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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)

### **GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Principle Investigator. "*Cambridge History of China, Vol.4: Workshop Grant*." Funded by the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange. 2019.

Co-Principle Investigator. "The Culture of Literary Competence and Tang Bureaucracy." (with Prof. Ding Xiang Warner and Prof. Anna Shields). Funded by Luce Foundation/ACLS Collaborative Reading Workshop Grant Program. June 22-25, 2015. Cornell University.

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service. State University of New York. Spring 2014.

President's Award for Excellence in Academic Service. University at Albany. Spring 2014.

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.

Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities. 1986-1988, 1993.

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. Inducted into the Delta Chapter of the District of Columbia. Georgetown University. 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).  
“Confucian Identities in Medieval East Asia”: A chapter for the *Cambridge History of Confucianism*. Contract signed November 2018. In revision.

### **Published Work**

#### **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**

“Court and Region in Medieval China: The Case of Tang Bianzhou.” *T'oung Pao* 102.1-3 (2016): 74-120.  
“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**

“The Tang Dynasty after 755.” In *The Routledge Handbook of Imperial Chinese History*, edited by Victor Xiong and Kenneth J. Hammond, 144-156. New York: Routledge, 2018.  
“Selling Confucius: The Negotiated Return of Tradition in Post-Socialist China” in *The Sage Returns: Confucian Revival in Contemporary China*, edited by Kenneth J. Hammond and Jeffrey L. Richey, 67-92. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2015.  
“The Growth of Historical Method in Tang China” co-authored with Charles Hartman in, *The Oxford History of Historical Writing: Volume 2: 400-1400*, edited by Sarah Foote and Chase F. Robinson, 17-36. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.  
“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.”

## Translations

“Volume V” in Wu Jing, *The Essentials of Governance*. Edited by Hilde De Weerd, Glen Dudbridge, and Gabe van Beijeren, 139-182. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 2021.

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.

## Book Reviews

Review of Ya Zuo, *Shen Gua's Empiricism for T'oung Pao* 108.1-2 (2022): 274-280.

Review of Jaeyoon Song, *Traces of Grand Peace: Classics and State Activism in Imperial China* for the *Journal of Chinese Studies* 64 (2017): 292-97.

Review of Richard L. Davis, *From Warhorses to Ploughshares: The Later Tang Reign of Emperor Mingzong* for the *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 138.2 (2018): 443-447.

Review of David K. Schneider, *Confucian Prophet: Political Thought in Du Fu's Poetry (752-757)* for *Journal of Asian Studies* 73.2 (2014): 537-538.

Review of Tansen Sen and Victor Mair, *Traditional China in Asian and World History* for H-Asia ([www.h-net.org](http://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.

## Unpublished Conference Papers, Presentations, and Lectures

“Articulations of Identity among the Tang Elite.” Third Conference on Middle Period China Humanities. Yale University. New Haven, CT. June 22-25, 2023.

“Model Characters: Reflections on the Bureaucratic Role of Literary Collections during the Tang Dynasty.” Western Branch of the American Oriental Society. Tucson, AZ. November 4, 2022.

“Evolution, Classicism, and Practicality: Reflections on the Early Tang State.” Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies (Virtual Meeting). March 25, 2021.

