




Matthew Sommer

Professor of History

 Curriculum Vitae available Online

Bio

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, History

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, (1994-2000)
- Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, (2000-2002)
- Visiting Associate Professor of History, Swarthmore College, (2001-2001)
- Associate Professor, Department of History, Stanford University, (2002- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- High Honors, Swarthmore College (1983)
- Honor, Phi Beta Kappa (1983)
- National Resource Fellowship (Japanese), University of Washington (1986)
- Jackson Fellowship, University of Washington (1985-1987)
- National Resource Fellowship (Chinese), UCLA (1990-1991)
- Chancellor's Fellowship, UCLA (1989-1993)
- Research Fellowship for China, Committee for Scholarly Communication with China (1991-1992)
- Laffin Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA (1992-1993)
- Writing Fellowship, Center for Chinese Studies, UCLA (1994)
- Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies/Social Science Research Council (1997-1998)
- M.A. (Honorary), School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania (2000)
- Yalom and Litt Awards for Faculty Research, Clayman Institute for Gender Research, Stanford University (2006)
- Ellen Andrews Wright Faculty Fellow, Stanford Humanities Center (2006-2007)
- Young Faculty Career Development Award, School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University (2007)
- FCC Award for the Most Expletives in One Tuesday Talk, Stanford Humanities Center (2007)
- Gordon and Dailey Pattee Faculty Fellowship, Stanford University (2008)
- Invited Guest Scholar, Hurst Summer Institute in Legal History, University of Wisconsin (June 2009)
- Invited Visiting Scholar, Institute for Population and Development Studies, Xi'an Jiaotong University (July 2010)
- Faculty Fellow, Clayman Institute for Gender Research, Stanford University (2010-2011)

- Faculty Fellow, Stanford Humanities Center (2013-2014)
- Visiting Scholar in Gender and History, University of Connecticut (March 2014)
- Faculty Fellowship, Stanford Center at Peking University (March 2014)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Application Referee, American Philosophical Society
- Application Referee, National Humanities Center
- Application Referee, SSRC International Dissertation Field Research Fellowships
- Application Referee, Stanford Humanities Center
- Application Referee, Freeman-Spogli Institute for International Studies (Stanford)
- Application Referee, Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowships
- Chair or member, History Department and Anthropological Sciences Department faculty reappointment committees, Stanford University
- Manuscript Referee, East Asian History
- Manuscript Referee, Oxford University Press
- Manuscript Referee, Journal of Asian Studies
- Manuscript Referee, Intersections: Gender, History and Culture in the Asian Context
- Manuscript Referee, Late Imperial China
- Manuscript Referee, Routledge
- Manuscript Referee, Modern China
- Manuscript Referee, Cambridge University Press
- Manuscript Referee, Law and History Review
- Manuscript Referee, American Historical Review
- Manuscript Referee, Journal of Women's History
- Member, Post-doctoral Selection Committees, Center for East Asian Studies and Center for Korean Studies, Stanford University
- Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, Stanford University
- Member, Faculty Appointments Committee, Stanford University
- Member, Policy Committee, History Department, Stanford University
- Tenure/Promotion Reviewer, UC San Diego
- Tenure/Promotion Reviewer, Columbia University
- Tenure/Promotion Reviewer, Drake University
- Tenure/Promotion Reviewer, Stanford University
- Tenure/Promotion Reviewer, UC Santa Cruz
- Tenure/Promotion Reviewer, University of Hawai'i
- Tenure/Promotion Reviewer, Boston College
- Tenure/Promotion Reviewer, University of Pennsylvania
- Tenure/Promotion Reviewer, Northwestern University
- Tenure/Promotion Reviewer, UCLA
- Tenure/Promotion Reviewer, California State University at Long Beach
- Tenure/Promotion Reviewer, University of Utah
- Tenure/Promotion Reviewer, Brown University

