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Relevant Education:

- University of California, San Diego (UCSD): PhD, Modern Chinese History, Dissertation: "Culturing Revolution: The Local Communists of China's Hainan Island, 1927-1957"
- Columbia University, New York: MA, East Asian Languages and Cultures, Chinese History
- State University of New York (SUNY) Albany, BA, East Asian Studies, Summa Cum Laude
- Beijing Normal University: Chinese language studies certificate

Relevant Publications:

Books, Authored and Edited

- *China Tripping: Encountering the Everyday in the People's Republic*, editor/author with Perry Link, Paul G. Pickowicz ([Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2019](#)).
- *Asian Cultural Traditions, Second Edition*, co-authored with Carolyn Brown Heinz ([Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press, 2018](#)).
- *China's Lonely Revolution: The Local Communists of Hainan Island, 1926-1956* ([Albany: State University of New York Press, 2017](#)).
- *Pop Culture in Asia and Oceania*, editor/author with Kathleen M. Nadeau ([Santa Barbara, CA: Greenwood/ABC CLIO, 2016](#)).

Articles, Essays, Book Chapters, and Reviews

- "Respecting the Waters," [Los Angeles Review of Books](#) (January 13, 2025).
- "Claiming the South China Sea with a New National Mythology: Hainan Island and the South China Sea in China's History and Current Geopolitics" ([Wilson Center Fellowship Essay, Fall 2023](#)).
- "Wilds of Revolution: Anti-Localism and Hainanese Women in the Early People's Republic," with Alexander J. Serrano, in *Revolutionary Transformations: The People's Republic of China in the 1950s*, Anja Blanke, Klaus Mühlhahn, and Julia Strauss, eds. ([Cambridge University Press, 2023](#)).
- "Taming the Southern Frontiers through Song and Dance: Chauvinisms (Han and Male) in *The Red Detachment of Women*," in *Visualising Chinese Borders*, Paul Gladston, Beccy Kennedy, and Ming Turner, eds. ([Palgrave-Macmillan, 2021](#)).
- "Uncertain Days for Scholars as Sino-US Tensions Rise," [Georgetown Journal of International Affairs](#), September 2020.

- “Hainan Island in China’s Popular Imagination” in [The Asia Dialogue](#) (University of Nottingham Asia Research Institute), December 2019.
- “Yoga in China,” with Katherine Jakovich, in [The Asia Dialogue](#) (University of Nottingham Asia Research Institute), December 2019.
- “Oceania: Women and Violence,” with Katherine Jakovich, in *Women and Violence: Global Lives in Focus* ([Santa Barbara, CA: ABC CLIO, 2020](#))
- “Blockbuster War Commemoration: Feng Xiaogang’s *Assembly* and Steven Spielberg’s *Saving Private Ryan*,” in Charles Hayford, ed., *Film in American-East Asian Relations* (forthcoming, Leiden: Brill).
- “Patriotic Localism: The Historical Context of Hainan and the South China Sea,” in Donovan Chau and Thomas Kane, eds., *China and International Security: History, Strategy, and 21st-Century Policy* ([Praeger, 2014](#)).
- “‘A Dream Deferred’: Obstacles to Legal Reform and Rights Reclamation in Early Republican China” in Sherman Cochran and Paul G. Pickowicz, eds., *China on the Margins* ([Cornell: Cornell University Press, 2010](#)).
- “Contesting Twentieth-Century China: A Simulation,” with Joseph W. Esherick, in *Education About Asia*, [Volume 15, Number 2 \(Fall 2010\)](#).
- Book Review, Odd Arne Westad, *Restless Empire: China and the World Since 1750* (New York: Basic Books, 2012), for *History: Reviews of New Books* (summer 2013).
- Book Review, Han Hing Quang (Stephen Shenfield, tr.), *A Long Road Traveled* (published by Stephen Shenfield, [full text at this link](#)), [Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia \(summer-fall 2022\)](#).

