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## EDUCATION

2011 Ph.D., Modern Chinese History, University of California, San Diego  
2006 M.A., East Asian Studies, Stanford University  
1998 B.A., Economics and International Studies, University of Michigan

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2022–23 Acting Director, Global China Center, HKUST  
2019– Associate Director, Global China Center, HKUST  
2018– Associate Professor, Division of Humanities, HKUST  
2012–18 Assistant Professor, Division of Humanities, HKUST

## FELLOWSHIPS

2021–22 Radcliffe-Harvard Yenching Fellow, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University  
2011–12 Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University  
2010–11 Chiang Ching-kuo Doctoral Fellowship  
2009–10 Fulbright Fellowship for Dissertation Research  
2009–10 The University of California Pacific Rim Research Grant  
2009–11 Academia Sinica Fellowships for Doctoral Candidates (Declined)  
2004–05 Asia Pacific Research Center (APARC) Fellowship, Stanford University

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

2020. *The Hijacked War: The Story of Chinese POWs in the Korean War*. Stanford University Press, 2020. 496 pp.  
2023 (forthcoming). *Beijiechi de zhanzheng: Zhongguo Renmin Zhiyuanjun zhanfu, Taiwan yu Hanzhan* 被劫持的戰爭：中國人民志願軍戰俘、台灣與韓戰 [The Hijacked War: Chinese People's Volunteers POWs, Taiwan, and the Korean War]. Translated by David Cheng Chang. Hong Kong: Chinese University Press.

### Special Issue

2020. Guest editor and theme issue introduction, “The Korean War Prisoners Who Chose Neutral Nations: An Introduction.” *Journal of American-East Asian Relations* 7, (2020):214–234.

- H-Diplo Review Forum 1073, reviews by William Stueck, Charles S. Young, and Leonardo Barbosa; response by David C. Chang, November 2021. <https://issforum.org/reviews/PDF/AR1073.pdf>

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Chapters

2023 (forthcoming). “Inflection Points: US-China-North Korea Relations in the Trump Years,” in *Divided America, Divided Korea: The US and Korea During and After the Trump Years*, edited by David P. Fields and Mitchell B. Lerner. Cambridge University Press.

2023 (under review). “‘The only American officer standing in the way of Sino-American cooperation’: Haydon L. Boatner, Joseph Stilwell’s Right-hand Man, in the China-Burma-India Theater in World War II,” in *Uneasy Allies: Toward a Grassroots History of Sino-US Relations*, edited by Judd Kinzley and Zach Fredman. Cambridge

University Press.

2021. “Xinzhongguo’ de pantaozhe: hanzhan fangong zhanfu de shengsi taowang lu” 「新中國」的叛逃者：韓戰反共戰俘的生死逃亡路，1950–1954 [Defectors of the New China: The Perilous Escapes of Anti-Communist Prisoners in the Korean War]. In *Jitihua shidai de Zhongguo: Ri-Zhong gongtong janjiu* 集體化時代的中國：日中共同研究 [China under Communist regime: Japan-China joint research], edited by Zhang Jishun and Ishikawa Yoshihiro, 63–103. Tokyo: Toyo Bunko 東洋文庫.
2017. “US Psychological Warfare on Korean War Prisoners: From policymaking in Washington to implementation on Koje Island,” in *Yeoljeon sok naengjeon, naengjeon sok yeoljeon: naengjeonasiaui sasangsimrijeon* [Cold War in Hot War, Hot War in Cold War: The Cold War and Thought-Psychological Warfare in Asia], edited by Paek Won Dam and Kang Sung Hyun, 223–250. Seoul: Jininjin Press.
2016. “Xinzhongguo’ de pantaozhe: hanzhan fangong zhanfu de shengsi taowanglu” [Defectors of the New China: The Perilous Escapes of Anti-Communist Prisoners in the Korean War]. *Hanxue Yanjiu* 漢學研究 [Chinese Studies] 34, no. 2:245–280.
2013. “Zhang Yifu xiansheng fangwen jilu” 張一夫先生訪問紀錄 [Oral History of Korean War Prisoner Zhang Yifu], interviewed by David C. Chang, edited by David C. Chang and Kang Li. *Koushu lishi* 口述歷史 [Oral History] no. 13 (November 2013): 121–152. Taipei: Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica.
2010. “Democracy Is in Its Details: The 1909 Provincial Assembly Elections and the Print Media.” In *China on the Margins*, edited by Sherman Cochran and Paul G. Pickowicz, 195–220. Ithaca, NY: Cornell East Asia Series.

