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EMPLOYMENT

University of Michigan
Associate Professor of History

Sept. 2012-

University of Michigan
Assistant Professor of history

Sept. 2006-Aug. 2012

Embassy of Sweden, Beijing
Assistant Sinologist

Jan. 1996-June 1997

EDUCATION

Harvard University
Ph.D., History

June 2006

Stockholm University
Magister of Sinology (equivalent to combined BA and MA degree)

Jan. 1996

LEADERSHIP

Director of graduate studies, LSA International Institute at the University of Michigan
Sept. 2018-

Associate director of the Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies at the University of Michigan

September 2014-June 2017

Member of executive committee, Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies at the University of Michigan.

September 2013- June 2017

DISSERTATION

“Rule of Law or Rule of Laws: Legal Pluralism and Extraterritoriality in Nineteenth Century East Asia”

Thesis Advisors: Professors Philip A. Kuhn, Andrew Gordon, William P. Alford

(Awarded 2006 Yong K. Kim '95 Memorial Prize by the East Asian Legal Studies Program at Harvard Law School.)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Grounds of Judgment: Extraterritoriality and Imperial Power in Nineteenth-Century China and Japan. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.

“The Mixed Court of the Shanghai International Settlement,” in H Ruiz Fabri (ed), *The Max Planck Encyclopedia of International Procedural Law.* Oxford University Press 2020. (forthcoming).

“Treaty Ports and the Foreign Community in Modern China.” In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History*, edited by David Ludden. New York: Oxford University Press, 2018.

“Extraterritoriality in China: What We Know and What We Don’t Know.” In *Treaty Ports in Modern China*, edited by Robert Bickers and Isabella Jackson. London: Routledge, 2016.

“‘Spelling Like a State’: Some Thoughts on the Manchu Origins of the Wade-Giles System.” *Central Asiatic Journal* 58, no. 1-2 (2015): 37-47.

“East Asian Legal Traditions.” In *International Encyclopedia of the Social & Behavioral Sciences*, edited by James D. Wright, 778-83. Amsterdam: Elsevier, 2015.

”Arkivet som problem: hur man skriver kinesisk historia utan ’arkiv’.” [The Archive as a Problem: How to Write Chinese History without ‘Archives’.] In *Information som problem*, edited by Otfried Czaika, Jonas Nordin and Pelle Snickars. Stockholm: National Library of Sweden, 2014.

“Xuan er wei jue de zhangcheng he jihu nachan de tiaoyue: Zhong-Rui guanxi,” 1847-1909. In *Falü shi yiping*. Beijing University Press, 2014. pp. 327-343. [Chinese translation of the 2010 article in *Historisk tidskrift*.]

”Traktaten som aldrig var och fördraget som nästan inte blev: De svensk-norsk-kinesiska förbindelserna, 1847-1909.” [“The Treaty that never was and the Treaty that almost never became: Swedish-Norwegian-Chinese Relations, 1847-1909.”] *Historisk tidskrift* 130, no. 3 (2010): 437-66.

“The Gate of Heavenly Peace-Making.” In *China in 2008: A Year of Great Significance*, edited by Jeffrey Wasserstrom, Ken Pomeranz and Kate Merkel-Hess, 140-43. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2009.

“The Legacies of Ming Taizu in Japan.” In *Long Live the Emperor: The Uses of the Ming Founder across Six Centuries of East Asian History*, edited by Sarah Schneewind, 329-44. Minneapolis: Society for Ming Studies, 2008.

“Extraterritoriality.” In *Encyclopedia of Western Colonialism since 1450*, edited by Jenai Mynatt and Thomas Benjamin, vol.1, 479-80. Detroit: MacMillan Reference USA, 2007.

“Excavating Extraterritoriality: The ‘Judicial Sub-Prefect’ as a Prototype for the Mixed Court in Shanghai.” *Late Imperial China* 24, no. 2 (2003): 156-82.

“Explaining ‘the Republic of China.’” *The Stockholm Journal of East Asian Studies* 8 (1997): 15-40. Annotated translation of Zhang Taiyan’s “Zhonghua minguo jie,” *Minbao*, no. 15 (5 July 1907).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Manchuiska språket.” [The Manchu Language] *FokusKina*, no. 3 (2017): 16-19.

Review of Catherine L. Phipps, *Empires on the Waterfront: Japan’s Ports and Power, 1858–1899* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Asia Center, 2015). *Monumenta Nipponica* 71, no. 2 (2016): 409-11.

