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- "Fufu" 夫婦 (husband and wife), 217
- "Fuzi" 父子 (father and son), 218-219
- "Qin" 親 (love, intimacy), 490-491
- "Qinqin" 親親 (loving one's beloved), 491-492
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- "Ti" 悌 (brotherliness)," 604
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“China, A Different Medieval.” Presented at the “Civilizational Legacy and Historical Paths: First World History Frontiers Forum at the Chinese Academy of History, Beijing, September 12, 2025.

“The North American New World History.” Presented as a Keynote Speech at the “Civilizational Legacy and Historical Paths: First World History Frontiers Forum at the Chinese Academy of History, Beijing, September 12, 2025.

“New Trends in Western Historiography on Early and Medieval History in the Last Ten Years.” Presented in Mandarin at the “Academic Tradition and Disciplinary Innovation: International Symposium on Frontiers of Historical Studies,” at Southeastern University, Nanjing, June 21, 2025.

“From Rockstars to Wallflowers: The Transformation of Bears on Spirit Jars.” Presented at the “Conference of American Sinologists: Sinologists’ Perspectives on the Development of Contemporary China,” at the World Sinology Center in Qingdao, China, on July 23, 2024.

“Filial Exemplars or Earth-bound Immortals? The Spiritual Function of Illustrated Filial Piety Stories in Northern Dynasties Tombs.” Presented in Mandarin Chinese at the “International Symposium on Images of Filial Piety Tales and Medieval Chinese Society, at Northwest University (Xibei daxue 西北大學) in Xi’an, China, June 22, 2024.

“The Historical Significance of the Filial Piety Scenes on the Guyuan Lacquered Coffin.” Presented virtually in Mandarin Chinese at The International Symposium on the Silk Road and the Regional Culture of Guyuan during the Northern Dynasties, at the Ningxia Guyuan Museum, Guyuan, China, July 27, 2023.

“The Changing Face of Devotion: Images of Filial Piety Stories in Northern Dynasties China.” Presented at the “East Asian Studies Opening to the World: Foreign and Japanese Studies of Chinese History: the Seventieth Anniversary of the Oriental Institute Symposium,” at Gakushuin University, Tokyo Japan, December 18, 2022.

“The Birth of Popular Confucianism: Evidence from Dunhuang of the Creation of the Twenty-four Filial Exemplars.” Presented as the keynote speech of the 26th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable, at the Elling O. Eide Center, Sarasota, Florida, November 11, 2022.

“Sages and Immortals Need Not Apply: The Difficulty of Representing Chinese Religious Traditions in the Database of Religious History Questionnaire.” Presented at the “History in Ones and Zeroes: The Challenges Involved in Coding the Past” conference in Vancouver, Canada, August 29, 2022.

“Technology, Hierarchy, and Human Progress Create Social Order: Ge Hong’s (283-343) attack on Bao Jingyan’s Anarchism.” Presented at the “Transience: The Politics and Practices of Time in the Chinese Period of Division (4th-7th Centuries),” at the Max Planck Institute History of Science, Berlin, August 3, 2022.

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“People are Special, Animals are Not: An Early Medieval Confucian’s Views on the Difference between Humans and Non-human Animals.” Presented at the “Animals and Human Society in the Sinitic World” conference in Tel Aviv, Israel, March 22, 2022.

“Cong Han zhi Yuan xiaozi gushitu yanbian de chutan” 從漢至元孝子故事圖演變的初探 (A Preliminary Analysis of the Changes of Images of Filial Piety Tales from the Han to the Yuan Dynasty).” Presented virtually at the “Conference on Filial Piety,” at Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul, South Korea, January 23, 2022.

“He Chengtian dui ren he dongwu chabie de renshi” 何承天对人和动物差别的认识 (He Chengtian’s Understanding of the Differences between People and Animals). Presented in Mandarin virtually at the Zhongguo Zhongguo zhidu, liyi, yu jingshen shenghuo guoji xueshu yantaohui 中古中国制度、礼仪与精神生活国际学术研讨会 (The International Conference on Political Systems, Rituals, and Spirit Life in Medieval China), Beijing, August 21, 2021.

“Cultural Baggage: The Transmission and Spread of *Accounts of Filial Offspring* During

the Northern and Southern Dynasties.” Presented at the “Workshop on Migration and Border-crossing in Early Medieval China,” at Harvard University, May 23, 2019.

“The Historical Value of Filial Piety Images on Northern Dynasties’ Funerary Equipment” *Bei-Wei xiaozitu de lishi jiazhi* 北魏孝子圖的歷史价值. Presented in Mandarin Chinese at the Symposium on Northern Wei Culture” 北魏文化论坛. Datong, China, August 17, 2018.

“The Meanings of Animals on *Hunping* 魂瓶 (Spirit jars): The Religious Imagination of Second to Fourth century Jiangnan.” Presented at the “Animals and Religion in Asia” conference, Tel Aviv University, Israel, May 27, 2018.

“Filial Utopias: Early Medieval Conceptions of Local Governance.” Presented at the International Conference on Historical Facts and the Imagination in the History of Medieval China, Nankai University, Tianjin, China, August 21, 2017.

“The Use and Understanding of Domestic Animals in Medieval Northern China.” Presented at the “Movement, Temporality, and Exchange: Animals in Mongol Eurasia International Workshop,” Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, February 26, 2017.

“Comments on Papers concerning Frontier Buddhism.” Presented at the Buddhist Statecraft in East Asia: A Conference of Storytellers,” University of Southern California, Los Angeles, February 12, 2017.

“The Noteworthy Characteristics of Six Dynasties Families.” Presented at the “International Symposium: Rethinking the Six Dynasties, 3rd-6th Centuries,” China Institute, New York City, October 1, 2016.

“Six Dynasties Jiankang: An Incubator of Innovative Higher Education.” Presented at the “Liuchao Jiankangcheng dongfang daduhui guoji gaoceng luntan” ‘六朝建康城 東方大都會’ 國際高層論壇 (The City of Jiankang in the Six Dynasties – a Major Metropolis: A high level international symposium). Nanjing, China, May 23, 2015.

“Purity, Frugality, and Accommodation: Major Themes in Confucian Thought during the Six Dynasties Period.” Presented at the “From Mandarins to Mulian: A Celebration of David Johnson’s Legacy” conference at the Center for Chinese Studies, University of California, Berkeley, CA, October 10, 2014.

“Lizu dangdi fangyan quanqiu: dongdang shidai de rujia zuowei 立足當地放眼全球：動盪時代的儒家作為 [Think Globally Act Locally: Confucian Engagement during Chaotic Times]. Presented at the “Zongjiao shidai zeren yu shehui fuwu” [Religion’s Social Responsibilities and Social Welfare Activities] seminar, Nantou, Taiwan, December 22, 2013.

“Cong Han zhi Yuan xiaozhi gushitu yanbian de chutan” 從漢至元孝子故事圖演變的初

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“*Huayang guozhi* shifou you difangxing de daodeguan?” 華陽國志是否有地方性的道德觀? (Does the *Huayang guozhi* have a Moral Outlook that reflects a Regional Perspective?). Presented at the Diyu wenhua yu Zhongguo gudai wenxue xueshu yantaohui 地域文化與中國古代文學學術研討會 [Academic Symposium on Regional Culture and Ancient Chinese Literature, Tongren University, China, October 10, 2013.

“Chuantong xiaozi gushi de jiazhi fenxi” 傳統孝子故事的價值分析 (The Contemporary Relevance of Traditional Filial Piety Stories). Presented at the Chuantong xiaodao de dangdaiyi yu duoyuan duihua guoji xueshuhuiyi 傳統孝道的當代意義與多元對話國際學術會議 [The International Academic Meeting on the Contemporary Significance of Traditional Filial Piety and a Multiple Level Dialogue], Renmin University, Beijing, China, July 20, 2013.

“Clay Roosters Cannot Lord over Mornings: Religious Aspects of Austere Burials (*bozang* 薄葬) in Medieval China.” Presented at the “Death Ritual, Ancestor Worship, and Memory in Medieval China” China Humanities Seminar at Rutgers University, in New Brunswick, New Jersey, on April 26, 2013.

“Daughter-in-law, There is a Maggot in My Soup! Medieval Accounts of Unfilial Children.” Presented at the Filial Piety in Chinese History Workshop, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, February 16, 2013.

“Accumulating Examples of Virtue and Vice: Sima Qian and Collective Biography Writing in Early Imperial China.” Presented at the Sima Qian zhuanji wenxue guoji xueshu yantaohui Longmen luntan 司馬遷傳記文學國際學術研討會龍門論壇 [International Symposium on the Biographical Literature concerning Sima Qian: the Longmen Roundtable], Hancheng, China, October 26, 2012.

“Confucian Learning and Its Influence.” Presented at the Beijing University Cambridge History of China, Volume II Workshop, Beijing, September 15, 2012.

“Confucian Learning and Its Influence.” Presented at the Six Dynasties Material Culture, Arts, Literature, and Ritual Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, May 26-27, 2012.

“Chinese Filial Cannibalism: A Silk Road Import?” Presented at the “Cultural Crossings: China and Beyond in the Medieval Period” conference, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, March 11, 2010.

“Borrowing Legitimacy from the Dead: The Confucianization of Ancestral Worship in Early Medieval China.” Presented at the “Rituals, Pantheons, and Techniques: A History of Chinese Religion before the Tang” conference, Paris, December 19, 2006.

“アメリカとヨーロッパにおける孝子伝研究の現状” (Recent American and European Research on Chinese Accounts of Filial Children). Presented at the annual meeting of the Setsuwa bungaku.kai (Society of Japanese Tale Literature), Bukkyô University, Kyoto, June 17, 2006.

"Filial Feeding: The Parent-child Relationship in Early Medieval Tales of Filial Offspring." Presented at the Conference on Conceptions of Filial Piety in Chinese Thought and History, National University of Singapore, January 11, 2002.

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“Invasive Auspicious Beasts: The Replacement of Animal Figurines with Propitious Creatures on Figured Jars (Duisu guan 堆塑罐).” Presented at the tenth meeting of the Society for East Asian Archaeology at the University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen Scotland, August 23, 2025.