### Book Review Essays

2019. Review of Gao Hua, *How the Red Sun Rose: The Origins and Development of the Yan’an Rectification Movement, 1930–1945*. Translated by Stacey Mosher and Guo Jian. Hong Kong: The Chinese University Press, 2019. *Journal of Asian Studies* 78, no. 4 (November 2019):898–902.
2015. Review of Barbara Mittler, *A Continuous Revolution: Making Sense of Cultural Revolution Culture*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Asia Center, 2012. 中央研究院近代史研究所集刊 [The Bulletin of the Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica] 88, (June 2015):239–253.
- 2008a. Review of Gao Hua 高華, *Hongtaiyang shi zenyang shengqi de* 紅太陽是怎樣升起的：延安整風運動的來龍去脈 [How the Red Sun rose in Yan’an]. Hong Kong: The Chinese University Press, 2000. *China Review International* 15, no. 4 (2008):515–521.
- 2008b. Review of Mao Haijian 茅海建, *Tianchao de bengkuai* 天朝的崩潰：鴉片戰爭再研究 [The collapse of the Celestial Empire: A reanalysis of the Opium War]. Beijing: Sanlian Shudian, 1995. *China Review International* 15, no. 4 (2008):533–538.

### H-Diplo Review

2014. Review of Hsiao-ting Lin, “US-Taiwan Military Diplomacy Revisited: Chiang Kai-shek, *Baituan*, and the 1954 Mutual Defense Pact,” *Diplomatic History* 37:5 (November 2013): 971–994. H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews, June 27, 2014. <http://h-diplo.org/reviews/PDF/AR468.pdf>

### Publications in Chinese

2020. “Zhenshi de lishi, zhenzhi de linghun –Eyun yu Yu Jin” 跋：真實的歷史、真摯的靈魂—《厄運》與于勁 [Factual history, truthful spirit: *Eyun* and *Yu Jin*], afterword to *Yu Jin*, 厄運 *Eyun* [Doomed fate], 565–599. Hong Kong: Tiandi Tushu (Cosmos Books).
2012. 〈樸素而深刻，率直卻入微〉 [Simple and Profound, Straightforward and Subtle]. In 史家高華 [Historian Gao Hua], edited by Xiong Jingming 熊景明 and Xu Xiao 徐曉, 2–9. Hong Kong: Chinese University Press.
2005. 〈選舉提名方式的改革〉 [Reform of Election Nomination Procedures]. In 中國選舉制度改革 [Reform of the Electoral System in China], edited by Li Fan 李凡, 136–160. Shanghai: Shanghai Jiaotong University Press.

2004. 〈2003 年北京市區縣級人大代表競選的過程和問題〉 [Processes and Issues in Beijing's County-Level People's Deputies Elections in 2003]. In 2003 年中國基層民主發展報告 [2003 Annual Report on the Development of Grassroots Democracy in China], edited by Li Fan, 124–138. Beijing: China Law Press.