"Kinesiskan utmanar det svenska språket." [The Chinese challenge to the Swedish language] In *Kinesiskan Flyttar in - Nytt Skolspråk I Sverige*, edited by Hanna Sahlberg Wu, 163-67: Uppsala universitet, 2015.

Review of Hans Van De Ven, *Breaking with the Past: The Maritime Customs Service and the Global Origins of Modernity in China* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2014). *The American Historical Review* 120, no. 1 (2015): 204-05.

Review of Ines Eben von Racknitz, *Die Plünderung des Yuanmingyuan: Imperiale Beutenaahme im britisch-französischen Chinafeldzug von 1860* [The plunder of the Yuanmingyuan; Imperial looting in the British-French China campaign of 1860]. (Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag, 2012). *Journal of Asian Studies*, 73 (2014), 228-230.

“Imperial Power, Legal Cosmology, and Beyond.” Review of Jiang Yonglin, *The Mandate of Heaven and the Great Ming Code* (University of Washington Press, 2011). *China Review International* 17, no. 4 (2012): 393-95.

Review of Carlos Rojas, *The Great Wall: A cultural history* (Harvard University Press, 2010). *Pacific Review* 85, no. 2 (2012): 396-97.

Contributing translator to *Mao's Road to Power*, Volume VIII. Edited by Professor Stuart R. Schram. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe (*forthcoming*).

“Manchuernas återkomst – Från herrefolk till modellminoritet.” [The Return of the Manchus: From Master Race to Model Minority.] *Kinarapport*, no. 4 (2010): 74-79.

”De kejserliga riterna.” [Imperial rituals.] *Kinarapport*, no. 4 (2008): 13-18.

”Kinesisk stadsplanering genom århundradena.” [Chinese City Planning Through the Centuries] *Plan: Tidskrift för samhällsplanering* 2008, 21-6.

“Genus och makt vid kejsarhovet - Änkekejsarinnan Cixis plats i den kinesiska historien.” [Gender and Power at the Imperial Court: The Place of Empress Dowager Cixi in Chinese History] *Kinarapport* 4 (2006): 16-21.

”Den cinnoberröda penselns makt - En inblick i Kinas gamla arkivskatt,” [Under the Spell of the Vermillion Brush: A Short Survey of China's Ancient Archives.] *Kinarapport*, no. 4 (2005): 60.

”Så styrdes Kina under kejsartiden – Strövtåg genom Pingyaos *yamen*.” [How China was Governed during the Late Imperial Period: Wanderings through the Pingyao *yamen*.] *Kinarapport*, no. 4 (2004): 62-69.

”Kunskap och makt: Japansk sinologi och kinaforskning före 1945.” [Knowledge and Power: Japanese sinology up to 1945.] *Kinarapport*, no. 2 (2004): 24-26.

”Officiell nationalism i Meiji-periodens Japan: Det kejserliga reskriptet om utbildning och uppfostran.” [Official Nationalism in Meiji Japan: On the Imperial Rescript of Education.] *Orientaliska studier [Stockholm]*, no. 96-97 (1998): 9-20.

”De kinesiska triaderna.” [The Chinese Triads.] In *Världens Brott*. Stockholm: Utrikespolitiska Institutet [The Swedish Institute of International Affairs], 1995.

Kina vid vägskälet. [China at the Crossroads]. *Skriftserien Utrikes* 3. Stockholm: Utrikespolitiska Institutet [The Swedish Institute of International Affairs], 1995.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Richard and Lillian Ives Faculty Fellow, Humanities Institute, University of Michigan, 2017-18

William T. Ludolph, Jr. Junior Faculty Development Award, 2008

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Harvard University Graduate Society Dissertation Completion Grant 2005-06

Reischauer Institute Graduate Summer Research Grant 2005

Urban China Research Network, Small Grant 2003

Reischauer Institute Supplementary Dissertation Grant 2003

GSAS Merit Fellowship, Harvard University 2003
Japanese Government *Monbusho* Scholarship 1998-2000
Sino-Swedish government scholarship for language study in China 1993-94

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant Department of Oriental Languages, Stockholm University, Fall 2009-
Winter 2010

Faculty Fellow Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, University of Michigan, Fall
2007-Winter 2008.

