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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

2021- Present **Assistant Professor of History**, St. Norbert College, De Pere, Wisconsin

EDUCATION

2015-2021 **Ph.D.**, Department of History, Michigan State University
Dissertation passed with distinction
Qualifying Examinations *passed with distinction* in 4 fields: Modern China, Modern Vietnam, Migration History, and Indian Ocean World History
Dissertation: "Taming the Intractable": Chinese Migrants, Inter-Asian Interactions, and the Transformation of French Rule in Colonial Vietnam, 1862-1940

2013-2015 **M.A.**, Department of History, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York
Departmental Prize for Best Master Thesis (June 2015)

2009-2013 **B.A.**, Department of Economics and Asian Studies, Wabash College
Steven Schmutt Award for the most outstanding senior thesis in Economics

LANGUAGE AND OTHER TRAINING

2017 **University of Guelph**, Guelph, Ontario CA
Spatial Humanities, Digital Humanities @Guelph Summer Workshop

2014 **Middlebury College**, Middlebury, VT
Advanced Chinese, *Kathryn Davis Language Fellow*

2012 **Fudan University**, Shanghai, China
Intermediate Chinese, Ancient Chinese Philosophies, Modern Chinese History
Supported by the G. Michael Dill Fund, Wabash College

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

In Preparation *Entangled Histories: Chinese Migration, Empire Building, and the Making of French Colonial Vietnam, 1860-1940.*

Journal Articles

- 2023 “Mortal Remains as Biohazard: Chinese Repatriation, Plague Epidemiology, and Biopolitical Governance in Saigon-Cholon, 1890-1895.” Accepted for publication and forthcoming with the *Journal of Vietnamese Studies*’ Special Issue on Biopolitics in Vietnam in February 2023.
- 2021 “Trade, Colonialism, and Diaspora: Chinese Rice Commerce and the Transformation of Saigon-Cholon in Colonial Vietnam,” in [*Chapters on Asia: Selected Papers from the Lee Kong Chian Research Fellowships \(2020\)*](#), Singapore: National Library Board, 2021.
- 2019 “The Studies of Chinese Diasporas in Colonial Southeast Asia: Theories, Concepts, and Histories.” *China and Asia: A Journal in Historical Studies*, No. 2 (December 20, 2019): 225–63.
- 2018 “The ‘Orientals’ Strike Back: Displacement, Diasporic Resistance, and Spatial Justice in the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and Fire,” *Journal of Migration History*, 4 (2018): Special Issue: Cities and Overseas Migration in the Long Nineteenth Century, 134-160.

Book Reviews

- 2023 Review of Nu-Anh Tran, *Disunion: Anticomunist Nationalism and the Making of the Republic of Vietnam*, Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2022, forthcoming in the *Journal of Asian Studies*, 2023
- 2018 Review of Christina Firpo, *The Uprooted: Race, Children, and Imperialism in French Indochina, 1890-1980*, Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2016, *Southeast Asian Studies*, Vol. 7, No. 2, August 2018, 262-264.
- 2017 Review of Micheline Lessard, *Human Trafficking in Colonial Vietnam*, New York: Routledge, 2015, *Journal of Vietnamese Studies*, Vol. 12, Issue 4, 106-110, 2017.
- 2014 Review of Sho Konishi, *Anarchist Modernity, Cooperatism and Japanese-Russian Intellectual Relations in Modern Japan*, Cambridge: Harvard University Asia Center, 2013, *Essay in History*, University of Virginia Department of History (2014).