## GRANTS

- 2022–25 “Between Worlds: China’s WWII Interpreters and Their Divergent Fates in China, Taiwan, and the United States,” General Research Fund, Hong Kong Government
- 2020–23 “The Korean War Prisoners Who Chose Neutral Nations: Their Odysseys from China and Korea to India and then Latin America,” General Research Fund, Hong Kong Government
- 2019–20 “Between Worlds: China’s WWII Interpreters and Their Divergent Fates in China, Taiwan, and the United States,” Research Development Fund, Division of Humanities, HKUST
- 2017–19 “Chinese Soldiers in the First Year of the Korean War: A Military and Social History,” School-Based Initiatives Grant, School of Humanities and Social Science, HKUST
- 2013–17 “Surviving Wars, Prisons, Persecution, and Displacement: Prisoners of the Korean War in Postwar Mainland China and Taiwan,” General Research Fund Early Career Scheme, Hong Kong Government
- 2012–14 “Return Home to Taiwan or Return to China the ‘Motherland’: Three Taiwanese POWs in the Chinese Civil War, the Korean War, and the Postwar,” School of Humanities and Social Sciences Initiation Grant, HKUST

## CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

### Conferences Organized

2022. “Archiving Cold War Asia,” Harvard-Yenching Institute, Harvard University, April 30. Co-organized with Andy Wang.
2017. “Sha Fei: A Humanist Photographer at War (1912–1950),” HKUST, April 6. In conjunction with a curated exhibition in the HKUST Library, March 3–May 3.

### Lecture Series Organized

2023. Global China Humanities Series (with 10 speakers), Global China Center, HKUST, in-person & virtual, spring.
2021. Global China Humanities Series (with 13 speakers), Global China Center, HKUST, virtual, spring.

### Conference Presentations

2022. “Return to China, Go to Taiwan, or Stay in America? China’s WWII Interpreters in the United States and Their Divergent Choices, 1945–1956,” Association for Asian Studies conference, Hawaii, March 25; “Archiving Cold War Asia” conference, Harvard-Yenching Institute, Harvard University, April 30.
2021. “Inflection Points: US-China-North Korea Relations in the Trump Years,” virtual conference “Divided America, Divided Korea: US-Korean Relations During and After the Trump Years,” Ohio State University, April 14.
2020. “The Forgotten War or the Hijacked War? How Chinese POWs and Chiang Kai-shek Hijacked the Korean War,” virtual conference “The Korean War as Lived Experience: New Approaches to the Conflict after 70 Years,” George Washington University, September 10–11.
2020. “General Haydon Boatner: From Joseph Stilwell’s Right-hand Man in the China-Burma-India Theater in World War II to the ‘Butcher of Koje’ in the Korean War,” virtual conference “Uneasy Allies: Sino-American Relations at the Grassroots, 1941–1949,” UC Berkeley, September 4–5.
2020. “At Death’s Door: Chinese Prisoners-Turned-Agents of the 8240th US Army Unit in the Korean War,” online conference on the history of the People’s Republic of China, Peking University, July 18–19.
2019. “The Accidental Key Players: Interpreters in the Korean War Armistice Negotiation and the Formation of the