Graduate Student Associate Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard
University. 2002-03, 2004-06

Advanced research student Institute of Qing History, Renmin University, Beijing.
March -June 2004

Foreign researcher, Department of Oriental History, Tokyo University. October 2003 –
March 2004

Research Assistant, Professor Sven Beckert (Harvard University) “The Empire of Cotton:
A Global History,” 2001-2.

Research student Kanazawa University, Japan. 1998-2000

Chinese language student supported by Swedish-Chinese bilateral scholarship. Nanjing
University, People’s Republic of China, 1993-1994.

LANGUAGES

Swedish (native), English (professional), Chinese (fluent) and Japanese (excellent).
Reading knowledge of Classical Chinese, Classical Japanese, Danish, Norwegian, French,
German, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Manchu. Basic knowledge of Turkish and
Polish.

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Michigan

History 202: Doing History (undergraduate seminar)

History 205: Modern East Asia (large lecture course)

History 204: East Asia: Early Transformations (substitute for Prof. Christian de Pee, Fall
2016)

History 257/Judaic 257: Ancient Law (substitute for Prof. Rachel Neis, Fall 2015)

History 354: Rebellion and Revolution in China through Two Centuries (large lecture course)
History: 472/592: Treaty Ports and Semi-Colonialism in East Asia (seminar)
History 472: Introduction to the Manchu language and Manchu studies
History 549: China Social Science (graduate seminar)
History 539/CCS 539: Critical Readings in Documentary Chinese (graduate seminar)

University of Michigan and Shanghai Jiaotong University Joint Institute

Summer 2012

VR440: Chinese legal history (Lecture course taught at the UM-SJTU Joint Institute in Shanghai)

University of Michigan and Peking University Joint Institute

Summer 2007

New Directions in Social Scientific History and Chinese History (team taught with Prof. James Lee)

PHD STUDENT PLACEMENT

- Shuang Chen (committee member, defended PhD thesis on Sep 21, 2009), currently employed as associate professor of history at University of Iowa
- Joseph Ho (committee member, defended March 7, 2017), currently employed as assistant professor of history at Albion College
- Joshua Hubbard (co-chair, defended Mar 24, 2017), currently employed as assistant professor of history at College of William and Mary
- Jaymin Kim, (chair, defended March 19, 2018), employed as assistant professor of history at University of S:t Thomas, S:t Paul, Minnesota

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Member of graduate committee, Department of History, University of Michigan

September 2016-June 2017

China Studies Librarian Search Committee (one hire)

January-May 2013

Member of graduate admissions committee at the History Department and convener of Asia Caucus

September 2010-April 2012

History Department job placement coordinator

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January 2009 – April 2009

Admissions and fellowships committee at the Center for Chinese Studies
January-February 2008

Korean Studies Search Committee (two hires)
Sept. 2006 – April 2007

Conference Organization

Co-organizer (with Dr. Elizabeth Berger) of “Environments and Adaptation in Ancient China: Recent Advances and Global Context,” Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies.

Ann Arbor, February 8-9, 2019

Co-organizer (with Joseph Ho) of “China Between Worlds,” Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies.

Ann Arbor, May 8-9, 2017

Co-organizer (with Dr. Benjamin Levey) of “New Directions in Manchu Studies,” Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies Annual Conference Series

Ann Arbor, May 5-8, 2016

Other service

Co-editor of *Saksaha: A Journal of Manchu Studies* (Michigan Publishing)

Manuscript reviewer for University of Washington Press, University of Chicago Press, Cornell University Press, *Late Imperial China*, and *Journal of Japanese Studies*.

Book Review Editor of *Journal of Asian Studies*, 2014-17

Faculty reviewer for the International Institute Individual Fellowships (IIIF).

Faculty reviewer for *Comparative Studies in Society and History*.

Faculty advisor of *Michigan Journal of Asian Studies*

PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

“From Filiality to Loyalty: Representations of the Emperor in Late Imperial and Modern China.”
Talk given at the University of Madison Law School

Wisconsin, Madison, March 6, 2019

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“The Meiji Restoration and the Response to China,” paper presented at The First Tohoku Conference of Global Japanese Studies, Tohoku University,
Sendai, Japan, December 15, 2018.

“Sovereignty in China: The Careers of a Concept,” presented at the Berkeley-Cambridge Workshop on Maritime Asia.
Berkeley, California, May 15, 2018.

“Sovereignty in China: The Careers of a Concept, from the late Qing through the PRC,” presented at the workshop “China’s Quest for Sovereignty: International Law in China in a Historical Perspective,” Harvard-Princeton, China and the World Program
Princeton, NJ, May 29, 2018.

