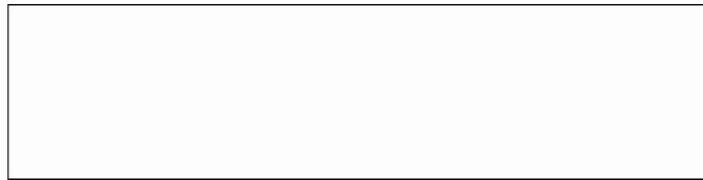




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**Previous Employment:**  
Georgetown University Qatar:  
Associate Professor of Asian History, 2019-2021  
Assistant professor, August 2013-July 2019

## **PUBLICATIONS**

"The Xi Jinping Cohort and the Chinafication of Religion," *The Berkeley Center*,  
<https://berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/posts/regulating-religion-in-china> (March 16, 2020).

*Forging the Golden Urn: Qing Empire and the Politics of Reincarnation in Tibet* 《金瓶鑄就：大清帝國與活佛轉世》, monograph, Columbia University Press, July 2018. Winner of the E. Gene Smith Inner Asian Book Prize, Association for Asian Studies, 2020.

"新清史与安多区域史研究" (New Qing History and research on the regional history of Amdo), 江汉论坛 *Jiangnan luntan* 2017 v. 3: 49-52.

"Overlapping Empires: Religion, Politics, and Ethnicity in 19th Century Qinghai," *Late Imperial China*, 37.2 (December 2016): 41-91.

"A 'Dog-eat-dog' World: Qing Jurispractices and the Legal Inscription of Piety in Amdo," *Extrême-Orient Extrême-Occident* 40 (November 2016): 151-182.

"A Case for Gelukpa Governance: A Historian of Labrang Monastery, Amdo, and the Manchu Rulers of China." In *Greater Tibet: An Examination of Borders, Ethnic Boundaries, and Cultural Areas*, edited by Paul Christiaan Klieger, 111-148. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2016.

"经世派、格鲁派史学家与 19 世纪清朝青海论争变化" (Qing Era Statecraft Scholars, Geluk Historians, and the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Debate over the Future of Qinghai), *青海民族研究 Qinghai minzu yanjiu* 26.3 (July, 2015): 137-143.

"A Study of Qing Dynasty 'Xiejia' Rest Houses in Xunhua Subprefecture, Gansu," coauthored with Yang Hongwei. In *Muslims in Amdo Tibetan Society: Multi-Disciplinary Approaches*, edited by Paul Nietupski, Bianca Horlemann, and Marie-Paule Hill, 21-46. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2015.

"Imperial Legacies and Revolutionary Legends: The Sibe Cavalry Company, the Eastern Turkestan Republic, and Historical Memories in Xinjiang," *Saksaha: The Journal of Manchu Studies*, 12 (November, 2014): 49-87.

## BOOK REVIEWS

Review article: "Building a Religious Empire: Tibetan Buddhism, Bureaucracy, and the Rise of the Gelukpa. By Brenton Sullivan." *The Journal of Asian Studies* 80, no. 4 (2021): 1074–78. (doi:10.1017/S0021911821001765).

Review article: "The Buddha Party: How the People's Republic of China Works to Define and Control Tibetan Buddhism by John Powers" in the *Journal of Chinese History* v. 4 no. 1 (January 2020): 225-234 (<http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/jch.2019.19>).

"The Dalai Lama and the Emperor of China: A Political History of the Tibetan Institution of Reincarnation by Peter Schwieger," in *The Journal of Asian Studies*, v. 75 no. 3 (August 2016): 828-830.

"Buddhism and Islam on the Silk Road by Johan Elverskog," in *Inner Asia* v. 12 no. 2 (2010): 379-381.

