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EDUCATION

Northeastern University, U.S., Ph.D. in Modern China/World History, Jan. 2008.
Dissertation: Social Insurance in 20th C. China: A Global Historical Perspective
Major Professor: Patrick Manning
University of York, UK., M.A. in Social Security Management, 1999-2000.
Wuhan University, China, M.A. in Sociology, 1993-1996; B.A. in Sociology, 1986-1990.
Johns Hopkins U.-Nanjing U. Center, certificate in American Studies, 1994-1995.

EMPLOYMENT

Arkansas State University, Associate Professor, 2013-present
(Tenured: May 2013)
Arkansas State University, Assistant Professor, 2007- 2013
University of Central Arkansas, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2006-2007
Northeastern University, Teaching Fellow, 2004-2006
Guangdong Provincial Social Security Bureau, Employee, 1996-1998, Deputy Director of
Unemployment Insurance Department, 1998-2000
Nortel-Guangdong Limited (China-Canada), Internal Communications Specialist,
Oct.1995-Jan.1996
Hubei University of Economics, Assistant Professor (Chinese System), 1990-1993

MONOGRAPH AND ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

“Towards Social Security for All: China’s Opening to the World, 1978-2020.” (A book project in progress).

“The Origins of China’s Social Security Reform, 1978-1992.” (An article-long manuscript).

“German Ideas via Meiji Japan: The Transnational Origins of Social Policy in China, 1900-1919.” (An article-long manuscript).

“Rise of the Social Question and Social Policy in China, 1919-1927.” (An article-long manuscript in progress).

“China’s Disorder, Communism, and Social Policy: The Case of the *Gujun* Economic Policy Debate, 1923-25.” (An article-long manuscript).

PUBLICATIONS

China’s Social Insurance in the Twentieth Century: A Global Historical Perspective (The Brill Academic Press, 2015).

“Generosity of Social Security: The Soviet Stalinist Model and its Fate in China, 1949-1978,” in Andreas Heinrich, Ewa Kaminska-Visser, Heiko Pleines, and Tobias ten Brink, eds. *Generosity of Social Policies in Socialist and Post-socialist States* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2025).

“The Early Rise of Social Security in China: Ideas and Reforms, 1911-1949,” in Lutz Leisering, eds. *One Hundred Years of Social Protection—The Changing Social Question in Brazil, India, China, and South Africa* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2021).

Trans. “Crises in Inequality and Environment and the Responses: The Significance of World-Historical Approaches and the Mission of Historians.” (The original article, see Patrick Manning, “Inequality: Historical and Disciplinary Approaches,” *American Historical Review* 122, (2017): 1–22. *Xueshu Luntan* (*Academic Forum*) (2020), no. 2: 78-90.

“Social Insurance Ideas in the People’s Republic of China: A Transnational and Historical Analysis,” *Transnational Social Review* (2016), vol. 6, issue 3, pp. 297-312.

“Pension Reforms in China and Taiwan: A Historical Comparison,” *Chinese Public Policy Review* (2016), vol. 10, pp. 24-45. (in Chinese).

“China’s Social Insurance in a Global Historical Perspective,” *Chinese Public Policy Review* (April 2013), vol. 6, pp. 1-18. (in Chinese)

“The Global Spread of Neo-liberalism and China’s Pension Reform since 1978,” *Journal of World History* (2012), vol. 23, no. 3, pp. 609-638.

“China, Social Insurance, and the Welfare State: A Global Historical Perspective,” *World History Connected* (2012), vol. 9, no. 1.

“The Global Social Insurance Movement since the 1880s,” *Journal of Global History* (2010), vol. 5, issue 1, pp. 125-148.

Unemployed Groups and Unemployment Protection (chapter), ed. Cai He (蔡禾) (Nanchang: Jiangxi People’s Publishers, 1999). (in Chinese)

“Unemployment Insurance: A Comparative Perspective,” *Guangdong Social Insurance Research*, 1998. (in Chinese)

“On the Reemployment Function of Unemployment Insurance,” *Guangdong Social Insurance Research*, 1997. (in Chinese)

“On the Reemployment Function of Unemployment Insurance,” republished in *China’s Social Security Research*, 1997. (in Chinese)

Review of Beatriz et al, eds. *Handbook of Welfare in China*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2017. Xiii + 443 pp. in *Pacific Affairs* (October 2019).