- “The Anomaly of Tang Zhongzong 唐中宗 (r. 684 And 705-710) and the Dynamics of Tang History.” China Humanities Seminar. Harvard University. September 30, 2019.
- “*Lanting ji xu*: Mid-Tang Echoes and Transpositions.” Translation presentation for the Luce Foundation / ACLS Collaborative Reading Workshop: “Echoes of the *Lanting ji*.” Prof. Ding Xiang Warner and Prof. Wendy Swartz, organizers. Cornell University. June 19-22, 2018.
- “‘Stuck in the Middle with You’: Medieval Chinese Political Culture and the Odd Reigns of the Tang Emperor Zhongzong 唐中宗 (r. 684 and 705-710).” University of Oregon. February 5, 2018. Abridged version presented in the University at Albany Libraries Campus Conversations in Standish Series. April 17, 2019.
- “Bureaucratic Nostalgia, Precedent, and Innovation from the Seventh Century to the Ninth Century.” Second Conference on Middle Period China Humanities. Leiden University. Leiden, The Netherlands. September 14-17, 2017.
- “Framing an Emperor’s Legacy: Some Texts from the Tang Dynasty.” Cornell Classical Chinese Colloquium. Cornell University. November 13, 2015.
- “Redeeming the Imperial Ancestors: The Political Use of the Concept of ‘Restoration’ (*zhongxing* 中興) in Tang Dynasty Political Discourse.” Annual Meeting of the Western Branch of the American Oriental Society. October 9, 2015. Also presented in a longer version at Università degli studi di Napoli “L’Orientale.” May 24, 2016.
- “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其演变.” Peking University (Beijing). June 13, 2012 (A Chinese version of “Who is a *Ru*?” below).
- “Assessing Officials in the Mid-Tang: Three Texts on Bureaucratic Appointment.” Cornell Classical Chinese Colloquium. Cornell University. October 22, 2010.
- “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.
- “*Changduan jing* 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.” 37<sup>th</sup> 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.” 36<sup>th</sup> 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 Currently Taught:**

- EAC 170 “China: Its Culture and Heritage”
- EAC 364 “Chinese Economic History” (cross-listed with History and Economics)
- EAC 374 “Crime and Punishment in Traditional China” (cross-listed with History)
- EAC 379 “History of China I” (cross-listed with History)
- EAC 380 “History of China II” (cross-listed with History)
- EAC 414 “Classical Chinese I”
- EAS 250 “China’s Confucian Tradition” (Honors College Course)
- EAS 305 “East Asian Studies Research Methods”
- EAS 490 “East Asian Studies Research Capstone”

#### **Course Formerly Designed and Taught:**

- EAC 205 “Chinese Studies Research and Bibliographic Methods”
- EAC 389 “China in Revolution” (cross-listed with History)
- EAC 398 “Change in Medieval China” (cross-listed with History)
- EAJ 384 “History of Japan I” (cross-listed with History)
- EAJ 385 “History of Japan II” (cross-listed with History)
- EAS 180 “Asian America” (cross-listed with Geography and Planning)
- EAS 205 “East Asian Research and Bibliographic Methods” (team taught)
- EAS 395 “History and Culture of Traditional Tibet” (team taught)
- EAS 399 “Confucius and Confucianism”
- FSP 100 “World of East Asian Studies Freshman Seminar”

#### **Graduate Education:**

- Examiner. Ph.D. Research Tools. Department of Philosophy. University at Albany. 2023.
- Member. Ph.D. Dissertation Committee. Department of History. University at Albany. 2009.
- Qualifying Ph.D. Examiner. Department of History, UAlbany. 2001.
- Qualifying D.A. Examiner. Program in Humanistic Studies, UAlbany. December 1999.
- Dissertation Reader. D.A. Program in Humanistic Studies, UAlbany. Fall 2003.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Scholarly Service

T'ang Studies Society:

President. T'ang Studies Society. 2019 to present.

Secretary-Treasurer. T'ang Studies Society. 2012 to 2019.

Member. Board of Directors, T'ang Studies Society. 2006 to 2012.

State University of New York Press Editorial Board.

Member, 2009 to 2012

Member, 2017 to 2019.

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.

Peer Reviewer for the following journals:

*Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies; Chinese Literature: Essays, Articles, Reviews; Education about Asia; Early Medieval China; Journal of the American Oriental Society Journal of Chinese History; Journal of Moral Education; Journal of Song-Yuan Studies; The Medieval Globe; Monumenta Serica; T'ang Studies; T'oung Pao*

Peer Reviewer for the following presses:

Columbia University Press; Hackett Publishing Company; State University of New York Press.

### University Service

Member. UAlbany Honors College Governing Board. May 2022 to present.

Co-chair. UAlbany Honors College Honors-in-the-Major Committee. June 2022 to present.

