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Curriculum Vitae December 2023

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**Education**

**University of Virginia** Ph.D., Dec 2020;M.A., Nov 2016

Corcoran Department of History

Fudan University Fudan Fellows Program, Fall 2017

Peking University Chinese Language and International Relations Programs, 2010-2011

The College of William and MaryB.A. (*Summa Cum Laude* and Phi Beta

Kappa), May 2012

**Employment**

Georgetown University *Assistant Teaching Professor*, Aug 2023

Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, – Present

Asian Studies Program

College of Arts and Sciences, Department of History

American University *Adjunct Professor*,Aug 2022 – Jul 2023

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Critical Race, Gender and Culture Studies

Asia, Pacific and Diaspora Studies Program

**The College of William and Mary** *Adjunct Professor*, Aug 2021 – Jul 2022

Harrison Ruffin Tyler Department of History

Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

**University of Virginia** *Teaching Consultant*,May 2019 – Dec

Center for Teaching Excellence 2019

**Randolph College** *Adjunct Professor*, Aug 2018 – May History Department 2019

**Piedmont Virginia Community College** *Instructor*, Jan 2018 – May 2018

**University of Virginia** *Teaching Assistant*, Aug 2015 – Dec

Corcoran Department of History 2019

**Registrar Corp** *Regulatory Specialist*, Nov 2012 – Jun 2014

**United States Library of Congress** *Intern*, May 2012 – Jul 2012

Hispanic Division

**Professional Appointments**

**Council on Foreign Relations** *Education Ambassador*, Sept 2023 – Education Ambassador Program Present

**University of Virginia** *Research Affiliate*, Oct 2022 – Present

East Asia Center

**Languages**

Mandarin Chinese Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT)

Line Scores: Simplified Written 3/3, Spoken 2+/3

English (native language), Mandarin Chinese (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Japanese (proficient), Russian (elementary).

**Publications and Media Appearances**

*Working Paper:*

August 2023. “Memorializing the Mukden Incident: Northeastern Scholars and China’s New World War II Timeline.”

*Peer Reviewed Papers:*

Forthcoming (2024). “Complicity and Cold War Politics: The Long Shadow of Unit 731 in Sino-US Relations.” *Journal of American-East Asian Relations.*

Winter 2022. “Empathy, Memory, and Teaching East Asia’s World War II.” *Education about Asia* 27(3): 62-65. Available at <https://tinyurl.com/4th6p53f>.

*Policy Paper:*

May 2022. “From Regional to National: Northeastern Scholars and the National Discourse on the War of Resistance against Japan.” Published by the Wilson Center in *2021-2022 Wilson Center China Fellowship: Essays on U.S. and China Policy.* Edited by Lucas Myers. Available at <https://tinyurl.com/3vjhsahu>.

*Book Chapter:*

Forthcoming (Spring 2024). “Beyond a Site of Memory: The Puppet Emperor Palace Museum.” In *Contesting Memorial Spaces of Japan’s Empire.* Edited by Edward Boyle. Bloomsbury.

*Popular History and Culture:*

July 2023. “How China’s leaders changed the history of the War of Resistance to bolster Party prestige.” *NuVoices*. Available at <https://tinyurl.com/y8fae734>.

February 2023. “Here Are 12 Feminist Books to Read from 20th Century China.” *NuVoices*. Available at <https://tinyurl.com/2s3jwskj>.

October 2022. “Why it’s misleading to call Xi Jinping the “new Mao.”” *NuVoices*. Available at <https://rb.gy/kxsi0t>.

September 2020. “Review: Mulan reinforces Han ethnonationalism and the patriarchy.” *NuVoices*. Available at <https://bit.ly/33KDxiL>.

May 2020. “China’s #MeToo: In literature and reality, the patriarchy keeps women from helping women. But they’re fighting back.” *NuVoices*. Available at <https://tinyurl.com/yc359cad>.

August 2019. “Your Mother Sacrificed Herself for the Country: Zhao Yiman and the Idealization of the Female Martyr in China.” *NuVoices*. Available at <https://bit.ly/367aiFQ>.

*In the News:*

October 2023. “SFS Welcomes New Faculty.” Georgetown University Walsh School of Foreign Service. Available at <https://sfs.georgetown.edu/sfs-welcomes-new-faculty/>.

