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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in History, University of Michigan, 2001
Visiting Researcher, Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica,
Nankang, Taipei, Taiwan, 1999-2000
M.A. in Chinese Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1995
B.A. in History, College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, 1992
Semester Abroad, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, Hong Kong
(Fall 1990)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

West Point Summer Seminar in Military History Participant (2008)
Indiana University East Asian Studies Center Research Travel Grant (2007)
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend (2006)
Ball State University Summer Funding—Ball State University (2006)
Moncado Prize for Outstanding Article published in *The Journal of Military History* (2006)
New Faculty Summer Research Grant—Ball State University (Summer 2005)
Faculty Travel Grant—Marist College (Fall 2003 & Spring 2004)
Nominated for Faculty Member of the Year Award—Marist College (2004)
Summer Research Grant—Marist College (Summer 2002)
U of Michigan Center for Japanese Studies—Asia Library Travel Grant (Summer 2002)
Faculty Travel Grant—Marist College (Fall & Winter 2002)
Rackham Dissertation Writeup Grant (Winter 2001)
Fulbright Grant for dissertation research in Taiwan (1999-2000)
Fellowships in Language and Area Studies—Michigan (1999-2000 and 1997-1998)
Center for Chinese Studies Conference Grants—Michigan (Spring 1999 & Spring 2001)
Rackham Travel Grants—Michigan (Spring 1997, Spring 1999 & Spring 2001)
Summer Funding Award—Michigan (1998)
Rackham Endowment/ Block Grant Awards—Michigan (1994-95 & 1996-97)
Induction into Phi Beta Kappa Society (1992)
Dean's List—College of Wooster (1988-92)
Academic Achievement Awards—College of Wooster (1988-92)
Dunham Prize in History for Outstanding Senior Independent Study (1992)
Turner Prize in History for Outstanding Junior Independent Study (1990)

Graduated from College of Wooster with Departmental Honors

DISSERTATION

“The Three Great Campaigns of the Wanli Emperor, 1592-1600: Court, Military, and Society in Late Sixteenth-Century China” (University of Michigan, 2001)

Advisor: Dr. Chun-shu Chang

Exam Fields: Premodern China (Major Field), Modern China, Premodern Japan, Imperial Russia

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of History, Ball State University (Muncie, IN), Fall 2004-Present

Courses taught: “Modern Japan Since 1600;” “Premodern Japan to 1600;” Introduction to Non-Western History;” “World Civilization I;” “World Civilization II;” “The Mongol Empire in World History;” “Graduate Seminar in World History;” “Modern China Since 1600” (Also offered as an online course designed for fast-track Bachelor’s in General Studies); “Premodern China to 1600;” “Independent Readings in Premodern Chinese History;” “Independent Readings in Asian Military History;” “Independent Readings in Modern Chinese History”

Other activities include: Director of Graduate Studies for History Department (Spring 2008-present); Seminar designer and instructor for National Consortium for Teaching about Asia Seminar held at Ball State (Spring 2009); Contact person for History Department link to the Society for Military History website; Textbook reviewer for Houghton Mifflin Press; Textbook reviewer for AB Longman Press; Manuscript reviewer for Taylor and Francis publishers; Manuscript Reviewer for *Ming Studies*; Manuscript Reviewer for *The Journal of Military History*; Service as Secretary for History Department Advisory Committee; Service on History Department Merit Committee; Service on History Department Graduate Programs Committee; Service on Search Committee for position in Islamic History; Service on Student History Conference Committee; Reviewing Internal Faculty Grant Applications for Office of Academic Research; Service on NEH Grant Application Review Committee; Writing interpretive essays for exhibits at Ball State University Art Museum; Training museum docents for giving tours of the Asian collection; Guest lecturing for prison outreach program; Service on the Asian Studies Committee; Service on Curriculum Revision Committee for Asian Studies Minor; Service on Graduate Research Subcommittee; Service on Student History Conference Selection Committee; Service on Comprehensive Exam Committees for M.A. Students; Advising undergraduate theses; Service as Department Representative for the United Way Campaign; Service as Reviewer for Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools Distinguished Thesis Competition; Taught class entitled “Discovering the Tao” for local business; Training University

