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Present **University of Calgary** Calgary, Alberta

Associate Professor of History, specializing in imperial Chinese and Mongolian history and Taiwan history

EDUCATION

1993 **Princeton University** Princeton, New Jersey

Ph.D. in East Asian Studies. Major field: Chinese history, Sung (A.D. 960-1279), Liao (A.D. 907-1120), Jin (A.D. 1115-1234), and Yuan (1279-1368) dynasties. Professors: Denis Twitchett and Yü Ying-shih. **Minor field:** Mongolian history, thirteenth through twentieth centuries. Professor: Thomas Allsen (Trenton State College). **Minor field:** Qing China (1644-1912). Professor: Yü Ying-shih.

1991-1992 **Harvard University** Cambridge, Massachusetts

Exchange Scholar for one year from Princeton, visiting Harvard's Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations for the 1991-1992 academic year. Classical Mongolian language study and dissertation research. Professor: Elizabeth Endicott-West.

1990 **Princeton University** Princeton, New Jersey

M.A. in East Asian Studies, with emphasis on Chinese and East Asian history. Passed Ph.D. requirement for reading proficiency in German.

1988 **Middlebury College Language School** Middlebury, Vermont
 Studied Japanese intensively during the School's nine-week summer session.

1979-1987

Brigham Young University

Provo, Utah

Graduated *magna cum laude* with **baccalaureate degrees** in History (emphasis on modern China) and in Chinese language. Valedictorian, Department of History, 1987. Phi Kappa Phi and Golden Key national honour societies.

1984-1985

Stanford Chinese Language Center

Taipei, Taiwan

Attended on full-tuition award the Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies in Taipei, Taiwan, administered by Stanford University. Areas of emphasis included primary Chinese-language historical documents and Chinese narrative literature.

SCHOLARLY PRODUCTIVITY Books and monographs

2023

Fan Ye's Book of Later Han (HouHanshu): Military History and Ethnicity, Volume I: The Twenty-eight Yuntai Generals of the Eastern Han. Leiden: Brill. ISBN 9789004522060. Book by Shu-hui Wu, with me credited on cover and title page for assistance (which was quite substantial).

2020

The History of China, Third Edition. (The Greenwood Histories of the Modern Nations). Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio. ISBN 978-1-4408-7439-0.

2011

The Dragon Eyes the Top of the World: Arctic Policy Debate and Discussion in China (China Maritime Study Number 8). Newport, Rhode Island: United States Naval War College Press. ISBN 978-1-884733-94-9. Viewable online at http://www.usnwc.edu/Research---Gaming/China-Maritime-StudiesInstitute/Publications/documents/China-Maritime-Study-8_The-Dragon-Eyesthe-Top-of-.pdf

2011

The History of China, Second Edition (The Greenwood Histories of the Modern Nations). Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio. ISBN 978-0-313-37748-8.

2005

From War to Diplomatic Parity in Eleventh-Century China: Sung's Foreign Relations with Kitan Liao. Leiden: Brill. ISBN 9789004144569.

2001

The History of China (The Greenwood histories of the Modern Nations). Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press. ISBN 031330940X

- 1998 *The Ambassadors' Records: Eleventh-Century Reports of Sung Embassies to the Liao*. Papers on Inner Asia, No. 29. Bloomington, Indiana: Indiana University Research Institute for Inner Asian Studies.

Compiled and edited volumes

- 2017 *From Province to Republic to Colony: The James Wheeler Davidson Collection on the Origins and Early Development of Japanese Rule in Taiwan, 1895-1905*. Compiled, annotated, transcribed, translated, and edited, and with historical essays, by David Curtis Wright and Lin Hsin-yi. Calgary: University of Calgary Press. Joint bilingual (Chinese and English) publication between the Institute for Taiwan History, Academia Sinica in Taiwan and the University of Calgary Press. ISBN 978986-05-3164-0 .
- 2001 David B. Honey and David C. Wright, eds., *Altaic Affinities: Proceedings of the 40th Meeting of the Permanent International Altaistic Conference (PIAC)*. Bloomington, Indiana: Indiana University Research Institute for Inner Asian Studies.

