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EDUCATION

- 2004 – 2008 D.Phil. Chinese Studies
University of Oxford
Dissertation title: The Construction of *Zi zhi tong jian*'s Imperial Vision: Sima Guang on the Southern and Northern Dynasties
- 2003 – 2004 M.St. Chinese Studies (Distinction)
University of Oxford
Dissertation title: *Zi zhi tong jian* on Hou Jing's Rebellion: Sima Guang and the issue of dynastic legitimacy
- 1999 – 2003 B.A. (Hons) Chinese Studies (First Class, with Distinction)
University of Durham
Dissertation title: *Richu* and Victorian Courtesan Drama: A re-evaluation of Western literary influence on Cao Yu

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2017 – **Senior Research Fellow, Australian Centre on China in the World, College of Asia & the Pacific, Australian National University**
- 2016 – **Senior Lecturer in Chinese History, School of Culture, History & Language, College of Asia & the Pacific, Australian National University**
- 2012 – 2015 **Research Fellow in Chinese History, School of Culture, History & Language, College of Asia & the Pacific, Australian National University**
Teaching interests: pre-modern Chinese history and culture (ASIA2044/6044; average SELT score: 4.66); Literary Chinese language (CHIN3031/6531, CHIN3032/6532, CHIN3033/6533; average SELT score: 4.85); history and methods of Sinology (ASIA8044)
Responsibilities: lectures and seminars; course design and coordination; examination setting and marking; thesis supervision (undergraduate and graduate)
- 2010 **International Programmes Department, Pembroke College, University of Cambridge**
Teaching interests: pre-modern Chinese history and politics; modern Chinese history and politics
Responsibilities: lectures and seminars; course design and coordination; examination setting and marking
- 2008 – 2011 **Affiliated Lecturer, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Cambridge**
Teaching interests: pre-modern Chinese history and literature; literary language Chinese prose and poetry
Responsibilities: lectures, seminars, and supervisions; course design and coordination; examination setting and marking

- 2008 – 2011 **Drapers' Company Research Fellow, Pembroke College, University of Cambridge**
- 2007 – 2008 **Institute of Chinese Studies, University of Oxford**
Teaching interests: pre-modern Chinese history; literary Chinese language; modern Chinese history
Responsibilities: lectures, seminars, and supervisions
- 2005 – 2007 **Department of History, University of Warwick**
Teaching interests: pre-modern Chinese history; modern Chinese history
Responsibilities: seminars and supervisions; examination marking.
- 1998 – 1999 **Department of English, Sichuan University, People's Republic of China**
Teaching interests: English as a Foreign Language
Responsibilities: lectures and seminars; course design and coordination.
- 1998 – 1999 **Department of English, Neijiang University, People's Republic of China**
Teaching interests: English as a Foreign Language
Responsibilities: lectures and seminars; course design and coordination.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Traditional Chinese historiography (esp. before twelfth century)
- Chinese political and intellectual history (esp. fourth to eleventh centuries)
- Traditional Chinese narrative (esp. fourth to eleventh centuries)
- Textual criticism

CURRENT PROJECTS

- Monograph: *The politics of division in eleventh-century China: Sima Guang on the Southern and Northern Dynasties (317-589)*
- Abridged translation into English of *Zi zhi tong jian*
- Article: 'History writing in eleventh-century China: Sima Guang on Jia Shan'
- Article [Chinese]: 'Jie du *Zi zhi tong jian* zhi xu yan' 解讀《資治通鑑》之序言 ('A Reading of *Zi zhi tong jian*'s Preface')
- Book-length study of the reception history of *Zi zhi tong jian*
- Book-length study of representations of Liang Emperor Wu (r. 502-549)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- *Da sheng qi xin lun (Treatise on the Awakening of Mahayana Faith)*, tr. with John Jorgensen, Dan Lusthaus, John Makeham, and John Powers, New York: Oxford University Press (150pp., under contract).
- with T.H. Barrett, 'Walking by Itself: The Singular History of the Chinese Cat,' in *Animals through Chinese History*, Martina Siebert and Roel Sterckx, eds., Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (22 pp., forthcoming).
- 'Faith and medieval Chinese sovereignty: the reception of Liang Emperor Wu in the eighth and ninth centuries,' *Asia Major* (35 pp., forthcoming 2018).

