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POSITIONS

2003 to present: **Associate Professor**. Department of East Asian Studies. University at Albany.
Department Chair. September 2005 to August 2011.

1996 to 2003: **Assistant Professor**. Department of East Asian Studies. University at Albany.

EDUCATION

Harvard University. Ph.D. East Asian Languages and Civilizations. June 1996.

Areas of Specialization: Middle Period Chinese history, Chinese intellectual history, East Asian history, and Medieval European history.

Dissertation: "'To Transform the World!': A Study of Four Mid-Tang Intellectuals." (Peter K. Bol and Stephen Owen, advisors)

Harvard University. A.M. Regional Studies: East Asia. 1988.

Georgetown University. School of Languages and Linguistics. B.S. *Summa cum laude* in Chinese Language. 1986. Minor: Certificate in Asian Studies.

Language Proficiency: Modern Chinese, Classical Chinese, Modern Japanese, German (reading), and Latin (reading)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Visiting Scholar, Academy for International Chinese Studies, Peking University, April – July, 2012. Funded by a grant from the Confucius Institute Headquarters, People's Republic of China.

Fulbright Research Scholar. Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. Beijing, Jan. – July, 2005.

College Travel Fund Awards, University at Albany, College of Arts and Sciences, Spring 2010, Spring 2008, Spring 2007, Spring 2004, Fall 2002, Spring 2002, Spring 2001.

Faculty Research Award Program Research Grant, University at Albany (SUNY), 1997-1998.
Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities. 1986-1988, 1993.
Derek Bok Teaching Center Awards. 1990-91 and 1991-92.
Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS). 1988-89 and 1990-91.
Harvard University Joseph P. Fletcher Seminar Paper Award. 1988.
Georgetown University: Regent's Gold Medal, Joseph Sebes Medal in Asian Studies, and
Certificate for Outstanding Scholarship in Chinese. 1986.
Phi Beta Kappa. 1985.

RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS, AND OTHER SCHOLARLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Current Projects

Monograph Project on the Cultural History of the Tang Dynasty Bureaucracy.
Editor of Volume 4 of the *Cambridge History of China* (Designated by Cambridge University
Press in Spring of 2011; proposal approved Fall 2012).
The History of Bianzhou from the eighth to the tenth centuries.
Monastic Institutions in Medieval China.

Published Works

Book

Reform in the Balance: The Defense of Literary Culture in Mid-Tang China. Albany: State
University of New York Press. 2002.

Articles in Peer Reviewed Journals

“Contemplating Rulership in the Eighth Century: The *Changduan jing* and Tang Political
Thought.” *T'ang Studies* 25 (2007): 203-32.
“Striving for Completeness: Quan Deyu and the Evolution of the Tang Mainstream.” *Harvard
Journal of Asiatic Studies*. 61.1 (June 2001): 5-36.
“A Parallel World: A Case Study of Monastic Society, Northern Song to Ming.” *Journal of
Sung-Yuan Studies* 28 (1998): 155-176.

Chapters in Peer-Reviewed Books

“Selling Confucius: The Negotiated Return of Tradition in Post-Socialist China” to be published
in Kenneth J. Hammond and Jeffrey L. Richey, eds. *Return of the Repressed: Aspects of
the Confucian Revival in Contemporary Chinese Society*. Albany: State University of
New York Press. Accepted for Publication.

- “The Growth of Historical Method in Tang China” co-authored with Charles Hartman in Sarah Foote and Chase F. Robinson, eds., *The Oxford History of Historical Writing: Volume 2: 400-1400*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.
- “Region and Nation in Medieval China: The Case of Tang Bianzhou” to be published in Anthony DeBlasi and Lu Yang, eds., *The Challenged Empire: New Perspectives on the Mid- and Late Tang Dynasty* (Preparing for submission).
- “Quan Deyu (759-818) and the Spread of Elite Culture in Tang China” in Kenneth J. Hammond, ed., *The Human Tradition in Premodern China*. Wilmington, DE: Scholarly Resources, Inc. 2002.

Invited Articles

- Contributor to Yao Xinzong, ed. *An Encyclopaedia of Confucianism*. Curzon Press. 2003.
20 entries: “Bai Juyi,” “Liu Yuxi,” “Niu Sengru,” “Pi Rixiu,” “Xing Bing,” “Su Shi,” “Su Che,” “Lu Dian,” “Wang Yansou,” “Huang Tingjian,” “Peng Ruli,” “Liu Anshi,” “Qin Guan,” “Wang Ping,” “Chen Guan,” “Guo Zhongxiao,” “Fan Jun,” “Chao Yuezhi,” “Zhou Xingji,” and “Cai Yuanzhong.”

