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EDUCATION

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, United States

Ph.D. in History, anticipated defense in April 2025

Dissertation: “Identity Formation in Displacement: Chinese Migrants on the U.S.-Mexico Border, 1899-1945”

Committee: Margaret Tillman (Chair), David Atkinson, Ariel de la Fuente, Fredy González
(University of Illinois Chicago)

Certificate: Digital Humanities Graduate Certificate (anticipated in May 2025)

State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, United States

Master of Arts in History, 2018

Capital Normal University, Beijing, China

Bachelor of Arts in History, 2016

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Articles

“Herlinda Chew: Identity, Agency, and a Chinese-Mexican Woman’s Transnational Journeys of Self Discovery, ca. 1900-1930s.” *American Journal of Chinese Studies* 30, no. 2 (October 2023): 95-114.

“Yü Shouzhi: Quasi- Diplomat, Small Businessowner, and Overseas Chinese Community Member in Mexico, 1937-1971,” *International Journal of Asian Studies*, under review.

Book Chapter

“Racialization from Home: China’s Response to the Anti-Chinese Movement in Mexico, 1928-1937.” In *Global Anti-Asian Racism*, edited Jennifer Ho, 93-105. Ann Arbor, MI: Association for Asian Studies, 2024.

Book Reviews

Review of Yunxiang Gao, *Roar, China!: Black Chinese Citizens of the World in the Twentieth Century*, Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2021. In *The Chinese Historical Review* 29, no. 2 (2022): 154-56.

Review of Xiaoping Cong, *Marriage, Law and Gender in Revolutionary China, 1940–1960*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016. In *The PRC History Review*, no. 23 (2022): 1-3.

Review of Nancy E. Davis, *The Chinese Lady: Afong Moy in Early America*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2019. In *The Journal of Asian Studies* 79, no. 4 (2020): 1072-74.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Supportive Women: Chinese Women’s Roles in Borderlanders’ Transnational Lives,” American Historical Association Annual Conference, New York City, New York, January 3-6, 2025.

“Women as Backers: Women’s Role in Supporting Chinese Borderlanders’ Transnational Lives, 1899-1945,” Annual Global Asias Interdisciplinary Conference, Irvine, California, February 22-23, 2024.

“Herlinda Chew: A Chinese-Mexican Woman’s Identity Formation through Negotiation along the U.S.-Mexico Border, 1900s-1930s,” American Historical Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 5-8, 2023.

“Beyond Ethnic Isolation: The Communal Lives of Chinese Residents in Three U.S.-Mexico Border Towns, 1899-1945,” Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, September 16-18, 2022.

“Yü Shouzhi: Quasi- diplomat, Small businessowner, Overseas Chinese in Mexico,” Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Virtual, October 29-31, 2021.

“Who were ‘Chinese Immigrants?’: China’s Response to the Anti-Chinese Movement in Mexico, 1928-1937,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Virtual, March 21-26, 2021.

“Chinese Immigrants Education in Mexico in the 1930s: From *Qiaowu Yuebao*,” Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, East Lansing, Michigan, October 4-6, 2019.

“Dictator or Patriot: Yang Yinyu and her Educational Philosophy, 1919-1925,” International Convention of Asia Scholars, Leiden, the Netherlands, July 15-19, 2019.

“Anna May Wong and Her Travels in Europe and China— Identity Construction Interconnectedness Between Gender, Race, and Nationalism,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado, March 21-24, 2019.

“Civilizing Students: History of Teaching and National Mobilization in Textbooks in North China, 1920-1946,” Historical Society for Twentieth Century China Conference, Arlington, Virginia, August 3-4, 2018.

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Bernadotte E. Schmitt Grant, American Historical Association, March 2024

Miletus L. Flaningam Graduate Paper Award for “Yü Shouzhi: Quasi-Diplomat, Small Business Owner, and Overseas Chinese Community Member in Mexico, 1937-1971,” Purdue University, March 2024

Ross-Lynn Research Fellowship, Purdue University, 2023-2024

Purdue University IMPACT (Instruction Matters: Purdue Academic Course Transformation) Award, Purdue University, May 2023

Arizona Historical Society Research Fellowship, Arizona Historical Society, December 2022

Woodman Graduate Research Award, Department of History, Purdue University, April 2020

PROMISE Award, The College of Liberal Arts, Purdue University, October 2019

Marleigh Grayer Ryan Graduate Student Paper Prize, New York Conference on Asian Studies for “Anna May Wong and Her Travels in Europe and China— Identity Construction Interconnectedness Between Gender, Race, and Nationalism,” September 2018

INVITED TALKS

“Racialization from Home: China’s Response to the Anti-Chinese Movement in Mexico, 1928-1937,” the Asian American and Asian Resources and Cultural Center, Purdue University, August 28, 2024.

“Herlinda Chew: A Chinese-Mexican Woman Negotiating among Powers at the U.S.-Mexico Border,” the Asian American and Asian Resources and Cultural Center, Purdue University, February 10, 2022.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Part-time Lecturer – Franklin College

LA102 The Past and the Present: The World Since 1750 (Fall 2024)

Instructor – Purdue University

HIST241 East Asia and the Modern World (Summer 2023 & Spring 2025)

Teaching Assistant – Purdue University

HIST105 Survey of Global History (1400s-present) (Spring 2022 & Spring 2023)

HIST371 History of Rock and Roll (Fall 2021)

HIST152 U.S. History since 1877 (Spring 2021)

HIST241 East Asia in the Modern World (Spring 2020)

HIST240 East Asia and Its Historic Tradition (Fall 2019 & Fall 2020)

Teaching Assistant – University at Buffalo

HIS 182 Asian Civilization II (Spring 2018)

HIS299/JDS208 The Holocaust and After: Literature, Thought, and Culture (Fall 2017)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mandarin (native)

Spanish (advanced, reading excellent)

Classical Chinese (reading excellent)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association

Association for Asian Studies

Association for Asian American Studies

Chinese Historians in the United States (CHUS)

Historical Society for Twentieth-Century China (HSTCC)

TECHNICAL SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Programming Language: Python

Digital Humanities: GIS and geospatial data analysis (ArcGIS and QGIS); OCR

Additional Training and Certificate: Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Certificate, Michigan State University (anticipated in May 2025)

REFERENCES

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