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### Associate Professor, History

Laura J. and L. Douglas Meredith Professor for Teaching Excellence

#### Degree

J.D., Boston College, 1985; Ph.D., Yale University, 1991

#### Specialties

Cultural, social, and intellectual history of late imperial China

#### Publications

##### Book

*Mourning in Late Imperial China: Filial Piety and the State* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1999, Paperback edition, 2006).

##### Selected Articles

"The Skein of Chinese Emotions History," in Peter N. Stearns and Susan Matt, eds., *Doing Emotions History* (University of Illinois Press, 2014).

"Unspoken Collusions: The Empowerment of Yuanming Yuan Eunuchs in the Qianlong Period," *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies* 70:2 (December 2010), 449-95.

Review-Essay of Michael Szonyi, *Practicing Kinship: Lineage and Descent in Late Imperial China* (Stanford, 2002), reviewed in *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies* 64:2 (December 2004), 491-502.

"To Speak the Unspeakable: Aids, Culture and the Rule of Law in China" *Syracuse J. of Int'l Law* 30:2. (Summer 2003), 272-86.

"China's Palace of Memory," *The Wilson Quarterly* 27:1 (Winter 2003), 30-39.

"The Fifth Relationship: Dangerous Friendships in the Confucian Context" *American Historical Review* 105:5 (December 2000), 1615-29.

"The Death of the Xiaoxian Empress: Bureaucratic Betrayals and the Crises of Eighteenth-Century Chinese Rule" *Journal of Asian Studies* 56:3 (August 1997), 708-25.

##### Selected Reviews

Michael G. Chang, *A Court on Horseback: Imperial Touring and the Construction of Qing Rule, 1680-1785* (Harvard University Asia Center, 2007), reviewed in *The Journal of Asian Studies*, 67:3 (August 2008).

Miranda Brown, *The Politics of Mourning in Early China* (State University of New York Press, 2007), reviewed in *The American Historical Review*, 113:4 (October 2008).

Joseph P. McDermott, ed., *State and Court Ritual in China* (Cambridge, 1999), reviewed in *American Historical Review* 106:3 (June 2001).

Evelyn S. Rawski, *The Last Emperors: A Social History of Qing Imperial Institutions* (California, 1999) reviewed in *Journal of International History*.

Anchee Min, *Red Azalea*. Reviewed in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, March 13, 1994, Section H., p. 1. (solicited).

Wang Meng, *The Stubborn Porridge*. Reviewed in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, May 8, 1994, Section N, p. 2. (solicited)

Mandate of Heaven, by Orville Schell and China Wakes, by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. Reviewed in *The*



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Mandate of Heaven, by Shih-shan and China Works, by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. Reviewed in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, November 13, 1994, Section M, p. 3. (solicited).

Peter Conn, *Pearl Buck: A Cultural Biography*. Reviewed in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, November 17, 1997, Section Q., p. 1, 10. (solicited).

## Teaching Appointments

Laura J. and L. Douglas Meredith Professor for Teaching Excellence, 2011  
Chair, Department of History, Syracuse University 2003-2006  
Associate Professor of History, Syracuse University 1998-present.  
Assistant Professor of History, Syracuse University 1991-1998.  
Research Scholar, Qing History Institute, Renmin University of China 1999-2000.

## Research Interests

Emperors, Empresses, The Imperial Household in the Qing Dynasty; Eunuchs; The Yuanming Yuan, or Old Summer Palace

## Research Projects

Book Project: *Hidden Fire: Eunuchs in the Age of China's Last Great Emperors*

## Research Grants and Awards

Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton NJ, 2010-2011.  
Fellowship, National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park, NC, 2010-2011 (declined).  
Fellowship, Institute for Historical Studies, The University of Texas, Austin 2010-2011 (declined).  
ACLS/CSCC Research Fellowship, 1999-2000, (National Program for Advanced Study and Research in China)  
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 1993.  
Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities, 1985-1989 .  
Committee on Scholarly Communications with China , 1988-1989.  
Yale University Fellowship, 1985-1987 .  
Yale University Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 1990-1991.

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