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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT
Assistant Professor, History Department
East Asia Minor Program, Aug 2015 to present

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Research Associate, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, July 2015 to present

Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA
Visiting Lecturer, Department of Sociology, 2014 to 2015

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Lecturer, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, 2010 to 2015

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Postdoctoral Fellow, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, 2008-2010

EDUCATION

University of Toronto, Canada
PhD Education, 2008
MA Second Language Education, 2002

South China Normal University, Guangzhou, China
BA English Language and Literature, 1994

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Tiananmen Exiles: Voices of the Struggle for Democracy in China. New York: Palgrave-Macmillan, April 2014, simultaneously in hardcover and paperback, under Oral History Series (Peer Reviewed).

Tiananmen Exiles has been named one of the Top Five China Books of 2014 by the Asia Society's China File. It has been positively reviewed in the *New York Review of Books*, the *China Journal*, the *Journal of East Asian Libraries*, *Human Rights Quarterly*, *Christian Science Monitor*, the *Independent*, the *Spectator*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Financial Times*, the *Daily Telegraph*, the *New Statesman*, *American Diplomacy*, and the *Curriculum and Teaching Dialogue*.

Current Book Projects

Identifying with a Rising China: Overseas Chinese Student Nationalism

Women and Politics in Modern China

Peer-reviewed articles and contributions to edited scholarly volumes

“The 1989 Tiananmen Movement and its Aftermath,” in Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History, Oxford University Press (Forthcoming—Peer Review Completed).

“Identifying with a Rising China: Overseas Chinese Student Nationalism,” in Kumar and Vickers, eds., *Constructing Modern Asian Citizenship*. UK: Routledge, 2015, pp. 314-340.

“Curriculum in Exile: Teaching Tiananmen at Harvard.” *Curriculum and Teaching Dialogue: The Journal for the American Association for Teaching and Curriculum*, Volume 14, Numbers 1 & 2, 2011-2012, pp.53-66.

Book Review

“Education as a Political Tool in Asia.” *China Quarterly*. Volume 200, December 2009, 1104-1106.

Op-eds

“The Open Wound of Tiananmen.” *Wall Street Journal*, June 4, 2015.

“The Fight for Democracy is not just a Challenge for People in Hong Kong.” *Guardian*, September 29, 2014.

“Tiananmen: A War of Memory against Forgetting.” *Globe and Mail*. Op-ed page, June 3, 2014.

“No Justice, No Answers.” *Washington Post*. Op-ed page, June 5, 2012. Reprinted by *Japan Times*.

“Reading Havel in Beijing.” *Wall Street Journal*, p. 10, December 30, 2011.

Feature Interviews

“Teaching Tiananmen to a Younger Generation.” *New York Times*, June 21, 2016.

“Teaching Tiananmen to a Younger Generation.” *New York Times Chinese*, Part I June 6, Part II June 7, 2016.

Selected Chinese Articles

“Challenges of Teaching June 4.” *Ming Pao*, Sunday Supplementary, June 3, 2012.

“Historical Truth and the Silenced Voices: ‘Tiananmen in History and Memory’ Symposium at Harvard.” *The Trend*, 322, 48-50, 2012.

“History, Memory, and Education on June 4.” *Ming Pao*, Sunday Supplementary, June 12, 2011.

“The Universal Meaning of the Tiananmen Movement.” With Cheng, Y. H., *The Trend*, 309, 39-43, 2011.

“Stories behind Zhao’s Secret Memoir.” *The Trend*, 292, 80-81, 2009.

“Erasing History for Nineteen Years.” *The Trend*, 274, 32-35, 2008.

“Are you Chinese?!— The Younger Generation of Red Guards at the University of Toronto China Conference.” *The Trend*, 249, 65-67, 2006.

“On Liao Yiwu and his works.” *The Trend*, 254, 73-75, 2006.

“In This Era Without Heroes.” In Wu, Zhang & Bao, eds., *Zhao lives: A collection of commemorative essays* (pp.411-414). Hong Kong: Pacific Century Press, 2005.

“‘She Used to Have Nothing but Hope’—The Youngest and the First Black Governor General of Canada.” *The Trend*, 241, 68-69, 2005.

“On the ‘Biography of Yang Xianyi.’” *The Trend*, 243, 79-81, 2005.

“Is Our Future Just a Dream?—Lives of Chinese Immigrants in Toronto.” *The Trend*, 242, 76-77, 2005.

“‘The Orphans of Asia’ —An Interview with a Tiananmen Student.” *Beijing Spring*, 110, 68–74, 2002.

