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**Education:**

Ph.D. 2002, History, U.C. Berkeley.  
B.A. History, *magna cum laude*, U.C. Berkeley, 1996  
Phi Beta Kappa, Highest Honors in History

**Work Experience:**

PROFESSOR of Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Michigan, 2015-present

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR of Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Michigan, 2008-2015

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR of Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Michigan, 2002-2008:

- Asian Studies 258: Food and Drink of Asia
- Asian Studies 260: Introduction to Chinese Civilization (Cross-listed with History)
- Asian Studies 351: Chinese Food in Crisis: Health, Ecology, and Identity in an Age of Globalization
- Asian Studies 361: Food in China
- Asian Studies 365: Doctors in the Ancient World (Cross-listed with History and Classical Civilizations)
- Asian Studies 366: Contemporary Chinese Controversies
- Asian Studies 370: Acupuncture, Historical and Contemporary Transformations
- Asian Studies 381: Junior-Senior Colloquium
- Asian Studies 535: History of Chinese Science
- Asian Studies 551: "Practicum" in Asian Studies; Medical Encounters in Asia
- Asian Studies 585: Historical Studies of Food in China
- Asian Studies 610: Early Chinese Texts

## **Professional Service:**

Co-founder and Co-editor of *Fragments: Interdisciplinary Studies of the Ancient and Medieval Pasts*.

Editorial Board, *Early China*

Associate Editor, *Asian Medicine*

Member of the Editorial Collective, *Global Food History*

## **Publications:**

### Books:

*The Art of Medicine in Early China: The Ancient and Medieval Origins of a Modern Archive* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015).

*The Politics of Mourning in Early China* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2007).

With Conrad Schirokauer, *A Brief History of Chinese Civilization*, 2nd edition. Thomson/Wadsworth, 2005 (Rev. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition published 2011).

With Conrad Schirokauer et al, *A Brief History Chinese and Japanese Civilization*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Thompson/Wadsworth, 2005 (Rev. 4<sup>th</sup> edition published 2011).

### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters (single-authored unless noted):**

“Mr. Song’s Cheeses, Southern China, 1368-1644.” *Gastronomica: The Journal of Critical Food Studies* 19.2 (Summer 2019): 29-42.

Miranda Brown and Zhang Zhongwei. “A Tale of Two Stones: Social Memory in Roman Greece and Han China.” In Hans Beck and Griet VanKeerberghen eds., *Rulers and Ruled in Ancient Greece, Rome, and China* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Forthcoming).

“Medicine’ in Early China.” In Paul R. Goldin ed., *Routledge Handbook of Early Chinese History*. 465-78. (Abingdon & New York: Routledge, 2018).

Yang Yong and Miranda Brown. "The Wuwei Medical Manuscripts: A Brief Introduction and Translation." *Early China* 40 (2017): 241-301.

Miranda Brown and Anna-Alexandra Fodde-Reguer. "Rituals Without Rules: Han Dynasty Mourning Practices Revisited." 91-105. In N. Harry Rothchild and Leslie Wallace eds., *Behaving Badly in Early and Early Medieval China* (Honolulu, University of Hawai'i Press, 2017).

Ignacio Villagran and Miranda Brown, "Being in Time: What Medieval Chinese Theorists can Teach Us about Causation," in Leigh Jenco ed., *Chinese Thought as Global Theory: Deparochializing Knowledge Production in the Social Sciences and Humanities* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2016). 181-205.

"Looking Backward: Explaining the Rise of a Medical Tradition in Han China." In Griet VanKeerberghen and Michael Nylan eds., *Chang'an 26 BCE: An Augustan Age in China* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2015). 441-60.

"Mozi's Remaking of Ancient Authority." In Nicolas Standaert and Carine Defoort eds., *Different Voices of the Mozi: Studies of an Evolving Text* (Leiden: Brill 2013). 143-174.

