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*Curriculum Vitae*  
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**Teaching and Research Fields**

Late Imperial and Modern Chinese History  
Chinese Social and Cultural History  
Famine Studies

Trauma and Memory  
Gender and Sexuality  
Comparative Philanthropy

**Education**

**Indiana University**, Bloomington, Indiana 8/95 to 2002  
Ph.D. in History, 9/ 2002.  
M.A., 6/1997.

**Dissertation: The Semiotics of Starvation in Late-Qing China:  
Cultural Responses to the “Incredible Famine” of 1876-1879**

Dissertation Advisor: Jeffrey Wasserstrom

Major Field: East Asian History, Modern China Concentration

Outside Minor: East Asian Languages and Cultures

**Indiana University – Nankai University** 1/99 to 7/99  
Graduate Student Exchange Program  
Tianjin, PRC

**Wesleyan University**, Middletown, Connecticut 6/92  
B.A., History. Phi Beta Kappa

**Duke Study in China Program** 6/90 to 12/90  
Beijing and Nanjing, PRC

**Publications**

- *Tears from Iron: Cultural Responses to Famine in Nineteenth-Century China*  
(Berkeley: University of California Press, forthcoming December, 2007).

- “The ‘Feminization of Famine,’ The Feminization of Nationalism: Famine  
and Social Activism in Treaty-port Shanghai, 1876-1879,” *Social History*,  
(Vol. 30, No. 4, November 2005), pp. 421-443.

- “Family and Gender in Famine: Cultural Responses to Disaster in North China,  
1876-1879,” *Journal of Women’s History* (Vol. 16, No. 4, 2004), pp. 119-147.

- “晚清中国的灾荒于意识形态：1876-1879年 ‘丁戊奇荒’ 期间关于灾荒成因和防荒问题的对立性阐释。” (Famine and Ideology in Late-Qing China: Contending Interpretations of Famine Causation and Prevention during the ‘Incredible Famine’ of 1876-1879)

In September, 2005 I was invited by Professor Xia Mingfang of the Qing Research Institute to publish an edited version of this conference paper in a conference volume which is forthcoming in 2007. The title of the conference volume and the exact date of publication are still undecided.

- Book Review of John M. Hobsons’s *The Eastern Origins of Western Civilisation* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004), in *East Asia: An International Quarterly* (August, 2006).

## Awards and Fellowships

<b>National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship</b> Six months of full-time research and writing	2006
<b>Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Program Award</b> SDSU - One course release time for spring semester, 2005	11/2004
<b>National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend</b> Summer Fellowship for conducting archival research in China	6/2004
<b>Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Program Award</b> SDSU - Summer stipend for completion and submission of two journal articles	11/2002
<b>American Association of University Women American Fellowship</b> Dissertation write-up	2001-02
<b>Fulbright Dissertation Research Grant</b> Dissertation research in the PRC	2000-01
<b>Social Science Research Council Dissertation Research Grant</b> Comparative dissertation research in Taiwan, UK, and Ireland	2000-01
<b>History of Philanthropy Research Fellowship,</b> Indiana University Center on Philanthropy	1999
<b>Indiana University’s nominee for Graduate Student Exchange Program with Nankai University, PRC</b> University Committee on East Asian Exchanges	1999
<b>Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships</b> Indiana University	1995-97

Mandarin Chinese, 1995-96 academic year  
Mandarin Chinese, 1996-97 academic year  
Japanese, 1996 Summer Intensive Language Program

**High Honors on History Thesis; Roura-Parella  
Prize for “Catholicity of Interests”** 1992  
Wesleyan University  
Thesis: “Connecticut Yankees at the Manchu Court:  
The Chinese Educational Mission 1872-1881”

## **Conference Papers Presented**

“Famine and Ideology in Late-Qing China: Contending Interpretations of Famine Causation and Prevention during the ‘Incredible Famine’ of 1876-1879”  
“晚清中国的灾荒于意识形态：1876-1879年‘丁戊奇荒’期间关于灾荒成因和防荒问题的对立性阐释”  
Paper presented at the International Research Conference entitled “Qing Disasters and Chinese Society,” Beijing, PRC, August 2005.

“Narratives of Blame: Contested Heroes and Villains of the North China Famine, 1876-2001”  
Paper presented at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, San Diego, March 2004  
Panel: Food, Fasting, and Famine: Culture and Crisis in Late Imperial China and Choson Korea

“Shanghai Speaks: Famine and Social Change in China’s Treaty-Port Press, 1876-1879”  
Paper presented at Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, New York City, March 2003  
Panel: Perspectives on Famine: South Asia and China in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries

“Family and Gender in Famine: Cultural Responses to Disaster in North China and Ireland, 1845-1879”  
Paper presented at Southern California China Colloquium Workshop on Late Imperial China in World History, UCLA, November 2002

“Terms for Revolution and Democracy as Chinese and Western Keywords” (Co-authored with Jeffrey Wasserstrom)  
Paper presented by Jeffrey Wasserstrom in Stockholm, Sweden, February 1997.

