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EDUCATION

Yale University • Ph.D., History, 1998; M.A., International Relations, 1992.
UC Berkeley • B.A., with high distinction, Political Science, May 1986.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
present • Department of Women's and Gender Studies and Department of History
(Associate Professor)
2011 – 19 Independent scholar, Ann Arbor, MI
• *Department of Asian Languages and Cultures (Visiting scholar, 2011-13)*
• *Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies (Center Associate, 2011-19)*

2012 – 15 University of Westminster, London, UK
• *EASTmedicine, Faculty of Science and Technology (Research Fellow, Wellcome Trust funded project on “Beyond Tradition: Ways of Knowing and Styles of Practice in East Asian Medicines”)*

1998 – 2011 Albion College, Albion, MI
• *Department of History (Assistant Professor, 1998-2004, Associate Professor, 2004-11); International Studies Program (Chair, 2001-10)*

1987 – 90 Kroll Associates, Inc., San Francisco, CA, and New York, NY. *Senior Associate.*

1986 Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, DC. *Intern.*

HONORS, AWARDS & GRANTS

- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (Jan-June 2024; \$30,000)
- Associate Professor Support Fund, University of Michigan (Winter-Spring 2021: one course release+summer ninth)
- Margaret W. Rossiter Book Prize, History of Science Society, 2011 (for *Reproducing Women*)
- Research Residency, Institute for Historical Studies, University of Michigan (2005-06; \$6,000)
- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2002-2003; \$40,000)
- Hewlett-Mellon Fund for Faculty Development, Albion College (numerous grants, 2000-2010)
- East Asian Studies Prize Fellowship, Yale University (1995-97)
- Committee on Scholarly Communication with China Fellowship (1994-95)
- Arthur F. Wright Fellowship in Chinese History, Yale University (1992-95)
- Academic Excellence Award, International Relations Program, Yale University (1992)
- Yale University Fellowship (1990-92)
- Phi Beta Kappa, University of California (1986)

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & COLLABORATIONS

Monographs

Under contract *The Injured Body: A Social History of Medicine for Wounds in Late Imperial China* (Berghahn Books)

2010 *Reproducing Women: Medicine, Metaphor and Childbirth in Late Imperial China*. University of California Press. (Chinese edition under contract 9/2023, Guangxi Normal University Press.)

Edited volumes

Under contract Suman Seth and Yi-Li Wu, eds. *The Eighteenth Century*. Volume 4 in Lauren Kassell, general editor, *The Cambridge History of Medicine*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. In progress. Manuscript to be delivered in 2027.

Book chapters

In progress “Chao Yuanfang, Zhubing yuanhou lun (On the Origins and Manifestations of the Myriad Diseases, 610);” “Wei Yilin, Shiyi dexiao fang (Efficacious Methods from a Hereditary Medical Family, 1337);” “Liu Chun, Yuji weiyi (Subtle Meanings of the Jade Mechanism, 1396);” “Xue Ji (1487-1559) Zhengti leiyao (Categorized Essentials for Rectifying the Body);” “Wu Qian, ed, Yizong jinjian—Zhenggu xinfa (The Golden Mirror of the Orthodox Medical Lineage—Essentials on Rectifying Bones, 1742);” “Ming De, Jinchuang tie shan san (Iron Fan Powder for Treating Blade Wounds, 1756);” “Hu Tingguang, Shangke huizuan (Compiled Teachings on Injury Medicine, 1816);” in Volker Scheid, ed. *Styles of Practice in Chinese Medicine: A Historical Sourcebook*.

2024 “An Imperial Doctor’s Guide to Bone Setting, 1742.” In Olivia Weisser, ed. *Early Modern Medicine: A Source-Centered Introduction*, 134-53. London: Routledge.

2022 “Gynecology and obstetrics from antiquity to the early 21st century.” In Vivienne Lo, Michael Stanley-Baker, and Dolly Yang, eds. *The Routledge Handbook of Chinese Medicine*, 368-80. London: Routledge. Open Access.

