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*Curriculum Vitae*

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:**

2021-present: Bowman Family Professor of History, Stanford University

2015-present: Professor, Department of History, Stanford University

2017-20: Department Chair

2015-17: Department Vice-Chair

2002-15: Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of History, Stanford University

2001 (fall semester): Visiting Associate Professor of History, Swarthmore College

2000-02: Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of History, University of Pennsylvania

1994-2000: Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania

**EDUCATION:**

1994 Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles (History)

Dissertation: *Sex, Law, and Society in Late Imperial China*

Advisor: Philip C. C. Huang 黃宗智

1987 M.A., University of Washington (International Studies: China)

1983 B.A. (High Honors), Swarthmore College

**BOOKS:**

*Polyandry and Wife-Selling in Qing Dynasty China: Survival Strategies and Judicial Interventions*, University of California Press, 2015.

\*Inaugural winner of the Peter Gonville Stein Book Award (for the best book in non-US legal history published in 2015-16), American Society for Legal History.

\**Choice Magazine* outstanding academic title.

*Sex, Law, and Society in Late Imperial China*, Stanford University Press, 2000;

paperback, 2002; Chinese translation forthcoming (2021), Ainosco Press, Taiwan.

**REFEREED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS:**

Forthcoming (2021): "How Sexual Acts Articulate Norms and Hierarchies in *Plum in the Golden Vase*," in Andrew Schonebaum, ed., *Approaches to Teaching Plum in the Golden Vase (The Golden Lotus)*, Modern Language Association of America.

Forthcoming (2021): "清代法庭中的性别与身体" (The Gendered Body in the Qing Courtroom, trans. by Jing Fenghua 景风华), in 黃宗智 (Philip C. C. Huang), ed., 《实践法史与法理：综合中西的研究》 (*The Study of Legal Practice and Theory: Syncretizing East and West*), Guangxi Normal University Press.

2020: "Legal Understandings of Sexual and Domestic Violence in China," in Robert Antony et al., eds., *The Cambridge World History of Violence, Volume 3 – AD 1500-AD 1800*, Cambridge University Press, pp. 219-235.

2020: "Some Problems with Corpses: Standards of Validity in Qing Homicide Cases," in Martin Hoffman et al., eds., *Powerful Arguments: Standards of Validity in Late Imperial China*, Brill, pp. 431-470.

- 2013: “The Gendered Body in the Qing Courtroom,” *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, 22: 2 [special issue: *Sexuality in Imperial China*], pp. 281-311.
- 2012: “Scandal in the Garden: *The Story of the Stone* as a ‘Licentious Novel’,” in Andrew Schonebaum and Tina Lu, eds., *Approaches to Teaching The Story of the Stone (Dream of the Red Chamber)*, Modern Language Association of America, pp. 186-207.
- 2011: “墮胎在明清时期的中国：日常避孕抑或应急性措施？” (Abortion in Late Imperial China: Routine Birth Control or Crisis Intervention? trans. by Zhang Yu 张宇), 《中国乡村研究》 (*Rural China: An International Journal of History and Social Science*), 9, pp. 1-52.
- 2010: “Abortion in Late Imperial China: Routine Birth Control or Crisis Intervention?” *Late Imperial China*, 31: 2, pp. 97-165; reprinted 2014 in Philip C. C. Huang and Kathryn Bernhardt, eds., *Research from Archival Case Records: Law, Society, and Culture in China*, E. J. Brill, pp. 119-190.
- 2009: “清代縣衙的賣妻案件審判：以 272 件巴縣、南部與寶坻縣案子為例證” (The Adjudication of Wife-Selling in Qing County Courts: 272 Cases from Ba, Nanbu, and Baodi Counties, trans. by Lin Wenkai 林文凱), in Qiu Pengsheng 邱澎生 and Chen Xiyuan 陳熙遠, eds., 《明清法律運作中的權利與文化》 (*Power and Culture in Ming-Qing Law*), Lianjing Chuban Gongsi, pp. 345-396.
- 2007: “Was China Part of a Global Eighteenth-Century Homosexuality?” *Historical Reflections/Réflexions Historiques* [special issue: *Eighteenth-Century Homosexuality in Global Perspective*], 33: 1, pp. 117-133.
- 2006: “清代法におけるジェンダーの構築” (The Construction of Gender in Qing Dynasty Law, trans. by Karasawa Yasuhiko 唐澤靖彦), in Mitsunari Miho 三成美保, ed., 《ジェンダーの比較法史学》 (*The Comparative Legal History of Gender*), Osaka University Press, pp. 272-301.
- 2005: “性工作：作为生存策略的清代一妻多夫现象” (Sex Work: Polyandry as a Survival Strategy in the Qing Dynasty, trans. by Li Xia 李霞), 《新社会史》 (*New Social History*), special issue on 身体·心性·权力 (Body, Consciousness, Power), 2, pp. 236-262; reprinted (with revisions) 2009, in 黄宗智 (Philip C. C. Huang) and 尤陈俊 (You Chenjun), eds., 《从诉讼档案出发：中国的法律、社会与文化》 (*Research from Archival Case Records: Law, Society and Culture in China, Past and Present*), Falü Chubanshe, pp. 111-139.
- 2005: “Making Sex Work: Polyandry as a Survival Strategy in Qing Dynasty China,” in Bryna Goodman and Wendy Larson, eds., *Gender in Motion: Divisions of Labor and Cultural Change in Late Imperial and Modern China*, Rowman and Littlefield, pp. 29-54.
- 2002: “Dangerous Males, Vulnerable Males, and Polluted Males: The Regulation of Masculinity in Qing Dynasty Law,” in Susan Brownell and Jeffrey Wasserstrom, eds., *Chinese Femininities/Chinese Masculinities: A Reader*, University of California Press, pp. 67-88.
- 1997: “晚期帝制中国法における売春——十八世紀における身分パフォーマンスからの離脱” (Prostitution in Late Imperial Chinese Law: The Eighteenth-Century

