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Teaching and Research Fields

Late Imperial and Modern Chinese History
History of Medicine – Chinese Public Health
Disaster Studies – famines and floods

Trauma and Memory
Gender and Sexuality
World History

Education

Indiana University , Bloomington, Indiana	8/95 to 2002
Ph. D. in History, 9/ 2002	
Wesleyan University , Middletown, Connecticut	8/88 to 6/92
B.A., History. Phi Beta Kappa	

Publications

Refereed Monograph:

Tears from Iron: Cultural Responses to Famine in Nineteenth-Century China. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2008. Foreword by Cormac Ó Gráda.

- **Chinese edition:** 铁泪图: 19 世纪中国对于饥馑的文化反应, translated by Cao Xi 曹曦. Nanjing: Jiangsu People's Publishing House, 2011.

Positively reviewed by:

Pierre-Etienne Will, trans. by N. Jayaram, *China Perspectives* (2010); Madeleine Zelin, *American Historical Review* (2009); Janet Y. Chen, *Journal of Asian Studies* (2009); Joan Judge, *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies* (2009); William Rowe, *China Journal* (2009); Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik, *China Information* (2009); Dominique Tyl, *Chinese Cross Currents* (2009); Felix Wemheuer, *The China Quarterly* (2008); Guo Wu, *The Chinese Historical Review* (2008).

Refereed Articles and Chapters:

“Agency and Coercion: Fighting ‘Women’s Illnesses’ with Chinese and Western Medicine during the Great Leap Famine of 1958-1962,” pp. 192-214. In *Negotiating In/visibility: Women, Science, Engineering and Medicine in the Twentieth Century*, edited by Amelia Bonea and Irina Nastasă-Matei. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2025. <https://www.manchesterhive.com/display/9781526178398/9781526178398.00021.xml>

“From Bodhisattva Earth to Man-Made Meat Essence: Famine Foods in Late-Qing, Nationalist, and Maoist China,” *Environment and History* 26 (Spring 2020): 105-130.

“饥饿符号学：从新文化史看灾害史研究” [The Semiotics of Starvation: New Cultural History Approaches to Disaster Studies], translated by Zhang Xia. *灾荒与历史* [Disasters and History] 1 (October 2018): 1-18. [Invited].

“A River Runs Through It: The Yellow River and the Chinese Civil War, 1946-1947.” *Social Science History* 41.2 (Summer 2017): 141-173.

“Famine in Imperial and Modern China,” an invited, peer-reviewed essay for the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History* (8000 words). Online Publication Date, March 2017. DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190277727.013.133

“Between War and Water: Farmer, City, and State in China’s Yellow River Flood of 1938-1947.” *Agricultural History* 90.1 (Winter 2016): 94-116.

“Saving the Nation, Starving the People? The Henan Famine of 1942-43.” In *1943: China at the Crossroads*, edited by Joseph Esherick and Matthew Combs. Ithaca, New York: Cornell East Asia Series, 2015, pp. 323-364.

Chinese translation (edited) of refereed book chapter, “救国或饿死人民？ 1942-1943 年河南大饥荒” [Saving the Nation, Starving the People? The Henan Famine of 1942-1943] in *1943 中国在十字路口*, edited by Joseph Esherick and Matthew Combs, translated by Chen Xiao. Beijing: Shehui kexue wenxian chubanshe [Social Sciences Academic Press, 2015], 285-313.

“From ‘Nourish the People’ to ‘Sacrifice for the Nation’: Changing Responses to Disaster in Late Imperial and Modern China.” *The Journal of Asian Studies* 73.2 (May 2014): 447-469.

“Tough Choices: Grappling with Famine in Qing China, the British Empire, and Beyond.” *Journal of World History* 24.1 (March 2013): 135-176.

“‘Governance with Government:’ Non-State Responses to the North China Famine of 1876-1879.” *Berliner China-Hefte/Chinese History and Society* 35 (2009): 33-47.

“晚清中国的灾荒与意识形态——1876-1879 年“丁戊奇荒”期间关于灾荒成因和防荒问题的对立性阐释” [“Famine and Ideology in Late-Qing China: Contending Interpretations of Famine Causation and Prevention during the ‘Incredible Famine’ of 1876-1879”]. In *Tianyou xiongnian: Qingdai zaihuang yu Zhongguo shehui* [Unexpected Famine Years: Qing Dynasty Disasters and Chinese Society], edited by Li Wenhai and Xia Mingfang. Beijing: Sanlian Publishing House, 2007, pp. 509-537.

