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Academic Positions

- 2017–Present Department III
Max Planck Institute for the History of Science
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Research Scholar
- 2014–2017 International Consortium for Research in the Humanities
(IKGF)
“Fate, Freedom, and Prognostication: Strategies for Coping
with the Future in East Asia and Europe”
Friedrich-Alexander-University of Erlangen-Nuremberg,
Germany
Research Fellow
- 2013–2014 International Consortium for Research in the Humanities
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“Fate, Freedom, and Prognostication: Strategies for Coping
with the Future in East Asia and Europe”
Friedrich-Alexander-University of Erlangen-Nuremberg,
Germany
Postdoctoral Fellow

Education

- 2009–2013 University of Pennsylvania, East Asian Languages and
Civilizations, Ph.D.
- Dissertation Title:
In Pursuit of the Great Peace: Han Dynasty Classicism and
the Making of Early Medieval Literati Culture
- Comprehensive Examination Fields:
Chinese Intellectual History from the Beginning to 1911
CE, with Paul R. Goldin
Archeology and Arts of Han China, with Nancy S.
Steinhardt
Chinese Historical Linguistics, with Victor H. Mair
- 2008–2009 University of Pennsylvania, East Asian Languages and
Civilizations, MA
- 2004–2008 Capital Normal University, China, Department of Chinese
Literature, BA in Comparative Literature

Monographs

In Pursuit of the Great Peace: Han Dynasty Classicism and the Making of Early Medieval Literati Culture. Albany: State University of New York Press, forthcoming.

Stalk Divination: A Newly Discovered Alternative to the I Ching. With Constance Cook. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017.

Xinling xue jiaozhu 心靈學校注 (*Mental Philosophy* with annotations and collations) Wan Qing Xixue zhu yi congshu 晚清西學著譯叢書 (Series on works and translations of Western knowledge in the late Qing dynasty). Guangzhou: Nanfang ribao press, 2017. [A study of Yan Yongjing's 顏永京 (1838–1898) *Xinling xue* (1889), with the original text fully annotated. Yan's work is a translation of Joseph Haven's (1816–1874) *Mental Philosophy: Including the Intellect, Sensibilities, and Will* (Boston: Gould and Lincoln, 1857).]

Articles & Book Chapters

“Confucius as a Diviner: Perceptions of Sages in the Dunhuang Divinatory Texts.” *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*, under review.

“Demon Hunters and Performers of Miracles: Common Ground Between the So-called Confucians, Buddhists, and Daoists in Early Medieval China.” Book chapter in *Divination and the Strange in Pre- and Early Modern East Asia and Europe*, ed. Sophia Katz (Leiden: Brill), under review.

“The Great Peace: A Utopian Vision in Early Imperial China.” *Oriens Extremus* 55 (2017), forthcoming.

“Yukuo zhi lun: Xiushen zhi dao zai Xi Han de shuailuo” 迂闊之論：修身之道在西漢的衰落 (The Pedant Theory: The Decline of Self-Cultivation in the Western Han). Book chapter, *Zhi qi yang xin zhi shu: Zhongguo zaoqi de xiushen fangfa* 治氣養心之術——中國早期的修身方法 (*Cultivating the Qi and Nurturing the Heart: Cultivation Methods in Early China*), eds. Paul Fischer and Lin Zhipeng 林志鵬 (Shanghai: Fudan University Press), forthcoming.

“A Sage or a Celestial Prophet? The Image of Confucius in Apocryphal Texts (*chenwei* 讖緯).” Book chapter in *A Concise Companion to Confucius*, ed. Paul R. Goldin (Chichester, U.K.: Wiley-Blackwell, 2017).

“To Become Confucius: Political Legitimacy and Han Apocryphal Texts in the Case of Emperor Ming (r. A.D. 58–75).” *Asia Major* 28.1 (May 2015): 115-144.

“Research Note — A Japanese Curriculum of 757.” With Ross Bender. *Pre-modern Japanese Studies Papers* (pmjs.org), November 2010.

Book Series and Edited Volumes

General editor of the Handbook Series on Prognostication and Prediction in China, with Michael Lackner, Brill.

The Introductory Volume, the Handbook Series on Prognostication and Prediction in China, with Michael Lackner, Brill. In Progress.

Thought and Prognostication, the Handbook Series on Prognostication and Prediction in China, Brill. In preparation.

Book Reviews

Review of *The Scripture on Great Peace: The Taiping jing and the Beginnings of Daoism* edited by Barbara Hendrischke. *Religious Studies* 42.1 (2016): 59.

Review of *Celestial Skies and the Empire: Astrology and the Intellectual History of the Qin and Han Dynasties* (《星空與帝國——秦漢思想史與占星學》) by Zhang Qiqun 章啟群. *Dao* 14 (2015): 315-318.