“Bearing with Humans: The Animal Others of the Mythical Heroes Gun and Yu. Presented at the “Same and/or Other? Animals in East Asian History” workshop, at the University of Münster’s Institute of Sinology and East Asian Studies, Münster, Germany, May 8, 2025.

“The Birth of Popular Confucianism: Evidence from Dunhuang of the Buddhist Creation of the Twenty-four Filial Exemplars.” Presented at the “Question Boundaries: Contemporary Approaches to Tang China,” organized by the T’ang Studies Society and sponsored by the Tang Research Foundation and the Elling Eide Center, Sarasota, Florida, April 26, 2025.

“Even in Paradise Taxes and Death are Inescapable: Confucian Utopias in Early Medieval China.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, November 24, 2024.

“From Rockstars to Wallflowers: The Transformation of Bears on Spirit Jars.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Seattle, Washington, March 16, 2024.

“From Rockstars to Wallflowers: The Transformation of Bears on Spirit Jars.” Presented at the Third Conference of the European Association for Asian Art and Archaeology, Ljubljana, Slovenia, September 17, 2023.

“Comments on Jessey Choo’s *Inscribing Death: Burials, Representations, and Remembrance in Tang China*.” Presented at the “Society for the Study of Chinese Religion Celebration of New Books” panel, Association for Asian Studies in Boston MA, on March 18, 2023.

“The High Deity as Head Honcho: Anthropomorphic Images of Heaven in Medieval Didactic Tales.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, November 19, 2022.

“A Token of a Fruitful Afterlife? A Preliminary Investigation of the Import of “Five-linked jars” to Kofun Period Japan.” Presented together with Fujii Yastaka at the Society for East Asian Archaeology Conference at Kyungpook University in Daegu, Republic of Korea, June 30, 2022.

“Chinese Treasures Buried in Private Japanese Libraries: the Yōmei bunko and Funahashi *Accounts of Filial Children*.” Presented virtually at the “Missing Sources and Marginal Voices: Reconstructing Asian Historical Narratives,” at Macau University, China, December 6, 2021.

“People are Special, Animals are Not: An Early Medieval Confucian’s Views on the Difference between Humans and Non-human Animals.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, November 23, 2019.

“The *Funahashi kōshiden*’s Modification of *Accounts of Filial Offspring* for Popular Audiences. Presented at the International Academic Symposium on Chinese Vernacular Culture, Chengdu, Sichuan, China, July 7, 2019.

“Why Buddhism and Daoism both Stink: Defining Confucianism through Polemical Attacks,” at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, November 17, 2018.

“The Meanings of Animals on *Hunping* 魂瓶 (Spirit jars): The Religious Imagination of Second to Fourth century Jiangnan.” Presented at the Eighth Worldwide Conference of

the Society for East Asian Archaeology, Nanjing University, Nanjing, China, June 11, 2018.

“Filial Murderers: The Inescapability of Violence in Medieval Chinese Tales of Filial Revenge.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of American Religion, Boston, MA, November 20, 2017.

“Personal Loyalties: The Virtue of *Zhong* 忠 in the *Jinshu*’s Biographies of the Loyal and Righteous.” Presented at the 12th International Meeting of the Early Medieval China Historical Association, Handan, Hebei, China, August 16, 2017.

“The Use and Understanding of Domestic Animals in Medieval Northern China.” Presented at the first annual Early Medieval China Group conference, Toronto, CA, March 16, 2017.

“The Existence of the C-word in Early Medieval China.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas, November 21, 2016.

“Punishing the Unfilial: A Confucianization of Early Chinese Law?” Presented in Mandarin at the International Meeting on the History of the Qin-Han and Wei-Jin Nanbeichao Periods, Xiangyang, Hubei, China, August 19, 2016.

“Sanitizing Filiality: The Changing Iconography and Pantheon of Filial Piety Tales in Pre-modern China.” Presented at the seventh meeting of Society for East Asian Archaeology, Cambridge/Boston MA, June 10, 2016.

“Punishing the Unfilial: A Confucianization of Early Chinese Law?” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia, November 22, 2015.

“Clay Roosters Cannot Lord over Mornings: Religious Aspects of Austere Burials (*bozang* 薄葬) in Medieval China.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia, November 21, 2015.

“Brother, Can You Spare a Dime? Siblings in Early Medieval Accounts of Filial Children.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, Illinois, March 28, 2015.

“Never the Kid and Forever the Child: Confucian Conceptions of Childhood in Early Medieval Filial Piety Tales.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, California, November 21, 2014.

“Purity, Frugality, and Accomodation: Major Themes in Confucian Thought during the Six Dynasties Period.” Presented at the Eleventh International Meeting of the Historical Association of Wei-Jin and Southern and Northern Dynasties of China,” Beijing, China, October 13, 2014.

“Fathers, the Neglected Parent in Early Medieval China.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, Maryland, November 24, 2013.

“Cong liuchao jiaxun kan fuqinde jiaose” 從六朝家訓看父親的角色 [The Role of the Father as seen in Six Dynasties’ Family Instructions]. Presented at the International Symposium on Studies of the Six Dynasties, Nanjing, China, October 19, 2013.

“Noble Creatures: Filial and Righteous Animals in Early Medieval Chinese Thought.” Presented at the Animals in Asian History, Society, Thought conference at the University of Manchester, Manchester United Kingdom, January 26, 2013.

“Going through the Motions: Reactions to the Implementation of the Three Year Mourning Rites.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL, November 17, 2012.

“Scriptural Knowledge and Impeccable Behavior: The Continued Relevance of Confucian Scholars in Wei-Jin Times.” Presented at the 2012 International Academic Conference on Wei-Jin Culture, Xuchang, China, September 22, 2012.

“Han Dynasty Regional Differences: A Preliminary Comparison of Model Buildings from Henan and Guangdong Tombs.” Presented at the 5th World Conference of the Society for East Asian Archaeology, Fukuoka, Japan, June 7, 2012.

“Do-it-yourself Networking: Patron-client Relations among Confucian Scholars in Early Medieval China.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Toronto, Canada, March 18, 2012.

“Cosmology in Service of Hierarchy: The Natural Basis for Secular and Familial Authority in the *Chunqiu fanlu*.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA, November 20, 2011.

“Cong Xiaozi zhuan kan Wei-Jin Nanbeichao fuzi guanxi 從孝子傳看魏晉南北朝父子關係” [The Father and Son Relationship as seen from Early Medieval Accounts of Filial Children]. Presented at the Tenth International Meeting of the Historical Association of Wei-Jin and Southern and Northern Dynasties of China, Taiyuan, China, October 19, 2011.

“Why did Early Medieval Historian frequently label Biographies of Filial Children “Accounts of the Filial and Righteous?” Presented [in Mandarin] at the International Symposium on Ancient Chinese Biographical Literature, Beijing, China, December 18, 2010.

“Daughter-in-law, There is a Maggot in My Soup! Medieval Accounts of Unfilial Children.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion,

Atlanta, GA, October 30, 2010.

“Magistrates and Miracles: The Supernatural Arsenal of Fine Officials in Early Medieval China.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association, San Diego, California, January 7, 2010.

“Finding a New Audience: The Tang Popularization of Filial Piety Narratives.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Montreal, Canada, November 7, 2009.

“Magistrates and Miracles: The Supernatural Arsenal of Fine Officials in Early Medieval China.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, IL, March 27, 2009.

“Medieval Chinese Biographies of the Filial and the Righteous: The Guos as Confucian Commoners.” Presented at the Collective Biography Conference, Research School of Humanities Australia National University College of Arts and Social Sciences, Canberra, September 10, 2008.

“Using Artifacts to Date Texts: The Case of the *Accounts of Filial Children* Manuscripts in Kyoto.” Presented at the 4th Worldwide Conference of the Society for East Asian Archaeology, Beijing, China, June 5, 2008.

“Voluntary Obligations: The Client Relations of *Guli* 故吏 and *Mensheng* 門生 in Early Medieval China.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Atlanta, Georgia, April 4, 2008.

“Personal Loyalties: The Virtue of *Zhong* 忠 in Early Medieval China.” Presented at the Fifth International Convention of Asian Scholars. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, August 4, 2007.

“Where have all the Loyal Retainers Gone? The Conflict between Family and State in Early Medieval China.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Washington, D.C., November 20, 2006.

“The Remembered Dead: Ancestral Rites in Early Medieval China.” Presented at Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Francisco, California, April 7, 2006.

“Learning Confucianism through Its Exemplars.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 20, 2005.

“The Subtle Art of Avoiding Profit: The Mercantile Adventures of a Fifth-Century Confucian Exemplar.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 19, 2005.

“Why is Yang Gong a Filial Son? The Connection between Filiality and Righteousness

in Early Medieval China.” Presented at 47th Annual Conference of the American Association For Chinese Studies, Nashville, Tennessee, October 22, 2005.

"Filial Piety for Dummies: The Modification of the *Funahashi Accounts of Filial Offspring* for Popular Audiences." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, Illinois, April 2, 2005.

"The Attraction of Filial Cannibalism: The Confucian Appropriation of the *Sujati Jâtaka*." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas, November 21, 2004.

"Local Virtue? Worthiness according to the fourth-century *Huayang Guozhi*." Presented at the International Symposium on Chinese Local History, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, November 6, 2004.

"Confucian and Christian Miracles in Early Medieval Eurasia." Presented at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia, November 25, 2003.

"Ge Hong's Reconciliation of Taoism and Confucianism." Presented [in Mandarin] at the First International Conference on Ge Hong and Chinese Culture, Ningbo China, November 8, 2003.

"Creeping Absolutism: Parental Authority as seen in Early Medieval Tales of Filial Offspring." Presented at the "Cultures of Authority in Asian Practice" on-line conference, sponsored by the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, September 2-6, 2003.

"The Naturalness of Filial Piety: A Study of Filial Animal Tales." Presented at the 38th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 8, 2003.

"The Naturalness of Filial Piety: A Study of Filial Animal Tales." Presented at the 55th Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, New York, March 28, 2003.

"From Honoring Parents to Feeding Them in Style: The Transformation of Lowly *Yang* into Exalted *Gongyang* in Early Medieval China." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Toronto, Canada, November 24, 2002.