February 2023. “Beijing and Tokyo calm the waters of the East China Sea – at least for today.” The China Project. Available at <https://tinyurl.com/yc6j5zyf>.

June 2021. “The next generation: Former students join W&M professor as Wilson China Fellows.” Available at <http://tinyurl.com/rh74kczr>.

*Book Reviews:*

December 2020. Book review of *Japan’s Island Troubles with China and Korea: Prospects and Challenges for Resolution*, ed. Victor Teo and Haruko Satoh. *Pacific Affairs,* 93 (4). Available at <https://tinyurl.com/yb8lagz4>.

May 2020. Book review of *Empire and Environment in the Making of Manchuria*, ed. Norman Smith. *Pacific Affairs*, 93 (1). Available at <https://tinyurl.com/y8obvbxb>.

May 2019. Book review of *Significant Soil: Settler Colonialism and Japan’s Urban Empire in Manchuria* by Emer O’Dwyer. *Pacific Affairs*, 92 (1). Available at <https://bit.ly/32VzzRm>.

**Fellowships**

**Wilson China Fellowship** Mar 2021 – Mar 2022

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

**Summer Fellowship for Doctoral Students** May 2020 – Aug 2020

University of Virginia College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

**Humane Studies Fellowship** Aug 2019 – Aug 2020

Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University

**Dissertation Completion Fellowship** Aug 2019 – May 2020

University of Virginia Corcoran Department of History

**Adam Smith Fellowship** Sept 2017 – Jul 2019

Mercatus Center at George Mason University

Fudan Fellow Program Aug 2017 – Dec 2017

Fudan University, Fudan Institute for Advanced Study

**Dumas Malone Graduate Research Fellowship** Aug 2017 – Dec 2017

University of Virginia Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs

**Graduate Fellowship** Aug 2014 – May 2019

University of Virginia Corcoran Department of History

**Grants and Honorariums**

**Reves Distinguished Lecture in International Studies** October 2023

The College of William and Mary

**Guest Speaker Honorarium** October 2023

Randolph College

**Wilson China Fellowship Conference Honorarium** May 2023

Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars

**Adjunct Professional Development Fund Grant** April 2023

American University

**Honorarium for NuVoices Contribution** April 2023

**Buckner W. Clay Endowment for the Humanities Grant** Aug 2017 – Dec 2017

University of Virginia Institute of the Humanities & Global Cultures

**Department of History Research Grant** May 2017 – Aug 2017

University of Virginia Corcoran Department of History

Weedon GrantMay 2017 – Aug 2017

University of Virginia East Asian Studies Department

**Sophomore/Junior Monroe Grant** May 2011 – Aug 2011

The College of William and Mary James Monroe Scholars Program

**First-Year Monroe Grant** May 2008 – Aug 2008

The College of William and Mary James Monroe Scholars Program

**Select Conference Presentations and Papers**

Organizer and panelist for session on *Narrating the Nation-State: Historical Memory and Ideology in Modern East Asia*. Panel paper “Marxism and the Mukden Incident: Dialectical Materialism and China’s World War II Timeline” to be presented at the *Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Seattle, WA, March 2024.

Organizer, chair, and panelist for *America’s “Forgotten War” Remembered: The Legacy of US Involvement and the Korean War in East Asia*. Panel paper “Complicity and Cold War Politics: The Long Shadow of Unit 731 in Sino-US Relations” to be presented at the *Southeastern Conference for the Association of Asian Studies*, Wake Forest University, January 2024.

Organizer and panelist for session on *History, Memory, and Geopolitics – How the Legacy of World War II Shapes National Narratives in the 21st Century*. Panel paper “Longer War, Stronger Legitimacy – How the Chinese Communist Party Redefined the War of Resistance against Japan to Bolster Its Right to Rule” presented at the *Society for the History of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Annual Conference,* Arlington, VA, June 16, 2023.

Organizer and panelist for *War, Revolution, and Memory: How China and Korea’s Recent Past Haunts the Present*. Panel paper “Eight or Fourteen Years? The Northeast and the “Date Debate” on China’s War of Resistance against Japan” presented at the *Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Boston, MA, March 18, 2023.

Discussant for panel *Not Comfortable: Nation and “Comfort Women” Museums in East Asia*, presented at the *Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Boston, MA, February 17, 2023 (virtual).