2019 “Reproduction.” In Howard Chiang, ed., *The Making of the Human Sciences in China: Historical and Conceptual Foundations*, 101-123. Leiden: Brill.

2018 “The Gendered Medical Iconography of the *Golden Mirror*, *Yuzuan Yizong Jinjian*, 1742.” In Vivienne Lo and Penelope Barrett, eds., *Imagining Chinese Medicine*, 111-132. Leiden: Brill.

2015 “Bodily knowledge and Western learning in late imperial China: The case of Wang Shixiong (1808-68).” In Howard Chiang, ed., *Historical Epistemology and the Making of Modern Chinese Medicine*, 80-112. Manchester: University of Manchester Press.

2014 Co-authored with Tina Phillips Johnson. “Maternal and child health in the 19th and 20th centuries.” In Bridie Andrews and Mary Bullock, eds., *Medical Transitions in Twentieth Century China*, 51-58. Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press.

2012 “The Qing period.” In TJ Hinrichs and Linda L. Barnes, eds., *Chinese Medicine and Healing: An Illustrated History*, 160-207. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Peer-reviewed articles

2016 “A trauma doctor’s practice in nineteenth century China: The medical cases of Hu Tingguang.” *Social History of Medicine* (advance access on-line, August 26; published in hard copy as vol. 30, no. 2 [May 2017]:299–322). doi:10.1093/shm/hkw075.

2016 “The menstruating womb: A cross-cultural analysis of medical gender in Hö Chun’s *Precious Mirror of Eastern Medicine* (1613)” *Asian Medicine: Tradition and Modernity* 11: 21-60.

2015 “Between the living and the dead: Traumatic injuries and forensic medicine in the mid-Qing.” *Frontiers of History in China*, 10.1(March):38-73.

2011 “Body, gender, and disease: The female breast in late imperial Chinese medicine.” *Late Imperial China*, 32.1(June):83-128.

2009 “The gendered medical iconography of *The Golden Mirror*.” *Asian Medicine: Tradition and Modernity* (Brill) 4.2:452-491.

2002 “Ghost fetuses, false pregnancies, and the parameters of medical uncertainty in classical Chinese gynecology.” *Nan Nü: Men, Women, and Gender in Early and Imperial China*, 4.2:170-206. Chinese translation published in Li Zhende, ed. *Xingbie, shenti yu yiliao* (Gender, body, and medicine). Taipei: Lianjing chuban shiye gufen youxian gongsi, 2008 Deng Xiaonan, Wang Zheng, You Jianmin, eds. *Zhongguo funü shi duben* (A reader on Chinese women’s history). Beijing: Beijing Daxue chubanshe, 2011.

2000 “The Bamboo Grove Monastery and popular gynecology in Qing China.” *Late Imperial China* 21.1(June): 41-76.

Other scholarly publications

2021 “Black Lives and Asian Medicine: An Introduction to the Special Issue on “African American Contributions to American Acupuncture.”” *Asian Medicine* 16, no. 2: 231-50.

2021 Co-authored with Daniel Burton-Rose, “Acupuncture, the Black Panther Party, and People’s Medicine: An Interview with Tolbert Small.” *Asian Medicine* 16, no. 2: 251-75.

2021 Co-authored with Tenisha Dandridge. “Community Medicine as Racial Justice: An interview with Tenisha Dandridge.” *Asian Medicine* 16, no. 2: 310-37.

2021 Co-authored with Denise Tyson. “Fighting medical racism with education and action: An interview with Denise Tyson.” *Asian Medicine* 16, no. 2: 338-60.

Book reviews

2025 “The Death of the Doctor’s Mother: History, Fiction, and Medicine for Women in *Lady Tan’s Circle of Women*,” *Chinese Medicine and Culture*, in preparation.