Review of Chak Kwan Chan and Kinglun Ngok (Eds), *Welfare reform in East Asia: Towards workfare?* New York: Routledge, 2011. In *Journal of International and*

- Global Studies* (November 2015).
- Review of Stephen Morillo, *Frameworks of World History: Networks, Hierarchies, Culture*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014. Pp. xxiv + 893. Index. \$67.95 (paper). In *World History Connected* (2015), vol. 12, February issue.
- Review of Andrew Wedeman, *DOUBLE PARADOX: Rapid Growth and Rising Corruption in China*. In *Pacific Affairs* (March 2014), vol. 87, no. 1, pp. 134-135.
- Review of Him Mark Lai, *Chinese American Transnational Politics*. In *The Journal of Asian Studies* (2011), vol. 70, issue 2, pp. 505-506.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- “China’s Social Security Reform: Economic Crisis and Policy Response, 1978-1984,” presented at the 65th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies (SEC/AAS) held at Atlanta, GA, **via zoom due to weather cancellation of face-to-face meeting, on Jan. 25, 2026.**
- “Generosity of China’s Social Security, 1949-1978: In Global Historical Context,” via zoom at Authors’ Workshop for the book *Generosity of Social Policies in Socialist and Post-socialist States*, University of Bremen, Germany, Feb. 29-March 1, 2024.
- “Economic Crisis and China’s Social Security Reform, 1978-2000,” presented via zoom at a workshop entitled “Economic Crises and Social Policy in the Twentieth Century” organized by University of Bremen, Germany, Dec. 2, 2022.
- “Spatial Distribution of State Social Security: 150 Years of Global Diffusion,” presented at a conference organized by Wuhan University, Wuhan, China, July 7-9, 2019.
- “Rise of Modern Social Security in China, 1912-1949: Western Ideas and China’s Special Situation,” presented via zoom at a conference organized by Center for Interdisciplinary Research, Bielefeld University, Germany, July 12-13, 2018.
- “Ideas and Concepts of Social Security in Post World War II China,” presented at a conference organized by Center for Interdisciplinary Research, Bielefeld University, Germany, November 24, 2015.
- “Teaching Modern Asia in Global Perspective,” presented at the Arkansas Association of College History Teachers 2015 Annual Meeting, Little Rock, October. 2-3, 2015.
- “China’s Labor Legislation in the Early Twentieth Century: The Role of the International Labor Organization,” presented at the World History Association 2015 Annual Conference, Savannah, Georgia, June 30-July 2, 2015.
- “From Social Insurance towards a Welfare State: German Model in Taiwan, 1950-1995,” presented at the 2015 Spring Seminar of the College of Humanities and Social Science, ASU, April 7, 2015.
- “Social Insurance: A Global History,” presented at the “Doing Disability” Seminar of the College of Humanities and Social Science, November 18, 2013.
- “China’s Social Insurance and the International Labor Organization, 1919-1927,” presented at the World History Association 2013 Annual Conference, Minneapolis, June 27-30, 2013.
- “Rice Production in Contemporary China: Technology vs. Institution,” presented at the RiziCulture Interdisciplinary Rice Research Seminar, Arkansas State University, March 28, 2013.