“Preaching Outside the Choir: Bringing ‘Qing Docs’ to the Undergraduate Curriculum.” talk given at the digital humanities workshop “Anxieties of Abundance” at Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore MD, October 19, 2017

“The Failure of a Concept: The Use and Abuse of Sovereignty in Chinese History.” Talk given at Asian Studies Center Colloquium on Transnational East Asia, Michigan State University
East Lansing, 9 February, 2016

Invited panelist at the workshop “1864 and the End of Global Civil War,” Council of East Asian Studies at Yale University
New Haven, October 25, 2014.

“From Filiality to Loyalty: Representations of the Emperor in Late Imperial and Modern China.” Talk given at the Council of East Asian Studies Colloquium Series, Yale University
New Haven, April 3, 2014

“Sino-Japanese Extraterritoriality under the Treaty of Tianjin, 1871-95.” Invited talk at Xiamen University.
Xiamen, July 23, 2013.

“From Filial Subjects to Loyal Citizens: Representations of the Emperor in Late Imperial and Modern China.” Talk given at the China Studies Colloquia, Stanford University
Palo Alto, CA, November 8, 2012.

“Perspectives on China’s Republican Era 1912-49.” Talk given at the CHINA Town Hall: Local Connections, National Reflections, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Ohio State University,
Columbus, OH, October 29, 2012.

“Tinker, Tailor, Consul, Sailor: Sino-Japanese Extraterritoriality under the Treaty of Tianjin, 1871-95.” Talk given at the East Asia: Transregional Histories’ Workshop, University of

Chicago

Chicago, April 19, 2012.

“From Filiality to Loyalty: Visions of the Emperor in Late Imperial China.” Talk given at the Center for Chinese Studies at the University of Michigan, Noon Lecture Series.

Ann Arbor, December 6,
2011.

Commentator at the Symposium “Archival Advances & Historical Research: Shanghai Municipal Archives & Beyond” organized by the Bentley Historical Library

October 28, 2010

”Den ’laglösa rättsstaten’: Politik och juridik i den tidiga Folkrepubliken Kina.” [“State of Lawlessness: Politics and Law in the Early People’s Republic of China.”] Talk given at the Department of Oriental languages, Stockholm University.

Stockholm, 2 November
2009

Presentation on Chinese history at the Teacher Workshop on the photo exhibition “Inge Morath and Arthur Miller: China Eyewitness to an Awakening Giant,” at the University of Michigan Museum of Arts.

February 6, 2008

Invited discussant on the panel “Law, Constitution, and State-Building” at the conference “Towards an Age of Rights: China and International Perspectives,” University of Michigan.

February 1, 2008

Invited discussant on Dr. Mark Selden’s paper “War, Historical Memory and the Future of the Asia Pacific” at the conference “The New Humanities in China,” Humanities Institute, University of Michigan

November 15, 2007

“Getting Away with Manslaughter: The Vagaries of Justice in Maritime Courts in Late Nineteenth Century China and Japan.” The Center for Chinese Studies at the University of Michigan, Noon Lecture Series.

January 23, 2007.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Invited chair of the panel “Laying Down and Crossing Borders” at the pre-conference workshop “Law and Empire in the Sino-Asian Context,” Co-hosted by the ASLH, the International Society for Chinese Law and History, and the Harvard Law School Program in East Asian Legal Studies.

Cambridge, MA, November 21, 2019.

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Invited chair of the “Authors-Meet-Readers Salon” on Philip Thai’s book *China’s War on Smuggling* at the 49th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Legal History,
Boston, November 22, 2019.

Invited chair of the panel “Conceptualizing China in Relation to the World, 1700s-1910s: Sovereignty and National Interest in Transformation” at the Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies,
Denver, March 24, 2019.

Invited chair of the “Authors-Meet-Readers Salon” on Taisu Zhang’s book *The Laws and Economic of Confucianism* at the 48th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Legal History,
Houston, November 10, 2018.

Invited discussant and chair of the panel “Extraterritoriality in China and Japan” at the Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies,
Toronto, 2 April, 2016.

Invited discussant at the conference "Les lieux de la loi dans l’empire chinois/The Places of the Law in the Late Chinese Empire" held at Institut d’Asie Orientale / École Française d’Extrême-Orient.
Lyon, 12-13 May 2015.

