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EDUCATION:

- 1999 **Ph.D.** Department of History, University of Hawai'i, Manoa
(Advisor: Dru Gladney)
- 1994 **M.A.** Department of History, University of Hawai'i, Manoa
- 1989 Certificate in Chinese Language, Tunghai University (Taiwan)
- 1989 **B.A.** Department of History, Whitman College

ACADEMIC & RESEARCH POSITIONS:

- 2019 – present **Professor of History**, Department of History, Pennsylvania State University.
- 2009-19 **Associate Professor of History**, Department of History, Pennsylvania State University.
- 2010-17 **Director of Graduate Studies**, Department of History, Pennsylvania State University.
- 2015 **Visiting Research Scholar**, Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, New Delhi, India.
- 2010-11 **Visiting Research Scholar**, Department of History, Yunnan University.
- 2007-08 **Visiting Fellow**, Center for Studies of Chinese Southwest Borderland Ethnic Minorities, Yunnan University.
- 2002-08 **Assistant Professor of History & Asian Studies**, Department of History, Pennsylvania State University.
- 2001-02 **Assistant Professor**, Department of History, University of Colorado at Denver, Denver, Colorado.
- 2001 (Spring) **Visiting Fellow**, Center of Islamic and Central Asian Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin Germany.
- 1999-2001 **Assistant Professor**, Department of History, Juniata College, Pennsylvania.
- 1997-98 **Doctoral Research Scholar**, History Department, Yunnan University, China.
- 1996-97 **Doctoral Research Scholar**, Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan.
- 1989-90 **Instructor**, Foreign Languages and Literature Department, Yunnan University, China

RECENT PUBLICATIONS:

BOOKS:

- *Tibet: What Everyone Needs to Know*. Oxford University Press [Under Contract]
- *Lin Zexu: Imperial China in a Globalizing World*. Oxford University Press. [Under Contract]
- 2021 *Sources in Chinese History (2nd Edition)*. Co-authored with Yurong Yang Atwill. Routledge.
- 2018 *Islamic Shangri-la: Inter-Asian Relations and Lhasa's Muslim Communities, 1600-1960*, University of California Press.
- 2010 *Sources in Chinese History (1644-present)*. Co-authored with Yurong Yang Atwill. Upper Saddle River: Prentice Hall.
- 2006 *The Chinese Sultanate: Islam, Violence, and the Panthay Rebellion, 1856-1873*. Stanford University Press.
(CHINESE Translation under contract with Prof. Yang Jide and Ningxia Chubanshe).

RECENT ESSAYS, BOOK CHAPTERS and SCHOLARLY ARTICLES:

- "Muslims in a Buddhist Land: Tibet's Muslims and the Lhasa Uprisings of 1959 and 2008" in Eric Tagliacazzo and David Powers, eds. *Comparing Muslim Societies* (solicited contribution)
- 2018 "Lhasa's Departed Past," #AsiaNow, October 8: www.asian-studies.org/asia-now/entryid/178
- 2016 "Boundaries of Belonging: Sino-Indian Relations and the 1960 Tibetan Muslim Incident," *Journal of Asian Studies* 75(3) August 2016: 595-620.
- 2014 "A Tibetan By Any Other Name: The Case of Muslim Tibetans and Ambiguous Ethno-religious Identities" *Cahiers d'Extrême Asie* 23: 31-61.
- 2010 "Ruminations on the Interpretive Framework of 19th Century Tibet-Yunnan Relations," *Journal of Ethnology* 1-2 (2010) [In Chinese] (大卫·阿提威, "十九世纪滇藏关系解释范式的反思," 民族学刊, 2 (2010): 19-24.

RECENT FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS:

- 2022 (full year) **China-United States Fellowship**, Senior Fellowship
- 2020-2021 **Woodrow Wilson Center (Washington D.C.)**, Resident Fellow
- 2020-21[Declined] **Institut d'études avancées de Paris/Institute of Advanced Studies, Paris**, Resident Fellow
- 2019 [Declined] **Center of Chinese Studies (National Library, Taiwan)**, Research Grant for Foreign Scholars
- 2019 - Spring **Sydney China Fellowship (China Studies Center, University of Sydney)**, Visiting Scholar
- 2016 **Association of Nepal and Himalayan Studies**, Senior Fellowship
- 2014-2016 **Public Intellectuals Program Fellow**, National Committee of China-United States Relations.
- 2014-2015 **NEH FPIRI Fellow (administered by American Institute of Indian Studies)** Senior Scholar Fellowship
- 2014 **Graduate School Alumni Society Graduate Program Chair Leadership Award**
- 2012-2015 **European Research Council**, Center for Himalayan Studies (CNRS). (Participating scholar)
- 2011-2013 **Mellon Foundation – Supplemental New Directions Fellowship**

RECENT REVIEWS, FIELD REPORTS & SHORT ESSAYS

- 2020 Review of **A History of Modern Tibet, Volume 4 In the Eye of the Storm, 1957-1959**. By Melvyn Goldstein, *Journal of Asian Studies* 79.2 (May 2020): 468-470.
- 2020 Review of **The Muslim Merchants of Premodern China: The History of a Maritime Asian Trade Diaspora, 750–1400** by John W. Chaffee, *American Historical Review* 125.2 (April 2020): 628-629.
- 2018 Featured Review: **The New Inter-Asian History: Moving Beyond China's Borders**, *Twentieth-Century China*, 43.1 (January 2018): 89-98.
- 2016 **Islamic Shangri-La: Tibetan Muslim Hybridity, Assimilation and Diaspora** (ANHS Senior Fellowship Report). *HIMALAYA, the Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies*: Vol. 36 (2): 129-130.
- 2014 Featured Review of **What Remains: Coming to Terms with Civil War in 19th century China**, by Tobie Meyer-Fong. *American Historical Review* 119.3 (June 2014) 831-32.