- “The International Labor Organization and China’s Social Insurance, 1900s-1927,” presented at the 2013 Spring Seminar of the College of Humanities and Social Science at ASU, February 19, 2013.
- “Global Spread of Neoliberalism and China’s Pension reform since 1978,” presented at Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China, July 27, 2012.
- “Global Spread of Neo-liberalism, Local Interests, and China’s Pension Reform,” presented at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the World History Association, Beijing, July 7-11, 2011.
- “Interactive Diffusion and China’s Social Security Reform,” presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Philadelphia, March 25-28, 2010.
- “China’s Pension Reform in Global Historical Perspective,” presented at the 34th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Long Beach, Nov.12-15, 2009.
- “The Global Social Insurance Movement since the 1880s,” presented at the 34th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Long Beach, Nov.12-15, 2009.
- “The Global Aspects of China’s Social Security Reform,” presented at the 18th Annual Meeting of the World History Association, Salem, MA, June 25-28, 2009.
- “The Global Social Insurance Movement since the 1880s,” presented at the 2009 Seminar of the College of Humanities and Social Science at ASU, April 18, 2009.
- “Social Security in Twentieth Century China: A Global Historical Perspective,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southeast World History Association, Little Rock, October 16-18, 2008.
- “Social Insurance in Twentieth Century China: National Characters and World Models,” presented at the 17th World History Association 2008, London, June 25-29.
- “The Global Social Insurance Movement since the 1880s,” presented at the International Global History Conference, Pittsburgh, US, April 11-13, 2008.
- “Wartime Social Insurance: Republican China 1937-1945,” presented at Arkansas Association of College History Teachers Annual 2006 meeting.
- “China’s Social Insurance Movement, 1880s-1950s: A Global Historical Perspective,” presented at the Second Graduate Seminar on China (Jan. 2006), Hong Kong.
- “Social Insurance Since the 1880s: A Global Overview,” presented at the 2004 World History Association Annual Conference.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Academic Research at the Harvard-Yenching Library, Boston, MA, July-August 2025.
- Created an AOS online course entitled Modern China, the first for History Department’s online MA program. Fall 2024.
- Created a database of graduate programs in states surrounding Arkansas, laying down the foundation for History Department’s graduate recruitment. Fall 2024.
- Review of a major textbook in the field of Asian studies, *A History of Asia* (Rhoads Murphey with Kristin Stapleton), 8th edition, for Routledge, May 3, 2023.
- Taking ACUE’s Course in Effective Teaching Practices, organized by ACUE (Association of College and University Educators) and A-State, Fall 2022-Spring 2023.
- Review of a chapter from *A People’s History of the World* by Jeff Horn for Oxford University Press, March 10, 2023.
- Review of an article-long manuscript on China’s labor insurance for journal *Humanities*

and Social Sciences Communications, July 2022.
 Review of the fifth edition of *The Origins of the Modern World: A Global and Environmental Narrative from the Fifteenth to the Twenty-First Century*, for Rowman & Littlefield Publisher, April 25, 2022.
 Review of a book proposal *Lin Zexun: Imperial China in a Globalizing World* for Oxford University Press, April 6, 2015.
 Comment, “Symbols of War and Revolution in Modern China,” The 32nd Mid-America Conference on History, Little Rock, Sept. 23-25, 2010.
 Organizer, “The Emerging Welfare State in China: Global, National and Local Interactions,” 2010 Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Philadelphia, March 25-28, 2010.
 Chair, “Missionaries and Merchants in China,” the 19th Annual Meeting of the World History Association, Salem, MA, June 25-28, 2009.
 Textbook Reviews: World History 2007; Global History, 2009; World History, 2010.

HONORS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Faculty Research Award, A-State, 2025-2026. \$20,000
 Sabbatical Leave, during the Academic Year 2014-2015
 Researcher, Social Security and Social Policy Institute, Sun Yat-sen University (中山大学社会保障与社会政策研究所), 2013-present
 Research Associate, World History Center at University of Pittsburgh, August 2013
 Expert, Key University-level Project for Engaging Foreign Experts of Sun Yat-sen University (中山大学聘请外国专家校级重点项目), Guangzhou, July 2012
 Faculty Research Awards, ASU, 2011-2012
 Eleanor Lane/Nathan Deutsch, ASU, 2011
 Faculty Research Awards, ASU, 2009-2010
 Scholarly Development Funds, ASU, 2008
 Eleanor Lane/Nathan Deutsch, ASU, 2008
 Lee Hysan Visiting Scholar Scheme, Chinese University of Hong Kong, August 2008
 Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Scholarship, Washington University in St. Louis, May-June 2006
 Northeastern University, Doctoral Fellowship, 2001-2004
 British Chevening Scholarship, the UK government’s prestigious scholarship scheme, 1999-2000

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

HIST 1023 World History since 1500
 HNRS HIST 1023 World History since 1500
 HIST 3043 Asian History since 1500
 HIST 4143/5143 Rise of Modern China
 HIST 4593/6273 Contemporary China
 HIST 4133/5133 Ancient China
 HIST 4593/6653 Modern Asia

HIST 4593 China and Japan
HIST 6653 State Building in Contemporary China
HIST 5613 Global History Seminar: East Asia
HIST 5613 Global History Seminar: Social Welfare
HIST 6513 Theory and Practice of Global History