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CURRICULUM VITAE

POSITIONS

An Wang Postdoctoral Fellow, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University	August 2018 – July 2019
Postdoctoral Fellow in Chinese Statecraft Institute of Asian Research, UBC	October 2015 – September 2016
Assistant Professor, Contractually-Limited Term Appointment Department of History, University of Toronto	August 2011 – July 2014

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (History) University of British Columbia Dissertation: <i>The Birth of the Chinese Population</i> , Supervisor: Professor Timothy Brook	May 2014
Master of Arts (Interdisciplinary Studies) University of British Columbia	May 2005
Bachelor of Arts (English) Simon Fraser University	July 1997

PUBLICATIONS

“From the Law of Value Debate to the One Child Policy in China: On Accounting and Biopolitics”	<i>positions: asia critique</i> , Vol. 30, No. 1 (2022)
“Living Capital (<i>shengming ziben</i>), Vital Statistics, and National and National Economics in China, 1912–1937”	<i>positions: asia critique</i> , Vol. 26, No. 3 (2018)
“Foucault, Fields of Governability, and the Population–Family–Economy Nexus in China”	<i>History & Theory</i> , Vol. 51, No. 2 (2012)
List of other completed papers, translations, and book reviews available upon request	

SELECTED LECTURES AND PAPERS GIVEN

“Accounting for Labour in the People's Communes,” workshop on <i>Enterprises, the State, and the Problem of Value in the PRC, 1955–1980</i> (also organizer), Harvard University	April 19, 2019
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“Music and Rites as Governmental Apparatuses in Late Imperial China,” Pre-Modern China Lecture Series, Columbia University	April 15, 2019
Also presented at the Center for Early Modern History, University of Minnesota	October 12, 2018
Discussant, panel on “Inter-Asian Responses to Decolonization,” Annual Meeting of the AAS	March 22, 2019
“The Birth of the Chinese Population,” Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, with Gail Hershatter	February 19, 2019
“On the Characteristics and Failures of Governing by Rites and Music,” Stage V of “Early-Modern Statecraft Between China and Europe,” Hong Kong Polytechnic University	June 17, 2015
“From the 'Law of Value Debate' to Capitalist Governmentality: On the Origins of the One Child Policy,” <i>Surplus Populations and Capitalist Crisis</i> workshop, Furman University	April 2, 2015
Also presented at Columbia University, New York, <i>Nation and Enumeration</i> workshop	October 26, 2013
Lecture, “The Social Costs of Births and Deaths: Economizing Reproduction in China, 1911–1937,” <i>Reproducing China</i> conference, Cambridge University	July 14, 2012
Also presented at the Department of History, Concordia University, Montreal	April 5, 2013
Seminar, “China and the Capitalist World-Episteme in the Early Twentieth Century,” History & Theory, <i>Techniques and Affects of Economy</i> series, University of Toronto	January 12, 2012
“What Can a King Do? Moral Action and Administrative Routine in Mid-Ming Dynasty Statecraft,” Critical China Studies, University of Toronto	December 9, 2011
“Financial Management as a Statecraft Ideal,” Commentary on chaps. 23–24, Qiu Jun, <i>Daxue yanbi bu</i> (1487), Stage II of “Early-Modern Statecraft Between China and Europe,” Collège de France, Paris	June 1, 2011
“The Economic Value of China's Rural Population,” <i>The Everyday Life of the Economic: Formations of Life and Knowledge in China, 1900–1949</i> , Annual Meeting of the AAS, Hawaii	April 3, 2011
Seminar, “The Virtual Object of Public Health, or: The Problem of 'Life' in Republican China,” Cambridge University, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, <i>Twentieth Century Think Tank</i> series	November 16, 2010
George Macauley Trevelyan Lecture at Cambridge University, “The Family–Economy Nexus and the Birth of the Chinese Population,” conference on <i>Foucault, the Family, and Politics</i>	November 12, 2010

- Commentary on “General Introduction to the Way of Financial Management,” chaps. 20–21 of Qiu Jun, *Daxue yanyi bu* (1487), “Early-Modern Statecraft: Between China and Europe,” Vancouver, BC April 29 – May 2, 2010
- Lecture, “The Virtual Object of Public Health, or: The Problem of 'Life' in Republican China,” Yale University, *Science, Medicine, and Technology in Asia* series April 23, 2010
- Seminar, “The Problem of 'Race Efficiency' in Republican China,” Department of History, New York University April 22, 2010
- Lecture, “From Statecraft to Biopolitics: Managing *Qi* in Chinese History,” Cornell University, Society for the Humanities April 20, 2010
- “Living Capital, Naturalness, and Vital Statistics in Republican China,” *Discovering China's Biocapital, 1900–1937*, Annual Meeting of the AAS, Chicago March 28, 2009

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

- Enterprises, the State, and the Problem of Value in the Political Economy of the PRC, 1955–1980* April 19, 2019
- Organizer, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies-funded workshop, Harvard University
- Is There a Socialist Way of Governing in China? Governing as a Social Practice in the PRC* September 16 – 18, 2016
- Principal organizer and co-applicant, ACLS–Luce Foundation Collaborative Reading Workshop Grant, \$15,000, held at the Institute of Asian Research, UBC
- The Everyday Life of the Economic: Formations of Life and Knowledge in China, 1900–1949* April 3, 2011
- Organizer, panel at the annual meeting of the AAS, Hawaii
- Early Modern Statecraft: Between China and Europe*, Stage I April 29 – May 2, 2010
- Co-applicant and co-organizer, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation-funded conference, \$14,000, held in Vancouver, BC
- Discovering China's Biocapital, 1900–1937* March 28, 2009
- Co-organizer, panel at the annual meeting of the AAS, Chicago

TEACHING

- Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Toronto August 2011 – July 2014
- History 280: The History of China

History 328: Modern China since 1800
History 326: Nationalism and Communism in Twentieth-Century China
History 485: The Politics of the Family in Modern China (2012)
History 485: Mao Zedong, China, and Global Communism (2013–2014)

Instructor, Department of History, Simon Fraser University

May – July 2011

History 366: Social and Cultural History of Modern China

Instructor, Department of History, UBC

History 270: China and the West, 1644–1911

September – December 2008

History 379: Later Imperial China

June – August 2010

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Canada Graduate Scholarship–Doctoral, \$35,000/year
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

May 2006 – April 2009

China and Inner Asia Council (AAS) award, \$500, for graduate student organizers of panels highly rated by the Annual Meeting Selection Committee

March 14, 2011

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE IN CHINA

Fellow, Institute for International Research, Johns Hopkins–Nanjing Center for Chinese and American Studies, Nanjing University, Nanjing

September – December 2007

Advanced Visiting Student, Center for the Study of Contemporary Chinese Consciousness, East China Normal University, Shanghai

March – June 2008

LANGUAGES

Advanced reading, Modern and Literary Chinese
Intermediate speaking, Mandarin Chinese