017
State University of New York Press, 2014, 2022
Journal of Chinese Studies, summer 2011, spring 2012, spring 2013.

Conferences and Workshops Organized:

- 2023 “Sinology in the Twenty-First Century World of Crisis”, Notre Dame, May4th, 2023.
- 2019 Brainstorm: New or Big History in Digital Age, University of Notre Dame Beijing Gateway, June 24, 2019 [co-organizer: JIANG Meng 蔣朦 (Notre Dame)]
- 2018 Exercising Power in Ancient Empires: A Comparative Perspective, University of Notre Dame, October 25-26, 2018 [co-organizer: Randolph Ford (Notre Dame)]
- Reading the Excavated Poetry (Shijing) from Early China: Approaching from Perspectives of Paleography, Philology, Phonology, and Classical Exegesis, University of Notre Dame, October 27-28, 2018 [Co-organizer: Guolong Lai (Florida)]
- 2017 Manuscript Workshop: Confucian Thought & an Alternative to Democracy: Political Elites and Bureaucratic Hierarchy in Early Chinese Empires, Notre Dame, April 21, 2017.
- 2015 International Conference of Science, Thought and the Cultural History and Commemorative Symposium Honoring the Retirement of Professor Benjamin Elman, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, December 27-29, 2015.

Panels Organizers, Discussant, and Chair:

2023

Organizer of a panel entitled “Controlling Empires: Law, Ritual, and Communication in Early China and Its Modern Legacy” Annual Meeting of AAS (Association for Asian Studies), Boston, MI, March 16-19, 2023

2022

Organizer of a panel entitled “Empires and Criminals: Can Convict Politics in the Past Shed Light on the Present?” Annual Meeting of AAS (Association for Asian Studies), Honolulu, Hawaii, March 24-27, 2022.

2021

Discussant for the panel “Western Medieval History: Cross Cultural Perspectives” Peking University - Notre Dame Colloquium Series organized by Notre Dame International, Nov 19, 2021(online)

2011

Organizer of a panel entitled “Cosmology in Action: Cosmology-building and Application in Early China” at the 2011 Annual Meeting of American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, California, November 19-22, 2011.

Chair and Discussant of a panel entitled “Government Policies and Cultural Practices in Geographical Perspective” at Chinese History in Geographical Perspective Conference Arkansas Studies Institute, Little Rock, February 19, 2011.

2006

Organizer of a panel entitled “Processing the Past: Authority and Creation of Collective Memory of Ancient China” at the 58th Annual Meeting of Association for Asian Studies, San Francisco, CA, April 6-9, 2006.

Affiliated Members:

An Associate Member of Seminar Early China, Columbia University since 2012.

An associate member of The Center for East Asian Studies, University of Chicago since 2014.

Professional Membership

American Academy of Religion
 Association for Asian Studies
 American Historical Association
 Chinese Historians in the United States
 Southeast Early China Roundtable

The Society for the Study of Early China
International Society for Chinese Philosophy
International Society for Chinese Law and History

LANGUAGES

Chinese (native language), Classical Chinese (fluent reading), Japanese (reading proficiency), French