"Family Roots and Imperial Opportunities: The Origins and Uses of Early Medieval Filial Piety Tales." Presented at the 37th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalazamoo, Michigan, May 2, 2002.

“Filial Suicide, Mutilation and Infanticide: Representations of Dutiful Daughters from the Han to the Yuan.” Presented at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, March 23, 2001.

“Creeping Absolutism: Parental Authority as Seen in Filial Piety Tales.” Presented at the 51st Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Boston, Massachusetts, March 13, 1999.

“Exceeding the Rites: Mourning Motifs in Chinese Tales of Filial Sons.” Presented at the 50th Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Washington D.C., March 26, 1998.

"Strategies for Teaching Confucianism." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, California, November 24, 1997.

"Chûgoku chûsei no hakusô ni tsuite" 中國中世の薄葬について (Austere Burials in Medieval China). Presented at the International Conference of Orientalists in Japan, Tokyo, May 24, 1992.

"Clay Roosters Cannot Lord over Mornings: the Meanings of Austere Burials in Medieval Death Testaments." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 1991.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Invasive Auspicious Beasts: The Replacement of Animal Figurines with Propitious Creatures on Figured Jars (Duisu guan 堆塑罐).” Presented at the 29th annual meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable at the Elling O. Eide Center, Sarasota FL, November 2, 2025.

“Even in Paradise Taxes and Death are Inescapable: Confucian Utopias in Early Medieval China.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Medievalists Meeting, at the College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, March 29, 2025.

“From Rockstars to Wallflowers: The Transformation of Bears on Spirit Jars.” Presented at the 27th meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable at The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, October 28, 2023.

“Technology and Hierarchy Create Order: Ge Hong’s Rebuttal of Bao Jingyan’s Timeless Anarchism.” Presented at the 25th annual meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, February 19, 2022.

“Filial Murderers: The Inescapability of Violence in Medieval Chinese Tales of Filial Revenge.” Presented at the South Carolina Medievalists Group Symposium, March 7, 2020.

“The Changing Face of Devotion: Images of Filial Piety Stories in Northern Dynasties China.” Presented virtually at the 24th annual meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable, sponsored by the Elling O. Eide Center, Sarasota, Florida, October 25, 2020.

“People are Special, Animals are Not: An Early Medieval Confucian’s Views on the Difference between Humans and Non-human Animals.” Presented at the twenty-third annual meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Georgia, November 2, 2019.

“The Meanings of Animals on *Hunping* 魂瓶 (Spirit jars): The Religious Imagination of Second to Fourth century Jiangnan.” Presented at the twenty-second annual meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable, University of North Florida, Jacksonville, Florida, October 20, 2018.

“Filial Murderers: The Inescapability of Violence in Medieval Chinese Tales of Filial Revenge.” Presented at the twenty-first annual meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable, Elling O. Eide Center, Sarasota, Florida, October 28, 2017.

“Punishing the Unfilial: A Confucianization of Early Chinese Law?” Presented at the Southeast Early China Roundtable, at the nineteenth annual meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, October 31, 2015.

“Purity, Frugality, and Accomodation: Major Themes in Confucian Thought during the Six Dynasties Period.” Presented at the Southeast Early China Roundtable, at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, China, November 2, 2014.

“Scriptural Knowledge and Impeccable Behavior: The Continued Relevance of Confucian Scholars in Wei-Jin (220-419) times.” Presented at the sixteenth annual meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable, Berea College, Berea, Kentucky, November 4, 2012.

“Sympathy and Severity: The Father-Son Relationship in Early Medieval China.” Presented at the fifteenth annual meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable, Sewanee: University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, October 8, 2011.

“Daughter-in-law, There is a Maggot in My Soup! Medieval Accounts of Unfilial Children.” Presented at the fourteenth annual meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, November 13, 2010.

“The Neglected Classic: The Importance of the *Xiaojing* 孝經.” Presented at the Midwest Conference in Chinese Thought, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, May 1, 2010.

“Filial Utopias: Early Medieval Conceptions of Local Governance.” Presented at the thirteenth annual meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, October 24, 2009.

“Filial Utopias: Early Medieval Conceptions of Local Governance.” Presented at the Midwest Conference in Chinese Thought 2009, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale,

Illinois, April 18, 2009.

“The Exemplary Everymen: Guo Shidao and Guo Yuanping as the Epitome of Confucian Commoners.” Presented at the twelfth annual meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable, University of North Florida, Jacksonville, Florida, November 15, 2008.

“Personal Loyalties: The Virtue of *Zhong* 忠 in Early Medieval China.” Presented at the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable, Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Florida, November 10, 2007.

“Personal Loyalties: The Virtue of *Zhong* 忠 in Early Medieval China.” Presented at the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Southeast Medieval Association, Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina, October 5, 2007.

“Did the Middle Kingdom have a Middle Period? The Problem of “Medieval” in Chinese History.” Presented at the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable, The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, November 4, 2006.

“Did the Middle Kingdom have a Middle Period? The Problem of “Medieval” in Chinese History.” Presented at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Southeast Medieval Association, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, October 12, 2006.

"The Subtle Art of Avoiding Profit: The Mercantile Adventures of a Fifth-Century Confucian Exemplar." Presented at the Third Annual Mid-West Conference on East Asian Thought, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, April 1, 2006.

"Learning Confucianism Through Filial Sons, Loyal Retainers, and Chaste Widows." Presented at the Ninth Annual Southeast Early China Roundtable, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, November 5, 2005.

"Differences between Kin: An Examination of Two Accounts of Filial Offspring Preserved in Japan." Presented at the Eighth Annual Southeast Early China Roundtable, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, October 16, 2004.

"Chinese Filial Cannibalism: A Silk Road Import?" Presented at the 29th Annual Conference of the Southeastern Medieval Association, Fayetteville, Arkansas, October 24, 2003.

"From Honoring Parents to Feeding Them in Style: The Transformation of Lowly *Yang* into Exalted *Gongyang* in Early Medieval China." Presented at the Sixth Annual Southeast Early China Roundtable, Chattanooga, Tennessee, November 2, 2002.

"Filial Feeding: The Parent-child Relationship in Early Medieval Tales of Filial Offspring." Presented at the Columbia Traditional China and Korea Seminar, New York City, New York, December 11, 2001.

“Food, Hierarchy, and Self-deprivation: The Parent-child Relationship in Early Medieval Tales of Filial Offspring.” Presented at the Fifth Annual Southeast Early China Roundtable, Charlotte, North Carolina, November 3, 2001.

“Sanitizing Filial Piety: Changing Images of Dutiful Offspring Tales from AD 100 to 1400.” Presented at the Fourth Annual Southeast Early China Roundtable, Athens, Georgia, November 11, 2000.

“Some Thoughts on the Formation of the Chinese Early Medieval Elite.” Presented at the Third Annual Southeast Early China Roundtable, Asheville, North Carolina, October 31, 1999.

“The Religious Vision of the Third-century Scholar and Recluse Huangfu Mi.” Presented at the Second Annual Meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable, Charleston, South Carolina, October 25, 1998.

“Exceeding the Rites: Mourning Motifs in Chinese Tales of Filial Sons.” Presented at the First Annual Meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable, Charlottesville, Virginia, October 25, 1997.

“Strategies for Teaching Confucianism.” Presented at the Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Savannah, Georgia, January 19, 1997.

“Miracles and Cosmology in the Tales of Devoted Sons.” Presented at the Regional Meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Columbia, South Carolina, March 20, 1996.

MANUSCRIPTS REVIEWED

Article Manuscripts

Acta Orientalia Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae, Fall 2019

Animal History, Winter 2025

Asia Major, Summer 2006, Summer 2008, Fall 2014, Summer 2016

Azjiske študije/ Asian Studies, Spring 2019 (2)

Bulletin of the Jao Tsung-I Academy of Sinology (BJAS), Fall 2018

Cogent Arts & Humanities Summer 2023

Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy, Summer 2008, Summer 2014, Summer 2018

Education about Asia, Summer 2007, Summer 2010, Spring 2013

Early Medieval China, Spring 2012, Fall 2020, Fall 2022

Extrême-Orient Extrême-Occident, Spring 2011

Frontiers of History in China, Winter 2021

Global Food History, Fall 2014

International Journal of Buddhist Thought & Culture, Summer 2025

International Journal of Historical Archaeology Fall 2015

Journal of Asian Studies, Spring 2018
Journal of Chinese History, Spring 2017, Fall 2020
Journal of the American Academy of Religion, Spring 2007, Spring 2014
Journal of the American Oriental Society, Summer 2018, Summer 2021
Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient, Fall 2008
Journal of Song-Yuan Studies, Winter 2011
Law and History, Summer 2024
Material Religion, Spring 2022, Summer 2022
Modern Asian Studies, Summer 2023
Monumenta Serica, Winter 2018
Oxford Bibliographies, Summer 2024
Philosophy East and West, Winter 2006, Winter 2009, Spring 2012, Summer 2015, Fall 2015, Fall 2018, Winter 2020, Fall 2024, Spring 2026
Religion Compass, Winter 2025
Religions, Winter 2023
Social Sciences and Humanities Open, Winter 2023
Sungkyun Journal of East Asian Studies, Fall 2017
Synthesis philosophica, Summer 2025
T'ang Studies, Spring 2018, Summer 2020, January 2023, Spring 2025, Fall 2025
T'oung Pao, Fall 2015
UCSB Undergraduate Journal of History, January 2024
War in History Spring 2019

Book Manuscripts

Association for Asian Studies, Spring 2008
Brill, Spring 2020, Summer 2021
Cambridge University Press, Fall 2011, Winter 2012
Columbia University Press, Spring 2017, Summer 2020
Cornell University Press, Summer 2019
Harvard Asia Center, Spring 2013
Oxford University Press, Spring 2015, Summer 2016
Pearson, Spring 2007
Rowman & Littlefield, Spring 2018
SUNY Press, Fall 2005, Spring 2006, Spring 2007, Summer 2007, Summer 2010, Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Summer 2021, Winter 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023
University of California Press, Spring 2023
University of Hawai'i Press, Fall 2007, Summer 2023

Book Proposals

Anthem Press, Fall 2022
Association for Asian Studies, Fall 2007
Bloomsbury Academic, Fall 2021
Cambridge University Press, Summer 2021
Continuum, Spring 2013
Oxford University Press, Summer 2009