“The Wound of History—An interview with Tiananmen Mother Ding Zilin.” *Beijing Spring*, 110, 14-15, 2002.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

ABC (Australia), Al Jazeera, Associated Press, BBC, *Boston Globe*, Boston Public Radio, CBC, *Christian Science Monitor*, CTV, *Daily Telegraph*, *Globe and Mail*, *Guardian*, *Harvard Gazette*, *Harvard Crimson*, *Harvard Magazine*, *Harvard Political Review*, *Los Angeles Times*, NBC, *New York Times*, Public Radio International, Radio Free Asia, Radio Canada International, Reuters, *Time*, Vermont Public Radio, Voice of America, *Wellesley News*, and various international media in Denmark, France, Greece, Germany, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.

INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES

Special Lectures

(Special Lecture) Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Tiananmen Square Event. U.S. State Department, Washington D.C. June 4, 2014. Introduced by Sarah Sewall, Under Secretary of State for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights.

(Congressional Hearing) Tiananmen at 25: Enduring Influence on U.S.-China Relations and China’s Political Development, Joint Congressional-Executive Commission on China, Washington D.C., May 20, 2014.

(Keynote Lecture) “Tiananmen Exiles: Voices of the Struggle for Democracy in China.” Symposium on Repressed Remembrance: The 25th Anniversary of China’s Tiananmen Incident in Comparative Asian Perspective, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, May 29, 2014.

(President’s Lecture Series) “1989 as Watershed: China since Tiananmen.” President’s Lecture Series, University of Montana, Missoula, April 9, 2014.

(Keynote Speech) “The Wound of History: From June 4 to September 11.” Canada Human Rights National Symposium”, John Humphrey Center for Peace and Human Rights. University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, 2002.

Invited Talks on My Book *Tiananmen Exiles*

St. Johnsbury Academy, Vermont. March 13, 2017.

Vermont Commons, Burlington, Vermont. November 16, 2016.

New York University Law School, US-Asia Law Institute. October 9, 2015.

Brandeis University, International and Global Studies Program. September 17, 2015.

Living History Day, Winchester (Massachusetts) High School. May 29, 2015.

Carnegie Mellon University. April 13, 2015.

Keynote speech, University of Pennsylvania Symposium on Contemporary China. March 1, 2015.

Boston Trinity Academy, January 20, 2015.

Symposium on Tiananmen Then and Now: Memories and Legacies, Center for Modern East Asian Studies, Georg-August Universität Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany, November 27, 2014.

Institute of Chinese Studies, University of Heidelberg. November 25, 2014.

Symposium on Tiananmen and China, International Education Week 2014, Global Programs, Boston University, November 14, 2014.

Grayson Kirk Distinguished Lecture Series, International Studies Program, Miami University of Ohio. November 11, 2014.

Asian Studies Program, Hamilton College, New York, October 29, 2014.

Wellesley College, June 5, 2014.

Candle light vigil for the 25th anniversary of Tiananmen, Harvard University. June 4, 2014.

Harvard Cooperative Society Bookstore, June 3, 2014.

Panel on “Tiananmen Protests: A Reflection-25 Years on. University of Victoria, Victoria, Canada, May 29, 2014.

University of Montreal, Montreal, Canada, May 26, 2014.

Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, May 8, 2014.

Harvard Business School Executive Education Program, May 6, 2014.

Montana State University, Bozeman, April 10, 2014.

“Surviving 1989.” 1989: Revisiting Tiananmen Square @25. St. Joseph’s University. April 24, 2014.

Invited Talks

“The Quest for a Voice: Revisiting Asia’s Democratic Revolt.” A conference organized by the Center for Chinese Studies, Center for Korean Studies, and Institute of East Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley. April 14, 2017.

“In the Name of Historical Nihilism: History, Memory, and Power in China.” National Press Club, D.C. October 19, 2016.

“Overseas Chinese Student Nationalism.” Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University. April 11, 2016.

China Colloquium Series, the Council on East Asian Studies, Yale University, October 8, 2015.

A panel discussion and concert presentation with composer Jasoan Kwan on Tiananmen. Multicultural Music Group, New York. Lovinger Theater, Lehman College, New York, June 11, 2015.

“What’s Happening in Hong Kong? A Faculty Panel.” Wellesley College, October 9, 2014.

“Against Amnesia: Tiananmen in History and Memory.” Freedom of Expression Conference, Wellesley College, October 22-23, 2013.

“Education, Citizenship, and Identity.” Executive Education Program, Harvard Business School, October 24, 2012.

Panel on “China and Tiananmen 25 Years On: Does Authoritarianism Pay?” Open Society, New York City, June 11, 2014.

