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Education

- University of Virginia** Aug 2015 – Dec. 2020
Corcoran Department of History, Charlottesville, VA
PhD of History, GPA: 3.91, December 2020
MA of History, GPA: 3.91, November 2016
Dissertation: “China’s “Museopolitics”: Evolving Exhibits on the War of Resistance against Japan”
Dissertation Chair: Dr. Xiaoyuan Liu
Dissertation Committee Members: Dr. Manuela Achilles, Dr. Joseph Seeley, and Dr. Brantly Womack
- The College of William and Mary** Aug 2008 – May 2012
Global Studies Program, Williamsburg, VA
BA of East Asian Studies, GPA: 3.83, May 2012
Summa Cum Laude
Phi Beta Kappa
Thesis: “Nationalism and the Nanjing Massacre: Jiang Zemin’s Patriotic Education Campaign in the 1990s and Its Repercussions on Sino-Japanese Relations”
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Emily Wilcox
Thesis Committee Members: Dr. Eric Han, Dr. Craig Canning, and Retired FSO Ms. Sophia Hart
- Fudan University** Fall 2017
Shanghai, China
Fudan Fellows Program
- Peking University** Aug 2010 – June 2011
Beijing, China
Chinese Language Studies Program, Fall 2010
School of International Studies, Spring 2011
Passed language exam required for foreign students to enroll in regular undergraduate courses (*benke*).

Employment

- George Washington University** *Professorial Lecturer*, Aug 2024 – Present
Elliott School of International Affairs
- Georgetown University** *Adjunct Professor*, Aug 2024 – Present
College of Arts and Sciences, Department of History
- Georgetown University** *Assistant Teaching Professor*, Aug 2023 – Jul 2024
Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service,
Asian Studies Program
College of Arts and Sciences, Department of History

American University
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Critical Race, Gender and Culture Studies
Asia, Pacific and Diaspora Studies Program

Adjunct Professor, Aug 2022 – Jul 2023

The College of William and Mary
Harrison Ruffin Tyler Department of History
Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

Adjunct Professor, Aug 2021 – Jul 2022

University of Virginia
Center for Teaching Excellence

Teaching Consultant, May 2019 – Dec 2019

Randolph College
History Department

Adjunct Professor, Aug 2018 – May 2019

Piedmont Virginia Community College

Instructor, Jan 2018 – May 2018

University of Virginia
Corcoran Department of History

Teaching Assistant, Aug 2015 – Dec 2019

Registrar Corp

Consultant, Nov 2012 – Jun 2014

United States Library of Congress
Hispanic Division

Intern, May 2012 – Jul 2012

Professional Appointments and Invitations

Council on Foreign Relations
Stephen M. Kellen Term Member Program

Term Member, July 2024 – June 2029

National Committee on U.S.-China Relations

Member, June 2024 – Present

Council on Foreign Relations
Education Ambassador Program

Education Ambassador, Sept 2023 – May 2024

University of Virginia
East Asia Center

Research Affiliate, Oct 2022 – Present

Languages

Mandarin Chinese Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT)
Line Scores: Simplified Written 3/3, Spoken 2+/3

English (native language), Mandarin Chinese (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Japanese (proficient), Russian (elementary).

Publications and Media Appearances

Manuscript:

The Date Debate: How the CCP Rewrote China's World War II. In progress and under contract.

Peer Reviewed Papers:

June 21, 2024. "Complicity and Cold War Politics: The Long Shadow of Unit 731 in Sino-US Relations." *Journal of American-East Asian Relations* Volume 31, Issue 2, pg. 129-155. Theme Issue: Legacies of World War II and the Cold War in U.S.-East Asian Relations. Available at https://brill.com/view/journals/jaer/31/2/article-p129_003.xml

Forthcoming. "Memorializing the Mukden Incident: Northeastern Scholars and China's New World War II Timeline." Currently under review.

