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## EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Arizona State University	2015
Major Field: Asian History Secondary Field: North American History		
Ph.D.	Renmin University of China	2008
Major: Modern Chinese History		
M.A	Renmin University of China	2005
Major: CCP History		
B.A	Northwest University of Political Science and Law	2003
Major: Civil and Commercial Law		

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Regional Areas of Research: China and Southeast Asia.  
Thematic Areas of Research: frontier and borderlands, ethnic economy and culture, colonialism, migration, environmental history, and the CCP history.

## TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

- Modern Southeast Asia (HIST 348)
- Chinese Cultural History (HIST 347)
- China since 1200 (HIST 341)
- World Civilizations from 1500 (HIST 202)
- Historian's Craft (HIST 200)

## GRANTS

- BYU Kennedy Center Research Grant: April 2018
- BYU Kennedy Center International Conference Travel Grant: November 2017

## PUBLICATIONS

- Book chapter: “The Shift and Continuity of the Core Objects in the Tropical Yunnan Borderlands.” In *“Objects and Frontiers: Between the Mekong and the Indus, 18th to 20th Century”* ed. Manjeet Baruah and Lipokmar Dzuwichu. Routledge 2019.
- Book chapter: “Transnational Communities in the Yunnan Borderlands in the 19th and early 20th Century: Re-thinking the Yunnan Borderlands and Frontier History Writing in China.” In *Transnational Frontiers of Asia and Latin America from 1800*, ed. Jaime Moreno-Tejada and Bradley Tatar. London: Routledge 2016.

## PUBLICATIONS IN PROCESS

- Book: *Outlaws, Traders, Warlords, and Chieftains: Makers of Yunnan Borderlands (1850s–1910s)* (manuscript submitted).
- Book Manuscript: *Monks, Ahongs and Missionaries: Transnational Efforts of the Non-Chinese Educational Institutions in Yunnan (1850s-1950s)* (under contract with University of Amsterdam Press, in writing process).
- Article: “State Priority or Local Mobilities? The Landmines along the Sino-Vietnamese Border in Yunnan,” in *Journal Transfers: Interdisciplinary Journal of Mobility Studies Special Issue on Transnational Mobilities in Nationalist Times: Living beyond the Nation in the 21st Century* (resubmitted).

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

- “Making the Dai Chieftain Revolutionary: Dao Anren before and after the 1911 Revolution,” “民国时期少数民族历史文化的主位书写” [*Thematic Writings on the Ethnic Culture and History During the Republican China Era*], Sun Yat-sen University and Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Foshan, Guangdong Province, China, April, 2019 via video conference participation.
- “Merchants, Military Men and Bandit: The Cycle of Wealth and Power in the Yunnan Borderlands (1870s-1940s).” AAS Denver, 21-24 March 2019.
- “Millenarianism Choked? --When the Social and Political Campaigns Intercepted the Indigenous and Communist Millenarianism in China’s Yunnan Borderlands since 1950s.” The Morality of Millenarianism in the Here and Now and the Then and There workshop, Organized by Jacob R. Hickman; funded by the International Consortium of Asia Pacific Studies [IMCAPS] and Brigham Young University’s Department of Anthropology and Asian Studies Program. December 1-2, 2018.
- “Buddhist Monks, Christian Missionaries and Muslim Ahongs: Transnational Efforts of the Non-Chinese Educational Institutions in Yunnan (1850s-1940s).” WCAAS Soka University of America, CA, 19-20 October 2018.
- “State Ambition, Provincial Expansion, and Local Competitions: Militarism and the Integration of the Yunnan Borderlands from 1908 to 1945.” The Association for Borderlands Studies World Conference 2018. Vienna and Budapest, 10-14 July 2018.
- “Becoming Chinese? ----the Yunnan Borderlands in the 1950s’ Education Reform.” AAS Washington DC, 22-25 March 2018.

- “State Ambition, Provincial Expansion, and Local Competitions: Militarism and the Integration of the Yunnan Borderlands from 1908 to 1945.” *Between Empires: the making and unmaking of borders, 19th 20th century*. Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 1-2 February 2018.
- “The State Ambition, Provincial Expansion, and Local Competitions: Militarism and the Integration of the Yunnan Borderlands from 1908 to 1945.” The Association for Borderlands Studies World Conference 2018. Vienna and Budapest, 10-14 July 2018.
- “The State Ambition, Provincial Expansion, and Local Competitions: Militarism and the Integration of the Yunnan Borderlands from 1908 to 1945.” *Between Empires: the making and unmaking of borders, 19<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> century*. Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 1-2 February 2018.
- “Converting the Converted: The Establishment, Dissolution and Revival of the Multi-religious and Cultural Communities in the Frontier of China's Yunnan in the Twentieth Century.” *Venerated Pasts, Utopian Futures: Asian Millenarianism in the Here and Now and the Then and There*, Park City, 2016
- “Between the Curse of Opium Trade and the Glories of Torch Festival: The Ethnic Social and Economic Dilemmas in China's Southwest since the 20th Century.” WCAAS Missoula, 2016
- “From Transnational Frontier to Patriotic Edge of China: the Landmine Zones in Yunnan since the late 1970s”. AACCS Houston 2015.
- “From the Golden Peacock to the Golden Rubber Tree: Myth and Reality of the Cash Crop Economy in Tropical Yunnan” presented in the panel titled Poetic mysticism, politicized film, henpecked husbands, collaboration, and environmental degradation: Prize-winning new research in Asian studies at AAS Chicago, 2015.
- “A Perfect Rain Check: The CCP’s Proposal on a Federal China and the Self-Determination of Ethnic Minorities (1920s–1930s).” WCAAS, Arizona State University 10/2014.
- “From the Golden Peacock to the Golden Rubber Tree: Cash Crops’ Triumph in the South Yunnan Border Region since 1950.” WCAAS, Weber State University, 09/2013.
- “The ‘Hui Merchants’ in Southwestern China: the Heqing Merchants and Their Commercial Networks since the Mid-Nineteenth Century,” WCAAS, Brigham Young University-Idaho, 10/2012.
- “Chinese Russians Standing in the Crossroad.” WCAAS, University of Arizona, 10/2009.
- “Chinese Communist Party’s Changing Policies toward Ethnic Minorities during the Long March (1934-35)”; WCAAS, University of Colorado at Boulder, 09/2008.