Academic articles

- 2024 "The China Factor in the Evolution of Cross-Strait Relations, 2024 and Onward." *Canadian Global Affairs Institute Policy Perspective*, March 2024.
https://assets.nationbuilder.com/cdfai/pages/5539/attachments/original/1710363126/The_China_Factor_in_the_Evolution_of_Cross-Strait_Relations_2024_and_Onward.pdf?1710363126
- 2022 “Huiyi Xianshi Yu Yingshi Jiaoshou” 回憶先師余英時教授 (in Chinese; “Remembering Prof. Yü Ying-shih”), *Hanxue Yanjiu Tongxun* 漢學研究通訊 160.40.5 (November 2021): 21-23.
https://ccs.ncl.edu.tw/files/current_newsletter/02_040_004_01_05.pdf
- 2022 “The Mongol Conquest of the Jin Empire, 1211-1234.” In Timothy May and Michael Hope, eds., *The Mongol World* (London: Routledge / Taylor& Francis, 2022): 101-17.

- 2022 “The Mongol Conquest of the Song Empire, 1234-1279.” In Timothy May and Michael Hope, eds., *The Mongol World* (London: Routledge / Taylor& Francis, 2022): 118-36.
- 2022 “The Mongol Conquest of Xi Xia.” In Timothy May and Michael Hope, eds., *The Mongol World* (London: Routledge / Taylor& Francis, 2022): 89-100.
- 2022 Would China be an Effective Mediator Between Ukraine and Russia?” *The Institute for Peace & Diplomacy*, 26 May 2022
<https://peacediplomacy.org/2022/05/26/would-china-be-an-effective-mediatorbetween-ukraine-and-russia/>
- 2021 “The 3M Affair in Canada-China Relations, 10 December 2018-24 September 2021, and Why for Canada it May not be Over Yet.” *Journal of Military and Strategic Studies* 21.1 (2021). <https://jmss.org/article/view/73752>
- 2019 “China in the Arctic: Polarized Visions of Polar Concerns” (review article). Review of Anne-Marie Brady, *China as a Polar Great Power* and Lackenbauer et al, *China’s Arctic Ambitions and What They Mean for Canada*. In *Journal of Military and Strategic Studies* 19.2 (2018; actually published in 2019): 314-45.
<https://jmss.org/article/view/62837/46857> (Accessed 11 February 2019.)
- 2018 “The Dragon and Great Power Rivalry at the Top of the World: China’s Hawkish, Revisionist Voices Within Mainstream Discourse on Arctic Affairs.” *Canadian Global Affairs Institute* September 2018. Pp. 1-67.
https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/cdfai/pages/4051/attachments/original/1538001979/The_Dragon_and_Great_Power_Rivalry_at_the_Top_of_the_World.pdf?1538001979 (Accessed 27 September 2018.)
- 2018 “‘Eyes as Bright as Snow’: Facial Recognition Technology and Social Control in China.” *Canadian Global Affairs Institute* 12 June 2018.
https://www.cgai.ca/eyes_as_bright_as_snow_facial_recognition_technology_and_social_control_in_china (Accessed 12 June 2018)
- 2018 “The Burden of History and its Bearing on China’s Geopolitical Present and Future: Two Incomplete Views (Review Article).” Reviews of Graham Allison, *Destined for War: Can America and China Escape Thucydides’s Trap?* and Howard W. French, *Everything Under the Heavens: How The Past Helps Shape China’s Quest for Global Power*. In *Journal of Military and Strategic Studies* 18.3

- (2018):138-57. <http://jmss.org/jmss/index.php/jmss/article/view/773/710>
(Accessed 8 May 2018)
- 2017 “The Jindandao Pogrom Against Mongols in Inner Mongolia, 1891.” In *Mongol Sudlal ba Togtvortoi Xôgzhil II* (МОНГОЛ СУДЛАЛ БА ТОГТВОРТОЙ ХӨГЖИЛ II) (Ulaanbaatar), 303-09. (ISBN 978-99978-931-1-6)
- 2017 “James Wheeler Davidson’s Asia years: Origins and development.” In David Curtis WRIGHT and Hsin-yi LIN, *From Province to Republic to Colony: The James Wheeler Davidson Collection on the Origins and Early Development of Japanese Rule in Taiwan, 1895-1905* (Taipei and Calgary: Institute of Taiwan History, Academia Sinica and the University of Calgary Press), 67-80.
- 2017 “Marching with the Japanese Under a Formosa Sun: James Wheeler Davidson’s War Diary, June-July 1895.” In David Curtis WRIGHT and Hsin-yi LIN, *From Province to Republic to Colony: The James Wheeler Davidson Collection on the Origins and Early Development of Japanese Rule in Taiwan, 1895-1905* (Taipei and Calgary: Institute of Taiwan History, Academia Sinica and the University of Calgary Press), 89-95 and 118-43.
- 2016 “Genghis Khan.” In *Oxford Bibliographies in Military History*, ed. Dennis Showalter. <http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199791279/obo-9780199791279-0154.xml#obo-97801997912790154div10003>
- 2015 “Food over Symbolism: Sedentary Guests at Kitan and Mongol Feasts,” in Alicia Campi, *Anniversaries, Feasts, and Celebrations in the Altaic World* (Bloomington, Indiana: The Mongolia Society, 2015): 227-37.
- 2015 “A History of the Sung Military” (scholarly translation). In John Chaffee and Denis Twitchett, eds., *The Cambridge History of China, Volume 5, Part Two: Sung China, 960-1279* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015): 214-49.
- 2015 “Afloat, Afoot, Ahorseback: Swiftmess and Mobility in the Mongol Yuan Conquest of Song China, 1274-1279,” in *Leidschrift Historisch Tijdschrift / in De invloed van steppevolkeren: Mongools juk of Pax Mongolica* 30.1 (2015): 65-77.
- 2014 “Chasing Sunflowers: Personal Firsthand Observations of the Student