“The ‘Feminization of Famine,’ The Feminization of Nationalism: Famine and Social Activism in Treaty-port Shanghai, 1876-1879.” *Social History* 30.4 (November 2005): 421-443.

“Family and Gender in Famine: Cultural Responses to Disaster in North China, 1876-1879.” *Journal of Women’s History* 16.4 (2004): 119-147.

Invited Publications:

Roundtable review essay (4,217 words) on “When Food Became Scarce: How Peasants Survived the Great Leap Forward Famine,” *H-Environment* Roundtable 16, no. 4 (April 13, 2026): 20-28. <https://networks.h-net.org/chen-when-food-became-scarce-how-peasants-survived-great-leap-forward-famine-h-environment>

“North China Famine, 1876-79,” <http://www.disasterhistory.org/north-china-famine-1876-79>. (7,922 words). This piece was written for a new collaborative website on disasters in Chinese history run by the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom. The website aims to make scholarship on major historical disasters in China accessible to the public. Posted September, 2015.

“Pictures to Draw Tears from Iron: Depicting Disaster and Raising Relief Funds during the North China Famine of 1876-1879” (6,380 words). http://ocw.mit.edu/ans7870/21f/21f.027/tears_from_iron/index.html. *Visualizing Cultures* is an MIT-based project that weds scholarly commentary and images to create website units about cultural interactions in Asian history. Posted Spring, 2011.

“海外晚清灾荒史研究” [The Development of Western-Language Research on Famines in Late Imperial China], translated by Du Tao, *Zhongguo shehui kexue bao* [*Chinese Social Sciences News*], July 28, 2010. (3,480 words).

“Chinese Responses to Disaster: A View from the Qing,” originally appeared on the China Beat blog (5/19/2008), reprinted in Kate Merkel-Hess, Kenneth L. Pomeranz, and Jeffrey N. Wasserstrom, eds., *China in 2008: A Year of Great Significance*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield Press, 2009, pp. 101-104.

Work in Progress:

Book manuscript: “The Loss of Heaven: Changing Responses to Famine in Modern China, 1876-1962”

Book Reviews:

Book Review of Xiaoping Fang’s *China and the Cholera Pandemic: Restructuring Society under Mao* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2021). In *The PRC History Review Book Review Series* 27, July 2021, pp. 1-7.

Book Review of David A. Pietz’s *The Yellow River: The Problem of Water in Modern China* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2015). In *Twentieth-Century China* 41.3, October 2016, pp. 308-311.

Book review of Kimberley Ens Manning and Felix Wemheuer's *Eating Bitterness: New Perspectives on China's Great Leap Forward and Famine*. Vancouver: UBC Press, 2011. In *Journal of Asian Studies* May 2012.

Book review of Jeffrey Snyder-Reinke's *Dry Spells: State Rainmaking and Local Governance in Late Imperial China*. Cambridge: Harvard University Asia Center, 2009. In *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies* 70.1 (June 2010), pp. 209-220.

Book review of Lillian M. Li's *Fighting Famine in North China: State, Market, and Environmental Decline, 1690s-1990s*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2007. In *Asian Studies Review*, 2010.

Book review of Weijing Lu's *True to Her Word: The Faithful Maiden Cult in Late Imperial China*, Stanford University Press, 2008. In *China Perspectives*, 2009 (3), pp. 113-115.

Book review of John M. Hobson's *The Eastern Origins of Western Civilisation*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004. In *East Asia: An International Quarterly*, August, 2006.

Awards and Fellowships

Sabbatical (competitive) San Diego State University – support for book project	Fall 2022
National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship Support for 12 months of research and writing for book project	2021-22
2019 Critical Thinking Grant San Diego State University – support for one course release for fall 2019.	Fall 2019
2017-18 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Grant Support for six months of full-time research and writing as visiting scholar at Shanghai Jiao Tong University.	1/2018-7/2018
University Grants Program Award San Diego State University – support for a research trip to three archival collections in Taipei, Taiwan, and support for mapping and research assistance during sabbatical leave (\$7397)	6/2015-6/2016
Sabbatical (competitive) San Diego State University – began writing my second monograph.	Fall 2015
University Grants Program Award San Diego State University – support for a follow-up research trip to two archival collections in Henan.	6/2013-6/2014