2025 Ruth Yun-Ju Chen. *Good Formulas: Empirical Evidence in Mid-Imperial Chinese Medical Texts* (Seattle, Wash: University of Washington Press, 2023), *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, forthcoming.

2024 Natalie Köhle and Shigehisa Kuriyama, eds. *Fluid Matter(s): Flow and Transformation in the History of the Human Body* (Canberra. Australian National University Press, 2020), *Asian Medicine* 19, No.2: 382-84.

2022 Hsiao-wen Cheng. *Divine, Demonic, and Disordered: Women without Men in Song Dynasty China* (Seattle, WA: University of Washington Press, 2021), *Asian Medicine* 17, no. 2:340-42.

2021 Reiko Shinno. *The Politics of Chinese Medicine under Mongol Rule* (London and New York: Routledge, 2016), *East Asian Science, Technology, and Medicine* 53, no. 1-2:101-105.

2015 Marta E. Hanson, *Speaking of Epidemics in Chinese Medicine: Disease and the Geographic Imagination in Late Imperial China* (Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2011), *East Asian Science, Technology, and Medicine* 38(13/14):125-32

2015 Michelle T. King, *Between Birth and Death: Female Infanticide in Nineteenth-Century China* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2014), *Frontiers of History in China* 10.1 (March): 174-77.

2012 Lee Jen-der, *Nüren de zhongguo yiliao shi: Han Tang zhi jian de jiankang zhaogu yu xingbie* (A

woman's history of Chinese medicine and healing: Health care and gender in the Han to Tang dynasties), (Taipei: Sanmin shuju, 2008), *East Asian Science, Technology, and Society* 6:577-580.

2011 Angela Ki Che Leung, *Leprosy in China: A History* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2009), *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies* 71.1 (June): 220-227.

2009 Charlotte Furth, Judith T. Zeitlin, and Ping-chen Hsiung, eds. *Thinking with Cases: Specialist Knowledge in Chinese Cultural History* (Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2007), *China Review International* 16.2:176-179.

2009 Volker Scheid, *Currents of Tradition in Chinese Medicine, 1626-2006* (Seattle: Eastland Press, 2007), *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 83.1:200-01.

2008 Jing-Bao Nie, *Behind the Silence: Chinese Voices on Abortion* (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2005), *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 82.3:764-65.

2008 Vivienne Lo and Christopher Cullen, eds., *Medieval Chinese Medicine: The Dunhuang Medical Manuscripts* (London: RoutledgeCurzon, 2005), *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 82.2:433-34.

2007 Angela Ki Che Leung, ed., *Medicine for Women in Imperial China* (Leiden: Brill, 2006), *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* 62.3:357-59.

2007 Linda L. Barnes, *Needles, Herbs, Gods and Ghosts: China, Healing, and the West to 1848* (Harvard University Press, 2005), *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 81.2:449-50.

2006 Paul U. Unschuld, *Huang Di Nei Jing Su Wen: Nature, Knowledge, Imagery in an Ancient Chinese Medical Text*, (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2003), *ISIS* 97:150-51.

2005 Joanna Grant, *A Chinese Physician: Wang Ji and the "Stone Mountain Medical Case Histories"* (London: RoutledgeCurzon, 2003), *Journal of Asian Studies* 64.2 (May):442-43.

2004 Elisabeth Hsu, ed., *Innovation in Chinese Medicine* (Cambridge, U.K.: Cambridge University Press, 2001), *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 35.1 (Summer):177-79.

2001 Joseph Schneider and Wang Laihua, *Giving Care, Writing Self: A "New" Ethnography* (New York: Peter Lane Publishing, Inc, 2000). *Journal of Asian Studies* 60.4 (November):1172-74.

2000 Charlotte Furth, *A Flourishing Yin* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1999), *Journal of Asian Studies* 59.2 (May):403-405.

