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Employment

Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences, Hong Kong University 2009-present
Research Assistant Professor.

University of California, Irvine 2001-2009
Assistant Professor, Department of History, 2001-present. Undergraduate courses on Southeast Asia, Vietnam, the Vietnam War, the Silk Road, and world history. Graduate courses on Vietnam, and oceans in world history.

Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore 2004-05
Visiting Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore.

Consulting

US Cyber Consequences Unit 2008-2009
Consulting Director of Asian Partnerships. A research group that advises government and industry leaders on the economics of cyber security. Research reports include: regional analyses of cyber security incidents and concerns; the relationship between computer infrastructure and US supply chain vulnerability as it relates to China and Southeast Asia; US security implications of Chinese market dominance in strategic commodities.

Education

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut *Ph.D. in History, May 2001*
Dissertation: "Cross-Cultural Trade and Trans-Regional Networks in the Port of Hoi An: Maritime Vietnam in the Early Modern Era."
Other awards: Master of Philosophy, May 1996; Cheng Lee Fellowship, 1993-96; Mellon, FLAS, and various.
Orals fields (1996): Major: Southeast Asia; minors: Premodern China, Modern China.

University of Washington, Seattle *May 1993*
B.A. (History, Honors), B.A. (Chinese), Phi Beta Kappa.

Fellowships, Grants and Awards

- Seed Funding Programme for Basic Research, University of Hong Kong, 2010.
- Faculty mentor award, Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program UC Irvine, May 2007.
- Various grants, UC Irvine, 2002-09.
- Visiting Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 2004-2005.
- University of California, Office of the President, Pacific Rim Research Foundation, Research, Planning and Workshop Grant, 2003-2004. \$15,000 grant to fund workshop, "Southeast Asia: The Sea as Center," UC Irvine, February 2004.
- University of California, Office of the President, Pacific Rim Research Foundation, Mini-Grant for research, 2002-2003.
- Fulbright Fellowship, Vietnam, 1998-1999.

Publications

Articles

1. "Maritime Subversions and Socio-Political Formations in Vietnamese History: A Look from the Marginal Center (*mien Trung*).” In *New Perspectives on the History and Historiography of Southeast Asia*, ed. Kenneth R. Hall (forthcoming, Routledge, 2010).
2. "Interests, Institutions, and Identities: The Minh Huong Villages of Vietnam, Sixteenth to Twentieth Centuries.” In *When Past and Present Collide: the Chinese in Vietnam* (Bangkok: l'Institut de Recherche sur l'Asie du Sud-Est Contemporaine, forthcoming, 2010).
3. "A Coastal Panorama of the *Peregrinação*: Placing Mendes Pinto in Vietnamese Maritime History.” In *Fernão Mendes Pinto e a Peregrinação: Viagens, Visões, e Encontros* (Lisboa: Fundação Oriente, 2010).
4. "Küste, Fluss: Das Küstengebiet Zentral-Vietnams [Coast, river: Central Vietnam's coastal region].” In *Periplus: Jahrbuch für außereuropäische Geschichte* (Berlin: Lit Verlag, 2009).
5. "Missionary Buddhism in a Post-Ancient world: Monks, Merchants, and Colonial Expansion in Seventeenth Century Cochinchina (Vietnam).” In *Secondary Cities and Urban Networking in the Indian Ocean Realm, c. 1000-1800*, ed. Kenneth R. Hall (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2008).
6. "Buddhism in the Re-ordering of an Early Modern World: Chinese Missions to Cochinchina in the Seventeenth Century,” *Journal of Global History* 3 (2007).
7. "One History, Two Regions: Cham Precedents in the History of the Hoi An Region.” In *Viet Nam: Borderless Histories*, ed. Nhung Tran & Anthony Reid (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2006).
8. "Re-thinking the Sea in Vietnamese History: The Littoral Integration of Thuan-Quang, Seventeenth-Eighteenth Centuries” *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 17.1 (February 2006).
9. "Silk Roads into Vietnamese History.” *Education about Asia*, Special Issue: *Teaching Asia in World History 300CE-1500CE* (Winter 2005).
10. "A Maritime Logic to Vietnamese History? Hoi An's Trading World, c.1550-1830.” *Seascapes, Littoral Cultures and Trans-Oceanic Exchanges*, Conference proceedings, The History Cooperative (2003).
 - o URL: <http://www.historycooperative.org/proceedings/seascapes/wheeler.html>

