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**Education**

**The University of Virginia,** Department of HistoryPh.D., December 2020M.A., November 2016

The College of William and MaryB.A. (*Summa Cum Laude* and Phi Beta Kappa), May 2012

**Employment**

American University, Department of Critical Race, Culture, and Gender Studies

*Adjunct Professor* August 2022 – Present

**The College of William and Mary,** Harrison Ruffin Tyler Department of History

*Adjunct Professor* August 2021 – July 2022

**University of Virginia**, Center for Teaching Excellence

*Teaching Consultant*  May 2019 – December 2019

**Randolph College**

*Adjunct Professor* August 2018 – May 2019

**Piedmont Virginia Community College**

*Instructor* January 2018 – May 2018

**University of Virginia**, Corcoran Department of History

*Teaching Assistant*  August 2015 – December 2019

**Registrar Corp**

*Regulatory Specialist* November 2012 – June 2014

**United States Library of Congress,** Hispanic Division

*Intern* May 2012 – July 2012

**Professional Appointments**

**University of Virginia**, East Asia Center October 2022 – Present

*Research Affiliate*

**Publications and Media Appearances**

*Peer Reviewed Papers:*

Forthcoming. “Teaching the Asia-Pacific War: Memory and Multiple Perspectives.” To be published in *Education about Asia*, Winter 2023.

*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. “Beyond a Site of Memory: The Puppet Emperor Palace Museum.” In *Contesting Memorial Spaces of Japan’s Empire.* Edited by Edward Boyle. To be published by Bloomsbury in 2023.

*Popular History and Culture:*

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>.

*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. Published in *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. Published in *Pacific Affairs*, 93 (1). Available at <https://tinyurl.com/y8obvbxb>.

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

*In the News:*

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

**Fellowships**

**Wilson China Fellowship** March 2021 – March 2022

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

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

University of Virginia College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

**Humane Studies Fellowship** August 2019 – August 2020

Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University

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

University of Virginia Corcoran Department of History

**Adam Smith Fellowship** September 2017 – July 2019

Mercatus Center at George Mason University

Fudan Fellow Program August 2017 – December 2017

Fudan University, Fudan Institute for Advanced Study

**Dumas Malone Graduate Research Fellowship** August 2017 – December 2017

University of Virginia Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs

**Graduate Fellowship** August 2014 – May 2019

University of Virginia Corcoran Department of History

**Research and Travel Grants**

**Buckner W. Clay Endowment for the Humanities Grant** August 2017 – December 2017

University of Virginia Institute of the Humanities & Global Cultures

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

University of Virginia Corcoran Department of History

Weedon Grant May 2017 – August 2017

University of Virginia East Asian Studies Department

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

The College of William and Mary James Monroe Scholars Program

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

The College of William and Mary James Monroe Scholars Program

**Select Conference Presentations**

Organizer and panelist for *War, Revolution, and Memory: How China and Korea’s Recent Past Haunts the Present*, to be presented at the *Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Boston, MA, March 2023.

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

“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 Nationalization of a Regional Narrative: Shenyang’s September 18th Museum,” presented at the *Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Boston, MA, March 2021.

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

“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.

“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.

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

“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**

*Adjunct Professor, American University*

**APDS 200:** **Modern East Asia** Fall 2022

*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 History Fall 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, 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*

Undergraduate History Thesis Advisor, *Randolph College* Spring 2019

**Invited Talks**

Invited speaker 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**

Programming Chair, International Faculty & Staff Affinity Group, *American University*  Fall 2022

First Generation, Low-Income Faculty Mentor, *The College of William and Mary*  Fall 2021

**Languages**

English, Mandarin Chinese (fluent spoken and written), Spanish (fluent), Japanese (elementary), Russian (elementary)

**Professional Appointments and Memberships**

Association of Asian Studies (AAS)

American Historical Association (AHA)

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)

Memory Studies Association (MSA)

**Professional References**

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

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

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