

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND EDUCATION

University of California, Riverside

Assistant to Associate Professor of History 1989 – present

University of California – Education Abroad Program Faculty Director – Beijing, 1999-2002

University of Illinois at Chicago

Lecturer to Assistant Professor of History 1983-1989

University of California, Los Angeles

Ph.D. in Modern Chinese History, 1974-1985

Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri

B.A. *summa cum laude* in Asian Studies and History, 1966-1970

FORTHCOMING

“Women, Nation, Household *Redux*: Peasant Women and Mass Mobilization in the 1950s’ Chinese Countryside,”
The China Quarterly, 35 ms. pp. (refereed).

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Women and the Nation in Mao’s China (book manuscript).

“Dilemmas of the Female Moral Exemplar: Biographies of Peasant Household Women during the Double
Industrious Movement, 1957-58” (journal article).

“Reconfiguring Revolution: Archives, Memories, and Museums in Postsocialist China” (book chapter)

Recent conference presentations based on current research:

“Women, Household, and Workplace Equity in China: Revisiting the Origins of Mao’s Radical Socialist Vision
during the 1950s,” presented at “Rethinking Marxism 2006,” University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Oct.
25-28, 2006. presented at *Rethinking Marxism 2006: The Sixth International Conference*,” University of
Massachusetts, Amherst, Oct. 26-28, 2006.

“From Women’s Liberation to Gendered Citizenship: Women and Work in Mao’s China,” presented at All
California Modern Chinese History Faculty Retreat in Berkeley in July, 2007

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books published

Chinese Communists and Rural Society, 1927-1934. With Philip C.C. Huang and Kathy LeMons Walker.

Berkeley: University of California Center for Chinese Studies Research Monograph Number Thirteen,
1978.

One Industry, Two Chinas: Silk Filatures and Peasant-Family Production in Wuxi County, 1865-1937. Stanford,
Calif.: Stanford University Press, 1999.

Negotiating Culture and Human Rights: Beyond Universalism and Relativism. With Andrew J. Nathan and Ilan
Peleg. New York: Columbia University Press, 2001.

Refereed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“Republican Period Library and Archival Research in Contemporary China,” *China Exchange News* (publication of
the National Academy of Sciences, Committee on Scholarly Communication with China), vol. 12, no. 3
(Sept. 1984): 12-15.

“Explaining China’s Rural Crisis: Observations from Wuxi County in the Early Twentieth Century,” *Republican
China* (Nov. 1985): 15-31.

“From Comprador to County Magnate: Bourgeois Practice in the Wuxi County Silk Industry,” in Joseph W.
Esherick and Mary Backus Rankin, eds., *Chinese Local Elites and Patterns of Dominance* (Berkeley:
University of California Press, 1990), pp. 113-39.

- “Farming, Sericulture, and Peasant Rationality in Wuxi County in the Early Twentieth Century,” in Thomas G. Rawski and Lillian M. Li, eds., *Chinese History in Economic Perspective* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1992), pp. 207-42.
- (In Chinese) “Shilun nongmin juece xingwei zhi helixing: Wuxi xiaonong jingji he cansiye” (On the rationality of peasant decision-making: The small-peasant economy and sericulture in Wuxi), in Ye Xian'en (ed.), *Qingdai quyue shehui jingji yanjiu* (Research on local society and economies during the Qing), vol. 1, (Beijing: Zhonghua shuju, 1992), pp. 280-98.
- “For Better, For Worse: Women and the World Market in Rural China,” *Modern China* vol. 20, no. 2 (April 1994): 180-210.
- “Of Silk, Women, and Capital: Peasant Women’s Labor in Chinese and Other Third World Capitalisms,” *The Journal of Women’s History* vol. 11, no. 4 (Jan. 2000), 32 ms. pp.
- “Introduction: Culture and Human Rights,” in Lynda S. Bell, Andrew J. Nathan, and Ilan Peleg, *Negotiating Culture and Human Rights: Beyond Universalism and Relativism* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2001), pp. 3-20.
- “Who Produces Asian Identity? Discourse, Discrimination, and Chinese Peasant Women in the Quest for Human Rights,” in Lynda S. Bell, Andrew J. Nathan, and Ilan Peleg, *Negotiating Culture and Human Rights: Beyond Universalism and Relativism* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2001), pp 21-42.

Review Essays

- Review essay on Hill Gates, *Chinese Working-Class Lives: Getting by in Taiwan* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1987), in *Economic Development and Cultural Change* vol. 38, no. 4 (July 1990): 888-94.
- Review essay on Jane Kate Leonard and John R. Watt, eds., *To Achieve Security and Wealth: The Qing Imperial State and the Economy, 1644-1911* (Ithaca, N.Y.: East Asia Program, Cornell University, 1992), *China Review International*, vol. 1, no. 1 (March 1994): 173-77.
- “East Asia and Human Rights,” *Ethics and International Affairs*, vol. 13: 234-38. Review essay on *The East Asian Challenge for Human Rights*, Joanne R. Bauer and Daniel A. Bell, eds. (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1999) and *Asian Values and Human Rights: A Confucian Communitarian Perspective*, Wm. Theodore de Bary (Cambridge, Mass: Harvard University Press, 1998).
- “Mao, Marxism, and the Chinese Revolution.” *Rethinking Marxism: A Journal of Economics, Culture & Society*, vol. 20, no. 2 (April 2008): 325-331.

Translations

- Contributing translator of poetry for David S.G. Goodman, ed., *Beijing Street Voices: The Poetry and Politics of China's Democracy Movement* (London and Boston: Marion Boyars, 1981), pp. 122-23, 150-51.
 -- Reprinted in Jonathan Spence, *The Search for Modern China* (New York: W.W. Norton, 1990).

SELECTED HONORS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS

- 2007-08—College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, UC-Riverside, ***Patricia McSweeney McCauley Chair in Teaching Excellence***
- 1999 —College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, UC-Riverside; Principal Investigator, ***The Hewlett Program in General Education***; \$300,000 award
- 1998 —Principal Investigator, ***NEH Humanities Focus Grant***, “Cultural Difference and Values: Universal Human Rights and the Challenge of Relativism”; for conference and book manuscript preparation—*Negotiating Culture and Human Rights* (Columbia University Press, 2001)
- 1997 —***NEH Fellow***, Summer Seminar at Columbia University, “The Asian Values Debate: Human Rights and the Study of Culture as Problems for Area Studies”
- 1986-87—***Fellowship for Advanced Study and Research at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences***, Institute of Economics, Beijing; from the National Academy of Sciences, ***Committee on Scholarly Communication with China***
- 1986-87—***Fellowship for Independent Study and Research, National Endowment for the Humanities***
- 1979-81—***Advanced Trainee Fellowship for dissertation research, National Academy of Sciences, Committee on Scholarly Communication with China***