Review of *Studies of the Guliang Tradition of the Spring and Autumn Annals and Chinese Philosophy* (《春秋穀梁傳研究與中國哲學史研究》) by Qin Ping 秦平. *Dao* 13 (2014): 137-140.

Review of *Mozi: A Complete Translation* by Ian Johnston in *Sino-Platonic Papers* 208, 2010.

Translations (Chinese to English)

Zhou Weichi 周偉馳. "The Origin of 'A New Treatise on Aids to Administration' (資政新篇)." *Yearbook of Chinese Theology* (2016): 77-109.

Zhou Weichi 周偉馳. "The Correspondence between the Taiping Heavenly Chronicle (Taiping tianri 太平天日) and the 'Revelation.'" *Yearbook of Chinese Theology* (2015): 71-107.

Papers Presented, Guest Lectures, and Workshop Organization

Organizer and participant of the sixth workshop on "Accounting for Uncertainty: Prediction and Planning in Asia's History." At the International Consortium for Research in the Humanities, Erlangen, Germany, July 27th-28th, 2017.

Participant of the fifth workshop on "Accounting for Uncertainty: Prediction and Planning in Asia's History." At the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, June 28th-29th, 2017. Invited by Dagmar Schäfer.

"Thought and Prognostication." Presented at the workshop, "Mantic Arts in China (II); Handbook Series." At the International Consortium for Research in the Humanities, Erlangen, June 21st, 2017.

Organizer of the workshop, “Mantic Arts in China (II); Handbook Series.” At the International Consortium for Research in the Humanities, Erlangen, June 21st-22nd.

“*Stalk Divination: A Newly Discovered Alternative to the I Ching.*” Book launch with Constance A. Cook. At the International Consortium for Research in the Humanities, Erlangen, June 20th, 2017.

“Prolonging Your Life with Kant’s Philosophy: Mental Philosophy as Esoteric Learning in 20th Century China.” Presented at the 6th International Conference of the European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism. Erfurt, Germany, June 1st, 2017.

Organizer and participant of the fourth workshop on “Accounting for Uncertainty: Prediction and Planning in Asia’s History.” At the International Consortium for Research in the Humanities, Erlangen, Germany, May 3rd-4th, 2017.

Participant of the third workshop on “Accounting for Uncertainty: Prediction and Planning in Asia’s History.” At the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, August 31st-September 1st, 2016. Invited by Dagmar Schäfer.

Organizer of the second workshop on “Accounting for Uncertainty: Prediction and Planning in Asia’s History.” At the International Consortium for Research in the Humanities, Erlangen, July 28th-29th, 2016.

“Thought and Prognostication.” Presented at the conference “Mantic Arts in China.” At the International Consortium for Research in the Humanities, Erlangen, July 19th, 2016.

Organizer of the conference “Mantic Arts in China.” At the International Consortium for Research in the Humanities, Erlangen, July 19th-22nd, 2016.

Panelist of the roundtable discussion “Future and Area Studies.” At the conference “Future Africa and Beyond – Review and Outlook.” At the Bayreuth Academy of Advanced African Studies, Bayreuth, Germany, June 17th, 2016. Invited by Achim von Oppen.

Participant of the Inaugural Workshop on “Accounting for Uncertainty: Prediction and Planning in Asia’s History.” At the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, June 1st-2nd, 2016. Invited by Dagmar Schäfer.

“Heaven, Hell, and Utopia in Early China.” Presented to the undergraduate class “Heaven and Hell in China.” Sinology Department, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Erlangen, May 9th, 2016. Invited by the instructor Esther-Maria Guggenmos.

Organizer of the panel “Fathoming the Universe and Calculating for Perfection: The *Book of Changes* as a Cosmological Map in the First Millennium CE China.” At the Association for Asian Studies 2016 Annual Conference. Seattle, April 1st, 2016.

“The Acceptance of the *Book of Changes* (*Yijing* 易經) as a Cosmological Manual in Late Western Han China.” Presented at the panel “Fathoming the Universe and Calculating for Perfection,” At the Association for Asian Studies 2016 Annual Conference. Seattle, April 1st, 2016.

Chair at the international conference, “Fate, Longevity, and Immortality: Europe – Islam – Asia,” At the International Consortium for Research in the Humanities, Erlangen, February 24th, 2016. Invited by Fabrizio Pregadio.

“Demon Hunters and Performers of Miracles: Common Ground Between the So-called Confucians, Buddhists, and Daoists in Early Medieval China.” Presented at the workshop, “Divination and the Strange in Pre- and Early Modern East Asia and Europe,” At the International Consortium for Research in the Humanities, Erlangen, October 27th, 2015. Invited by Sophia Katz.

Organizer of the panel “Fathoming the Universe and Calculating for Perfection: The *Book of Changes* as a Cosmological Map in the First Millennium CE China.” At the 14th International Conference on the History of Science in East Asia (14th ICHSEA). Paris, July 10th, 2015.

