

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### PRESENT ACADEMIC POSITION:

Professor, History Department, The College of New Jersey (TCNJ), 2005-  
Visiting Professor, Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany, April-July, 2023.

### PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

Visiting Professor: Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany, Summer Semester, 2023.  
Visiting Senior Research Fellow: The East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore,  
Spring 2015.  
Research Fellow, International Research Center on Work and Human Lifecycle in Global  
History, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, 2013.  
Visiting Professor, History Department, University of California, Los Angeles, Winter 2012.  
Residential Fellow, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, 2007-08.  
Associate Professor, History Department, The College of New Jersey, 1999-2005.  
Assistant Professor, History Department, The College of New Jersey, 1994-99.  
Teaching Assistant, History Department, Michigan State University (MSU), 1990-94.  
Assistant Professor, History Department, East China Normal University (ECNU), Shanghai,  
China, 1983-87.

### ACADEMIC DEGREES:

Ph. D. (Modern East Asia), History Department, Michigan State University, 1994.  
M.A. (Premodern China), History Department, ECNU, Shanghai, China, 1983.  
B.A. (History), History Department, Anhui Normal University (ANU), Wuhu, China, 1977.

### LANGUAGES:

English (fluent)  
Chinese (native speaker)  
Japanese (reading)

### ACADEMIC HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

Summer Fellowship Program (virtual due to the pandemic), Radcliffe Institute for Advanced  
Study, Harvard University, June 3-August 3, 2021.  
Academic Exchange Mission to Israel, August 2017.  
Visiting Senior Research Fellowship, The East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore,  
Spring 2015.

Academic Excellence Award: *Shanghai Gone: Domicide and Defiance in a Chinese Megacity* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2013). Chinese Historians in the United States, 2013.

Residential Fellowship: International Research Center on Work and Human Lifecycle in Global History, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, 2013.

Co-PI, Title VI-B (BIE-Business and International Education) grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Project: "Expanding International Business Education at TCNJ to China" 2010-2012.

Scholar Grant, Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation, 2009.

Residential Fellowship, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, 2007-08.

Residential Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC, 2007-08 (declined).

Weatherhead Resident Scholar Fellowship, School of Advanced Research, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 2007-08 (declined).

Keizai Koho Center Fellowship, National Association of Japan-America Societies, 2005.

Research Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies, 2003.

Research Fellowship, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2001.

Research Grant, the Pacific Cultural Foundation, 1996.

Released Time and Mini-grant Awards, The College of New Jersey, 1995 -

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, the College of Arts and Letters, MSU, 1994.

Research Fellowship, the College of Arts and Letters, MSU, 1993.

Travel Grant, the Henry Luce Foundation, 1992.

Teaching Assistantship, History Department, MSU, 1990-1993.

"Minben: A Concept of Statecraft." Essay Award, the Social Sciences Association of Shanghai Municipality, China, 1986.

"On Egalitarianism." Young Scholar Essay Award, ECNU, China, 1985.

#### **TEACHING AND RESEARCH FIELDS:**

Post-Mao China  
20th Century China  
Late Imperial China  
Chinese Civilization  
Housing reform and Popular Protest in Urban China  
Property issues in post-Mao China  
Alternative Voices in Contemporary China (in Chinese)  
The changing culture of death and the dead in China  
Modern East Asia  
The City in Modern China (seminar)  
Happiness and the History of Emotions (seminar)  
American Popular Culture in East Asia (seminar)  
Women and the Family in Modern China (seminar)  
Political Protest in 20th-Century China (seminar)

#### **WORK IN PROGRESS:**

Trouble in Departing: The Challenge of Governing Death in Contemporary China  
Housing Matters (Documentary Film).

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

### **Books:**

Shanghai Gone: Domicide and Defiance in a Chinese Megacity. Rowman & Littlefield, 2013, pp. 306.

Culturing Modernity: the Nantong Model, 1890-1930. Stanford University Press, 2004, pp. 351.

### **ARTICLES (Selected):**

“The Pursuit of Transitional Justice from Below: A Case Study from Shanghai.” In Daniel Leese and Amanda Shuman (eds.), *Justice after Mao: Redressing Past Injustice under Socialism* (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2023), pp. 73-96.