- Shift Away from Status Performance, trans. by Terada Hiroaki 寺田浩明), 《中国—社会と文化》 (*China – Society and Culture*), 12, pp. 294-328.
- 1997: “The Penetrated Male in Late Imperial China: Judicial Constructions and Social Stigma,” *Modern China*, 23: 2, pp. 140-180.
- 1996: “The Uses of Chastity: Sex, Law, and the Property of Widows in Qing China,” *Late Imperial China*, 17: 2, pp. 77-130.

#### **BOOK REVIEWS:**

- 2021: Review of Ting Zhang, *Circulating the Code: Print Media and Legal Knowledge in Qing China*, in *Journal of Asian Studies*, 80: 1, pp. 185-187.
- 2018: Review of He Jiahong, *Back from the Dead: Wrongful Convictions and Criminal Justice in China*, in *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*, 78: 1, pp. 221-224.
- 2017: Review of Ying Zhang, *Confucian Image Politics: Masculine Morality in Seventeenth-Century China*, in *China Review International*, 22: 3 & 4, pp. 248-250. [NB: nominal date of volume is 2015]
- 2017: Review of Mark McNicholas, *Forgery and Impersonation in Imperial China: Popular Deceptions and the High Qing State*, in *Law and History Review*, 35: 2, pp. 547-549.
- 2015: “What Does It Mean to be a Man in China?” (review article on Chinese masculinity), in *Cross-Currents: East Asian History and Culture Review*, E-Journal No. 16, pp. 190-199.
- 2015: Review of Elizabeth Remick, *Regulating Prostitution in China: Gender and Local Statebuilding, 1900-1937*, in *American Historical Review*, 120: 2, pp. 596-597.
- 2012: Review of Wenqing Kang, *Obsession: Male Same-Sex Relations in China, 1900-1950*, in *Journal of Asian Studies*, 71: 1, pp. 212-213.
- 2010: Review of Timothy Brook et al., *Death by a Thousand Cuts*, in *Social History*, 35: 2, pp. 204-206.
- 2008: Review of Eugenia Lean, *Public Passions: The Trial of Shi Jianqiao and the Rise of Popular Sympathy in Republican China*, in *Law and History Review*, 26: 3, pp. 741-743.
- 2005: Review of Wu Cuncun, *Homoerotic Sensibilities in Late Imperial China*, in *Journal of Asian Studies*, 64: 4, pp. 1017-1019.
- 2001: Review of Charlotte Furth, *A Flourishing Yin: Gender in China’s Medical History, 960-1665*, in *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*, 61: 1, pp. 273-279.
- 2000: Review of Melissa Macauley, *Social Power and Legal Culture: Litigation Masters in Late Imperial China*, in *Journal of Asian Studies*, 59: 1, pp. 158-159.

#### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS:**

- 2013: “The Field of Qing Legal History,” in Zhang Haihui et al., eds., *A Scholarly Review of Chinese Studies in North America*, Association for Asian Studies [open access e-book], pp. 113-132.
- 2012: Foreword to Amy Stanley, *Selling Women: Prostitution, Markets, and the Household in Early Modern Japan*, University of California Press, pp. xi-xvi.
- 2010: “北美清代法制史研究” (The Field of Qing Legal History in North America, trans. by Xue Zhaohui 薛昭慧), in Zhang Haihui 张海惠 et al., eds., 北美中国研究 –

- 概述、教学及文献资源 (*Chinese Studies in North America: Research, Teaching and Resources*), Zhonghua Shuju, pp. 244-266.
- 2005: “Qing County Archives in Sichuan: An Update from the Field,” with Karasawa Yasuhiko and Bradly Reed, *Late Imperial China*, 26: 2 (December), pp. 114-128.
- 1994: Translation (from Chinese) of Jing Junjian, “Legislation Related to the Civil Economy in the Qing Dynasty,” in Kathryn Bernhardt and Philip Huang, eds., *Civil Law in Qing and Republican China*, Stanford: Stanford University Press, pp. 42-84.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS:**

### **A. Books**

- Transgender in Imperial China: Case Studies from the Qing Archives* (manuscript 60% completed).
- Male Same-Sex Relations and Masculinity in Qing Dynasty China* (long-term project based on 1800+ legal cases already collected).
- Criminal Procedure in Eighteenth-Century China: The Qing Judiciary in Action* (long-term project based on archival material already collected).

### **B. Working Papers**

- “The Persecution of M-F Crossing in Qing Dynasty China” (draft completed)
- “Sexual Exploitation of Actors and Servants by Qing Elites” (draft completed).
- “An Informal Death Penalty at the Ba County Jail? Magisterial Discretion and Criminal Procedure at the Grassroots in Qing Dynasty China” (draft completed).

## **COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH:**

- Stanford’s Cangdong Village Archaeology Project (2013-19): with PI Barbara Voss, helped plan and lead five research trips to Guangdong; helped negotiate terms of access and excavation with Chinese authorities; participated in excavation of test pits and processing of artifacts; served as interpreter on multiple occasions.
- Stanford’s Chinese Railroad Workers in North America Project (2013-20), faculty affiliate.

## **CONFERENCES & SPEAKER SERIES ORGANIZED:**

- “**Queer Horizons**” (faculty adviser and speaker for undergraduate conference organized by my advisees Janani Balasubramanian and Charles Syms IV), Stanford Humanities Center, April 2011.
- “**Gender Bias in the Past and Future of Asia**,” a John Sawyer Seminar sponsored by the Andrew M. Mellon Foundation (with Melissa Brown and Marcus Feldman), Stanford Humanities Center, 2010-11.
- “**Same-Sex Desire and Union in China: Interdisciplinary and Historical Perspectives**,” an international conference at the Stanford Humanities Center, May 2008.
- “**New Directions in Modern Chinese History**,” colloquium series sponsored by Stanford University’s History Department and Center for East Asian Studies, Fall 2003.

**“Reading Eighteenth-Century China through *Dream of the Red Chamber*”** (with Tina Lu), an international conference of historians and literary scholars at the University of Pennsylvania, April 2001.

**GRANTS AND HONORS:**

- 2021-22 Faculty Research Fellow, Clayman Institute for Gender Research, Stanford University
- 2020-21 Enhanced Sabbatical Fellowship, School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University
- 2018 Faculty Research Fellowship for China, Freeman-Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University
- 2017 Peter Gonville Stein Book Award (inaugural winner, best book in non-US legal history published in 2015-16), American Society for Legal History (for *Polyandry and Wife-Selling in Qing Dynasty China*)
- 2016 *Choice Magazine* Outstanding Academic Title (for *Polyandry and Wife-Selling in Qing Dynasty China*)
- July 2016 Invited Visiting Scholar, Institute for Modern History, Academia Sinica (three public lectures in Chinese)
- 2016 Faculty Research Fellowship for China, Freeman-Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University (with Barbara Voss)
- 2015 Faculty Research Fellowship for China, Freeman-Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University
- 2014 Faculty Fellowship, Stanford Center at Peking University
- March 2014 Invited Visiting Scholar in Gender and History, University of Connecticut (one public lecture, one seminar on research, mentoring meetings)
- 2013-14 Faculty Fellow, Stanford Humanities Center
- 2010-11 Faculty Research Fellow, Clayman Institute for Gender Research, Stanford University
- July 2010 Invited Visiting Scholar, Institute for Population and Development Studies, Xi’an Jiaotong University (two public lectures in Chinese; mentored faculty and students on use of historical sources)
- June 2009 Invited Guest Scholar, Hurst Summer Institute in Legal History, University of Wisconsin (led a day-long seminar on my research)
- 2009-11 Grant from the Andrew M. Mellon Foundation (\$150,000) to support Sawyer Seminar on “Gender Bias in the Past and Future of Asia” (with Melissa Brown and Marcus Feldman)
- 2007-10 Presidential Fund for Innovation in International Studies (Stanford University), Research Fellowship (\$300,000) for “Female Deficit and Social Stability in China: Implications for International Security” (with Melissa Brown, Marcus Feldman, and Li Shuzhuo)
- 2008 Gordon and Dailey Pattee Faculty Fellowship to recognize outstanding faculty in the humanities and social sciences (Stanford University)
- 2008 Various grants for conference on “Same-Sex Desire and Union in China,” Stanford University (intramural sources, total \$31,000)
- 2007-08 UPS Endowment (Stanford University), Faculty Research Fellowship (\$49,600), to take Ph.D. students to China in two consecutive

