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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Chicago, Department of History, 1999
M.A., University of Chicago, Department of History, 1995
A.B., Princeton University, summa cum laude; highest honors in East Asian Studies, 1990

ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

University of Wisconsin-Madison
Associate Professor, Department of the History of Science (2009-)
Assistant Professor, Department of the History of Science (2001-2009)
Affiliate: Integrated Liberal Studies, Religious Studies Program, Medieval Studies
Program, Center for East Asian Studies, Center for European Studies
Wayne State University, Assistant Professor, Department of History (1999-2000)
Northwestern University, Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of History (1998-1999)

HONORS, GRANTS, AWARDS

Visiting Fellow, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin (2010)
University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School Research Committee Award – Investigator
Salary Supplement (2010-2011)
University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School Research Committee Award – Investigator
Salary Supplement (2009-2010)
Honored Instructor Award, University Residence Halls (2008)
Folger Institute Faculty Weekend Seminar, ‘Observation in Early Modern Europe,’ Folger
Shakespeare Library, Washington, D.C., directed by Lorraine Daston (2008)
Center for European Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Faculty Travel Grant (2008)
Center for East Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Faculty Travel Grant (2008)
Ricci Institute for Chinese-Western Cultural History, University of San Francisco, EDS-
Stewart Research Grant (2005-2006)
NSF Science and Technology Studies Scholars Award, SES-0324181 (2003-2005)
Cole, Sullivan, Slichter (CSS) Residence Hall Community Exceptional Professor Award,
University of Wisconsin-Madison (2004)
ACLS/Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship for Junior Faculty (2003-2004)
University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School Research Committee Award – Investigator
Salary Supplement (2003-2004)
Visiting Fellow, Department of History, Princeton University (2003-2004)
Newberry Library, Chicago, Monticello College Foundation Fellowship (2003-2004, declined)
NSF Graduate Fellow (1994-1997)
Andrew W. Mellon Fellow in the Humanities (1993-1994)
Fulbright Grant, Chinese University of Hong Kong (1990-1991)

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed book

Sojourners in a strange land: Jesuits and their scientific missions in late imperial China, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2009.

Refereed book chapters and articles

“Chinese astronomy for the early modern European reader,” *Early science and medicine* 13 : 5 (2008): 413-46.

“Mathematical martyrs, mandarin missionaries, and apostolic academicians: telling institutional lives,” in Anne Goldgar and Robert Frost (eds.), *Institutional culture in early modern society*, Leiden: Brill, 2004, 3-34.

“Some observations on the *Observations*: the decline of the French Jesuit scientific mission in China,” *Revue de synthèse* 4: 2-3 (April-Sept. 1999): 305-33.

“Jesuits, Jupiter’s satellites, and the *Académie royale des sciences*,” in John W. O’Malley et al. (eds.), *The Jesuits: cultures, sciences, and the arts, 1540-1773*, Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1999, 241-57.

Invited book chapters, articles, and encyclopedia essays

“Athanasius Kircher’s *China illustrata* (1667): an apologia pro vita sua,” in Paula Findlen (ed.), *Athanasius Kircher: the last man who knew everything*, New York: Routledge, 2004, 383-404.

“La diffisione della scienza europea” [“The transmission of European science to other cultures”], in Sandro Petrocchioli (gen. ed.), *Storia della scienza*, Daniel Garber (ed.), vol. V, *La rivoluzione scientifica*, Rome: Istituto della Enciclopedia Italiana, 2002, 69-90 [~13,000 words].

“Università e ordini religiosi” [“The university, religious orders, societies, salons, libraries and academies”], in Sandro Petrocchioli (gen. ed.), *Storia della scienza*, Daniel Garber (ed.), vol. V, *La rivoluzione scientifica*, Rome: Istituto della Enciclopedia Italiana, 2002, 122-33 [~7,000 words].

“I viaggi di scoperta e le osservazioni” [“Voyages of discovery and observation”], in Sandro Petrocchioli (gen. ed.), *Storia della scienza*, Daniel Garber (ed.), vol. V, *La rivoluzione scientifica*, Rome: Istituto della Enciclopedia Italiana, 2002, pp. 171-83 [~10,000 words].