- Occupation of the Legislative Yuan and Popular Protests in Taiwan, 18 March - 10 April 2014,” *Journal of Military and Strategic Studies* 15.4 (2014) <http://www.jmss.org/jmss/index.php/jmss/article/view/574/554>
- 2014 “China’s Growing Interest in the Arctic.” *Journal of Military and Strategic Studies* 15.2 (2013) <http://www.jmss.org/jmss/index.php/jmss/article/view/528>
- 2013 “Debates in the Field During Bayan’s Campaigns Against Southern Song China, 1274-1276.” In Peter A. Lorge, ed., *Debating War in Chinese History* (Leiden: Brill, 2013), pp. 141-62.
- 2012 “The Northern Frontier,” in David A. Graff and Robin Higham, eds., *A Military History of China, Updated Edition* (University of Kentucky Press, 2012), pp. 5779. Slightly updated version of the same chapter published in 2002.
- 2012 “The American Romance of Revolution: American Women Observers of the Chinese Communists, 1920s-1940s.” *Women’s Studies Journal* 1.1 (2012): 1035 (lead article). <http://www.womenstudiesjournal.org/>
- 2012 “A Chinese Princess Bride’s Life and Activism among the Eastern Türks, 580-593 CE.” *Journal of Asian History* 45.1 (2011):39-48. (Republication of 2008 article)
- 2011 “The Panda Bear Readies to Meet the Polar Bear: China and Canada’s Arctic Sovereignty Challenge.” Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute, February 2011.
- 2009 “Yü Yingshi dui Xiongnu Yanjiu di Gongxian” 余英時對匈奴研究的貢獻 [“Yü Ying-shih’s Contributions to Xiongnu Studies”]. In Hoyt Tillman, ed., *Wenhua yu Lishi di Zhuisuo* 文化與歷史的追索: 余英時教授八秩壽慶論文集 [*In Pursuit of History and Culture: Festschrift for Professor Yü Ying-shih for his Eightieth Birthday*] (Taipei: Lianjing, 2010): 327-37.
- 2009 “In Memory of Denis Crispin Twitchett.” *Asia Major* 22.1 (2009): v-vi.
- 2008 “A Chinese Princess Bride’s Life and Activism Among the Eastern Türks, 580-593 CE.” In *Altayistik Konferansi Bildirileri* (Ankara: Türk Dil Kurumu, 2007): 46371.
- 2007 “Navies in the Mongol Yuan Conquest of Southern Song China, 1274-1279.” *Mongolian Studies* v. 29 (2007): 207-16.

- 2007 "The Political and Military Power of Kitan Empress Dowagers." In Veronika Veit, ed., *The Role of Women in the Altaic World* (Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag, 2007): 325-35.
- 2007 "Professor Denis C. Twitchett and His Books" (pamphlet). Taipei: Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica, 2007. (Bilingual publication in English and Chinese)
- 2006 "From Honoured Mound of Bones to Neglected Mound of Refuse: The Mass Burial Site of Anti-Mongol Loyalists in Yuqiao Village, Jiangsu Province, China." *Chronica: Annual of the Institute of History, Szeged* (Hungary), v. 5 (2005):11424.
- 2005 "Artillery is not Needed to Cross a River: Bayan's Swift Riparian Campaigns Against the Southern Song Chinese, 1274-1276." In B. V. Bazarov et al, eds., *Mongol'skaia Imperiia i Kochevoi Mir*. Ulan-Ude (Buryatia, Siberia, Russia): Izdatelstvo Buriatskogo Nauchnogo Tsentra SO RAN. ISBN 5-7925-0066-5. 2005
- "Nomadic Power, Sedentary Security, and the Crossbow." *Acta Orientalia* 28.1 (2005): 15-31.
- 2002 "The Mongol General Bayan and the Massacre of Changzhou, 1275." *Altaica* (Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences) 7 (2002):108-21.
- 2002 "The Northern Frontier," in David Graff and Robin Higham, eds., *A Military History of China* (Boulder: Westview Press, 2002), 57-79.
- 2002 "The Screed of a Humbled Empire: The *Xin Tangshu*'s Prolegomena on the Türks." *Acta Orientalia* 55.4 (2002):379-89.
- 2001 "What's in a Name: Would a Hsiung-nu by Any Other Name Still be a Hun?" In David B. Honey and David C. Wright, eds., *Altaic Affinities: Proceedings of the 40th Meeting of the Permanent International Altaistic Conference (PIAC)*