Manuscripts in Progress

- Under Review “Policing Mobile Subjects: The French Surveillance Regime and Repertoires of Chinese Migration in Urban Sài Gòn-Chợ Lớn, 1874-1930,” Revise & resubmit (June 1, 2022) with *Asian Ethnicity*’s special issue on Managing Cosmopolitan Cities.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

Professional Development Fellowships

- 2022 **Faculty Development Summer Research Fellowship** (with a Collaborative Undergraduate Research Component), \$2500, St. Norbert College, Office of Faculty Development
- 2021-22 **Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) Inaugural Fellowship**, \$2000, St. Norbert College, Humanities Division
- 2021-22 **Global Fellow Program Fellowship**, \$2000, St. Norbert College, Center for Global Engagement

Postdoctoral Fellowship

- 2021 **Postdoctoral Fellow of Global Asia**, New York University, Shanghai (declined)
- 2021 **The Chiang-Ching Kuo Foundation's Fellowship**, Taipei, Taiwan (declined)

Dissertation Research Fellowships

- 2019 **Lee Kong Chian Research Fellowship**, The National Library of Singapore (NLB)
- 2018 **Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF)**, Social Science Research Council and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
- 2018 **Bernadotte E. Schmitt Grant for Research in European, African, or Asian History**, American Historical Association
- 2018 **Research Fellow Affiliated with the Research Cluster on Asian Migration**, Asia Research Institute (ARI), Henry Luce Foundation, the National University of Singapore

Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowships

- 2018 **Research Scholars Award**, College of Social Sciences, Michigan State University
- 2017 **Henry Luce Foundation Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship**, the American Council of Learned Societies Program in China Studies
- 2017 **Walker Hill Pre-Dissertation International Research Fellowship**, International Studies Center, Michigan State University
- 2017 **Corey/Thompson Endowed Research Fellowship**, College of Social Sciences, Michigan State University
- 2017 **Summer Research Fellowship Initiatives**, Department of History, Michigan State University (with repeated funding awarded for 3 consecutive summers)

Paper Prizes

- 2017 **Percy Buchanan Best Paper in Southeast Asian History**, Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs (MCAA), Association for Asian Studies
- 2016 **Shao-Chang Lee Best Paper in East Asian Studies**, Michigan State University, Asian Studies Center
- 2016 **Vietnam Studies Group (VSG) Best Paper Prize**, Vietnam Studies Group (VSG), Subcommittee of the Southeast Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies
- 2016 **Jeff Rooney Paper Prize** for best paper written in a graduate seminar of the year, Department of History, Michigan State University

Academic Awards

- 2020 **College of Social Science Graduate Student Research Award** for innovative work that extends knowledge about Chinese migrants and their economic and social world in (post)-colonial Vietnam, The Graduate School, Michigan State University
- 2016 **Dr. Kwan-Wai So Memorial Scholarship Fund in History** for graduate student with an exemplary record and recognized as a motivational and effective teacher in Asian History, Department of History, Michigan State University
- 2015 **Richard H. and Hester V. Cox Fellowships**, East West Center, the University of Hawaii at Manoa (declined)
- 2014 **Kathryn Davis Fellowship for Peace**, Advanced Chinese Studies, Middlebury College

Travel Grants

- 2022 **St. Norbert College's Faculty Development**, Travel Grant for 2022 AAS Annual Conference
- 2019 **Vietnam Studies Group (VSG)**, Travel Grant for 2020 AAS Annual Conference
- 2018 **Association for Asian Studies**, LDAC Travel Grant for Annual Conference Participation
- 2018 **American Historical Association**, Council Annual Meeting Travel Grant
- 2016 **Council of Graduate Studies (COGS) Conference Travel Award**, College of Social Sciences, Michigan State University

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

Selected Presentations and Workshops

- 2023 **"A Tale of Two Churches: Diasporic Ties, Accidental Links, and Chinese Catholic Networks in Colonial Saigon-Cholon, 1890-1930,"** Paper accepted to the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Boston MA, March 16-19.
- 2022 **"Southern Vietnam as a Chinese Colony: Đào Trinh Nhất, State-Induced Migration, and the Perils of Chinese Migrants,"** Panel: The "South" in Modern East and Southeast Asia: Inter-Asian Voices, Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 24-27.
- 2021 **"Leaves Falling Back to Their Roots: Chinese Migrants, Repatriations of Remains, and Colonial Modernity in French Cochinchina, 1892-1893,"** Vietnam Studies Group (VSG) sponsored panel "Biopolitical Vietnam", Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Seattle WA, March 21-16.
- 2019 **"The Chinese Rice Trade: Politics, Economic Networks, and Urban Growth in Colonial Saigon, 1862-1920,"** 2019 Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Denver CO, March 21-23.
- 2018 **"Conceiving Modernity: Chinese Commerce, Political Economy, and the Question of Migration in Colonial Vietnam,"** Panel: The Colonial Past, Graduate Workshop on

