

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 1986 Ph.D. in Anthropology, The University of Chicago (supervisor: Paul Friedrich)
- 1979 M.A. in Anthropology, The University of Chicago (supervisor: Paul Friedrich)
- 1974 Diploma in Social Anthropology, Oxford University (tutor: Maurice Freedman)
- 1973 B.A. in Anthropology, with Honors and Departmental Distinction, Stanford University (honors thesis supervisor: G. William Skinner)

Areas of Specialization

Chinese in Southeast Asia; Chinese religion, including popular religion and Daoism; ethnicity, nationalism, and transnationalism; historical anthropology; anthropology of food, with a focus on Chinese tea culture

Present Position

Professor Emerita, Department of Anthropology, 2021-present; Professor, 2002-2021; Acting Chair, 2017-18; Acting Director, Program in Religious Studies, Term II 2008; Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, 1995-2002; Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, 1991-1995

Publications:

Monographs

Christian Circulations: Global Christianity and the Local Church in Penang and Singapore, 1819-2000. National University of Singapore (NUS) Press, 2020.

The Way that Lives in the Heart: Chinese Popular Religion and Spirit Mediums in Penang, Malaysia. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2006.

Rites of Belonging: Memory, Modernity and Identity in a Malaysian Chinese Community. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2004.

Published reviews of books

Christian Circulations: Global Christianity and the Local Church in Penang and Singapore, 1819-2000. National University of Singapore (NUS) Press, 2020.

Reviews:

Brethren Historical Review Vol. 17, 2021, pp. 178-181 (David Woodbridge)

Journal of the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society Vol. 94, Pt. 2, No. 321, December 2021, pp. 206-210 (Barbara Watson Andaya, 2021)

Review of Religion and Chinese Society Vol. 8 No. 2, pp. 300-304 (Joshua Dao Wei Sim)

Sojourn: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia Vol. 36, No. 3, November 2021, pp/ 555-558 (Jayeel Cornelio)

The Way that Lives in the Heart: Chinese Popular Religion and Spirit Mediums in Penang, Malaysia. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2006 [R]

Reviews:

Archives de sciences sociales des religion (Gooseart, 2008)

Bijdragen: tot de Taal-, Land-, en Volkenkunde (Wessing, 2009)

hnet-ASIA (Collins, 2007)

Journal of Asian Folklore Studies (Tan Chee Beng, 2007)

Journal of Chinese Religions (Soo Khin Wah, 2007)

Journal of Southeast Asian Studies (Dubois, 2007)

L'Homme: Revue française d'anthropologie (Formoso, 2009)

Pacific Affairs (Sinha, 2007)

Religious Studies Review (Clart, 2007)

Sino-Christian Studies: An International Journal of Bible, Theology, & Philosophy (Yong, 2010)

Rites of Belonging: Memory, Modernity and Identity in a Malaysian Chinese Community. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2004. [R]

Reviews:

American Historical Review (McKeown 2004)

International History Review (Hefner, 2005)

Journal of Anthropological Research (Scoggin, 2005)

Journal of Asian Studies (Carstens, 2005)

Journal of Chinese Political Science (Yeoh Seng Guan, 2005)

Journal of Chinese Religions (Somers Heidhues, 2004)

Journal of Interdisciplinary History (Dennerline, 2007)

Journal of Southeast Asian Studies (Goh Beng Lan, 2005)
Pacific Affairs (Tan Chee Beng, 2004-2005)
Religious Studies Review (Kirkland, 2004)
Sino-Christian Studies: An International Journal of Bible, Theology, & Philosophy (Yong, 2010)
Sojourn: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia (Lee Hock Guan, 2007)

Edited Books

Editor for *Cantonese Society in China and Singapore: Gender, Religion, Medicine and Money: The Collected Essays of Marjorie Topley* (Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong Series). Hong Kong and Singapore: Hong Kong University Press and NUS Press, 2011.

Book Reprints

The Way that Lives in the Heart: Chinese Popular Religion and Spirit Mediums in Penang, Malaysia. Singapore: National University of Singapore Press, 2011.
Penang: Rites of Belonging in a Malaysian Chinese Community. Singapore: National University of Singapore Press, 2009.

Translations

Rites of Belonging: Memory, Modernity and Identity in a Malaysian Chinese Community. Translated into Mandarin by Dr. Hsu Yu-tsuen. Taiwan: Rive Gauche Press. [Refereed translation]. Translation into Chinese completed with a grant from the Taiwanese government, *forthcoming*.

Articles and Book Chapters [R=Refereed; I=Invited; C=Conference proceedings]