“Xinling he shehui de gongchengshi: jiaoshu yuren diandi.” (Engineers of the Human Mind and Society: Teaching and Nurturing Students at an American College). In Ping Yao and Xi Wang (eds.), *Zai meiguo jiaolishi: cong shuzhuo dao jiantai* (Teaching History in America: from Students to Professors) (Beijing: Beijing University Press, 2022), pp. 214-228.

“Shibi zhong qianjin: Xie Tianyou xiansheng zhuzuoji zongxu.” (The Weighty Pen of the Historian: Introduction to Professor Xie Tianyou’s Scholarly Work). [邵勤 | “史笔千斤重”: 谢天佑先生著作集总序](#) In Xie Tianyou, *Zhuanzhi zhuyi tongzhi xiade chenmin xinli* (The mentality of the subject under Despotism). (Guilin: Guangxi shifan daxue chubanshe, 2021), pp. 1-18.

“The Lingering Corpse in the Chinese Urban.” *The Study*, International Institute of Asian Studies, Leiden, the Netherlands, No. 81, October, 2018.

<https://www.ias.asia/the-newsletter/article/lingering-corpse-chinese-urban>

“History as Humanity’s CV: A Conversation with Frank Dikotter.” (Co-authored with Frank Dikotter). *Chinese Historical Review* Vol. 24, No. 2, 2017, pp. 166-182.

“American Academic Freedom and Chinese Nationalism: An H-Asia Debate.” *Positions: East Asian Cultures Critique*, 23:1, 2015, pp. 41-48.

“Urban Violence and the Chinese State in the Post-Mao Reform.” In Kosta Mathéy and Silvia Matuk (eds.), *Community-Based Urban Violence Prevention: Innovative Approaches in Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Arab Region* (Bielefeld, Germany: transcript Verlag, 2015), pp. 117-126.

“Building Trust and Boundaries: Fieldwork in Shanghai.” Field Research Method Lab, London School of Economics and Political Science, November 2013.

<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/fieldresearch/2013/11/21/building-trust-and-boundaries/>

“Zhang Jian: yiwei jiechu de geren zhuyi zhe” (Zhang Jian: An Individualist). *Shanghai jingji pinglun* (Shanghai Economic Review), July 9, 2013, No. 58.

“Displacement and Change of the Meaning of Work and Life Course in Post-Mao China.” Conference Volume, International Research Center on Work and Human Lifecycle in Global History, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, July 2013, pp. 225-252.

“Citizens versus Experts: Historic Preservation in Globalizing Shanghai.” *Future Anterior*, Vol. 9, No. 1, 2012 (Summer), pp. 16-31.

“Waving the Red Flag: Cultural Memory and Grass-roots Protest in Housing Disputes in China.” *Modern Chinese Literature and Culture*, Vol. 22, No 1, 2010 (Spring), pp. 197-232.

“Bridge under Water: The Dilemma of the Chinese Petition System.” *China Currents*, China Research Center, Atlanta Vol. 7, No. 1, 2008 (Winter); [http://www.chinacurrents.com/winter\\_2008/cc\\_shao.htm](http://www.chinacurrents.com/winter_2008/cc_shao.htm).

“Journey West.” *Chinese Historical Review* Vol. 15, No. 1, 2008 (Spring), pp.153-58.

“A Community of the Dispersed: The Culture of Neighborhood Stock Markets in Contemporary Shanghai.” *Chinese Historical Review* Vol. 14, No. 2, 2007 (Fall), pp. 212-239.

“Exhibiting the Modern: The Creation of the First Chinese Museum, 1905-1930.” *The China Quarterly* 179, 2004 (September), pp. 82-100.

“Tempest over Teapots: The Vilification of Teahouse Culture in Early Republican China.” *The Journal of Asian Studies* 57, 4, 1998 (November), pp. 1009-1041.

“Space, Time, and Politics in Early 20th-Century Nantong.” *Modern China* 23, 1, 1997 (January), pp. 99-129.

“The Mismatch: Ouyang Yuqian and Theater Reform in Nantong, 1919-1922.” *CHINOPERL* (Chinese Oral and Performing Literature), 1996, pp. 39-65.

“Making Political Culture--the Case of Nantong, 1894-1930.” Ph.D Dissertation, Michigan State University, 1994, pp. 425.

"Zhang Jian's Attitude toward Educational Reform." *Chinese Historians* 4, 2, 1991 (June), pp. 27-43.

