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Country of Citizenship: The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Research Areas and Interests

Early and Mediaeval Chinese Literature (*Poetry and Tales*), Culture, and Religion; Literary Reception; Pre-modern Chinese Fiction

Education

- Current. **Master of Arts (Thesis-based) in Chinese Literature.**
Department of East Asian Studies, University of Alberta.
Tentative Thesis: "Chen Zi'ang (fl.656–699) and the Daoism network exchange."
2022. **Master of Arts (Chinese Language and Literature, with Distinction).**
School of Chinese, The University of Hong Kong.
Dissertation: "Zheng Sixiao's (1241–1318) Shi Poetry on Chrysanthemum."
2017. **Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons) in Greater China Studies.**
Minor: Chinese Language and Literature.
Department of Asian and Policy Studies, The Education University of Hong Kong.
Dissertation: "Culture Shock and Acculturation of Inbound Exchange Students in Hong Kong."
2016. **Visiting Student (ERASMUS+ Programme).**
Department of Social Sciences and Philosophy, University of Jyväskylä.

Past Academic Appointments

2024. **Research Assistant.** Taiwan Studies Programme of the Department of Political Science, University of Alberta.
2023. **Department Project Assistant.** Department of East Asian Studies, University of Alberta.
2023. **Postgraduate Research Assistant.** Department of East Asian Studies, University of Alberta.
2019. **Sessional Instructor,** School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures and Cultures, University of Calgary.
- 2018–19. Instructor *then* **Chinese Teacher, Grade 3 (P/T).** The Chinese Academy, Calgary AB.

Publications – Journal Articles (Co-author)

2021. Irwin King, Chandni Saxena, **Christian Pak**, Chakming Lam, Haiyan Cai, "Rethinking Engineering Education: Policy, pedagogy, and assessment during Crises." *Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Signal Processing Magazine.* 38.3, pp.174-184.

Conference Presentations

2024. 'Loyalty is Greater than Reclusion: The reception of Tao Yuanming (ca. 365–427) from Zheng Sixiao (1241–1318)'s poetry'. The 77th Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association. Las Vegas, The United States. 11 October.
2023. 'Du Fu's (712–770) "Poems on Paintings": A study on "The Painted Falcon: A Ballad"'. The 76th Rocky

- Mountain Modern Language Association. Denver, The United States. 11 October.
2023. 'Beyond filiality: Feng Menglong (1574–1646) and “Three Devoted Brothers Win Honour by Yielding Family Property to One Another”'. The British Association for Chinese Studies Annual Conference 2023. King's College London. London, The United Kingdom. 7 September.
2023. 'New Directions in the Early Tang Poetry: Chen Zi'ang (fl. 658–699) and His Reception of Daoism'. The East Asian Studies Graduate Colloquium. Department of East Asian Studies, University of Alberta. 13 April.
2022. 'I, You, He: The Lyrics of Liu Yong (987 AD–1053) and The Division of Middle Chinese'. The 24th Biennial Conference of the European Association for Chinese Studies (EACS). Olomouc, Czech Republic. 27 August.
2022. 'Inheritance of Imagery and Language: Rereading Li Houzhu (937-978) To the Tune “Fair Lady Yu” (Yu Meiren)'. The 6th Joint Universities M.A. Postgraduate Students in Chinese Language and Literature Conference. Department of Chinese, Lingnan University. 11 June.
2021. 'Virtues and Rebellion: Characteristics of Gao in “The Wrongly Identified Corpus”'. The 5th Joint Universities M.A. Postgraduate Students in Chinese Language and Literature Conference. Department of Chinese and History, City University of Hong Kong. 5 June.

Awarded Grants and Prizes

2024. Student Travel Grant of the China Institute at the University of Alberta. CAD 1 000.
2024. Friends of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Scholarship. CAD 1 500.
2023. Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship (AGES) – East Asian Studies. CAD 12 000.
2023. Student Travel Grant of the China Institute at the University of Alberta. CAD 1 000.

Service to Profession

2024. **Co-organiser of the “Chinese Literature before 1900” panel.** The 77th Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association Annual Convention. 10–11 October.
2024. **Co-organiser and Moderator of the East Asian Studies Graduate Colloquium.** Department of East Asian Studies, University of Alberta. 12 April.
2023. **Member (Graduate Student), Department Council.** Department of East Asian Studies, University of Alberta.
2023. **Co-organiser and Moderator of the East Asian Studies Graduate Colloquium.** Department of East Asian Studies, University of Alberta. 13 April.
2019. **Graduate Teaching Assistant Evaluator.** Division of Chinese and Japanese Studies. School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures and Cultures, University of Calgary.

Teaching/Course Development Experience:

(with description, for course outline please refer to [this website](#))

University of Alberta

2023. EASIA 550 – East Asian Research Methods
Description: An Online asynchronous graduate-level research methods course consisting of multiple modules covering mediaeval Chinese Literature.

University of Calgary

2019. Topics in Chinese Civilization – Word, *Hanzi*, and Things
Description: This course explores Chinese etymology and palaeography, including evolution of the style of Chinese writing from first picto/ideographs to today's script, as well as semantic keys, radicals and significance.

The Chinese Academy

2019. Grade 3 Chinese Class; Medium of Instruction: Cantonese and Traditional Chinese

2018. Adult Mandarin A (Advanced Level)

2018. Adult Cantonese

Selected Non-Academic Employment:

Current. **Coordinator for the Quantum Horizons Alberta.** Department of Physics, University of Alberta.

Current. **Project Manager for the Consortium for Distributed and Passive Sensing.** Department of Physics, University of Alberta.

2019–22. Project Coordinator II, *then* **Manager (Events and Administration).** Department of Computer Science and Engineering, The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

2017–18. **General Clerk II, Event Management.** Strategic Events and External Projects Office, The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Languages

Cantonese Chinese (bilingual), English (bilingual), Mandarin Chinese (near native), Classical Chinese (fluent reading), Hokkien (native), Japanese (basic reading), French (basic reading)

Professional Affiliation

British Association for Chinese Studies

European Association for Chinese Studies

Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association