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend	6/2013
Support for a summer research trip to the Henan Provincial Archives and the Yellow River Conservancy Commission Archives in Henan to collect original material for my current book project.	
China and Inner Asia Council (CIAC) Small Grant	6/2012
Association for Asian Studies – support for a summer research trip to Wheaton, Illinois to use the Billy Graham Center Archives.	
University Grants Program Award	6/2011
San Diego State University – support for summer research trip to London to use School of Oriental and African Studies Missionary Archives (China Inland Mission collection).	
University Grants Program Award	6/2008-12/08
San Diego State University – supplementary research support for six months of sabbatical research in China (\$9,595)	
Sabbatical (competitive)	Fall 2008
San Diego State University – collected original materials on the Yellow River Flood of 1938-47 from collections in Anhui and Beijing.	
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship	7/2006-12/06
Six months of full-time research and writing	
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend	6/2004
Summer fellowship for conducting archival research in Beijing	

Academic Conference Papers, Presentations, and Discussant Comments

“Visual Depictions of Drought and Flood Disasters in North China’s Little Ice Age.” Presentation delivered at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Vancouver, Canada, March 13, 2026. Roundtable: “Chinese Responses to Climatic Change during the Little Ice Age, 1350-1850.”

“Remarks in Honor of Professor Li Wenhai and Forty Years of Chinese Famine Studies.” Opening speech (invited) delivered by video for an academic symposium titled “A New Era in Disaster History Research: China and the World,” Changshu, China, July 22, 2025.

“Self-Rescue Via Production:” the Chinese Communist Party’s Vision of Conquering Famine by Harnessing the Energy of the Masses, 1942-1962.” Paper delivered at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Seattle, April 14, 2024. Panel: “Energy, Infrastructure, and State-making in 20th-century China.”

“Exploring Water in Socialist China,” discussant comments delivered for opening session of conference titled Revolutionary Natures: New Environmental Histories of China’s Mao Era (1949-1976), UC San Diego, June 23, 2023.

"Spinning Cotton into Grain: Gender and Work Relief in the Wartime Henan Famine of 1942-43." Paper delivered at the World Economic History Congress, Paris, France, July 26, 2022. Panel: Feeding Civilians: Food Crises in Wartime.

“The Qing State and Its Administrative Revolution,” discussant comments delivered at “China: State and Revolution” symposium held at the University of California, Irvine, October 10, 2022.

“From Motherwort to Progesterone Injections: Fighting Famine with Chinese and Western Medicine, 1958-1962.” Paper delivered at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Honolulu and virtual, March 27, 2022. Panel: Surmounting Disaster: Transformations in PRC Health Emergency Strategies.

“From Food Substitutes to Women’s Illnesses: Constructing a New Lexicon of Disaster for a Socialist Society Free of Famine.” Paper delivered at Historical Society for Twentieth Century China’s conference, held virtually on August 6, 2021. Panel: Constructing the Socialist Identity

“Famine, Gender, and Medicine: ‘Women’s Illnesses’ during China’s Great Leap Famine of 1958-1962.” Paper delivered at conference titled “Hidden Histories: Women and Science in the Twentieth Century,” held virtually on May 14, 2021. Panel: “Representations of Women and Gender in Science.”

“饥饿的医学化：中西方灾害史（1914-1962）中浮肿病和妇女病的医学研究” [The Medicalization of Starvation: Medical Research on ‘Swelling Disease’ and ‘Women’s Illnesses’ in Western and Chinese Disaster Studies, 1914-1962]. Paper delivered in Mandarin at “Seventy Years of Chinese Disaster Studies International Symposium,” sponsored by the China Disaster Prevention Society, Haikou, China, November 16, 2019.

“The Medicalization of Starvation: The Fixation on ‘Swelling Disease’ during the Great Leap Famine of 1958-1962,” paper delivered at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Denver, March 22, 2019. Panel: Scarcity, Death, and Survival in China’s Great Leap Famine and Beyond.

“从观音土到人造肉精：从历史的角度看 1960-1961 年间的代食品运动” [From Guanyin Earth to Man-Made Meat Essence: The Food Substitutes Movement of 1960-61 in Historical Perspective]. Presentation delivered in Mandarin to Faculty from the Institute of Humanities, Shanghai Jiao Tong University. Shanghai, China, June 12, 2018.

