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Current position

Since August 2015 Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Tennessee

Previous positions

August 2013 – July 2015 Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Tennessee

August 2012 – May 2013 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Arizona

January – May 2012 Visiting Fellow, University of Minnesota Institute for Advanced Study, and Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Asian Languages and Literatures, University of Minnesota

September – December 2011 Member, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton)

April 2008 – August 2011 assistant professor (*Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter/Assistant*), Institute for Sinology and East Asian Studies, University of Muenster

April 2006 – March 2008 Japan Society for the Promotion of Science post-doctoral fellow, Institute for Research in Humanities, Kyoto University

Degrees and post-doctoral qualification

July 2011 Habilitation (post-doctoral qualification), Chinese Studies, University of Muenster

August 2005 PhD, summa cum laude, Chinese Studies, University of Muenster

June 2000 MA, Chinese, University of Minnesota

March 1996 BA, History and East Asian Studies, University of Minnesota

Additional education

University of Washington (2000-2), Nankai University (1994-95)

Honors and awards

2014-15 University of Tennessee Humanities Center faculty fellowship

2014 University of Tennessee Chancellor's Grant for Faculty Research

2011 Membership in the Historical School of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton (in residence September – December 2011)

2006–2008 Japan Society for the Promotion of Science post-doctoral fellowship
2003–2005 Heinrich Hertz-Stiftung fellowship
2001–2002, 2002–2003 Foreign Languages and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship
1995 Phi Beta Kappa
1994–1995 International Reciprocal Student Exchange Program scholarship
1991 United States National Merit Scholar

Monograph

Communication and Cooperation in Early Imperial China: Publicizing the Qin Dynasty
(Albany: State University of New York Press, 2014).

Journal articles

- “Paleographic Evidence of Qin Religious Practice from Liye and Zhoujiaitai,” *Early China* 37 (2014): 327-358.
- “Shang Yang Was a Cooperator,” *Philosophy East and West* 64.1 (2014): 174-91.
- “Debating the Route of the Qin Direct Road (Zhidao): Text and Excavation,” *Frontiers of History in China* 6.3 (2011): 323-46.
- “The Moment of Dying: Representations in Liu Xiang’s Anthologies *Xin xu* and *Shuo yuan*,” *Asia Major* (third series) 24.1 (2011): 127-58.
- “Dong Zhongshu’s *Chunqiu jueyu* Reconsidered: On the Legal Interest in Subjective States and the Privilege of Hiding Family Members’ Crimes as Developments from Earlier Practice,” *Early China* 33-34 (2010-11): 141-69.
- “Categories and Legal Reasoning in Early Imperial China: The Meaning of *Fa* in Recovered Texts,” with Miranda Brown, *Oriens Extremus* 49 (2010): 283-306.
- “Environment and Law in Early Imperial China (3rd c. BCE - 1st c. CE): Qin and Han Statutes Concerning Natural Resources,” *Environmental History* 15.4 (2010): 701-21.
- “Law and Communication in Qin and Western Han China,” *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 53.5 (2010): 679-711.
- “Edict of Monthly Ordinances for the Four Seasons in Fifty Articles from 5 C.E.: Introduction to the Wall Inscription Discovered at Xuanquanzhi, with Annotated Translation,” *Early China* 32 (2008-9): 125-208.
- “The Construction and Deconstruction of Epanggong: Notes from the Crossroads of History and Poetry,” *Oriens Extremus* 47 (2008): 160-76.
- “Notes on Penal Ritual and Subjective Truth under the Qin,” *Asia Major* (third series) 22.1 (2008): 35-57. Published in Chinese as “Qiantan Qin-Handai de xingfa yishi yu zhuguan zhenshi” 淺談秦漢代的刑法儀式與主關真實, transl. Wu Wenling 鄔文玲, in *Jianbo yanjiu* 簡帛研究 2010, ed. Bu Xianqun 卜憲群 and Yang Zhenhong 楊振紅 (Guilin: Guangxi shifan daxue chubanshe, 2012), 43-58.
- “Bow Control in Han China: Yuqiu Shouwang on Self-Defense,” *Journal of Asian History* 42.2 (2008): 143-64.
- “Progress and Publicity in Early China: Qin Shihuang, Ritual, and Common Knowledge,” *Journal of Ritual Studies* 22.1 (2008): 21-43.
- “Jia Yi on the Law,” *Zinbun: Annals of the Institute for Research in Humanities, Kyoto University* 40 (2007): 53-70.