- 2000 "Mongolian Studies in Ch'ing China (1644-1912)." *Mongolica: An International Annual of Mongol Studies* 10 (31) (2000):489-94.
- 1999 "Was Chinggis Khan Literate?" In Juha Janhunen, ed., *Writing in the Altaic World (Studia Orientalia 87)* (Helsinki: The Finnish Oriental Society, 1999), 305-12.
- 1998 "The Papers of Professor Francis Woodman Cleaves." *Journal of Sung-Yuan Studies* 28 (1998):284-91.
- 1998 "The Sung-Kitan War of A.D. 1004-1005 and the Treaty of Shan-yüan." *Journal of Asian History* 32 (1998): 3-48.
- 1997 "The Hsiung-nu - Hun Equation Revisited." *Eurasian Studies Yearbook* 69 (1997): 77-112.
- 1997 "The Death of Chinggis Khan in Mongolian, Chinese, Persian, and European Sources." In Árpád Berta, ed., *Historical and Linguistic Interaction Between Inner Asia and Europe* (Szeged, Hungary: University of Szeged, 1997), 425-33. Translations published in *Elüng Bütügel* (Hailar, Inner Mongolia: Nei Menggu Wenhua Chubanshe, 1997), 1-7 (lead article in a book of 606 pages) and *Biriyat Ünen* (official government newspaper of Biriyaia, Russia), 16 April 1997, p. 6 (full-page feature).
- 1996 "Parity, Pedigree, and Peace: Routine Sung Diplomatic Missives to the Liao." *Journal of Sung-Yuan Studies* 26 (1996):55-85.
- 1995 "A Note on Sung Diplomatic Institutions." In Ch'en Chieh-hsien, ed., *Ch'ing chu Cha-ch'i Ssu-ch'in Chiao-shou Pa-shih Shou-ch'en Hsüeh-shu Lun-wen-chi* [Festschrift volume for Professor Sechin Jagchid's eightieth birthday], 491-503. Taipei: Lien-ching, 1995.
- 1994 "Gong Zizhen and His Essay on the 'Western Regions.'" In Edward H. Kaplan and Donald W. Whisenhunt, eds., *Opuscula Altaica: Essays Presented in Honor of Henry Schwarz*. Bellingham, Washington: Western Washington University, 1994, 655-85.

Other articles and comments (media)

- 2022 “The Taiwan issue could increasingly strain relations between the world’s two superpowers.” *Calgary Herald* column, 8 August 2022.
<https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/columnists/taiwan>
- 2022 “Why Won Alexander Cumyow is the best candidate for the new \$5 bill.” *Calgary Herald* column, 28 May 2022.
<https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/columnists/opinion-heres-whywonalexandercumyow-is-the-best-candidate-for-the-new-5-bill> 2021
- “Would China be an Effective Mediator Between Ukraine and Russia?”
<https://peacediplomacy.org/2022/05/26/would-china-beaneffectivemediatorbetween-ukraine-and-russia/>
- 2018 Radio broadcast interview (1 October 2018) on China’s interests in the Arctic for the Danielle Smith show, CHQR 770, Calgary.
- 2017 “Canada Cares About Rights.” *Calgary Herald*, 15 July 2017.
<https://www.pressreader.com/canada/calgaryherald/20170715/281930248027682>
- 2016 *Menggu da caoyuan: lingren wangwo di leyuan* 蒙古大草原: 令人忘我的樂園 [The Great Grasslands of Mongolia: A Paradise to Lose yourself in]. Singtao Daily 星島日報, 29 September 2016, A10.
http://calgary.singtao.ca/Magazine/SingTao_Canadian_City_Post/index.html
- 2014 “Rumours of war in East Asia.” *iPolitics*, 8 December 2014.
<http://www.ipolitics.ca/2014/12/08/the-winds-of-war-are-blowing-in-east-asia>
- 2014 “Seeking Natural Resources.” *WWF* [World Wildlife Fund] *Magazine The Circle*, No. 3 (September 2014): *Asia in the Arctic*
http://d2ouvy59p0dg6k.cloudfront.net/downloads/circle_0314_asia_web.pdf
- 2014 “China in the Arctic,” oral interview for Hong Kong radio programme “China Takes Over the World,” hosted and presented by Ying Ma, 26 July 2014.
http://programme.rthk.hk/channel/radio/programme.php?name=radio3/china_takes_over&d=2014-07-26&p=6185&e=271141&m=episode
- 2014 Interviewed by Cameron Frecklington for his article “China Jostles for Pole