“What Do People Eat When Food Runs Out? Famine Foods and Food Substitutes in Late Imperial and Modern China.” Presentation sponsored by the International Graduate Program in Politics and the Department of Politics, East China Normal University, Shanghai, China, May 21, 2018.

“不同时期与文化中食土现象的分析研究：以四川为例” [Analyzing Geophagy across Time and Culture: A Case from Sichuan]. Presentation delivered in Mandarin at the History of Contemporary China seminar sponsored by the Chinese Civilization International Research Center, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, May 12, 2018.

“饥饿符号学：从新文化史方法看中国灾难历史” [The Semiotics of Starvation in Chinese Famines: New Cultural History Approaches to Chinese Disaster History]. Presentation delivered in Mandarin to Faculty from the Institute of Humanities, Shanghai Jiao Tong University. Shanghai, China, April 18, 2018.

“‘Rice of the Immortals’ or Poison? Famine Foods in Late-Qing, Nationalist, and Mao-era China.” Paper delivered at international conference titled “Disastrous Pasts: New Directions in Asian Disaster History.” National University of Singapore, November 21-November 22, 2016.

“The Semiotics of Starvation in Chinese Famines: A Case Study of Cultural History Approaches to Famine Studies.” Presentation delivered at the Disasters and History seminar jointly sponsored by Shanxi University, the Institute of Qing History at the People’s University of China, and the China Association for Disaster Prevention. Shanxi University, Taiyuan, China, July 30-August 5, 2016.

“The Radicalization of Taiping Historiography,” discussant comments delivered at the East China Normal University-University of California, San Diego Joint Graduate Student Conference, La Jolla, California, June 14, 2016. Panel: “Contentious Literature.”

“Mapping Famine: Geography and Statecraft in Late-Qing, Nationalist, and Mao-era Henan.” Paper delivered at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Seattle, April 2016. Panel: States of Nature: Resources, Regimes, and the Environment from Medieval to Modern China.

“Globalizing Humanitarianism in Modern China?” Discussant comments delivered at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Chicago, March 2015. Panel: “Localizing Humanitarianism in Republican China.”

“The State of the Field in Chinese Disaster Studies: Key Trends in Western-language Scholarship on Famine in Late Imperial and Modern Chinese History.” Invited presentation delivered at international workshop titled: “History of Chinese Disasters: State of the Field and Pathways to Public Engagement,” co-sponsored by the University of Manchester and the University of London’s School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), Manchester and London, September 26, 2014.

“Suffering Compatriots and Patriotic Producers, or Traitors and Spies? Relief and Appropriation of Henan Disaster Refugees, 1938-1943.” Paper delivered at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Philadelphia, March 2014. Panel: “Refugees: Imagery, Nomenclature, Politicization.”

“Water in Wartime: The Yellow River Flood of 1938-1947.” Invited paper presented at international conference titled “Disasters Wet and Dry: Rivers, Floods, and Droughts in World History,” Renmin University of China, Beijing, May 2013.

“Contours of a Water Disaster: Local-Level Experiences of the Yellow River Flood of 1938-1947.” Paper delivered at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, San Diego, March 2013. Panel: “A River Runs Through It: Environment, Society, and Governance in Chinese Riparian History.”

“Constitutional Struggles in Late Wartime China,” discussant comments delivered at the Modern Chinese History Seminar on “1943: Tipping Points in China,” University of California, Irvine, June 14, 2012.

“From Nourish the People to Sacrifice for the Nation: Changing Responses to Disaster in Late Imperial and Modern China.” Invited paper delivered at the Program for Agrarian Studies Colloquium Series at Yale University, New Haven, February 2012.

“A Necessary Sacrifice? The Politicization of Disaster in Chinese Media Coverage of the Yellow River Flood of 1938.” Paper presented at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Honolulu, April 2011. Panel: “Disasters in Asia: Societal and Governmental Responses and Responsibilities

“Tough Choices: Grappling with Famine in Qing China and the British Empire.” Keynote Address presented at the 19th Annual World History Association Conference, San Diego, June 2010.

“Evolving Icons of Starvation in Chinese Famines, 1877-1961.” Paper presented at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Chicago, March 2009. Panel: Hungry People, Hungry Ghosts: China’s Great Leap Famine in Comparative Perspective.

“Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People? Local-Level Interpretations of Famine Causation in North China, 1876-2004.” Invited lecture presented at Wesleyan University’s Mansfield Freeman Center for East Asian Studies, Middletown, Connecticut, Feb. 2008.