Organizer and panelist for late-breaking session on *History, Memory, and Geopolitics – How the Legacy of World War II Shapes National Narratives in the 21st Century*. Panel paper “Longer War, Stronger Legitimacy – How the Chinese Communist Party Redefined the War of Resistance against Japan to Bolster Its Right to Rule” at *American Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA, January 15, 2023. (Panel canceled due to COVID-19.)

Chair and discussant for panel *War and Memory in Twentieth Century China*. Panel paper “Memorializing Martyrs: Evolving Legacies from the War of Resistance” presented at the *Southeast Conference of the Association of Asian Studies*, Richmond, VA, January 2023.

Organizer and panelist for *Dismantling Myths about Minorities: Using Historical Empathy in the Classroom to Move beyond Racial Stereotypes*, presented at American University’s *Ann Ferren Conference on Teaching, Research, and Learning*, Washington, DC, January 2023.

Panelist for paper “From Regional to National: Northeastern Scholars and the National Discourse on the War of Resistance against Japan,” presented at the *Wilson China Fellowship Conference*, Washington, DC, March 2022.

Organizer and panelist for *The Nation in Flux: Memory and Identity in East Asia*. Panel paper “The Nationalization of a Regional Narrative: Shenyang’s September 18th Museum,” presented at the *Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Boston, MA, March 2021 (virtual).

Panelist for paper “Beyond a ‘Site of Memory’: The Puppet Emperor Palace Museum,” presented at *Contesting Memorial Spaces in the Asia-Pacific*, Kyushu University, Fukuoka, November 2020 (virtual).

Panelist for paper “Memorializing Martyrs and Consolidating Party Identity: The 1948 Construction and Legacy of Harbin’s Northeastern Martyrs Memorial Hall,” presented at *Memory and Memorialization in the 20th Century People’s Republic of China*, Edinburgh, Scotland, October 2018.

Panelist for paper “Memorializing Martyrs and Consolidating Party Identity: The 1948 Construction and Legacy of Harbin’s Northeastern Martyrs Memorial Hall,” presented at *Association of Asian Studies in Asia*, New Delhi, India, July 2018.

Panelist for paper “Minority Memories of Manchukuo: The Manchu and Mongol Experiences,” presented at *Association of Asian Studies in Asia*, Seoul, South Korea, July 2017.

Panelist for paper “Rediscovering China Through Denouncing Japan: Chinese Scholars as Nation Builders in the 1930s,” presented at *Southeast Conference of the Association of Asian Studies*, Harrisonburg, VA, January 2016.

**Teaching and Advising**

*Assistant Teaching Professor, Georgetown University*

**HIST 6313: The Life and Legacy of Mao Zedong** Fall 2023

**HIST 3310: Historical Memory of WWII in East Asia** Fall 2023

*Adjunct Professor, American University*

**APDS 200: Modern East Asia** (asynchronous) Summer 2023

**APDS 200:** **Modern East Asia** (in person) Fall 2022, Spring 2023

**APDS 315: Historical Memory of WWII in East Asia** Spring 2023

**APDS 100: Introduction to Asia** Spring 2023

*Adjunct Professor, The College of William and Mary*

**HIST 212:** **WWII in East Asia** Summer 2022

HIST 100: Historical Memory of WWII in East Asia Spring 2022

**HIST 100: The Life and Legacy of Mao Zedong** Spring 2022

**CHIN 322: 20th Century Chinese Literature** Spring 2022

HIST 333: Modern Chinese HistoryFall 2021

*Adjunct Professor, Randolph College*

HIST 188: East Asian Civilization from 1600 to Present Spring 2019

HIST 222: Modern Japan Spring 2019

HIST 123: East Asian Civilization to 1600Fall 2018

HIST 221: Modern China Fall 2018

*Instructor, University of Virginia*

**HIEA 3559: Twentieth Century** **China** Summer 2018

*Instructor, Piedmont Virginia Community College*

**HIST 112: World History** Summer 2018

*Teaching Assistant, University of Virginia*

**HIEA 2031: Modern China** Fall 2015 and Fall 2019

**HIEU 3390: Nazi Germany** Spring 2018

**HIEU 2162: History of Russia Since 1917** Spring 2017

**HIEA 2072: Modern Japan** Fall 2016

**HIST 3452: The Second World War** Spring 2016

*Undergraduate Advising*

**Faculty Advisor**  Fall 2023 – Present

Georgetown University Undergraduate Research

Opportunities Program (GUROP)

**Undergraduate Thesis Advisor** Spring 2019

Randolph College, History Department

**Invited Talks**

Invited speaker on China’s World War II at Johns Hopkins University, April 16, 2024.