Book Reviews

11. *Diasporic Histories: Cultural Archives of Chinese Transnationalism*, ed. Andrea Riemenschnitter and Deborah L. Madsen. In *Journal of Chinese Overseas*, forthcoming, 6:2 (2010).
12. *Southern Vietnam under the Reign of Minh Mang (1820-1841): Central Policies and Local Responses*, by Choi Byung Wook. In *Pacific Review* 78.1 (Spr. 2005).
13. *Eclipsed Entrepots of the Western Pacific*, edited by John E. Wills. In *Itinerario: European Journal of Overseas History*, 29:1 (2005).
14. *Strange Events in the Kingdoms of Cambodia and Laos (1635-1644)*, translated by Carool Kersten. In *Itinerario*, 28:2 (2004).
15. *Like Froth Floating on the Sea* by Robert J. Antony. In *Journal of Asian Studies* (May 2004).
16. *Viet Nam Exposé*, ed. Gisele Bousquet and Pierre Brocheux. In *Itinerario*, Vol. 27:3/4 (2004).
17. *Southeast Asia: A Concise History* by Mary Somers Heidhues (New York: Thames & Hudson, 2000). In *The Historian*, Spring 2003.

18. *Overtaken Chariot: The Autobiography of Phan Boi Chau*, trans. & introduction by Vinh Sinh (Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 1999). In *Journal of Asian Studies*, February 2003.

Other publications

19. Annotations to *Peregrinação*, by Fernão Mendes Pinto (ca. 1520-83), chapters 39-41, 46-49, 54, 129-32 (Quincentenary commemorative edition, Lisboa: Fundação Oriente, forthcoming, 2010).
20. "Alexandre de Rhodes" and "South China Sea." In *History of World Trade Since 1450* (MacMillan, 2005).
21. "History of Indochina, 1859-1940" and "The Wars for Vietnam: 1945-54." In *The World and Its Peoples* (London: Brown Reference Group, 2004).

Works in Progress

22. "The Ecology of Expansion: Amphibious Asia in the Making of a Vietnamese Center" (book mss.).
23. "A Monk's Tale: A Chinese Memoir of a Sea Passage to Vietnam in the Seventeenth Century" (article mss.).
24. "Who Created Bat Nha? Our Mobile, Global World and How It Shapes Religious Persecution In Vietnam Today" (article mss.).
25. "Historical Biography and the Politics of Legitimacy: The Example of Nguyen Thieu." (article mss.).

Selected Professional Activities since 2001

Invited Presentations

- "Amphibious Asia Created Vietnam's Poor Centre: Nature, Networks and Regions at Sea." Chinese University of Hong Kong, March 2010.
- "Somalian Piracy: The View from the South China Sea." Roundtable: *Piracy Across Time and Place: International Law, Development and Disorder From the Gulf of Aden to the South China Sea*, Center for Middle Eastern Studies and the Department of East Asian Studies, Lund University, and the Swedish Foreign Ministry and Navy, November 2009.
- "Ships and the Political Ecology of Đàng Trong (塘中—aka, Cochinchina, 廣南國), Central Vietnam (ca. 1550-1775)." Conference, *Of Ships and Men*, EFEO, Beijing, November 2009.
- "Small Boats, Big Revolutions: Littoral Culture and Political (Dis)order in Vietnamese Waters, ca. 1500 to Present." Conference, *Pirates and Smugglers of the South China Sea: A Historical Perspective*, National Institute for South China Sea Studies, Sanya, Hainan, PRC, March 2008.
- Panelist, *Teaching U.S. History as if the Pacific Mattered (a Lot)*, Huntington Library, November 2007.
- "Alexander Woodside, Vietnam, and the World." Workshop, *Bureaucracy and the Arts of Rulership in Historical Asia and the Modern World*, UCLA Asia Institute, May 2007.
- "From Abundant Frontier to Poor Center: Ecological, Macroeconomic, and Demographic Change in Central Vietnam, 15th-20th Centuries." Paper presentation, *The Small City in Global Context*, Ball State University, April 2007.
- Discussant, Graduate Conference on Vietnamese Studies, UC Berkeley, February 2007.