Palgrave Macmillan Press, Fall 2002
Routledge, Fall 2022

Research Proposals

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, Summer 2024, Fall 2025, “Suicide as a Prism”
Hong Kong Research Grant Council, Spring 2014, Spring 2016, Spring 2017 (3),
Summer 2019, Spring 2020 (3), Spring 2021 (1), Spring 2022 (1), Spring 2023 (2),
Spring 2025 (1),
Israeli Institute for Advanced Studies, Spring 2019
University of Macau Multi-year Research Grant, Spring 2014

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Nominated to be a representative of the East and Inner Asia Council on the Editorial Board of the Association for Asian Studies, October 24, 2025.
Appointed as a Concurrent Researcher at Nanjing University’s Center for Cooperation and Innovation in Chinese Literature and East Asian Civilization, Nanjing, June 18, 2025.
Appointed as a Chair Professor of Wutong Sinology of Beijing Language and Culture University, at the World Sinology Center, Qingdao, China, on July 22, 2024
Invited to join Beijing Language and Culture University’s Eminent American Sinology Tour, April 2024
Elected by the History Department to be a Senator of the Citadel’s Academic Senate, August 2023.
Invited to nominate a scholar for the 2024 Tang Prize in Sinology, August, 2023.
Invited to join the Elling Eide Center Board of Directors, March 24, 2023
Re-elected for a third time as an executive board member of the Tang Studies Society, March 2023
Awarded a one term sabbatical for Spring 2023
Re-appointed to serve on the Library Advisory Group of the Elling O. Eide Center, spring 2022
Invited to be on the editorial board of the *Journal of Chinese History*, May 2021
Invited to be an outside consultant for the Database of Religious History, May 2021
Reappointed to serve on the Library Advisory Group of the Elling O. Eide Center, 2021
Invited to nominate a scholar for the 2022 Tang Prize in Sinology, August 2021.
Invited to be on the editorial board of *Early Medieval China*, December 2020
Nominated to be on the American Historical Association’s James Henry Breasted Prize Committee. This is an award for the best book in any field of history prior to 1000 CE, Fall 2020.
Received The Citadel’s Faculty Excellence in Research Award, April 29, 2020.
Re-elected as an executive board member of the Tang Studies Society, March 2020
Invited to review proposals concerning Asia, Africa, and the Middle East for the National Endowment of the Humanities, August, 2019.
Invited to serve a three-year term on the Library Advisory Group of the Elling O. Eide Center, March 16, 2017.
Appointed as an academic advisor to Nanjing University’s Research Institute on the Six

Dynasties, March 14, 2017.
 Elected to the Executive Board of the Tang Studies Society, February 17, 2017.
 Appointed as a Honorary Visiting Professor at Handan College on May 26, 2016.
 Appointed as Advisor to the Journal of Tongren University on December 29, 2014.
 Faculty Excellence Award for outstanding merit in scholarship, teaching, and service,
 The Citadel, 1/27/14.
 Appointed as Honorary Visiting Professor at Tongren University on October 8, 2013.
 Awarded a one term sabbatical for Fall 2013
 Elected as a steering committee member to both the American Academy of Religion's
 Confucian Tradition Group and the Chinese Religions Group, November 2012
 Received a "Certificate of Appreciation" from The Citadel NROTC Unit for outstanding
 service to NROTC students during AY 2011-12
 Inducted as an honorary board member of the Academic Association of the History of
 Early Medieval China (魏晉南北朝史學會), October 2011.
 Selected as President of the Early Medieval China Group, April 2010
 "100 Books for Understanding Contemporary Japan" grant from the Nippon Foundation,
 Spring 2009, on behalf of the Citadel's Daniel Library
 Selected to be the History Department Chair from 2008 to 2013
 Re-elected as Co-chair of the American Academy of Religion's Confucian Traditions
 Group, 2008
 Selected as the first History Department recipient of the Westvaco Chair of National
 Security Studies, July 2007
 Elected as the Co-chair of the American Academy of Religion's Confucian Traditions
 Group, 2005
 Inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi, a national honor society, April 25, 2004
 The Social Science Research Council Eurasia Program Teaching Fellowship, 2003-2005
 The Citadel's Krause Faculty Award, 2002
 Citadel Foundation Full-Year Sabbatical Award, 2002-2003
 American Council of Learned Societies, National Program for Advanced Study and
 Research in China Grant, administered by the Committee on Scholarly Communication
 with China and funded by the National Endowment of the Humanities, 1999-2000
 Citadel Foundation Research Grant, 1996-97, 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-
 2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2010-11,
 2011-12, 2012-13.
 Citadel Foundation Development Grant, Fall 1997, Summer 1998, Spring 1999, Summer
 1999, Summer 2004, Summer 2005, Fall 2007
 Citadel Foundation Presentation Grant, Spring 1996, Fall 1997, Fall 1998, Spring 1999,
 Fall 1999, Fall 2000, Spring 2001, Fall 2002, Spring 2002, Fall 2002 (2), Spring 2003
 (2), Fall 2003 (3), Fall 2004 (3), Spring 2005 (1), Fall 2005 (1), Spring 2006 (2), Fall
 2007(1),
 Citadel Development Foundation New Faculty Grant, 1996
 China Times Young Scholars Award 1993-94
 University of California Andrew Mellon Dissertation Write-up Grant 1992-93
 Foreign Language and Area Studies Travel Fellowship 1991-92
 University of Washington Twenty-five Dynastic Histories Database Travel Grant 1990
 Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies in Yokohama Grant, 1991-92

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, 1988-91
Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies in Taipei Fellowship 1985-87
Princeton University Merit Fellowship 1984-85
Presidential Research Award, State University of New York at Albany, 1984
Phi Alpha Theta, International Honor Society in History, 1980
New York State Regents Scholarship, 1979-83

COURSES TAUGHT

A Good Life and Death in Chinese History
Archaeology of East Asia
Chinese Utopian Thought
East Asian Historical Conceptions of Leadership
History of Western Civilization (Part I)
History of Western Civilization (Part II)
History of World Civilization (Part I)
History of World Civilization (Part II)
Honors History (Part I)
Honors History (Part II)
History of East Asian Religions
History of the Non-Western World
History of Modern China and Japan
History of Premodern China
History of Modern China
History of Chinese Religion (honors)
History of Japan
History of China to 1800 (graduate)
History of Japan to 1800 (graduate)
History of the Non-Western World (graduate)
Historiography (graduate)
Historiography (Masters of the Art of Teaching)
Samurai in History, Literature, and Art
Silk Roads and Nomadic Empires
Teaching Major Fields of History (Masters of the Art of Teaching)
The Culture and History of Northern China (Maymester)
The History of the Capitals of China (Maymester)
Violence, War, and Peace in Chinese History
History of War and Society in China

OTHER IMPORTANT FORMS OF SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY: CONFERENCE ORGANIZING

Organizer and host of the 29th meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable, at the

Elling O. Eide Center, Sarasota, FL., October 31- November 2, 2025.

Point of Contact and Master of Ceremonies for the “Strengthening the U.S.-Japan Security Alliance in South Carolina” event at The Citadel, which was sponsored by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA, on October 11, 2024.

Organizer and host of the 27th meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable, Charleston, SC, October 27-29, 2023.

Organizer of the third annual Early Medieval China Mini-Conference, Denver, March 21, 2019.

Organizer of the second annual Early Medieval China Mini-Conference, Washington, D.C., March 22, 2018.

Organizer of the first annual Early Medieval China Mini-Conference, Toronto, Canada, March 16, 2017.

Organizer of the 20th annual meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable, at The Citadel, Charleston, October 28-30, 2016.

Organizer of the “From Mandarins to Mulian: A Celebration of David Johnson’s Legacy” conference at the Center for Chinese Studies, University of California, Berkeley, CA, October 10, 2014.

Organizer of the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable, at the Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, November 3-5, 2006.

Organizer of the Second Annual Southeast Early China Roundtable, Charleston, South Carolina, October 24-25, 1998.

OTHER IMPORTANT FORMS OF SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY: PANEL ORGANIZATION

Organizer of the “Confucianism Enchanted: Narratives and Liturgies of Confucian Deities” panel at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, November 18, 2022.

Organizer and Discussant of the “Dragons, Mosquitoes, and the Hundred Animals” panel at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, November 24, 2019.

Organizer of the “Animals, Real and Imagined, in Chinese Religions: In the Late Antique and Medieval Periods” panel at the annual meeting of the American Academy of

Religion, San Diego, CA, November 23, 2019.

Organizer of the “Scathing Screeds: Polemics as a Means of Defining One’s Religion in Imperial China” panel at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, November 17, 2018.

Organizer of the “A Gentleman Does Not Enter the Kitchen, but ... : Confucian Attitudes towards Violence” panel at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA, November 20, 2017.

Organizer of the “If and When did the Word Ru come to mean Confucian?” panel at the annual meeting of the Academy of American Religion, San Antonio, TX, November 21, 2016.

Organizer of the “The Ambiguous Place of *Xiao* (Filial Piety) in Premodern Chinese Thought ” panel at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, November 22, 2015.

Organizer of the “Sending Off the Dead: Funerary and Burial Practices in China” panel at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, November 21, 2015.

Organizer of the “Nurturing Moral Children: Confucian Visions of Parenthood and Childhood” panel at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, on November 23, 2014.

Organizer of the “Good Intentions and their Surprising Results: The Unintended Consequences of Confucianism in East Asia” panel at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago IL, November 17, 2012.

Organizer of “The Mandate of Heaven at the Local Level in Imperial China” panel at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association, San Diego, California, January 7, 2010.

Organizer of the “Absent Sons, Filial Laywomen, and Accidental Cannibals: Filial Piety during the Tang/Song Transition” panel at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Montreal, Canada, November 7, 2009.

Organizer of the Southeast Early China Roundtable’s “Plants, Politics, and Preaching in Medieval China” panel at the Southeast Early China Roundtable’s Meeting-in-Conjunction at the Association for Asian Studies, Boston, March 24, 2007.

Organizer of the “Values in Conflict: Confucian Attempts to Resolve Moral Problems” panel at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C., November 20, 2006.