"Chongping Shi Jingtang" (Shi Jingtang: A Reappraisal.) *Tansuo yu taolun* (Exploration and Discussion) no. 2, 1987.

"Guanyu shixue fansi de duanxiang" (Rethinking Chinese Historiography.) *Huadong shifan daxue xuebao* (Journal of East China Normal University) no. 1. 1987, pp. 10-23. Reprinted by *Quanguo daxue zazhi wenzhai* (Digest of National University Journals) no. 2, 1987.

"Shixue lilun zai sikao"(Reflection on Historical Study.) *Guangming ribao* (Guangming Daily) December 31, 1986. Reprinted in *Shixue lilun wenji* (Essay Collection on Historical Theory),

Guangming ribao chubanshe (Guangming Daily Press), 1987.

"Xi 'Minben': due xian Qin zhi xi Han 'minben' sixiang de kaocha" ("Minben": An Investigation of the Changing Statecraft from the Pre-Qin to Western Han Period) *Lishi yanjiu* (Historical Study) no. 6, 1985, pp. 3-16. Reprinted in *Lishi qingbao* (Historical Information) no. 3, 1986.

"Qin Wangchao: yige meiyou lilun de shidai" (The Qin Dynasty: An Era without Directions.) *Huadong shifan daxue xuebao* (Journal of East China Normal University) no. 6, 1985, pp. 72-78. Reprinted by *Xinhua wenzhai* (Xinhua Digest) no. 4, 1986 & by *Shixue qingbao* (Trends in Chinese Historical Studies) no. 4, 1986.

"Pingjun zhuyi wenti zi woujian" (On Egalitarianism). *Huadong shifan daxue xuebao* (Journal of East China Normal University) no. 2, 1985, pp. 71-77. Reprinted by *Xinhua wenzhai* (Xinhua Digest) no. 8, 1985.

"'Min' de yiyi" (The Meaning of 'Min'.") *Lishi jiaoxue* (Journal of Historical Pedagogy) no. 5, 1985.

"Ping suowei de lishi he jieji juxian" (On the So-Called Class and Historical Limits) *Guangming ribao* (Guangming Daily) September 18, 1985. Reprinted by *Jiefang ribao* (Liberation Daily) October 2, 1985.

"Xiaonong jingji he zhuanzhi zhuyi de guanxi" (The Relationship between Peasant Economy and Absolutism.) *Nongmin zhanzheng lunwenji* (Journal of Peasant Uprising Studies) no. 3, 1984.

"Fengjian shehui moqi nongmin zhanzheng de tedian" (Characteristics of Peasant Uprisings in Late Imperial China.) *Lishi tongxun* (Journal of Historical Communication) no.1, 1985.

"Sui mo nongmin qiyi de tedian" (A Study on Peasant Uprisings in the End of Sui Dynasty.) *Lishi tongxun* (Journal of Historical Communication) no. 2, 1984.

"Ru, Dao, Fa sanjia zai 'yumin' sixiang shang de yitong" (The Concept of 'Fooling the People': A Comparison among Taoism, Legalism and Confucianism.) *Guangming ribao* (Guangming Daily) February 16, 1983. Reprinted by *Jiefang ribao* (Liberation Daily) March 2, 1983.

"Ouran yu biran, zhuguan yu keguan: chongping Qin mo nongmin qiyi baofa de yuanyin" (New Interpretations on the Causes of the Late Qin Peasant War.) *Huadong shifan daxue xuebao* (Journal of East China Normal University) no. 1, 1982, pp.34-39. Reprinted by *Xinhua wenzhai* (Xinhua Digest) no. 6, 1982.

#### **OTHER ESSAYS IN CHINESE:**

"Cong 'shengguo renxin' kan zhongguo nianqing yidai" (A study of the Chinese youth through the TV program "Super Vocal"). *Jingbao* (Hong Kong: *The Mirror*), No. 9, 2019, pp. 83-84.

“Zhongsheng weishi: jinian Xie Tianyou xiansheng shishi sanshi zhounian” (A Life time teacher: remembering Professor Xie Tianyou), *The Paper*, Shanghai, April 25, 2018.