Collaborative scholarly projects

2018 "Chinese Medicine and Healing: Translating Practice," (with TJ Hinrichs, Cornell University, and Bridie Andrews, Bentley University). International workshop at Cornell University, June 15-18, 2018. Funded by Cornell University units (Jeffrey S. Lehman Fund for Scholarly Exchange with China, East Asia Program Translation Studies Initiative, and Cornell Humanities Council).

2015 "Comparative Perspectives on Body Materiality and Structure in Sinitic and East Asian Medicine" (with Leslie deVries and Miranda Brown). International workshop at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 2-4, 2015. Funded by the Wellcome Trust and the American Council of Learned Societies/Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation.

2013 "Global and Cross-cultural Perspectives on Chinese Medicine" (with Miranda Brown, University of Michigan). Speaker series at the University of Michigan, 2012-13.

2011 "Global Perspectives on the History of Chinese Legal Medicine" (with Miranda Brown and Jeffrey Jentzen, University of Michigan). International workshop at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 20-23, 2011. Funded by the American Council of Learned Societies/Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation.

Media and other dissemination

2024 Interviewee, “Chinese Midwives between the 1950s and 1990s: A Documentary Project”, Produced as part of the projects “Chinese Midwives under the Socialism: An Oral History” (Coordinator: Prof. Gonçalo Santos, Coimbra University) and “Women and Birth in Transition: The Politics of Childbirth Medicalization in Reform-era China,” (Investigators: Prof. Jun Zhang, City University of Hong Kong, and Prof. Gonçalo Santos, Coimbra University), May 17.

2023 “Ming-Qing Illustrations of the Organs.” *Comparative Guts*. <https://comparative-guts.net/ming-qing-illustrations-of-the-organs/>.

2018 “Cold Wombs and Cold Semen: Explaining Sonlessness in Sixteenth-century China,” blog post for “The Recipes Project”, December 18. <https://recipes.hypotheses.org/13758>

2017 “Pain, Poison, and Surgery in Fourteenth-Century China,” blog post for “The Recipes Project”, September 26. <https://recipes.hypotheses.org/9936>.

2015 “Wrapped in Flesh: Views of the Body in East Asian Medicine,” blog post for “Circulating Now”, National Library of Medicine, December 3. <https://circulatingnow.nlm.nih.gov/2015/12/03/wrapped-in-flesh-views-of-the-body-in-east-asian-medicine/>.

2015 Interviewee. “Media Focus: *Precious Mirror of Eastern Medicine*” (傳媒對焦: 東醫寶鑑) Fairchild TV (新世代電視), Toronto, Canada. Air date May 1. Archived http://fairchildtv.com/newsarchive_detail.php?n=28&topic=397&episode=760

2007 Interviewee, “Chinese medicine.” Directed by Sharon Wood and produced by Lucasfilm. Documentary short for distribution in *The Young Indiana Jones, Volume One: The Early Years*. DVD edition.

2005 “On successful childbirth: A popular medical manual from 18th century China,” in *China Mirror*, Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Web-based curricular module.

Invited seminars & lectures (last 5 years)

2024 “Blood and the Injured Body in Literate Chinese Medicine: Two Cases from the Formulary of Xu Shuwei.” Classical Chinese Colloquium, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. November 2.

2024 “Piercing flesh and joining bones: The materiality of the body in the history of Chinese medicine.” Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, University of Michigan, Jan. 25 .

2023 “Injuries and wounds in the History of Chinese Medicine.” Society for the History and Philosophy of Medicine, University of Michigan Medical School, July 3 (by Zoom).

2023 “Hot drugs for cold women? Debates over post-partum medicines in late imperial China.” For “Roots, Herbs, & History: A Speakers Series on Chinese Medicine and Gender.” East Asian Studies Center and the History Department of Ohio State University, April 20 (by Zoom)

2022 “Black Lives and Asian medicine.” Martin Luther King Jr. Day lecture, Lieberthal Rogel Center for Chinese Studies, January 17.