“L’étonnement chinois,” *Les cahiers de science & vie* 44 (April 1998): 72-80.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Conference papers (selected)

“Rereading enlightenment Sinology through the material text.” Conference, *Material geographies: bodies in transit & places in imagination*, organized by Mimi Kim, North Carolina State University (24-25 April 2010).

“Curious and edifying letters: Jesuit new worlds and their publics.” Conference, *Nature’s publics: the making of publics for knowledge of the natural world in Europe, 1500-1800*, organized by David Harris Sacks, McGill University (18-20 March 2010).

Presentation, “Moving knowledge across Asian frontiers” panel. Symposium, *Itineraries of exchange: cultural contact through a global frame*, University of British Columbia, organized by Neil Safier (4-6 March 2010).

“Paper voyages: publishing the Paris Academy of Sciences’ scientific expeditions.” Annual meeting of the History of Science Society, Phoenix (19-22 November 2009).

“Jesuitical expertise and New France.” Conference, *Des mondes atlantiques français – French Atlantic worlds*, McGill University (15-17 October 2009).

- “Who was that masked man?” Workshop, *Jesuit Roundtable*, Department of Religion, Northwestern University, directed by J. Michelle Molina and Kristin Huffine (14-15 May 2009).
- “Old news from China: seventeenth-century reports on ancient knowledge traditions.” Symposium, *New worlds, new publics: re(con)figuring association and the impact of European expansion, 1500-1700*, directed by David A. Boruchoff, Newberry Library, Chicago (25-27 September 2008).
- “Science for the sovereign: from Paris to Beijing and back again.” 22nd International Congress of History of Science, Beijing (24-30 July 2005).
- “The Jesuit construction of Chinese chronology.” Workshop, *The destruction of Biblical chronology between Scaliger and Vico*, directed by Anthony Grafton and Siccio Lehmann-Brauns, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin (24-26 August 2005).
- “From practice to print: early modern Jesuit science in Asia and its European diffusion.” Annual meeting of the History of Science Society, Minneapolis (November 2005).
- “Enlightened antiquarianism and the Chinese astronomical tradition.” Conference, *The Age of antiquaries in Europe and China*, co-organized by Peter Miller and François Louis, Bard Graduate Center, New York City (25-27 March 2004).
- “Comparing early modern cultures: some insider perspectives on Chinese science.” Conference, *The Scientific Revolution in multicultural perspective*, co-organized by Steven J. Livesey and F. Jamil Ragep, University of Oklahoma, Tulsa (7-8 April 2003).
- “Rereading Jesuit contributions to the history of Chinese science.” Princeton Workshop in the History of Science, *Science across the seas*, Princeton University (6 December 2002).
- “The rise and fall of Chinese imperial science as a historiographical motif.” Conference, *The disunity of Chinese science*, co-organized by Roger Hart and Robert J. Richards, Franke Humanities Institute, University of Chicago (10-11 May 2002).

Invited lectures (selected)

- “T. S. Bayer: The life of an 18th-century orientalist in St. Petersburg.” Center for East Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison (28 April 2010).
- “Personae gratae.” Center for Cultural Studies, University of California-Santa Cruz (1 April 2010).
- “Personae, print culture, and Chinese-Western cultural history.” Workshop, Ricci Institute, University of San Francisco (31 March 2010).
- “Sojourners in a strange land.” Ricci Institute, University of San Francisco (30 March 2010).
- “Cherishing observations from afar: the problem of Jesuitical expertise.” History of Human Sciences Workshop, Fishbein Center, University of Chicago (7 March 2008).
- “The Passion eclipse and the origins of European sinology.” Center for East Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison (8 November 2007).
- “Writing Jesuit science into the Chinese mission field.” Program in the History of Science, Medicine, and Technology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore (12 October 2006).
- “Bread and circuses: imperial Chinese science in the European imagination.” Center for Early Modern History, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis (27 February 2004).
- Guest lecturer, “Arts of discovery: science and visual culture in the age of exploration, 1500-1800,” co-taught by J.B. Shank (History) and Michael Gaudio (Art History), University of Minnesota, Minneapolis (26 February 2004).