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Current position
August 2020 – present, Professor, Department of History, University of Tennessee

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April 2022 – present, Associate, Kenneth G. Lieberthal and Richard H. Rogel Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan

Previous positions
August 2019 – July 2022, Associate Head, Department of History, University of Tennessee
January – July 2019, Interim Associate Head, Department of History, University of Tennessee
August 2015 – July 2020, Associate Professor, University of Tennessee
August 2013 – July 2015, Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee
August 2012 – May 2013, Visiting Assistant Professor, 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/ Assistent*), 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

University degrees
2011 Habilitation and *venia legendi*, Chinese Studies, University of Münster
2005 Doctorate, *summa cum laude*, Chinese Studies, University of Münster
2000 MA, Chinese, University of Minnesota
1996 BA, History and East Asian Studies, University of Minnesota

Additional education
Paideia Institute (2020-2022, 2023, 2024-2025, online), Latin language
Warburg Institute (2022-2024, online), Latin language, Latin paleography
London International Palaeography Summer School (online summer 2022, summer 2023), Latin paleography
University of Washington (2000-2002), Chinese literature
Nankai University (1994-1995), Chinese language

Honors and awards

2025-2026 Carl Friedrich von Siemens Research Award (*Carl Friedrich von Siemens-Forschungspreis*), Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
2024 David V. and Kathryn G. White Undergraduate Teaching Award, University of Tennessee
2024 College of Arts and Sciences New Research, Scholarly, and Creative Projects in the Arts & Humanities Award, University of Tennessee
2024 University of Michigan Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies Asia Library Travel Grant
2021-2023, 2023-2025 Lindsay Young Professor, University of Tennessee
2022-2023 University of Tennessee Humanities Center faculty fellowship
2021 Joseph Levenson Pre-1900 China Book Prize Honorable Mention, Association for Asian Studies
2020 James Henry Breasted Book Prize, American Historical Association
2019 University of Tennessee College of Arts and Sciences Mid-Career Research Excellence Award
2017-2018 American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship
2017-2018 National Humanities Center Fellowship (declined)
2016-2017 University of Tennessee Teaching Innovation Grant
2016 University of Tennessee Thomas Jefferson Prize for Faculty Research
2014-2015 University of Tennessee Humanities Center faculty fellowship
2014 University of Tennessee Chancellor's Grant for Faculty Research
2014 Duke University East Asian Library Travel Grant
2011 Member, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton
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 University of Minnesota International Reciprocal Student Exchange Program scholarship
1991 United States National Merit Scholar

Monographs

Literate Community in Early Imperial China: The Northwestern Frontier in Han Times (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2019). Winner of the James Henry Breasted Prize, American Historical Association.

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

Articles, chapters, and notes

"Silences: Imperial Utterance in Excavated Han Documents from Jianshui Jinguan," *Journal of Asian History* 58 (2024): 67-88.

"Traces of Han and Roman Frontiers: Documents from Vindolanda and Jianshui Jinguan," in *Place and Performance in Ancient Greece, Rome, and China*, ed.

Hans Beck and Griet Vankeerberghen (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2024), 378-409.

"Sanjiaowei M1: Hand Tools from the Grave of a Hobbyist Woodworker," in *Bone, Bronze, and Bamboo*, ed. Susan R. Blader, Constance Cook, Christopher Foster (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2024), 293-309.

"'Rhapsody on the Ershi General Spring' (Ershi quan fu 貳師泉賦) from Mogaoku, Dunhuang: Introduction and Translation," *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 142.2 (2022): 293-310.

"Violence in Early Chinese History," in *The Cambridge History of Violence, Volume 1: The Prehistoric and Ancient Worlds*, ed. Garrett G. Fagan et al. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020), 418-437.

"Change and Continuity at the Intersection of Received History and the Material Record During the Warring States Period," in *The Oxford Handbook of Early China*, ed. Elizabeth Childs-Johnson (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020), 623-636.

"Questions about the Qi *Lunyu*," *T'oung Pao* 104.1-2 (2018): 189-194.

"The Qin Dynasty (221-206 BCE)," in *Routledge Handbook of Imperial Chinese History*, ed. Victor Cunrui Xiong and Kenneth J. Hammond (London: Routledge, 2018), 12-24.

"The Qin Dynasty," in *Routledge Handbook of Early Chinese History*, ed. Paul R. Goldin (London: Routledge, 2018), 146-59.