Position” in *China Outlook: Focusing on China’s Future*, 13 May 2014

<http://china-outlook.net/china-jostles-for-pole-position/>

- 2012 “Looking at the US-Japan Relationship Through Open Eyes.” *The Dispatch* (Canadian Defence & Foreign Affairs Institute), Fall 2012, page 12.
<http://www.cdfai.org.previewmysite.com/newsletters/Dispatch%20%20Fall%202012.pdf>
- 2012 “Wright: There’s Plenty at Stake in Feud Over Asian Islands.” *Calgary Herald*, 19 September 2012.
<http://www2.canada.com/opinion/editorials/editorial+superstorm+sandy+shatters+complacency/7485544/story.html?id=7268654&p=2>
- 2012 “Claiming the Arctic: China’s Posturing Becomes Ever Clearer.” *DefenseNews*, 1 July 2012.
<http://www.defensenews.com/article/20120701/DEFFEAT05/307010006/Claiming-Arctic>
- 2012 “*Tingshuo Jiantizi...*” 聽說簡體字... [On Simplified Chinese Characters...]. *Singtao Daily* 星島日報, 16 March 2012, 3.
<http://news.singtao.ca/calgary/2012-03-16/province1331893858d3757357.html>

Papers, presentations, lectures, invited appearances

- 2025 "[James Wheeler] Davidson as a Youth, Hosting VIP Tours in the USA." Paper read at conference "How the Davidsons Spanned the World for Rotary," 26 June 2025, University of Calgary.
- 2025 Read untitled paper on people-to-people diplomacy as invited speaker at the "Symposium on China-Canada Relations," a meeting consisting of three closed-door panel discussions held at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Canada in Ottawa, 17 June 2025.
- 2025 "The Importance of Feeling Heard in Northeast Asian Security Dialogue," paper read at the Tenth Annual Ulaanbaatar Dialogue on Northeast Asian Security, 5 June 2025, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. <https://ubd.iss.gov.mn/> (Click on "Participants.") This was the first paper on the first panel of the first day of this two-day international security conference.

- 2025 "The Taiwan Question: A Western Plea for Realism." Speech and PowerPoint presentation to four Chinese community associations on 27 April 2025 in Calgary: the Canadian Chinese Association for Public Engagement 楓華公益促進會, the Chinese Freemasons National Headquarters of Canada 全加洪門民治黨, the Calgary Chinese Dongbei Association 卡爾加里東北同鄉會, and the Northwestern China Community Association of Alberta 卡城西北同鄉會. Chinese-language video précis of the speech viewable at <https://share.icloud.com/photos/00eAK8CRRnQdsimXOwyuRPnnA> (Accessed 14 July 2025.)
- 2025 Comments as panelist read at conference "Taiwan and Canada: Domestic Politics and International Relations," Carleton University, Ottawa, 1 April 2025; <https://peacediplomacy.org/2025/04/01/panel-taiwan-and-canada-domesticpoliticsand-international-relations/>
- 2024 "The Good Offices of Mongolia." Paper read at conference "Mongolian Studies in Canada: Building Bridges for Future Collaboration." Sponsored by the Mongolian Embassy to Canada. Ottawa, 24 October 2024. Paper viewable at <https://onedrive.live.com/view.aspx?resid=6DB52917172548FE!28108&cid=6db52917172548fe&authkey=!AAVIO97-TJxez28&CT=1733537130723&OR=ItemsView> (Accessed 17 December 2024.)
- 2024 "Nomads and Yurts," paper read at academic gathering at the headquarters of Groovy Yurts in Alexandria, Ontario, 25 October 2024.
- 2024 Attended in person and by invitation the celebratory reception for the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, held at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Ottawa, Canada, 25 September 2024.
- 2024 "The China Factor in the Evolution of Cross-Strait Relations, 2024 and Onward." Paper read at conference "Taiwan Roundtable," sponsored by the Canadian Global Affairs Institute, Ottawa, 26 February 2024.
- 2023 "The World Needs More Mongolia." Paper read at conference "Mongolia-Canada Relations in Global Perspective, in Honour of the 50th Anniversary of Mongolia Canada Diplomatic relations," Asia Institute, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, University of Toronto, 24 October 2023.