- 2022 "Pietism, the Brethren Movement, and the Globalization of Evangelical Christian Practice." Special issue: Maritime Missions, edited by Jenna Gibbs and Sünne Juterczenka. *Journal of Early Modern History*, *forthcoming*. [R]
- 2020 "Startling, Stubborn Things: Prayer and the Ministry of Deliverances in China and Southeast Asia." In *The Brethren and the Church. Studies in Brethren History*, edited by Neil Dickson and T[homas] J[ohn] Marinello, pp. 371-387. Glasgow: Brethren Archivists and Historians Network. [I;R]
- 2019 Coauthors: Ma Junhong and Jie Yan. "Dragon Wells and Sacred Springs in China." In *Holy Wells and Sacred Springs*, edited by Celeste Ray, pp. 121-130. London: Routledge. [I]
- 2019 "'Ascend to Heaven and Stand on a Cloud': Daoist Teachings and Practice at Penang's Taishang Laojun Temple." In *The People and the Dao: New Studies of Chinese Religions in Honour of Prof. Daniel L. Overmyer*. Edited by Philip Clart and Paul Crowe, pp. 143-184. Sankt Augustin: Institut Monumenta Serica. Reprinted by Routledge [I]
- 2017 "Emplacing a Network Religion in a World in Motion: Evangelical Christianity and the Brethren Movement in Penang." In *Penang and its Networks of Knowledge: Essays on Society, Culture, and History*, edited by Peter Zabielskis, pp. 83-114. Penang, Malaysia:

- Areca Books and Penang Heritage Trust. [I]
- 2016 "Wudang Daojiao Wenhua Yanjiu" ["Wudang Daoist Tea Culture"]. In *Minzu Xuekan. Journal of Ethnology*, translated by Zheng Weibin. Vol. 38 no. 6: 28-35. [translation/reprint]
- 2016 "On Daoism and Religious Networks in a Digital Age." In *Place/No Place: Spatial Aspects of Urban Asian Religiosity*, edited by Joanne Waghorne, pp. 91-108. Singapore: Asia Research Institute-Springer Publication series. [I, R]
- 2015 "The Brethren Movement and Evangelical Christianity in Singapore and Penang, Malaysia." In *The Anthropology of Global Pentecostalism and Evangelicalism*, edited by Rosalind Hackett and Simon Coleman, pp. 72-94. New York: New York University Press. [I; R]
- 2015 "Wudang Daoist Tea Culture." In *Re-Orienting Cuisine: East Asian Foodways in the Twenty-First Century*. Edited by Kwang-ok Kim, pp. 56-70. New York: Berghahn. [I;R]
- 2013 "A Northern God in the South: Xuantian Shangdi in Singapore and Malaysia." In *Chinese Popular Religion: Linking Fieldwork and Theory: Papers from the Fourth International Conference on Sinology*, pp. 49-72. Taipei: Academia Sinica. [I]
- 2011 "Moses' Rod: The Bible as a Commodity in Southeast Asia and China." In *Chinese Circulations: Capital, Commodities and Networks in Southeast Asia*, edited by Eric Tagliacozzo and Wen-chin Chang, pp. 380-404. Durham, North Carolina: Duke University Press. [I;R]
- 2011 "Introduction." *Cantonese Society in China and Singapore: Gender, Religion, Medicine and Money: The Collected Essays of Marjorie Topley*, edited by Jean DeBernardi, pp. 1-24. Hong Kong and Singapore: Hong Kong University Press and NUS Press. [R]
- 2010 "On Women and Chinese Festival Foods in Penang, Malaysia and Singapore." In *Journal of Chinese Ritual, Theatre and Folklore* in a special issue on "Women and Chinese Religion" edited by Daniel Overmyer. 168 (2010.6): 179-223. [I; R]
- 2010 "Remaking Tradition in a World in Motion: Towards a Theory of Globalization and Religious Modernity." *Fudan Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences*, Issue 2 (June 2010). [I]
- 2010 "Wudang Mountain and the Modernization of Daoism." *Journal of Daoist Studies*. Vol. 3: 202-210. [I]
- 2009 "'Ascend to Heaven and Stand on a Cloud': Daoist Teachings and Practice at Penang's Taishang Laojun Temple." In *The People and the Dao: New Studies of Chinese Religions in Honour of Prof. Daniel L. Overmyer*. Edited by Philip Clart and Paul Crowe, pp. 143-184. Sankt Augustin: Institut Monumenta Serica. [I]
- 2009 *Zai Shunxi Wanbiande Shijieli Zhongjian Chuantong—Tanqiu Quanquihua he Zongjiao ji Chuantong Wenhua Xiandaixingde Lilun* ("Remaking Tradition in a World in Motion: Towards a Theory of Globalization and Religious Modernity"), translated by Leilei Chen. In *Zongguo Shehui Kexue Jikan (Chinese Journal of Social Sciences)* June 2009, Volume 27: 142-47. [I]
- 2009 "Wudang Mountain and Mount Zion in Taiwan: Syncretic Processes in Space, Ritual Performance, and Imagination." Published in a special issue of the *Asian Journal of*

- Social Science* on religious syncretism edited by Daniel Goh. Vol. 37 (2009): 138-162. [I; R]
- 2008 "Wudang Mountain: Staging Charisma and the Modernization of Daoism." *Chenghuang Xinyang [City God Belief]*, edited by Ning Ngui Ngi, pp. 273-280. Singapore: Lorong Koo Chye Sheng Hong Temple Association. [I]
- 2008 "Asia's Antioch: Prayer and Proselytism in Singapore." In *Proselytization Revisited: Rights Talk, Free Markets, and Culture Wars*, edited by Rosalind Hackett, pp. 155-184. London: Equinox Publishers. [I]
- 2008 "Global Christian Culture and the Antioch of Asia." In *Religious Diversity and Harmony in Singapore*, edited by Lai Ah Eng, pp. 116-41. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. [I,R]
- 2008 "Commodifying Blessings: Celebrating the Double-Yang Festival in Penang, Malaysia and Wudang Mountain, China." In *Marketing Gods: Rethinking Religious Commodifications in Asia*, edited by Pattana Kitiarsa, pp. 49-67. London: Routledge. [R]
- 2005 "Chinese Polytopes." In *Language, Culture and the Individual: A Tribute to Paul Friedrich*, edited by Catherine O'Neil, Mary Scoggin, Kevin Tuite. Munich: LINCOM Europa. [I]
- 2005 "Christianity and Chinese Religious Culture in Singapore: Anthropological Perspectives." In *Facing Faiths, Crossing Cultures: Key Trends and Issues in a Multicultural World. Dialogues with Chandra Muzaffar, Ibrahim Abu-Rabi' and Jean DeBernardi*, edited by Lai Ah Eng, pp. 178-225. Singapore: Institute of Policy Studies and SNP-reference. [I]

