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**EMPLOYMENT:**

Assistant Professor, Rhode Island School of Design, 2019-  
Lecturer, The University of Alabama in Huntsville, 2018-2019

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**EDUCATION:**

Ph.D. 2018

Department of History, The State University of New York at Buffalo,  
Major field: East Asian History. Specialization: Environmental History of China  
Dissertation: "Transforming Waters: Hydroelectricity, State Making, and Social  
Changes in Twentieth-Century China."

M.A., 2011

Department of History, Nanjing University, Major field: History of Modern China  
B.A., 2008.

Department of History, Henan Normal University, Major: History Education.

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**PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:****Research Articles:**

"The Yellow River Comes from Our Hands: Silt, Hydroelectricity, and the  
Sanmenxia Dam, 1929-1973"

*Environment and History*(forthcoming)

"Save the Nation with Electricity Generation: A Study of the Hydroelectric  
Industry in Chongqing during the War of Resistance against Japan"  
*Historical Research in Anhui*(Hefei), Vol. 5, October 2017, pp.91-98(in Chinese)

"Arid Spring and Flooded Autumn: The Predicament of Eastern Henan  
Agricultural Society under the Impact of Climate and People during the Qing  
Dynasty"

*Journal of the Yellow River Civilization and Sustainable Development*(Kaifeng), Vol.  
11, December 2015, pp. 35-44.(in Chinese)

**Digital/Online Projects:**

"The Human Costs of 'Swan City'", China Dialogue, June 14, 2019

<https://www.chinadialogue.net/culture/11315-The-human-costs-of-Swan-City-/en>

<https://www.thethirdpole.net/en/2019/06/19/the-human-costs-of-swan-city/>

Modern Chinese Environmental History Reading List:

[https://www.douban.com/doulist/1013279/?start=0&sort=time&playable=0&sub\\_type=](https://www.douban.com/doulist/1013279/?start=0&sort=time&playable=0&sub_type=)

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**Book Reviews:**

“Review of Gregory Rohlf, *Building New China, Colonizing Kokonor: Resettlement to Qinghai in the 1950s.*”

*Twentieth Century China* (forthcoming in October, 2019)

“As Long as the Water is Under Control, the State is Under Control: Review of David A. Pietz, *The Yellow River: The Problem of Water in Modern China*”

*Modern Chinese History Studies*(Beijing), Vol.6, December 2015, pp. 138-145.(in Chinese)

“Beyond Colonizing and Colonized: Review of Jun Uchida, *Brokers of Empire: Japanese Settler Colonialism in Korea, 1876-1945*”

*Cheng Kung Journal of Historical Studies*(Taiwan), Vol.48, June 2015, pp. 281-290.(in Chinese)

“Gun, Fist, and the Imagination of Violence in Modern China: Review of William Rowe *Crimson Rain: Seven Centuries of Violence in a Chinese County*”

*Historical Review*(Shanghai), Vol.1, February 2011, pp. 170-177.(in Chinese)

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**CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

“Rivers Transformed by War: Hydropower Plants, Local Communities and the War of Resistance against Japan in Southwest China.”

On the Natural History of Destruction Workshop, Columbia University, Oct. 5, 2018 (Also presented at Our World of Water: Histories of the Hydrosphere Conference, Georgetown University, November 4, 2017.)

“Silt, Dam, and Energy: Hydroelectric Power and the Sanmenxia Project, 1941-1973.”

The Fourth Conference of East Asian Environmental History, Nankai University, October 26, 2017.

UCLA-SJTU-UChicago Summer Text and Translation Workshop: New Materials and Interdisciplinary Methods of Studying Twentieth-century Chinese History, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, July 16-22, 2017.

“‘The Yellow River Coming from Our Hands’: Hydroelectricity and the Sanmenxia Project on the Yellow River.”

International Water History Association Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, June 14, 2017.

“The Social and Environmental Consequences of the Sanmenxia Reservoir Displacement, 1956-1965.”

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New England Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Boston, MA,  
January 28, 2017.

“A New Man-made Disaster’: The War of Resistance against Japan and  
Hydroelectric Projects in Southwest China.”

New York Conference on Asian Studies, Utica, NY, September 24, 2016.

“Nowhere to Call Home: A Study of Land Reclamation and Resettlement  
Programs from Henan to Gansu in the Late 1950s.”

The Theory and Practice of Environmental History: National Young Scholars  
Symposium, Beijing, June 19, 2015.

“Arid Spring and Flooded Autumn: The Yellow River and Local Society in Eastern  
Henan, 1644-1795.”

The American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference, San  
Francisco, CA, March 14, 2014. Chinese version presented at the Sixth  
International Symposium on Yellow River Studies, Kaifeng, Henan, November 22,  
2014.

“Green as Civilized: Forests in South and Central Manchuria, 1860-1945”

Symposium on Urban China, Buffalo, NY, April 20, 2013. Also presented at the  
New York Conference on Asian Studies, Binghamton, NY, September 27, 2013.

“A History of Mills in China During the Late Imperial Period and the Early 20<sup>th</sup>  
Century.”

New York Conference on Asian Studies, New Paltz, NY, September 29, 2012.

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**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

Rhode Island School of Design:

Making of Modern East Asia (2019 Fall)

Global Environmental History (2019 Fall)

The University of Alabama in Huntsville:

HY 104 World History Since 1500 (Face to Face and Online) (2018/2019)

HY399/HY598 Modern East Asian History(2018 Fall)

HY399 Comparative Environmental History(2019 Spring)

The College at Brockport:

HST 202 Modern World History (2017 Spring)

HST 386 From Opium to Hiroshima (2017 Spring)

University at Buffalo:

Teaching Assistant for:

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HIS391 China in the World (2017 Fall)  
HIS182 Asian Civilizations II (2013 Spring)  
HIS181 Asian Civilizations I (2012 Fall)  
HIS 162 U.S. Society Since 1865 (2017 Spring)  
HIS161 American History I (2015 Fall)  
UGC112 World Civilizations II (2012 Spring)  
UGC111 World Civilizations I (2011 Fall; 2013 Summer)

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**SERVICE:**

Member of the Comparative Cultures and Conflict Certificate Committee, The University of Alabama in Huntsville, 2018-2019;  
TA Leader for 2017 Conference for Graduate Teaching Assistants, University at Buffalo, August 26, 2017;  
Panel chair for 2016 Milton Plesur Graduate History Conference;  
Member of the Review Council for the Mark Diamond Research Fund, University at Buffalo, Fall 2016.

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**FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS:**

The University of Alabama in Huntsville, Faculty Development Award, 2018-2019  
Mark Diamond Research Grant, University at Buffalo, 2016  
New York State and Graduate Student Employees Union Professional Development Award, 2016/2018  
Plesur Dissertation Fellowship, Department of History, University at Buffalo, 2014-2015.  
Morgan and Jeanie Sherwood Travel Grant, American Society for Environmental History, 2014.  
Asian Studies Research Grant, Asian Studies Program, University at Buffalo, 2014.  
Plesur Fellowship, Department of History, University at Buffalo, 2011-2013; 2015-2016.  
Graduate Student Scholarship, Nanjing University, 2008-2011.

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**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

Association for Asian Studies  
Association for East Asian Environmental History  
Chinese Historians in the United States