Book Reviews

- Review of Tansen Sen and Victor Mair, *Traditional China in Asian and World History for H-Asia* (www.h-net.org). H-Asia, H-Net Reviews. May 2013. URL: <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=36499>.
- Review of Mark Edward Lewis, *China's Cosmopolitan Empire: The Tang Dynasty* for *The Journal of Asian Studies* 69.2 (2010): 558-60.
- Review of Timothy Barrett, *Li Ao: Buddhist, Taoist, or Neo-Confucian* for the *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*. 56.2 (1996): 485-492.
- Review of Chen Jo-shui, *Liu Tsung-yüan and Intellectual Change in T'ang China, 773-819* for *Chinese Literature: Essays Articles Reviews* 16 (1994): 146-152.

Translation

- Translation Kida Tomoo's review of Japanese scholarship in *Shigaku zasshi* 97.5 (1988): 233-242 under the title "Review of Japanese Bibliography in 1987: Five Dynasties, Song, and Yuan," *Bulletin of Sung-Yuan Studies* 21 (1989): 188-215.

Unpublished Conference Papers and Lectures

- “Memorials of Gratitude in the Tang Dynasty.” Southeast Early China Roundtable (SEECR). Berea, KY. November 4, 2012.
- “The Good Bureaucrat: Personnel Evaluation in the Writings of Quan Deyu (759-818).” Presented at New York Conference on Asian Studies (NYCAS). New Paltz, NY. September 29, 2012.
- “*Changduan jing yu Tangdai sixiang shi*” “《长短经》与唐代思想史.” Tsinghua University (Beijing). June 20, 2012. (A Chinese version of “Contemplating Rulership in the Eighth Century” above).

- “Shei shi Ru? yi Tangdai wei zhongxin de dingyi ji yanbian” “谁是儒？以唐代为中心的定义及演变。” Peking University (Beijing). June 13, 2012 (A Chinese version of “Who is a Ru? below).
- “Negotiating an Intellectual Revival: The Return of Traditional Values in Post-Socialist China.” Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. March 27, 2010.
- “Who was a *Ru*? The Evolution of a Tang-era Intellectual Category.” Presented at Ideas, Networks, Places: Rethinking Chinese History of the Middle Period Conference. Harvard University. July 7-8, 2009.
- “Thinking about Regulation: Lay and Clerical Views of Monastic Codes in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Centuries.” Symposium on Literati Buddhism in Middle Period China. University of California, Berkeley. April 19, 2008.
- “Military Commissioners and Grand Counselors: Testing Tang Era Data Capture in the *Chinese Biographical Database*.” Prosopography of Middle Period China: Using the Hartwell Database conference. Global History and Culture Center, University of Warwick, United Kingdom. December 13-16, 2007.
- “Conceptions of Authority in Chinese Buddhist Monastic Codes.” International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS) 5. Kuala Lumpur, August 2-5, 2007.
- “Preliminary Thoughts on Ethical Commitment in New Chinese Media.” *Ethics of Commitment: Rethinking the Humanities in Today’s China*. Symposium at Skidmore College. February 17, 2007.
- “*Changduanjing* and Tang Political Thought.” 2004 Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies. San Diego, CA. March 5, 2004.
- “An Imperiled Region: The Roots of a Medieval Chinese Imperial Capital.” 37th International Congress on Medieval Studies. Kalamazoo, MI. May 2-5, 2002.
- “Region and Nation in Mid-Tang China: The Case of Bianzhou.” New Perspectives on the Tang Conference. Princeton University. Princeton, NJ. April 17-20, 2002.
- “Visions of Literary Enlightenment During the Tang Dynasty.” 36th International Congress on Medieval Studies. Kalamazoo, MI May, 2001.
- “The Literary Response to the Mid-Tang Crisis.” Columbia University, Traditional China Seminar. New York, NY. May 9, 2000.
- “Upholding the Center: Two Mid-Tang Views of the Emperor.” New England Conference of the Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting. Amherst, MA. October 28, 1995.
- “Literary Practice and Values in the mid-Tang: The Cases of Liu Zongyuan and Liu Yuxi.” New England Conference of the Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting. Hartford, CT. October 1993.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Currently teaching a full load of courses on Chinese history at the University at Albany.