“‘Governance with Government:’ Non-State Responses to the North China Famine of 1876-1879.” Invited paper presented at the Freie Universität Berlin’s workshop entitled “Cooperation Networks and Local Forms of Governance in Semi-Colonial China (1860-1911),” Berlin, Germany, December 2007.

“Making Sense of Famine: Late-Qing and Late-Victorian Visions of the Incredible Famine of 1876-1879.” Paper presented at the Southern California China Colloquium Workshop, “Rethinking China & Europe,” UCLA, Nov. 2007.

“Famine and Ideology in Late-Qing China: Contending Interpretations of Famine Causation and Prevention during the ‘Incredible Famine’ of 1876-1879.” Invited paper presented at the International Research Conference entitled “Qing Disasters and Chinese Society,” Beijing, PRC, August 2005.

“Narratives of Blame: Contested Heroes and Villains of the North China Famine, 1876-2001.” Paper presented at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, San Diego, March 2004. Panel: Food, Fasting, and Famine: Culture and Crisis in Late Imperial China and Choson Korea.

Teaching Award

2017 Outstanding Faculty Award

5/2017

- Selected as most influential professor by outstanding graduating senior in Asian Studies.

Teaching Experience

Professor, San Diego State University

8/2017-present

Associate Professor, San Diego State University

8/2007-8/2017

Assistant Professor, San Diego State University

8/2002-7/2007

Undergraduate and graduate courses designed and taught:

- History 680, “Hotspots of Modern World History” – Graduate Seminar
- History 650, “Hotspots of Modern Chinese History” – Graduate Seminar
- History 601, “Seminar in Historical Methods” – Graduate Seminar
- History 583, “Women, Sex, and Power in Chinese History” – Thematic seminar
- History 580, “Trauma & Memory in Modern East Asian History” – Thematic Seminar
- History 566, “Chinese Civilization to 1600” – Upper-level survey
- History 567, “China in Revolution” – Upper-level survey on modern China
- History 570, “Japan in the Modern World” – Upper-level survey
- History 450, “The Writing of History: Natural Disasters in World History”
- History 420, “Asia’s Dynamic Traditions” – East, South, and Southeast Asia to 1600
- History 421, “Asia’s Emerging Nations” – East, South, and Southeast Asia since 1600
- History 412, “Modern World History for Teachers” – Upper-level course for teachers
- History 411, “Pre-Modern World History for Teachers”
- History 400, “Junior Seminar in Methods and Historiography”
- Honors 313, “Gender and Sexuality in Asia Past and Present”
- History 101, “Modern World History” – Introductory survey, 1500 to present
- Asian Studies 150, “Understanding the Chinese World” – Interdisciplinary team-taught course designed for SDSU’s Chinese Studies major.

Service for the University, the Profession, and the Community:

Service for the Department of History, SDSU:

- History Department representative for CAL RTP committee, fall 2019 to spring 2021; fall 2023-spring 2026.

- History Department Scholarship Chair, fall 2024 on; Interim Scholarship Committee Chair, Spring 2024
- History Department Honors Adviser, fall 2018-summer 2024
- Organizer of department's "History Talks" brown bag lecture series, spring 2023-fall 2024
- Member of Department Rules Committee, Fall 2025 on
- Member of Department's Graduate Committee, fall 2018-present
- Member of Lecturer Periodic Review Committee, spring 2016, spring 2023
- Member of Department Committee for Market Salary Increase applications for two History colleagues, May 2022, August 2023
- Member of Search Committee for a historian of Africa, spring 2022
- Member of Department's Curriculum Committee, 2008-2024
- Member of Department's Scholarship Committee, 2005-2017, spring 2023-present
- Member of Department's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, fall 2020-spring 2021
- Member of Executive Committee, fall 2016, fall 2019-spring 2020, spring 2021
- Member of Search Committee for Dwight E. Stanford Chair in the History of U.S. Foreign Relations / United States History in the World, fall 2016-spring 2017
- Chair of Recruitment Committee, spring 2014-fall 2017
- Chair of Search Committee for a historian of the Modern Middle East / North Africa, fall 2014-spring 2015
- Chair of Department's Curriculum Committee, 2008-2014
- Faculty Sponsor of Phi Alpha Theta, the History Department Honor Society, 2005-2006 academic year
- Organizer of the History Department's "History Through Film" Series, 2005-2006 academic year
- Editor of History Department Newsletter, 2004-2005 academic year
- Member of Search Committee for a historian of Southeast Asia, fall 2004.
- Member of Search Committee for a historian of the Muslim World, fall 2003.

