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### Research and Teaching Fields

History of China, Japan and Korea  
East Asian History, World History  
Environmental History, Women's History

### Education

Ph.D., History of Modern East Asia, Department of History, Washington State University, 2008

- 2014     Advisor: Dr. David Pietz

Dissertation: "City of the River: The Hai River and the Construction of Tianjin, 1897-1948."

Master's Degree, Modern Chinese History, Department of History and Culture, Tianjin Normal University, 2004 - 2007

Bachelor's Degree, Business English, College of Foreign Language, Tianjin Normal University, China, 2000 - 2004

### Teaching Experience:

Winona State University, Assistant Professor, 2016 - present

Courses:     East Asian Civilization  
                  Modern World History

Sam Houston State University, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2015 - 2016

Courses:     World History Since 1500  
                  World History to 1500  
                  Modern Chinese History (on-line graduate course)  
                  Modern Asian History (History of China, Japan and Korea)  
                  Early Asian History (History of China, Japan and Korea)  
                  Modern China and Japan

Washington State University, Instructor, 2012 - 2015

Courses:     Revolutionary China, 1800 to Present  
                  Japanese Civilization  
                  Introduction to East Asian Culture (on-line)  
                  Chinese Civilization

Washington State University, Teaching Assistant, 2008 - 2013

Courses:     World Civilizations Through 1500  
                  World Civilizations Since 1500  
                  Asia 301: East Meets West, Asia Program  
                  History 105: Roots of Contemporary Issues

### Professional Work Experience:

Assistant to Asia Program, Washington State University, 2014 - 2015

Research Assistant, Washington State University, 2008

### Current Research:

*City of the River: the Making of Tianjin and the Hai River* (manuscript in progress)

“Eliminate the Cause of Evil”: The modern transformation of the Dagu Sand Bar  
(journal article in progress)

### Publications:

“Yan’an Wartime Culture” [Yan’an Kangzhan wenhua Shuping]. *Lishi Jiaoxue*  
[History Teaching] 7 (2007), 87-90. (Second author)

“Sun Yat-sen’s Moral Thought” [Luelun Sun Zhongshan de Rongru Guan]. in *Paper  
Collection of Commemorating the 140th Anniversary of Sun Yat-sen’s Birth*,  
Tianjin Guji Chubanshe [Tianjin Ancient Books Publishing House], 2006.

“The Provisional National Conference for Education in 1912” [“Minchu Quanguo  
Linshi jiaoyu Huiyi shuping”]. *Lishi Jiaoxue* [History Teaching] 12 (2006), 66-  
68.

### Conferences and Presentations:

Presentation: “Engineering Culture and nature in a Chinese port city.” Oceans and  
Deserts 2016: Charting Transdisciplinary Currents in Environment and Culture.  
University of Arizona, Tucson, April 2016

Presentation: “Estuary seascape, Nature and Culture in the Rise of Modern Tianjin.”  
Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies (SEC/AAS),  
Harrisonburg, January 2016

Presentation: “Environmental Change and modernity of the Dagu Bar in modern era.”  
*Southwester Conference on Asian Studies (SWCAS)*, Dallas, November 2015

Presentation: “The Hai River Conservancy and the Growth of Tianjin, 1927-1937.” *the  
American Society for Environmental History (ASEH)*, Washington D.C., March  
2015

Participation: *American Historical Association (AHA)* Annual meeting, New York City,  
January 2015

Presentation: “The Construction of the Hai River and Modernization of Tianjin, 1900s-  
1920s.” *Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast Conference (ASPAC)*, Gonzaga  
University, Spokane, June 2012

Presentation: “The Hai River, Tianjin and World System in the Early Twentieth Century.”  
*World History Association Conference (WHA)*, Capital Normal University, Beijing,  
July 2011

Paper publication: “Sun Yat-sen’s Moral Thought.” *International Academic Conference  
Commemorating the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sun Yat-sen’s Birth*, Tianjin, October  
2006

### Guest Lectures:

- “The April Revolution and Korean Student Movement in 1960.” Keynote  
Speaker at Humphrey W. Leynse Film Festival, Washington State University,  
April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- “The Hai River and the Making of Modern Tianjin.” Columbia Valley Undergraduate  
Research Symposium, Washington State University, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- “Fun Facts about East Asia.” Asia 301: East meets West, Asia Program, February  
2015
- “World War II.” Invited lecture for English as a Second Language students;  
Intensive American Language Center, Washington State University, October  
7<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- “Marxist historiography in China.” HIST/ASIA 476 Revolutionary China (taught by  
Prof. Lydia Gerber), Washington State University, Spring 2014
- “Gender Discrimination in China mainland and Hong Kong.” Honors 270 Powerful  
Women in Chinese History, Washington State University, Spring 2014
- “Everyday life and censorship in China.” Criminal Justice 405 Comparative Criminal  
Justice Systems, Washington State University, 2013
- “A Change to Woman’s social status in three generations.” Honors 270 Powerful  
Women in Chinese History, Washington State University, 2011
- “Education, Women, Politics in China.” HIST/ASIA 476 Revolutionary China (taught  
by Prof. Lydia Gerber), Washington State University, 2010

### Honors/Awards:

- ASEH Travel Grant, the American Society for Environmental History, 2015
- Doctoral Fellowship, the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly  
Exchange, 2012-2014
- Aiken Travel Grant, Washington State University, 2012
- Boeing Graduate Fellowship in Environmental Science, Washington State University,  
2011

### Professional Membership:

- The Association for Asian Studies (AAS)
- The World History Association (WHA)
- American Society for Environmental History (ASEH)