- 'Nan shi', *Early Medieval Chinese Texts: A Bibliographic Guide*, Cynthia L. Chennault et al., eds., Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2015, pp.209-16.
- 'Sima Guang,' in *Berkshire Dictionary of Chinese Biography*, Kerry Brown, ed., Great Barrington, MA: Berkshire Publishing, 2014, vol. 2, pp. 664-683.
- 'Representations of Liang Emperor Wu as a Buddhist Ruler in Sixth- and Seventh-century Texts,' *Asia Major* 24.2, 2011: 53-112.
- Review of *The Cambridge History of Chinese Literature*, Kang-i Sun Chang, Stephen Owen, eds., in *The Times Literary Supplement*, 13 May 2011: 8-9.
- 'The Construction of *Zi zhi tong jian*'s Imperial Vision: Sima Guang on the Southern and Northern Dynasties,' D.Phil. dissertation, University of Oxford, 2008, 304 pp.
- 'Factionalism and the Formation of Eleventh-century Military Policy,' *Journal of Song Yuan Studies* 38, 2008: 186-9; electronic version (21pp).
- 'An Eleventh-Century View of Chinese Ethnic Policy: Sima Guang on the Fall of Western Jin,' *Historical Sociology* 20.3, 2007: 235-58.
- 'A Reading of Hou Jing's Rebellion in *Zizhi tongjian* (*Comprehensive Mirror to Aid Government*): The Construction of Sima Guang's Imperial Vision,' in *Reading China: Fiction, History and the Dynamics of Discourse*, Daria Berg, ed., Leiden: E.J.Brill, 2006, pp.200-37.
- Review of Ji, Xiao-bin, *Politics and Conservatism in Northern Song China: The Career and Thought of Sima Guang (A.D. 1019-1086)* in *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 69.1, 2006: 166-7.

SELECTED PAPERS

- 'The authority of the source in eleventh-century China', Chinese Studies Association of Australia conference, Sydney, 10 July 2017.
- 'Jie du Song Shen zong "Zi zhi tong jian xu"' 解讀宋神宗《資治通鑿序》 ('A Reading of Song Shen zong's 'Preface to *Zi zhi tong jian*'), Korea University, 28 June 2017.
- 'Eleventh-century representations of Western Jin', AAS-in-Asia conference, Seoul, 25 June 2017.
- 'Historical method in eleventh-century China', Global Middle Ages Seminar Series, University of Sydney, 29 March 2017.
- 'Variant quotations in eleventh-century China', *Across Text and Source* conference, University of Chicago, 17 April 2016.
- 'Source criticism in eleventh-century China: a study of Sima Guang's *Zi zhi tong jian kao yi*', *Across Text and Source* conference, University of Chicago, 15 April 2016.
- 'Song dai shi xue shi za ji: jie du Song Shen zong "Zi zhi tong jian xu"' 宋代史學史筭記：解讀宋神宗《資治通鑿序》 ('Notes on Song Historiography: A Reading of Song Shen zong's 'Preface to *Zi zhi tong jian*'), Professor Chang Chuen Memorial Public Lecture 章群教授紀念公開學術講座, Hong Kong Baptist University, 26 January 2016 [Chinese].
- 'Sima Guang on Jia Shan: A Study in Reading History', Seminar on International Sinology, Hong Kong Baptist University, 25 January 2016.
- 'Faith and imperial rule: Late Tang representations of Emperor Wu of Liang', Oriental Institute, Academic of Sciences of the Czech Republic, 9 December 2014.
- 'Medieval Chinese foreign relations', Palacký University, 8 December 2014.
- 'The Reception of *Zizhi tongjian* in Japan', Kyoto University, 28 September 2013.
- 'What is China?', public lecture, Australian National University, 10 August 2012.

