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#### EDUCATION

PhD (East Asia/China, May 2017), Ohio State University, Columbus, OH  
Dissertation: "Our Nation's Future? Chinese Imaginations of the Soviet Union, 1917-1956"  
Committee: Christopher A. Reed (advisor, Late Modern Chinese History), Ying Zhang, (Early Modern Chinese History), David Hoffmann (Soviet History), Judy Tzu-Chun Wu (Gender Studies)

MA (East Asian Studies, May 2004), Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ  
Thesis: "It's Right to Rebel: The Story of China's Red Guards, 1966-1968"

BA (History & Comparative Politics, May 2000), Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH  
Main Areas of Study: Chinese and Soviet History, Marxism

#### AWARDS

Oakley Center Fellowship, Oakley Center for the Humanities and Social Sciences, Williams College, Fall 2016.

Fulbright U.S. Student Grant (10 months), Institute of International Education, U.S. Department of State, 2014.

Critical Language Research Award, Institute of International Education, U.S. Department of State, Fall 2013.

International Affairs Grant, Office of International Affairs, Ohio State University, Summer 2013.

Louise Loh Memorial Scholarship, East Asian Studies Center, Ohio State University, Summer 2012.

Tien-Yi Li Prize, History Department, Ohio State University, Summer 2012.

Student Grant, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Ohio State University, Summer 2012.

Department of History Research Grant, Ohio State University, April 2010 and October 2011.

U.S. Department of Education Title VI Foreign Language Areas Studies Fellowship (FLAS) for advanced Chinese, Summer 2009, academic year 2009-2010, Summer 2010 and Summer 2011.

Graduate School Fellowship, Ohio State University, September 2007-August 2008.

#### PUBLICATION

"Savior of the East: Chinese Imaginations of Soviet Russia during the National Revolution, 1925-1927." *Twentieth-Century China*. Accepted pending minor revisions. Scheduled to appear in May or October 2018.

## BOOK REVIEWS

Miriam Gross, *Farewell to the God of Plague: Chairman Mao's Campaign to Deworm China*, Oakland: University of California Press, in *Health Tomorrow: Interdisciplinarity and Internationality*, Volume 4, 2016. <http://ht.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/ht/issue/view/2303/showToc>

Ezra F. Vogel, *Deng Xiaoping and the Transformation of China*, Cambridge, MA: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2011, in *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, Ohio State University, January 2012. <https://origins.osu.edu/review/man-who-re-invented-china>

Helen Rappaport, *Conspirator: Lenin In Exile*, New York, NY: Basic Books, 2010, in *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, Ohio State University, June 2010. <https://origins.osu.edu/review/conspirator-lenin-exile>

Mobo Gao, *The Battle for China's Past: Mao & the Cultural Revolution*, London: Pluto Press, 2008, in *Labour / Le Travail*, Canadian Committee on Labour History, Vol. 65, Spring 2010, p.241-243.

Robert Service, *Trotsky: A Biography*, Cambridge, MA: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2009, in *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, Ohio State University, February 2010. <https://origins.osu.edu/review/trotsky-biography>

## PRESENTATIONS

"Marxism in May Fourth: Debating the 'Science' for a New Age, 1919-1924," presented at the Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies Conference, Drexel University, October 2017.

"The 'Modern Girl' and the 'Working Woman': Overlapping Categories of Identification in China's Proletarian Women's Movement, 1925-1927," presented at the Midwest Labor and Working-Class History Colloquium, The University of Memphis, June 2017. An earlier version of this paper was presented at the Midwest Conference of Asian Affairs, a regional affiliate of the Association for Asian Studies, at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, October 2016.

"Savior of the Orient: China's Imagination of Soviet Russia during Its National Revolution, 1925-1927," presented at the AAS-in-Asia Conference, an international affiliate of the Association for Asian Studies, at Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan, June 2016. An earlier version of this paper was presented at the History Graduate Student Conference, Duke University, October 2015.

"Comrade Jiang Qing or Madame Mao? How Commentary on Jiang Qing Reflects the Changing Roles of Women in Communist China," presented at the Midwest Conference of Asian Affairs, Macalester College, October 2011.

"Legitimizing the Future: The Role of the Chinese Media in Creating a Socialist Modernity, 1950-1952," presented at the Midwest Conference of Asian Affairs, The Ohio State University, October 2010.

"Read Mao: New Left Idealization of Communist China, 1966-1970," presented at the Chicago Graduate Student Conference, University of Illinois at Chicago, April 2010.

"Red Guards' Predisposition toward Violence in China's Cultural Revolution," presented at the Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies Conference, Seton Hall University, April 2006.

## TRANSLATION WORK

January 2010 + January 2012 Chinese-to-English translation for “Picturing Utopia: The Iconography of Socialist Realism,” an Art History research project overseen by Julia Andrews (History of Art, OSU) and Christopher A. Reed.

## CURRENT HISTORY TEACHING EXPERIENCE – RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN

Fall 2017 HPSS S424 “Roots of East Asia” (Two sections) - lecture course on Pre-Modern East Asian History with emphasis on social, cultural, and philosophical trends

January 2018 HPSS S170 “The East is Red: Asian Socialism” – Winter Session on Marxist governments and movements in Asia

Spring 2018 HPSS S488 “Gender in East Asia” – seminar on East Asian gender history, with a focus on the modern and contemporary eras

Spring 2018 HPSS S109 “Contested Narratives of the Modern World” – survey course designed for first-year students

## PREVIOUS HISTORY TEACHING EXPERIENCE – INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

January 2016 + January 2017 Williams College, Williamstown, MA  
Adjunct Winter Study Instructor in the Department of Asian Studies  
ASST 12 / HIST 12 / PSCI 10, “Socialism in Asia”

Spring 2013 Ohio State University, Columbus, OH  
Graduate Student Instructor in the Department of History  
HIST 141, “History of East Asia in the Pre-Modern Era”

Fall 2012 Capital University, Columbus, OH  
Adjunct Instructor in the Department of History  
HIST 101, “World History, 1500 to the Present”

Fall 2006 + Spring 2007: Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ  
Adjunct Instructor in the Department of Asian Studies  
ASIA 3129/HIST 2622, “History of Traditional Japan”  
ASIA 3130/HIST 3652, “History of Modern Japan”

## OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY TEACHING ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

History 112 “Western Civilization, 17<sup>th</sup> Century through Modern Times”  
History 141 “History of East Asia in the Pre-Modern Era”  
History 142 “History of East Asia in the Modern Era, 1600 to Present”  
History 181 “World Civilization to 1500”  
History 182 “World History, 1500 to Present”

## MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Asian Studies (AAS)  
American Historical Association (AHA)