“Rituals that Don’t Reach, Punishments that Don’t Impugn: Jia Yi on the Exclusions from Punishment and Ritual,” *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 125.1 (2005): 31-44.

“Six of One, Two Dozen of the Other: The Abatement of Mutilating Punishments under Han Emperor Wen,” *Asia Major* (third series) 18.1 (2005): 79-100.

Book chapters and other publications

“Population Records from Liye: Ideology in Practice,” in *Ideology of Power and Power of Ideology in Early China*, ed. Yuri Pines, Paul R. Goldin, and Martin Kern (Leiden: Brill, 2015), 249-69.

“Qin Government: Structures, Principles, and Practices,” in *Qin – the Eternal Emperor and his Terracotta Warriors*, ed. Maria Khayutina (Zürich: Neue Zürcher Zeitung Libro, 2013), 118-29.

“Send Shoes: A Letter from Yuan to Zifang,” *Renditions: A Chinese-English Translation Magazine* 79 (2013): 7-10.

“Jia Yi,” in *Dictionary of Literary Biography: Classical Chinese Writers, Pre-Tang Era (-598)*, ed. Curtis Dean Smith (Columbia: Brucoli Clark Layman, 2011), 78-83.

Reviews

The Embodied Text: Establishing Textual Identity in Early Chinese Manuscripts, by Matthias L. Richter, *Frontiers of History in China* 8.4 (2013): 631-34.

Individualism in Early China: Human Agency and the Self in Thought and Politics, by Erica Fox Brindley, *Frontiers of History in China* 8.1 (2013): 137-38.

Ancestral Memory in Early China, by K. E. Brashier, *Journal of Asian Studies* 71.2 (2012): 507-8.

Bureaucracy and the State in Early China: Governing the Western Zhou, by Li Feng, *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society* 22.2 (2012): 482-84.

A Significant Season: Cai Yong (ca.133-192) and His Contemporaries, by Mark Laurent Asselin, *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society* 21.1 (2011): 126-28.

Landscape and Power in Early China: The Crisis and Fall of the Western Zhou, 1045-771 BC, by Li Feng, *Journal of Asian History* 43.1 (2009): 84-85.

Transmitters and Creators: Chinese Commentators and Commentaries on the Analects, by John Makeham, *Nachrichten der Gesellschaft für Natur- und Völkerkunde Ostasiens* 175-176 (2004): 297-300.

Timing and Rulership in Master Lü’s Spring and Autumn Annals (Lüshi chunqiu), by James D. Sellmann, *Nachrichten der Gesellschaft für Natur- und Völkerkunde Ostasiens* 175-176 (2004): 300-303.

To the Origins of Confucianism: The Ru in pre-Qin times and during the early Han dynasty, by Nicolas Zufferey, *Nachrichten der Gesellschaft für Natur- und Völkerkunde Ostasiens* 175-176 (2004): 303-307.

Language, Ontology, and Political Philosophy in China: Wang Bi’s Scholarly Exploration of the Dark (Xuanxue), by Rudolf G. Wagner, *Nachrichten der Gesellschaft für Natur- und Völkerkunde Ostasiens* 173-174 (2003): 314-319.

Rhetoric in Ancient China, Fifth to Third Century BCE: A Comparison With Greek Rhetoric, by Xing Lu, *Quarterly Journal of Speech* 88.1 (2002): 144-46.