Southeast Asian Studies, Asia Research Institute, the National University of Singapore, July 21-24.

- 2018 **“Nativism Reconsidered: Chinese Rice Networks, Commercial Crisis, and Cosmopolitics in Colonial Saigon 1918-1923,”** 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington D.C, January 4-7.
- 2017 **“Rice Trade Crisis and Nativism in 1919 French Cochinchina,”** Panel: Historical Trade in Southeast Asia, Annual Graduate Workshop on Southeast Asian Studies, Asia Research Institute, the National University of Singapore, July 16-19.
- 2016 **“A Personalist Revolution: Refugee Resettlement and Regime of Migration in the First Republic of Vietnam, 1954-1956,”** Panel: Contested Spaces in Historical Migration, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago IL, November 17-20.
- 2016 **“A Personalist Revolution: Refugee Resettlement and Regime of Migration in the First Republic of Vietnam, 1954-1956,”** Panel: The Power of Discourse, Regimes and Ideologies of Governance in 20th-century China and Vietnam, Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, October 14-16.
- 2015 **“The Orientals Strike Back: Transpacific Diaspora and the Struggle for Spatial Justice in San Francisco’s Chinatown, 1906,”** Panel: Spaces of Mobility, Places of Belongings, Migration Without Boundary Conference, Michigan State University, East Lansing MI, October 9-10.
- 2014 **“Diaspora in Disputes: China, Vietnam, and the Cold War Diplomatic Crisis,”** Annual Meeting of the New York Conference on Asian Studies: Asia Transforming, Old and New Values, Hofstra University, NY, September 18-20.

Panels Organized & Chaired

- 2023 Co-organizer (with Phi-Van Nguyen of University of Saint-Boniface, Canada), **“Christian Asians or Asian Christians? The Transnationality of Korean, Chinese, and Vietnamese Christians during the Fall of Empires and the Cold War.”** Panel accepted to the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Boston MA, March 16-19.
- 2019 Co-organizer (with Seng Guo Quan of the National University of Singapore), **“Sites of Ruptures and Connections: Southeast Asia and Its Chinese Communities” (Part I: Ruptures and Part II: Connections).** 2019 Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Denver CO, March 21-23.
- 2018 Organizer, **“Populism, Nationalism, and Global Nativist Movements in the Long 20th Century.”** 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington D.C, January 4-7.
- 2014 Organizer, **“Rethinking the East and Southeast Asian Diasporas: Interdisciplinary Perspectives.”** Annual Meeting of the New York Conference on Asian Studies: Asia Transforming, Old and New Values, Hofstra University, NY, September 18-20.