- 'Historiography in Eleventh-century China,' Needham Research Institute, University of Cambridge, 25 November 2011.
- 'Reading History in Imperial China: The Reception of *Zizhi tongjian*', China Research Seminar, University of Cambridge, 23 November 2011.
- 'Writing and reading history in medieval China: the case of *Zi zhi tong jian*', University of Cambridge, 21 March 2011.
- 'Japanese readings of *Zi zhi tong jian*', Needham Research Institute, University of Cambridge, 29 October 2010.
- 'Ethnic and foreign policy in Medieval China', public lecture, University of Cambridge, 27 October 2010.
- 'The foundations of Chinese imperial ideology', public lecture, Fitzwilliam Museum, University of Cambridge, 24 July 2010.
- 'The reception of *Zizhi tongjian*', XVIII Biennial Conference of the European Association of Chinese Studies, Riga, Republic of Latvia, 16 July 2010.
- 'The Chinese Empire', lecture series, University of Cambridge, 22 June – 20 July 2010.
- 'Readings of *Zi zhi tong jian*', Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 19 February 2010.
- 'Jie du *Zi zhi tong jian zhi xu yan*' 解讀《資治通鑑》之序言 ('A Reading of *Zi zhi tong jian*'s Preface'), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, 23 November 2009 [Chinese].
- '*Xiao lin*: a third-century joke book', Needham Research Institute, University of Cambridge, 20 February 2009.
- 'Factionalism and the Formation of Eleventh-century Military Policy', *Prosopography of Middle Period China: Using the Chinese Biographical Database*, workshop jointly funded by British Academy and Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation, University of Warwick, 14-15 December 2007.
- 'An eleventh-century view of Sino-barbarian relations: Sima Guang on the fall of Western Jin', *Graduate Research in Progress Seminar*, University of Oxford, 6 March 2007.
- 'Sima Guang on fourth-century Chinese foreign policy', Royal Asiatic Society, 16 January 2007.
- 'Sima Guang on fourth century Chinese foreign policy: representations of barbarians in *Zi zhi tong jian*', '*Without Let or Hindrance: Inclusion and its Subversion from Medieval to the Modern* conference, Lancaster University, 7-9 July 2006.
- 'Emperor Wu of Liang's Buddhism in pre-Tang and Tang Texts', *Graduate Studies Seminar Series*, Institute of Chinese Studies, University of Oxford, 8 June 2006.

SELECTED ACADEMIC AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Co-director, 'Exegesis of the *Awakening of Faith*' project, Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, 2015-2017 (AUD\$90,000)
- Support for Chinese Studies grant, Australian Centre on China in the World, 2013 (AUD\$20,000)
- Workshop Grant, Research School of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University, 2013 (AUD\$9,950)
- ANU-Peking University China Exchange Program, Australian National University, 2012
- Universities' China Committee in London Research Grant, University of Cambridge, 2009
- Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Ph.D. Dissertation Fellowship, University of Oxford, 2007-2008
- Prize Scholarship, Merton College, University of Oxford, 2006-7
- Arts and Humanities Research Council (A.H.R.C.) Doctoral Award, University of Oxford, 2004-2007
- Arts and Humanities Research Board (A.H.R.B.) Master's Award, University of Oxford, 2003-2004

- Davis' Scholarship, University of Oxford, 2003-2004
- Pratt Scholarship, University of Durham, 2003
- British Association of Chinese Studies (B.A.C.S.) Taiwan scholarship, University of Durham/National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan, 2002
- University of Durham Student in Residence Scholarship, University of Durham, 2002
- Greenwood Merit Scholarship, University of Durham, 2000
- Eleanor Biss Scholarship, University of Durham, 2000

