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EMPLOYMENT

Colorado College, History Department, September 2004 – Present

Assistant Professor, 2005 – Present
Instructor, 2004-2005

EDUCATION

PhD **University of California, Berkeley**
History, 2005.

Fraud and Inquest in Jiangnan: The Politics of Examination in Early Qing China
Frederic Wakeman, Jr. (Chair), Wen-hsin Yeh, and Xin Liu

A study of the political culture of Qing China using a civil service examination scandal as a point of departure for examining the relationship between ethnic tension, social mobility and corruption in the early eighteenth century. Resisting the impulse to concentrate solely on Manchu, Han or courtly elements of the state, this dissertation focuses instead on the complex interface between them to argue that the consolidation of Qing rule was predicated on keeping their competing political interests in equilibrium.

Examination Fields: China, United States, Chinese Vernacular Literature

AM **Harvard University**
Regional Studies East Asia, May 1993.

Venture Lost: Occidental Petroleum and the Antibao Project
William C. Kirby

BA **Indiana University**
History, East Asian Languages & Literature, Phi Beta Kappa, May 1990.

PUBLICATIONS

“Making History with Digital Video: Student Documentaries from Photo to Film.” *AsiaNetwork Exchange*, forthcoming.

“The Treaty of Nanjing.” In *Europe 1789-1914: Encyclopedia of the Age of Industry and Empire*, edited by John Merriman and Jay Winter. Detroit: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2006.

Review of *Zhejiang sheng Pan'an xian Shenze cun di lianhuo yishi* (The Refining Fire Ritual of Shenze Village, Pan'an County, Zhejiang Province); *Zhejiang sheng Pan'an xian Yangtuo cun di Xifangle* (The Western Paradise of Yangtuo Village, Pan'an County, Zhejiang Province), *Journal of Asian Studies* 56, no. 1 (Feb. 1997), 196-198.

PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

- June 2006 “Making History with Digital Video: Student Documentaries from Photo to Film.” *Paper presented at ACM Conference “Introducing the New Generation of Students to Academic Inquiry,” Macalester College, St. Paul MN. 20 June.* (<http://www.macalester.edu/library/acm2006/>)
- May 2006 “Toward an Archeology of Superstition: Imagining the Red Spears in Republican China.” *Paper presented at Conference to Honor Frederick Wakeman, Jr., Center for Chinese Studies, University of California, Berkeley. 6 May.*
- April 2006 “Documenting 20th Century China.” *Paper presented at the plenary session of annual conference of Asia Network, Lisle IL. 22 April.* (
- October 2005 “ ‘Attacking Queshan’: Popular Culture and the Making of a Revolutionary Tradition in Twentieth Century China.” *Paper presented at the Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Denver. 30 September.*
- August 2005 “Revisiting the 1949 Revolution: New Understandings of Chinese Communism.” *Panel Discussant, International Conference of Asian Scholars, Shanghai. 22 August.*
- March 2004 “Gentlemen at the Gates: The Role of the Provincial Examination in the Early Qing.” *Paper presented at the 2004 Association for Asian Studies Conference, San Diego.*
- October 2003 “Fraud and Effacement in the Examination Hall: Identity and Authenticity in the Reproduction of the Qing Political Order.” *Paper presented at the Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Tempe.*
- March 2003 “The Rules of the Game: The bureaucratic theory and political practice of impeachment during the Qing dynasty.” *Paper presented at the 2003 Association for Asian Studies Conference, New York.*
- “The Functions of Malfunction: Modalities of Corruption in Qing Bureaucratic Culture.”
Panel Organized for the 2003 Association for Asian Studies Conference, New York.
- November 2002 Jonathan Spence: “Are Humans Enough, Or Must We Have More?”

Panelist, UC Berkeley History Colloquium Series, Co-sponsored by the Center for Chinese Studies.

April 2000 “Dissertation Research in China: An Information Session for Historians.”
Panelist, Institute of East Asian Studies, UC Berkeley.

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

Institute of East Asian Studies Fellowship, UC Berkeley, 2003-2004.

Leo Lowenthal Memorial Prize, UC Berkeley, 2003.

Phi Beta Kappa Northern California Association Dissertation Fellowship, 2000.

Institute for East Asian Studies Haas East Asian Studies Fellowship, 1999-2000.

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship, 1998 [Declined].

UCB History Department Block Grant-Traveling Fellowship, 1998-99.

Center for Chinese Studies Summer Travel Grant, 1998.

Humanities and Social Science Research Grant, Spring 1998.

Center for Chinese Studies Joseph R. Levenson Award, 1996-97.

Mellon Foundation Dissertation Prospectus Fellowship, 1996.

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, 1996; 1998.

Foreign Language Area Scholarship, 1994-95.

Graduated Phi Beta Kappa with Distinction, Indiana University, 1990.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

CHINA'S NINETEENTH CENTURY CATAclysm: THE TAIPING REBELLION

Department of History, UC Berkeley

Spring 1998. Upper Division; designed course readings and discussions to use the historiography of Taiping rebellion as a case study for the production of research in Asian history; advised students on the preparation and composition of their senior history theses.

Graduate Student Instructor

SURVEY OF WORLD HISTORY

International and Area Studies Department, UC Berkeley

Spring and Fall 2002, Spring 2001, Fall 2000. Also gave Asia lectures; created section website (<http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~ias45/Tuesday/>).

INTRODUCTION TO CHINESE HISTORY

Department of History, UC Berkeley
Spring and Fall 1997. Delivered lecture on Taiping Rebellion (1850-1865). Won Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award for fall term.

TRADITIONAL CULTURES OF ASIA
International and Area Studies Department, UC Berkeley
Spring 1996, Fall 1995. Won Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award for fall term.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Affiliate

INSTITUTE FOR QING RESEARCH, PEOPLE'S UNIVERSITY, BEIJING, PRC
Conducted dissertation research at China No. 1 Historical Archives. May 1998- August 2000.

Graduate Research Assistant

PROFESSOR FREDERIC WAKEMAN, CENTER FOR CHINESE STUDIES, U.C. BERKELEY
Examined Office of Strategic Services Microfilms of William Donovan Papers for project resulting in *Spymaster: Dai Li and the Chinese Secret Service* (Berkeley, 2003). May 1995 - May 1996.

Curatorial Assistant

HARVARD UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES
Processed and prepared finder's aid for archival document collection of African-American Politician/Journalist Roscoe C. Simmons. November 1993 - June 1994.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

18th Century Qing Political Culture
Manchu Aristocratic Politics and the Yongzheng Succession
Popular Religion and Peasant Militias in 20th Century China
China, the Columbian Exchange, and the Pacific Rim

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Member, American Historical Association
Member, Association for Asian Studies

REFERENCES

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