Papers Read, 1995-2022

- 2021 "On Asian Cults and Do-it-yourself Religion: The Case of Adrian Lim." Presented at an online workshop on Interrogating the Notion of "Cult" as a Social Formation in Asian Religions organized by the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 21-22 October 2021.
- 2020 "The Modern Invention of Big Red Robe Tea: History, Science, Story and Performance." Presented at an online conference on "Understanding Authenticity in China's Cultural Heritage." University of Oxford, 28-30 May, 2020.
- 2019 "On Divination Lots at Singapore's Nine Emperor Gods Temples" Presented at a Workshop on Chinese Temples in Southeast Asia organized by the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 28 February – 1 March 2019,
- 2018 "Story, Science, and Performance: The Modern Invention of Big Red Robe Tea," presented at the Eighth International Conference on Food Studies, Vancouver, 25-26 October 2018.
- 2017 "Bohea; The Modern Packaging of Wuyi Mountain's Black and Oolong Tea," presented at The International Symposium on the History of Food Packaging, Tokyo, 1-2 December 2017.

- 2017 "The Emplacement and Indigenization of the Brethren Movement in Penang and Singapore" Presented at the International Brethren History Conference, organized by the Brethren Archivists and Historian's Network, Maynooth, Ireland, 3 - 5 July 2017.
- 2017 Coauthors: Ma Junhong and Jie Yan. "Sacred Springs and Chinese Tea Culture." Presented in absentia at *An Tobar: A Two-Day Workshop on Holy Wells and Sacred Springs*, organized by University College Dublin and Sewanee The University of the South, in Waterford, Ireland, 26 - 27 June 2017.
- 2017 "Religion in Chinese Society" and "Chinese Daoism," presented at a summer program on "Spirituality and Practices of Asian Religions" Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Connecticut, 6 - 7 June 2017.
- 2017 "Qian Divination and Xuantian Shangdi's Efficacious Responses." Presented at the Fourth International Taoist Forum, organized by the China Taoist Association and the China Religious Culture Communication Association. Wudang Mountain, Hubei Province, 8 - 12 May 2017.
- 2016 "Dahongpao Tea: Identity, Connection, and Commerce." Presented at the The 6th Asian Food Study Conference (AFSC) and The Second International Symposium, organized by the National Museum of Ethnology and Ritsumeikan University, Ritsumeikan University, Japan 3 - 5 December 2016.
- 2016 "On the Globalization of Modern Daoism." Presented at the 9th International Conference of the International Society for the Study of Chinese Overseas. Vancouver, July 8 2016.
- 2016 "Religion in Chinese Society" and "Chinese Daoism," presented at a summer program on "Spirituality and Practices of Asian Religions" Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Connecticut, 14-15 June 2016.
- 2015 "Cultural Complexity," Lecture presented at an Anthropology Department seminar, Xiamen University, 17 May 2015.
- 2015 "Daoist Modernity." Presented at an invited international workshop on "Transpacific Re-Orientations: Religion, Spirituality and the Invisible Connections Between Asia and the Americas." University of Southern California Centre for International Studies. 23-24 January 2015.
- 2014 "Practical Daoism and the Religious Gift." Presented at the Third International Taoist Forum, organized by the China Taoist Association and the China Religious Culture Communication Association. Yingtan City, Jiangxi Province, 25 – 26 November 2014.
- 2014 "Material Identity: The Anthropology of Chinese Tea Culture." Anthropology Department Seminar, East China Normal University. 30 May 2014.
- 2014 "Material Identity and the Anthropology of Chinese Tea Culture." Keynote address presented at an invited international conference on "The World of Chinese Tea" organized by the Sociology Department at Beijing University and the Quanzhou Maritime Museum. Anxi, China, 19-21 May 2014.
- 2014 "Tea, Isolation and Connection." Presented at an invited international workshop on "Isolation and Connection" organized by the Sociology Department at Beijing University and the Quanzhou Maritime Museum, Quanzhou, China, 22-24 May 2014.