## IN PROGRESS

*When Tibetans Came to Court: The Qing Empire and the Legal Culture of the Sino-Tibetan Frontier* (monograph)

## EDUCATION

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA  
**PhD**, 2014. History and East Asian Languages  
 Dissertation: "Between Patron and Priest: Amdo Tibet Under Qing Rule, 1791-1911."  
 Advisor: Professor Mark C. Elliott

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA  
**AM**, 2007. Regional Studies East Asia  
 Awarded Joseph Fletcher Memorial Prize for excellence in master's thesis

**Carleton College**, Northfield, MN  
**BA, cum laude**, 2001. History Major, Concentration in East Asian Studies  
 Received marks of "distinction" in major and for senior thesis

## FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS

E. Gene Smith Inner Asian Book Prize, Association for Asian Studies	2020	
Visiting Scholar, Institute for Modern History, Academia Sinica, Taiwan	2020	
Professeur Invités, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, France, May	2015	
Qatar Foundation Faculty Research Grants	2014-2020	
Best Graduate Student Paper, Central Eurasian Studies Society	2012	
Harvard University Fairbank Center Summer Research Grant, China		2012
Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship, China	2010	
Harvard University Frederick Sheldon Traveling Scholar	2010	
China National Scholarship Council Exchange Program Fellowship	2010	
National Security Education Program David L. Boren Graduate Fellow, Xinjiang		2005
FLAS Summer Language Grant Intro and Intermediate Uyghur at Indiana University	2004, 2005	
Freeman Foundation Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Mongolia, and Kyrgyzstan	2000	

## CONFERENCE PAPERS and PRESENTATIONS (selected)

"New Paradigms for understanding historical changes in northeastern Tibet in the 17th-19th centuries.  
 Invited talk,  
 Universität Würzburg, Nov. 30, 2022

"Historiographies of the Legal Codes of Güüshi Khan and the Khoshuds." 16<sup>th</sup> Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, Charles University Prague, July 2022.

"The Legal Culture of Qing-period Tibetan Areas and Social Change." Invited talk, Institute for Modern History, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, (in Chinese), March 2020.

"When Tibetans Came to Court: Indigenous Agency and Colonial Anxieties on the Sino-Tibetan Frontier in the 1800s." Invited talk, Institute of Sinology, Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich, November 2019.

"Legislating the Possible: How the Qing State Attempted to Eliminate the Oracles of Tibetan Buddhism." Keynote, Manchu Studies Day, Leiden University, November 2019.

"Arson in the Borderlands: Law, Ethnicity, and Empire in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Gansu (Or, Why Burning down the Mongol Prince's House at Labrang Monastery was Historically Significant)." 15<sup>th</sup> Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, INALCO, Paris, July 2019.

"Thoughts on a 1685 Mongol Legal Code and its Eurasian Contexts." Bi-annual Conference of The International Society for Chinese Law and History, National Taipei University, Taiwan, 31 May – 1 Jun 2019.

"金瓶鑄就：大清帝國與活佛轉世." Invited talk (presented in Mandarin), Academia Sinica Institute of History and Philology, May 28, 2019.

"The Qing's Last Kütuku: Künga Gyeltsen and the Tongzhi Restoration in Inner Asia." Invited talk, Columbia University, Beyond Empire and Borders: The Third International Conference on the Qing Dynasty and Inner Asia, October 7, 2017. Also presented at Göttingen University, Manchu in Global History Conference, September 22, 2017.

"Forging the Golden Urn: Qing Empire and the Politics of Reincarnation in Tibet, 1792-1911." Invited talk, Oxford University China Centre, March 9, 2017.

"The Legal Vocabularies of the Khoshud Khanate, 1640-1723." Workshop on "Law and Legalism in Tibet," Oxford University, January 2017.

"Qing Colonialism, Reincarnation, and the Reformulation of Tibetan Legal Culture." Invited talk, Asia-in-Depth Series, Georgetown University (main campus), September 2016.

Organizer of research colloquium "The Qing Empire Revisited" as part of the 14<sup>th</sup> Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, June 2016. Presented, "The Entanglements of Reincarnation: the Qing Legal Order and Inter-monastic Conflicts in Amdo during the Guangxu reign (1875-1908)."