“Cong xiaozheng zouxiang dayang: tuopo he chuangxin” (From small town to the Pacific: breakthrough and innovation) in Xi Wang and Ping Yao (eds.) *Zai meiguo faxian lishi* (Discovering History in America) Beijing: Beijing University Press, 2010, pp. 265-284.

“Mazu shi zhongguoren, taiyu shi mingnanhua” (Cultural Ambiguity in Contemporary Taiwan), in Hanchao Lu (ed.) *Taiwan de xiandaihua he wenhua rentong* (Modernity and Cultural Identity in Taiwan). Global Publishing Co. Inc, 2001, pp. 241-268.

### **PRESENTATIONS (Selected):**

“The Spectre of Private Property in Mao and Post-Mao China.” Invited Speaker at the ALTER Seminar, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain, June 16, 2023.

“Kuayu Taipingyang de lishi ketang” (History Teaching across the Pacific). Invited Speaker at World History Roundtable Discussion (Tencent streaming), organized by Shanghai University, Beijing University Press, and Chinese Historians in the United States. January 13, 2023.

“The Tension in Urban Development in Post-Mao China.” Invited Guest Lecture (Zoom) at Professor Ping Yao’s graduate seminar on Patterns of Modern Asian History, California State University, Los Angeles. October 19, 2021.

“Transitional Justice in Post-Mao China and Its Aftereffects: A Case from Shanghai.” East Asian Seminar (Zoom), School of Historical Studies at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton. December 7, 2020.

“Urban Transformation of Shanghai.” Guest lecture at Professor Rebecca Karl’s Class, New York University, New York City. February 27, 2020.

“Violence and Urbanization in China.” Guest lecture at Professor Timothy White’s History Honors Class, New Jersey City University, Jersey City, NJ, December 10, 2019.

BBC World Interview on Urban Conservation in Shanghai, December 10, 2019.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w3csy78q>

"Rest in Limbo: The Unburied Body and Social Tension in Urban China." 11th Conference of the ICAS, Leiden University, the Netherlands, July 16-19, 2019.

“Conducting Fieldwork in Violent Urban Setting.” Masterclass, Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Center, the London School of Economics, UK, March 1, 2019.

“Forced Displacement: An Instrument of Control from Mao to Post-Mao.” Roundtable on Revisiting Displacement in Urban Studies, Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Center & the Urban Salon, the London School of Economics, UK, February 28, 2019.

“The Limit of Transitional Justice from Mao to Post-Mao: A Case Study from Shanghai.” Conference on Transitional Justice without Transition: Redressing Past Injustice under Socialism. Maoist Legacy Project at the University of Freiburg, Germany, February 21-23, 2019.

“The End of the Post-Mao Opening.” Roundtable on Capitalism with Chinese Characteristics: Censorship and New Class Struggles. The New School, New York City, April 11, 2018.  
<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#search/nyu+shanghai/162afdad673f1bd2?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1>

“The Struggle of Urbanization in Post- Mao China.” Guest Lecture at Dr. Andrew Field’s Class on the History of Shanghai at Duke University, Kunshan, China, March 8, 2018.

“The Unburied Body and Other Issue in the Chinese Urban.” Invited Public Lecture in Cultural and Social Worlds of Global Cities Lecture Series, New York University Shanghai, Shanghai, China, March 1, 2018.  
[https://events.shanghai.nyu.edu/#!/view/event/date/20180301/event\\_id/4606](https://events.shanghai.nyu.edu/#!/view/event/date/20180301/event_id/4606)

“Shanghai Gone: Domicide and Defiance in a Chinese Mega City.” Cherry Hill Public Library, November 2, 2017.

“The Human in Urban Development.” Guest Lecture, Human Cities Initiative Class, Stanford University, Teleconference, October 24, 2016.

“Housing the Future.” Keynote Speech, Human Cities Expo, Stanford Center at Beijing University, Beijing, May 29, 2016.

“Sixty Pages and a Roast Duck: Meditation on the Remains of a Shanghai House.” Workshop on “Contemplating the Rise of Asian Cities,” Yale University, February 1, 2016.

“Re-Urbanizing Shanghai: Domicide and Its Impact.” Public Lecture, the China House and the History Department, New York University (NYU), New York City, October 8, 2015.

“Urban Demolition and Mental Health in Post-Mao China.” XXXIV International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Sigmund Freud University, Vienna, July 12-17, 2015.

