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University of California, Los Angeles; History Department

- Ph. D. History awarded September, 2014
- C. Phil. History awarded March, 2010
- M.A. in History awarded June, 2008

Eastern China Normal University

- Visiting graduate student summer and fall 2008

California State University, Sacramento

- B.A. in History awarded December, 2004, *summa cum laude*

*Information about language training programs available upon request*

## **Dissertation:**

“Complicated Matters: Commercial Dispute Resolution in Chongqing, 1750-1911”

Dissertation Advisor: R. Bin Wong

*Winner of the UCLA History Department Thomas Lifka prize for best dissertation (2013-1014)*

## **Resident Fellowships:**

Harvard Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies – 2014-2015 Academic Year

Max Planck Institute for European Legal History – Spring 2014

Taiwan Center for Chinese Studies – Winter 2013

## **Courses Taught:**

*Instructor*

Governance in Chinese History: Authority, Law, Bureaucracy, and Society from the Sage Kings to the CCP (Fall 2011 and Winter 2012)  
Law in China: Diplomacy, State Power, and Domestic Order Before & After the Twentieth Century (Spring 2012)

*Teaching Assistant*

History of Japan (Spring 2009)  
History of China, 1000 A.D. to the Present (Winter 2009)  
History of Japan (Spring 2008)  
History of China, 1000 – 1950 (Winter 2008)  
History of China, Origins to 1000 CE (Fall 2007)

**Publications:***Articles in peer-reviewed journals:*

“Beyond the Shadow of the Law: Firm Insolvency, State-building, and the New Policy Bankruptcy Reform in Late Qing Chongqing,” *Frontiers of History in China* Vol. 8, no. 3 (September, 2013): 406-432.

*Chapters in edited volumes:*

“帝国、知縣、商人以及連繫彼此的紐帶：清代重庆的商业诉讼” [Empire, Magistrates, Merchants, and the Ties that Bind: Commercial Litigation in Late Imperial Chongqing] in Wang Xi, ed. *中国和世界历史中的重庆——重庆史研究国际会议（2012）论文选编* [Chongqing in Historical China and the World: Selected Papers from the 2012 International Conference on Chongqing History], Chongqing: Chongqing daxue chubanshe, 2013, pp. 166-180.

“Did China Have a *Fin-de-Siècle*?” with Jeffrey Wasserstrom in Michael Saler, ed. *The Fin-de-Siècle World*, London: Routledge, forthcoming.

*Information about online writings, translations, and ongoing projects available upon request*

**Professional Experience:**

<i>Organizer</i>	Harvard/LSC translation workshop on “Households and Obligations” (Dec., 2014)
<i>Curator</i>	“Code to Code: Digitizing and Re-envisioning the Ming and Qing Legal Corpus” exhibit, Center for Government and International Studies, Harvard (Dec., 2014)
<i>Chair</i>	Committee on Development, Int’l Society for Chinese Law & History (Currently)
<i>Contributor</i>	Legalizing Space in China research group, endowed by the Agence Nationale de la Recherche (September 2012 – present)
<i>Teaching Fellow</i>	UCLA History Department (September 2011 – May 2012)
<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	UCLA History Department (September 2007 – May 2009)
<i>Co-organizer</i>	“China Undisciplined: Transformations,” UCLA, May 22 and 23, 2009
<i>Lead organizer</i>	“China Undisciplined” UCLA, May 30 and 31, 2008
<i>Co-organizer</i>	“All-California Graduate Conference in Chinese History,” UCLA, June 1, 2008
<i>Founder, Organizer</i>	UCLA China Studies Colloquium (May 2007 – May 2008) (supported by the UCLA Center for Chinese Studies)
<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	CSU, Sacramento Department of Anthropology (January – July 2004)
<i>Writing Tutor</i>	CSU, Sacramento (Educational Opportunity Program) (January – July 2004)
<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	CSU, Sacramento (EOP) (August 2003 – December 2004)

### **Conferences and Invited Talks:**

- Presenter                    *“Institutions, Credit, and the State”*  
Paper: “Local State Finance, Trade Organizations, and the Nineteenth-century State-building Turn in an Urban Center on Qing China’s Southwestern Frontier”  
Yale University, October 17-18, 2014
- Presenter                    *“An Wang Postdoctoral Fellow Lecture Series”*  
Paper: “Rules, Regulation, Responsibility, and Merchant Organizations in Qing Chongqing: A Revisionist History of the ‘Chinese Guild’”  
Harvard University Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, October 9, 2014
- Presenter                    *“Asian Historical Economics Conference”*  
Paper: “Local State Finance, Trade Organizations, and the Nineteenth-century State-building Turn in an Urban Center on Qing China’s Southwestern Frontier”  
Bogaziçi University, September 19-20, 2014
- Presenter                    *“La Justice au Quotidien / Everyday Justice,”*  
Paper: “Judgment, Punishment, and Court Initiative in the Qing Ba xian Legal Archives: A Study of 116 Commercial Cases”  
Collège de France, May 22-23, 2014
- Presenter                    *“Séminaire de droit chinois,”* Seminar Topic: “把持行市”  
Collège de France, May 9, 2014
- Lecturer                    *“Séminaire de L’Institut d’Asie Orientale,”*  
Topic: “Market Development on the Chinese Frontier: Merchant Groups and the State in Chongqing from 1750 to 1950”  
ENS de Lyon, April 10, 2014
- Presenter                    *“Rethinking the Market in Modern China,”*  
Paper: “Informal State Finance, Official Service, Merchant Group Formation, and Market Regulation in Nineteenth-century Chongqing”  
Harvard University, April 3, 2014
- Presenter                    *“Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference,”*  
Paper: “Collective Responsibility and Crime in Qing China: *Baojia* Formation in the Last Empire”  
Philadelphia, March 30, 2014
- Presenter                    *“Chinese Civil Law Workshop,”*  
Paper: “More than a Minor Problem: The *xi shi* Category of Disputes in Qing Legal Discourse”  
Tokyo, September 26-27, 2013

