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### ***Education***

2017-present    PhD Candidate, The Catholic University of America, Department of History  
2014-2017      PhD Student, The Catholic University of America, Department of History  
2012-2014      M.A. in North American History, Nankai University (completion of course work)  
2008-2012      B.A. in World History, Nankai University

### ***Fellowships and Honors***

Short-term Research Fellowship, the Huntington Library, 2020-21.  
The Arthur J. Quinn Memorial Fellowship, the Bancroft Library at University of California, Berkeley, 2019-20.  
The Global South Fellowship, the New Orleans Center for the Gulf South, Tulane University, 2019-20.  
Dissertation Research Fellowship, the Wilson Library at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 2019-20.  
Weiner Fellowship/FAU-Huntington Research Fellowship, 2019-20 (Declined because of scheduling conflicts).  
Gilder Lehrman Scholarly Fellowship, The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, 2018-19.  
Dissertation Research Fund, The Catholic University of America, 2018.  
Excellence in Teaching Award, History Department, The Catholic University of America, 2018.  
Doctoral Scholarship for Graduate Studies, The Catholic University of America, 2014-2017.  
First Prize Scholarship for distinguished students of Nankai University (top 5%), 2010.

### ***Research Experience***

#### Conference Presentations

“‘Within the Jurisdiction of Our Courts’: Bureaucratic Reforms, Official-turned-attorneys, and the Marketplace of Chinese Immigration in the 1920s.” The Association of Asian Americans annual meeting, 2020 (cancelled due to Covid-19).  
“Surveilling Unworthy ‘Brokers’: Federal Agencies, White Lawyers for the Minorities, and the Search for Racial Management, 1862–1924.” The OAH Annual Meeting, 2020 (moved online due to Covid-19).  
“Navigating Worthiness at the Golden Gate: Immigration Lawyers, Chinese Immigrants, and Federal Officials in San Francisco, 1882-1910,” paper delivered at the OAH-AHRAC International Conference, “Inheritance and Innovation: An International Symposium on Migration, Ethnicity and the History of U.S. Civilization,” Changchun, China, July 2019.  
“Evading the ‘Absurdly Sanguine’: William Bourke Cockran, American Catholicism, and the Cause of Anti-imperialism (1904-1908),” paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of American Catholic Historical Association, Denver, January 2017.  
“Progressive Guesses for A Rising Power: Theodore Roosevelt’s Americanism versus Randolph Bourne’s International Nation,” presented in a Summer Seminar on American Immigration, Ethnicity, and Race sponsored by the Organization of American Historians, Northeast Normal University, Changchun, China, June 2012.

“Appeal from the “Far East”: Making Cultural Diplomacy in the Context of Western Stereotypes,” presented in the Symposium on the Public Diplomacy of East Asia, sponsored by The Institute of International Studies, Jilin University, China, June 2012.

### Research and Seminar Papers

“Negotiating Black Dignity: Military Service, ‘Smoked Yankee,’ and American Racial Equality, 1862-1919.” Seminar Paper for “Nineteenth Century America,” The Catholic University of America (CUA), 2016.

“Irish Catholics, Upward Mobility, and Western Colonization: Catholicism in the U.S. Antebellum Socioeconomic Debate.” Seminar Paper for “American Immigration and Ethnicity,” CUA, 2015.

“Religion and Ancestry: A Review of Postwar Canadian Historical Research on Irish Catholic Immigrants.” Seminar Paper for “Canadian History and Historiography: An Introduction,” Nankai University, 2013.

“Nativism and Grass-Root Politics: the ‘Know-Nothing’ Movement Revisited.” Seminar Paper for “American History: from the Colonial Period to the Civil War,” Nankai University, 2013.

“Heritage Within: Modern Contradictions in Understanding J.S.Mill’s Civil Liberty.” Seminar Paper for “Modern World History: The Atlantic After Renaissance,” Nankai University, 2012.

“Aboriginal Claim, Colonial Discourse: Search for Indigenous Rights in the Canadian Provincial Courts.” Thesis for Bachelor of Arts in History. Nankai University, 2012.

### Publications

Yang, Lingxia, Tian Xu. “Constructing Aboriginal Right to Land: the Case of the Nisga’a People.” *History Teaching* (Journal in Chinese), vol.5, 2017.

### Field Research

“Religion and Governance: The Expediency of the Catholic Church in Rural China,” 2010-2011.

### ***Teaching Experience***

Teaching Assistant, “Emerging Superpower: the United States from 1877 to 1991,” Catholic University of America, Spring 2017, 2018, and 2019.

Teaching Assistant, “The Making of America, 1607-1877,” Catholic University of America, Fall 2017, 2018, and 2019.

Teaching Assistant, “Modern European History (1789-Present),” Catholic University of America, Fall 2016.

Instructor, “Washington 101: Washington, D.C., Past & Present,” Catholic University of America, Spring 2016.

### ***Public Writing***

“Homeless around the Atlantic Rim: *Black Panther* and African American History” (movie review in Chinese). [https://www.thepaper.cn/newsDetail\\_forward\\_2012664](https://www.thepaper.cn/newsDetail_forward_2012664), March 11, 2018.

“Sick Man as President: The Breakout of John F. Kennedy” (in Chinese). Book Review of *An Unfinished Life: John F. Kennedy, 1917-1963*, by Robert Dallek (Boston: Little, Brown, and Co., 2003). Published through the online issue of *Chinese Humanity and History*, May 28, 2016.

### ***Language Skills***

English, Chinese (Read and Speak)  
French (Read only)