“Shanghai Despite Itself: A Perspective from Below.” Public Lecture, New York University, Shanghai, China, April 28, 2015.

“Forensic Shanghai.” Class on “Global Connection: Shanghai.” NYU Shanghai, China, April 28, 2015.

“A Researcher’s Note: Field Walk in Shanghai and into a Blind Spot.” Shanghai Social Studies Colloquium + Pure iDea Forum, Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Commerciales d'Angers, Shanghai Campus, China, April 27, 2015.

“Shanghai Despite Itself: A Perspective from the Field.” Royal Asiatic Society, Shanghai, China, April 25, 2015.

“In the Shadow of Highrises: The Challenge of Urbanization in Post-Mao China.” Pacific Challenge Lecture Series, California State University, Los Angeles, February 17, 2015.

“The Challenge of Urban Development in Post-Mao China.” History Honors Program, New Jersey City University, January 30, 2015.

“The ‘Future Shock’ is now: Managing Change and Manageable Change in Urban China’s Physical and Social Transition.” “Urbanization in China,” a Panel Discussion, Azrieli School of Architecture & Urbanism, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada, October 1, 2014.

“The Spatial and Emotional Turns: A Study of Displacement of the First Baby Boomers in Mao’s China.” No. 212 Simian Lecture Series, East China Normal University, Shanghai, China, June 11, 2014. [http://www.thepaper.cn/newsDetail\\_forward\\_1252977](http://www.thepaper.cn/newsDetail_forward_1252977)

“Original and Critical Thinking in Historical Study.” History Department, Zhejiang University Hangzhou, China, June 10, 2014.

“The Spatial and Emotional Turns: A Study of Displacement of the First Baby Boomers in Mao’s China.” Qiushi Lecture Series, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China, June 9, 2014.

“Humanism in Historical Study.” Academic Salon, History Department, East China Normal University, Shanghai, China, June 5, 2014.

“Displacement: the First Urban Baby Boomers in Mao’s China.” International Conference on “Chinese History in the Global Era: New Trends and Methods,” Sponsored by the Department of History, East China Normal University and Chinese Historians in the US, East China Normal University, Shanghai, China, June 6-8, 2014.

“Chinese History in a Global Perspective.” Member of a Round-table Discussion at International Conference on “Chinese History in the Global Era: New Trends and Methods,” Sponsored by Department of History, East China Normal University and Chinese Historians in the US, East China Normal University, Shanghai, China, June 6-8, 2014.

“Preservation in Asian Cities.” American Institute of Architects, New York, December 3, 2013.

“Urban Planning and Development in China.” Shanghai-Hamburg Forum, Hamburg University, Hamburg, Germany, October 11-12, 2013.

“The Chinese People Have Stood Up: Popular Protest in Urban China.” Sigur Center for Asian Studies, George Washington University, Washington DC, September 12, 2013.

“The Violence of Urban Development in Post-Mao China.” Program in East Asian Studies and the Department of History, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, September 11, 2013.



“The Violence of Urban Development in Post-Mao China.” Seminar at Institut d'Asie Orientale, University of Lyon, France, June 21, 2013.

“Building Trust and Boundary: Field Research in Shanghai.” Workshop on “Addressing Field Research Constraints in China,” Department of Geography and Environment, the London School of Economics, London, England, June 6-7, 2013.

“The Violence of Urban Development in Post-Mao China.” Workshop on “Contested Urban Spaces in Chinese Metropolises,” Center for Cultural Studies on Science and Technology in China, Technische Universität Berlin, Germany, May 29, 2013.

“Displacement and Changes in the Meaning of Work and Life Course in Post-Mao China.” International Research Institute for Work and Life Course in Global History, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, May 28, 2013.

“Migration and Mobility in Contemporary China.” Joint Guest Lecture, Institute for Chinese Studies, University of Oxford, UK, May 23, 2013.

“The Violence of Urban Development in Contemporary China.” Institute for Chinese Studies, University of Oxford, UK, May 23, 2013.

“Domicide and Urban Development in Post-Mao China.” Department of Architecture, Urbanism and Planning, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, May 2, 2013.

“Domicide and the Displaced in post-Mao Urban China.” The Ostasiatisches Seminar, Free University of Berlin, Germany, April 25, 2013.