- 2023 “The Chinese Warlord General Xu Shuzheng and His Role in Modern Mongolian History: A Partial Reappraisal,” paper read at the XII International Congress of Mongolists in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 13 August 2023.
- 2022 Invited witness and panel member for one of three meeting sessions of the Special Committee on the Canada-People’s Republic of China Relationship (CACN), 44th Parliament, 1st Session, Parliament of Canada, Room 035-B West Block, Ottawa, Tuesday 18 October 2022, 6:30 – 7:30 pm. The one other panel member was Guy St. Jacques, former Canadian Ambassador to China. Attended meeting in person in Ottawa. Video footage of the meeting is viewable by clicking “Watch on ParlVU” at <https://www.ourcommons.ca/DocumentViewer/en/44-1/CACN/meeting-4/notice>
- 2022 Panel member for Washington, D.C. think-tank event “Dragon in the North: Assessing the Growing Chinese Threat to the Arctic Region,” Hudson Institute, 11 October 2022. (Keynote speaker Mike Pompeo) Presentation given in person in Washington, D.C. at the Hudson Institute. Coverage by *Forbes* magazine (Roslyn Layton, “The Arctic Climate Double Standard Which Lets Russia and China Exploit Oil and Natural Gas, 14 October 2022) with video link for the entire event are available at <https://www.forbes.com/sites/roslynlayton/2022/10/14/the-arctic-climate-double-standard--which-allows-russia-and-china-to-exploit-oil-gn/?sh=2a98abe31003>.
- 2018 “‘Turning from Guests into Hosts’: Han Chinese Migration and Anti-Mongolian Pogroms in Inner Mongolia during the Qing and Early Republican Periods.” Paper given on 21 June 2018 at the Chinese Migratory Realities Summer Institute, held at the University of Calgary, the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, and the University of Alberta from 20 June – 6 July 2018.
- 2018 Attended in person a meeting on Arctic affairs held at the Council on Foreign Relations (Harold Pratt House) in New York City, Thursday 15 March 2018.
- 2018 “‘Traduttore Tradittore’? Is the Translator a Traitor? Translating the Song of Everlasting Sorrow.” Presentation to the Alberta Chinese Zither Association / Alberta Chinese Fine Arts Academy, 17 March 2018.
- 2016 “Song Foreign Relations.” Invited class lecture for Asian Studies 410 (International Relations in Premodern East Asia) at the University of British Columbia, 29 September 2016.

- 2016 “Cavalry, infantry, artillery, and navy in the final years of the Mongol conquest of China, 1275-1279.” Invited public lecture for the One Asia Forum Talk Series, University of British Columbia, 29 September 2016.
- 2016 “The Jindandao Massacre of Mongols in the Josutu and Juu Uda Leagues, 1891.” Paper given at the Eleventh International Congress of Mongolists (15-18 August 2016), Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 17 August 2016.
- 2015 “A Big Baby Republic: James Wheeler Davidson’s book and newspaper coverage of the Taiwan Republic,” talk given in Chinese at “War and Society Conference,” National Museum of Taiwan History, Tainan, Taiwan, 16 August 2015
- 2014 “Trailing Tibet and Finding Formosa: James Wheeler Davidson's Unintentional Entry into Taiwan Studies, 1895.” Paper read at conference “Blossoming into Mosaics: International Conference on Personal Vicissitudes amid the Encounters of Civilizations and Peoples,” organised and hosted by the Department of History, National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, Taiwan, 15 November 2014. (Paper given in Chinese.)
- 2014 "The White Terror in Taiwan," presentation to the Chinese Communist Party History Teaching and Research Section at the Party School of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China 中共中央黨校中共黨史教研部, Beijing, China, 4 April 2014. (Given in Chinese)
- 2014 “Historical Stages of China’s Interest in Arctic Affairs,” presentation to the Law and Politics School at the Ocean University of China 中國海洋大學法政學院 in Qingdao, Shandong, China, 1 April 2014. (Given in Chinese)
- 2012 “China’s Arctic Interests,” paper read at the Arctic Order Conference (sponsored by the University of Southern Denmark’s Center for War Studies and the Nordic International Studies Association) in Odense, Denmark, 5 November 2012.
- 2012 “China and the Arctic,” paper read in Brussels in the Swedish government offices at the Forum for Arctic Climate Change and Security Workshop: Military and Paramilitary Collaboration in the Arctic” (Sponsored by The International Institute for Strategic Studies), 18 October 2012. Précis of paper available at <http://www.iiss.org/events-calendar/2012-events-archive/october->