Relevant Teaching:

- Professor, History Department, California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB), 2022-present; Associate Professor, 2017-2022; Assistant Professor, 2011-17
- Teaching and Research Assistant, University of California, San Diego, 2004-2011, and adjunct instructor, 2010: HIST 131, China 1911-1949

Awards:

- [Wilson Center China Fellow, 2022-23 \(link\)](#)
- [CSUSB Outstanding Faculty Service Award, 2022-23 \(link\)](#)
- [CSUSB Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award, 2021-22 \(link\)](#)
- Phi Alpha Theta Faculty Advisor Research Award, 2019
- Senior Faculty Research Fellowship, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, CSUSB, 2019-21
- Intellectual Life Fund Awards, CSUSB Speaker Series
 - [Modern China Lecture Series \(link\)](#), 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2020, 2021
- Office of Academic Research Summer Fellowship (CSUSB), 2014, 2016
- Outstanding Junior Faculty Award, CSUSB College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, 2013-2014

- Center for International Studies and Programs (CSUSB), Professors Across Borders Grant for research, 2012, 2013, 2018
- Teaching Resource Center, CSUSB, Course Development Grants
 - “Pilgrims, Bandits, and Nomads: Premodern Global History and the Silk Roads,” 2013
 - “History of Sino-US Relations,” 2014
 - “Island Peoples, Island Struggles,” 2016
 - “Boxers, Martyrs, and Gadflies: Protest in Modern China and Its Global Impact,” 2017
- Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, Department of Education, UCSD, 2005-2010
- Pacific Rim Fellowship for Dissertation Research in China, UCSD, 2008
- Starr-Freeman scholarship for language study in China (Fall 1999-Spring 2000) at Beijing Normal University
- Presidential Scholar, SUNY Albany 1997-2001

Conference Papers, Panels, Invited Presentations & Events

- Contributor, “Publishing Award-Winning Student History Journals: A Roundtable,” American Historical Association Conference (San Francisco), January 2024
- Panel Discussant, “Trends in Mao Era Studies,” Benno Weiner, *The Chinese Revolution on the Tibetan Frontier* (Cornell, 2020), UC Irvine Symposium, October 13, 2022.
- Invited Guest, [China History Podcast \(link\)](#), 4 Sessions
 - [The History of Hainan Session 1 \(Episode 290\) \(link\) December 2021](#)
 - [The History of Hainan Session 2 \(Episode 291\) \(link\) December 2021](#)
 - [China Tripping, Roundtable 1 with Perry Link and Paul Pickowicz, Feb 2020](#)
 - [China Tripping, Roundtable 2 with Perry Link and Paul Pickowicz, Feb 2020](#)
- Panelist, with Aaron Murray, “Is Knowledge Power? Drafting History with Young Citizens,” [OER Project, Online Conference for K-12 Social Studies](#), August 5-7, 2020.
- Panelist, National Committee on US-China Relations China Town Hall, locally hosted by World Affairs Council of Inland Southern California, CSUSB, November 18, 2019, with Drs. Julia Strauss, John Jang, and Yupeng Jiao.
- Book talk with co-author, Paul Pickowicz, hosted by UC San Diego’s 21st Century China Center, presenting *China Tripping: Encountering the Everyday in the People’s Republic* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2019), May 1, 2019
- Roundtable Panelist, “American Exceptionalism & American Identity, Past, Present, and Future,” Yotie Talk Event, CSUSB, April 19, 2018
- Roundtable Panelist for “Marginalized Identities and Development in China” hosted by Project Pengyou and Dr. Dru Gladney at Pomona College, April 3, 2018
- “Sights and Sounds of the Cold War in the Sinophone World,” Washington University in St. Louis, March 25-26, 2017, presented research on *The Red Detachment of Women*