2021 “Traditional Chinese Medicine.” Lecture delivered to the Taiwanese-American Student Association, University of Michigan, Nov. 3.

2021 “Myth-Busting the History of Chinese Medicine: Going Beyond the ‘Function, Not Structure’ Stereotype,” Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies noontime lecture series, Feb. 23 (by Zoom).

2021 “What are we talking about when we talk about ‘Chinese medicine?’” Lecture delivered to

the Multicultural Pharmacy Student Organization, University of Michigan College of Pharmacy, Jan 20 (by Zoom).

2020 “‘Sending men to face blades and arrows’: Morality, Medicine, and military wounds in the history of Chinese healing (8th-17th centuries).” Military injuries in the history of Chinese medicine and surgery.” History of Medicine Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University, Nov. 12 (by Zoom).

Invited contributions to workshops, conferences & roundtables (last 5 years)

2024 Invited commentator, “Medicine and the Making of Difference,” Workshop organized by Science and Technology Studies, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, Nov. 2.

2024 “Yi ‘dahan’ wei lie tantao Mingmo minjian liaofa yu jingying yixues de jiaohui” (“Striking Coldness”: A Case Study of the Intersections between Folk Healing and Elite Medicine in the Late Ming), for “Chong fang Ming-Qing shidai de jiyi, yixue, yu shehui” (Revisiting Epidemics, Medicine, and Society in the Ming-Qing Period), Beijing University Department of the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, October 25 (by Zoom).

2024 “African Americans and Asian Medicine,” for “Asian Traditions of Health, Medicine, and the Body,” Health Humanities Program, PennState Abington College. Feb. 2 (by Zoom).

2023 Invited discussant for Ruixuan Du, “The written forms of external medicine in the seventeenth century: The case of *Waike zhengzong*,” in the “Artefacts, Action, Knowledge Colloquium Series,” Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, Germany, Dec. 5 (by Zoom).

2023 “Guts in Ming-Qing China,” for “Comparative Guts,” organized by the Cluster of Excellence ROOTS, Kiel University, Germany, July 7-9.

2022 Invited discussant for “Medical Encounters, Practice, Archives,” Tel Aviv University-Max Planck Institute for the History of Science joint workshop, Tel Aviv, September 18-20.

2021 Invited discussant for Abigail Dumes, *Divided Bodies: Lyme Disease, Contested Illness, and Evidence-Based Medicine*, in the “Gender: New Works, New Questions” series, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan, Feb. 11.

Other conferences, workshops, roundtables (last 5 years)

2024 “Skulls, brains, and bones: Traumatic head injuries and therapeutic morphology in the history of Chinese medicine.” Paper for panel on “The Social History of Body Parts in Chinese Medicine: Methodology, Cases, and Frameworks,” Joint conference of the International Association for the Study of Traditional Asian Medicines and the Asian Society for the History of Medicine, Taipei, Taiwan, ROC, June 21-24.

2024 Chair and discussant, Panel titled “Medicine for the Military: Institutions, Ideologies, and Therapies in Imperial China,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, March 14-17.

2023 “Restoring the broken body in Ming-Qing injury medicine.” Paper for panel on “The Body Multiple,” ICHSEA 16 (Plenary conference of the international Society for the History of East Asian Science, Technology, and Medicine), Frankfurt, Germany, August 21-25.

2023 Commentator, triple panel on “Crises and Inventions: Medicine and Healthcare in (early) modern China in Global Context,” ICHSEA 16 (Plenary conference of the International Society for the History of East Asian Science, Technology, and Medicine), Frankfurt, Germany, August 21-25.

2021 Panel chair and co-organizer, “Gender in Chinese Studies: A Conference in Honor of Wang Zheng,” sponsored by the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies, University of Michigan, April 9-10 (by Zoom)

2021 Moderator and co-organizer, panel roundtable, “Contextualizing Violence Against Asians and Asian-Americans within the History of US Relational Racism,” sponsored by the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies, University of Michigan, March 26 (by Zoom)

2021 Chair and discussant, “Patients, Nurses, and Doctors: Medicine and Gender in Modern East Asian Literature and History,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, March 24 (by Zoom).