"Who Was He? Reflections on China's First Medical Naturalist." *Medical History* 56.3 (2012): 366-89.

"Returning the Gaze: An Experiment in Reviving Gu Yanwu (1613-1682)." *Fragments: Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Study of Ancient and Medieval Pasts* 1 (2011): 41-87.

Xie Yu 謝宇 [Yu Xie] and Dong Muda [Miranda Brown]. "Tiandi zhi jian: Donghan guanyuan de shuangchong zeren" 天地之間：東漢官員的雙重責任 (Between Heaven and Earth: Dual Accountability in the Eastern Han, AD 25-220). *Shehui 社會* 2011.4 (July 2011): 1-28.

Miranda Brown and Charles Sanft. "Categories and Legal Reasoning in Early Imperial China: The Meaning of *Fa* in Recovered Texts." *Oriens Extremus* 49 (2010): 283-306.

Miranda Brown and Rafe de Crespigny. "Adoption in Han China." *Journal of the Social and Economic History of the Orient* 35.2 (2009): 229-266.

Miranda Brown and Uffe Bergeton. "'Seeing' Like a Sage: Three Perspectives on Perception and Identity." *Journal of Chinese Philosophy* 35.3 (2008): 641-62.

“Han Steles: How To Elicit What They Have to Tell Us.” In Cary Y. Liu ed., *Re-Envisioning Culture: Ideals, Practices, and Problems of the ‘Han Dynasty Wu Family Shrines.’* (Princeton: Princeton Art Museum, 2008). 180-195.

“Qinggan yu siwei de weizhi: Lun Zhongguo gudai wenxianzhong de ‘ganqing’ 情感與思維的位置：論中國古代文獻中的‘肝情’ [Emotions and the Seat of Thought: A Discussion of ‘Liver-Feelings’ in the Ancient Chinese Corpus]. *Yuandao* 道原 13 (2007): 142-49.

“Neither ‘Primitive’ nor ‘Others,’ But Somehow Not Quite Like ‘Us’: The Fortunes of Psychic Unity and Essentialism in Chinese Studies.” *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 49.2 (2006): 219-252.

“Mothers and Sons in Warring States and Han China, 453 B.C.-A.D. 220.” *Nan Nü: Men, Women and Gender in Early and Imperial China* 5.2 (2003): 137-69. [A Chinese-language translation of this article appears in Yao Ping 妖平 ed., *Dangdai xifang Hanxue yanjiuji cui: funüshi juan* 當代西方漢學研究集萃. 婦女史卷 (Shanghai: Shanghai guji, 2012), 27-54.]

“Did the Ancient Chinese Attempt to Preserve Corpses? A Reconsideration of the Elite Conceptions of Death.” *Journal of East Asian Archaeology* 4.1-4 (2002): 201-223.

### **Smaller Publications:**

“Commentary to Mason-Williamson and McClain-Twomey.” *Fragments: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Ancient and Medieval Pasts* 7 (2018): 46-49

“Making Mr. Song’s Cheeses.” In *The Recipes Project: Food, Magic, Art, Science, and Medicine*. <https://recipes.hypotheses.org/13911>

“Cheese” and “Ritual” in Sidney Cheung ed., *Berkshire Encyclopedia of Chinese Cuisines* (Forthcoming: Oxford University Press).

Liu Xiaolu 劉曉路 and Dong Muda [Miranda Brown]. “Guojia da yitong de gujin duibi: yige zhengfu jian guanxi shijiao” 國家大一統的古今對比：一個政府間關係視角 [Comparing Political Cohesion Past and Present: A Perspective on the Relationship between Levels of Governance]. *Xuehai* 學海 2009.1: 20-26.

### **Outreach and Public Engagement:**

“Introduction” to *In Search of General Tso: A Documentary Film about Chinese Food in America* China, Ongoing Perspectives ~ CHOP, U-M Film Series co-sponsored by the Asia Library and the Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies. February 7, 2019.