Invited speaker on “The “Date Debate”: Northeastern Scholars and China’s New World War II Timeline” at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, winter 2024 (date to be determined).

Invited lecturer for the State Department’s Foreign Service Institute course on “Historical Memory and National Identity in Mongolia” on December 13, 2023.

Invited panelist to represent Georgetown University School of Foreign Service Asian Studies Program for “Press Freedom in Hong Kong, featuring the works of “Zunzi”,” hosted by the Committee for Freedom in Hong Kong Foundation at Georgetown University on November 28, 2023.

Invited speaker for Reves Distinguished Lecture in International Studies on “The “Date Debate”: Northeastern Scholars and China’s New World War II Timeline” at the College of William and Mary on October 20, 2023.

Invited speaker on “Memorializing the Mukden Incident: Northeastern Scholars and China’s New World War II Timeline” for *Asia in Depth* series, Asian Studies Program at Georgetown University on October 17, 2023.

Invited speaker on “The “Date Debate”: Northeastern Scholars and China’s New World War II Timeline” for History Department at Randolph College on October 9, 2023.

Invited guest lecturer on “China’s World War II” for Modern Chinese History course taught by James Gethyn Evans at George Washington University on October 2, 2023.

Moderator for Ian Johnson Book Talk on *Sparks: China’s Underground Historians and Their Battle for the Future* at Georgetown University School of Foreign Service on September 29, 2023.

Invited guest lecturer on “Marxism, Mao, and 20th Century China” for History Club at the University of the Cumberlands on October 27, 2022 (virtual).

Invited discussant for Research in Progress (RIP) seminar at the College of William and Mary’s Global Research Institute (GRI) on October 27, 2022 (virtual).

**Departmental Service**

American University

Program Chair, International Faculty & Staff Affinity Group Fall 2022 – Spring 2023

The College of William and Mary

Organizer, Homecoming Reunion for Chinese Program October 2022

First Generation Low-Income (FGLI) Faculty Mentor Fall 2021

**Service to Profession**

*Editor*

Editor for Summary of US-China Education Trust (USCET) online event “A Divided Congress: Implications for US-China Relations and the Road to 2024” on January 10, 2023

*Manuscript Reviewer*

Manuscript Reviewer for University of Virginia’s *Essays in History*, September 2023

Manuscript Reviewer for *Education About Asia*, June 2023

Manuscript Reviewer for *The Public Historian*, October 2022

**Professional Memberships**

Association of Asian Studies (AAS)

Women in International Security (WIIS)

Southeast Conference of the Association of Asian Studies (SECAAS)

American Historical Association (AHA)

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)

Memory Studies Association (MSA)

**Professional References**

Dr. Eileen Findlay, Professor and Department Chair, Critical Race, Gender and Culture Studies, [efindla@american.edu](mailto:efindla@american.edu). Colleague and Supervisor.

Dr. Emily Wilcox, Program Director of Chinese Studies, Associate Professor of Chinese Studies, The College of William and Mary, eewilcox@wm.edu. Honors Thesis Advisor and Former Colleague.

Dr. Xiaoyuan Liu, David Dean Professor of East Asian Studies and Professor of History, University of Virginia, [xyl7b@virginia.edu](mailto:xyl7b@virginia.edu). Dissertation Advisor.

Dr. Gerard Sherayko, History Department Chair and Associate Professor of History, Randolph College, [gsherayko@randolphcollege.edu](mailto:gsherayko@randolphcollege.edu). Former Colleague.

Dr. Eric Han, Associate Professor of History, The College of William and Mary, echan@wm.edu. Undergraduate Major Advisor and Former Colleague.

Dr. Manuela Achilles, Associate Professor of German and History, University of Virginia, [ma6cq@virginia.edu](mailto:ma6cq@virginia.edu). Dissertation Committee Member.