- Tenure/Promotion Reviewer, Dickinson College
- Tenure/Promotion Reviewer, Harvard University
- Chair, Jun Uchida tenure committee, Stanford University (2012 - 2013)
- Chair, Thomas Mullaney tenure committee, Stanford University (2012 - 2012)
- Editorial Board, *Frontiers of History in China* (2010 - present)
- Chair, China and Inner Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies (2010 - 2011)
- External Honors Examiner in Chinese History, Swarthmore College (2010 - 2010)
- Head Honors Examiner, Swarthmore College (2010 - 2010)
- Member, Program Subcommittee (Politics and the State), 2011 Berkshire Conference on the History of Women (2010 - 2010)
- Elected Member, China and Inner Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies (2009 - 2012)
- Chair, C-Lib Subcommittee on the Future of Stanford's Libraries (2009 - 2010)
- Member, Oversight Committee, Bing Overseas Studies Program, Stanford University (2009 - 2010)
- Vice-Chair, China and Inner Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies (2009 - 2010)
- External Honors Examiner in Chinese History, Swarthmore College (2009 - 2009)
- Director of Honors and Research, History Department, Stanford University (2008 - 2012)
- Elected Member, Senate of the Academic Council, Stanford University (2008 - 2010)
- Member, Steering Committee, Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University (2008 - 2009)
- Member, C-Lib Subcommittee on Digital Information Technologies in the Research Library Environment at Stanford University (2008 - 2008)
- Member, Committee on Libraries, Stanford University (2007 - 2010)
- Member, Faculty Research Grants Committee, Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University (2007 - 2008)
- External Honors Examiner in Chinese History, Swarthmore College (2007 - 2007)
- Head Honors Examiner, Swarthmore College (2007 - 2007)
- Chair, Library Committee, Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University (2006 - 2006)
- External Honors Examiner in Chinese History, Swarthmore College (2006 - 2006)
- Chair, Modern Chinese History search committee, Stanford University (2005 - 2006)
- Member, Modern Korean History search committee, Stanford University (2005 - 2006)
- Member, Chinese bibliographer search committee, East Asia Library, Stanford University (2005 - 2006)
- Member, Modern Japanese History search committee, Stanford University (2004 - 2005)
- Member, Korean Social Sciences interdepartmental search committee, Stanford University (2004 - 2005)
- External Honors Examiner in Chinese History, Swarthmore College (2004 - 2004)
- Head Honors Examiner, Swarthmore College (2004 - 2004)
- Designated Mentor for Selected Junior Faculty, History Department, Stanford University (2003 - 2006)
- Chair, Modern Chinese History search committee, Stanford University (2003 - 2004)
- Member, Chinese Literature search Committee, Asian Languages Department, Stanford University (2003 - 2004)
- External Honors Examiner in Chinese History, Swarthmore College (2003 - 2003)
- Member, Steering Committee, Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University (2002 - 2006)
- Member, Judicial Affairs Panel Pool, School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University (2002 - 2006)
- Editorial Board, *Modern China* (2000 - present)
- External Honors Examiner in Chinese History, Swarthmore College (1996 - 1996)

- Member, Search Committees for International Relations and Asian-American History, History Department, University of Pennsylvania (1995 - 2002)
- Member, Executive Committee, Center for East Asian Studies, University of Pennsylvania (1995 - 2002)
- Member, Curriculum Committee, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania (1995 - 2002)
- Member, Search Committees for Early Chinese Thought and Chinese Literature, Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Pennsylvania (1995 - 2002)
- Member, Executive Committee, History Department, University of Pennsylvania (1995 - 2002)
- External Honors Examiner in Chinese History, Swarthmore College (1995 - 1995)

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles , History (1994)
- M.A., University of Washington , International Studies: China (1987)
- B.A., Swarthmore College , Political Science (1983)

Teaching

COURSES

2019-20

- Frontier Expansion and Ethnic Statecraft in the Qing Empire: CHINA 393, HISTORY 393 (Aut)
- Gender and Sexuality in Chinese History: CHINA 395, FEMGEN 395J, HISTORY 395J (Spr)