"Kökenuur/Qinghai in the 1780s-1820s: A Tripartite Legal Order and the Lay of the Land." Paper presented at the workshop "Inner Asian Law and Society: Land Control and Land Use in Historical Perspective," Harvard University, May, 2016.

"Amdowas Speaking in Code: The Golden Urn and Qing-Geluk Relations in the early 1800s," Paper presented at International Manchu Studies Conference, University of Michigan, May 2016.

"从满文和藏文史料重见青海历史 (Taking a fresh look at Qinghai history through Manchu and Tibetan language Materials)." Invited talk, Qinghai Minzu University, China, April 22, 2016.

"Politicizing Piety: Qing Legal Culture and its Ramifications for Tibetan Social History." Invited talk, Columbia University Modern China Seminar, September 24, 2015.

"Legal Pluralism in Qing Tibet and an Exemplary "Fan" Case from 1889." Invited talk and document workshop, College de France & École Haute Etudes Science Sociale (EHESS), Paris, May 2015.

"The 'Warring States' of Amdo: Qing Jurispractice and the Creation of the "Tibetan World, 1772-1911." Conference, Legalizing Space in China/Les lieux de la loi dans l'empire chinois, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, May 2015.

Organizer of panel, "Legal Politics in the Qing Colonial Territories." Presented, "The 'Warring States' of Amdo: Qing Jurisprudence and the Creation of the 'Tibetan World, 1772-1911.'" Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, March 2015.

"Muslim Mediators, Tibetan Conflicts: Chinese Muslims and Colonial Legal Culture in Early Modern China." Invited talk, New York University Abu Dhabi, November 18, 2014.

"Shamanic Imperialism: The Qianlong Emperor's Attack on Tibetan Divination Technologies and the Origins of the Golden Urn." Presented at American Association of Religion annual conference, Chicago, November 2012.

"Tibetan Buddhists and the Colonial Encounter in Late Qing Amdo," Presented at Central Eurasian Studies Society annual conference, Indiana University, October 2012. Received Award for Best Graduate Student Paper.

"The Nineteenth-Century Crisis of the Mongol Banners in Amdo." Presented at American Council for Mongolian Studies Conference, Ulanbaatar, June 2011.

"Intersection and Divergence: The Cagan Nomun Han Banner/Corporate Estate and Qing Colonial Administration in Amdo." Delivered at Association for Asian Studies annual conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, April 2011.

"Qing Post-Pacification Reconstruction: Community Relations in the Sino-Tibetan-Muslim Borderlands, 1820-1880." Presented at International Association for Tibetan Studies Conference, University of British Columbia, Canada, August 2010.

## PROFESSIONAL WORK

Editorial Board, *Journal of Chinese History* (Cambridge University Press), August 2022--Present.

## RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Chinese (*Putonghua* & classical); Manchu; Tibetan (Amdo dialect & classical); Uyghur; Japanese.

## TEACHING FIELDS

**Non-Modern China:** Social, political, and cultural history of the Song through Qing dynasties with focus on Confucian political thought, popular religion, fine arts, gender, and non-Han languages and cultures.

**Modern China:** Republic and PRC, particular emphasis on minority policies and the experience of socialism in northwest China; gender; the rural experience and environmental issues; media and visual arts.

**Tibetan Civilization, Buddhism & Islam in Eurasia:** History of Tibet, Tibetan language, and Tibetan Buddhism; Xinjiang and Uyghur history and language, Chinese Muslims, Islam and Confucianism, Sufism; inter-religious relations.

**Legal History:** Legal pluralism and legal politics in colonial-type systems; Confucian jurisprudence during the Ming and Qing; gender and the law; lawyers and legal culture in the PRC.

**Empire & Colonialism:** Comparative history of the Qing empire and its neighbors, especially imperial Russia and British India; Marxist nationalities policies in the USSR and the PRC.