Winter 2022. "Empathy, Memory, and Teaching East Asia's World War II." *Education about Asia* 27(3): 62-65. Available at <https://www.asianstudies.org/wp-content/uploads/Matson-Winter-2022-EAA.pdf>

Policy Paper:

May 2022. "From Regional to National: Northeastern Scholars and the National Discourse on the War of Resistance against Japan." Published by the Wilson Center in *2021-2022 Wilson Center China Fellowship: Essays on U.S. and China Policy*. Edited by Lucas Myers. Available at <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/publication/regional-national-northeastern-scholars-and-national-discourse-war-resistance-against>

Book Chapter:

Forthcoming (Summer 2024). "Beyond a Site of Memory: The Puppet Emperor Palace Museum." In *Contesting Memorial Spaces of Japan's Empire*. Edited by Edward Boyle. Bloomsbury.

Podcasts:

Guest speaker for Sinica Podcast episode "Live from AAS in Seattle: What has become clear to you recently?", April 3, 2024. Available at <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/live-from-aas-in-seattle-what-has-become-clear-to-you/id1121407665?i=1000651316508>.

Guest speaker for podcast episode "Revisiting China's Historical Narratives" for the Georgetown Initiative for U.S.-China Dialogue on Global Issues, February 21, 2024. Available at <https://uschinadialogue.georgetown.edu/podcasts/revisiting-china-s-historical-narratives>

Op-eds:

July 31, 2024. "From Victimhood to Victory: The Evolution of the Nanjing Massacre Memorial Hall." *Wilson Center Kissinger Institute on China and the United States*. Available at <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/article/victimhood-victory-evolution-nanjing-massacre-memorial-hall>

July 7, 2023. "How China's leaders changed the history of the War of Resistance to bolster Party prestige." *NuVoices*. Available at <https://nuvoices.com/2023/07/07/how-chinas-leaders-changed-the-history-of-the-war-of-resistance-to-bolster-party-prestige/>

February 11, 2023. "Here Are 12 Feminist Books to Read from 20th Century China." *NuVoices*. Available at <https://nuvoices.com/2023/02/11/here-are-12-books-to-read-by-20th-century-chinese-feminists/>

October 3, 2022. "Why it's misleading to call Xi Jinping the "new Mao."" *NuVoices*. Available at <https://nuvoices.com/2022/10/03/why-its-misleading-to-call-xi-jinping-the-new-mao/>

September 24, 2020. “Review: Mulan reinforces Han ethnonationalism and the patriarchy.” *NuVoices*. Available at <https://nuvoices.com/2020/09/24/review-mulan-reinforces-han-ethnonationalism-and-the-patriarchy/>

May 23, 2020. “China’s #MeToo: In literature and reality, the patriarchy keeps women from helping women. But they’re fighting back.” *NuVoices*. Available at <https://nuvoices.com/2020/05/23/chinas-metoo-in-both-literature-and-reality-the-patriarchy-keeps-women-from-helping-women-but-theyre-fighting-back/>

August 28, 2019. “Your Mother Sacrificed Herself for the Country: Zhao Yiman and the Idealization of the Female Martyr in China.” *NuVoices*. Available at <https://nuvoices.com/2019/08/28/your-mother-sacrificed-herself-for-the-country-the-idealization-of-the-female-martyr-in-china/>

In the News:

October 10, 2023. “SFS Welcomes New Faculty.” Georgetown University Walsh School of Foreign Service. Available at <https://sfs.georgetown.edu/sfs-welcomes-new-faculty/>.

February 22, 2023. “Beijing and Tokyo calm the waters of the East China Sea – at least for today.” The China Project. Available at <https://thechinaproject.com/2023/02/22/beijing-and-tokyo-hold-formal-security-talks-calming-the-waters-of-the-east-china-sea-at-least-for-today/>

June 21, 2021. “The next generation: Former students join W&M professor as Wilson China Fellows.” Available at <https://www.wm.edu/news/stories/2021/the-next-generation-former-students-join-wm-professor-as-wilson-china-fellows.php>

Book Reviews:

Forthcoming. Book review of *Crosswinds: Nehru, Zhou, and the Anglo-American Competition over China* by Vijay Gokhale. *Journal of American-East Asian Relations*.