summers for onsite training in archival research  
 2006-08 Japanese Government Fellowship for Scientific Research (科学研究補助  
 金, ¥ 11 million), awarded to a five-member team led by Karasawa  
 Yasuhiko, to study the Qing archive of Nanbu County, Sichuan  
 2007 Faculty Grant in Chinese Studies, Freeman-Spogli Institute for  
 International Studies, Stanford University (summer salary)  
 2007 Young Faculty Career Development Award, School of Humanities and  
 Sciences  
 2006-07 Ellen Andrews Wright Faculty Fellow, Stanford Humanities Center  
 2006-07 ACLS International and Area Studies Fellowship (\$40,000)  
 2006-07 Faculty Research Grants, Center for East Asian Studies and School of  
 Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University (for Chinese  
 translation of my first book)  
 2006 Yalom and Litt Awards for Faculty Research, Clayman Institute for  
 Gender Research, Stanford University  
 2001 Research Travel Grant, Center for East Asian Studies, Univ. of  
 Pennsylvania  
 2000 M.A. (honorary), School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania  
 (awarded upon promotion to tenure)  
 2000 Research Travel Grant, American Philosophical Society  
 2000 Type-C International Research Grant, Faculty Research Foundation, Univ.  
 of Pennsylvania  
 1999 Various grants for conference on “Reading Eighteenth-Century China  
 through *Dream of the Red Chamber*” (with Tina Lu), Univ. of  
 Pennsylvania (intramural sources, total \$15,000)  
 1999 Curriculum Development Grant, Women’s Studies Program, Univ. of  
 Pennsylvania  
 1999 Research Fellowship (extra semester of paid leave), University Research  
 Council, Univ. of Pennsylvania  
 1997-98 Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, ACLS/SSRC  
 1996 Type-A Grant, Faculty Research Foundation, Univ. of Pennsylvania  
 1996 Research Travel Grant, American Philosophical Society  
 1994 Writing Fellowship, Center for Chinese Studies, UCLA  
 1992-93 Laffin Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA  
 1991-92 Research Fellowship for China, Committee for Scholarly Communication  
 with China  
 1990-91 National Resource Fellowship (Chinese), UCLA  
 1989-93 Chancellor’s Fellowship, UCLA  
 1986 National Resource Fellowship (Japanese), Univ. of Washington  
 1985-87 Jackson Fellowship, Univ. of Washington  
 1983 Phi Beta Kappa  
 1983 High Honors, Swarthmore College

### **INVITED LECTURES & WORKSHOPS (SELECTED):**

- “The Persecution of M-F Crossing in Qing Dynasty China,” for a workshop on “Acting the Part: Gender and Performance Onstage,” Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, April 2021 (remote).
- “Transgender in Imperial China: Three Qing Case Studies,” Center for Chinese Studies, UC Berkeley, February 2021 (remote).
- “Sexual Exploitation of Actors and Servants by Qing Elites in Legal Cases and in *Dream of the Red Chamber* -- A Dialogue with Tina Lu,” Early Modern Chinese Literature Workshop, University of Chicago, November 2020 (remote).
- “Transgender and Official Panic in Qing Dynasty China,” Symposium on Gender History, Annual Ming-Qing History Summer Conference (明清史夏合宿), Miura, Japan, August 2019.
- “The Traffic in Children in Late Qing and Republican-era Guangdong,” Fifth Annual Conference on Qing China and Inner Asia, Kyoto University, August 2019.
- “清代司法檔案資料” (Qing Legal Case Records), three 60-minute lectures (in Chinese), for Workshop on Manchu and Chinese Documents from the Qing Dynasty, Kyoto University, August 2018 & 2019.
- “Alternative Family Formations in Late Imperial China” (keynote address), conference on “Stepfamilies in the Early Modern World, 1400-1800,” Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, May 2019.
- “Book Talk: Polyandry and Wife Sale in Qing Dynasty China”: History Department and Asian Studies Program, University at Buffalo, May 2019; Inaugural Coughlin Lecture on East Asia, Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia, April 2019; Asian Division, Library of Congress, October 2016; Chinese Gender History Research Group, Tōyō Bunko (The Oriental Library), Tokyo, February 2016 (invited speaker for symposium about my new book); Legal History Seminar, University of Minnesota, Sept. 2015; Ohio State University, for Women's, Gender, and Sexuality History Workshop and Pre-modernist History Workshop, Sept. 2015.
- “Abortion as a Topic for Feminist Historical Research: The Case of China,” University at Buffalo Gender Institute, May 2019.
- “Gender and Sexuality in Late Imperial China,” for Spring School: Remapping Asian Studies, Universidad de Granada (Spain), March 2019.
- Invited speaker for “book launch” celebration of Xiaowei Zheng’s *The Politics of Rights and the 1911 Revolution in China*, History Department, UC Santa Barbra, October 2018.
- “Some Problems with Corpses: Standards of Validity in Qing Homicide Cases,” Modern China Seminar, Columbia University, April 2018.
- “Autopsy and Confession in the Qing Dynasty’s Judicial System,” for workshop on the “Global History of Forensic Medicine,” triennial conference of the International Association of Forensic Sciences, Toronto, August 2017.
- “An Informal Death Penalty at the Ba County Jail,” conference on “The Origins, Application, and Transformation of Chinese Legal Principles,” Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica, July 2017; Yale Legal History Forum, Yale Law School, April 2018.
- “Gender Passing and Official Panic in Qing Dynasty China,” Center for East Asian