2018-19

- Law and Society in Late Imperial China: HISTORY 392B (Win)
- Law and Society in Late Imperial China: LAW 5031 (Win)
- Qing Legal Documents: CHINA 495A (Win)
- Qing Legal Documents: CHINA 495B (Spr)
- Qing Legal Documents: HISTORY 495A (Win)
- Qing Legal Documents: HISTORY 495B (Spr)
- Qing Legal Documents: LAW 5037 (Win)
- State, Society, and Economy in Qing Dynasty China: CHINA 393A, HISTORY 393A (Aut)

2017-18

- The Chinese Empire from the Mongol Invasion to the Boxer Uprising: CHINA 183 (Spr)
- The Chinese Empire from the Mongol Invasion to the Boxer Uprising: CHINA 383C (Spr)
- The Chinese Empire from the Mongol Invasion to the Boxer Uprising: CHINA 93 (Spr)
- The Chinese Empire from the Mongol Invasion to the Boxer Uprising: FEMGEN 193 (Spr)
- The Chinese Empire from the Mongol Invasion to the Boxer Uprising: FEMGEN 93 (Spr)
- The Chinese Empire from the Mongol Invasion to the Boxer Uprising: HISTORY 193 (Spr)
- The Chinese Empire from the Mongol Invasion to the Boxer Uprising: HISTORY 393C (Spr)
- The Chinese Empire from the Mongol Invasion to the Boxer Uprising: HISTORY 93 (Spr)
- Transhistory: Gender Diversity from Medieval to Modern: FEMGEN 3B, HISTORY 3B (Spr)

2016-17

- Graduate Workshop: Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies: EDUC 370, FEMGEN 299 (Aut)
- Late Imperial China: CHINA 93, FEMGEN 93 (Spr)
- Late Imperial China: HISTORY 193 (Spr)
- Late Imperial China: HISTORY 393C (Spr)
- Late Imperial China: HISTORY 93 (Spr)
- Law and Society in Late Imperial China: CHINA 392B, HISTORY 392B (Aut)
- Law and Society in Late Imperial China: LAW 5031 (Aut)
- Qing Legal Documents: CHINA 495A, HISTORY 495A (Win)
- Qing Legal Documents: HISTORY 495B (Spr)
- Qing Legal Documents: LAW 5037 (Win)
- Queer History in Comparative Perspective: FEMGEN 293B, FEMGEN 393B, HISTORY 293B, HISTORY 393B (Win)
- Trans History: The Long View: FEMGEN 3B, HISTORY 3B (Spr)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Madihah Akhter, Riley Brett-Roche, Elise Huerta, Yunxin Li

Orals Evaluator

Yunxin Li

Doctoral (Program)

Luther Cenci, Peter Hick, Preetam Prakash

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **The Gendered Body in the Qing Courtroom** *JOURNAL OF THE HISTORY OF SEXUALITY*
Sommer, M. H.
2013; 22 (2): 281-311
- **The Field of Qing Legal History** *A Scholarly Review of Chinese Studies in North America*
Sommer, M.
edited by Zhang, H.
Association for Asian Studies.2013: 113–132
- **Scandal in the Garden: The Story of the Stone as a 'Licentious Novel'** *Approaches to Teaching The Story of the Stone (Dream of the Red Chamber)*
Sommer, M.
edited by Schonebaum, A., Lu, T.
Modern Language Association of America.2012: 186–207
- **Obsession: Male Same-Sex Relations in China, 1900-1950 (Review)** *Journal of Asian Studies*
Sommer, M.
2012; 71 (1): 212-213
- **Foreword** *Selling Women: Prostitution, Markets, and the Household in Early Modern Japan*
Sommer, M.
edited by Stanley, A.
University of California Press.2012: xi-xvi
- **Abortion in Late Imperial China: Routine Birth Control of Crisis Intervention?** *Rural China: An International Journal of History and Social Science*

