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### ***Education***

PhD. 2008 Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts  
*Program:* History and East Asian Languages  
*General Examination Fields:* Modern China, Pre-modern China, British Empire  
*Dissertation:* “Qing China’s Perspectives on India, 1750-1847”

Advisor: Prof. Philip A. Kuhn

Members of Committee: Prof. Mark C. Elliott, Prof. Peter C. Perdue (Yale University)

AM. 2002 Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts  
*Program:* Regional Studies – East Asia

BA. 2000 University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia  
*Joint Degrees:* History (Hons.) and English (Hons.)

### ***Areas of Specialization***

Chinese History (Late Imperial and Modern), East Asian History, British Empire, Inner Asia,  
Comparative Empires, China and the World, Manjuristics

### ***Professional Experience***

9/2009 - Present      Post-doctoral Fellow, Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social  
Sciences, University of Hong Kong

8/2008 – 7/2009      Post-doctoral Fellow, Center for Chinese Studies, University of California,  
Berkeley

### ***Publications***

*The Qing Discovery of India & the Origins of Modern China’s Geopolitics, 1644-1880*, book  
manuscript in preparation.

“Empire and the Circulation of Frontier Intelligence: Qing Conceptions of the Ottomans,”  
*Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*, 70.1, June, 2010.

“Writing China in the Qing: The Han Literati and Inner Asia,” *Late Imperial China* (under review).

Review of William T. Rowe, *China’s Last Empire: The Great Qing* (Harvard University Press, 2009),  
*Pacific Affairs* (forthcoming).

Review of Kirk W. Larsen, *Tradition, Treaties, and Trade: Qing Imperialism and Chosŏn Korea, 1850-1910* (Harvard University Asia Center, 2008), *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* (forthcoming).

Review of Kate Teltscher, *The High Road to China: George Bogle, the Panchen Lama, and the First British Expedition to Tibet* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2006), *Cithara*, Dec. 2007.

Entry on “The Co-hong Merchants of Guangzhou” for the *ABC-CLIO World History Encyclopedia* (forthcoming).

### ***Conference Papers, and Invited Talks***

“Awkward Angles: Multi-Frontier Coordination in Mid-Qing Foreign Relations,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Honolulu, 2011 (accepted).

“The Origins of Modern China’s View of India, 1830-1860,” *Emerging China-India Cross-Cultural Interactions and their Implications for Asia*, Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Hong Kong, 2010.

“The Frontier Comes to China: The Changing Place of Frontier Studies in the Qianlong-Jiaqing Transition,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 2010.

“Manchus and the Propagation of Frontier Knowledge in China,” *Research Colloquium: Religion and Manchu Society, 1600-2009*, SOAS, London, 2010.

“Qing China’s Perspectives on India Before 1850: Some Approaches and Conclusions,” Center for Chinese Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2009.

“Maps of the Empire and Maps of the World in the Qing Period,” *Colloquium on Maps and Gazetteers as Sources for East Asian History*, Stanford University, 2009.

“Placing the Mongols in Qing History: Approaches and Questions,” *Mongolia: On the Eve of Modernity*, Institute of East Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2009.

“International Politics and Geography in Qing China: The Long Journey of a Place Name,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Boston, 2007.

“Preliminary Observations on Qianlong’s Manchu Prefaces to the Five Classics,” Second North American International Conference on Manchu Studies, Harvard University, 2005.

“Who Goes There?: The Qing Understanding of India and Its Conquest by Britain, 1790-1820,” New England Regional Association for Asian Studies Conference, Harvard University, 2003.

### ***Teaching Experience***

2005 M.I.T., Department of History, Cambridge, Massachusetts  
‘East Asia in the World,’ Prof. Peter C. Perdue  
Teaching Fellow

2004-2005 Harvard University, Concentration in East Asian Studies, Cambridge, Massachusetts  
“‘Minzu Opportunity’: Mutual Interplay between Ethnic Discourse and the Shape of Development in Contemporary Yunnan Province, PRC”

Senior Thesis Advisor

- 2004 Harvard University, Core Program, Cambridge, Massachusetts  
'China: Traditions and Transformations,' Profs. Peter K. Bol and Mark C. Elliott  
Teaching Fellow
- 2001 Harvard University, Core Program, Cambridge, Massachusetts  
'Constructing the Samurai,' Prof. Harold Bolitho  
Teaching Fellow

***Grants and Awards***

- 2009 Small Project Funding Grant (US\$10,000), University of Hong Kong, for research in Chinese and British archives
- 2008 Elaine Mossmann Prize for Outstanding Dissertation in History and East Asian Languages
- 2007-2008 Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities (dissertation completion)
- 2006-2007 Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies Doctoral Dissertation Grant (research in Japan)
- 2005-2006 Fulbright IIE Fellowship (dissertation research in China and Taiwan)
- 2005-2006 Sheldon Traveling Fellowship, Harvard University (dissertation research)
- 2004-2005 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Chinese)
- 2002 Fletcher Prize for Excellence in a Graduating AM Thesis, RSEA, Harvard University
- 2001-2002 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Chinese)
- Summer 2001 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Chinese)