“Tiananmen Resonance: History, Memory, and Power.” Mahindra Executive Program, Harvard Business School, May 8, 2012.

“Harmonizing Dissent.” Harvard Human Rights Journal 10th Annual Symposium: China: The Rights of Lawyers. Harvard Law School, April 14, 2011.

“Identifying with ‘Rising China’? Overseas Chinese Student Nationalism.” New England China Seminar, organized by Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, May 4, 2010.

“Romance and Revolution: Tiananmen Voices from Exile”. Organized by Civic Education Forum, School of Education, Harvard University, March 31, 2010.

“Tiananmen: 20 Years Later: Reflections on China’s Changing Civil Society, Global Relationships and Worldview” conference, organized by the Canadian International Council. University of Toronto, November 10, 2009.

“Backward toward Revolution: A Festschrift to Celebrate the Scholarship of Professor Edward Friedman.” University of Toronto, October 24, 2009.

“1989: A New Generation” conference. Princeton University, October 22-24, 2009.

“Globalization and Identification: The Paradox for Chinese Nationalism” conference, organized by the China-Europe Forum, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, July 19-21, 2009.

“Twenty Years after Tiananmen” public forum, organized by Rights and Democracy, Montreal, June 1, 2009.

“From Tiananmen ’89 to Charter ’08: China’s Road to Democracy” public forum, organized by Toronto Association for Democracy in China, University of Toronto, May 31, 2009.

“Surviving 1989: The Exile Experience of Three Tiananmen Students.” New England China Seminar, Harvard University, March 18, 2009.

“Tiananmen Resonance: Memory and Voices in exile.” “Political Changes in China” conference, University of Toronto, March 6-7, 2009.

“China’s Lessons in the Past and Challenges in the Future” conference, organized by the Foundation of 21st Century for China, New York City, October 16-18, 2008.

“Between Intellectual Freedom and Censorship.” “Socialist China, Capitalist China: Social Political Conflicts under Globalization” conference, University of Victoria, Canada, October 16-17, 2006.

“Global Model for a Multicultural State” Conference, organized by the Canadian Multicultural Education Foundation, Edmonton, Canada, Sept. 25-28, 2002.

“Teaching Grammar Communicatively with Songs and Pictures.” Annual TESL Conference, organized by TESL North York, Toronto, Canada, 2001.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“The Crackdown on Yanhuang Chunqiu: History, Memory, and Nationalism. Roundtable for the annual meeting of Association for Asian Studies, Toronto, March 16-19, 2017.

“Reflections on the Cultural Revolution.” China and Mao’s Legacy: International Conference for the 50th Anniversary of the Cultural Revolution, Los Angeles, June 23-27, 2016.

“Against Amnesia: History, Memory, and the Role of Public Intellectual in 21st Century China.” Roundtable for the annual meeting of Association for Asian Studies, Philadelphia, March 25-29, 2010.

“A Life-based Inquiry of the Political Socialization Experiences of Three Tiananmen Student Exiles.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of American Educational Research Association, San Diego, April 13-17, 2009.

“Between Home and Homeland: Political Socialization, Citizenship Education and Human Rights.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of Comparative International Education Society, New York City, 2008.

“Curriculum in Exile.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of American Association for the Advancement of Curriculum Studies, New York City, 2008.

“History, Memory, and Overseas’ Chinese Student Nationalism.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of Social Science History Association, Chicago, 2007.

“The Betrayal of Loyalty: Oral History of Three Student Exiles of the 1989. Tiananmen Movement in China.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of Oral History Association, Oakland, California, 2007.

“Between Democratic Ideals and Patriotic Values: A Narrative Inquiry into the Education of the Tiananmen Generation.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Boston, 2007.

“Speaking Truth to Power: Behind the Fear.” Paper presented at the annual WIIS Summer Symposium, “Security and Identity in a Globalized world. Georgetown University, D.C, 2006.

“Seventeen Years after Tiananmen: My Home and My Country.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study in Education. York University, Toronto, Canada, 2006.

“The Tiananmen Students’ Song of Exile: Keeping the Dream Alive.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association. San Francisco, 2006.

“How Many Roads Must a Woman Walk Down Before We Can Call Her a Woman?” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association. San Francisco, 2006.

“The Wound of History.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study in Education. University of Western Ontario, London, Canada, 2005.

“If We Want Light, We Must Conquer Darkness.” Paper presented at the Northeast conference of the Comparative and International Education Society, George Washington University, Washington D.C, 2004.

“A Narrative Inquiry of Personal Knowledge Building Experience in an Educational Research Community.” Paper accepted for the annual meeting of Canadian Society for the Study in Education, Canada, 2004.