INVITED TALKS, WORKSHOPS, & PUBLIC LECTURES

- 2023 **“War Dead Identifications and the Politics of Reconciliation: The Case of the Vietnam War,”** Invited Roundtable sponsored by the United States Institute of Peace, The 2023 Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Boston MA, March 16-19
- 2022 **“Reflections on the 2021 Burmese Coup: Perspectives from Vietnam and ASEAN,”** The Great Decision Lecture Series, Center for Global Engagement, St. Norbert College.
- 2021 **“Policing Mobile Subjects: The French Migration Regime and Repertoires of Chinese Migration in Urban Sài Gòn-Chợ Lớn, 1874-1930,”** Workshop on Managing the Cosmopolitan City: Inter-Asian Strategies of Ethnic Administration, Past and Present, Asia Research Institute (ARI), National University of Singapore, January 14-15.
- 2019 **“‘Leaves Falling Back to Their Roots’: Chinese Migrants, Repatriation of Remains, and Colonial Modernity in French Cochinchina, 1892-1893,”** Center for Global Asia’s Annual Conference on Asian Migration, New York University Shanghai, August 25-29, 2019.
- 2018 **“Locating Cosmopolitan Saigon: Reading Urban and Socioeconomic Changes in Colonial Newspapers,”** Salon Saigon, Contemporary Arts and Heritage, Event organized by the Indochina Art Partnership (IAP) and Saigon Blueprint, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, October 4, 2018.

TEACHING

St. Norbert College

HIST 122-A and HST 122-B: Introduction to Modern East Asian History (Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023)
HIST 361: Modern Chinese History (Spring 2022)
HIST 368: A History of Asian America (Fall 2022)
HIST 389-A: Special Topics in Asian History: The Vietnam and American Wars, 1900-Present (Fall 2021)
HIST 389: Global and Comparative History of Empires (Spring 2023)

Michigan State University

As Instructor of Record

HST201 Historical Methods and Skills: Vietnam, From Colonialism to Independence (Fall 2019)

As Graduate Teaching Assistant

ISS335 National Diversity & Cultures, with Erin Graham (Spring 2021)
ISS210 The History and Theory of Genocide, with Ronen Steinberg (Fall 2020)
ISS335 Sex Research and Social Science, with Aminda Smith (Summer 2018)
IAH203 Latin America and the World, with David Wheat (Spring 2018)
ISS325 Wars and Global Revolutions, with Sean Forner (Fall 2017)
HST150 World History Since 1500, with Charles Keith (Summer 2017)

ISS330 Social Science Perspectives on Japanese History and Culture, with Ethan Segal (Summer 2016)

IAH204 Asia and the World, with Sidney Xu Lu (Spring 2016)

IAH204 Asia and the World, with Sidney Xu Lu (Fall 2015)

State University of New York at Buffalo

As Graduate Teaching Assistant

UGC102 World Civilizations (1500-Present): with Kristin Stapleton, Guest Lecturer “The International Anarchist Movements 1814-1917” (Spring 2015)

UGC101 World Civilizations (Pre-1500): with Donald McGuire, Guest Lecturer “History of the Silk Road” (Fall 2014)

UGC102 World Civilizations (1500-Present): with Hal Langfur, Guest Lecturer “Reaction & Revolution in 20th Century China” (Spring 2014)

UGC101 World Civilizations (Pre-1500): with Donald McGuire, Guest Lecturer “History of the Silk Road,” (Fall 2013)

UNIVERSITY AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

Manuscript Reviewers *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* (2021), *The Middle Ground Journal*, *World History and Global Studies* (2021)

Fellowships Evaluator The *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)* (2021)

Member Global Education Advisory Committee, St. Norbert College (2022-2024)

Member Library Advisory Committee, St. Norbert College (2022-2024)

Member Steering Committee of the International Visiting Scholars Program, St. Norbert College and University of Wisconsin Green Bay (2022)

Faculty Affiliate The Norman Miller Center for Peace & Public Understanding, St. Norbert College (2022-2023)

LANGUAGES

- Modern Vietnamese (Quốc Ngữ)—Native
- English—Native Level
- Chinese—Traditional (Elementary Reading), Mandarin (Reading, Speaking)
- French—Advanced Reading

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Association for Asian Studies
- American Historical Association
- Vietnam Studies Group
- The International Society for the Study of Chinese Overseas
- Global Urban History
- World History Association

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

19th and 20th Century Vietnamese History, Modern China, East Asia, Colonial Southeast Asia, Colonialism, Empires, and Decolonization, Global Chinese Migration, Mobilities and Migration Studies, Comparative Diasporas, Critical Theories and Historiography, Maritime History, World History

REFERENCES

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