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Research interests

Late Qing and Republican China, Environmental History, Digital Humanities, History of Medicine, History of the Nasu-Yi, Indigenous history

Education

- 2024-present Doctoral Student, History, York University, Canada (ongoing).
- 2021-2023 Research MA, Asian Studies, Leiden University, the Netherlands.
- GPA: 8.4/10 (Cum Laude)
- 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, China.
- 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, the Netherlands
- 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, the Netherlands

Employment

Academic-Teaching

- 2024-present Teaching Assistant, Department of History, York University, Canada.
Courses taught: The Chinese Body in Cross-Cultural Perspective: Medicine, Food, and Footbinding; United States History; Imperialism, Nationalism, and Economic Development in Modern Asia
- 2023-2024 University Lecturer, College of International and Cultural Exchange, Guangxi Normal University, China
- 2022-2023 Course Assistant & Seminar Lecturer, Department of Asian Studies, Leiden University, the Netherlands
- 2020-2021 Teaching Assistant, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China

Academic – Research

- 2025-present Research Assistant and Web Designer, “Vernacular Medicine and Modes of Knowing in China.” Multiyear research project led by Prof. Joan Judge, York University, Canada. <https://vcmed.org>

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, the United States of America

2022 Team Member, Qingmaps.org, Leiden University, the Netherlands
<https://qingmaps.org>

Internships

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

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

Other

2016-2019 Fishmonger, Marqt, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Scholarships/ grants

Canadian Dollars

2026-2029 Canada Graduate Research Scholarship - Doctoral (CGRS-D), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

2024-present York Graduate Scholarship

2026 York University Academic Excellence Fund

2026 York Centre for Asian Research (YCAR) Language Award

2026 Conference Attendance Grant – Japan Foundation

2025 Vivienne Poy Hakka Graduate Research Award

2019-2021 CSC Scholarship

Talks and presentations

Conference presentations

2026 “Nasu Knowledge, Han Migration and Medicinal Frontier Resources: Deer, Gastrodia, and Cinnabar in Yun-Gui,” *Vernacular Medicine in Chinese History: International Symposium*, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, August 7.

2026 “Vicarious Ethnographies: Frontier Journals, Travel Writing, and Territorial Anxieties in China’s Southwestern Borderlands in the Early 20th Century,” *Reframing Modern Histories Across the Taiwan Strait: Entanglements, Divergences, and Global Connections*, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, August 6.

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, France June 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), Germany, June 24.

Chair/ Discussant

2026 Discussant, “The Modern Transformation of Vernacular Medicine,” *Vernacular Medicine in Chinese History: International Symposium*, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, August 7.

Languages

Dutch (mother tongue), English (fluent), Mandarin Chinese (Advanced), Classical Chinese (reading), Japanese (intermediate), Nasu-Yi (intermediate), German (reading), Afrikaans (reading)

Interests

Playing guitar, composing music, reading, running