Museum docents for tours of the Asian collection; Guest lectures for other BSU courses; Public lectures at BSU Art Museum; and bringing guest lecturers to campus to give lectures for History 493 (Premodern Japan) and History 496 (Modern China) classes

Seminar Designer and Instructor-Norwich University (Norwich, VT),
Summer 2006-Present

Designed and teach seminar entitled "The Non-Western Way of War" for online Master's Program in Military History

Assistant Professor of History, Marist College (Poughkeepsie, NY), Fall
2001-Summer 2004

Courses Taught: "History of Asia I-II" (2 semesters), "The Origins of Modern Times," "Traditional China," "Modern China," "The Art of War in East Asia," "World War II in Asia," "History of Baseball," "Themes in Modern History," and "World War II: Axis & Allies."

Other campus activities included: Co-Director of Marist in China program; Hosted 5th Annual Meeting of the Chinese Military History Society; Campus Liaison for AsiaNetwork; Faculty Adviser to the History Club; Adviser to the International Film Series; Member of the Global Studies Committee; Member of the Fellowship Advisory Committee; Attending events as representative of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute in Hyde Park, NY; Providing assistance in implementing Marist College's first Chinese language instruction courses; Organizing and chaperoning student field trips; Service on search committees for positions in European, Islamic, Latin American and African history, and bringing guest speakers to campus

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Late Imperial Chinese Military, Political, and Social History; Modern Asia; East Asian International Relations; World War II; Comparative World History; The Cold War; Imperialism; Military History, and the History of Baseball

GRADUATE TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Instructor, History 266: War and American Society in the Twentieth Century

Graduate Student Instructor, History 121: Great Traditions of East Asia

Research Assistant for Professor Chun-shu Chang, Department of History

Grader for Professor Chun-shu Chang, History 250: Early China & History 550: Imperial China

Graduate Student Instructor, History 122- Modern History of East Asia

Graduate Student Instructor, History 396: The Plague and History 396:
Historical Writing in the Middle Ages

Research Assistant for Paul Forage, Department of Asian Languages and
Cultures

PUBLICATIONS

The Military Collapse of China's Ming Dynasty, 1620-1644, forthcoming as part of the "Asian States and Empires" series (London: Routledge, 2011)

A Dragon's Head and a Serpent's Tail: Ming China and the First Greater East Asian War, 1592-1598, forthcoming as part of the "Campaigns & Commanders" series (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2008)

Edited, wrote the introduction, and contributed to *Warfare in China Since 1600* for the series *The International Library of Essays in Military History* (Aldershot, UK: Ashgate, 2005)

"Cutting Dwarf Pirates Down to Size: Amphibious Warfare in Sixteenth-Century East Asia," forthcoming in *Selected Papers of the 2007 Naval History Symposium*, edited by Maochun Yu (Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 2009)

"War and Remembrance: Yang Hao and the Siege of Ulsan of 1598," forthcoming in *Journal of Asian History* 42.2 (Dec. 2008)

"Clearing the Fields and Strengthening the Walls: Defending Small Cities in Late Ming China," forthcoming in *Secondary Cities and Urban Networking in the Indian Ocean Realm* edited by Kenneth R. Hall (Boulder: Lexington Books, 2008)

"As Close as Lips and Teeth: Debating the Ming Intervention in Korea, 1592," forthcoming in *Debating War in China* edited by Peter Lorge (Leiden: Brill, 2008)

"Bestowing the Double-edged Sword: Wanli as Supreme Military Commander," in *Culture, Courtiers, and Competition: The Ming Court (1368-1644)* edited by David Robinson (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2008), pp. 61-115

"Protecting the Dragon's Teeth: Reasons for Ming China's Intervention," in *A Transnational History of the Imjin Waeran, 1592-1598*, 2 vols. (Seoul: Humanist Books, 2007), vol. II, pp. 317-353 [Korean language publication]

"Beyond Turtleboats: Siege Accounts from Toyotomi Hideyoshi's Second Invasion of Korea, 1597-1598," *Sungkyun Journal of East Asian Studies* 6.2