“TCM.” Presentation for the UM College of Pharmacy (organized by the Multicultural Pharmacy Student Organization). January 29, 2019.

“Of Cheese and Curds.” Public Lecture at the Ann Arbor Public Library for the Ann Arbor Culinary Historians (Malletts Creek Branch Branch), January 20, 2019.

### **Presentations:**

“After the Mongols, Dairy Products in South China, 1500-1700.” Paper presented at “Contact Zones and Colonialism in China’s South (~221 BCE – 1700 CE).” Pennsylvania State University, May 10-12, 2019.

“Milk for the Runs: What Chinese Doctors Had to Say about Lactose Intolerance and Other Myths About Chinese Food and Bodies.” Invited Lecture, Grinnell College, March 7, 2019.

“Milky Medicine: Recipes from Medieval China” Invited Presentation at the Institute of the History of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University, February 14, 2019.

“Food and Medicine.” Presentation for the Virtuous Table Series, University of California, Irvine, October 16, 2018.

“Ritual, Public Remembrance.” Paper presented at “The Political in the Institutionalization and Ritualization of Public Remembrance,” Institute for Korean Studies and Freie Universität, Berlin, May 11-12, 2018.

“On Bird’s Nest and Bean Curd: Reflections on the Rise of Tofu Connoisseurship,” Paper presented at “Chinese Food: Culture, Economy, and Ecology,” Harvard University, April 27-28, 2018.

“On the Warring States: ”On the Creation of the Warring States: An Exploration of a Historiographical Staple.” Invited Presentation (with Ruihan Wu, visiting graduate student from Peking University), Columbia Early China Seminar, April 20, 2018.

“On ‘Bad’ Chinese Food: Reflections on Sweet-and-Sour Pork.” Invited Lecture, Notre Dame University, Feb 22, 2018. (A previous version of the talk was delivered at the Confucius Institute, University of Michigan, Feb 9, 2018).

“Race, Culture, Identity in Premodern China?” Paper presented at “Identity and Belonging in Premodern Imperial Discourses: A Roundtable,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington DC, January 4-7, 2018.

“Of Cheese and Curds in China,” Invited Lecture for Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University, Dec 6, 2017.

“The Jade Body,” Paper Presented at Non/Human Materials Before Modernity,” Eisenberg Forum/Frankel Institute Symposium, University of Michigan, October 2-3, 2017.

“Did Authors Matter? A View from the Ground,” Paper presented at “Manuscripts Mini-Conference,” Department of History, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, October 29, 2016.

“Commentarial Episodes in Early China,” Paper presented at “Commentaries Workshop,” Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, August 25-27, 2016.

“Who was Hua Tuo? Medicine as an Art without a Role.” Paper presented at “Technical Arts and Historical Writing in Early China,” University of California Berkeley, California, November 6-8, 2014.

“Social Networking in an Age of Factionalism: Stone Monuments as Inalienable Gifts.” Paper presented at “Citizens and Commoners in Ancient Greece, Rome, and China,” McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, October 22-24, 2014.

“Politics and Medical Imagination.” Keynote Lecture, College of William and Mary, April 19, 2013.

“Rituals without Rules.” Paper presented at the Annual American Asianist Association, Toronto, March 15-18, 2012.

“Looking Backwards: The Classicist Revival, Imperial Bibliomania, and the Birth of a Medical Tradition in China.” Paper Presented in Chang’an 26 BC, From Drains to Dreams, University of California, Berkeley, April 21-24, 2011.

“Theory in Asia.” Paper presented at the Annual American Asianist Association, Honolulu, March 31-April 3, 2011.

“The Ills that Do Not Ail”: Reflections on the Political Origins of Medical Prophylaxis in China.” Paper presented at the Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan, January 25, 2011.

“Gifts that Weren’t Exchanged: The Rise of Han Stone Monuments, AD 166-184.” Invited Lecture in the Department of Art History, University of Florida, September 2, 2010.

