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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Assistant Professor** 2016 - Jul 2022  
**Associate Professor** Jul 2022 - Present

Division of Humanities  
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology  
Hong Kong, China

**Post-Doctoral Fellow** 2013 - 2016  
Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences  
The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China

**Visiting Assistant Professor** 2011 - 2012  
Chinese Civilisation Centre  
City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China

**Assistant Professor** 2010 - 2011  
**Instructor** 2009 - 2010  
History Department and Asian Studies Program  
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, USA

### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

**Ph.D** in History and East Asian Languages, Harvard University 2010  
Dissertation Title: Power for a Price: Office Purchase and State Elite Relations in Qing China

**B.A.** in Economics and History with honors, Oberlin College 2001

### RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

*Power for a Price: The Purchase of Government Appointments in Qing China*. Cambridge: Harvard University Asia Center, 2022.

“Locating Meritocracy in Early Modern Asia: Qing China and Mughal India.” Co-authored with Sudev Sheth in *Making Meritocracy in China and India*, eds. Michael Szonyi and Tarun Khanna. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022.

“Becoming Healthy: Changing Perception of Tea’s Health Benefits.” Book chapter in *Moral Foods: The Construction of Nutrition and Health in Modern Asia*, edited by Angela K. C. Leung and Melissa L. Caldwell. Honolulu, HI: University of Hawaii Press, 2019.

“A Foreign Infusion: The Forgotten Legacy of Japanese *chadō* in Modern Chinese Tea Arts.” *Gastronomica: The Journal of Critical Food Studies* 16:1 (Spring 2016), pp. 53-62.

“The Legacy of Success: Office Purchase and State-Elite Relationship in Qing China.” *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies* 73:2, (Dec 2013), pp. 259-97.

### BOOK REVIEWS

Markman Ellis, Richard Coulton, and Matthew Mauger, *Empire of Tea: The Asian Leaf that Conquered the World* (London: Reaktion Books, 2015), *Gastronomica: The Journal of Critical Food Studies* 17:3 (Fall 2017), pp. 108-09.

Alexander Woodside, *Lost Modernities: China, Vietnam, Korea, and the Hazards of World History* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2006), *Newsletter for Research in Chinese Studies* 26.4 (2007): 52-53.

## **EXTERNAL GRANTS**

PI: General Research Fund #16602118: “Money and Politics in Late Imperial China: Office purchase and career entry, promotion, and exit in the Qing civil service”, HKD \$363,400, Research Grants Council, Hong Kong, 2018.

PI: General Research Fund – ECS #26600717: “Marriage Patterns and National Networks of Chinese Elites in the Qing dynasty,” HKD \$366,000, Research Grants Council, Hong Kong, 2017.

Co-I: CRF #C7011-16G “Making Modernity in East Asia – Technologies of Everyday Life, 19th – 21st Centuries,” PC Angela K. C. Leung, HKD \$6,626,216, Research Grants Council, Hong Kong, 2017.

## **PRESENTATIONS/MEDIA APPEARANCES**

“Lawrence Zhang on Ping-ti Ho, *The Ladder of Success in Imperial China: Aspects of Social Mobility, 1368-1911*” on Old China Books Podcast with Micah Muscolino.

“A Foreign Infusion: The Forgotten Japanese Legacy in Chinese Tea Arts”, Royal Asiatic Society, Shanghai, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

“Teaching Farmers How to Farm: Skills and Knowledge in the Taiwan Tea Industry in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century,” Modern Chinese Foodways Conference, Emory University, April 22-25, 2021.

“We are All a Family: Elite Marriages in the Late Qing,” in organized panel “Branching Out: Studying Social Networks in Qing China and Chosun Korea.” Annual Meeting for the Association for Asian Studies, March 2021.

“飲譽全球最工夫”，《歷史係咁話》 featured guest, RTHK Television, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.

“When Smallholders Meet Plantations: Response to Foreign Competition in the East Asian Tea Industry,” Tea Culture(s): International Colloquium 2019, Ca’Foscari University of Venice, 8 November, 2019.

“When Smallholders Compete with Tea Estates: the Cases of pre-1945 China and Taiwan,” Making East Asian Foods: Technologies and Values, 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries, HKIHSS, University of Hong Kong, 30-31 May, 2019.

“科目能堪值幾錢”，《歷史係咁話》 featured guest, RTHK Television, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2018.

“The Politics of Office Purchase and Status Inheritance in Qing China,” RC28, International Sociological Association Meeting, Seoul, Korea, 27 May 2018.

“The Meaning of Merit: Civil Service Examination and Office Purchase in Qing China,” HKUST Public Humanities Lecture Series, Museum of History, Hong Kong, 8 April, 2018.

“十九世紀初進士與捐納官員仕途初探”，中國人民大學 “縉紳錄” 學術工作坊, 13 January, 2018.

“十九世紀初進士與捐納官員仕途初探”，2017 中央研究院明清研究國際學術研討會, Taipei, Republic of China, 18 Dec, 2017.

“Comparison of Careers of Qing *jinshi* degree holders and office purchasers in early 19<sup>th</sup> century,” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 2 Nov, 2017.

“Marriage Alliances and Betrothal Patterns in Qing Changshu,” Association for Asian Studies in Asia Meeting, Seoul, South Korea, June 26, 2017.