June 2024. “Reading Natsume Sōseki as a Historian of Twentieth-Century East Asia.” *Cha: An Asian Literary Journal*. Available at <https://chajournal.blog/2024/06/21/natsume-soseki/>

March 18, 2021. Book review of *Japan’s Island Troubles with China and Korea: Prospects and Challenges for Resolution*, ed. Victor Teo and Haruko Satoh. *Pacific Affairs*, 93 (4). Available at <https://pacificaffairs.ubc.ca/book-reviews/japans-island-troubles-with-china-and-korea-prospects-and-challenges-for-resolution-edited-by-victor-teo-and-haruko-satoh/>

June 1, 2020. Book review of *Empire and Environment in the Making of Manchuria*, ed. Norman Smith. *Pacific Affairs*, 93 (1). Available at <https://pacificaffairs.ubc.ca/book-reviews/empire-and-environment-in-the-making-of-manchuria-edited-by-norman-smith/>

March 2019. Book review of *Significant Soil: Settler Colonialism and Japan’s Urban Empire in Manchuria* by Emer O’Dwyer. *Pacific Affairs*, 92 (1). Available at <https://pacificaffairs.ubc.ca/book-reviews/significant-soil-settler-colonialism-and-japans-urban-empire-in-manchuria-by-emer-odwyer/>

Fellowships

Wilson China Fellowship

Mar 2021 – Mar 2022

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Summer Fellowship for Doctoral Students May 2020 – Aug 2020
University of Virginia College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Humane Studies Fellowship Aug 2019 – Aug 2020
Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University

Dissertation Completion Fellowship Aug 2019 – May 2020
University of Virginia Corcoran Department of History

Adam Smith Fellowship Sept 2017 – Jul 2019
Mercatus Center at George Mason University

Fudan Fellow Program Aug 2017 – Dec 2017
Fudan University, Fudan Institute for Advanced Study

Dumas Malone Graduate Research Fellowship Aug 2017 – Dec 2017
University of Virginia Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs

Graduate Fellowship Aug 2014 – May 2019
University of Virginia Corcoran Department of History

Grants and Honorariums

Johns Hopkins University Honorarium April 2024
School of Advanced International Studies

National Defense University Honorarium March 2024
The College of International Security Affairs (CISA)

US-China Education Trust Honorarium February 2024
Project Mentor for Students Finding Common Ground

Foreign Service Institute Honorarium December 2023
U.S. Department of State

Reves Distinguished Lecture in International Studies October 2023
The College of William and Mary

Guest Speaker Honorarium October 2023
Randolph College

Wilson China Fellowship Conference Honorarium May 2023
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Adjunct Professional Development Fund Grant April 2023
American University

Honorarium for NuVoices Contribution	April 2023
Buckner W. Clay Endowment for the Humanities Grant University of Virginia Institute of the Humanities & Global Cultures	Aug 2017 – Dec 2017
Department of History Research Grant University of Virginia Corcoran Department of History	May 2017 – Aug 2017
Weedon Grant University of Virginia East Asian Studies Department	May 2017 – Aug 2017
Sophomore/Junior Monroe Grant The College of William and Mary James Monroe Scholars Program	May 2011 – Aug 2011
First-Year Monroe Grant The College of William and Mary James Monroe Scholars Program	May 2008 – Aug 2008

Select Conference Presentations and Papers

Panelist for the Globalized Memorial Museums conference on “Travels beyond the Holocaust: Memorialization, Musealization, and Representation of Atrocities in Global Dialogue” for the 10th Annual Conference of the Historical Dialogues, jointly sponsored by the Institute of Culture Studies and Theatre History, Austrian Academy of Sciences, and the Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies, Vienna, Austria, June 2024.

Panelist for session on *Diplomatic Encounters and Public Perceptions: Cold War Politics between the U.S., PRC, and Korean Peninsula*. Panel paper “Complicity and Cold War Politics,” presented at the *Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference*, Toronto, Canada, June 24, 2024.