“A Tale of Two Eras: from the Cultural Revolution to the Tiananmen Generation.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Comparative and International Education Society, Salt Lake City, 2004.

“Narratives behind Narratives.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Comparative and International Education Society, Salt Lake City, 2004.

TEACHING AND ADVISING EXPERIENCE

Saint Michael’s College, History Department, VT

Assistant Professor, East Asia Minor Program, August 2015 to present

Course Listing:

- 100 Level: Traditional East Asia
- 100 Level: Modern East Asia
- Freshman Seminar: Human Rights in China
- 300 Level: Tiananmen in History and Memory

Harvard University, Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS), Cambridge, MA
Lecturer, 2010 to 2015

Wellesley College, Department of Sociology, Wellesley, MA
Visiting Lecturer, 2014 to 2015

Harvard Summer School, Cambridge, MA
Lecturer, Summer 2012 & Summer 2013

Harvard Extension School, Cambridge, MA
Lecturer, Spring 2011 & spring 2012

American Educational Research Association

Mentoring Seminar, Organizer & Chair, 2009, 2010, 2011.

- Funded to run a two-day pre-conference mentoring seminar by AERA Division B
- Reviewed student application materials for the seminar.
- Selected applicants
- Organized and chaired mentoring seminars for doctoral students in international studies.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Designated among Top 100 Chinese Public Intellectuals of 2016.

Feature Interview with the *New York Times* Chinese Edition was ranked the Top 3 Most Popular Original Articles of 2016

Tiananmen Exiles named Top Five China Book of 2014, Asia Society China File

Harvard University Provost Fund for Arts and Humanities, 2013

Harvard University Elson Family Arts Initiative Fund for Humanities Teaching, 2013

Harvard Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Grant, 2013

Harvard University Certificate of Teaching Excellence, 2011, 2012, 2013

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2008-2010

Invited to a private meeting with Chairman of the Nobel Prize Committee, Harvard University, 2010

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Center for Citizenship Education, Hong Kong Institute of Education, 2008

Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2005-2007

Academic Excellence Award, University of Toronto, 2005, 2006, 2007

Ontario Graduate Scholarship, Canada, 2005-2007

Doctoral Fellowship, University of Toronto, 2003-2007

PROFESSIONAL, CAMPUS, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Organizer, “No Country for Justice: A Dialogue with China’s Leading Human Rights Lawyers.” China Seminar Series, **Saint Michael’s College**, September 27, 2017.

Committee Member, Multicultural Committee, **Saint Michael's College**, 2016 to Present.

Department Participant, Academic Fair, **Saint Michael's College**, 2017, 2016, 2015.

Faculty Host, SMC Connects, **Saint Michael's College**, September 26, 2016.

Feature Interviewee, **Saint Michael's College Magazine**, summer 2016 issue.

Faculty Participant, Honors Breakfast for Accepted Students, **Saint Michael's College**, April 16, 2016.

Speaker, Social Science Research Center, **Saint Michael's College**, March 31, 2016.

Chair, Lunch Table Discussions, Martin Luther King Day, **Saint Michael's College**, January 27, 2016.

Discussant, Quebec Film Series, **Saint Michael's College**, November 4, 2015.

Speaker, Social Science Research Center, **Saint Michael's College**, October 28, 2015.

Faculty Host, Study Abroad Welcome Back Dinner, **Saint Michael's College**, September 28, 2015.

Interviewee, *The Defender*, **Saint Michael's College**, September 2015.

Organizer, "Will China Lead?" Annual Memorial Kuntz Lecture Series & China Seminar Series, **Saint Michael's College**, October 6, 2016.

Organizer, "China's Open Wound: A Dialogue with a Tiananmen Survivor." **Saint Michael's College**, April 20, 2016.

Organizer, Tiananmen in History and Memory Symposium, **Harvard University**, 2011, 2012, 2014.

Organizer, Rebels with a Cause: A Dialogue with Two Tiananmen Survivors, **Wellesley College**, October 2014.

Committee Member, **American Educational Research Association**, Human Rights Award Committee, 2011-2012.

Moderator, a special lecture *A Poet in Exile: A Dialogue with Liao Yiwu*, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, **Harvard University**. September 2011.

Session Co-chair, **American Educational Research Association**, Annual Meeting Program Committee, Division B (Curriculum Studies), 2009-2011.

Senior Student Representative, **American Educational Research Association**, Graduate Student Council, 2006-2008.

Reviewer, **American Educational Research Association**, Division B (Curriculum Studies), 2007.