- ‘Voluntary Repatriation’ Policy” (意外的要角：朝鮮停戰談判翻譯與美方「志願遣返」戰俘政策之形成過程), conference on “New Perspectives and Sources in Modern Chinese History,” East China Normal University, Shanghai, August 27–28.
2019. “Escaping from the Communists and then from the Anti-Communists: A Prisoner’s Journey from Southwest China to Korea, India, and Argentina,” panel on “Revisiting the Archival Vestiges of the Cold War in East Asia,” the Eleventh International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS), Leiden, the Netherlands, July 17.
2019. “Desperate Escapes: A Prisoner Leader’s Perilous Journey from Southwest China to Korea and to India,” panel on “The Korean War Prisoners Choosing Neutral Nations: Their Global Odyssey from China and Korea to India and to Latin America,” Association for Asian Studies, Toronto, Canada, March 22. (Panel organizer)
2018. “John Paton Davies, Jr.: From China Hand to Cold War Architect” (戴維斯: 從中國通到冷戰設計師), conference on “Frontiers of Republican History” (第一屆中華民國史前沿論壇), Nanjing University, China, December 8–9.
2017. “Desperate Escapes: A Chinese Prisoner Leader’s Perilous Journey from Guizhou to Korea and to India,” conference on “The Korean War and the East Asian Prisoners of War: Their Choices and ‘Neutrality,’” Ewha Womans University, Seoul, Korea, November 17–18.
2017. “Chiang Kai-Shek’s Gestapos’ in POW Camps? The POWs-Interpreters-Taiping Nexus That Hijacked the Korean War,” “Postwar Taiwan” conference, National Tsinghua University, Taiwan, October 12.
2016. “US Psychological Warfare on Korean War Prisoners: From policymaking in Washington to implementation on Koje Island,” conference on “Cold War-Divided Asia: The US Postwar Order and the Psychological Warfare,” co-organized by the Center for East Asian Studies, Sungkonghoe University, and the Cold War Studies Association of Korea, June 26.
2016. “Chinese Civil War in POW Camps in Korea: The Forgotten Korean War Over Prisoners,” workshop on “New Perspectives on the Civil War,” Yale University, May 13–14.
2015. “The State of the Field in Chinese POW Studies: Combined Use of Archival Materials, Oral History, and Memoirs,” conference on “Life and Oral History Beyond Borders” co-hosted by the Korea Oral History Association & Center for Northeast Asian Studies, Seoul National University, November 21.
2015. “Prisoners at Death’s Door: Chinese Prisoners Serving as US Special Warfare Agents in the Korean War,” conference on “The Turmoil of History: Memories, Narratives, Representation, and Mid-Twentieth-Century China,” Institute of Taiwan History, Academia Sinica, Taipei, May 28–29.
2015. “The Anti-Communist Prisoners Who Chose Neutral Nations: The Third Choice in Voluntary Repatriation of Korean War Prisoners” (選擇中立國的「反共戰俘」: 韓戰戰俘「志願遣返」過程中的第三種選擇), workshop on “New Topics in Oral History” (從口述歷史尋找新議題), Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica, Taipei, March 20–21.
2014. “‘The Battle the Chinese Communists did not win’: ‘Agents of the United States and Chiang Kai-shek and the derailing of the ‘Explanation’ to Chinese prisoners of the Korean War,” conference on “Revisiting Modern China at the Hoover Institution Library & Archives,” Stanford University, August 5.
2013. “‘The Battle the Chinese Communists did not win’: ‘Agents of the United States and Chiang Kai-shek and the struggle over POW repatriation and the ‘Explanation’ (「一場中共沒有打贏的戰役」: 「美蔣特務」與朝鮮戰爭中國戰俘遣返和「解釋」鬥爭), conference on “Society and Culture of post-1949 China,” Shanghai, China, December 14.
2013. “Defectors of New China: Life-and-death escapes of Chinese Anti-Communist prisoners in the Korean War, 1950–1951” (新中國的叛逃者: 朝鮮戰爭反共戰俘的生死逃亡路, 1950–1951), the Second Kyoto University-Shanghai East China Normal University Joint Workshop on Contemporary Chinese History: the 1950s (第二屆中國當代史研究工作坊: 1950年代的中國), Kyoto, Japan, December 7.
2013. “Return Home to Taiwan or Return to China the ‘Motherland’: Three Taiwanese POWs in the Chinese Civil War, the Korean War, and the Postwar,” research workshop on “China and the Chinese World Order in the

1950s,” Berkeley, CA, August 1; Panel on “Cold War and Refugees in East Asia: Propaganda, State Violence, and International Politics,” Association for Asian Studies (AAS) annual conference, San Diego, CA, March 22. (Panel co-organizer)

