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Assistant Professor 2016 - Present
Division of Humanities
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
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Post-Doctoral Fellow 2013 - 2016
Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences
The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China

Visiting Assistant Professor 2011 - 2012
Chinese Civilisation Centre
City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China

Assistant Professor 2010 - 2011
Instructor 2009 - 2010
History Department and Asian Studies Program
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, USA

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

"A Foreign Infusion: The Forgotten Legacy of Japanese chadō in Modern Chinese Tea Arts."
Gastronomica February 2016.

"The Legacy of Success: Office Purchase and State-Elite Relationship in Qing China." *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies* 73:2, (Dec 2013), pp. 259-97.

Review, Alexander Woodside, *Lost Modernities: China, Vietnam, Korea, and the Hazards of World History* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2006), *Newsletter for Research in Chinese Studies* 26.4 (2007): 52-53.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Legitimacy and Legacy: Sale of Offices and State-Elite Partnership in Late Imperial China (working title). Under review at Stanford University Press.

"Career Trajectories in Qing Officialdom: two case studies." Co-authored with Loretta E. Kim. Article under preparation.

"Becoming Healthy: Changing Perception of Tea's Health Benefits." Book chapter under preparation.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

"Comparison of Careers of Qing *jīnshì* Degree Holders and Office Purchasers in Early 19th Century," Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Toronto, March 16, 2017.

"Chayi and Chadō: Invention and Tradition in Modern Chinese Tea Practice," HKUST Public Humanities Lecture Series, Museum of History, Hong Kong, November 6, 2016.

"Becoming Healthy: Changing Views on Tea in East Asia," Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Seattle, April 1, 2016.

Paper discussant, International Conference on Traditional Chinese Coastal Cities and their Modern Transformations, Department of Chinese and History, City University of Hong Kong, June 16-17, 2015.

"The Toxic Infusion: The Ills of Drinking Tea," International Conference on Food and Health, Hong

Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong, December 15-16, 2014.

Chair and discussant of panel on “Institutions and Performance,” International Symposium on Law and Social Change in Ming-Qing China, Chinese University of Hong Kong, September 5-6, 2014.

“Reading Tea Leaves: How Taiwan and Fujian Tea Production Diverged in the Early 20th Century,” 2nd International Conference on East Asian Culture and International Relations, Hong Kong Baptist University, April 17, 2014.

“捐納制度與明清社會,” Department of History, National Taiwan University, December 16, 2013.

“Multiple Ladders of Success: Office Purchase and Social Mobility during Late Imperial China,” Departmental Seminar, Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong, December 11, 2013.

“Drink this, it’s good for you! The Historical Image of Tea as a Beneficial Drink,” European Society for Environmental History biannual conference, Ludwig-Maximilians University, August 21, 2013.

“Pass Me the Cup: Taiwan as Conduit in the Transmission of Tea Practices in East Asia,” China Interdisciplinary Lunchtime Seminar, Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong, May 7, 2013.

“A Tea with Many Makers: Colonial Taiwanese Tea Industry and the Creation of Oriental Beauty Tea,” The 3rd International Symposium in Sinicization, Barbarization, Westernization, Hong Kong Baptist University, December 6, 2012.

“A Quintessential Invention: Genesis of a Cultural Orthodoxy in East Asian Tea Appreciation,” Symposium on “Rethinking Asia in the Age of Globalization, Hong Kong Baptist University, December 2, 2011.

“Examinations, Titles, and Wealth: New Perspectives on Meritocracy in Qing China,” Asian New Humanities Net Ninth Annual Meeting, Shanghai Jiaotong University, October 15, 2011.

“Inheriting Wealth and Status: Sale of Offices and Elite Families in Qing China,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, March 27, 2010.

“Purchases of Public Offices by Elite Families in Changshu County of Jiangsu Province,” Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA, April 25, 2009.

“官場中的商場與士大夫的選擇,” Center for Chinese Studies, National Central Library, Taipei, Taiwan, December 17, 2007.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Hsu Long-sing Research Fund, HKU; Co-investigator	2015
Hang Seng Bank Golden Jubilee Fund for Research, HKU	2015
Hang Seng Bank Golden Jubilee Fund for Research, HKU	2014
Hang Seng Bank Golden Jubilee Fund for Research, HKU	2013
Small Project Funding, HKU	2013
Central Research Grant, City University of Hong Kong	2012
Start-up Grant for New Faculty, City University of Hong Kong	2012
Graduate Society Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University	2008 – 2009
Center for Chinese Studies Research Grant, National Central Library, Taiwan	2007
Shum Fellowship, Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University	2006 – 2007
Fairbank Center Director’s Graduate Student Travel Fund, Harvard University	2005
Graduate Society Summer School Tuition Fellowship, Harvard University	2004

SELECTED COURSES TAUGHT

The University of Hong Kong

SINO2004 – Research Methods for China Studies

City University of Hong Kong
GE1501 - Chinese Civilisation: History and Philosophy

Bowdoin College

Asian Studies 028/History 028 - First-year seminar: History of Tea in East Asia
Asian Studies 273/History 277 - Hong Kong and Taiwan's Colonial Pasts
Asian Studies 274/History 274 - Painters, Philosophers, and Politicians: The Chinese Literati
Asian Studies 279/History 279 - Rebellions and Revolutions in China
Asian Studies 276/History 276 - Origins of Imperial China: Antiquity to the Tang Dynasty
Asian Studies 275/History 275 - The Making of Modern China

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

Visiting Scholar 2007
Center for Chinese Studies, National Central Library, Taipei, Taiwan

Visiting Scholar 2006 - 2007
Institute of History, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Bowdoin College

Working group on academic honesty and citation 2010 - 2011
Faculty search committee, China politics 2010 - 2011

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Research

History of Qing China, 1644-1911
Elite reproduction and perpetuation
Social hierarchy/dynamics in a local setting
History of tea consumption and trade

Teaching

Imperial and modern Chinese history
Political movements in China
Cultural history
Historiography and interpretations of sources

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association
Association for Asian Studies