Courses Designed and Taught:

- EAC 170 “China: Its Culture and Heritage” (Semester taught: Spring 2013)
- EAC 205 “Chinese Studies Research and Bibliographic Methods” (Semesters taught: Fall 2010, Fall 2013)
- EAC 374 “Crime and Punishment in Traditional China” (cross-listed with History; originally numbered EAC 389) (Semesters taught: Spring 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2011, Fall 2013)

- EAC 379 “History of China I” (writing intensive marked with z; cross-listed with History) (Semesters taught: Fall 1996z, 1997z, 1998z, 2000, 2002, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013)
- EAC 380 “History of China II” (writing intensive marked with z; cross-listed with History) (Semesters taught: Spring 1997z, 1998z, 1999z, 2001, 2003, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011)
- EAC 389 “History of the Chinese Economy” (semester taught: Fall 2012)
- EAC 389 “China in Revolution” (cross-listed with History) (Semester taught: Fall 1998)
- EAC 398 “Change in Medieval China” (cross-listed with History; originally numbered as EAC 389 in 2003) (Semesters taught: Spring 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2009)
- EAJ 384 “History of Japan I” (writing intensive marked with z; cross-listed with History) (Semesters taught: Fall 1996z, 1997z, 1999z, 2001, 2003, 2005)
- EAJ 385 “History of Japan II” (writing intensive marked with z; cross-listed with History) (Semesters taught: Spring 1997z, 1998z, 2000z, 2002, 2004, 2006)
- EAS 180 “Asian America” (cross-listed with Geography and Planning) (Semesters taught: Spring 1998, Fall 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002)
- EAS 205 “East Asian Research and Bibliographic Methods” (team taught usually with Susanna Fessler) (Semester taught: Spring 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008)
- EAS 395 “History and Culture of Traditional Tibet” (team taught with Charles Hartman; originally numbered EAC 389) (Semesters taught: Spring 2004, Fall 2006)
- EAS 399 “Confucius and Confucianism” (Semesters taught: Fall 2000, Fall 2007)

Graduate Education:

- Member. Ph.D. Dissertation Committee. Department of History. University at Albany. 2009.
- Member of Qualifying Examination Committee for Ph.D. Candidate in Department of History, University at Albany. 2001.
- Qualifying Examiner in the D.A. Program in Humanistic Studies, University at Albany. December 1999.
- Dissertation Reader in the D.A. Program in Humanistic Studies, University at Albany. Fall 2003.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Scholarly Service

- Secretary-Treasurer. Tang Studies Society. 2012 to present.
- Roundtable Participant. Celebration of the Twentieth Anniversary of the Founding of the Peking University Institute for Research in Chinese Studies (北大国学研究院). June 24, 2012.
- Discussant. “Transformation of Society and Culture in the Late Tang and Five Dynasties.” PRC Ministry of Education funded Research Project led by Dr. Lu Yang (Peking University). May 31, 2012.

Member, Advisory Board, State University of New York Press. 2009 to 2012.
Member, Board of Directors, T'ang Studies Society. 2006 to 2012.
(Chair of the Nominating Committee 2007-2008)
Peer Reviewer for *Journal of Song-Yuan Studies*. Winter 2013.
Peer Reviewer for *Journal of Moral Education*. Summer 2012.
Peer Reviewer for *T'ang Studies*. Summer 2010, Spring 2011.
Peer Reviewer for *Journal of the American Oriental Society*. Fall 2009.
Peer Reviewer for *Chinese Literature: Essays, Articles, Reviews* (journal). Fall 1996, Spring 2000, Spring 2001, Fall 2005.
Outside reader for State University of New York Press. Spring 1998, Summer 2002.

University Service

Member. University Senate. September 2012 to present.
Member. Undergraduate Academic Council. September 2013 to present.
Chair. Committee on Curriculum and Honors. September 2013 to present.
Member. Governance Council. September 2012 to August 2013.
Member. Undergraduate Academics Working Group. University at Albany. September 2011 to present.
President. Phi Beta Kappa Alpha Alpha Chapter at the University at Albany. August 2012 to present. (Vice President: September 2011 to August 2012).
Department Chair. Department of East Asian Studies, University at Albany. September 2005 to August 2011.
Member, University at Albany President's Budget Advisory Group (BAG IV). February – April 2011.
Member, University at Albany General Education Task Force. Spring – Fall, 2010.
Member, University at Albany President's Budget Advisor Group (BAG III). May – June 2010.
Member, Task Force on Undergraduate Experience under the University at Albany Strategic Planning Committee. Spring, 2010.
Member, University at Albany Division of Academic Affairs Budget Advisory Group (BAG II). May – June, 2009.
Member 2007-2008 Chinese Historian Search Committee. History Department.
Member. University at Albany China Theme Semester Steering Committee. Fall 2007.
Faculty Lecturer. UA Alumni Association China Tour (via AHI), 2007.
Presentation to the University at Albany, Forum on Teaching American History. December 2000.
Faculty Council of the College of Arts and Sciences. Department of East Asian Studies representative. Two terms: 1996 to 2000.
Academic Planning Subcommittee of the Faculty Council. September 1996 to May 1999.
Academic Programs Subcommittee of the Faculty Council. September 1999 to May 2000.
Member of Academic Programs *ad hoc* Grievance Committee, Fall 1999.
Chair of Academic Programs *ad hoc* Grievance Committee, Spring 2000.
Workshop Faculty Leader on "Culture Shock: Asian Culture and Heritage, A Lost Cause?" for Forum Asiatica organized by the University at Albany Asian American Alliance. April 15, 2000.