- 2012 "A Northern God in the South: Xuantian Shangdi in Singapore and Malaysia." Presented at the Fourth International Conference on Sinology sponsored by the Academia Sinica. Taipei, Taiwan, 20-22 June 2012.
- 2012 "Daoist and Buddhist (Zen) Tea Culture," Presented on the educational program at the World Tea Expo, Las Vegas, 1-3 June 2012.
- 2012 Discussant, panel on the theme "The Nation-State and the Remaking of Urban Space," at the Association for Asian Studies, Toronto, 15-18 March 2012.
- 2011 "Religion, Money and Value in the Practice of Popular Daoism," presented at the Second International Taoist Forum, organized by the China Taoist Association and the China Religious Culture Communication Association. Hengshan, Hunan Province, People's Republic of China, 23-25 October 2011.
- 2010 "Spirit Mediums, Local History, and Daoist Networks." Presented at a workshop on "Inter-Asian temple and trust networks within and out of Southeast Asia" at the International Conference on Inter-Asian Connections II, Singapore, December 8-10, 2010.
- 2010 "Pilgrimage, Festival, Website and Conference: Religious Modernity in China and Southeast Asia." Presented at the meetings of the Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA), Montréal, 1-4 June 2010.
- 2010 "A Northern God in the South: Xuantian Shangdi in Singapore and Malaysia." Presented at a conference on "The Cult of Zhenwu in Imperial and Modern China," 2-4 April 2010, Rutgers University & Confucius Institute.
- 2009 "Wudang Mountain and Daoist Tea Culture." Presented at an "International Conference on East Asian Food and Foodways in Globalization," sponsored by the Institute of Cross-Cultural Studies at Seoul National University and The Foundation of Chinese Dietary Culture, Taipei, Taiwan. Seoul, Korea, 11-13 October 2009.
- 2009 "On Daoism and Religious Networks in a Digital Age." Presented at a symposium on "Place/No Place: Spatial Aspects of Urban Asian Religiosity" sponsored by Syracuse University and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Award for a Central New York Humanities Corridor. Syracuse University, 2-3 October 2009
- 2009 "Wudang Mountain and the Modernization of Daoism." Presented at the Fifth International Conference on Daoist Studies," Wudang Mountain, Hubei Province, 18-21 June 2009.
- 2009 "Wudang Mountain and the Modernization of Daoism." Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, 9 June 2009.
- 2009 "Religion and Globalization." College of Humanities, Xiamen University, Fujian, 12 June 2009.
- 2008 "Remaking Tradition in a World in Motion: Towards a Theory of Globalization and Religious Modernity." Presented at a conference on "Chinese Social Science in a Global Age" at the National Institute for Advanced Study in the Social Sciences, Fudan University, December 5-8, 2008.
- 2008 "Painting Lightning with Charcoal: A Consideration of Religious Goods." Presented at an invited international conference on "Asian Religions and the Public Good" organized by Julia Huang and Robert Weller at National Tsinghua University (Hsinchu, Taiwan), June

- 1-2, 2008.
- 2008 "Festival, Pilgrimage, Conference and Website: On the Modernization of Daoism in Singapore and China." Presented at research seminars at the Asia Research Institute of the National University of Singapore; National Taiwan University (Taipei); and Chinan University (Puli, Taiwan), May 2008.
- 2008 "Remaking Anthropological Practice in Transnational Networks: A Reflection on the Study of Religious Modernity in China and Southeast Asia." Presented at a meeting-in-conjunction sponsored by the Society for the Study of Chinese Religions the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies. Atlanta, 3-6 April 2008.
- 2007 "*Wudang Shan yu Daojiao Xiandaihua*" ["Wudang Mountain and the Modernization of Daoism"]. Presented at a conference on *Daojia yu Daojiao* [Daoist Philosophy and Daoist Religion] as part of Lorong Koo Chye Sheng Hong Temple's 90th anniversary celebrations, Singapore. 11 December 2007. [by invitation of the Singapore Taoist Federation]
- 2007 "Asia's Antioch: Prayer and Proselytism in Singapore." Presented at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C., 28 November - 2 December 2007.
- 2007 "Wudang Mountain: Staging Charisma and the Modernization of Daoism." Presented at the annual meetings of the American Academy of Religion (Sacred Space in Asia Group), San Diego, 18–21 November 2007.
- 2007 "*Daodejing he Hexie Shehuide Quanjiuhua*" ["The *Daodejing* and the Globalization of a Culture of Harmony"]. Presented at the First International Forum on the *Daodejing*, Xi'an and Hong Kong, April 22 – 27, 2007.
- 2007 "On Religion, Money, and Value." Seminar at the Centre for Theoretical and Methodological Studies, *Zhongyang Minzu Daxue* [Central University for Nationalities], Beijing, PRC, April 5th, 2007.
- 2007 "Moses' Rod: The Bible as a Commodity in China." International workshop on "Chinese Traders in the Nanyang: Capital, Commodities and Networks" at the Center for Asia-Pacific Area Studies (CAPAS), Academia Sinica. 18-19 January 2007.
- 2006 "Landscape, History, and Social Memory: Religious and Cultural Pilgrimage to Wudang Mountain," Vilnius Conference on "Asian Cultural Memory and Cultures in Transition," at Vilnius University, Vilnius, Lithuania, 11-13 May 2006.
- 2005 "Commodifying Blessings: Celebrating the Double-Yang Festival in Penang, Malaysia and Wudang Mountain, China," presented at a "Workshop on Religious Commodifications in Asia: The Re-enchantment of a Globalising World?" at the Asia Research Institute, Singapore, 24-25 November 2005.
- 2005 "Evangelical Christianity and Proselytism in Contemporary Singapore," presented at a workshop on "Religious Diversity and Harmony" at the Institute of Policy Studies, Singapore, 1-2 September 2005.
- 2005 "The Daoist Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism," presented on an invited plenary session at the meetings of the Society for the Anthropology of Religion, Vancouver, 10 April 2005.