Panelist for *Reproducing remembrance*. Panel paper “The Date Debate: How the CCP Rewrote China’s World War II” presented at *Nationalism and Memory: The ASEN (Association of Ethnicity and Nationalism) Conference 2024* “Memory Studies” at the University of Edinburgh, April 10, 2024.

Organizer and panelist for session on *Narrating the Nation-State: Historical Memory and Ideology in Modern East Asia*. Panel paper “Marxism and the Mukden Incident: Dialectical Materialism and China’s World War II Timeline” presented at the *Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Seattle, WA, March 14, 2024.

Organizer, chair, and panelist for *America’s “Forgotten War” Remembered: The Legacy of US Involvement and the Korean War in East Asia*. Panel paper “Complicity and Cold War Politics: The Long Shadow of Unit 731 in Sino-US Relations” presented at the *Southeastern Conference for the Association for Asian Studies*, Wake Forest University, January 28, 2024.

Organizer and panelist for session on *History, Memory, and Geopolitics – How the Legacy of World War II Shapes National Narratives in the 21st Century*. Panel paper “Longer War, Stronger Legitimacy – How the Chinese Communist Party Redefined the War of Resistance against Japan to Bolster Its Right to Rule”

presented at the *Society for the History of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Annual Conference*, Arlington, VA, June 16, 2023.

Organizer and panelist for *War, Revolution, and Memory: How China and Korea's Recent Past Haunts the Present*. Panel paper "Eight or Fourteen Years? The Northeast and the "Date Debate" on China's War of Resistance against Japan" presented at the *Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Boston, MA, March 18, 2023.

Discussant for panel *Not Comfortable: Nation and "Comfort Women" Museums in East Asia*, presented at the *Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Boston, MA, February 17, 2023 (virtual).

Organizer and panelist for late-breaking session on *History, Memory, and Geopolitics – How the Legacy of World War II Shapes National Narratives in the 21st Century*. Panel paper "Longer War, Stronger Legitimacy – How the Chinese Communist Party Redefined the War of Resistance against Japan to Bolster Its Right to Rule" at *American Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA, January 15, 2023. (Panel canceled due to COVID-19.)

Chair and discussant for panel *War and Memory in Twentieth Century China*. Panel paper "Memorializing Martyrs: Evolving Legacies from the War of Resistance" presented at the *Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies*, Richmond, VA, January 2023.

Organizer and panelist for *Dismantling Myths about Minorities: Using Historical Empathy in the Classroom to Move beyond Racial Stereotypes*, presented at American University's *Ann Ferren Conference on Teaching, Research, and Learning*, Washington, DC, January 2023.

Panelist for paper "From Regional to National: Northeastern Scholars and the National Discourse on the War of Resistance against Japan," presented at the *Wilson China Fellowship Conference*, Washington, DC, March 2022.

Organizer and panelist for *The Nation in Flux: Memory and Identity in East Asia*. Panel paper "The Nationalization of a Regional Narrative: Shenyang's September 18th Museum," presented at the *Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Boston, MA, March 2021 (virtual).

Panelist for paper "Beyond a 'Site of Memory': The Puppet Emperor Palace Museum," presented at *Contesting Memorial Spaces in the Asia-Pacific*, Kyushu University, Fukuoka, November 2020 (virtual).

Panelist for paper "Memorializing Martyrs and Consolidating Party Identity: The 1948 Construction and Legacy of Harbin's Northeastern Martyrs Memorial Hall," presented at *Memory and Memorialization in the 20th Century People's Republic of China*, Edinburgh, Scotland, October 2018.

Panelist for paper "Memorializing Martyrs and Consolidating Party Identity: The 1948 Construction and Legacy of Harbin's Northeastern Martyrs Memorial Hall," presented at *Association for Asian Studies in Asia*, New Delhi, India, July 2018.

Panelist for paper "Minority Memories of Manchukuo: The Manchu and Mongol Experiences," presented at *Association for Asian Studies in Asia*, Seoul, South Korea, July 2017.

Panelist for paper “Rediscovering China Through Denouncing Japan: Chinese Scholars as Nation Builders in the 1930s,” presented at *Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies*, Harrisonburg, VA, January 2016.