Faculty discussant for Cultural Workshop on Racism and the Asian American Community.
Student organizer: Carlton Yee. November 12, 1999.

Departmental Service

Member. 2013-2014. Department of East Asian Studies Search Committee.
Member. 2012-2013. Two Department Visiting Assistant Professor Search Committees.
East Asian Studies Honors Liaison. 2012 to present.
East Asian Studies Assessment Liaison. 2012 to present.
Member. 2006-2007. Two Department of East Asian Studies Search Committees.
Chair of EAS Undergraduate Initiative Scholarship Committee. Spring 2002 to Spring 2004.
Member of Departmental Requirement Revision Committee. Spring 2002.
Undergraduate advisor for majors in the Concentration in East Asian Studies. Departmental liaison with University Advisement Services Center/ Undergraduate Studies (ASC/US). September 1996 to present.
Member 2001-2002 Department of East Asian Studies Search Committee.
Revision of requirements for the Faculty Initiated Interdisciplinary Major in East Asian Studies. Spring 2000.
Member 2000-2001 Department of East Asian Studies Search Committee.
Member 1998-1999 Department of East Asian Studies Search Committee.
Member 1997-1998 Department of East Asian Studies Search Committee.
Member 1996-1997 Department of East Asian Studies Search Committee.

Community Service

“The Strange Hundred Year Odyssey of Confucius.” Invited Lecture. U.S. – China Peoples Friendship Association, Northeast (Albany), New York Chapter. March 10, 2013.
Instructor. “Chinese Religions: Past and Present.” Bethlehem Institute for Lifetime Learning. Bethlehem, NY. Fall 2009.
“Redefining Ethics in Post-Socialist China.” Invited Lecture. Confucius Institute. New Mexico State University. February 19, 2009.
“Sinology and the Search for the Real China.” Guest Lecture. Skidmore College. December 3, 2008.
“Understanding China in the News.” Lecture delivered to the Second Milers Club. Bethlehem, New York. October 10, 2007.
Member, Chinese Language Exploratory Committee for the Bethlehem Central School District. 2007.
Panel Discussion Participant: “Democracy Tested: The Hybrid State.” Co-sponsored by Civics Mosaic of Russell Sage College and Union Graduate College School of Education. Union College. March 17, 2007.
“Presentation: World War II Documentaries and Discussion: The Japanese Background.” Guilderland Public Library. October 13, 2006.
Community Lecture. “Patterns in Chinese Religion.” Presented to the Capital District Humanist Society. October 12, 2003.

Instructor. "Chinese Religions: Past and Present." Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifetime Learning. Bethlehem, NY. Spring 2002.
Guest lecture at Union College on "Buddhism in the Chinese Experience." June 2000.

EXPERIENCE ABROAD

Visiting Scholar, Academy for International Chinese Studies, Peking Univ. (see above), April – July 2012.

Fulbright Scholar, Beijing (see above). Jan. – July, 2005.

University at Albany Seminar taught in the Tibet Autonomous Region (PRC). July 2004.

Research Travel to China: Beijing. Summer 2003.

Research Travel to China: Lhasa and Beijing. Summer 2002.

Research Travel to China: Beijing and Kaifeng. Summer 2001.

Visiting Scholar, Nankai University, Tianjin, China PRC. Summer 1998.

Tour Leader (China). China Educational Tours, Inc. (CET). Summers 1990 and 1991.

Residence in Tianjin, China PRC. Summers of 1987, 1990, 1995.

Language study at the Mandarin Training Center of the National Taiwan Normal University in Taipei, Taiwan. May - Dec. 1984.