- 2005 "Religious and Cultural Pilgrimage to a Daoist Sacred Mountain," presented at a panel on ""The Mapping of Sacred Space in the Context of Contested Modernities" at the meetings of the Society for the Anthropology of Religion, Vancouver, 9 April 2005.
- 2005 "Towards a Rhetoric of Syncretism: Chinese Genesis," presented at an invited international conference on "Rhetoric in Social Relations and Religion" at Johannes Gutenberg-Universität, Mainz, Germany, 13-17 February 2005.
- 2004 "The Open Door: Chinese Christian Evangelists in the Straits Settlements and Malaya," presented on a panel on "Asian Travelers: Narratives of Asian Voyages in Southeast Asia, Historically and Today" at the meetings of the International Association of Historians of Asia, Taipei, Taiwan, 6-10 December 2004.
- 2004 "The Brethren Movement in the Straits Settlements and Colonial Malaya: Emplacing a Network Religion in a World in Motion," presented at a conference on "Transnational Religion, Migration, and Diversity" organized by the Social Science Research Council Conference, Kuala Lumpur, 2-4 December 2004.
- 2004 "Christianity and Chinese Religious Culture in Singapore: Anthropological Perspectives." Inter-cultural Dialog at the Institute of Policy Studies, Singapore, 24 November 2004.
- 2004 "Genesis and the Chinese," presented at a symposium on the theme "Always East and West? Christianity and the "Eastern" Experience," for the Association for Research in Religious Studies and Theology Annual General Meeting, Edmonton, 6 November 2004.
- 2004 "The Poetics and Performance of Sacred Space in Chinese Popular Religious Culture," presented at a Mellon Graduate Research Workshop on "Sacred Geographies: Space, Place, & Network in Asian Religions & Cultures," Stanford University Center for Buddhist Studies and in the Anthropology Department Seminar Series, Lethbridge University.
- 2003 "Singapore and Malaysia: The Charismatic Movement and Spiritual Gifts," presented on a panel on "Recent Patterns of Pentecostalism and the Charismatic Movement in Asia" at the meetings of the American Society for Church History, Chicago, January 2003.
- 2002 "Daojiao Quanzhouhua ("The Globalization of Daoism") Presentation of research plans at the Department of Ethnology, South-Central China University for Nationalities (September 2002) and the Department of Religious Studies at Wuhan University (October 2002).
- 2002 "Expanding the Boundaries of Europe and China: European Freemasons and Chinese Sworn Brotherhoods in Penang," presented at "The Penang Story: A Celebration of Cultural Diversity," an international conference organized by the Penang Heritage Trust [in preparation for Penang and Malacca's application to UNESCO for World Heritage Status]. Penang, Malaysia, April 2002.
- 2002 "Operation World: Singaporean and Malaysian Christian Evangelists at the Millennium, presented at a panel on "Beyond Ethnicity: Identity and Culture in Contemporary Malaysia and Singapore," at the meetings of the Association for Asian Studies, Washington, D.C., April 2002.

- 2001 "Modernity and Tradition in a Chinese Diaspora Community," presented at an "International Conference on Chinese Transnationalism in the Age of Migration and Immigration," University of Alberta, Edmonton, October 2001.
- 2001 "Chinese Religious Culture in Malaysia: Past and Present," presented at an invited international conference on "Ethnic Chinese in Singapore and Malaysia: A Dialogue between Tradition and Modernity," jointly sponsored by the Singapore Society of Asian Studies, the Centre for Chinese Language and Culture, and Nanyang University Graduates Association, Singapore, June 2001.
- 2001 "Possessed by the Past: Chinese Spirit Mediums and the Trance Performance of Chinese Saints," presented at the meetings of the American Academy of Religion, Pacific Northwest Region, Edmonton, May 2001.
- 2000 "Chinese Genesis," presented at the meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 2000.
- 1999 " 'The Great Shaking That is to Come': Modernity and the Millennium in a Singaporean Evangelical Movement," presented at the meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 1999.
- 1999 "The Globalization (and Localization) of a Millennial Vision: Evangelical Christianity in Singapore," presented at a seminar in the Department of Anthropology, University of Alberta. November 1999.
- 1999 "Memory, Modernity, and Identity: Inventions of Tradition in a Chinese Diaspora Community," presented at a seminar organized by the Centre for Advanced Studies, National University of Singapore, April 1999.
- 1999 "The Globalization (and Localization) of a Millennial Vision: Evangelical Christianity in Singapore," presented at a seminar organized by the Institute for Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, May 1999.
- 1999 Participant in forum on "Indian Music for the New Millennium: The Work of Culture from Homeland to Metropolis," organized by Prof. Regula Qureshi, Centre for Ethnomusicology & Department of Music, University of Alberta, November 1999.
- 1998 "Possessed by the Past," presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, December 1998.
- 1998 "Mapping Spiritual Territories: Syncretism and Anti-syncretism in Chinese Christian Practice," Canadian Anthropology Society and American Ethnological Society joint conference, Toronto, May 1998.
- 1997 "Whorf in China," presented at the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C., November 1997.
- 1996 "Chinese Polytopes," presented on a panel on "Politics, the Individual, and Imagination: A Tribute to Paul Friedrich," American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 1996 [refereed abstract].
- 1996 "Towards a Chinese Christian Hymnody: Processes of Religious Synthesis," presented at a panel on "Religions in Transformation in Southeast Asia," Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast Conference, Edmonton (Coauthored with Vernon Charter (50/50), June 1996.