[2012/militaryand-paramilitary-collaboration-in-the-arctic/](#)

- 2011 “The Logic of China’s Claims to ‘Rights and Interests’ in the Arctic.” Paper read at international conference Canada, U.S. and China Maritime Security Issues: The Arctic and the South China Sea: Sharpened Competition or Collaboration?, University of Alberta (Edmonton, Alberta), 22 September 2011.

- 2011 "Meanings of Feasting Among the Khitans and Mongols." Paper read at the fifty-fourth annual meeting of the Permanent International Altaistic Conference, Indiana University (Bloomington, Indiana), 13 July 2011.

- 2011 “Khubilai Khan’s Approach to Conquering Southern China: A Sino-Mongolian Strategic Synthesis.” Paper read at the Calgary Workshop on the History of Strategy, University of Calgary, 7 July 2011.

- 2011 “China's 'Rights and Interests' in the Arctic: Original Source Analysis of Chinese-Language Academic Journal Articles, 2009-2010." Paper read at the workshop “Geopolitics of the North Pacific Rim,” Ottawa, Canada, 8-9 April 2011.

- 2011 Chair and discussant, Panel One, “Defenders and Contenders of Self-Identity in Chinese Historiography,” sponsored by Chinese Historians in the United States, 1 April 2011. (Held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Honolulu, Hawaii.)

- 2011 “The Panda Bear Readies to Meet the Polar Bear: China Debates and Formulates Foreign Policy Towards Arctic Affairs and Canada’s Arctic Sovereignty.” Paper read at Calgary Country Club to the Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute, Calgary, 9 February 2011. Talk can be heard here:
<http://www.cdfai.org/MP3/David%20Wright%20Talk%20%289%20Feb%2011%29.mp3>

- 2010 Invited participant, Global Shipping Game, 8-9 December 2010, conducted by the War Gaming Department of the United States Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island.

- 2009 "All the Khan's Ships: The Battle of Yaishan between Chinese and Mongol Navies, 1279." Lecture delivered at the United States Naval War College (Newport, Rhode Island), 15 December 2009.

- 2008 "Mediaeval Chinese and European Strategy, Tactics, and Weaponry for Fending off Nomadic Incursions." Paper read at the 75th annual conference of the Society for Military History, Ogden, Utah, 18 April 2008.
- 2006 "Taffy III at Leyte Gulf: An Investigation of Historical Credit," Panel A5: "New Wine from Old Records: Sources and Reinterpretations in Military History." Paper read at the 73rd annual meeting of the Society for Military History, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 19 May 2006.
- 2005 "Fictitious Kinship Relations Between the Song Chinese and Kitan Liao Ruling Houses During the Eleventh Century." Paper read at the 48th annual meeting of the Permanent International Altaistic Conference in Moscow, Russia, 12 July 2005.
- 2005 "Irredentisms Forsaken: Key Song and Liao Concessions During the Peace Negotiations of 1004-1005." Paper read at the Chinese Military History Society Annual Conference "Terminating Conflict in Chinese History: Military, Political, Diplomatic, and Ritual Dimensions," 28 May 2005, University of Calgary. Conference organised and hosted by myself.
- 2004 "Nomadic Power and Sedentary Security." Paper read 14 May 2004 in Szeged, Hungary at the First International Conference on the Medieval History of the Eurasian Steppe, organised by the Division for Linguistics and Literatures of the Regional Committee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and by the University of Szeged.
- 2004 "Bayan's Campaigns on the Han and Yangtze Rivers, 1273-1276." Paper read at the 118th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., Panel #164, "Issues in Thirteenth-century Conflict: Combat and Gunpowder Technology East and West," 11 January 2004.
- 2003 "Dealing with the Nomadic Threat: Strategic and Tactical Recommendations in Chinese, Byzantine, and Western European Sources." Paper read as a guest lecturer to the Department of History & Classics, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, 20 November 2003.