Phi Beta Kappa Alpha Alpha Chapter at the University at Albany.

President: August 2012 to present.

Vice President: September 2011 to August 2012.

Member. Globalization Studies Advisory Committee. AY 2010-2011 to present.

Founding Executive Director. University at Albany-Southwest University for Finance and Economics Confucius Institute for China's Culture and the Economy. September 2013 to August 2016.

Faculty Mentor. World of East Asian Studies Living Learning Community. Fall 2013 to 2016 (previously China House 2009-2013).

University Senate. Member. September 2012 to May 2014.

Undergraduate Academic Council.

Member. September 2013 to August 2014.

Chair. Spring 2014.

Subcommittee Chair. Committee on Curriculum and Honors. Fall 2013.

Governance Council. Member. September 2012 to August 2013.

Member. Undergraduate Academics Working Group. University at Albany. AY 2011 to 2012.

University at Albany General Education Task Force. Member, Spring – Fall, 2010.

UAlbany Budget Advisory Groups:

Member, UA President's Budget Advisory Group (BAG IV). February – April 2011.

Member, UA President's Budget Advisor Group (BAG III). May – June 2010.

Member, UA Division of Academic Affairs Budget Advisory Group (BAG II). May – June, 2009.

Member, Task Force on Undergraduate Experience under the University at Albany Strategic Planning Committee. Spring, 2010.

Member. University at Albany China Theme Semester Steering Committee. Fall 2007.

Faculty Lecturer. UA Alumni Association China Tour (via AHI), 2007.

Faculty Council of the College of Arts and Sciences. 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.

### **Departmental Service**

Chair. Department of East Asian Studies Undergraduate Studies Committee.

Member: AY 2020-2021 to present.

Chair: AY: 2018-2019, 2019-2020.

Chair. *Ad Hoc* Curriculum Reform Committee. Spring 2019-Fall 2021.

Undergraduate Advisor for majors in the Department of East Asian Studies. 1996 to present.

Liaison. East Asian Studies Assessment. 2012 to Spring 2014.

Chair. EAS Undergraduate Initiative Scholarship Committee. Spring 2002 to Spring 2004.

Member. Departmental Requirement Revision Committee. Spring 2002.

Requirement Revision: Faculty-Initiated Interdisciplinary Major in East Asian Studies. Spring 2000.

### **Community Service**

Invited Lecture. "Moral Dilemmas in Confucian Perspective." Capital District Humanist Society. September 14, 2014.

Public Radio. WAMC Public Radio. Food for Thought: XMAS without China. Roundtable Participant. December 19, 2013.

Invited Lecture. "The Strange, Hundred-Year Odyssey of Confucius." U.S. – China Peoples Friendship Association, Northeast (Albany), New York Chapter. March 10, 2013.

Public Radio. "Chinese New Year." Essay for Public Radio's *Academic Minute* Segment. WAMC Northeast Public Radio. February 3, 2011.

Bethlehem Institute for Lifetime Learning. Bethlehem, NY.

Instructor. "Chinese Religions: Past and Present." Fall 2009.

Instructor. "Chinese Religions: Past and Present." Spring 2002.

Invited Lecture. "Redefining Ethics in Post-Socialist China." Confucius Institute. New Mexico State University. February 19, 2009.

Guest Lecture. "Sinology and the Search for the Real China." Skidmore College. December 3, 2008.

Invited Lecture. "Understanding China in the News." Lecture delivered to the Second Milers Club. Bethlehem, New York. October 10, 2007.

Member, Chinese Language Exploratory Committee. 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.

Invited Lecture. "Presentation: World War II Documentaries and Discussion: The Japanese Background." Guilderland Public Library. October 13, 2006.

Invited Lecture. "Patterns in Chinese Religion." Presented to the Capital District Humanist Society. October 12, 2003.

Guest lecture. "Buddhism in the Chinese Experience." Union College. 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.

**Instructor.** UAlbany Seminar taught in the Tibet Autonomous Region (PRC). July 2004.

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

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

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