“Qin Han de leixing yu falü tuili: shitan chutu wenxian de ‘fa’ 秦漢的類型與法律推理: 試探出土文獻的法” [Categorization by Prototype and Legal Reasoning in the Qin and Han Dynasty: A Preliminary Discussion of the Meaning of *Fa* in the Excavated Corpus.] Invited Lecture at the Department of History, People’s University, July 23, 2010.

“Returning the Gaze: An Experiment in Reviving Gu Yanwu.” Invited Lecture at the Department of History, Tsinghua University, May 11, 2010.

“Physician He: Hippocratic Naturalist?” Invited Lecture at Pennsylvania State University, April 15, 2010. (Paper also presented at the Department of History at Beijing Normal University, May 8, 2010).

“Modeling Early Chinese Medicine: Reflections on the Relationship Between Law and Science.” Paper presented at the Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan, January 26, 2010.

“Mozi’s Reinvention of Ancient Authority.” Paper presented at “The Many Faces of the *Mozi*,” Workshop at K.U. Leuven, June 25-28, 2009.

“Han Officials’ Databases.” First International Workshop on Biographical Databases for China’s History, Harvard University, November 21-23, 2008.

“The Antiquarian Connection: Han Stelae and the Song Discovery of Localism.” Paper Presented at the Annual American Asianist Organization Meeting, Boston, March 24, 2007.

“Unilineal Evolutionism, Essentialism, and its Sinological Alternatives.” Paper Presented at the Annual American Asianist Organization Meeting, San Francisco, April 6-9, 2006.

“Between Heaven and Earth: The Paradox of Dual Accountability.” Paper Presented at the Institute for the Humanities, University of Michigan. April 3, 2006.

“Danyixianxing, wenhua yaosuzhuyi yu Ouzhou Hanxuejia de xuanze” 單一線性，文化要素主義與歐洲漢學家的選擇. [Unilineal Evolutionism, Cultural Essentialism, and the Choices Facing European Sinologists]. Paper presented at the Tsinghua University Conference. “The Crisis of the Nineteenth Century,” September 1-4, Beijing, 2005.

“Friends or Subordinates?: The Rhetoric of Political Association in Eastern Han China, 25-220 CE,” University of Chicago, May 17, 2005.

“The Wu Stelae in Context: Can We Trust Them? How We Should Read Them and Why We Should Care,” Paper Presented at the Princeton University Art Museum Symposium, Recarving the Past: Art, Archaeology, and Architecture of the “Wu Family” Shrines, April 30-May 1, 2005.

“Friends or Subordinates?: The Rhetoric of Political Association in Eastern Han China, 25-220 CE.” Early China Seminar, Columbia University, January 24, 2004.

“Where Did all the Fathers Go? Gender, Kinship, and the Political Imagination in Han China,” Asia Center, Harvard University, November 17, 2003.

“Mind, Body, and Ritual,” “Philosophy as A Way of Life: Moral Psychology in Classical Chinese Philosophy,” Harvard University, May 24-25, 2003.

“Social Pretensions or Agents of Moral Transformation? Later Han Funerary Inscriptions,” Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Washington DC, April 4-7, 2002.

“Sons, Mothers, and Patrons in Eastern Han China,” University of Colorado, Boulder, March 25, 2002.

### **Languages:**

Chinese (fluent), Classical Chinese (fluent reading), French (fluent reading), Japanese (fluent reading).

### **Grants, Scholarship, and Awards:**

2019: Individual Achievement Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education

2018: U-M Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies Thematic Conference (\$17,800) for Globalizing Chinese Medicine Conference, Schedule December 2019.