Organizer of the Southeast Early China Roundtable’s “Reverence and Remembrance:

Conceptions of Ancestors, Parents, and Teachers in Early and Medieval China” panel at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Francisco, California, April 7, 2006.

Organizer of the "A Gentleman and His Money: Confucian Attitudes toward the Creation and Transmission of Wealth" panel at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 19, 2005.

Organizer of the "Benevolence and Bodhisattvas: Confucian and Buddhist Accommodations in Medieval China" panel at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas, November 21, 2004.

Organizer of the "Sanctity in the Chinese Religious Tradition" panel at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia, November 25, 2003.

Organizer of "Animal Tales and the Messages they Bear in Medieval Eurasia" panel at the 38th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 8, 2003.

Organizer of the "Inborn Virtues? The Cosmic Grounds for Ethics in Premodern China" panel at the 55th Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, New York, March 28, 2003.

Co-organizer of the “Buried Documents and Documents on Burial” panel at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 1991.

OTHER IMPORTANT FORMS OF SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY: PANEL CHAIR OR DISCUSSANT

Chair of Panel 1 at the Seventh Conference of the Early Medieval China Group, Seattle, March 14, 2024.

Chair of a panel entitled “Negotiating Differences: Emulation and Competition in a Multipolar World,” at the Displacement and Convergence in a Multipolar World Virtual Symposium hosted at Harvard University, May 20, 2021.

Discussant of the “Whimsical Fauna: Animals as Agents in Early and Medieval China and Inner Asia” panel at the virtual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, March 23, 2021.

Discussant on the “Filial Daughters in Twentieth-century China” panel, at the Association for Asian Studies, Washington D.C., March 25, 2018.

Chair of the “Beijing 2008 Olympic Games,” at the opening ceremonies for the Confucius Institute at The University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina,

November 17, 2008.

Chair of the “Questioning the Spirits: The *Yijing* (*I Ching* or the *Classic of Changes*) as a Way of Personal Cultivation in the Confucian Tradition” panel at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, November 2, 2008.

Chair of the “The Problem of Evil in Neo-Confucianism” and “Confucianism: What Is at Stake in It as a Religion” panels at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November 18, 19, 2007.

Chair of a panel entitled “Doctrine and Representation in Buddhism and Buddhist Art, East Asia” at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Boston, March 13, 1999.

Discussion leader of “The Biography of the Filial Son Guo Yuanping” at the Early Medieval China Text Group held at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Boston, March 11, 1999.

Discussion leader of text reading on “Descriptions of a Confucian Utopia in the *Book of Rites*’ “Liyun” Chapter,” at the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Southeast Early China Roundtable, Athens, Georgia, November 11, 2000.

PARTICIPATION IN ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS

Participant in the “Chinese Identities and Expressive Cultures: Traditions and Transformations Workshop,” organized by the Asian Studies Development Program, Charleston, October 21, 2016.

Participant in the Zoumalou Reading Workshop at Harvard University, October 14-16, 2016.

Participant in the “Contesting Boundaries: Environments and Interdependence in Asian Perspectives” workshop, sponsored by the East-West Center and the University of Hawai’i Manoa, Nashville, Tennessee, September 17-19, 2009.

Participant in the "Islam in Asia" workshop, sponsored by the East-West Center, the University of Hawai’i, and Greenville Technical College, McCormick, South Carolina, October 6-8, 2005.

Participant in the College of Charleston's National Endowment of the Humanities Asian Studies Faculty Workshops, 2002-03.

ORGANIZING AND LEADING STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Organizer of a Maymester program called “The Capitals of China Past and Present.” I led nine undergraduate and graduate students on a study tour of China that took us through nine cities. In each city we visited, I delivered a lecture on Chinese history and culture. May 8-26, 2017.

Organizer of a Maymester program called “The Citadel in China.” Within this program, I taught a course entitled “The Culture and History of Northern China.” I led fourteen students (four graduate and ten undergraduates) to Beijing, Shanghai, Inner Mongolia, Shaanxi, and Shanxi province. This course took place in May 2012.

Organizer of a Maymester course entitled “The Culture and History of Northern China.” I led eight students (one graduate and seven undergraduate) to Beijing, Inner Mongolia, and Shanxi province. In Taiyuan, I delivered lectures and simultaneously translated a class on Chinese calligraphy and painting by Professor Hu Zinan. This course took place in May 2010.

Organizer of a Maymester course entitled “The Culture and History of Northern China.” I selected the topics of the six lectures that I requested be provided by the faculty of Shanxi University. I led thirteen students (one graduate and twelve undergraduate) to Beijing and Taiyuan. In Taiyuan, I delivered lectures and translated the six lectures provided by the Shanxi University faculty. I also arranged an extra trip to the city of Datong. This course took place in May 2007.

ADVISORY, EDITORIAL AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Representative of the East and Inner Asia Council on the Editorial Board of the Association for Asian Studies, Spring 2026 to present

Executive Board Member of the Elling O. Eide Research Center, Spring 2023 to present

Editorial Board Member of the *Journal of Chinese History*, 2021- present

Editorial Board Member of *Early Medieval China*, 2020- present

Chair of the Southeast Early China Roundtable, Spring 2005 to present.

External Expert for the Database of Religious History, Spring 2021 to 2024.

On the Library Advisory Group of the Elling O. Eide Center, 2017- 2023

Referee on the American Historical Association’s James Henry Brested Prize Committee, 2020-2023; awards given to Simon Martin, *Ancient Maya Politics: A Political*

Anthropology of the Classic Period 150-900 C.E. (2020); Brian Lander, *The King's Harvest: A Political Ecology of China from the First Farmers to the First Emperor* (2021); and Xin Wen, *The King's Road: Diplomacy and the Remaking of the Silk Road*.

Steering Committee member of both the American Academy of Religion's Confucian Traditions Group and the Chinese Religions Group from 2012-2018.

President of the Early Medieval China Group, Spring 2010-Fall 2020.

Co-chair of the Confucian Traditions Group of the American Academy of Religion, Fall 2004 to 2010.

Executive Council member of the Southeast Medieval Association, 2006-2009.

Sub-editor for East Asia, *Religious Studies Review*, 2003-2013

Associate Book Review Editor of the *Journal of Chinese Religions*, 2000-2002

Steering committee member of the Chinese Religions Group, American Academy of Religion, 2004 to 2006.

Board of Directors, Southeast Early China Roundtable, 1997-2005

LISTSERVS

Owner and moderator of the China_Roundtable listserv, which posts announcements of new books about premodern China, upcoming conferences, and new archaeological discoveries. It has 425 subscribers from across the globe. Started in 2010.

Owner and moderator of the Confucian_tradition_group listserv, which posted official announcements of the American Academy of Religion's Confucian Traditions Group's leadership, upcoming conferences, and new books on Confucianism. At its height, it had nearly 430 subscribers. From 2010 to 2022.

EVALUATIONS

External evaluator for promotion to associate professor at Carleton University, November 15, 2025.

International evaluator for Sun Zhengjun's 孫正軍 promotion to full professor in the Department of History at Qinghua 清華 University, October 11, 2025.

International evaluator of the translation project “From Nobles Ranks to Officials Ranks: Studies on the Structure of the Bureaucratic Ranking System of the Qin-Han Period”
Cong jue benwei dao guanbenwei: Qin-Han guanliao pinwei jiegou yanjiu 從爵本位到官本位：秦漢官僚品位結構研究, on behalf of the National Social Sciences Translation into Foreign Languages of Chinese Scholarship Grants *Guojia sheke jijin Zhonghua xueshu waiyi* 國家社科基金中華學術外譯, September 29, 2024.

External evaluator for Antje Richter’s promotion to full professor at the University of Colorado, Boulder, September 6, 2024.

External evaluator for the tenure and promotion portfolio of Michael Sun, an assistant professor of the Department of Political Science at The Citadel, November 30, 2023

External evaluator for promotion of Stephanie Balkwill to associate professor at University of California, Los Angeles, Fall 2023.

External evaluator for promotion to full professor of an associate professor at Coastal Carolina University, Fall 2023.

External evaluator for promotion to full professor of an associate professor at Arizona State University, Summer 2022.

External evaluator a Churchill College (Cambridge University) Joint Application Scheme for Early Career Research Fellowship, Spring 2022.

External evaluator for tenure and promotion of Melissa Graves, an assistant professor of the Department of Intelligence and Security Studies at The Citadel, December 1, 2021.

External evaluator for the promotion of Maria Hellin-Garcia, an associate professor of the Department of Modern Languages, Cultures, and Literatures at The Citadel, November 11, 2021.

Evaluated the tenure portfolio of an assistant professor at Brigham Young University, Summer 2021.

Evaluated applications for Project Go’s Citadel Summer Language Program in Taiwan, Spring 2021.

Evaluated the promotion portfolio of an associate professor at University of Virginia, September 9, 2020.

Evaluated the tenure portfolio of an assistant professor at University of Kentucky, September 30, 2019.

External evaluator for the promotion portfolio of Lyle McAfee, an associate professor of

the Department of Chemistry at The Citadel, November 26, 2018.

External evaluator for the tenure and promotion portfolio of Silvia Roca-Martinez, an assistant professor of the Department of Modern Languages, Cultures, and Literatures at The Citadel, November 12, 2018.

External member of the Political Science Department's Chair Search Committee, September 7, 2018.

Evaluated the tenure portfolio of an assistant professor at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, September 10, 2018.

Juror on the doctoral dissertation defense of Noa Hegesh, "The Power of Sound: Cosmology, Music Theory, and the Conceptualization of Sound in Early China." University of Pennsylvania, July 5, 2018.

Evaluated a candidate for admittance to a Ph.D. program at University of Cologne, Germany, January 4, 2018.

Juror on the doctoral dissertation defense of Wen-Yi Huang, "Negotiating Boundaries: Cross-Border Migrants in Early Medieval China." McGill University, Montreal, Canada, September 19, 2017.

Evaluated the tenure portfolio of an assistant professor at Emory University, November 6, 2017.

Evaluated the tenure portfolio of an assistant professor at Rutgers, October 1, 2017.

Evaluated the promotion portfolio of an associate professor at Florida Atlantic University, August 1, 2017.