Conferences, talks, and presentations

- “Evaluating Swords: A How-to Guide,” workshop presentation, the Creel Center for Chinese Paleography, University of Chicago, 7 November 2015.
- “Qin Rule in Space and Time,” paper presented at “Temporal Dimensions of Space in Imperial China,” Leipzig University, 20 June 2015.
- “Household Registration Records from Liye: Household, Community, State,” talk at Charles University, Prague, 12 May 2015.
- “Communication and Cooperation in Early Imperial China,” talk at the Oriental Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, 11 May 2015.
- “Publicly Posted Documents in the Han Period,” paper presented at “KFLC: The Languages, Literatures, and Cultures Conference,” University of Kentucky, 23 – 25 April 2015.
- “Public Documents in the Han and Xin Periods,” paper presented at the Third Annual Society for the Study of Early China Conference, 26 March 2015.
- “Communication and Cooperation in Early Imperial China,” presentation at the “Symposium on Ancient China and Korea,” Binghamton University, 5 March 2015.
- “A Publicly Posted Document from the Xin Period,” paper presented at “Ancient China: Texts, Traditions, and Transformations,” University of Oregon, 14 February 2015.
- “Faint Signs of New Power: Wang Mang in the Border Regions,” paper presented at “Between the Visible and the Invisible: Cosmology, Ritual, and Hermeneutics in Historical and Contemporary Chinese Worlds,” University of California – Berkeley, 14 – 15 November 2014.
- “Self and Other in Early Chinese Letters,” paper presented at the 2014 meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, 31 October – 2 November 2014.
- “Economic Communication in the Western Han: Jia Yi on the Xiongnu Problem,” paper presented at the European Association for Chinese Studies Conference, 24 July 2014, University of Minho, Braga, Portugal.
- “Communicating beyond Borders in the Western Han,” paper presented at “Empire, Ethics, and Tradition: An International Conference on the Han Dynasty,” University of Pittsburgh, 23-24 May 2014.
- “Tracing the Forgotten: Personal Letters of Soldiers and Low-ranking Officials in Early China,” talk at the University of Arkansas, 21 April 2014.
- “Concepts of Law in the *Shangshu*,” paper presented at “The *Classic of Documents* and the Origins of Chinese Political Philosophy,” Oxford University, 21-22 March 2014.
- “Edict/Letter: A Western Han Multitext,” paper presented at the 2013 meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable, Western Kentucky University, 1-3 November 2013.
- “‘Lü xing’: On the Benefits of Proper Chastisement,” paper presented at “The *Classic of Documents* and the Origins of Chinese Political Philosophy,” Princeton University, 17-18 May 2013.

- “Power of the People: Jia Yi and Management of the Populace,” paper presented as part of the panel “Past Forward: Jia Yi’s New Vision of Empire” at the 2013 Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, 23 March 2013.
- “New Information on Qin Religious Practice: Evidence from Liye and Zhoujiaitai,” paper presented at the First Annual Society for the Study of Early China Conference, 21 March 2013.
- “Population Records from Liye: Ideology and Communication,” paper presented at “Ideology of Power and Power of Ideology in Early China,” Institute for Advanced Study, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1-6 May 2012.
- “Communication and Cooperation in Early Imperial China,” Institute for Advanced Study, University of Minnesota, “Thursdays at Four” Series, 8 March 2012.
- “Remnants of Governance: Bureaucratic Documents from Liye,” Institute for Advanced Study, University of Minnesota, 14 February 2012.
- “Population Records from Liye,” Early China Seminar, Columbia University, 19 November 2011.
- “Reading the Qin Population Registers from Liye,” Qin-Han Seminar, University of Pennsylvania, 10 November 2011.
- “Constructing the Populace in Early China,” Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton) East Asian Studies Seminar, 3 November 2011.
- “Liebeslieder im *Buch der Lieder*” (Love songs in the *Book of Songs*) *Habilitation* lecture, University of Muenster, 11 July 2011.
- “Indirect Communication under the Qin,” Annual Meeting of the China Studies Working Group (Jahrestagung der China-Arbeitsgemeinschaft), University of Muenster, 5-6 February 2011.
- “Roads to Rule: Construction and Communication under the Qin,” Center for Chinese Studies Research Seminar Series, University of Michigan, 10 January 2011.
- “Religion as a Medium for Communication in the Formation of the Imperial Chinese State,” workshop on Ritual and Scripture in the Formation of State and Religion, University of Muenster, 2 December 2010.
- “Creation by Contrast: Naming Practices on the Chinese Frontier during the Han Empire,” poster presentation at “Contact Zones of Empires in Asia and Europe: Complexity, Causality and Contingency,” European Science Foundation – Japan Society for the Promotion of Science joint conference, Kyushu University, 27 February – 4 March 2010.
- Participant in “New Perspectives for Asian Studies in the Humanities,” European Science Foundation – Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation Humanities Spring 2009, Charles University, Prague, 27-30 May 2009.
- “Mass Communication and Common Knowledge during the Qin Dynasty,” paper presented at “The Birth of Empire: The State of Qin Revisited,” Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 10-19 December 2008.