“Comparison of Careers of Qing *jinshi* Degree Holders and Office Purchasers in Early 19<sup>th</sup> Century,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Toronto, March 16, 2017.

“*Chayi* and *chadō*: Invention and Tradition in Modern Chinese Tea Practice,” HKUST Public Humanities Lecture Series, Museum of History, Hong Kong, November 6, 2016.

“Becoming Healthy: Changing Views on Tea in East Asia,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Seattle, April 1, 2016.

Paper discussant, International Conference on Traditional Chinese Coastal Cities and their Modern Transformations, Department of Chinese and History, City University of Hong Kong, June 16-17, 2015.

“The Toxic Infusion: The Ills of Drinking Tea,” International Conference on Food and Health, Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong, December 15-16, 2014.

Chair and discussant of panel on “Institutions and Performance,” International Symposium on Law and Social Change in Ming-Qing China, Chinese University of Hong Kong, September 5-6, 2014.

“Reading Tea Leaves: How Taiwan and Fujian Tea Production Diverged in the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century,” 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on East Asian Culture and International Relations, Hong Kong Baptist University, April 17, 2014.

“捐納制度與明清社會” Department of History, National Taiwan University, December 16, 2013.

“Multiple Ladders of Success: Office Purchase and Social Mobility during Late Imperial China,” Departmental Seminar, Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong, December 11, 2013.

“Drink this, it’s good for you! The Historical Image of Tea as a Beneficial Drink,” European Society for Environmental History biannual conference, Ludwig-Maximilians University, August 21, 2013.

“Pass Me the Cup: Taiwan as Conduit in the Transmission of Tea Practices in East Asia,” China Interdisciplinary Lunchtime Seminar, Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong, May 7, 2013.

“A Tea with Many Makers: Colonial Taiwanese Tea Industry and the Creation of Oriental Beauty Tea,” The 3rd International Symposium in Sinicization, Barbarization, Westernization, Hong Kong Baptist University, December 6, 2012.

“A Quintessential Invention: Genesis of a Cultural Orthodoxy in East Asian Tea Appreciation,” Symposium on “Rethinking Asia in the Age of Globalization, Hong Kong Baptist University, December 2, 2011.

“Examinations, Titles, and Wealth: New Perspectives on Meritocracy in Qing China,” Asian New Humanities Net Ninth Annual Meeting, Shanghai Jiaotong University, October 15, 2011.

《文化超現代》, RTHK Putonghua Radio, 18 September, 2011.

“Inheriting Wealth and Status: Sale of Offices and Elite Families in Qing China,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, March 27, 2010.

“Purchases of Public Offices by Elite Families in Changshu County of Jiangsu Province,” Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA, April 25, 2009.

“官場中的商場與士大夫的抉擇,” Center for Chinese Studies, National Central Library, Taipei, Taiwan, December 17, 2007.

#### **OTHER FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

Co-I: Hsu Long-sing Research Fund, HKU	2015
Hang Seng Bank Golden Jubilee Fund for Research, HKU	2015
Hang Seng Bank Golden Jubilee Fund for Research, HKU	2014
Hang Seng Bank Golden Jubilee Fund for Research, HKU	2013

Small Project Funding, HKU	2013
Central Research Grant, City University of Hong Kong	2012
Start-up Grant for New Faculty, City University of Hong Kong	2012
Graduate Society Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University	2008 - 2009
Center for Chinese Studies Research Grant, National Central Library, Taiwan	2007
Shum Fellowship, Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University	2006 - 2007
Fairbank Center Director's Graduate Student Travel Fund, Harvard University	2005
Graduate Society Summer School Tuition Fellowship, Harvard University	2004

### **SELECTED COURSES TAUGHT**

#### *Hong Kong University of Science and Technology*

HUMA1000 - Cultures and Values  
HUMA1440 - Modern China  
HUMA2520 - History of Tea in East Asia  
HUMA5510 - Pre-Modern Chinese History  
HMMA5001 - Fundamentals of Chinese Culture

#### *The University of Hong Kong*

SINO2004 - Research Methods for China Studies

#### *City University of Hong Kong*

GE1501 - Chinese Civilisation: History and Philosophy

#### *Bowdoin College*

Asian Studies 028/History 028 - First-year seminar: History of Tea in East Asia  
Asian Studies 273/History 277 - Hong Kong and Taiwan's Colonial Pasts  
Asian Studies 274/History 274 - Painters, Philosophers, and Politicians: The Chinese Literati  
Asian Studies 279/History 279 - Rebellions and Revolutions in China  
Asian Studies 276/History 276 - Origins of Imperial China: Antiquity to the Tang Dynasty  
Asian Studies 275/History 275 - The Making of Modern China

### **RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS**

#### *Visiting Scholar*

Center for Chinese Studies, National Central Library, Taipei, Taiwan

2007

#### *Visiting Scholar*

Institute of History, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China

2006 - 2007

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

#### *Hong Kong University of Science and Technology*

EXCO Committee, Division of Humanities  
Selection Committee on Michael Gale Teaching Award

2019-Present

2018

#### *Bowdoin College*

Working group on academic honesty and citation  
Faculty search committee, China politics

2010 - 2011

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