"Concepts of Law in the *Shangshu*," in *Origins of Chinese Political Philosophy: Studies in the Composition and Thought of the Shangshu (Classic of Documents)*, ed. Martin Kern and Dirk Meyer (Leiden: Brill, 2017), 446-74.

"Jia Yi and the Management of the Populace," *Asia Major* (third series) 29.2 (2016): 47-71.

"Evaluating Swords: Introduction and Translation of a How-to Guide from the Han-Xin Period," *Early China* 39 (2016): 231-53.

"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.

"Paleographic Evidence of Qin Religious Practice from Liye and Zhoujiatai," *Early China* 37 (2014): 327-358.

"Shang Yang Was a Cooperator," *Philosophy East and West* 64.1 (2014): 174-91.

"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.

"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. Published in

Chinese as “Dui Dong Zhongshu ‘Chunqiu jueyu’ de zai sikao: cong zaoqi shijian de fazhan kan falü dui zhuguan zhuangtai de guanzhu yu yinman jiating chengyuan zuixing de tequan” 對董仲舒 “春秋決獄”的再思考: 從早期實踐的發展看法律對主觀狀態的關注與隱瞞家庭成員罪行的特權, transl. Yang Yuying 楊玉英, *Hanji yu Hanxue* 漢籍與漢學 1 (2024): 36-55.

“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. Published in Chinese as “Qinchao he Xihan de falü yu chuanbo” 秦朝和西漢的法律與傳播, transl. Ma Teng 馬騰 and Lei Guiwang 雷桂旺, in *Falüshi yiping (2014 nian juan)* 法律史譯評 (2014 年卷), ed. Zhou Dongping 周東平 and Ma Teng (Beijing: Zhongguo zhengfa daxue chubanshe, 2015), 44-66.

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

“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 reviews

Narrative Devices in the Shiji*: Retelling the Past*, by Lei Yang. *Journal of Asian Studies* 84.3 (2025): 849-851.

Von Briefen und Kompilatoren: Zur Einbindung von Texten des Genres Shu *in Geschichts- und Sammelwerken*, by Clara Luhn, *Journal of the American*

Oriental Society 143.4 (2023): 974-975.

Books of Fate and Popular Culture in Early China: The Daybook Manuscripts of the Warring States, Qin, and Han, ed. Donald Harper and Marc Kalinowski, *T'oung Pao* 109.5-6 (2023): 705-712.

The Politics of the Past in Early China, by Vincent S. Leung, *T'oung Pao* 107.3-4 (2021): 487-489.

Forming the Early Chinese Court: Rituals, Spaces, Roles, by Luke Habberstad, *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies* 80.1 (2020): 228-231.

Problems of Han Administration: Ancestral Rites, Weights and Measures, and the Means of Protest, by Michael Loewe, *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 139.4 (2019): 26-27.

Chang'an 26 BCE: An Augustan Age in China, edited by Michael Nylan and Griet Vankeerberghen, *Journal of Chinese History* 1.1 (2017): 216-17.

Law, State, and Society in Early Imperial China: A Study with Critical Edition and Translation of the Legal Texts from Zhangjiashan Tomb no. 247, by Anthony Barbieri-Low and Robin D.S. Yates, *Early China* 40 (2017): 317-20.

Writing and the Ancient State: Early China in Comparative Perspective, by Wang Haicheng, *Bulletin of the Jao Tsung-I Academy of Sinology* 3 (2016): 367-69.

Witchcraft and the Rise of the First Confucian Empire, by Cai Liang, *The Chinese Historical Review* 22.2 (2015): 180-82.

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

"Moments in Manuscript Poetry from the Tang: 'Twenty Poems about Dunhuang,'" presentation at the Association for Asian Studies annual conference, 13 March 2025.

"Water Inspiration in the 'Twenty Poems about Dunhuang,'" Western Branch of the American Oriental Society Annual Meeting, 1 November 2024.

"The Baader-Meinhof Phenomenon in Early China: Guodian 'Six Positions' and Jia Yi's 'Method of Sixes,'" Creel Center symposium presentation, University of Chicago, 18 May 2024.

"The Xuanquanzhi 'Monthly Ordinances for the Four Seasons' in Light of Some Other Han Texts," online presentation at the "International Forum on Paleography and Chinese Civilization," Tsinghua University, 22 October 2023.