“The Failure of a Concept: The Use and Abuse of Sovereignty in Chinese History” presented at the panel “Falling from a State of Grace: The Rise, Decline and Aftermath of the ‘Great Chinese Civilization’” at the Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies,
Chicago, March 27, 2015.

“Between Empire and Nation State: The Chinese experience with extraterritoriality, 1843-1943.” Panel III: Renegotiating Empires in East Asia through international law and extraterritorial practices, 5th Annual Conference 2013: "Managing Empires. Cooperation, Competition, Conflict".
Heidelberg, Germany, October 11, 2013.

"Spelling Synarchy: Some thoughts on the Manchu Origins of the Wade-Giles system," talk given at the First International Conference of Manchu Documents, Renmin University.
Beijing, July 13, 2013

Invited discussant of the panel “Morality, Law, and Bureaucracy in the Making of Chinese Modernity” at the Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies,
San Diego, March 22, 2013.

“Extraterritoriality in China: What We Know and What We Don’t Know.” Paper presented at the "Treaty Ports in Modern China", School of Humanities, University of Bristol.
Bristol, 7 July 2011.

Discussant on the panel “Localizing Knowledge in a Global Age” at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies.

Honolulu, 3 April 2011

“From Imperial to National Sovereignty: Chinese Constitutionalism 1900-1954.” Paper presented at the XVIII Biennial Conference of the European Association of Chinese Studies.

Riga, Latvia, 16 July 2010.

“Imperial subjecthood under the Qing: The Case of the Manchus.” Paper presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies.

Philadelphia, 26 March 2010

“Spelling Synarchy: Some Thoughts on the Manchu Origins of the Wade-Giles System.” Paper presented at the Research colloquium: Religion and Manchu society, 1600-2009, School of Oriental and African Studies.

London, 15 February 2010

“The Convention That Never Was and the Treaty That Almost Never Became: Swedish-Chinese Relations 1847-1909.” Paper presented at the A Century of Change: China and modernization 1900-present.

College Park, MD, 17 September 2009.

“Rethinking Extraterritoriality in China: In the crucible of personal and territorial jurisdiction.” Paper presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies.

Atlanta, 5 April 2008

“Getting away with murder: Revisiting extraterritoriality in nineteenth century China.” Guest lecture at the Department of East Asian Languages, University of Illinois.

Urbana, October 25, 2007.

“Exporting Extraterritoriality: Qing Jurisdiction in the Treaty Ports of Nagasaki and Yokohama, 1858-95.” Paper presented at the Eleventh Asian Studies Conference Japan, Meiji Gakuin University.

Tokyo, June 24, 2007.

“Rule of Law or Rule of Laws: Chinese Extraterritoriality in the Treaty Ports, 1871-95.” Paper presented at the 121st Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association.

Atlanta, January 5,
2007.

“Extrality in Reality: Conflicting Interpretations of Consular Jurisdiction in China and

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Japan.” Paper presented at Partial Sovereignties: A Workshop, Columbia University.

New York, 7 April 2006.

“Executing Extraterritoriality: Sino-Japanese Relations under the Treaty of Tianjin, 1871-95.” Paper presented at the Chinese Cities in Transition: The Next Generation of Urban Research: Part 4.

Shanghai, 9 July 2005.

“Executing Extraterritoriality: Sino-Japanese Relations under the Treaty of Tianjin, 1871-95.” Paper presented at the Fifth Annual Harvard Graduate Student Conference on International History (ConIH).

Cambridge, MA, 18 March 2005.

“Koga Tōan, *Suppositions on Naval Defense* and the Opium War Debate.” Seminar paper presented at the Harvard Graduate Student Conference for Japanese Studies.

Cambridge, MA, 16 March
2002.

“The Judicial Sub-prefect as a Prototype for the Mixed Court in Shanghai.” Seminar paper presented at the Annual Conference of the New England Association for Asian Studies.

Williamstown, MA, 14 October 2001.

Invited discussant on Prof. Parks M. Coble’s paper “Chinese Capitalists and Japan during the Republican Period: Rivalry and Dependence.” Workshop organized by the European Institute of Japanese Studies on the Chinese-Japanese Relationship.

Stockholm, Sweden, 17-19 August
2000.

“The Japanese, the Opium Wars and the Unequal Treaties 1839-95.” Paper presented at the Second Tamkang-Stockholm International Conference, Tamkang University.

Tamsui, Taiwan, November
1999.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association
Association for Asian Studies
Society for Chinese Law and Society
Heterodox Academy