- 2003 "A Chinese Princess Bride's Life and Acculturation Among the Eastern Türks, 580593 CE." Paper read at the 46th annual meeting of the Permanent International Altaistic Conference in Ankara, Turkey, June 2003.
- 2003 "Ultra-nationalism in China." Paper read at Strategy 2025: DDA Consultation (a formal consultative meeting of academics and military officers from Canada's Directorate of Defence Analysis, national Defence), University of Calgary, 2 June 2003. Sponsored and hosted by the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies, University of Calgary.
- 2002 "Bayan's Campaigns on the Han and Yangtze Rivers." Paper read at the annual meeting of the Chinese Military History Society, 11 May 2002, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.
- 2001 "The Political and Military Power of Kitan Empress Dowagers." Paper read at the 44th annual meeting of the Permanent International Altaistic Conference in Walberberg, Germany, August 2001.
- 2001 "Bayan and the Massacre of Changzhou." Paper read at the Society for Military History Annual Conference, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, 26 May 2001.
- 2000 "Identifying with the Revolution: Helen Foster Snow and Other American Women Observers of the Chinese Communists." Paper read at "Helen Foster Snow, Witness to Revolution: A Symposium," Brigham young University, Provo, Utah, 26 October 2000.
- 1998 "The Sung-Liao Border: Demarcations and Considerations." Paper read for panel "Place, Territory, and Landscape in Sung China" at the Fiftieth Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies in Washington, D.C., 28 March 1998.
- 1998 "Was Chinggis Khan Literate?" Plenary session paper read at the 41st annual meeting of the Permanent International Altaistic Conference in Helsinki, Finland, 6 July 1998.
- 1997 "What's in a Name? Would a Hsiung-nu by Any Other Name Still be a Hun?" Paper read at the 40th annual meeting of the Permanent International Altaistic Conference in Provo, Utah, 3 June 1997.
- 1996 "The Death of Chinggis Khan." Paper read at the 39th annual meeting of the

Permanent International Altaistic Conference in Szeged, Hungary, June 1996.

- 1997 "Funerary Ritual in Sung-Liao Diplomacy." Paper read at the conference "Life and Death in Imperial China" in February 1996 at Brigham Young University.
- 1995 "(Discordant?) Notes on the Great Wall of China." Paper read in November 1995 at Brigham Young University for the Imperial Tombs of China Lecture Series.
- 1990 "The Hsiung-nu, the Huns, and the West." Paper read at the Mellon Seminar on Nationalism, Princeton University, October 1990.

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1995 "Trends in Sung Historical Studies in Taiwan and Mainland China" (translation). *Journal of Sung-Yuan Studies* 25 (1995):265-302.

1993 *The Sui, T'ang, and the Five Dynasties: Stories from Chinese History* (translation). Taipei: Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission.

AWARDS, HONOURS, FELLOWSHIPS

2023 **Medal of Friendship**, high Mongolian state honour and medal presented to me by Mongolia's Foreign Minister Battsetseg Batmukh on 20 November 2023 at a diplomatic reception commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of Canada-Mongolia

diplomatic relations. Presented in person in Ottawa at the Chateau Laurier Hotel for my contributions to Mongolian studies in Canada.

- 2015 **Visiting Scholar**, Institute of Taiwan History, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, 9 August – 11 September 2015
- 2014 **Visiting Scholar**, Institute of Taiwan History, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, January – April 2014.
- 2014 **Research Grant**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taiwan.
- Award covered all transportation and living expenses for three months and a week of intensive research on the persecution of dissident intellectuals during Taiwan's White Terror period in Taiwan (1949-1987).
- 2006 **Visiting Scholar**, Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, August-December 2006
- 2006 **Research Grant, Center for Chinese Studies**, Taiwan
- Award covered all transportation and living expenses for four months of intensive research on the Mongol conquest of China.
- 2002 **Distinguished Teacher Award**, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Calgary
- 2002 Elected **Fellow, Royal Asiatic Society**, Royal Asiatic Society, London, England
- 1987-1991 **Jacob Javits Fellow**, U.S. Department of Education
- The Javits fellowship provides full-tuition payments and living expenses of \$10,000 per year for four years. Javits fellowships are awarded annually on a nationwide, competitive basis to approximately fifty beginning graduate students.
- 1987 **Valedictorian**, Department of History, Brigham Young University
- Award included a cash prize.

Sechin Jagchid Award for Best Paper in Non-Western or Third World History, Department of History, Brigham Young University.

Award included a cash prize.

1984 **Speech contest winner**, Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China

Placed in a Mandarin Chinese speech competition held on November 12, 1984 in honour of Sun Yat-sen in the Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall. Award included a cash prize. Portions of my speech were published in the Central Daily News (*Chungyang Jih-pao*) and played on national television in Taiwan.

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