External Evaluator of the University of Pennsylvania's East Asian Languages and Cultures Department, November 10-11, 2016.

Evaluated the tenure portfolio of an assistant professor at the College of Charleston, Fall 2016.

Evaluated the tenure portfolio of Michael Ing at Indiana University, Fall 2016.

Evaluated the tenure portfolio of an associate professor at University of Virginia, June 7, 2016.

Examiner of Noa Hegesh, University of Pennsylvania, Ph.D. candidacy examination. September 28, 2015.

Evaluated the tenure portfolio of an assistant professor at the University of Kentucky,

Fall 2014.

Evaluated the tenure portfolio of an assistant professor at Brigham Young University.
Summer 2014.

Evaluated the tenure portfolio of a third-year assistant professor at Swarthmore College.
Fall 2012.

Juror on the doctoral dissertation defense of Lin Wang, “Celebration of the Strange:
Youyang zazu and its Horror Stories.” Athens, Georgia, April 2, 2012.

Evaluator of Boren Fellowships. Washington D.C., 2012-2015

Examiner via Skype of the literature review portion of Huang Fukui’s preliminary
Master’s examination at Taiwan National University, June 6, 2011.

Evaluated the tenure portfolio of a third-year assistant professor at University of Hawaii,
Fall 2011.

Evaluated the tenure portfolio of an assistant professor at University of Hawaii,
November 8, 2010.

Examiner on the Ph.D. oral and written examinations of Lin Wang, Department of
Comparative Literature, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, April 26, 2010.

Juror on the doctoral defense of Damien Chaussende, “Légitimation de pouvoir politique
en Chine au IIIe siècle de notre ère: La foundation de la dynastie des Jin,” at the
Sorbonne, Paris, France, November 30, 2008.

Evaluated the tenure portfolio of an assistant professor at University of North Florida,
September 14, 2007.

Service to the College

DEPARTMENTAL AND SCHOOL SERVICE

Faculty Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee Chair, 2024-
Faculty Financial Affairs Committee, 2023-, Committee Chair 2025-
Faculty Senate History Department Representative, 2023-
Director of Graduate Studies, History Department, 2015- 2020
Graduate College Committee Chair, 2016-2019
Faculty Senate History Department Representative, 2016-2017, 2023-
Faculty Council Secretary, Fall 2015
Faculty Council Representative, 2014-2016
Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee Vice-Chair, 2014-2015

History Department Head, 2008-2013
International Education Study Group, 2008-2009
Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee Vice-Chair, 2006-2007
Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee Secretary, 2007-2008
Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2006-2008, 2014-2015
Assistant Professor of Late Antique/Early Medieval Europe Search Committee Chair, 2014-2015
Assistant Professor of U.S. Foreign Relations Search Committee Chair, 2007-2008
Adjunct Professor Search Committee Chair, summer 2006, summer 2015
Research Committee Chair, 2004-2005
Faculty Advisor to the Honor Committee, Fall 2003
Research Committee, Fall 2000-2002, 2003-2006
Sabbatical Committee, 1999-2000
Faculty Development Committee, 1997-2001
Intra-College Relations Committee, 1996-2001
History Department Assessment Committee, 2001-2002, 2014-2015
History Department Curriculum Committee, 2004-2006
History Department Curriculum Committee Chair, 2005-2006
History Department Faculty Affairs Committee, 1997-2001, 2003-2004
History Department Joint M.A. Program Committee, 2001-2002, 2003-present
History Department Student Affairs Committee, 1997-2001
Faculty Advisor to the History Club, 1997-2001

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Participated in an oral history interview for Beijing Language and Culture University's World Sinological Center, September 6, 2024.

Presented a lecture entitled "Democracy with Chinese Characteristics" at the "Marxism & Democratic Theory: An Ethical Analysis Colloquium," at The Citadel, April 23, 2022.

Master of Ceremonies for the 2019 Chinese Association of Greater Charleston Lunar New Year's Gala, Charleston, February 10, 2019.

Organizer of the "Allies, Adversaries, Competitors, or Enemies? Current Relations between the U.S., China, and Taiwan," panel discussion at The Citadel, February 7, 2019.

Provided historical background for four Tang Dynasty (618-907) poems at the "Chinese Performing Art Show" at Coker College, Hartsville, SC, September 25, 2016.

Discussant at the "Traditional Chinese Poetry Singing and Instrument Performance: the 2015 Chinese New Year Celebration at The Citadel, February 25, 2015.

Judge at the Fifth Annual Citadel and College of Charleston Chinese Speech Contest,

February 21, 2015.

Discussion leader for a segment entitled “China’s Foreign Policy” for the Great Decisions discussion series at Mt. Pleasant Regional Library, May 14, 2014.

Discussion leader for a segment entitled “China’s Foreign Policy” for the Great Decisions discussion series at Mt. Pleasant Regional Library, March 6, 2014.

Discussion leader for a segment entitled “China in Africa: Savior or self-interest” for the Great Decisions discussion series at Mt. Pleasant Regional Library, April 22, 2013.

Judge at the Fourth Annual Citadel and College of Charleston Chinese Speech Contest, March 29, 2013.

Discussion leader for a segment entitled “China in Africa: Savior or self-interest” for the Great Decisions discussion series at Mt. Pleasant Regional Library, February 28, 2013.

Judge at the Second Annual Citadel and College of Charleston Chinese Speech Contest, February 19, 2011.

Judge at the First Annual Citadel and College of Charleston Chinese Speech Contest, February 20, 2010.

Volunteer at the Buist Academy for Advanced Studies library, Fall 07 – 10.

Member of the South Carolina Archives and History Commission. Fall 08-Spring 16.

Lecturer in the Asian Studies Seminar. This seminar, which is offered by the South Carolina Center for Teaching about Asia (SCCTA) and funded by the Freeman Foundation, aims to enhance instruction on East Asia in local junior high and high school. Spring 2005, 2006, and 2007.

Vice President and Secretary of the Chinese Association in Greater Charleston, 2002-2003 (First non-Chinese to be an officer in this organization).

Instructor of Chinese culture and English composition, Charleston Chinese Language School, 2002-2003.

INVITED COLLEGE AND MUSEUM LECTURES

“The Birth of Popular Confucianism: Evidence from Dunhuang on the Buddhist Creation of the Twenty-four Filial Exemplars.” Presented in Mandarin at the Beijing Language, Beijing China, December 23, 2025.

“Even in Paradise, Death and Taxes are Inescapable: Confucian Utopias in Medieval China.” Presented in Mandarin at the Institute of History at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

University, Beijing, China, December 18, 2025.

“Grabbing the Golden Ring: How to Publish Your Article Manuscript in Western Journals.” Presented in Mandarin Chinese at the Chinese Academy of History, Beijing, September 13, 2025.

“New Trends in Western Historiography on Early and Medieval History in the Last Ten Years.” Presented in Mandarin at the Institute of Ancient History, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, in Beijing, on June 26, 2025.

“The Birth of Popular Confucianism: Evidence from Dunhuang on the Buddhist Creation of the Twenty-four Filial Exemplars” 通俗儒学的诞生：敦煌写本中《二十四孝》形成的证据. Presented in Mandarin Chinese at the Institute of Ancient History, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, in Beijing, on June 26, 2025.

“The Birth of Popular Confucianism: Evidence from Dunhuang on the Buddhist Creation of the Twenty-four Filial Exemplars” 通俗儒学的诞生：敦煌写本中《二十四孝》形成的证据. Presented in Mandarin Chinese at Zhejiang Normal University, in Jinhua China, on June 24, 2025.

“The Birth of Popular Confucianism: Evidence from Dunhuang on the Buddhist Creation of the Twenty-four Filial Exemplars” 通俗儒学的诞生：敦煌写本中《二十四孝》形成的证据. Presented in Mandarin Chinese at Nanjing University, in Nanjing China, on June 18, 2025.

“Grabbing the Golden Ring: How to Publish Your Article Manuscript in Western Journals.” Presented in Mandarin Chinese at Zhejiang University, in Hangzhou China, on June 11, 2025.

“The Birth of Popular Confucianism: Evidence from Dunhuang on the Buddhist Creation of the Twenty-four Filial Exemplars” 通俗儒学的诞生：敦煌写本中《二十四孝》形成的证据. Presented in Mandarin Chinese at Zhejiang University, in Hangzhou China, on June 10, 2025.

“A Work in Progress: The History of the U.S.-Japan Mutual Security Treaty,” which was presented at “Strengthening the U.S.-Japan Security Alliance in South Carolina” event at The Citadel, which was sponsored by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA, in Charleston on October 11, 2024.

“From Rockstars to Wallflowers: The Transformation of Bears on Spirit Jars (*Hunping* 魂瓶). Presented as part of the Reaching for the Stars Special Lecture Series, at the University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, October 1, 2024.

“Sinology beyond Borders.” Presented at the “Innovation and Development of Sinology: New Dynamism in China-U.S. Cultural Exchanges,” at the Forbidden City Archives,

Beijing, July 29, 2024.

“Remarks on the Making of the Cambridge History of China, Volume 2, The Six Dynasties, 220-589” at the Social Sciences Press’ “Announcement of the New Book The Cambridge History of China Early Medieval China” Symposium. Beijing, China, July 4, 2024.

“Remarks on the Making of the Cambridge History of China, Volume 2, The Six Dynasties, 220-589,” at the Institute of History, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences’ “Symposium on the Publication of the Translation of the Cambridge History of the Chinese Early Medieval Period. Beijing, as well as New Trends in both Domestic and Foreign Research on Medieval China,” June 27, 2024.

“From Rockstars to Wallflowers: The Transformation of Bears on Spirit Jars (*Hunping* 魂瓶). Presented at the Department of Anthropology at the Institute of History and Philology at the Academia Sinica, in Nangang, Taiwan, May 27, 2024.

“The Use and Understanding of Domestic Animals in Medieval Northern China.” Presented at Chūo University, Hachioji Japan, January 23, 2023.

“The Meaning of Birds on *Hunping* (Spirit Jars): The Religious Imagination of Second to Fourth century Southeastern China.” Presented at Chūo University, Hachioji Japan, January 20, 2023.