(October 2006), pp. 177-206

"Crouching Tigers, Secret Weapons: Military Technology Employed During the Sino-Japanese-Korean War, 1592-1598," *The Journal of Military History* 69.1 (Jan. 2005), pp. 11-43—Winner of the 2006 Moncado Prize from The Society for Military History

"A Few Good Men: The Li Family and China's Northern Frontier in the Late Ming," *Ming Studies* 49 (2004), pp. 34-81—Reprinted in *Warfare in China Since 1600*

"Turning the Tide: The Strategic and Psychological Significance of the Liberation of Pyongyang in 1593," *War and Society* 21.2 (October 2003), pp. 1-22—Reprinted in *Warfare in China to 1600*, edited by Peter Lorge (Aldershot, UK: Ashgate, 2005)

"All Men are Not Brothers: Ethnic Identity and Dynastic Loyalty in the Ningxia Mutiny of 1592," *Late Imperial China* 24.1 (June 2003), pp. 79-129

"Deceit, Disguise, and Dependence: China, Japan, and the Future of the Tributary System, 1592-1596," *The International History Review* 24.4 (December 2002), pp. 757-782

"Civil-Military Coordination in the Bozhou Campaign of the Wanli Era," *War and Society* 18.2 (October 2000), pp. 49-70—Reprinted in *Warfare in China to 1600* edited by Peter Lorge (Aldershot, UK: Ashgate, 2005)

Dissertation: "The Three Great Campaigns of the Wanli Emperor, 1592-1600: Court, Military, and Society in Late Sixteenth-Century China" (University of Michigan, 2001)

BOOK REVIEWS AND CONFERENCE REPORTS

Book review of *The Making of the Chinese State: Ethnicity and Expansion on the Ming Borderlands* by Leo K. Sin in *The Historian* 70.1 (Spring 2008), pp. 136-137

Book review of *The Diary of a Manchu Soldier in Seventeenth-Century China: "My Service in the Army"* by Dzungseo by Nicola Di Cosmo, in *The Journal of Military History* 72.1 (Jan. 2008), pp. 233-234

Book review of *Between Dreams and Reality: The Military Examination in Late Choson Korea, 1600-1894* by Eugene Y. Park in *The Journal of Military History* 71.4 (Oct. 2007), pp. 1227-1228.

Book review essay entitled "Approaches to the Imjin War" in *Journal of Korean Studies* 12.1 (Fall 2007), pp. 154-161.

Book review of *Empire at the Margins: Culture, Ethnicity, and Frontier in Early Modern China*, edited by Pamela Crossley et al., in *The Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 50.4 (Oct. 2007), pp. 592-595.

Book review of *War and State Formation in Ancient China and Early Modern Europe* by Victoria Tin-Bor Hui in *The Journal of Asian Studies* 66.2 (May 2007), pp. 536-538.

Book review of *Gateway to Japan: Hakata in War and Peace, 500-1300* by Bruce L. Batten in *The Historian* 69.1 (Spring 2007), pp. 132-135

Book review of *War in World History: Society, Technology and War From Ancient Times to the Present, Part IV: The Dawn of Global Warfare, 1500-1750* by Stephen Morillo, et al., in *Chinese Military History Society Newsletter* 8 (May 2005)

Book review of *Cultural Centrality and Political Change in Chinese History: Northeast Henan in the Fall of the Ming* by Roger V. Des Forges in *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 35.2 (Sept. 2004), pp. 339-340

Book review of *Firearms: A Global History to 1700* by Kenneth Chase in *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 47.2 (Mar. 2004), pp. 284-286

Book review of *Fire and Water: The Art of Incendiary and Aquatic Warfare in China* by Ralph D. Sawyer, in *History: Reviews of New Books* 32.3 (Spring 2004), p. 117

Book review of *Like Froth Floating on the Sea: The World of Pirates and Seafarers in Late Imperial South China* by Robert J. Antony in *Ming Studies* 48 (2003), pp. 100-107

Book review of *Ancient China and its Enemies: The Rise of Nomadic Power in East Asian History* by Nicola Di Cosmo in *The Journal of Asian Studies* 62.4 (November 2003), pp. 1234-1235

Book review of *Medieval Chinese Warfare* by David A. Graff, in *The Journal of Asian Studies* 62.3 (August 2003), pp. 930-932