- Studies, University of Chicago, May 2017.
- “Cross-dressing and Gender Passing in Qing Dynasty China,” UC Davis, as the annual guest of the Women’s and Gender History Research Cluster, January 2017.
- “The Economics of Wife Sales in Qing Dynasty China,” Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, September 2016.
- “清代中國一妻多夫和賣妻行為” (Polyandry and Wife-Selling in Qing Dynasty China), “清代中國跨性別現象：三個案例” (Transgender in Qing Dynasty China: Three Case Studies), and “如何論証清代的社會行為：以打胎問題為中心” (How to Document Social Practice in the Qing Dynasty: The Case of Abortion), three lectures delivered in Chinese, Institute for Modern History, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, July 2016.
- “The Role of False Accusation in Negotiations after Wife Sales,” Workshop on “False Accusation in Chinese History,” China Centre, Oxford University, May 2016.
- “Qing Dynasty Law and the Illicit Realm of Customary Practice,” Triangle Legal History Seminar, National Humanities Center, April 2016.
- “State and Society in Qing China from the Standpoint of the Ba County Archive,” symposium on “Defining ‘State and Society’ in Qing Dynasty Ba County,” Kyoto University, February 2016.
- “Marriage, Sex Work, and Trafficking: Blurring Normative Boundaries in Late Imperial China,” conference on “Human Trafficking, Labor Migration, and Migration Control in Comparative Historical Perspective,” Pozen Family Center for Human Rights, University of Chicago, October 2015.
- “Cross-Dressing and Gender Passing in Qing Dynasty China: Three Case Studies,” Center for Early Modern History, University of Minnesota, Sept. 2015.
- “Discourses of the ‘Bare Stick’ from the Qing Dynasty to the Present,” delivered in Chinese, Conference on “Sex and Gender in the Chinese Revolution,” East China Normal University, Shanghai, Sept. 2015.
- “Chinese Legal History: The State of the Field,” Conference of the International Society for Chinese Law and History, Fudan University, Shanghai, July 2015 (invited speaker for plenary session).
- “Polyandry and Wife Sale in Qing Dynasty China,” UC Davis, the History Department’s annual Liu Lecture, April 2015 (also conducted a workshop on Qing legal cases).
- “Polyandry and Wife Sale in Qing Dynasty China,” University of Illinois, for “Cultures of Law in Global Contexts” initiative, April 2015.
- “Polyandry and Wife Sale in Qing Dynasty China” and “Abortion in Ming-Qing China,” Tel Aviv University, January 2015 (two separate lectures).
- “Polyandry and Wife Sale in Qing Dynasty China,” Georgetown University, November 2014.
- “‘Unauthorized Private Settlement of Matters of Official Concern’ (私和公事): The Ambiguous Status of Mediation in Qing Law,” delivered in Chinese, Conference on “Law and Social Change in Ming-Qing China,” Chinese University of Hong Kong, September 2014.
- “中国明清时期的墮胎史” (Abortion in Ming-Qing China), delivered in Chinese, Qing History Institute, Renmin University, and Stanford Center at Peking University, September 2014 (two separate lectures).