“China’s Challenges—All Disquiet on the Eastern Front?” “Advice to the President”; “China through the Ages”; “Legacies: My Family’s Lessons for Life.” Renaissance Weekend, Monterey, CA, June 30-July 4, 2012.

“From Shanghai Street to Wall Street: Demanding Accountability, Dignity, and Economic Justice.” Workshop on Chinese Urban Political Culture in Comparative Perspective, Harvard-Yenching Institute, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, May 4-5, 2012.

“Economic Reform and Consumer Culture in China.” International Business Symposium, The College of New Jersey, April 13, 2012.

“Citizens vs. Experts: Historic Preservation in Globalizing Shanghai.” Modern China Seminar, Columbia University, New York, NY, April 12, 2012.

“Housing Matters: Resident Protesters in Urban China.” US-China Institute, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, April 3, 2012.

“Chinese Capital in Motion: Reading Beijing Taxi.” Symposium on Chinese Women’s

Documentaries in the Market Era, Brown University, Providence, RI, March 21, 2012.

“The New People in the People’s Republic: Protesters in Housing Dispute in Urban China.” Center for Chinese Studies, University of California, Los Angeles, CA, February 28, 2012.

“New Perspectives on the Qing History.” International Symposium on the Qing Dynasty, East China Normal University, Shanghai, China, June 25, 2011.

“New Trends in Chinese Urban Studies.” History Department, East China Normal University, Shanghai, China, June 24, 2011.

“Chinese Society, Culture, and Business Practice.” Nordland Day of Norwegian Pavilion, World Expo, Shanghai, China, October 19-20, 2010.

“New Scholarship on Chinese Studies.” Zhejiang Univeristy, Hangzhou, China, October 18, 2010.

“Protest as History Narrative in Shanghai.” Historical Society for Twentieth Century China Biennial Conference on “A Century of Change since the 1911 Revolution: Crises and Responses in 20th Century China.” Saint Joseph’s University, Philadelphia, June 26-27, 2010.

“Urban Development and Daily Life: A Comparative Study of Xintiandi and Siena.” International Conference on “Shanghai: The Global City Aspiration and the Transformation of the Everyday.” Shanghai, East China Normal University, June 18-22, 2010.

“Iconic Shanghai: The New World and Its Shadow.” Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Philadelphia, March 25-28, 2010.

"The New World and Old Nightmares: Outside Capital, Inside Dealing, and Property Seizure in Shanghai." Asian Neighborhood Research Group Workshop on “Mobility and Territory,” Harvard-Yenching Institute, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 17-19, 2009.

"To Steal a House is a Casual Dish: Property Issue in Shanghai." Law School, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 17, 2009.

“Spatial Agency and Neighborhood Protest in Shanghai.” Workshop on “Politics of Neighborhood in Asia,” Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 26-27, 2008.

“Mental Health in Urban China.” Panel Seminar on "Public Health Issues in Asia," The Harvard Asia Center's Modern Asia Series, Cambridge, MA, April 11, 2008.

“Abundant Law and Scant Justice in Contemporary China.” Law School, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, March 21, 2008.

“Guanxi and Social Networks in Ancient China.” Invited Speaker (with Dr. Scott Hammond) on “Plexus Call,” Plexus Institute, New Jersey, February 22, 2008.

“Eviction and Social Protest in Urban China.” Invited Speaker at a Seminar Course on “Environment and Forced Migration” at the Harvard College, Cambridge, MA, December 4, 2007.

“Protest as Alternative History in Housing Disputes in Shanghai.” Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, November 29, 2007.

“Patterns of Grass-Roots Protest in Urban China.” Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, October 1, 2007.

“New Scholarship in Chinese Studies in the West.” Shanghai University, Shanghai, China, June 7, 2007.

“A Community of the Dispersed: The Culture of Neighborhood Stock Markets in Shanghai.” 59th Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Boston, March 23, 2007.

“Repressed Morning: Demolished Lives in Housing Reform in China.” Eighth International Conference on Urban History, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden, August 30-September 3, 2006.

“Cultural Memory and Resistance in China’s Urban Reform.” International Conference on Cultural Memory and Cultures in Transition, the Center of Oriental Studies, Vilnius University, Lithuania, May 11-13, 2006.

“A City in (E)Motion: Housing Reform in Shanghai.” East Asian Studies Seminar, Princeton University, April 20, 2006.