Book review of *Warfare in Chinese History*, edited by Hans van de Ven, in *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 45.3 (August 2001), pp. 406-409

"Report on the Taipei Conference on Ming Literati Collections" *Ming Studies* 44 (Fall 2000), pp. 3-4

Book reviews published in *New Asia-Pacific Review* Fall 1995 through Spring 1997 Issues. Books reviewed include Jonathan Spence's *God's Chinese Son* and Kenneth Lieberthal's *Governing China*

CONFERENCES, PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

"Imperial Visions: Ming China's Response to the Japanese Invasion of Korea, 1592-1598," to be presented at Columbia University, New York, NY (Sept. 2008)

"Loyalist or Desperado: The International Context of the Execution of Mao Wenlong," presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Atlanta, GA (April 2008)

Presentation entitled "The Art of War: Images of the Japanese Invasion of Korea in the 1590s," delivered at the Ball State University Museum of Art (February 2008)

"To Catch a Tiger: The Ming Suppression of the Rebellion of Yang Yinglong, 1587-1600," prepared for *festschrift* in honor of Dr. John K. Whitmore (Summer 2008)

"Cutting Dwarf Pirates Down to Size: Amphibious Warfare in Sixteenth-Century East Asia," presented at the Naval History Symposium, Annapolis, MD (September 2007)

Panel commentator for panel entitled "Commerce and Power in Early Modern East Asian Cities," for the conference: "The Small City in Global Context," Ball State University, Muncie, IN (April 2007)

Delivered guest lecture entitled "Baywatch: Anti-Japanese Coastal Defenses in Late Sixteenth-Century China," at the University of Toronto, Toronto, ON (December 2006)

"Protecting the Dragon's Teeth: Reasons for Ming China's Intervention," for the conference: "A Transnational History of the Imjin Waeran: The East Asian Dimension," Tongyeong, South Korea (June 2006)

Organized panel entitled "Raiders, Traders and Invaders in Premodern Northeast Asia" for the Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History held at Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS (May 2006)

"All Along the Watchtowers: Plans for Bolstering Coastal Defenses in Late Sixteenth-century China," presented for the panel "Raiders, Traders and Invaders in Premodern Northeast Asia" at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History at Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS (May

2006)

"The Beating of Drums & Clashing of Symbols: Music in Late Ming Military Operations" for "Musiking the Late Ming" Conference at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI (May 2006) [Currently under review for publication]

"Father Knows Best? Emperor Wanli and the Ming Intervention," presented as part of the panel "The Korean War of 1592-98 and Styles of Governance in Premodern East Asia" at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Francisco, CA (April 2006)

Delivered presentation entitled "Using Korean Archives for Ming History" at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Ming Studies, San Francisco, CA (April 2006)

Delivered presentation entitled "Contemporary Seoul & Taipei: Highlighting the Past and Looking Towards the Future" for Roundtable Discussion on Urbanization in Contemporary Asia during Focus on Asia Month at Ball State University, Muncie, IN (November 2005)

"When Victory Blows Up in Your Face: The Battle of Sachon and the Mountain of Ears," presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Association for Chinese Studies at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (October 2005)

Delivered presentation entitled "Hideyoshi's Hubris & Wanli's Wrath: Ming China and the First Greater East Asian War" at Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, South Korea (August 2005)

"Yi Said, Li Said: Contrasting Views of the End of the First Greater East Asian War," presented at the Annual Meeting of the Chinese Military History Society held at the University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada (May 2005)

Organized and chaired roundtable entitled "A Reign of Great Significance: Recasting Wanli and his Era From an Interdisciplinary Perspective" at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, IL (March 2005)

Chaired panel entitled "Iron Ships and Stone Walls in Pre-Modern Japan and England: The Military Revolution Across the Globe," at the Tenth Annual Barnes Club Graduate Student History Conference held at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA (February 2005)

"Lurking Fears: Strategic Concerns of the Later Ming Dynasty, ca.