“Technology, Hierarchy, and Human Progress Create Social Order: Ge Hong’s (283-343) attack on Bao Jingyan’s Anarchism.” Presented at Chūo University, Hachioji Japan, January 16, 2023.

“Filial Murderers: The Inescapability of Violence in Medieval Chinese Tales of Sonly Revenge.” Presented at Chūo University, Hachioji Japan, January 16, 2023.

“The Meaning of Birds on *Hunping* (Spirit Jars): The Religious Imagination of Second to Fourth century Southeastern China.” Presented at the Elling O. Eide Center, Sarasota, Florida, November 10, 2022.

“The Meaning of Birds on *Hunping* (Spirit Jars): The Religious Imagination of Second to Fourth century Southeastern China.” Presented to The Medieval Society’s Fall Lecture Series, College of Charleston,, September 28, 2022.

“The Birth of Popular Confucianism: Evidence from Dunhuang of the Creation of the Twenty-four Filial Exemplars.” Presented virtually as part of Cambridge University’s Dunhuang and Silk Road Studies Seminar Series, June 10, 2021.

“The Heart of Chinese Culture: Filial Piety.” Presented to a freshman seminar titled “Finding your Way: The Ancient Chinese Secret to Happiness” at the College of Charleston, March 31, 2021.

“Sanitizing Filiality: The Changing Iconography and Pantheon of Images of Filial Piety Tales in Medieval China.” Presented at The Medieval Society’s Spring Lecture Series, College of Charleston, January 20, 2021.

“The Changing Face of Devotion: Images of Filial Piety Stories in Northern Dynasties China.” Presented virtually for the University of Oxford China Centre, December 3, 2020.

“Cong Han zhi Yuan xiaozi gushitu yanbian de chutan” 從漢至元孝子故事圖演變的初探 (A Preliminary Analysis of the Changes of Images of Filial Piety Tales from the Han to the Yuan Dynasty).” Presented at Henan University, Kaifeng, China, July 11, 2019.

“Cong Han zhi Yuan xiaozi gushitu yanbian de chutan” 從漢至元孝子故事圖演變的初探 (A Preliminary Analysis of the Changes of Images of Filial Piety Tales from the Han to the Yuan Dynasty).” Presented at Tokyo University in Tokyo, Japan, March 14, 2019.

“Cong Han zhi Yuan xiaozi gushitu yanbian de chutan” 從漢至元孝子故事圖演變的初探 (A Preliminary Analysis of the Changes of Images of Filial Piety Tales from the Han to the Yuan Dynasty).” Presented at Chūō University in Hachioji, Japan, March 11, 2019.

“Filial Murderers: The Inescapability of Violence in Medieval Chinese Tales of Sonly Revenge.” Presented at the College of Charleston, November 1, 2018.

"The Establishment of Confucianism as the State Ideology," "Religious and Social Ideals as reflected in Han Dynasty Material Culture," and "Critics of the Han Government and its Ideology." These three lectures were presented at Beijing Normal University as part of the “A Journey into Chinese Thoughts and Modern Civilization” Philosophy Summer School course, Beijing, China, July 8-23, 2018

“Cong Han zhi Yuan xiaozi gushitu yanbian de chutan” 從漢至元孝子故事圖演變的初探 (A Preliminary Analysis of the Changes of Images of Filial Piety Tales from the Han to the Yuan Dynasty).” Presented at the Institute of Literature, Nanjing University, Nanjing, China, June 10, 2018.

“Chinese Heroes: Illustrations of Filial Piety Stories in Pre-modern China.” Presented to the Citadel Chinese Club, Charleston, March 30, 2018.

“A Gateway to China or an Impregnable Fortress: The Tumultuous History of Taiwan.” Presented at The Citadel and sponsored by the United States Department of Defense’s Project Go, January 30, 2017.

“Sanitizing Filiality: The Changing Iconography and Pantheon of Filial Piety Tales in Pre-modern China.” Presented at the Hopkins-Nanjing Center for Chinese and American Studies, Nanjing China, May 31, 2016.

“Weida de wenming chuantong: xiaozi, *xiaozi zhuan* yu zhongguo wenhua jingshen” 偉大的文明傳統：孝子、《孝子傳》與中國文化精神 [A Great Tradition of Civilization: Filial Children, *Accounts of Filial Offspring* and the Spirit of Chinese Culture.” Presented at Handan xueyuan, Handan China, May 26, 2016.

“Sanitizing Filiality: The Changing Iconography and Pantheon of Images of Filial Piety Tales in Pre-modern China.” Presented at Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, Virginia, April 15, 2016.

“Voluntary Obligations: The Client Relations of ‘Former Subordinates’ and ‘Family Students in Early Medieval China.” Presented at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. March 2, 2016.

“Sanitizing Filiality: The Changing Iconography and Pantheon of Images of Filial Piety Tales in Pre-modern China.” Presented at University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, February 25, 2016.

“Sanitizing Filiality: The Changing Iconography and Pantheon of Images of Filial Piety Tales in Pre-modern China.” Presented at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, February 24, 2016.

“Chinese Heroes: Illustrations of Filial Piety Stories in Pre-modern China.” Presented at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, February 24, 2016.

“Weida de wenming chuantong: xiaozi, *xiaozi zhuan* yu zhongguo wenhua jingshen” 偉大的文明傳統：孝子、《孝子傳》與中國文化精神 [A Great Tradition of Civilization: Filial Children, *Accounts of Filial Offspring* and the Spirit of Chinese Culture,” “Cong Han zhi Yuan xiaozi gushitu yanbian de chutan” 從漢至元孝子故事圖演變的初探 (A Preliminary Analysis of the Changes of Images of Filial Piety Tales from the Han to the Yuan Dynasty), and Xifangren yanjiu Zhongguo gudaishi de banfa weihe name buyiyang? 西方人研究中國古代史為何那麼不一樣? (Why are Western Approaches to pre-modern Chinese History so Different?). These three lectures were presented at Northeast Normal University, Changchun, China, May 26-28, 2015.

“Weida de wenming chuantong: xiaozi, *xiaozi zhuan* yu zhongguo wenhua jingshen” 偉大的文明傳統：孝子、《孝子傳》與中國文化精神 [A Great Tradition of Civilization: Filial Children, *Accounts of Filial Offspring* and the Spirit of Chinese Culture.” Presented at Zhengzhou University, Huai-an, October 15, 2014.

“Noble Creatures: Filial and Righteous Animals in Early Medieval Chinese Thought.” Presented at the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, April 16, 2014.

“Sympathy and Severity: Father and Son in Early Medieval China.” Presented at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, March 18, 2014.

“The Tian’anmen Square Incident: An Unhealed Wound.” Presented at the Chinese Democracy and Market Roundtable. The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, March 10, 2014.

“Zuijin guanyu gudai Zhongguo de yingwen xuewen” 最近關於古代中國的英文學問 [Recent English Language Scholarship on Ancient Chinese History]. Presented at Beijing Normal University, Beijing, November 5, 2013.

“Weida de wenming chuantong: xiaozhi, *xiaozhi zhuan* yu zhongguo wenhua jingshen” 偉大的文明傳統：孝子、《孝子傳》與中國文化精神 [A Great Tradition of Civilization: Filial Children, *Accounts of Filial Offspring* and the Spirit of Chinese Culture.] Presented at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of History, Beijing, November 5, 2013.

“Weida de wenming chuantong: xiaozhi, *xiaozhi zhuan* yu zhongguo wenhua jingshen” 偉大的文明傳統：孝子、《孝子傳》與中國文化精神 [A Great Tradition of Civilization: Filial Children, *Accounts of Filial Offspring* and the Spirit of Chinese Culture.] Presented at Northwest University’s Institute for Literature, Xi’an, China, October 28, 2013.

“Weida de wenming chuantong: xiaozhi, *xiaozhi zhuan* yu zhongguo wenhua jingshen” 偉大的文明傳統：孝子、《孝子傳》與中國文化精神 [A Great Tradition of Civilization: Filial Children, *Accounts of Filial Offspring* and the Spirit of Chinese Culture.] Presented at Huai-an Normal University, Huai-an, October 22, 2013.

“Weida de wenming chuantong: xiaozhi, *xiaozhi zhuan* yu zhongguo wenhua jingshen” 偉大的文明傳統：孝子、《孝子傳》與中國文化精神 [A Great Tradition of Civilization: Filial Children, *Accounts of Filial Offspring* and the Spirit of Chinese Culture.] Presented at Beijing Normal University, October 17, 2013.

“Weida de wenming chuantong: xiaozhi, *xiaozhi zhuan* yu zhongguo wenhua jingshen” 偉大的文明傳統：孝子、《孝子傳》與中國文化精神 [A Great Tradition of Civilization: Filial Children, *Accounts of Filial Offspring* and the Spirit of Chinese Culture.] Presented at Capital Normal University, Beijing, October 16, 2013.

“Weida de wenming chuantong: xiaozhi, *xiaozhi zhuan* yu zhongguo wenhua jingshen” 偉大的文明傳統：孝子、《孝子傳》與中國文化精神 [A Great Tradition of Civilization: Filial Children, *Accounts of Filial Offspring* and the Spirit of Chinese Culture.] Presented at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Institute for Literature, Beijing, October 15, 2013.

“Weida de wenming chuantong: xiaozhi, *xiaozhi zhuan* yu zhongguo wenhua jingshen” 偉大的文明傳統：孝子、《孝子傳》與中國文化精神 [A Great Tradition of Civilization: Filial Children, *Accounts of Filial Offspring* and the Spirit of Chinese Culture.] Presented at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Institute for Literature, Beijing, October 15, 2013.

Culture.” Presented at Tongren University, Tongren, China, October 9, 2013.

“Differences between Kin: A Comparison of Two Japanese *Accounts of Filial Children Manuscripts*.” Presented in Mandarin Chinese at Fudan University, Shanghai, China, May 8, 2013.

“Sympathy and Severity: The Father-Son Relationship in Early Medieval China.” Presented at University of Georgia, Athens, April 2, 2012.

“Accumulating Examples of Virtue and Vice: Collective Biography Writing in Medieval China.” Presented on behalf of The Committee on Social Theory, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, March 25, 2011.

“Exemplary Everymen: Confucian Commoners in Early Medieval China.” Presented at Qinghua University, Beijing, China, December 17, 2010.

