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Research Areas and Interests:

Early Mediaeval and Mediaeval Chinese Literature; Literary Reception; Pre-modern Chinese Fiction

Education:

- Present. Master of Arts (Thesis, equivalent to MPhil). Department of East Asian Studies, University of Alberta. Tentative Thesis Title: "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). Department of Asian and Policy Studies, The Education University of Hong Kong. Minor: Chinese Language and Literature. 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.

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. (Accepted) '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. 10–12 Oct.
2024. (Accepted) 'Loyalty is Greater than Reclusion: The reception of Tao Yuanming (ca. 365–427) from Zheng Sixiao (1241–1318)'s poetry'. The 25th Biennial Conference of the European Association for Chinese Studies (EACS). Tallinn, Estonia. 27–30 Aug.
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. 11–14 Oct.
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. 7–8 Sep.
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, Edmonton, Canada. 13 Apr.

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. 24–27 Aug.
2022. 'Inheritance of Imagery and Language: Rereading Li Houzhu (937-978) To the Tune "Fair Lady Yu" (Yu Meiren)' 意象和語言的傳承: 重讀南唐後主 (937-978)《虞美人》. The 6th Joint Universities M.A. Postgraduate Students in Chinese Language and Literature Conference 第六屆聯校中文文學碩士課程研究生研討會. Department of Chinese, Lingnan University, Hong Kong. 11 Jun.
2021. 'Virtues and Rebellion: Characteristics of Gao in "The Wrongly Identified Corpus"' 「美德」與叛逆: 〈錯認屍〉中高氏的形象. The 5th Joint Universities M.A. Postgraduate Students in Chinese Language and Literature Conference 第五屆聯校中文文學碩士課程研究生研討會. Department of Chinese and History, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong. 5 Jun.
2018. 'Second Sino-Japanese War-Themed Movie – Change of Images of the Nationalist Party of Before and After Economic Reform'. Academic Exchange Forum – IHS University of Tokyo and City University of Hong Kong. University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan. 18 May.

Awarded Grants and Prizes:

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:

- Present. Co-organiser and Moderator of the East Asian Studies Graduate Colloquium. Department of East Asian Studies, University of Alberta. 12 April.
- Present. Co-organiser, Chinese Literature before 1900. The 77th Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association Annual Convention.
- Present. Member (Graduate Student), Department Council. Department of East Asian Studies, University of Alberta
- Jan–Apr 2023. Co-organiser and Moderator of the East Asian Studies Graduate Colloquium. Department of East Asian Studies, University of Alberta. 13 April.
- Jan–May 2019. Graduate Teaching Assistant Evaluator. School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures and Cultures, University of Calgary.

Selected Employment:

- Present. Project Manager. Department of Physics, University of Alberta.
- Jan–May 2024. Research Assistant. Department of Political Science, University of Alberta
- May–Sep 2023. Department Project Labour. Department of East Asian Studies, University of Alberta.
- Jan–Apr 2023. Postgraduate Research Assistant. Department of East Asian Studies, University of Alberta.
- Jan–Sep 2022. Manager (Events and Administrations). Department of Computer Science and Engineering, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Hong Kong.
- Sep 2019–Dec 2021. Project Coordinator II. Department of Computer Science and Engineering, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Hong Kong.

Jan–May 2019. Sessional Instructor (Chinese Studies). School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures and Culture, University of Calgary. Calgary AB, Canada.
Sep 2018–Jun 2019. Instructor (Teaching Position). The Chinese Academy, Calgary AB, Canada.

Teaching Experience:

University of Calgary

Winter 2019 Topics in Chinese Civilization – Word, *Hanzi*, and Things

The Chinese Academy

Jan–Jun 2019 Grade 3 Chinese Class; Medium of Instruction: Cantonese and Traditional Chinese

Sep 2018–Jan 2019 Adult Mandarin A (Advanced Level)

Sep–Dec 2018 Adult Cantonese

Languages:

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