- “Wife Sales and Land Sales in Late Imperial China,” conference on “Legalism: Rules and Categories,” All Souls College, University of Oxford, May 2014.
- “Male Same-Sex Relations and Masculinity in Eighteenth-Century China,” History Department, University of Connecticut, March 2014 (in my role as Visiting Scholar in Gender and History).
- “Male Same-Sex Relations in Qing Dynasty China,” Chinese Studies Research Group, University of San Francisco, February 2014.
- “Chosen Kinship and Masculinity in Late Imperial China,” conference on “Chinese Masculinities,” University of Hong Kong, November 2013.
- “Some Problems with Corpses: Standards of Validity in Qing Homicide Cases,” conference on “Standards of Validity in Late Imperial China,” Heidelberg University, October 2013.
- “Confusion in the Archive: Sodomy Cases from the Ba County Court,” conference on “Queer Asia as Historical Critique,” University of Warwick, May 2013.
- “Abortion in Late Imperial China: Routine Birth Control or Crisis Intervention?” Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University, April 2010; Morrison Institute for Population and Resource Studies, Stanford University, January 2011; Center for Chinese Studies, UCLA, May 2012.
- “Lillian Li’s Influence on my Teaching and Scholarship,” for symposium on “Unfolding Perspectives on Chinese History and Asian Studies: A Celebration of the Contributions of Lillian M. Li,” Swarthmore College, April 2012.
- “Religion and Politics in the Qing Empire: Heterodoxy, ‘Splittism,’ and Mass Killing,” for conference on “Religion and International Politics” in honor of Daniel Chirot, Jackson School of International Relations, Univ. of Washington, February 2012).
- “The Gendered Body in the Qing Courtroom,” for conference on “Global Perspectives on the History of Chinese Legal Medicine,” University of Michigan, October 2011.
- “Codified Law, Social Reality, and Judicial Practice: The Adjudication of Illegal Wife Sales in Qing County Courts,” Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of Oxford, June 2011.
- “墮胎在明清时期的中国：日常避孕抑或应急性措施？” (Abortion in Late Imperial China: Routine Birth Control or Crisis Intervention?) and “清代民間作為生存策略的賣妻行爲” (Wife Selling as a Survival Strategy in Qing Dynasty China), both lectures delivered in Chinese; Institute for Population and Development, Xi’an Jiaotong University, July 2010.
- “Male Same-Sex Union in Eighteenth-Century China,” University of Minnesota, November 2007.
- “Polyandry, Wife-Selling, and Same-Sex Union in Late Imperial China,” History Department, University of Toronto, April 2007.
- “Wife-Selling in Late Imperial China: Survival Strategies and Judicial Interventions,” Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, January 2007; Cornell University, September 2007; Washington University, St. Louis, April 2009.
- “State and Society in Late Imperial China,” for “Understanding China: A History Institute for Teachers,” a workshop sponsored by the Foreign Policy Research Institute, October 2006.

- “What Made *The Peony Pavilion* so Provocative and Controversial?” for Kunqu Lecture/Demonstration, in conjunction with “Symposium: *The Peony Pavilion* in Context,” UC Berkeley, September 2006.
- “The Adjudication of Wife-Selling in County Courts during the Qing Dynasty: 220 Cases from Ba, Nanbu, and Baodi Counties,” Academia Sinica, Taiwan (invited speaker), October 2005; Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan, March 2006.
- “招夫養夫: 作為生存策略的清代一妻多夫現象” (Getting a Husband to Support a Husband: Polyandry as a Survival Strategy in the Qing Dynasty), delivered in Chinese, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, October 2005.

#### **OTHER PRESENTATIONS:**

- “Sexual Exploitation of Actors and Servants by Qing Elites,” for panel on “People as Commodities among the Early Modern Chinese and in the Qing Empire,” held online, May 2020 [intended for annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Boston, April 2020, that was canceled because of COVID-19].
- “Cross-Dressing and Gender Passing in Qing Dynasty China,” History Department Faculty Seminar, Stanford University, May 2015.
- “Paradigms, Themes, and Questions in the Field of Queer History,” for conference on “Queer Horizons,” Stanford Humanities Center, April 2011.
- “The Social and Economic Logic of Wife-Selling in Qing Dynasty China,” for Sawyer Seminar on “Gender Bias in the Past and Future of Asia,” Stanford Humanities Center, January 2011.
- “Was Abortion Used for Birth Control in Late Imperial China?” History Department Faculty Seminar, Stanford University, November 2009.
- “Chosen Kinship as a Framework for Non-Normative Sexual Alliances in Qing China,” for panel on “The Dialectics of Patriarchy: New Reflections on Gender and Class in Late Imperial China,” sponsored by the Society for Qing Studies, annual conference of the Association for Asian Studies, March 2009.
- “How to Understand the Male Same-Sex Relationships Found in Qing Legal Cases,” conference on “Same-Sex Desire and Union in China: Interdisciplinary and Historical Perspectives,” Stanford Humanities Center, May 2008.