1550-1650," presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Bethesda, MD (May 2004)

"Dashing Defiers and Dastardly Defenders: Independent Military Power at the End of the Ming, 1620-1644," presented at the Annual Meeting of the Chinese Military History Society at George Washington University, Washington, D.C. (May 2004)

Organized panel entitled "Perspectives on the First Greater East Asian War, ca. 1560-1620," for the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Diego, CA (March 2004)

"Snatching Defeat from the Jaws of Victory: Yang Hao and the Siege of Ulsan," presented as part of the panel "Perspectives on the First Greater East Asian War" at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Diego, CA (March 2004)

Delivered Second Annual Lecture in Asian Studies at the University of South Alabama entitled "Korea's Unforgotten War," Mobile, AL (November 2003)

"Beyond Turtleboats: Siege Accounts from Hideyoshi's Second Invasion of Korea, 1597-1598," presented at the New York Conference on Asian Studies, SUNY Buffalo, NY (October 2003)

Hosted and organized the Annual Meeting of the Chinese Military History Society held at Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY (May 2003)

"Guns, Guts, and Glory: Notes on Military Technology in the Japanese Invasion of Korea, 1592-1598," presented at the New York Conference on Asian Studies, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY (October 2002)

Presentation entitled "When Are People Going to Start Talking About *Wu*? Military Elites in the Late Ming Dynasty, 1570-1620," delivered at the Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI (October 2002)

Organized panel entitled "Alternative Possibilities: Women on the Margins of Asian Society Across Space and Time," for 12th Annual Conference on Women's Studies, Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY (June 2002)

"The Legend of Tang Saier" presented at 12th Annual Conference on Women's Studies, Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY (June 2002)

"Turning the Tide: The Strategic and Psychological Significance of the Liberation of Pyongyang in 1593" presented at the Annual Meeting of the

Chinese Military History Society, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
(May 2002)

"All Men are Not Brothers: Ethnic Identity and Dynastic Loyalty Along
China's Northwestern Frontier, 1572-1592," presented at the Annual
Meeting of the American Historical Association, San Francisco, CA (January
2002)

Presentation entitled "The Ningxia Mutiny of 1592" delivered to the Military
Studies Group of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI (December
2001)

Presentation entitled "Wrath of the Dragon: China's Response to the
Japanese Invasion of Korea, 1592-1598," delivered at Colgate University,
Hamilton, NY (November 2001)

"A Few Good Men: The Li Family and China's Northern Frontier in the Late
Ming," presented at the Annual Meeting of the Chinese Military History
Society, Miami, FL, (May 2001)

Organized panel entitled "Close Encounters with Ming China: International
Trade, Diplomacy, and Cultural Exchanges," for Association for Asian
Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (March 2001)

"Caught Between the Dragon and the Rising Sun: Sino-Japanese
Negotiations Over the Fate of Korea, 1593-1596," presented at the
Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (March 2001)

Presentation entitled "China Crosses the Yalu, Part One" given for the
Military Studies Group, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI (December
2000)

"Size Matters: International Military Technology in Toyotomi Hideyoshi's
Invasions of Korea, 1592-1598," presented at the Midwest Conference on
Asian Affairs, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN (October 2000)

Presentation entitled "Wild Frontiers: International Incidents and Domestic
Rebellions
During the Wanli Reign" given for the Ming-Qing Studies Group, Institute of
Modern History, Academia Sinica, Nankang, Taipei, Taiwan (April 2000)

"Civil-Military Coordination in the Bozhou Campaign of the Wanli Era"
presented at The Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
(March 1999)

"A Window on the Late Ming Military: The Career of General Chen Lin"

presented at the Midwest Conference on Asian History and Culture, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (May 1998)

“The Ethnic Problematik in Premodern China” presented at the Methodological Reflections on History and Culture Workshop, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI (February 1997)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Associate Member, East Asian Studies Center, Indiana University (2007-present)

Chinese Military History Society (Board member, 2003-present)

Society for Ming Studies (Board member, 2003-2006)

Association for Asian Studies

Society for Military History

Society for Qing Studies

Phi Beta Kappa Society

Columbia University Seminar on Traditional China (2002-2004)

World History Association (2001-2005)

American Historical Association (2000-2006)

American Association for Chinese Studies (2005-2006)

New York Conference on Asian Studies (2001-2003)

Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs (2000-2001)