## **Foreign Languages**

**Mandarin Chinese**  
- Six years of formal study, including two years of Classical Chinese.

- Three years of study and teaching in China.

**Japanese**

- Three years of formal study at Indiana University; three months study in Tokyo.

**Professional Associations**

Member of Association for Asian Studies	1996-present
Honor Society for International Scholars	2002-2003

**Teaching Experience**

<b>Assistant Professor</b>	8/2002-8/2007
<b>Associate Professor</b>	8/2007-present

San Diego State University

Designed and taught ten new undergraduate and graduate level courses:

- “Hotspots of Modern Chinese History” – Graduate Seminar
- “Seminar in Historical Methods” – Graduate Seminar
- “Trauma and Memory in Modern East Asian History” – Thematic Seminar
- “Chinese Civilization to 1600” – Upper-level survey
- “China in Revolution” – Upper-level survey
- “Japan in the Modern World” – Upper-level survey
- “Asia’s Dynamic Traditions” – East, South, and Southeast Asia up to 1500
- “Asia’s Emerging Nations” – East, South, and Southeast Asia since 1500
- “Modern World History for Teachers” – Upper-level survey
- “Modern World History” – 100-level survey

Out-of-Class Activities:

- Every semester I hold evening viewings of four Asian films from China, Japan, and India. Between 15 and 25 students normally attend these showings. I also regularly inform my students about any Asia-related lectures, film festivals, and Chinese Opera performances taking place in San Diego.

<b>Visiting Lecturer</b>	1/2000 to 5/00
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University of Northern Colorado Department of History

- Designed and taught a course on Asian Civilization from 1600 to the Present (China, Japan, India and Southeast Asia).
  - 60 undergraduate students

<b>Associate Instructor (TA)</b>	1997 - 1998
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Indiana University Department of History

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| “World History since 1945”           | (60 students) | 1/98 to 5/98  |
| “Riots, Rebellions, and Revolutions” | (30 students) | 9/97 to 12/97 |
| “History of the Future”              | (60 students) | 9/98 to 12/98 |

## Other Professional Employment

<b>Researcher</b> Polis Center, Indianapolis, Indiana Conducted oral interviews and community-based research exploring the relationship between urban community building efforts and religious organizations.	6/97 to 8/97
<b>English Teacher</b> Direct Contact Language School. Tokyo, Japan Taught English to 30 Japanese adults.	5/00 to 8/00
<b>Wuhan Iron and Steel University, PRC</b> Taught oral English, English grammar, and English Literature to 90 Chinese sophomores.	8/94 to 7/95
<b>Teach For America</b> Pittman Elementary School, Halifax, North Carolina Special Education Teacher for 15 students, Grades K-5.	8/92 to 6/94

## University and Community Service

- Faculty Sponsor of Phi Alpha Theta, the History Department Honor Society, 2005-2006 academic year
- Co-organizer of the History Department's "History Through Film" Series, 2005-2006 academic year
- Editor of History Department Newsletter, 2004-2005 academic year
- History Department Search Committee, "Southeast Asia," Spring 2005
- History Department Search Committee, "History of Muslim Societies," Fall 2003
- History Department Curriculum Committee, Fall 2003 to the present
- History Department Scholarship Committee, Fall 2005 to the present
- History Department Library Committee, 2003-2005
- Secretary of the Chinese Studies Institute at SDSU, 2003-2005
- Organized the Chinese Studies Institute's "Chinese Studies Through Lectures" series, fall 2004-spring 2005
- Launched the Chinese Studies Institute's "Contemporary Chinese Life Through Film" Film Series, spring 2004
- Lecture, "Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People? Local-Level Interpretations of Famine Causation in North China, 1876-2004," History Department Brown Bag Series, April 2006
- Lecture, "The Feminization of Famine in Nineteenth-Century China," Bread and Roses Center of the Department of Women's Studies Feminist Research Colloquium, March 2006

- Lecture, “Debunking the China Threat,” OASIS Institute of San Diego, November 2005
- Lecture, “Human Rights with Chinese Characteristics,” Phi Alpha Theta forum on human rights, March 2005

**Courses Interested in Designing:**

Asian History Through Film: China, Japan, and India  
Gender and Sexuality in Chinese History  
Famines in World History: Causes, Depictions, Repercussions  
Images of Asia  
Chinese Social Movements: Riots, Rebellions, and Revolutions  
Popular Culture in Modern China  
Comparative Philanthropy: China and Western Europe