- 1995 “Chinese Christian Syncretism in Singapore and Malaysia,” presented at a Faculty Forum Colloquium, Department of Anthropology, University of Alberta, September 1995.
- 1995 “Syncretism in a Singaporean Spirit Medium Cult: The Adrian Lim Case,” Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies, Laval University, October 1995.
- 1995 “Sex, Violence, and Religious Conversion in a Singaporean Chinese Spirit Medium Cult,” presented to the History Department Colloquium at the National University of Singapore, and the Social Science Seminar at Universiti Sains Malaysia, summer 1995.

Book reviews

- 2006 Donald S. Sutton. *Steps of Perfection: Exorcistic Performers and Chinese Religion in Twentieth-Century Taiwan*. In *American Historical Review*, April 2006 Vol. 111 (2): 448-49.
- 2005 John Lagerwey, *Taoism and Local Religion in Modern China*. In *Journal of Asian Studies*, November 2005. Vol. 64 (4): 1009-1010.
- 2005 Kenneth J. Guest, *God in Chinatown: Religion and Survival in New York’s Evolving Immigrant Community*. In *The Journal of Chinese Religion*. 2005
- 2003 Bernard Formoso, *Identites on regard: Destins chinois en milieu bouddhiste thai*, in *Soujourn*, October 2003.

Fellowships and Research Support, 2004-2019

- 2019 China Institute Academic Travel Grant, for travel to Singapore and Malaysia, 21 February – March 8, 2019.
- 2017 Endowment Fund for the Future: Support for the Advancement of Scholarship (EFF-SAS) Research Fund (\$2648) to present a paper at the Eighth International Brethren Historians Conference, Maynooth, Ireland, 3-5 July 2017.
- 2017 China Institute Academic Travel Grant (max. \$2000) to present a paper at the Eighth International Brethren Historians Conference, Maynooth, Ireland, 3-5 July 2017.
- 2016 Faculty of Arts Support for the Advancement of Scholarship Travel Grant (\$1773.75) to present a paper at the 9th International Conference of the International Society for the Study of Chinese Overseas, 6 - 8 July 2016.
- 2014 Faculty of Arts Support for the Advancement of Scholarship Travel Grant (\$1414) and China Institute Travel Grant (to present a paper at the Third International Taoist Forum, organized by the China Taoist Association and the China Religious Culture Communication Association. Yingtian City, Jiangxi Province, 25 – 26 November 2014.
- 2013 Social Science Research Council of Canada Insight Grant for a three year program of research on "Material Identity: The Anthropology of Chinese Tea Culture." (\$125,666). Extended to 2018.
- 2010 Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for a two-year program of research in Fujian and Zhejiang Provinces on "Tea Culture and Commerce in Contemporary China" (\$27,000)

- 2010 University of Alberta Faculty of Arts and Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (Beijing) Mobility Program Grant and China Institute Travel Grant for research on "Tea Culture and Commerce in Contemporary China"
- 2009 China Institute Academic Travel Grant, for travel to Hubei, China to attend the "Fifth International Daoist Studies Conference," June 2009.
- 2005 & 2006 University of Alberta Humanities, Fine Arts, and Social Sciences Research Operating Grants for archival research in England on the history of the Brethren Movement in Singapore and Penang, Malaysia
- 2004-2007 [extended to 2008] Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada for a three year research program of "Remaking Daoist Practice in Transnational Networks: Religious and Cultural Pilgrimage to Wudang Mountain, Hubei Province, PRC." The grant funded research for myself and a postdoctoral student, Dr. Wu Xu (\$44,960)
- 2004-5 Researcher, collaborative project on "Religious Diversity and Harmony in Singapore" at the Singapore Institute of Policy Studies. Project Director: Dr. Lai Ah Eng (\$5,736)
- 2004 McCalla Research Professorship, Faculty of Arts, University of Alberta. The fellowship supported one year of full-time research.
- 2003 Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, "Remaking Daoist Practice in Transnational Networks: Religious and Cultural Pilgrimage to Wudang Mountain, Hubei Province, PRC" (US \$36,333)
- 2003 Office of the Vice-President (Research): project support for "Remaking Daoist Practice in Transnational Networks: Religious and Cultural Pilgrimage to Wudang Mountain, Hubei Province, PRC" (\$5,000)
- 2003 Faculty of Arts Support for the Advancement of Scholarship (SAS) grant for course release to finish *The Way that Lives in the Heart*, Winter Term 2004 (\$6,000)
- 2002 Humanities, Fine Arts and Social Sciences Committee operating grant for pilot study for "Remaking Daoist Practice in Transnational Networks: Religious and Cultural Pilgrimage to Wudang Mountain, Hubei Province, PRC" (\$6,000)
- 1997 Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada Grant for three year research program on "Chinese Christian Syncretism in Singapore and Penang, Malaysia" (\$39,000)
- 1997-2000
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Small Grant for research project on "Chinese Christian Syncretism in Singapore and Penang, Malaysia" (U.S. \$7,000)