2013. “The Destruction of the Chinese 180th Division in May–June 1951: The largest Chinese defeat in the Korean War,” the Eighth International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS), Macao, June 25, 2013.
2012. “The Key to Korean War Prisoners’ Divergent Decisions: Oral History Evidence on Pre-War Experiences of Chinese POWs,” Chinese Oral History Conference, Macao Polytechnic Institute, Macao, October 16.
2011. “From Students and Peasants to Soldiers, from Enemies to Comrades: Divergent Pre-War Experiences of the Chinese Prisoners in the Korean War” (從學生、農民到軍人, 從敵人到戰友: 志願軍戰俘複雜的戰前經歷), conference on “Society and Culture in 1950s China” (1950年代中國社會文化暨第二次新中國建國史國際學術研討論會), Shanghai, China, July 1.
2011. “Chiang Kai-shek’s Secret Korean War: How US-Taiwan intelligence cooperation brought about the ‘defection’ of fourteen thousand Chinese POWs to Taiwan,” Association for Asian Studies (AAS) annual conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, April 3.
2010. “Murders, Riots, Uprisings, and Massacres: Clashes of Ideologies and Cultures in POW camps during the Korean War,” the Seventh Graduate Seminar on the Cold War, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, August 10.
2009. “The Origins of the ‘Forcible Screening’ for ‘Voluntary Repatriation’ of Chinese POWs in the Korean War,” the Fifth Annual Graduate Seminar on China, Chinese University of Hong Kong, January 7.
2007. “Democracy Is in Its Details: The 1909 Provincial Assembly Elections and the Print Media,” China in the World: Postgraduate Research Summer School, Leeds, UK, July 26.

### **Panel Chair and Discussant**

2021. “Doing Chinese History (In a New Era),” Webinar organized by Yale University and UC Irvine, July 19.
2021. “New Approaches to Cold War Military Affairs,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations annual conference, online, June 19.
2015. “Ideology, Power, and Transition in China,” The Universities Service Centre for China Studies (USC) 50th Anniversary International Conference, Chinese University of Hong Kong, January 6.

### **Invited Talks**

2022. “‘The Only American Officer Standing in the Way of Sino-American Cooperation’: Haydon L. Boatner, Joseph Stilwell’s Right-hand Man, in the China-Burma-India Theater in WWII,” Society of Fellows, Hong Kong University, January 20.
2022. “梅貽琦父子與馮友蘭父子在內戰、韓戰、冷戰時期的迥異抉擇” (The divergent choices of Mei Yiqi and his son Mei Zuyan and Feng Youlan and his son Feng Zhongliao in the Chinese Civil War, Korean War, and the Cold War), Boston Asian Radio and TV, MA, June 24.
2021. “被劫持的朝鮮戰爭：從長津湖到三八線，從巨濟島到板門店” (The Hijacked War: from the Chosin Reservoir to the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel, from Koje Island to Panmunjom), 大學沙龍 (University Forum), Cambridge, MA, Dec 18.
2021. “Between Worlds: China’s WWII Interpreters and Their Divergent Fates in China, Taiwan, and the United States,” Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, October 27.
2021. “Escaping from the Communists and then from the Anti-Communists: A Prisoner’s Odyssey from Southwest China to Korea, India, and Argentina,” Harvard-Yenching Institute, Harvard University, October 13.
- 2020–2022. *The Hijacked War: The Story of Chinese POWs in the Korean War* book talk, Ewha Womans University, Seoul, October 20, 2020; Modern History Institute, Academia Sinica, Taipei, January 7, 2021; National Taiwan University, Taipei, May 10, 2021; Lingnam University, Hong Kong, May 17, 2021; University of Edinburgh, September 29, 2021; National Chengchi University, Taiwan, October 26, 2022.