#### **COURSES:**

##### **1) Taught at Stanford University (2002-present):**

**Undergraduate Lecture Courses**—The Chinese Empire, from the Mongol Invasion to the Boxer Uprising; Historical Roots of Modern East Asia (team-taught with Kären Wigen); Japan and China in the Early Modern World (Bing Overseas Studies Program, Kyoto, 2016 & 2021); Trans History: The Long View (team-taught); Revolutionary China (summer)

**Undergraduate Colloquia**—Chinese Women’s History; Law and Society in Late Imperial China; Queer History in Comparative Perspective; Junior Honors Colloquium; Bing Honors College (2009-12); Mao’s Cultural Revolution (summer)

**Graduate Colloquia**—Graduate Workshop: Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; Gender and Sexuality in Chinese History; Frontier Expansion and Ethnic Statecraft in the Qing Empire; Law and Society in Late Imperial China; State, Society,

and Economy in Qing Dynasty China; Queer History in Comparative Perspective; Key Topics in Qing History; New Directions in Modern Chinese History

**Graduate Research Seminar**—Qing Legal Texts as Sources for Historical Research (two-quarter sequence)

**Continuing Studies Program**—Revolutionary China through Literature

## **2) Taught at the University of Pennsylvania (1995-2002):**

**Undergraduate Lecture Courses**—Late Imperial China; China in the 20th Century

**Undergraduate Seminars**—Mao’s Cultural Revolution (General Honors); History of Women in China (General Honors); Topics in Chinese Social History; Revolution in China

**Graduate Seminars**—Feminist Theory in Historical & Comparative Perspectives (team-taught with Lynn A. Hunt); Law & Government in Late Imperial China

**The Lauder Institute** (MA program in international studies for MBA students at the Wharton School)—East Asia Area Survey (intensive summer course, team-taught with William LaFleur)

## **PH.D. STUDENTS SUPERVISED AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY (main advisor):**

**Quinn Doyle Javers**, graduated 2012; dissertation: *Conflict, Community and Crime in Fin-de-siècle Sichuan*; Assistant Professor, History Department, University of California, Davis, 2012-20.

**Philip Thai**, graduated 2013; dissertation: *Smuggling, State-Building, and Political Economy in Coastal China, 1927-1949*; currently Associate Professor (with tenure), History Department, Northeastern University.

**Yiwen Yvon Wang**, graduated 2014; dissertation: *“Injuring Customs and Corrupting Hearts”: Pornography and Modernity in Beijing at the Turn of the 20th Century*; currently Associate Professor (with tenure), History Department, University of Toronto.

**Ying Hu**, graduated 2014; dissertation: *Justice on the Steppe: Legal Institutions and Practice in Qing Mongolia*; currently advisor on Chinese law to the US Trade Representative.

**Wesley Chaney**, graduated 2016; dissertation: *Land, Trade, and the Law on the Sino-Tibetan Border, 1723-1911*; currently Assistant Professor (tenure-track), History Department, Bates College.

**Zhijian (George) Qiao**, graduated 2017; dissertation: *The Rise of the Shanxi Merchants: Empire, Institutions, and Social Change in Qing China, 1688-1850*; currently Assistant Professor (tenure-track), History Department, Amherst College.

**Peter Hick**, ABD; dissertation: *Migration and Conflict in Late Qing Siyi, 1850-1920*.

**Luther Cenci**, matriculated Fall 2018.

**Preetam Prakash**, matriculated Fall 2018.

## **SERVICE AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY (2002-present):**

### **1) Service to the History Department:**

Department Chair (2017-20); Department Vice-Chair (2015-17); Director of Honors and Research (2008-12); Chair, Modern Chinese History search committee (2003-04, ’05-

06); Chair, Thomas Mullaney reappointment committee (2009) and tenure committee (2012); Chair, Jun Uchida tenure committee (2012-13); member, Modern Japanese History search committee (2004-05), Modern Korean History search committee (2005-06), and Christopher Clark target of opportunity committee (2008); designated mentor for selected junior faculty (2003-06, 21-); coordinated creation of the Harold R. Kahn Reading Room (2009-10); member, Faculty Appointments Committee, Graduate Admissions Committee, and Policy Committee (multiple years); co-organizer and participant in Gender History Workshop (multiple years)