Ethnographic and Archival Research, 1979-2022

May 2013; May 2014; April and May 2015; April and May 2017

Zhejiang and Fujian Provinces ("Material Identity: The Anthropology of Chinese Tea Culture")

February-March 2011

- Fujian, Jiangsu, and Zhejiang Provinces, People's Republic of China. ("On the Fujian Tea Trade: An Ethnographic Study of Commerce and Culture")
- June 2009
Beijing and Fujian Province, People's Republic of China (pilot study "On the Fujian Tea Trade: An Ethnographic Study of Commerce and Culture")
- April-June 2004; August 2005; January & December 2007
Singapore, Malaysia, and Hong Kong ("Remaking Daoist Practice in Transnational Networks: Religious and Cultural Pilgrimage to Wudang Mountain, Hubei Province, PRC")
- October 2002; October 2004; March-May 2007
Wudang Mountain Daoist temple complex, Hubei Province, People's Republic of China and Beijing ("Remaking Daoist Practice in Transnational Networks: Religious and Cultural Pilgrimage to Wudang Mountain, Hubei Province, PRC")
- April-May 2005; May 2006
Archival research on the history of the London Missionary Society and Brethren missions in Penang, Malaysia, at the School of Oriental and African Studies (London), the John Rylands Library Christian Brethren Collection (Manchester), Müller House (Bristol), Echoes of Service (Bath), and University of Birmingham
- April-June 2004; August 2005
Singapore ("Religious Diversity and Harmony in Singapore")
- July-August 2000
Echoes of Service missionary archive in Bath, England ("The Indigenization of the Brethren Movement in Singapore and Malaysia, 1872-1960")
- January-May 1999
Singapore and Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur and Penang) ("The Contemporary Brethren and Independent Church Movements in Singapore and Malaysia")
- June-August 1997
Singapore and Penang, Malaysia ("Spiritual Warfare and the Ministry of Deliverance")
- July-August 1995
Singapore and Penang, Malaysia (pilot study for project on "Chinese Christian Syncretism in Singapore and Penang, Malaysia")
- May-June 1993
Singapore, Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur & Penang), and Bangkok, Thailand ("Managing Multicultural Societies: The Status of Minority Groups in Singapore, Malaysia, and Thailand")
- June-August 1992
Edmonton, Alberta ("Asian Ethnicity and Culture in Edmonton")
- June-November 1991
Cornell University (Wason Collection), London (Public Records Office), and Singapore (National Archives; National University of Singapore) "Empire Over Imagination: Chinese Popular Religion in Colonial and Postcolonial Malaysia")

May-August 1987

Tainan, Taiwan; Xiamen, People's Republic of China ("Bilingualism and Discourse Style in Two Chinese Communities")

March 1979-March 1981

Penang, Malaysia ("Ritual and Change in a Malaysian Chinese Community")

Graduate and Postdoctoral Fellow Supervisions

Current Ph.D. Supervisions

Jie Yan, "The Modernization of Buddhist Temples in Zhejiang Province"

Scott Habkirk, research on contemporary martial arts as health practice in Edmonton and Wudang Mountain, PRC

Ma Junhong, "Contemporary Chinese Tea Arts and Teahouses"

Past PhD supervisions

You Jiaying. Ph.D., 2016. Co-supervisor with Andriy Nahachewsky. *Creative Factors and Ethnic-folk Dance: A Case Study of the Peacock Dance in China (1949-2013)*.

Hsu Yu-tsuen (Frank), Ph.D., 2012. *Cultural Identity and Transnational Networks in a Chinese Diaspora Society in Sibiu, Sarawak, Malaysia*. Current Position: Research Fellow, Institute of Hakka Studies Chiao-tung University (Taiwan). Research interests: Chinese in Sarawak, Chinese popular religion in Taiwan

Kevin S. Y. Tan, Ph.D. 2008. *Body, Soul and Culture: Aikido and an Anthropology of the Martial Arts*. Current position: Community Leadership and Social Development Programme, SIM University (Singapore)

Maire Anderson-McLean. Ph.D. 2005, *Pilgrims and the Centre: Native Catholicism and Lac Ste-Anne*. Retired.

Wu Xu, Ph.D. 2004. *Food, Ethnoecology, and Identity in Enshi Prefecture, China*. Current Position: Associate Professor, East China Normal University (People's Republic of China). Research interests: Foodways, ethnoecology, and ethnicity. 2012-2013: Postdoctoral Fellow at the Harvard Yenching Center.

Michel Bouchard, Ph.D., 2003. *Russian Nationhood: A Revisionist Perspective with Observations from Narva (Estonia) and Moscow (Russia)*. Current position: Associate Professor and Department Chair, University of Northern British Columbia. Research interests: Russian speaking diaspora, nationalism and ethnicity, religion and community.

Lily Alexander. Interdisciplinary PhD in Semiotics and Film Studies. 1998. *The Semiotic Anthropology of Soviet Film Culture 1960s-1990s*. Current position: teaching film and media studies in New York City.

Paul Letkemann, Ph.D., 1998. *Becoming Unemployed: A Case Study of Experiences of Dislocation among Members of a Specific Professional Workplace*. Current position: Independent researcher, Lethbridge, Alberta.

