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Education

University of British Columbia

November 2019

PhD, Department of History (*China 1300–1800, history of science and medicine, history of the book*)

University of Pennsylvania

MA, East Asian Languages and Civilizations (EALC)

May 2011

BA, *summa cum laude*, EALC (Honors); Health and Societies

May 2010

Work Experience

GPS Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, NYU Shanghai

- Taught two sections of the freshman course “Global Perspectives on Society,” introducing university study skills and key concepts in the humanities and social sciences to 30 students from across the globe.

Senior Anthropologist, MotivBase Inc.

April 2021–April 2023

- Analyzed Chinese, Japanese, and North American consumer trends using anthropological methods across MotivBase’s proprietary LLM platform for major fast-moving consumer goods manufacturers.

Sessional Instructor, Department of History, UBC

January 2020–April 2020; July–August 2023

- Designed and taught advanced courses in the history of China, non-Western medicine and the history of books.
- Effectively transitioned from in-person to synchronous online classes during the Covid-19 crisis.

Freelance Academic Translator, Mandarin to English

October 2017–Present

- Translated nine academic articles from Mandarin for publication in English (approx. 95,000 words/190 pages).
- Balanced deadlines and visions of authors and editors across Asia, Europe, and North America.
- Ensured impactful translation of authors’ intent via line-by-line discussion with the authors.

PhD Program, Department of History, UBC

September 2011–November 2019

- Wrote an authoritative analysis of 17th-century Chinese encyclopedia production, incorporating evidence from over 150 primary sources, and over 500 pieces of modern scholarship.
- Won 11 fellowships and grants from: Princeton University Library, Harvard-Yenching Library, Consortium for the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine (Philadelphia), and the University of British Columbia.
- Served on multiple professional boards or committees: Society for Ming Studies; UBC History Equity Committee; and UBC History Burge Lecture Organizational Committee.

Teaching Assistant, Department of History, UBC

January 2011–April 2018

- Coordinated large undergraduate courses with professors and other TAs.
- Led breakout discussions, adjudicated examinations, trained and assessed students in academic writing and analysis.

Research Assistant, Departments of History & Art History, UBC

January–April 2016, September 2018–August 2019

- Translated and analyzed primary source documents for professors studying premodern Chinese history.

Chinese Language Instructor, STARTALK Summer School, UPenn

July–August 2010, July–August 2011

- Team-taught beginner Chinese to Philadelphia high school students, including lesson design and execution.

Research Assistant, Penn Asian Health Initiatives at the UPenn School of Medicine

April–December 2009

- Designed qualitative questionnaires, interviewed informants, and synthesized data.

Languages, Technical Skills, Study Abroad, Continuing Education, Licenses

Languages: English (native); Mandarin Chinese (fluent); Classical/Literary Chinese (reading fluency); Japanese reading (advanced); Spanish (beginner).

Technical: Mac OS, Windows, Microsoft Office suite, Google Suite, Zoom, Canvas, Collaborate Ultra, Scrivener, DevonThink.

Study and Research Abroad: CET Academic Programs, Harbin (2 months, 2007); Associated Colleges in China, Beijing (2 months, 2008); Peking University School of International Studies (5 months, 2008); Taipei, various libraries, January 2017.

Continuing Education: UBC Positive Space Training (2015); UBC Privacy Matters Fundamentals Training (2020); SFU Chinese/English Translation Workshop (Sept.–Dec. 2020); SFU Editors and Editing (July 2020)

Licenses: BC Class 5 driver's license, with access to a car.

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