"Topophilia and the Twenty Poems about Dunhuang: locus and amor loci," talk at Stanford University, 15 May 2023.

"*Yueling* During the Han in Light of Xuanquanzhi," presentation to the Columbia Early China Seminar, Columbia University, 14 April 2023.

"'Twenty Lyrics about Dunhuang' on the Page," presentation at the Association for Asian Studies annual conference, 17 March 2023.

"Hanging Spring: Manuscript Sources and Received Accounts," presentation at the Southeast Early China Roundtable annual conference, 12 November 2022.

"Manuscript Copies of 'Twenty Lyrics About Dunhuang,'" presentation at the Western Branch of the American Oriental Society Annual Meeting, 5 November 2022.

"Interactions in the Documentary Record at Xuanquanzhi," presentation at the Southeast Early China Roundtable annual conference, 19 February 2022.

"Near the Intersection of Han and Barbarian: Bureaucratic Voices from the Margins," keynote address to "Missing Sources & Marginal Voices: Reconstructing Asian Historical Narratives," online conference organized by the Department of History, University of Macau, 7 December 2021.

"Literate Community in Early Imperial China," online presentation as part of the Erlangen Sinologicum series, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, 9 December 2020.

"Frontier Encounters in Excavated Materials from the Han Northwest," presentation at the online "Chinese Frontiers and Central Eurasia: Art, Archaeology and History at the Turn of the Common Era" conference, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University, 4 December 2020.

"The *Lunyu* and Its Neighbors in the Han Northwest," presentation at the online conference "The *Lunyu* and Its Neighbors," University of Pennsylvania, 21 November 2020.

"Han and Qiang Interactions in the Hexi Region as Visible in Texts from Xuanquanzhi," online presentation as part of the Dunhuang and the Silk Road Seminar Series, University of Cambridge, 5 November 2020.

"Literate Community in Early Imperial China," talk at the University of North Carolina – Pembroke, 6 February 2020.

"The Silent Emperors: Imperial Utterance in Excavated Han Documents," talk at the University of Michigan, 19 November 2019.

"Rhapsody on the Ershi General Spring," workshop presentation, University of Chicago Creel Center, 26 October 2019.

"Old Paint: On the Colors of Horses," presentation at the Twentieth Anniversary of the *Cambridge History of Ancient China* Conference, University of Chicago Yuen Campus, Hong Kong, 14 September 2019.

"Paleographic Texts: Revivifying the Corpus," presentation at the "Cumulative Chinese Culture and the Study of Early China" conference, Ludwig Maximilians University Munich, 7 July 2019.

"The Silent Emperors: Imperial Utterance in Excavated Han Documents," presentation at the conference "The King's Voice: Royal Speech and Inscription in the Ancient World," International Center for the Study of Ancient Text Cultures, Renmin University of China, Beijing, 13 April 2019.

"Empire in Excavated Documents from the Han Northwest," panel presentation at the Association for Asian Studies annual conference, 24 March 2019.

"*Shijing* Fragments in Excavated Han Materials," presentation at "Reading the Excavated *Poetry* (*Shijing*) from Early China: Perspectives from Paleography, Philology, Phonology, and Classical Exegesis," University of Notre Dame, 27 October 2018.

"The Problem of the Qi *Lunyu*," presentation to the Society for the Study of Early China Sixth Annual Conference, 22 March 2018.

"Cultural Texts in the Northwest Border Region," presentation at "Text, Artifact and Context: A Workshop on Cultural Practices in Early China," Hong Kong Baptist University, 13 December 2017.

"'Let's Talk Ghosts' with Wang Chong," presentation at the Wang Chong workshop, University of California, Berkeley, 30 November 2017.

"Traces of Frontiers: Han and Roman Hinterlands," conference presentation at "Places and Political Culture in Ancient Greece, Rome, and China," McGill University, 27 October 2017.

"Interacting with Text in Early Imperial China," talk at Yale University, 23 October 2017.

"Modular Classics among Manuscripts from China's Northwest," presentation at the 6th meeting of the European Association for the Study of Chinese Manuscripts, "Chinese Manuscripts from Bamboo Slips to Buddhist Scrolls: Forms and Practices, Continuities and Innovations," University of Cambridge, 16 September 2017.

"Literate Community in Early Imperial China," talk at the University of California, Los Angeles, 11 May 2017.