Past MA Supervisions

Zheng Xiao, MA 2019. "Cultural Resilience: The Modern Powwow in Alberta."

- Zhang Chunyu, MA 2016. "Mount Wutai: The Management of a Modern Buddhist Pilgrimage Site"
- Fei Wu, MA 2015, "Tourism and the Promotion of Tea Arts in Yixing, China"
- Gong Shao, MA 2014, "Endless Circles: Circumambulation in Tibet"
- Li Bo, MA 2014, "First Enticing With Desires/thereafter Lead Him to the Wisdom of Buddhism": Material Understandings of Humanistic Buddhism as a Practice of Mediation and an Ethnographic Study of Fo Guang Shan."
- Scott Habkirk, MA 2011, "Religious Adaptation in the Techno-Scientific Era in Taiwan." [Ph.D. program in Anthropology, University of Alberta]
- Corey Owens, MA 2011, 'Masters and Thugs: Culture and Value Transmission through Teacher-Student Relationships in the Martial Arts'
- Alina Tanasescu-Turner, M.A. 2005, "The Reinvigoration of Orthodox Miracle Cults in Post-Communist Romania: An Investigation of Nationalism, Religion, and Tourism"
- James MacKenzie, M.A. 1998. "Religion, Community, and Identity: Perspectives on the Cult of San Simon in Guatemala"
- David Dyck-Fehderau, 1997, "Towards a Theory and Method for Dispute Intervention: A Cross-Cultural Perspective."
- Constance MacIntosh, M.A. 1996. "Bio-Cultural Discourses of Assisted Conception: Perspectives from Anthropology"
- Carol Forster. 1995. "Chinese Entrepreneurs in Nineteenth-Century Hawaii."

Supervision of Visiting Doctoral Students and Postdoctoral fellows

- Huang Wenqin, visiting Ph.D. student, February 2021-February 2022. Doctoral student, Philosophy, Southwest University
- You Hongxia, visiting Ph.D. student, October 2016 - March 2017. Doctoral student, Folklore, China East Normal University.
- Zheng Weibin, visiting Ph.D. student, September 4 - December 30, 2015. Doctoral Student, Anthropology, Xiamen University.
- Tian Ye, Ph.D. Minzu University, Beijing. Visiting Scholar, February 2013-February 2014. Associate Professor of Anthropology, Henan University. Research focuses on policies towards ethnic minorities in China and Canada.
- Zhang Yue, Ph.D. 2013 awarded by Minzu University, Beijing (PRC). U of A supervisor for a Joint Educational Ph.D. Zhang Yue was resident in the Department of Anthropology 2011-2012 as part of his doctoral program in China. Current position: Instructor of Sociology, Southwest University for Nationalities (People's Republic of China)
- Jennifer Dickinson, Ph.D. University of Michigan. Killam Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1999-2001 (co-sponsor with Ukrainian Studies). Current position: Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Vermont.
- Jeffrey Snodgrass, Ph.D. University of California, San Diego. Killam Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1997-1999. Current position: Professor of Anthropology, Colorado State University

Supervisory committee member or examiner at the University of Alberta

Departments of Anthropology, Drama, East Asian Studies, English, History, Linguistics, Music, Modern Languages and Comparative Studies (Slavics and Ukrainian Folklore), Political Science, Religious Studies, and Sociology

Professional Activities

Ad Hoc Research Grant Review

Academia Sinica (Taiwan); Killam Research Fellowship; Research Grants Council, Hong Kong; Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada; Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research; Woodrow Wilson Center; Lethbridge University Faculty of Arts; York University Faculty of Arts.

Ad Hoc Book Manuscript Review

Blackwell Books; Hong Kong University Press; Manchester University Press; Oxford University Press; Singapore University Press; University of British Columbia Press

Ad Hoc Journal Article Review

American Anthropologist; American Ethnologist; Anthropologie et sociétés; Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology; Asian Studies Review; Canadian Journal of Sociology and Anthropology; Gastronomica; Journal of the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society; Modern China; The Journal of Southeast Asian Studies; Pacific Affairs, Sojourn

Other Professional Activities, 1997-present

Acting Chair, Department of Anthropology, 2017-2018

Member, SSHRC Insight Grant selection committee, Committee 2A Anthropology & Archaeology, 2015 & 2016

Elected member, Faculty Evaluation Committee, 2013.

Member, SSHRC Postdoctoral Committee 3, 2009 & 2010

Member of MA/PhD Program Review Committee at the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, March 2009

Member, University of Alberta Press Committee, 2008-2012

Acting Director, Program in Religious Studies, University of Alberta, Term II 2008.

Taught intensive course at Faculty of Arts CFAU [China Foreign Affairs University] International Partnership Program, Beijing, March - June, 2007

Research Affiliate, Institute of World Religions at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, March – June 2007.

Member of Academic Program Review Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Regina. March 2006.

Peer Reviewer, Canada Research Chair Program, 2004 & 2010; Killam Professorship, 2004

External assessor, promotion and tenure: Typically every year I write one or two external assessments for promotion and tenure cases, and have assessed promotion files for major research universities in the United States, Canada, Singapore and Hong Kong. Due to

confidentiality concerns I do not report these in detail on my CV.