Teaching and Advising

Professorial Lecturer, George Washington University

IAFF 6318: Korea-Japan Relations Fall 2024

Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University

HIST 3313: The Life and Legacy of Mao Zedong Fall 2024

Assistant Teaching Professor, Georgetown University

HIST 6314: Manchuria and Modern East Asia Spring 2024

HIST 3308: Manchuria Spring 2024

HIST 1302: History of China II Spring 2024

HIST 6313: The Life and Legacy of Mao Zedong Fall 2023

HIST 3310: Historical Memory of WWII in East Asia Fall 2023

Adjunct Professor, American University

APDS 200: Modern East Asia (asynchronous) Summer 2023

APDS 200: Modern East Asia (in person) Fall 2022, Spring 2023

APDS 315: Historical Memory of WWII in East Asia Spring 2023

APDS 100: Introduction to Asia Spring 2023

Adjunct Professor, The College of William and Mary

HIST 212: WWII in East Asia Summer 2022

HIST 100: Historical Memory of WWII in East Asia Spring 2022

HIST 100: The Life and Legacy of Mao Zedong Spring 2022

CHIN 322: 20th Century Chinese Literature Spring 2022

HIST 333: Modern Chinese History Fall 2021

Adjunct Professor, Randolph College

HIST 188: East Asian Civilization from 1600 to Present Spring 2019

HIST 222: Modern Japan Spring 2019

HIST 123: East Asian Civilization to 1600	Fall 2018
HIST 221: Modern China	Fall 2018
<i>Instructor, University of Virginia</i>	
HIEA 3559: Twentieth Century China	Summer 2018
<i>Instructor, Piedmont Virginia Community College</i>	
HIST 112: World History	Summer 2018
<i>Teaching Assistant, University of Virginia</i>	
HIEA 2031: Modern China	Fall 2015 and Fall 2019
HIEU 3390: Nazi Germany	Spring 2018
HIEU 2162: History of Russia Since 1917	Spring 2017
HIEA 2072: Modern Japan	Fall 2016
HIST 3452: The Second World War	Spring 2016
<i>Undergraduate Advising</i>	
Academic Mentor (Education Group)	Spring 2024
US-China Education Trust (USCET)	
“Students Finding Common Ground: US-China Collaborative Projects in an Era of Strategic Competition”	
Faculty Recommender (2 students)	Spring 2024
Kalorama Summer Research Fellowship Georgetown University	
Faculty Advisor	Fall 2023
Georgetown University Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (GUROP)	
Undergraduate Thesis Advisor	Spring 2019
Randolph College, History Department	

Invited Talks

Invited panelist for “New Book Forum: Sara B. Castro, *Mission to Mao: US Intelligence and the Chinese Communists in World War II*” hosted by the Second World War Research Group North America and the Society for Intelligence History, Zoom, October 18, 2024.

Invited speaker for “The future of US-China education exchanges” for conference “The future of US-China exchanges: celebrating 45 years of normalization of US-China relations” at George Washington University, April 20, 2024. (Estimated attendance: 50)

Invited speaker on China's World War II at Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies on April 16, 2024.

Invited speaker on China's World War II at the National Defense University, College of International Security Affairs on March 7, 2024.

Invited lecturer for the State Department's Foreign Service Institute course on "Historical Memory and National Identity in Mongolia" on December 13, 2023.

Invited panelist to represent Georgetown University School of Foreign Service Asian Studies Program for "Press Freedom in Hong Kong, featuring the works of "Zunzi", hosted by the Committee for Freedom in Hong Kong Foundation at Georgetown University on November 28, 2023.

Invited speaker for Reves Distinguished Lecture in International Studies on "The "Date Debate": Northeastern Scholars and China's New World War II Timeline" at the College of William and Mary on October 20, 2023.

Invited speaker on "Memorializing the Mukden Incident: Northeastern Scholars and China's New World War II Timeline" for *Asia in Depth* series, Asian Studies Program at Georgetown University on October 17, 2023.