SERVICE (PROFESSIONAL):

SELECTED SERVICE TO THE FIELD:

- National Committee US-China Relations Congressional Staff Delegation (Scholar Escort), 2016.
Dissertation Review (Chinese History) – Advisory Board Member, 2012-2016
Association of Asian Studies, Program Committee – Board Member, 2011-2013.

SELECTED EXTERNAL MANUSCRIPT, ARTICLE AND FELLOWSHIP REFEREE:

Book Manuscript referee:

Stanford University Press
University of North Carolina
Weatherhead East Asian Institute
Oxford University Press
Cornell University Press
Cengage Learning
Pearson Publishing
Houghton Mifflin
Prentice Hall

Article Manuscript referee:

Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies
China and Asia: A Journal in Historical Studies
Verge: Studies in Global Asias
Twentieth Century China
The Historian
China Review International
Al-Quantara

SELECTED SERVICE (UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL)

SELECTED UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

2018 – 2019 Graduate School – Committee on Fellowships and Awards – Chair
2016 – 2019 Graduate Council (University level) – Council Member
2017 – 2018 Humanities Institute (College of Liberal Arts) – Advisory Board Member

RECENT COLLEGE SERVICE:

2016 – 2020 Liberal Arts Research and Graduate Studies Office (RGSO) Committee – Member
2015 – 2016 College of Liberal Arts Leadership Program – Member/Mentor
2014 – present Future Funded Faculty Program (College of Liberal Arts) – Member/Mentor

RECENT DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE:

2019 – 2020 Search Committee Chair – Global South History
2018 – 2019 Policy Committee Member
2018 – 2019 Search Committee Member – Civil War Era Endowed Chair History
2016 – 2017 Search Committee Chair – South Asian History
2016 – 2017 Search Committee Member – Chinese Literature – Comparative Literature
2016 – 2019 Tenure and Promotion Committee Member

RECENT PROFESSIONAL & INVITED PAPERS

Wilson Center (Washington, DC) – **Kissinger Institute on China and the United States/History and Public Policy Program**

- **January 12, 2021** — “In China’s Shadow: The Ascendancy of High Asia, 1900-1960”

Bucknell University (Lewisburg, PA)]— **Bucknell China Institute**

- **March 28-29, 2020 [CANCELLED]** — Islam in China: Religion, Ethnicity, and the State Symposium

Notre Dame University (South Bend, IN) — **Liu Institute for Asian Studies**

- **March 23, 2020 [CANCELLED]**— “Muslims in a Buddhist Land: Tibet’s Muslims and the Lhasa Uprisings”

Dali University — **Institute of Ethnic Studies** (Dali, Yunnan PRC)

- **December 6, 2019**— Inaugural Speaker Endowed Speaker Series: “From the Panthay Rebellion to Lin Zexu: Chosing a Path in Chinese Studies” (in Chinese: : 我的中国研究 : 从“潘泰”到林则徐)

George Mason University — **Islam in China Forum** (Fairfax, VA)

- **April 4, 2019**— Invited Speaker "Islam in China: New Studies and Perspectives"
Association for Asian Studies (AAS) — National Conference (Seattle, WA)
- **March 2019**— "Islam in Asian Studies" Invited Roundtable
University of Sydney (Sydney, Australia)
- **March 5, 2019** — Invited speaker, "Cold War Asia and Tibet's Himalayan Past: Tibetan Muslims, Nepalese Rebels and the Bandung Dilemma, 1951-1961"
University of Sydney (Sydney, Australia)
- **February 20, 2019** — Sydney Ideas (Public Forum): "The Xinjiang Crackdown: Islam and Nationalities Policy in China Today"
American Historical Association (AHA) — National Conference (Washington, D.C.)
- **January 2018**— Panelist and Commentator, "Half-Breeds, Mongrels and Mules: Half-Tibetans at the Intersection of Race, Ethnicity and Nationalism, 1900-1960"

COURSES TAUGHT:

Intro Level History Courses:

World History to 1500
 World History since 1500
 History of Modern East Asian History
 Tibet: Sacred People, Places and Spaces (HIST/RLST)
 Introduction to Asian Literature (CMLIT)

Upper Level History Courses:

20th Century China
 Qing China
 Senior Seminar: Tibet

Graduate Level History Seminars:

Theory, Method and the Practice of History
 Rebellion, Revolution and Nation in Modern China
 Late Imperial and Modern China
 Ethnicity and Borderlands in 19th and 20th century China
 Islam's Orient: Islam, Nationalism and Ethnic Violence in China
 First Year Seminar for Graduate Teaching Assistants
 Teaching Seminar for Advanced History Graduate Students

Languages

Chinese	– Classical and Modern Mandarin
French	– Conversant Reading/Speaking/Advanced Reading
Italian	– Intermediate Reading/Basic Speaking
Tibetan	– Intermediate Reading/Basic Speaking