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Education

- 2021 PhD (with distinction), U.S. History
 The Catholic University of America
 Dissertation Title: “Navigating Worthiness in America: White Attorneys,
 Black Civil War Pensioners, and Chinese Immigrants, 1862-1930”
 Advisors: Timothy J. Meagher, Stephen A. West, Mae M. Ngai (Columbia
 University)
- 2017 M.A. in U.S. History, The Catholic University of America
- 2014 M.A. in Canadian & US History, Nankai Univ. (Completion of Coursework)
- 2012 B.A. in World History, Nankai University

Professional Experience

Scholar in Residence, Historic New England, Boston, Massachusetts, 2021-22.
Consultant, Museum of Chinese in America, New York City, 2021.

Research Experience

Publications (Peer-reviewed)

Xu, Tian Atlas. “Immigration Attorneys and Chinese Exclusion Law Enforcement: The Case of San Francisco, 1882-1930.” *The Journal of American Ethnic History* 41, no.1 (Fall 2021).

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

Conference Presentations

“Navigating ‘Worthiness’ in America’s Schools: Class, Chinese Exclusion, and A Forgotten Group of Chinese Students.” Paper presented at the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Annual Meeting, 2021.

“Immigration Attorneys and Chinese Exclusion Law Enforcement: The Case of San Francisco, 1882-1930.” Paper presented at the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Meeting, 2021.

“‘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

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(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.

Field Research

“Religion and Governance: The Catholic Church and Community Management in Rural China,” 2010-2011.

Fellowships and Honors

External Fellowships

Postdoctoral Fellowship, the Humanities Center at Texas Tech University, 2021-22 (declined).

Short-term Research Fellowship, the Huntington Library, 2020-21.

The Arthur J. Quinn Memorial Fellowship, the Bancroft Library at UC, 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 due to scheduling conflicts).

Gilder Lehrman Scholarly Fellowship, The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, 2018-19.

Internal Fellowships

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.

China Scholarship Council Fellowship, 2014-2018 (for living expenses only).

First Prize Scholarship for distinguished students of Nankai University (top 5%), 2010.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Fellow, “Junior Seminar on the Major Problems in American Immigration History.” Catholic University of America, Spring 2021 (online).

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

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, 2019, and 2020 (online).

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

Public History & Writing

Xu, Tian Atlas. “The Remaining Goodness in America.” Review of *The Abandonment of the West: The History of an Idea in American Foreign Policy*, by Michael Kimmage. New York: Basic Books, 2020. *The New Rambler*, <https://newramblerreview.com/book-reviews/history/the-remaining-goodness-in-america>, September 9, 2020.

“Tornado Machines and Trans-Pacific Relations: The Life and Work of Dr. C.C. Chang, 1908-2006.” Online Exhibit. <https://cuomeka.wrlc.org/exhibits/show/chang-chinese-american-exhibit/tornado-machines-and-trans-pac>, September 2020.

“Effective Public Engagement During an Election Year.” Webinar cohosted by the OAH and the Washington Post. July 27, 2020.

“Old Wounds Reopened, Nation-wide Compassion, and Collective Catharsis: the Sturdiness of American Protesting and the Cruelty of American History.” (op-ed in Chinese) <https://theinitium.com/article/20200609-opinion-usa-protest-history/>, June 8, 2020.

“Historical Memories and the Shift of Public Mood: An Excursion of Chinese Public Opinion in the Past Four Decades.” (op-ed in Chinese) <https://theinitium.com/article/20200426-notes-historic-memories-and-public-will/>, April 26, 2020.

Language Skills

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