- “Diversity and Paradoxes in Perceptions Between the US and China,” China Town Hall, National Committee on US-China Relations, October 18, 2016, CSUSB, hosted by World Affairs Council of Inland Southern California
- “Taming the Southern Wilds through Song and Dance: Chauvinisms (Han and Male) in *The Red Detachment of Women*,” paper presented at conference, “Visualising Chinese Borders in the 21st Century,” April 5-6, 2016, Manchester School of Art, at Manchester Business School, UK
- “Brothers and Sisters in Arms: Historicizing Indigenous Military Service,” Conference at Australian Catholic University, Melbourne, paper presented, “The Baisha Uprising and Li Participation in the Communist Revolution on Hainan, 1943-1950,” June 23-24, 2015
- “Revolutionary History from China’s Margins: The Local Communists of Hainan,” guest lecture in the History Department Colloquium Series and Asian Studies Program, UC Riverside, January 28, 2015
- “China’s Foreign Policy and the US Response,” talk for the Great Decisions Lecture Series, 2014, World Affairs Council of Inland Southern California, December 5, 2014
- “Golden Ages: Styles and Personalities, Genres and Histories: 2014 Film and History Conference,” Madison, WI, paper presented, “Dueling Blockbusters in Chinese War and Memory: Zhang Yimou’s ‘Flowers of War’ (2011) and Feng Xiaogang’s ‘Back to 1942’ (2012),” October 29-November 2, 2014
- Shanghai University, Center for Global Studies Conference, “Constructing Blockbuster War Memories: Feng Xiaogang’s *Assembly* and Steven Spielberg’s *Saving Private Ryan*,” June 19-21, 2014
- “Twenty-Five Years After Tiananmen Square: A Campus and Community Conversation,” presented and hosted lecture and discussion, as part of the CSUSB Modern China Lecture Series, June 4, 2014
- Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA: Graduate Student Conference, “Intersecting Histories,” (2009), presented “Sharing Victory: The Communist Conquest of Hainan”
- Stanford University and University of California Annual Chinese History Graduate Student Conference hosted at Stanford (2006), presented “Hainan’s Leap of Faith: Localism and the Communist Takeover”
- University of California, Davis: UC Chinese History Graduate Student Conference (2005), presented “Devils and Patriots: Military Propaganda and the Chinese Soldier in the War of Resistance, 1937-1941”
- Columbia University: Thirteenth Annual Graduate Student Conference on East Asia (2004), presented “Rustication of the CCP: The Urban-Rural Shift of the Chinese Communist Party”
- University of Toronto: “War and Peace: The East Asian Context” (2003), presented “Xiang Ying: A Case Study in Memory and Biography in the History of the Chinese Communist Party.”

Relevant Professional Organizations and Service Activities:

- CSUSB [Master of Arts in History \(link\)](#), Coordinator (2020-present)

- CSUSB Modern China Lecture Series, Coordinator (January 2014-present)
 - [Series \(homepage is at this link\)](#) has included over 100 events to date (2023), with about half of these recorded and shared at [the series YouTube page \(link\)](#).
 - 2021-present co-organized with CSUSB alumnus and UCSB doctoral student, Alexander J. Serrano; raised funds, organized, and hosted all events in series.
- Hosted and raised funds for numerous other campus events including guest lectures, roundtable discussions, film screenings, information panels for history teachers, and others, some of which have been recorded and shared at this [YouTube page \(link\)](#).
 - Also find compiled [resources and videos for future history teachers here \(link\)](#).
- Conversations on Race and Policing (June 2020 through present) co-organizer with Dr. Mary Texeira, Stan Futch, Michael German, Robie Madrigal, George “Matt” Patino, and Dr. Marc Robinson. Scholars, journalists, public officials, law enforcement veterans, students, activists, health professionals, educational administrators, and many others have joined these 90+ events. The lecture series is ongoing and details of past and upcoming events can be found at [the series’ website link here](#).
- National Endowment for the Humanities, Faculty Learning Community, Bridging Cultures (2013-2014), participant
- China Initiative Task Group, CSUSB (2011-2014)
- American Historical Association and Association for Asian Studies
- Phi Beta Delta international scholars’ society (2012-present, CSUSB secretary of Gamma Lambda chapter, 2014-2016)
- Phi Alpha Theta National History Honors Society and CSUSB History Club faculty co-advisor with Drs. Ryan Keating, Yvette Saavedra, Marc Robinson (2012-2018)
 - Awarded Best Chapter among Phi Alpha Theta chapters nationally
 - 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018
- Hainan Modern History Research Association (2009-present)
- *Silver and Silk: Diversity and Resilience Among China’s Ethnic Minority Community*, museum exhibit curated by William Pink, CSUSB Anthropology Museum. Assistant and faculty liaison (2015-16)
- [History in the Making \(link\)](#) (CSUSB student-run history journal), faculty co-advisor, 2017-present
 - [2018 issue \(link\)](#) awarded third place in national Phi Alpha Theta competition
 - [2019 issue \(link\)](#) awarded first place in national Phi Alpha Theta competition
 - [2020 issue \(link\)](#) awarded first place in national Phi Alpha Theta competition
 - [2021 issue \(link\)](#) awarded third place in national Phi Alpha Theta competition

- [2022 issue \(link\)](#) awarded second place in national Phi Alpha Theta competition
- [2023 issue \(link\)](#) awarded second place in national Phi Alpha Theta competition
- [2024 issue \(link\)](#) awarded second place in national Phi Alpha Theta competition
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Languages:

- Proficient spoken and written Chinese (Mandarin/Putonghua)
- Proficient spoken and written French
- Proficient spoken and written Dutch/Flemish
- Some Japanese language training