TEACHING

University of Michigan

Teaching awards	Nominee, Golden Apple Award (For Hist. 204, Fall 2019) Awardee, Honored Instructor, Michigan Housing (For Fall 2022)
Undergraduate courses	Hist /Asian 204: East Asia: Early Transformations (to 1800) Hist/Asian 205: Modern East Asia (since 1800) Hist 297/Asian 265: Health and Disease in Chinese History (new course, Fall 2020). Hist 328/Asian 380: Love, Loyalty, and Friendship in East Asia (new course, Fall 2021) Hist 407/IntlSt 401: Transcultural and International Histories of Medicine, Disease and the Body (new course, Winter 2020) WGS 408/Hist 438/Asian 408: Gender and Health in East Asia: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives (new course, Winter 2020)
Graduate courses	WGS 530: Feminist Theory HIST 621: Women and Gender in China HIST 802: Independent Study: “Historiography of Chinese Medicine” (Winter 2020).

<i>University of Westminster</i>	Lecturer, <i>EASTmedicine</i> Summer School. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The History of Blood in Chinese Medicine” (six hours). July 20-26, 2015. • “The History of Trauma Medicine in China,” “The History of Gynecology in China” (nine hours). July 14-25, 2014. • “The History of Gynecology in China” (nine hours). July 15-26, 2013.
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<i>Albion College</i>	Hist 111: East Asia: Cultures and Civilizations Hist 263: History of Modern China Hist 264: History of Modern Japan (until 2009)
Undergraduate courses	Hist 295: Chinese Medicine, Past and Present Hist 365: Women and Gender in East Asia Hist 382: East Asian Environmental History

Hist 402: The History of Western Medicine
HSP 155: Great Issues in Social Sciences: Disease and Human Society
LA 101: Chinese Medicine in Cross-Cultural and Historical Perspective
LA 101: From Sony to “Star Wars”: E. Asian Influences on American Culture

SERVICE

University of Michigan

Departmental committee service: Women’s and Gender Studies Department

- 2019-2021: Executive Committee
- 2019-22: Joint Doctoral Program Committee and Women’s and Gender Studies-History Liaison (chair ex officio of the WGS-History doctoral program admissions committee)
- 2022 (Fall): Joint Tenure Panel for Charlotte Karem Albercht
- 2024- 25: Member, Launch Committee for Rovel Sequiera
- 2024- 25: present: Member, M-PACT review committee
- 2024-25: Member, WGS-History doctoral program admissions committee

Departmental committee service: History

- 2021-22: Chair, DEI Committee
- 2022-23: Chair, Asia Caucus
- 2023 (Winter): Executive Committee

Extra-departmental committee service

- Faculty Senate Assembly, Elected LSA Representative (2025-)
- Faculty Senate Assembly, Academic Affairs Advisory Committee (2025-)
- Executive Committee, Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies (2021-2023)
- Executive Committee, Institute for the Humanities (2020-21)
- President’s COVID-19 Committee for Ethics and Privacy (4/20-6/20)

Service to the Profession

- Elected member, East and Inner Asia Council (formerly the China and Inner Asia Council), Association for Asian Studies (2020-2023)
- *Asian Medicine*, (Senior Editor, 2017 – 24)
- *Late Imperial China* (Associate Editor, 2014 – 2022)
- *Journal of Asian Studies* (Book review editor [China, Humanities], 2011-14).
- Manuscript reviewer for: Stanford University Press, Brill Publishers; *Asia Pacific Perspectives*, *Asian Medicine*, *Gender and History*, *Late Imperial China*, *Modern China*, *Social History of Medicine*, *Osiris*.