- “Interests, Institutions and Identity: Why did the Minh Huong Happen? Why Did They Disappear?” Paper presentation, *When Past and Present Collide: the Chinese in Vietnam*, Institute on Southeast Asia (IRSEA), Aix-en-Provence (France) on October 20-21, 2006.
- Panel discussant, *Vietnam Studies: States of the Field*, UC Berkeley, April 2006.
- “A Coastal Panorama behind the *Peregrinação*, Drawn from Vietnamese-Related Sources.” Seminar, *Fernão Mendes Pinto e a Peregrinação – Viagens, Visões e Encontros*, part of 2005 Arrábida Seminar Series, Arrábida Monastery, Lisbon, Portugal, October 2005.
- “The Sea, the Sown, and the Swiddener: Ecology and the Shortcoming of the Agrarian Model for Understanding Vietnamese History: The View from Central Vietnam.” Center for Southeast Asian Studies, UC-Berkeley, April 2004.
- “Silk Roads into World History.” Bowers Museum, *Symbols of Power in China* exhibit lecture series, April 2003.
- “A Chinese Monk in the Court of Nguyen: Buddhism in Making of Modern Vietnam.” Paper presented at the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Yale University, November 2002.
- “A Chinese Monk in the Court of Nguyen: Buddhism in Making of Modern Vietnam.” Marlboro College, Exploring Vietnam lecture series, November 2002.

Other workshop and conference presentations

- “Region at Sea: Hydrographic Perspectives on Regional Evolution in the Pearl River Delta.” Panel: *A Marginality Debate: Regional Formation and Transhistorical Perspectives on South China and the Pearl River Delta*, Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, March 2010.
- “Monks, Merchants, and Mobility in the Making of a Transoceanic World: Chan Missionaries in Maritime East Asia, ca. 1650-1750.” Conference: *Buddhism in East Asia: Traditions, Changes and Challenges*, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Dehli, February 2010.
- “Historical Biography and the Politics of Legitimacy: The example of Nguyen Thieu.” Panel: *Reconsidering Biographical Representation in Vietnamese History*, Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, March 2009.
- Discussant, panel: *Empires with an Ocean View: Ocean Basins, Sea-Lanes and Imperial Power in Modern World History*, World History Association, annual meeting, London, June 2008.
- Discussant, History & Theory Graduate Conference, UC Irvine, April 2007.
- “The Myth of Vietnam’s Poor Center: Region, Circulation and Political Economy in 500-Year Perspectives.” Panel: *Circulation and Change in Eurasian Perspectives*, Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, April 2006.
- “Networks, Identity and Influence: the Ming Incense Villages of Southern Vietnam (ca. 17th-19th Centuries).” Panel: *Rethinking Migration and Networks in Maritime Asia*. Third International Conference of Institutes & Libraries for Chinese Overseas Studies, Singapore, August 2005.
- “Looking for Wei Zhiyuan: The Circulation of Tang (Chinese)” (w/ Naoko Iioka). Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, August 2005.
- “Missionaries without Empire: Chinese Buddhist Monks in Cochinchina (Central Vietnam), 17th-18th Centuries.” Panel: *Asian Travelers: Narratives of Asian Voyages in Asia, Historically and Today*. Delivered at 18th Conference of the International Association of Historians of Asia, Taipei, December 2004.
- Workshop Organizer, *Southeast Asia: The Sea as Center*, Center for Asian Studies, UC Irvine, February 2004.