“Exemplary Everymen: Confucian Commoners in Early Medieval China.” Presented at the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, April 26, 2010.

“Exemplary Everymen: Confucian Commoners in Early Medieval China.” Presented at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, April 8, 2010.

“Exemplary Everymen: Confucian Commoners in Early Medieval China.” Presented at the Center for East Asian Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 24, 2010.

“Han Confucianism as seen through Moral Stories.” Presented at Belmont University, Nashville, Tennessee, on September 17, 2009.

“The Contours of Life and Death in Early China as seen in Tomb Furnishings.” Presented at the Columbia Art Museum, Columbia, South Carolina, May 3, 2009

“The First Emperor’s Family Values.” Presented at the Bowers Museum, in Santa Ana, CA, in conjunction with the exhibit *Terra Cotta Warriors: Guardians of China’s First Emperor*, on July 27, 2008.

“East Asian Religions and their Impact on Contemporary East Asia,” “The History of Japan and Mongolia,” “China’s Geographical and Historical Background,” “China’s Foreign Policy Priorities and Contemporary Problems,” and “The History and Importance of Taiwan.” Presented in the U.S. Air Force Special Operations School’s Asia-Pacific Orientation Course, at Hulburt Field, FL, on October 15, 2007, April 24, 2008, October 25, 2008, and May 18, 2009, at Kadena, Okinawa, Japan, on July 12, 2007, December 18, 2008, and August 12, 2009, at Camp Smith, Honolulu, Hawai’i, on January 26, 2009, at Hulburt Field, FL, on September 2, 2010, at Hulburt Field, FL, on November 18, 2010, at Hulburt Field, FL., June 20, 2011, at Hurlburt Field, FL, on November 15, 2011, Hurlburt Field, FL., on August 8, 2012, at Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico, 2013, on July 31,

Hurlburt Field, FL., on February 26, 2014.

"Chinese Filial Piety: A Silk Road Import?" Presented to the ASIA group at the University of North Carolina, Asheville, April 16, 2004.

"Filial Feeding: The Parent-Child Relationship in Early Medieval Chinese Tales of Filial Offspring." Presented at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, October 2, 2002.

"Sanitizing Filial Piety: Changing Images of Filial Piety Tales." Presented at the Croft Institute of International Studies at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, August 27, 2001.

INVITED COMMUNITY PUBLIC LECTURES

"Modern China and Taiwan in Five Crucial Years." Presented as part of the "Allies, Adversaries, Competitors, or Enemies? Current Relations between the U.S., China, and Taiwan," panel discussion at The Citadel, February 7, 2019.

"Haniwa: The Guardians of Ancient Japanese Tombs." Presented at Somerby Retirement Community. Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, April 29, 2016.

"Chinese Heroes: Illustrations of Filial Piety Stories in Pre-modern China." Presented at Somerby Rental Retirement Community. Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, October 9, 2015.

"Permanent Revolution or Civil War: A Sketch of the Chinese Cultural Revolution." Presented at the Global Awareness: Pizza and Movie Night, which screened Zhang Yimou's film "Coming Home," at the College of Charleston, October 24, 2014.

"Sympathy and Severity: Fathers and Sons in Early Medieval China." Presented at the Center for Creative Retirement, Charleston, South Carolina, April 1, 2014.

"Chinese New Year's Customs and the Year of the Horse." Presented at the Buist Academy, Charleston, South Carolina, February 5, 2014.

"Redressing a National Disgrace: China's Struggle to Prove Itself a Powerful Nation." Presented as part of the "Our World" lectures series at Kiawah Island, South Carolina, March 14, 2013.

"The Past as a Guide to the Present: Pre-modern China's Values and Institutions." Presented as part of the "Our World" lectures series at Kiawah Island, South Carolina, March 7, 2013.

"Language in China." Presented at the Buist Academy, October 26, 2011.

“Chinese New Year’s Customs and the Year of the Rabbit.” Presented at the Buist Academy, February 2, 2011.

“Confucianism as seen through Moral Stories.” Presented at Somerby Rental Retirement Community. Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, November 13, 2009.

“Filial Utopias: Early Medieval Conceptions of Local Governance.” Presented at the China’s Northern Frontier On-site Seminar, Guyuan, China, July 17, 2009.

“Frustrated Nationalisms: The Friction between China and Tibet.” Presented at the Kiwanis Club. Charleston, South Carolina, May 1, 2008.

"Confucian Values' Continued Relevance in Contemporary China." Presented at The Citadel as part of “China at The Citadel” week. Charleston, South Carolina, October 30, 2006.

“Selfless Offspring: Filial Children in Early Medieval China.” Presented to the Phi Alpha Theta History honor society, The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, February 14, 2006.

“The Great Wall or Long Walls?: Fortifications and the Frontier in Pre-modern China.” Presented at Buist Academy, January 25, 2006.

"The Challenges and Blessings of International Marriages." Presented at James Island Charter High School, Charleston, South Carolina, December 21, 2005.

"Down on the Farm: The Hard Life of the Tokugawa Farmer." Presented at the Gibbes Museum of Art, Charleston, South Carolina, December 2, 2005.

"Some Things Never Get Old: The Archaic yet Vibrant Chinese Writing System." Presented at Summerville High School, Summerville, South Carolina, October 27, 2005.

"The All-American Un-Americans: Asian Immigrants and their Struggle for Belonging in America." Presented in honor of Asian Pacific Heritage Month at the United States Department of State Financial Services Center, Charleston, South Carolina, May 18, 2005.

“An Entombed World: Medieval China as seen in its Grave Goods and Tomb Murals.” Presented at the Low Country Senior Citizen Center, Charleston, South Carolina, April 18, 2005.

“An Entombed World: Medieval China as seen in its Grave Goods and Tomb Murals.” Presented at the The Citadel’s College of Graduate and Professional Studies’ Senior Scholar Program, Charleston, South Carolina, April 13, 2005.

"An Entombed World: Medieval China as seen in its Grave Goods and Tomb Murals."

Presented at Phi Kappa Phi's "Brown Bag" Symposium, The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, March 30, 2005.

"China: The Once and Future King." Presented in honor of Asian Pacific Heritage Month at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center in Charleston, South Carolina, May 5, 2004.

"Islam in the Chinese Past." Presented at "The U.S. and the Muslim Worlds Symposium," College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, March 30, 2004.

"Water Overcomes Rock: Taoism's Penetration of Western Thought." Presented at the "Culture, Conversation, and Convergence: The East-West Connection" conference, which was sponsored by the South Carolina International Education Consortium, in McCormick, South Carolina, March 12, 2004.

"The Tōkaidō Road and Its Place in Tokugawa Popular Culture." Presented at the Gibbes Museum of Art, Charleston, South Carolina, January 26, 2004.

"Confucian Values' Continued Relevance in Contemporary China." Presented at the Mt. Pleasant Library under the sponsorship of the Chinese Association in Greater Charleston, June 28, 2003.

"The Year of the Ram." Presented at the Mt. Pleasant Library, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, February 15, 2003.

"The Manners and Mores of China." Presented at the Robert Ivey Ballet Studio, West Ashley, South Carolina, July 1, 2002.

"The Chinese New Year." Presented at a meeting of Girl Scout Troop 382 in Summerville, South Carolina, February 22, 2002.

"The Chinese Zodiac." Presented at the Mt. Pleasant Public Library, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, February 16, 2002.

"The American and Chinese Love/Hate Relationship." Presented at the Youth Leadership Conference, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, June 22, 2001.

"Japan: Stability at What Price?" Presented at the Georgetown Senior Scholar Program in Georgetown, South Carolina, April 13, 1999.

"The Postwar Economies and Societies of China and Japan." Presented at the Foreign Affairs Forum in Charleston, South Carolina, February 23, 1999.

"China: a Competitor Not an Enemy." Presented at the Georgetown Senior Scholar Program in Georgetown, South Carolina, March 24, 1998.

“The Significance of Hong Kong’s Return to China.” Presented at the Shepherd Center, West Ashley, February 9, 1998.

“China’s Recovery of Hong Kong.” Presented at The Citadel’s College of Graduate and Professional Studies’ Senior Scholar Program, Charleston, South Carolina, September 10, 1997.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Participated in the “A Dialogue about Filial Piety in a Multiple perspective Cultural Horizon,” which was held at Renmin University and sponsored by the Guangming Daily, on July 20, 2013.

While part of the "Transience: The Politics and Practices of Time in the Chinese Period of Division (4th-7th Centuries)" Working Group at the Max Planck Institute in Berlin, Noa Hegesh of Tel Aviv University and I did a podcast on our project, which was just published in 2024.

MPIWG website: <https://www.mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de/podcast/science-social-10-times-transience>

Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/episode/2kcJQ4CUJL7Sz1r3Mf14z?si=f8a90e23be57499d>

Did an interview about our conference “Images of Filial Piety Stories and Medieval Chinese Society,” for a local TV station in Xi’an, China. June 22, 2024.

Was the subject of an article entitled “Zhongguo xiaodao dui xifang you jiji qishi: Meiguo Zhongguo zhonggu shixuehui huizhang zai lishi suo yanjiang” 中國孝道對西方有積極啟示：美國中國中古史學會會長在歷史所演講 (Chinese filial piety holds insights for the West so says the President of America's Early Medieval China Historical Association), by Zhu Gaolei 朱高磊. Published in the Zhongguo shehuikexue xuebao shekeyuan zhuan 中國社會科學學報 (The Academic Journal of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences), November 8, 2013.

A transcript of a dialogue that I participated in at Renmin University in Beijing was published as “*Duoyuan wenhua zhong de xiao*” 多元文化中的孝 (Filial Piety among Pluralistic Cultures) in the Guangming Daily, on August 19, 2013.

Regarding the reissuance and adaptation of Guo Jujing’s *Twenty-four Filial Exemplars*, I was interviewed by BBC World Service on the program “World Update,” on August 17, 2012.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
Association for Asian Studies
Early Medieval China Group (President, 2010-2020)
European Association of Asian Art and Archaeology
Society of East Asian Archaeology
Society for the Study of Chinese Religions
Society for the Study of Early China
Southeast Early China Roundtable (Board of Advisors, Chair 2005- present)
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