"Getting at Text in Early China and Beyond," *Fragments* seminar, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 7 April 2017.

"Disentangling Reading and Writing: Scribal Scribal Literacy vs. a Literate Community," presentation at the Manuscript Cultures Minicon, University of Tennessee, 29 October 2016.

Participant in the Zoumalou Reading Workshop, Harvard University, 14 – 15 October 2016.

"Literate Community in the Han Dynasty Border Regions," paper presented at "Forming Chinese Culture: From the Age of Confucius to the Early Imperial Age," Stanford University, 22 April 2016.

"The Han Military Bureaucracy as a Nexus of Cultural Dissemination," panel presentation at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, 31 March 2016.

"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, 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.

"'Lüxing': 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 Zhoujiatai," 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

"Premodern Chinese History" (fall 2013, fall 2015, fall 2016, spring 2019, spring 2020,

spring 2024, spring 2025)
"World Civilizations to 1500" (spring 2014, fall 2015, spring 2017, fall 2018, fall 2020, fall 2021, fall 2023, spring 2025)
"Chinese Intellectual History: The Early Period" (spring 2016, spring 2022, fall 2023, fall 2024)
"Studies in Asian History: History and Poetry in Premodern China" (fall 2024)
"Studies in Asian History: The Death Penalty in a Cross-Cultural Context" (fall 2013, spring 2024)
"Topics in Asian History: Literacy and Community in the Premodern World" (spring 2021)
"Thinking Historically: China's First Historian" (fall 2018, fall 2019)
"Topics in Asian History: Traditional Chinese Medicine" (spring 2017)
"Topics in Asian History: Questions of Literacy and Community in the Premodern World" (fall 2016)
"Thinking Historically: Knowing Confucius" (spring 2016)
"Chinese Civilization" (fall semester 2012, spring 2013)
"Intermediate Classical Chinese" (spring 2013)
"Confucianism: The Classical Period" (spring 2013)
"Taoist Traditions of China" (fall 2012)
"Major Project" (spring 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)

Administrative and other service

Phi Beta Kappa – Epsilon of Tennessee Chapter, Historian, May 2024 – present
University of Tennessee Department of English New Department Head Exploratory Task Force, Chair of Task Force, April – May 2024
University of Tennessee Department of History Graduate Committee, Member, August 2023 – May 2024
University of Tennessee Office of Institutional Research and Assessment, Certificate for Academic Program Assessment, August 2022
University of Tennessee College of Arts & Sciences Online Bachelor of Arts Inter-Departmental Program Steering Committee, department representative, January 2020 – July 2022
University of Tennessee College of Arts & Sciences, Arts and Humanities Curriculum Committee, 2018 – 2022
University of Tennessee Department of History Undergraduate Committee, ex officio Member, August 2019 – July 2022
University of Tennessee Department of History Head's Advisory Committee, ex officio Member, August 2019 – July 2022
University of Tennessee Department of Classics External Review Committee, Member, 22 – 24 February 2021
University of Tennessee Global Challenges – International Review Committee, Member, August 2020 – July 2021
University of Tennessee College of Arts & Sciences Lecturer Promotion Committee, committee member, April 2019 – May 2021
University of Tennessee Undergraduate Research Advisory Council, member, September 2019 – July 2020
University of Tennessee Department of History working group on "Contemporary Issues and Solutions" Courses, convener, May – September 2019
University of Tennessee College of Arts and Sciences Teaching Council, member, August 2018 – May 2021
University of Tennessee Humanities Center faculty research seminar "Transmissions," co-coordinator, September 2017 – May 2019
University of Tennessee Classroom Upgrade Committee, member, August 2015 – July 2018
Department of History working group on surveys, participant, May – July 2018
Department of History Undergraduate Committee, chair, August 2015 - April 2017
University of Tennessee Humanities Center faculty research seminar "Manuscript Cultures," coordinator, August 2015 - April 2017
Department of History Undergraduate Committee, member, August 2014 - April 2015

Additional administrative 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

Professional service

Associate Editor, *Journal of Chinese History*, January 2025 – present
Executive Committee, Western Branch of the American Society for Premodern Asia, November 2024 – present
Associate Editor, *T'oung Pao*, January 2020 – present
Area Editor for early China, *The Encyclopedia of Ancient History Asia and Africa* (Wiley, online) – November 2019 – present
Editorial board, *Journal of Chinese History*, May 2021 – December 2024
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