Service for the University and the College of Arts and Letters (CAL), SDSU:

- Chair, Faculty Affairs Committee (considers university policies concerning the selection and evaluation of faculty, such as tenure, promotions, sabbaticals, academic privilege and separation), 2025-2026 academic year.
- Member, SDSU University Senate, Fall 2025 to present
- CAL representative, Faculty Affairs Committee November 2023-Spring 2025.
- Chair, College of Arts & Letters RTP Committee, Fall 2024-Spring 2025.
- Member, Asian and Specific Studies Lecturer Review Committee, Spring 2026
- Member, Center for Asian and Pacific Studies Core Committee (spring 2022-present)
- Member, Sabbatical Committee for Study of Religion Department, Fall 2023.
- Speaker, "NEH Workshop: Advice from CAL Awardees," February 23, 2023.
- Member, CAL Academic Policy and Planning Committee (fall 2016-spring 2019)
- Member, CAL Research Committee (fall 2018-spring 2020)
- Member, International Business Advisory Council, spring 2013 to spring 2021
- International Business Lecturer Periodic Review Committee, spring 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020

- Chair, Department of Asian and Pacific Studies Lecturer Periodic Review Committee, 2017, 2019
- Department of Religious Studies Periodic Review Committee, fall 2015
- Chair of Department of Religious Studies Peer Review Committee, 2014-15
- Department of Religious Studies Peer Review Committee, 2013-14
- Member, CAL Curriculum Committee, Fall 2007- Spring 2011
- Co-Director of Chinese Studies and Language program and Title VI UISFL grant for building Chinese Studies, 2009 to 2011.
- Developed and taught Asian Studies 150, an innovative team-taught course titled “Understanding the Chinese World,” 2009-2012.
- Wrote and received College approval for proposal to establish a new Emphasis in Chinese Studies and Language, fall 2007
- Organizer of the Chinese Studies Institute’s series on “Contemporary Chinese Life Through Film” and “Chinese Studies Through Lectures,” 2004-2005

Service for the Profession:

Served on Bates Honors Examination Thesis Committee Panel for Willa Wang, April 16, 2025 (via Zoom)

Invited to SDSU and oversaw the research of five visiting scholars from China:

- Cao Xi, Anhui University, Hefei, spring 2023-spring 2024
- Jiang Na, Southwest University, Chongqing, 2019-2020 academic year
- Guo Chuan, Southwest University, Chongqing, 2018-2020 academic year
- Tang Dixuan and Wu Guanghui, Southwest University, Chongqing, 2017-2018 academic year.

“How to Write a Research Grant Proposal,” presentation developed for 90-minute “Mentor Session,” Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, delivered virtually, March 26, 2021.

“Engaging Asian Leadership via Role-Playing Debates,” presentation delivered at the ASIANetwork Annual Conference, San Diego, April 13, 2019. Panel: Teaching Asian Leadership in the 21st Century Classroom.

Organized a roundtable on “The Changing Dynamics of Academic Publishing on Twentieth-Century China in Mainland Chinese Universities” for Historical Society for Twentieth Century China mini-conference, Denver, March 21, 2019. Delivered remarks titled “Seeking Ways to Foster the Publication of Mainland Research on the History of Twentieth-Century China in Quality Overseas Journals.”

External reviewer for book and article manuscripts submitted to the following presses and journals: Cambridge University Press, Harvard University Asia Center, Harvard University Press, Stanford University Press, *The American Historical Review*, *Etudes Chinoises*, *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Journal of World History*, *Journal of World History*, *Modern Asian Studies*, *Modern China*, *PRC History Review*.

External book manuscript reviewer, Arunabh Ghosh, *The Significance of Small Things: Hydropower and Rural Energy in China*, Cambridge University Press, October 2024.

External Referee for “Habilitation Committee Review” of a Sinologist at the University of Vienna (Entailed reading the applicant’s book manuscript and other publications and evaluating their significance to the China field).

Service for the Community: Public Presentations

Served as Judge for graduating senior Mandarin-language capstone presentations at the Global Language and Leadership Program Mandarin Capstone Fair, El Capitan High School, Lakeside, California, May 23, 2023; May 15, 2025; May 21, 2026.