POST-GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION

- Jingjing Chen, 'Grotto-heavens and early Supreme Clarity Daoism', PhD thesis, 2015 – (Supervisor)
- Eugenie Edquist, 'Tang representations of Wu shan', PhD thesis, 2015 – (Chair)
- Victor Fong, 'Frontiers and ethnicity in late imperial Chinese law', PhD thesis, 2016 – (Chair)
- Orion Lethbridge, 'Autumn Hearts: Literati Identity Politics in *The Record of the Citadel of Sorrow*', MPhil thesis 2014 – 2016 (Co-supervisor)
- Christina Sanderson, 'A Comment on Yao Xie', Honours thesis, 2014 (High Distinction; Co-supervisor)
- Yu Sang, 'The Influence of Wang Fuzhi on the Formation of Xiong Shili's Metaphysics', PhD thesis, 2012 – (Chair)
- Philippe Savidis, 'The Empire Unbounded: Ji Yun's Writing of the 'New Frontier'', Master's thesis, 2014 (High Distinction; Supervisor)
- Samuel Vancea-Harrison, 'Representations of Sagehood in Yang Xiong's *Fa yan*', 2017 (Co-supervisor)
- Qin Yang, 'Diagrams in Song China', PhD thesis, 2015 – (Principal Supervisor)
- Yayun Zhu, 'Nanjing in Late-Ming and Early-Qing China', PhD thesis, 2013 – (Supervisor)

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Administrative positions

- Deputy Director (Languages), School of Culture, History Language, College of Asia & the Pacific, Australian National University (2016 – 2017)
- Head, Department of East Asian Studies, School of Culture, History Language, College of Asia & the Pacific, Australian National University (2014 – 2015)
- Member, School Management Group, School of Culture, History Language, College of Asia & the Pacific, Australian National University (2014 –)
- Member, Language Committee, School of Culture, History Language, College of Asia & the Pacific, Australian National University (2015)
- Member, Strategy Group, School of Culture, History Language, College of Asia & the Pacific, Australian National University (2014 – 2015)
- Member of Research Committee and Small Grants Committee, School of Culture, History and Language, College of Asia & the Pacific, Australian National University (2012 – 2013)

Professional affiliations

- Council Member, Chinese Studies Association of Australia (2015 –)
- Co-founder and Member, The Society for Medieval China 中國中古史學會 (2014 –)
- Member, European Association of Japanese Studies (2013 –)
- Fellow, Research School of Asia & the Pacific (RSAP), Australian National University (2012 –)

- Member, Early Medieval China group (2011 -)
- Member, European Association of Chinese Studies (2010 -)
- Member, Centre for Material Texts, University of Cambridge (2009 -)

Editorial boards

- Reader, *East Asian History* (2012 -), *Archiv Orientalni* (2013 -), *Journal of Oriental Studies* (2016 -)
- Editor, *Pacific and Asian History Newsletter* (2012 - 2013)

Educational activities

- Examiner for doctoral candidates (University of Oxford; Australian National University; Charles University, Prague)
- Founder and co-convenor of ANU China Seminar Series, Australian National University, (2013 -) [<http://chinainstitute.anu.edu.au/events/seminarseries.php>]
- Founder and organizer of 'Classical and Literary Chinese Reading Group', Australian National University (2012 -)
- Organizer of 'Research Training in Chinese Palaeography' workshop, jointly funded by the Australian Centre on China in the World and the Research School of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University (16-22 December 2013)
- Founder and organizer of 'Early and Medieval China Reading Group,' University of Cambridge (2009 - 2011)
- Organizer of 'Research Training in Old Chinese: History and Historiography' workshop, jointly funded by Arts and Humanities Research Council, Economic and Social Research Council, and British Inter-university Chinese Centre, Cambridge (24-28 March 2010)

Professional activities

- Consultant, Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (2014 -)
- Consultant, Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Education and Training Directorate (2014 -)