2021. “The Forgotten War or the Hijacked War? How Chinese POWs and Chiang Kai-shek Hijacked the Korean War,” Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University, January 16, 2020; Kyujianggak Book Talk Series, October 12, 2020; Center for East Asian Studies, Yale University, February 19.
2020. “How the Korean War became the ‘Forgotten War?’” (韓戰為何成為「被遺忘的戰爭」), Lung Yingtai Cultural Foundation 龍應台文化基金會, Taipei, June 18.
2020. “The Forgotten War or the Hijacked War? How Chinese POWs and Chiang Kai-shek Hijacked the Korean War?” Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University, January 16.
2019. “Ordinary People in the Great Vortex of History: Common Soldiers and Civilians’ Experiences in the Chinese Civil War, the Korean War, and the Cold War” (大歷史洪流中的小人物：平民與士兵視角中的內戰、韓戰與冷戰), Hong Kong Polytechnic University, June 3.
2018. “The Unknown Korea War” (你所不知道的韓戰), Lung Yingtai Cultural Foundation 龍應台文化基金會, Taipei, September 15.
2017. “Return to China or Taiwan: The Korean War Hijacked by Prisoners,” Global Taiwan Lecture, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, Canada, March 15.
2016. “The Hijacked War: The Untold Korean War Over Prisoners,” Ewha Womans University, Seoul, Korea, Dec 6.
2015. “NSC 81/1, Prisoners of War Reorientation, and the Doubling of the Length of the Korean War,” Center for Northeast Asian Studies, Seoul National University, November 20.
2014. “The 180th Division’s Destruction: The Largest Chinese Defeat in the Korean War” (志願軍第 180 師的覆沒：詳解朝鮮戰爭中國軍隊的最大挫敗), Hong Kong History Museum, Hong Kong, September 21.
2012. “Return to China or ‘Return to Taiwan’: The Chinese POWs Who Derailed the Korean War Peace Talks,” at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington DC, March 22.
2006. “A Glimmer of China’s Democratic Hope: The Emergence of Grassroots Democracy Activists and Advocates,” Korea Peace Forum, Seoul, Korea, June 8.

## **MEDIA PUBLICATIONS**

2020. 韓戰七十年：一場被遺忘的戰爭，「兩個中國」與上萬戰俘的前線角力 [The Korean War at 70: The Forgotten War, the Two Chinas, and the Battle over more than 10,000 Chinese POWs], 端傳媒 Initium Media (Hong Kong), June 24, 2020.
2020. 韓戰為何成為「被遺忘的戰爭」 [Why the Korean War became the “Forgotten War?”], 風傳媒 Storm Media (Taiwan), June 18, 2020.

## **MEDIA INTERVIEWS**

2020. Interview with “Taipei: Dialogue with the World,” Taipei Radio, June 21 and 28, July 5, 2020.
- 2015–2017. Expert interviewee in television documentary series 志願軍戰俘 (Chinese People’s Volunteer Army Prisoners of War), Voice of America. <http://www.voachinese.com/a/history-mystery-people-volunteer-army-20151009/2998726.html>

## **MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS CURATED**

2017. “Sha Fei: A Humanist Photographer at War (1912–1950),” HKUST Library and Archives, March 3–May 3, 2017. <https://library.ust.hk/exhibitions/sha-fei/>

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### **Undergraduate**

History of Modern East Asia  
History of US-China Relations  
Foreign Relations of the People's Republic of China, 1949–1989  
Twentieth-Century China in Documentary Films  
Picturing History: Photographers and the Making of Modern China

## **Graduate Seminar**

Peasants and the Chinese Communist Party  
Major Issues in the History of US-China Relations  
China-Taiwan-US Triangular Relations from WWII through the Cold War (Stanford, 2012)

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE, HKUST**

2022–2023	Acting Director, Global China Center
2019–2024	Associate Director, Global China Center
2022–2023	Co-chair, search committee, Division of Humanities
2018–2020	University scholarship committee
2018–2020	Graduate committee, Division of Humanities
2018–2019	President's Cup (research and innovation competition) selection committee
2017–2018	Search committee for Design Thinking and Entrepreneurship (university-level)
2016–2018	Curriculum committee, Division of Humanities
2012–13, 2017–18	Seminar coordinator, Division of Humanities
2012–13, 2016–18	Executive committee, Division of Humanities

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- Association for Asian Studies
- Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
- Cold War Studies Association, Republic of Korea

## **OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

2006	Summer research intern, the Beautiful Foundation (NGO), Seoul, Korea
2003–2004	Assistant researcher, the World and China Institute (NGO), Beijing, China
2000–2001	Content Editor, Sohu.com & ChinaRen.com, Beijing, China
1998–2000	Interest rate derivative marketing associate, Bank of America, Hong Kong