“The Acceptance of the *Book of Changes* (*Yijing* 易經) as a Cosmological Manual in Late Western Han China.” Presented at the panel “Fathoming the Universe and Calculating for Perfection,” 14th ICHSEA. Paris, July 10th, 2015.

“From Disciple to Student: The Modern School System, the Press, and Qian Mu’s Approach to the New Script vs. Old Script Controversy.” Presented at the panel “Republishing and Rethinking: Chinese Classical Texts and Their Interpretation in a Century of Transformation,” organized by Robert J. Culp. At the Association for Asian Studies 2015 Annual Conference. Chicago, March 27th, 2015.

“Whose Confucianism and Which Confucius: A Departure from Self-Cultivation in the 1st Century BCE China.” Presented at the workshop, “Fate and Destiny in Confucian Self-Cultivation,” At the International Consortium for Research in the Humanities, Erlangen, July 16th-17th, 2014. Invited by Thomas Fröhlich.

Commentator, commenting on Tze-ki Hon, “From Trust to Mistrust: The Sino-Japanese Relations, 1911-1937,” and Marc Matten, “Friend and Foe in 20th Century East Asia,” at the workshop on international relations, “Knowing your Enemies: Intention Assessment and the Prospect of East Asian Security.” At the International Consortium for Research in the Humanities, Erlangen, June 23rd-24th, 2014. Invited by Tze-ki Hon.

“The Uncrowned King and his Prophecy: Confucius and the Making of Dynastic Fate in the 1st CE China.” Lecture given at the University of Erlangen, May 6th, 2014.

“How to Read a Scripture: Codes in the Six Dynasties Daoist Text, *Sworn Code of the Four Poles* (*Siji mingke* 四極明科).” Presented at a reading workshop at the International Consortium for Research in the Humanities, University of Erlangen, December 11th, 2013.

“How to Survive an Encounter with Chinese Etiquette.” Presented to the Global Immersion Program, at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, March 12th, 2012. Invited by Frank Devecchis.

“Confucianism: Now and Then.” Presented at Swarthmore College, February 14th, 2012. Invited by Lala Zuo.

“The Rhapsody of the Divine Crow (神鳥傳): A Reappraisal.” Paper presented at the 40th Annual Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies Conference at Princeton University, October 23rd, 2011.

Participant, workshop on a newly discovered bamboo-strip manuscript, “Heng xian.” Penn State University, November 13th–14th, 2010. Invited by Erica Brindley.

Participant, workshop on a newly discovered bamboo-strip manuscript, “Baoxun.” Dartmouth College, March 27th, 2010. Invited by Constance Cook.

“An Interpretation of Two Wall Paintings in Baoshan No. 2 Tomb.” Paper presented at the 38th Annual Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies Conference at Villanova University, October 31st, 2009.

Teaching Experience

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| 2017, Spring | Chinese Academic Reading, Instructor, Sinology Department, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg. |
| 2016, Fall | Advanced Spoken Chinese, Instructor, Sinology Department, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg. |
| 2016, Spring | Chinese Academic Reading (with documented oral evaluation), Instructor, Sinology Department, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg. |
| 2015, Fall | Sinological Methods: A Guide to Research and English Academic Writing, Instructor, Sinology Department, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg. |
| 2012–present | Classical Chinese individual tutorial with Kelsey Seymour (current Ph.D. candidate at the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.). |
| 2010–present | Classical Chinese individual tutorial with Sarah Basham (current Ph.D. candidate at the University of British Columbia, Canada). |
| 2011 | Introduction to Chinese Thought (EALC131), teaching fellow, University of Pennsylvania. |
| 2010 | Introduction to Chinese Civilization (EALC 001), teaching fellow, University of Pennsylvania. |

2009–2010 Beginning Chinese III (CHIN 111) and Intermediate Modern Chinese (CHIN 211), individual tutorials, teaching fellow, University of Pennsylvania.

Administrative Service

2016–2017 Coordinator of the joint project “Accounting for Uncertainty: Prediction and Planning in Asia’s History” between the International Consortium for Research in the Humanities and the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science. Duties include designing the general plan of the project under the supervision of Michael Lackner and Dagmar Schäfer, serving as a search committee member, participating in six workshops over a span of two years, and organizing the three workshops that take place in Erlangen.

2014–present Visiting fellow recruitment at International Consortium for Research in the Humanities. Duties include receiving applications, sending them to suitable reviewers, and contacting applicants regarding results and schedules.

Fellowships

2013–2015 Käte Hamburger Center Fellowship, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany.

2009–2013 Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, U.S.

Language Proficiency

Mandarin Chinese, native

English, bilingual proficiency

Classical Chinese, expert (reading)

German, intermediate

Japanese, proficient (reading)

Sanskrit, intermediate (reading)