## **2) Service to the School of Humanities and Sciences:**

Appointments and Promotions Committee, Humanities and Arts Cluster (2017-20); Bing Overseas Studies Program: Oversight Committee (2009-10), Faculty Advisory Committee for Hong Kong program (2018-present), Faculty Advisory Committee for Kyoto program (2020-present); Pre-Major Advising for new undergraduates (2016-18); Judicial Affairs Panel Pool, School of Humanities and Sciences (2002-06, '12-13); Program Committee, Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (2012, '15-16); Steering Committee, Center for East Asian Studies (2002-06, '08-09); Faculty Research Grants Committee, Center for East Asian Studies (2007-08); Chair, Library Committee, Center for East Asian Studies (2006); Post-doctoral Selection Committees, Center for East Asian Studies and Center for Korean Studies (multiple years); Melissa Brown Reappointment Committee, Department of Anthropological Sciences (2005-06); Korean Social Sciences interdepartmental search committee (2004-05); Chinese Literature search committee, Asian Languages and Literatures Department (2003-04); various committees, Stanford Humanities Center (multiple years)

## **3) Service to the University:**

Senate of the Academic Council (elected member, 2008-10); member, Committee on Libraries (2007-10); Chair, C-Lib Subcommittee on the Future of Stanford's Libraries ("Sommer Subcommittee") (2009-10); member, C-Lib Subcommittee on Digital Information Technologies in the Research Library Environment at Stanford ("Marrinan Subcommittee") (2008); member, Chinese bibliographer search committee, East Asia Library (2005-06)

## **SERVICE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA (1995-2002):**

Executive Committee, History Department; Executive Committee, Center for East Asian Studies; search committees for Lauder Chair in International Relations, and Asian-American History, History Department; search committees for Early Chinese Thought and Chinese Literature, Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies; Curriculum Committee, School of Arts and Sciences

## **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

\***Board of Directors, International Society for Chinese Law and History**, elected founding member (2014-present)

\***Editorial Board:** *Modern China* (2000-present), *Frontiers of History in China* (2010-19), *Cross-Currents: East Asian History and Culture Review* (2015-20), *Chinese Historical Review* (2019-present), *Journal of Chinese History* (2020-present)

- \***Tenure/Promotion Review:** Boston College, Brown University, California State University at Long Beach, Columbia University, Dickinson College, Drake University, Georgetown University, Harvard University, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Indiana University, Northwestern University, Ohio State University, Princeton University, Stanford University, Syracuse University, University of Arizona, UCLA, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz, University of Chicago, University of Colorado, University of Hawai'i, University of Hong Kong, University of Maryland, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, University of Utah, University of Virginia, Washington University in St. Louis
- \***Manuscript Referee – books:** Cambridge University Press; Oxford University Press; Routledge; University of California Press
- \***Manuscript Referee – journal articles:** *American Historical Review*; *East Asian History*; *Intersections: Gender, History and Culture in the Asian Context*; *Journal of Asian Studies*; *Journal of Chinese History*; *Journal of Women's History*; *Late Imperial China*; *Law and History Review*; *Modern China*
- \***Application Referee:** American Philosophical Society; American Society for Legal History; Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange; Freeman-Spogli Institute for International Studies (Stanford); Junior Scholars Law & Humanities Interdisciplinary Workshop; Magdalen College, Oxford, Fellowship by Examination competition; Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowships; National Humanities Center; SSRC International Dissertation Field Research Fellowships; Stanford Humanities Center; St. John's College, Cambridge, Research Fellowship competition
- \***China and Inner Asia Council (CIAC), Association for Asian Studies**, elected member (2009-2012), vice-chair (2009-10), chair (2010-11)
- \***External Honors Examiner in Chinese history, Swarthmore College** (1995, 1996, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010); **Head Honors Examiner** (2004, 2007, 2010)

#### **RESEARCH LANGUAGES:**

**Chinese:** Professional fluency in speaking (Mandarin); advanced literacy, with expertise in pre-modern legal texts and Qing archives. Equivalent of 10 years of classroom training, including two years at IUP (Taipei), three summers at Middlebury, and graduate seminars on Qing documents and Ming-Qing literature. Field experience: two years+ in Taiwan and three years+ in the PRC.

**Japanese:** Professional fluency in speaking; can read scholarship in my field. Equivalent of five years of classroom training, including two summers at Middlebury and professional tutorial at IUC (Yokohama). Field experience: three years+ in Japan.

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

American Historical Association  
 American Society for Legal History  
 Association for Asian Studies  
 Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University  
 CLAGS: Center for LGBTQ Studies

Clayman Institute for Gender Research, Stanford University  
Committee on LGBT History (affiliate of AHA)  
Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Stanford University  
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