- Sommer, M., Translated by Zhang, Y.
2011; 9: 1-52
- **ABORTION IN LATE IMPERIAL CHINA: ROUTINE BIRTH CONTROL OR CRISIS INTERVENTION?** *LATE IMPERIAL CHINA*
Sommer, M. H.
2010; 31 (2): 97-165
 - **Death by a Thousand Cuts (Review)** *Social History*
Sommer, M.
2010; 35 (2): 204-206
 - **The Field of Qing Legal History in North America** *Chinese Studies in North America: Research, Teaching, and Resources*
Sommer, M., Translated by Xue, Z.
edited by Zhang, H.
Zhonghua Shuju.2010: 244–266
 - **The Adjudication of Wife-Selling in Qing County Courts: 272 Cases from Ba, Nanbu, and Baodi Counties** *Power and Culture in Ming-Qing Law*
Sommer, M., Translated by Lin, W.
edited by Qiu, P., Chen, X.
Lianjing Chuban Gongsi.2009: 345–396
 - **Sex Work: Polyandry as a Survival Strategy in the Qing Dynasty** *Research from Archival Case Records: Law, Society and Culture in China, Past and Present*
Sommer, M.
edited by Huang, P. C., You, C.
Falü Chubanshe.2009: 111–139
 - **Public Passions: The Trial of Shi Jianqiao and the Rise of Popular Sympathy in Republican China (Review)** *Law and History Review*
Sommer, M.
2008; 26 (3): 741-743
 - **Was China part of a global eighteenth-century homosexuality?** *HISTORICAL REFLECTIONS-REFLEXIONS HISTORIQUES*
Sommer, M. H.
2007; 33 (1): 117-133
 - **The Construction of Gender in Qing Dynasty Law** *The Comparative Legal History of Gender*
Sommer, M., Translated by Karasawa, Y.
edited by Mitsunari, M.
Osaka University Press.2006: 272–301
 - **Qing county archives in Sichuan: An update from the field** *LATE IMPERIAL CHINA*
Karasawa, Y., Reed, B. W., Sommer, M. H.
2005; 26 (2): 114-128
 - **Homoerotic sensibilities in late imperial China. (Book Review)** *JOURNAL OF ASIAN STUDIES*
Book Review Authored by: Sommer, M. H.
2005; 64 (4): 1017-1019
 - **Sex Work: Polyandry as a Survival Strategy in the Qing Dynasty** *New Social History*
Sommer, M., Translated by Li, X.
2005; 2: 236-262
 - **Making Sex Work: Polyandry as a Survival Strategy in Qing Dynasty China** *Gender in Motion: Divisions of Labor and Cultural Change in Late Imperial and Modern China*
Sommer, M.
edited by Goodman, B., Larson, W.
Rowman and Littlefield.2005: 29–54
 - **Dangerous Males, Vulnerable Males, and Polluted Males: The Regulation of Masculinity in Qing Dynasty Law** *Chinese Femininities/Chinese Masculinities: A Reader*
Sommer, M.

edited by Brownell, S., Wasserstrom, J.
University of California Press.2002: 67–88

- **A flourishing yin: Gender in China's medical history, 960-1665 (Book Review)** *HARVARD JOURNAL OF ASIATIC STUDIES*
Book Review Authored by: Sommer, M. H.
2001; 61 (1): 273-279
- **Social power and legal culture: Litigation masters in late imperial China. (Book Review)** *JOURNAL OF ASIAN STUDIES*
Book Review Authored by: Sommer, M. H.
2000; 59 (1): 158-159
- **The penetrated male in late imperial China - Judicial constructions and social stigma** *1993 Conference on Code and Practice in Qing and Republican China*
Sommer, M. H.
SAGE PUBLICATIONS INC.1997: 140–80
- **Prostitution in Late Imperial Chinese Law: The Eighteenth-Century Shift Away from Status Performance** *China — Society and Culture*
Sommer, M., Translated by Terada, H.
1997; 12 (June): 294-328
- **The uses of chastity: Sex, law, and the property of widows in Qing China** *LATE IMPERIAL CHINA*
Sommer, M. H.
1996; 17 (2): 77-130
- **Legislation Related to the Civil Economy in the Qing Dynasty** *Civil Law in Qing and Republican China*
Jing, J., Translated by Sommer, M.
edited by Bernhardt, K., Huang, P.
Stanford University Press.1994: 42–84