Courses taught

- “Thinking Historically” (spring semester 2016)
- “Chinese Intellectual History: The Early Period” (spring semester 2016)
- “World Civilizations to 1500” (spring semester 2014, fall semester 2015)
- “History of China: China to 1600” (fall semester 2013, fall semester 2015)

- “Studies in Asian History: The Death Penalty in a Cross-Cultural Context” (fall semester 2013)
- “Chinese Civilization” (fall semester 2012, spring semester 2013)
- “Intermediate Classical Chinese” (spring semester 2013)
- “Confucianism: The Classical Period” (spring semester 2013)
- “Independent Study” (fall semester 2012)
- “Taoist Traditions of China” (fall semester 2012)
- “Major Project” (spring semester 2012)
- “Archäologie und Paläographie” (Archaeology and paleography) (summer semester 2011)
- “Sekundärliteratur: Staat und Gesellschaft” (Secondary literature: State and society) (summer semester 2011)
- “Klassische Lektüre II” (Classical readings II) (summer semester 2011)
- “Hilfsmittel” (Research materials) (winter semester 2009-10, winter semester 2010-11)
- “Klassische Lektüre I” (Classical readings I) (winter semester 2010-11)
- “*Laozi*: Textkritik und Manuskripte” (*Laozi*: Textual criticism and manuscripts) (summer semester 2010)
- “*Han shu* als historiographisches Werk” (*Han shu* as historiographical work) (summer semester 2010)
- “Lektüre: Han Prosa-Texte” (Readings: Han prose texts) (winter semester 2009-10)
- “Seminar: Mass Communication and Cooperation in Early Imperial China” (summer semester 2009)
- “Lektüre: *Li ji*” (Readings: *Li ji*) (summer semester 2009)
- “Sekundärliteratur: Schwerpunkt Dunhuang” (Secondary literature: Focus on Dunhuang) (winter semester 2008-9)
- “Lektüre: Gespräche des Konfuzius” (Readings: *Analects* of Confucius) (winter semester 2008-9)
- “Übungen mit chinesischen Hilfsmitteln” (Exercises with Chinese research materials) (summer semester 2008)
- “Seminar: The Individual and the Law in Early Imperial China” (summer semester 2008)
- “Kaiser der Han-Dynastie: Gaozu und Wendi” (Emperors of the Han Dynasty: Gaozu and Wendi), in collaboration with Prof. Dr. Reinhard Emmerich (summer semester 2005)
- “Readings in Jia Yi's *Xin shu*” (summer semester 2004)
- “Practicum: Applied Methodology for Sinology” (winter semester 2003-4)
- “Commentary and Early Chinese Writings” (summer semester 2003)

Additional experience

March 2009, March 2011: Organized and led student group travel to China
 June-August 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002: Administrative assistant (1999, 2000) and program and curriculum coordinator (2001, 2002) for the University of Minnesota “Chinese in Tianjin” summer study abroad program

Other professional activity

Webmaster, Society for the Study of Early China (www.earlychina.org), August 2013 – present

Chair, Organizing Committee, Society for the Study of Early China Annual Conference,
27 March 2014, 26 March 2015, 31 March 2016

Article reviewer for *Asia Major*, *Early China*, *Extrême-Orient Extrême-Occident*,
Journal of the American Oriental Society, *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*,
Oriens Extremus, *T'oung Pao*, and *Verge: Studies in Global Asias*

Member, Organizing Committee, Society for the Study of Early China First Annual
Conference, 21 March 2013

Proposal reviewer for the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research
Council), 2010, 2013

Professional Society

Society for the Study of Early China