2017: Level I Faculty Project Grant, LSA Instructional Support Services (\$5,000),  
Awarded to Add an Experiential Component to ASIAN 258 (Food & Drink of Asia)

2016: International Institute Enterprise Funds for seminar proposal, submitted  
with Ian Moyer, "Translations: Materiality and the Circulation of Ideas in the  
Premodern World" (\$20,000)

2015: John Dewey Teaching Award (\$10,000)

2010: New Perspectives on Chinese Culture and Society, Chiang Ching-kuo  
Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange and American Council of Learned  
Societies (\$15,000)

2006-2007: National Endowment of the Humanities Faculty Fellowships (\$40,000)

2005-2006: Chiang Ching-kuo Junior Scholar Grant (\$20,000)

2005: Institute for Humanities Summer Collaborative Grant (\$15,000)

2003: Rackham Spring/Summer 2003 Research Grant (\$5,000)

2001-2002: Graduate Opportunity Dissertation Fellowship

2001: U.C. Berkeley Regent Fellow

2000-2001: Liu Graduate Research Fellowship in Chinese Studies

2000-2001: Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship

2000: Visiting Fellow, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, P.R.C.

2000: Graduate Teaching Award

1999: Summer Mellon Dissertation and Prospectus Fellowship

1998: Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship

1997-1999: Graduate Opportunity Fellowship

### **Dissertation Committees:**

Katie Dimmery (Co-Chair, expected 2020)

Amanda Respass (expected 2020)  
Saul Allen (2015)  
Ignacio Villagran (Chair, 2015)  
Ann Fodde-Reguer (Chair, 2014)  
Uffe Bergeton (2012)  
Myeong-Seok Kim (2008)  
Alice Yao (2008)  
David Elstein (Chair, 2006)  
Lisa Rogers (2003)

**Service:**

2019-present: Steering Committee, Indigo: The LSA Asian and Asian American Faculty Alliance  
2019-2020: APID/A Knowledge Community Team (Developing an Institutional Profile of Asian Pacific Islander Desi/American Faculty, Staff, and Students at UM)  
2018: Summer Advisor for Asian Languages and Cultures  
2011-2018: Director of Undergraduate Studies, Asian Languages and Cultures  
2018: Third-year Review Panel  
2018: Search Committee Member, Lecturer 1  
2018: Major Review of Lecturer III (Director of Chinese Language Program)  
2017-2018: LAUNCH program convener for Advance (a mentoring program for first-year assistant professors)  
2017-2018: Member of ALC Leadership Committee  
2017: Promotion Committee (Chair)  
2016-2017: Search Committee Member (Assistant Dean)  
2016-2017: Search Committee, Chair (Chinese Philosophy)  
2016-2017: Interim Review of Lecturer III (Director of Chinese Language Program)  
2016-2017: Review of Lecturer II  
2015: Promotion Committee (Chair)  
2015: Reviewer for Rackham International Student Fellowships  
2014: Promotion Committee (Chair)  
2012-2013: Search Committee Chair, Chinese Language Program Head  
2011-2013: Executive Committee, Center for Chinese Studies  
2011: Third-year Review Panel  
2011: Review of Lecturer II  
2009-2011: Center for Chinese Studies Fellowship and Admissions Committee  
2009: Rackham Pre-doctoral Fellowship Committee, Division IV  
2008-2009: Director of Graduate Program, Asian Languages and Cultures  
2008: Promotion Committee  
2008: Person-specific Hire in Chinese Studies  
2007-2008: Graduate Program Committee  
2005: Review of Lecturer III

2005: Advisory Committee for the Chinese Philosophy Speaker Series  
2005: Center for Chinese Studies Fellowship and Admissions Committee  
2003-2005: Executive Committee, Center for Chinese Studies  
2004-2005: Curriculum Committee  
2004-2005: Korean Humanities Search  
2005: Review of Lecturer II  
2004: Executive Committee, Asian Languages and Cultures  
2004: Lecturer III Review  
2003-2004: Asian Studies Concentration Advisor (China Track)  
2002-2003: Executive Committee, Asian Languages and Culture