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## EDUCATION:

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- 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:

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- 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

## BOOK LENGTH PUBLICATIONS:

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- *Lin Zexu: Imperial China in a Globalizing World*. Oxford University Press. [Under Contract – 2020 anticipated]
- 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).

## SELECTED ESSAYS, BOOK CHAPTERS and SCHOLARLY ARTICLES:

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- **"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](http://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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 2007 **"Holy Culture Wars: Patterns of Ethno-Religious Violence in 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century China,"** in *Belief and Bloodshed: Religion and Violence Across Time and Tradition*. Ed. James Wellman. (Rowman & Littlefield): 115-130.
- 2006 **"Islam and 19<sup>th</sup> century Yunnan: Local Visions and Global Connections,"** In Tu Weiming and Yao Jide (eds.), "The Global Significance of Local Knowledge (本土知识的全球意义), *Nanjing University-Harvard Yenching Forum for Dialogue between Chinese and Islamic Civilizations* (Conference Proceedings): 1-7.
- 2003 **"Blinkered Visions: Islamic Identity, Hui Ethnicity, and the Panthay Rebellion in Southwest China, 1856-1874,"** *Journal of Asian Studies*, vol. 62, no. 4 November 2003, 1079-1108. (CHINESE Translation in Lu Ren (ed.), *Xiandai Xifang Xueshu Sheyeyzhong de Zhongguo Xinan Bianjiang Shi*, 2007) (REPRINTED: Michael Dillon, ed. *Islam in China: Key Papers*, 2 vols, Global Oriental, 2009, pp 300-329).
- 2002 **"Trading Places: Resistance, Ethnicity and Governance in 19th Century Yunnan,"** in Robert J. Antony and Jane K. Leonard, eds., *Dragons, Tigers, and Dogs Qing Crisis Management and the Boundaries of State Power in Late Imperial China* (Ithaca: Cornell East Asia Series, 245-273).
- 1999 **"Larger Than Life: French Imperialism in Southwest China, 1886-1904"** in *Shixue Luncong* (Studies in History), no.7, Dec., 1999.
- 1997 **"Islam in the World of Yunnan: Muslim Yunnanese Identity in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Yunnan,"** *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*, 17(1) 1997, 9-30.

#### FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS:

- 2019 – Fall **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**
- 2011 **Confucius Institute Workshop Grant – "China in Motion: Urban-Rural Migration in Modern China"**
- 2007-2010 **Mellon Foundation – New Directions Fellowship**
- 2007/2008 **Fulbright Scholar Research Award – People's Republic of China**
- 2007 (Spring) **Institute for the Arts and Humanities – Resident Scholar** (Penn State)
- 2006 **International Programs Faculty Travel Fund** (Penn State)
- 2005 **Kent Forster Memorial Junior Faculty Award** (Penn State)

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS (cont'd):

2005	<b>University of Pittsburgh East Asian Library travel grant</b>
2001	<b>Junior Fellow of the Working Group Modernity and Islam</b> (Berlin, Germany)
2000	<b>Islam and Modernity Summer Academy</b> , Working Group Modernity and Islam, (Germany)
1998/99	<b>University of Hawaii Dissertation Completion Fellowship</b> (United State-Year)
1997/98	<b>Outstanding Young Scholar Dissertation Scholarship</b> — China Times Cultural Foundation
1997	<b>Pacific Cultural Foundation Scholarship</b> (Taiwan-Summer)
1996/97	<b>J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship</b> (Taiwan-Year)
1996/97	<b>Foreign Language Area Studies Dissertation Scholarship</b> (Chinese Language), Declined.
1995	<b>Foreign Language Area Studies</b> (Chinese-Summer)
1989-90	<b>Whitman-in-China Fellowship</b> (Yunnan University)

FEATURED REVIEWS, FIELD REPORTS & SHORT ESSAYS

2018	Featured Review: <b>The New Inter-Asian History: Moving Beyond China's Borders</b> , <i>Twentieth-Century China</i> , 43.1 (January 2018): 89-98.
2016	<b>Islamic Shangri-La: Tibetan Muslim Hybridity, Assimilation and Diaspora</b> (ANHS Senior Fellowship Report). <i>HIMALAYA, the Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies</i> : Vol. 36 (2): 129-130.
2014	Featured Review of <b><i>What Remains: Coming to Terms with Civil War in 19<sup>th</sup> century China</i></b> , by Tobie Meyer-Fong. <i>American Historical Review</i> 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-present  
Association of Asian Studies, Program Committee – Board Member, 2011-2013.

SELECTED EXTERNAL MANUSCRIPT, ARTICLE AND FELLOWSHIP REFEREE:

*Book Manuscript referee:*

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  
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 – Present	Graduate Council (University level) – Council Member
2017 – 2018	College of Liberal Arts - Associate Dean Search Committee – Member
2017 – 2018	Humanities Institute (College of Liberal Arts) – Advisory Board Member
2014 – 2018	Graduate School - Graduate Student Travel Grants Review Committee – Member
2016 – 2017	Institute of Arts and Humanities (University) – Advisory Board Member
2016 – 2017	NEH Next Generation Humanities PhD Planning Grant – Working Group Chair
2012 – 2019	Global Programs' Travel Grant Selection Committee – Member
2012 – 2014	University CSCS/PSCS (Curricular Reform) Committee

### SELECTED COLLEGE SERVICE:

2016 – present	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
2010 – 2014	Innovators (Technology Advisory Committee), College of Liberal Arts
2004 – 2008	East Asian Studies Committee

### SELECTED 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
2013 – 2014	Search Committee Chair – Latin American History
2011 – 2012	Search Committee Chair – Chinese History
2005 – 2009	Policy Committee
2005 – 2009	Graduate Student Orientation & Placement Advisor
2003 – 2004	Search Committee Member – Early Modern History
2003 – 2006	Advisor Phi Alpha Theta
2003 – 2007	Graduate Admissions and Awards Committee (Member)

## RECENT PROFESSIONAL & INVITED PAPERS

### **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"

### **University of Rochester (Rochester, NY)**

- **October 27, 2016** — Invited speaker, "Islamic Shangri-la: Tibetan Muslims and the Emergence of Modern Tibet"

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:**

20<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 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