“Using the Red Flag: The Dispossessed Fights Back.” The 57th Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, April 1, 2005.

“Western Scholarship on Chinese Urban and Cultural Studies.” East China Normal University, Shanghai, China, April 14, 2004; Nankai University, Tianjin, China, May 16, 2004.

“Exhibiting the Modern: The Creation of the First Chinese-Sponsored Museum, 1905-1930.” Workshop on “Chinese Museums across Time and Space,” Princeton University, Nov. 14, 2003.

“China’s New Economic Might”

“China, India or Japan: Regional Dominance”

“Human Rights and Cultural Relativism: African, Arab and Asian Perspectives”

“Family Planning around the World”

Panel Speaker at the 55th Annual Conference on World Affairs, University of Colorado at Boulder, April 7-11, 2003.

“Money vs. Conscious: the 1921 Jiangsu Provincial Assembly Election.” The 55th Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, New York City, March 29, 2003.

“It Returns Our Calls: The Use and Abuse of Memory in a Chinese Community.” East Asian Seminar, the Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton, Oct. 8, 2002.

“Gender Issues and Social Change in Modern China.” Summer Seminar of University of Virginia at East China Normal University, Shanghai, China, July 25, 2002.

“Western Scholarship on Zhang Jian and Nantong.” Symposium on Zhang Jian’s Educational Reform, Nantong, China, July 19-20, 2002.

“To Show and to Tell: The Creation of the First Chinese Museum, 1905-1930.” Interdisciplinary Nineteenth Century Studies 2001 Conference, University of Oregon, April 20-21, 2001; University Seminar on Modern China, Columbia University, March 8, 2001.

“Empowerment and Responsibility: the Role of ‘Victim’ in Society”

“George W. and the Dragon: China’s Growing World Influence”

“Living Longer or Die Young: The Status of Global Health”

Panel Speaker at the 53rd Annual Conference on World Affairs, University of Colorado at Boulder, April 9-13, 2001.

“The State of the Field: Reassessing the Study of Chinese Local History.” Roundtable of Historical Society for 20th-Century China, the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Diego, March 9-12, 2000.

“Print Culture in a Chinese County: 1900-1930.” The Third Annual Asian Studies Conference Japan, Tokyo, June 26, 1999.

“Intellectual Property”

“Free Trade vs. Fair Trade”

“Child Labor”

“The Myth of Male Power”

“War Wounds That Will Never Heal”

Panel Speaker at the 50th Annual Conference on World Affairs, University of Colorado at Boulder, April 6-10, 1998.

Tempest over Teapots: The Marginalization of Teahouse Culture in Early Republican China.” The 50th Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Washington, D.C., March 26-29, 1998.

“Contested Ground: Teahouses in Early Twentieth Century Nantong.” The 112th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Seattle, January 8-11, 1998.

“Hong Kong 1997: The Handover and the Hangover -- An Eyewitness Report on HK’s Transfer of Sovereignty from Britain to China.” Brown Bag Lunch Forum, The College of New Jersey, October 30, 1997.

“Language Usage in Chinese Teahouses.” Conference on Local Languages and Cultures in China, University of Pennsylvania, April 25-27, 1997.

“Labor Movements under Japanese Occupation--the Case of Nantong.” MAR/AAS Annual Conference, Seton Hall University, October, 1996.

“Space, Time, and Politics in Early 20th-Century Nantong.” ASAA Conference on Communication With/in Asia, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia, July, 1996.

“Spatial Manipulation and the Rise of Elite Power.” Second International Symposium on Zhang Jian, Nanjing University, China, August 30-September 2, 1995.

“Home of Drama--Theater Reform in Nantong.” Conference on Chinese Oral and Performing Literature, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, April 11, 1996.

"Rhetoric, Myth, and the Local Self-government in Nantong." The 109 Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago, January, 1995.

"Recent Development in Western Historiography." Summer Seminar, History Department, Anhui Normal University, China, June 1992.

"Zhang Jian and Educational Reform in Modern China." Conference of Chinese Historians in the United States, Boston, June 1991.

"Democratic Thoughts in Modern China." Conference of Chinese Historians in the United States, New York, June 1988.

"Minben: Its Changing Meaning before and after the Qin Dynasty." Symposium on Chinese Peasant Movements, Guilin, China, 1985.

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