Invited speaker on "The "Date Debate": Northeastern Scholars and China's New World War II Timeline" for History Department at Randolph College on October 9, 2023.

Invited guest lecturer on "China's World War II" for Modern Chinese History course taught by James Gethyn Evans at George Washington University on October 2, 2023.

Moderator for Ian Johnson Book Talk on *Sparks: China's Underground Historians and Their Battle for the Future* at Georgetown University School of Foreign Service on September 29, 2023.

Invited discussant for Research in Progress (RIP) seminar at the College of William and Mary's Global Research Institute (GRI) on October 27, 2022 (virtual).

Invited guest lecturer on "Marxism, Mao, and 20th Century China" for History Club at the University of the Cumberland on October 27, 2022 (virtual).

Departmental Service

American University

Program Chair, International Faculty & Staff Affinity Group Fall 2022 – Spring 2023

The College of William and Mary

Organizer, Homecoming Reunion for Chinese Program October 2022

First Generation Low-Income (FGLI) Faculty Mentor Fall 2021

Service to Profession

Host

Hosted “Local connections” Georgetown University virtual town hall with Dr. Yawei Liu, “From Junior Partner to Existential Threat: The Changing American Perception of China since 1972” on April 17, 2024. Accompanied the April 9, 2024 annual China Town Hall, convened by the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations with State Department Deputy Secretary Kurt Campbell.

Editor

Editor for Summary of US-China Education Trust (USCET) online event “A Divided Congress: Implications for US-China Relations and the Road to 2024” on January 10, 2023

Manuscript Reviewer

Manuscript Reviewer for University of Virginia’s *Essays in History*, September 2023

Manuscript Reviewer for *Education About Asia*, June 2023

Manuscript Reviewer for *The Public Historian*, October 2022

Professional Memberships

Association for Asian Studies (AAS)

Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationality (ASEN)

Women in International Security (WIIS)

Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies (SEC-AAS)

American Historical Association (AHA)

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)

Memory Studies Association (MSA)

Professional References

Dr. Yuhki Tajima, Director and Associate Professor, Asian Studies Program, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, yuhki.tajima@georgetown.edu. Colleague and Supervisor.

Dr. James Millward, Professor and Director of Graduate Studies (MA), School of Foreign Service, Asian Studies Program and College of Arts and Sciences, History Department, Georgetown University, millwarj@georgetown.edu. Colleague and Supervisor.

Ms. Piper Campbell, Former U.S. Ambassador to Mongolia, Chair of the Department of Foreign Policy and Global Security (FPGS), School of International Service, American University, pipercamp@american.edu. Former Colleague.

Ms. Madelyn Ross, President of the US-China Education Trust (USCET), mross@uscet.org. Professional Contact.

Dr. Daqing Yang, Associate Professor of History and International Affairs, Associate Director for BA/BS in International Affairs, The George Washington University, yanghist@gwu.edu. Professional Contact.

Dr. Dayna Barnes, Associate Professor, College of International Security Studies, National Defense University, dayna.l.barnes.civ@ndu.edu. Professional Contact and Panel Chair for Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference (2024).

Dr. Eileen Findlay, Professor and Department Chair, Critical Race, Gender and Culture Studies, American University, efindla@american.edu. Former Colleague and Supervisor.

Dr. Emily Wilcox, Program Director of Chinese Studies, Associate Professor of Chinese Studies, The College of William and Mary, ewilcox@wm.edu. Honors Thesis Advisor and Former Colleague.

Dr. Xiaoyuan Liu, David Dean Professor of East Asian Studies and Professor of History, University of Virginia, xyl7b@virginia.edu. Dissertation Advisor.

Dr. Gerard Sherayko, History Department Chair and Associate Professor of History, Randolph College, gsherayko@randolphcollege.edu. Former Colleague.

Dr. Eric Han, Associate Professor of History, The College of William and Mary, echan@wm.edu. Undergraduate Major Advisor and Former Colleague.

Dr. Manuela Achilles, Associate Professor of German and History, University of Virginia, ma6cq@virginia.edu. Dissertation Committee Member.