- Lecturer                    *“寰宇漢學講座[International China Studies Lecture Series],”*  
Talk (in Chinese): 邊疆、國家與市場：雍正至道光年間重慶商人團體的緣起與歷史  
[Frontier, State, and Market: The Origins and Histories of Chongqing Merchant  
Associations from Yongzheng to Daoguang]”  
Taipei Central Library, April 12, 2013
- Presenter                    *“中西檔案館藏清代檔案讀書會會議”*  
Paper (in Chinese): 行，幫，差，規：重慶乾嘉道的行會背景，發展和概念  
[Trade Cooperatives, Merchant Associations, Trade Obligations, and Trade  
Regulations in Qianlong, Jiaqing, and Daoguang Chongqing]”  
Academia Sinica Institute for Modern History, March 29, 2013
- Presenter                    *“Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference,”*  
Paper: “The Making of Merchants: War, Municipal Governance, and Commercial  
Organization in Wartime Chongqing”  
San Diego, March 22, 2013
- Presenter                    *“Early Modern Economic History Conference,”*  
Paper: “Agnostic Courts and Extralegal Arbitration: Business as Usual in Qing  
Chongqing”  
California Institute of Technology, February 15, 2013
- Presenter                    *“37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association,”*  
(Presidential Panel on Financial Intermediaries)  
Paper: “Firms, Brokers, and Merchant Cliques: The World of Intermediary  
Exchange and Liability in Late Qing Chongqing”  
Vancouver, November 1-4, 2012
- Presenter                    *“7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European China Law Studies Assn.,”*  
Paper: “The Practice, Rhetoric, and Law of Going Broke: Firm Bankruptcy and  
Insolvency Disputes in Chongqing from the Eighteenth Century to the 1911  
Republican Revolution”  
Helsinki University, September 24-25, 2012
- Presenter                    *“2012 Asian Historical Economics Conference,”*  
Paper: “The Practice, Rhetoric, and Law of Going Broke: Firm Bankruptcy and  
Insolvency Disputes in Chongqing from the Eighteenth Century to the 1911  
Republican Revolution”  
Hitotsubashi University, September 13-15, 2012
- Presenter                    *“国际学术研讨会：重庆史研究的回顾、现状与展望”*  
Paper (in Chinese): “市场、法律和中介：清末重庆的交易与负债 [Markets, Law,  
and Intermediation: Exchange and Liability in Late Qing Chongqing]”  
Chongqing University, June 3-6, 2012

- Presenter                    *“Chinese Legal History/Culture/Modernity,”*  
Paper: “Going Under: Debt, Liability, and Litigation in the *Hu Wan Chang*  
Remittance House Bankruptcy”  
  Columbia University, May 5-8, 2012
- Presenter                    *“Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference,”*  
Paper: “Bankruptcy in Late Qing Chongqing”  
  Toronto, March 15-18, 2012

*Information about workshops, seminars, and presentations from before 2012 available upon request*

**Languages:**

Advanced proficiency in Modern Chinese and Classical Chinese.  
Basic proficiency in Japanese and Latin.

**Grants and Awards:**

Thomas Lifka Dissertation Prize Winter 2014  
An Wang Postdoctoral Fellowship, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies – 2014-2015  
Max Planck Research Grant – Spring 2014  
Taiwan Central Library Center for Chinese Studies Fellowship – Winter 2013  
Meyer and Renee Luskin Grant – Fall 2012  
UCLA Center for Chinese Studies Graduate Fellowship – 2012-2013  
UCLA Department of History competitive teaching fellowship – 2011-2012  
Millennium Endowed Graduate Fellowship Grant – 2011-2012  
Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Funding – 2010-2011  
Fulbright-IIE Full Grant for Study/Research– 2010 -2011 (declined)  
UCLA Center for Economic History research stipend – 2009-2010  
UCLA Center for Economic History Travel Grant – 2009  
ECNU Pre-Dissertation Research Grant – 2008  
UCLA Five-Year Chancellor’s Prize Fellowship – 2006-2011  
Chancellor’s Prize Summer Mentorship – 2007 and 2008

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