“Understanding China’s Present by Exploring Its Late Imperial and Early Twentieth-Century Past,” lecture delivered at San Diego Oasis Lifelong Learning Center, La Mesa, April 3, 2025.

“A Kid’s Life in China,” lecture delivered at El Cajon Seventh Day Adventist Christian School, El Cajon, October 25, 2024.

“Making Sense of Xi Jinping: Understanding China’s Present by Exploring Its Past,” lecture delivered at Covenant Living at Mount Miguel, Spring Valley, California, October 27, 2023.

“The Glory Days: Poetry, Art, and Inventions in Tang-Song China,” presentation and activity for students at Tierra del Sol Middle School, Lakeside, California, October 3, 2019.

“Patterns of the Chinese Past: The Yellow River and Shang Oracle Bones,” presentation and activity for students at Tierra del Sol Middle School, Lakeside, California, March 20, 2019.

Arranged for spy novelist and former BBC foreign correspondent Adam Brookes and China historian Jeffrey Wasserstrom from UC Irvine to visit SDSU to give both a public lecture titled “Big Brother States in Fact and Fiction: Thoughts on China and Other Places,” and a master class titled “China's Past and China's Present: The Perils and Pay-Offs of Drawing Connections Between the Two.” San Diego State University, October 17, 2018.

“Lead-up to the Massacre: Nanjing in the Context of World War II in Asia,” presentation delivered at an 80th anniversary event titled “The Nanjing Massacre and Its Legacy,” San Diego State University, December 1, 2017.

“Haunted by History: Sino-U.S. Relations in Historical Perspective, 1949-2017,” presentation delivered at a Phi Alpha Theta-sponsored forum titled “Revolutionizing the American Presidency?” Donald J. Trump,” San Diego State University, September 22, 2017

"China and Taiwan: Comparisons and Contrasts," presentation for Mandarin immersion elementary school students at Riverview International Academy, Lakeside California, October 26, 2015.

"Leadership Good and Bad: Qin Shi Huangdi, First Emperor of China," presentation for Mandarin immersion students at Riverview International Academy, Lakeside California, June 10, 2015.

“Women, Sex, and Power in Chinese History: Empress Wu and Beyond,” lecture for forum on “Asian Models of Leadership: The Women’s Edition,” SDSU, April 23, 2015.

"Christianity in China: Past, Present, and Future," lecture presented at First Baptist Church of Bostonia in El Cajon, July 17, 2014.

Presentations for K-12 Teacher Training:

“China’s Reform & Opening and Its Limits: From the Sino-Soviet Split to Tiananmen,” lecture for the USS Midway Museum Institute for Teachers: Breaking the Cold War – From Détente to Desert Storm, San Diego, July 8, 2026.

“China in Revolution and War, 1900-1940,” lecture for the USS Midway Museum Institute for Teachers: World War II in the Pacific, San Diego, June 22, 2026.

“China in Revolution and War, 1900-1940,” lecture for the USS Midway Museum Institute for Teachers: World War II in the Pacific, San Diego, June 23, 2025.

“One Red Bean: Food, Famine, and Moral Choice in Nineteenth-Century China and Ireland.” Session for “Foodways in World History,” a summer teacher training institute held by the Office of Resources for International and Area Studies (ORIAS) at UC Berkeley. July 23, 2014.

“Sino-Japanese Cultural Relations through the 19th Century: From a Sinocentric World to “Goodbye Asia,” and “China and Japan: Fraught Relations in the 20th Century.” Two sessions for summer teacher training institute titled “Understanding China and Japan in the 21st Century,” International Studies Education Project (ISTEP), SDSU. June 26, 2012 and June 29, 2012.

“Seeking the Way: Classical Chinese Philosophy and its Current Manifestations.” Session for ISTEP teacher training workshop titled “Educating Globally Competent Citizens with 21st Century Skills,” Fallbrook Elementary School. July 12, 2011.

“Hotspots in Modern Chinese History: Teaching Modern Chinese History with Attention to Big Debates in the Field.” Joint session organized for San Diego high school teachers (ISTEP), and for SDSU faculty involved in the China Faculty Development Workshop (supported by Title VI grant for enhancing Chinese Studies at SDSU). June 22, 2010.

“The Search for Modern China.” Session for ISTEP teacher training workshop titled “Explorations into Chinese History and Culture,” for teachers at Barnard Elementary School. June 23, 2009.