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Research interests

Late Qing and Republican China, Environmental History, Digital Humanities, History of Medicine

Education

2024-present Doctoral Student, History, York University (ongoing)

2021-2023 Research MA, Asian Studies, Leiden University
- GPA: 8.4/10
- Thesis subject: *Sojourners, Sailors, and Sex Workers: The Development of Yantai's Leisure Industries in the context of Semicolonialism, 1919-1941*

2019-2021 MA, Political Science, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- GPA: 3.96/4.0
- Thesis subject: *Railway imperialism in the late Qing 1863-1912*

2015-2019 BSc, Human Geography and Urban & Regional Planning, University of Amsterdam
- Thesis subject: *Adaptation and Mitigation Strategies Against the Urban Heat Island Effect: A Comparative Study on Amsterdam and Rotterdam*

2018-2019 Exchange Program, International and Global Studies, University of Nottingham
Ningbo, China

2014-2015 Propaedeutic certificate, Climate & Management, The Hague University of Applied Science

Employment

Academic-Teaching

2024-present Teaching Assistant, Department of History, York University
Courses taught: The Chinese Body in Cross-Cultural Perspective: Medicine, Food, and Footbinding. United States History.

2023-2024 University Lecturer, College of International and Cultural Exchange, Guangxi Normal University

2022-2023 Course Assistant & Seminar Lecturer, Department of Asian Studies, Leiden University

2020-2021 Teaching Assistant, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Academic – Research

2025-present Research Assistant, “Vernacular Medicine and Modes of Knowing in China.” Multiyear research project led by Prof. Joan Judge, York University.

2025 Research Assistant, “Down to the Roots: Dentistry and Oral Hygiene in Modern China.” Research project led by Dr. Jinghong Zhang, University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

2022 Team Member, Qingmaps.org, Leiden University.

Internships

2019 Intern Sustainability, Joint US-China Collaboration on Clean Energy (JUCCCE), Shanghai

2017-2018 Intern Geo-information, Municipality of The Hague

Other

2016-2019 Fishmonger, Marqt, Amsterdam

Scholarships/ grants

2025 Vivienne Poy Hakka Graduate Research Award

2019-2021 CSC Scholarship

Talks and presentations

Conference presentations

2025 “Voicing Allure: Shifting Social Profiles and Work Methods of Sex Workers in Early 20th-Century Yantai,” *CHANGE: Voicing Gender in China*, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris, June 16-17.

Invited lectures

2025 “Repurposing the Borderlands: Print Culture, Orientalism, and Han-nationalism around China’s Frontiers, 1930s”, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (University of Munich), June 24.

Languages

Dutch (mother tongue), English (fluent), Mandarin Chinese (Advanced), Classical Chinese (reading), German (reading), Afrikaans (reading).

Interests

Playing guitar, composing music, reading, running.