- “Amphibious Society in Dang Trong (Cochinchina).” Presented at workshop *Southeast Asia: The Sea as Center*, Center for Asian Studies, UC-Irvine, February 2004.
- “Environment, Economies, and Social Organization in the Development of a Trade Regime: Hoi An’s Trading World, ca. 1550-1850.” Paper delivered at 2003 Pacific Neighborhood Consortium Conference, Bangkok, November 2003.
- “The Minnan Network in the Development of the Cohong System.” Paper delivered at workshop, *The Cohong in Chinese History*, Fairbank Center, Harvard University, October 2003.
- “The Maritime Logic of Vietnamese History: Hoi An’s Trading World, c.1550-1830.” Paper delivered at conference, *Seascapes, Littoral Cultures and Trans-Oceanic Exchanges*, Library of Congress, February 2003.
- “The Maritime Logic of Vietnamese History: Hoi An’s Trading World, c.1550-1830.” Paper delivered at UC World History Group meeting, UC Irvine, February 2003.
- “Maritime Society in the Making of a Vietnamese State: Buddhism and Trade in 17th-Century Dang Trong (Cochinchina).” Paper presented at conference, *China and Southeast Asia: Breaking Down Historiographical Barriers*, UCLA, December 2001.
- “One Region, Two Histories: Cross-Cultural Maritime Trade in the Thu Bon Region (Hoi An), c. 2nd Century BCE-c. 18th Century CE.” Paper delivered at conference, *Vietnam: Beyond the Frontiers*, UCLA, May 2001.
- “The Problem of Multiple Identities in a Trans-Regional World: Linji Buddhism, Maritime Trade, and the Case of Da Shan.” Panel: *Martyrs and Monks: Literature and Loyalty in the Construction of Regional and “National” Identities in Seventeenth-Century China*, Association of Asian Studies (AAS) national conference, March 2001.
- “Patterns of Association in the *Haiwai jishi*: Trans-Regional Perspectives on Seventeenth-Century Dang Trong (Southern Vietnam).” Panel: *Problems in Early Vietnamese Historiography*, John K. Whitmore, chair. American Historical Association (AHA) Conference, Boston, January 2001.

Selected Professional & University Service since 2000

- Editorial board, *Journal of Vietnam Studies* (University of California Press), 2004-08.
- Manuscript referee, *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, *Journal of Vietnam Studies*, Columbia University Press, Yale University Press, W.W. Norton. Journal referee for University of California Press.
- Academic Senate, Irvine Division: Council on Faculty Welfare, 2008-present; Assembly 2006-08.
- Department of History, UC Irvine, 2001-08: Various, including Executive Committee, Graduate Committee, World History Caucus, Asia Caucus.
- Panelist, *Surviving War, Surviving Peace: The Central Highlanders of Vietnam*, Carrier Collection exhibit opening, UCI Libraries, May 2008.
- Invited speaker, UCI Vietnamese American Coalition Black April Commemoration, April 2008.
- Lecturer, California History Social Science Project, a UCI K-12 outreach program, 2001-2007. Presentations on the Vietnam War and Southeast Asia.
- Mentor & moderator, UCI Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, 2002, 2003, 2007, 2008.
- Faculty advisor, UC Education Abroad Program, 2006-07.
- Co-organizer, Western Conference of French Historians, Irvine, October 2003.

- Lecturer, “When is War a Crime? The Controversy over My Lai during the Viet Nam War.” Undergraduate Recruitment Day, UCI Department of History, May 2003.
- Advisory Committee, Southeast Asian Archive, UCI Library, October 2001-present.
- Faculty Advisor, Undecided/Undeclared Majors, UCI Division of Undergraduate Education, 2001-03.
- Co-founder, Yale Vietnamese Studies Group, Yale University, September 2000 – May 2001.

Teaching Experience

(UC Irvine unless otherwise marked)

- *World History*, undergraduate lecture course.
- *Remembering War in Vietnam*, undergraduate seminar.
- *Silk Roads into World History*, undergraduate lecture course (Problems in History: Asia).
- *War in Vietnam*, undergraduate lecture course (also Yale Summer School, 2000 and 2001).
- *History of Vietnam*, undergraduate lecture course.
- *The Sea & World History*. Graduate seminar in world history.
- *Readings in Vietnamese and Vietnam War Histories*. Graduate seminar.
- *Nationalism in Vietnam*, undergraduate seminar.
- *Voyages in World History*, Freshman Seminar, undergraduate seminar.

Memberships

- World History Association
- Association for Asian Studies
- American Historical Association