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EDUCATION

Oriental Institute, University of Oxford

DPhil Chinese History (2007)

Dissertation: “The Overseas Chinese Dilemma: A Case-Study of Nationalism in China and Thailand in the Early 20th Century, 1911–1949”

Oriental Institute, University of Oxford

MSt Chinese Studies (2004)

Dissertation: “The Roles of Secret Societies in the Rural Areas of South China during the Late Republican Era, 1937–1949”

University of Chicago

AB (Honors) East Asian Languages and Civilization (China) (2003)

Thesis: “Thai Government Policies concerning the Overseas Chinese during the Phibunsongkhram Era, 1938–1957”

EMPLOYMENT

Chulalongkorn University

Lecturer in the Department of History, Faculty of Arts (2008–present)

Courses taught: *Introduction to Eastern Civilizations (East Asia)*, *Asian History*, *China after the Second World War*, *The Great East Asian War*, *Social History of East Asia*, *Historiography of East Asia*, *Issues in East Asian History*

Thailand Research Funds

Project coordinator for the Master Research Grants in the Humanities and Social Sciences (2010–present). Involved in the decision on selected themes to be encouraged by TRF-MAG funding, the selection of grant applications to be awarded, the organization of periodical progress report conferences, and the evaluation of completed projects.

Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Research Fellow in the Department of Chinese and Bilingual Studies (2011–2012)

Project: Home-Base of an Exiled People: Hong Kong and Overseas Chinese Activism from Thailand

Kasetsart University

Lecturer in the Southeast Asian Studies Program, Faculty of Social Science (2009)

Course taught: *History of the Chinese Diaspora in Southeast Asia*

National University of Singapore (Singapore)

Research Fellow in the Asia Research Institute (ARI) China-Southeast Asia Interaction (2007–2008)

Project: From Yaowaraj to Plabplachai: The Thai State and the Ethnic Chinese in Thailand during the Cold War

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Young Researchers Grant, Thailand Research Funds (2010–2012)

Postgraduate Scholarship, Office of the Civil Service Commission (2003–2008)

King's Scholarship (1998–2003)

International Research Grant, University of Chicago (2002)

Foreign Language Acquisition Grant, University of Chicago (2001)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

“Beyond Jews of the Orient: A New Interpretation of the Problematic Relationship between the Thai State and its Ethnic Chinese Community,” forthcoming in *Positions: Asia Critique*.

“Sun Yat-sen,” in Standen, Naomi, ed. *De-mystifying China: New Understandings of Chinese History*. Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 2012.

“Successfully Misunderstood: The Untold Realities of the Thai-Chinese Assimilation ‘Success Story’,” in Kim, Nam-kook, ed. *Multicultural Challenges and Redefining Identity in East Asia*. Surrey: Ashgate, 2012.

“Free Love: Gender Politics of Romance in the Chinese Revolution,” in *Journal of Social Science of Chiang Mai University*, no. 2, 2012.

“Thailand and the Xinhai Revolution: Expectations, Reality, and Inspiration,” in Lee Lai To and Lee Hock Guan, eds. *Sun Yat-sen, Nanyang, and the 1911 Revolution*. Singapore: ISEAS, 2011.

“From Yaowaraj to Plabplachai: The Thai State and the Ethnic Chinese in Thailand during the Cold War,” in Vu Tuong and Wasana Wongsurawat, eds. *Dynamics of the Cold War in Asia: Ideology, Identity, and Culture*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009.

“The Foreign Print Capitalism that Founded a Nation: The Role of Overseas Chinese Newspapers in the Emergence of Thai Nationalism,” in *Journal of Asiatic Studies*, vol. 51 no. 3 September 2008.

“Contending for a Claim on Civilization: The Sino-Thai Struggle to Control Overseas Chinese Education in Thailand,” in *Journal of Chinese Overseas*, vol. 4 no. 2 November 2008.

“Chin phonthale kap prathet pueanban: khwam thathai ti champen samrap kansueksa prawattisat chattiphan phlatthin”[The overseas Chinese and our neighboring countries: a necessary challenge for the studies of Diaspora history] in *Journal of the Historical Society*, no. 33, 2011.

EDITED VOLUMES

Vu Tuong and Wasana Wongsurawat, eds. *Dynamics of the Cold War in Asia: Ideology, Identity, and Culture*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009.

WORK IN PROGRESS

The Crown and the Capitalists: The Unlikely Alliance between the Political Conservatives and the Ethnic Chinese in the Modern History of Thailand. Solicited for review by NUS Press.

“Heroes or Villains: A Comparative Study of Overseas Chinese Contributions to the Free Thai Movement and Their Role in the Yaowarat Uprising of 1945,” in review process to be published as part of the special issue on “Dangerous Histories of Southeast Asia” (Thongchai Winichakul, ed.) in *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*.

Sites of Modernity: Asian Cities and their Evolution through Trade, Colonialism, and Nationalism. Edited volume from selected proceedings of an international workshop, which took place in July 2011 at the Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University.

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

ORGANIZED

Co-organizer of international workshop “Sites of Modernity: Asian Cities and their Evolution through Trade, Colonialism, and Nationalism,” Chulalongkorn University, 21–23 July 2011.

Organized the 4th Humanities Public Forum on “The Politics of Femininity in Chinese Thinking of the Maoist Era by Professor Tani Barlow,” Thailand Research Funds, 28 June–1 July 2011.

Co-organizer of international workshop “Introducing India: A brief introduction to the long journey of India Studies with Professors Romila Thapar and Frits Staal,” Chulalongkorn University, 31 January–5 February 2011.

Co-organized the 3rd Graduate Forum on Southeast Asia, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 28–29 July 2008.

Co-organized conference “The Cold War in Asia: The Cultural Dimensions,” Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 24–25 March 2008.

INVITED LECTURES

Presented “Beyond Jews of the Orient: Moving away from the Eurocentric History of Colonial Southeast Asia” at the Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Hong Kong, 25 September 2012.

Presented “Home-Base of an Exiled People: Hong Kong and Overseas Chinese Activism from Thailand” at the international workshop on “Contact Zones” organized by URPP Asia and Europe, University of Zurich, 14–15 June 2011.

Presented “Successfully Misunderstood: The Untold Realities of the Thai-Chinese Assimilation *Success Story*” at the international symposium on “Multicultural Coexistence in Southeast Asia” organized by the Center for Political Theory, Peace, and Democracy Institute, Korea University, 11 March 2011.

Presented “Thailand and the Xinhai Revolution: Expectations, Reality, and Inspiration” at the international workshop on “Sun Yat-sen, Nanyang, and the 1911 Chinese Revolution” organized by the Chinese Heritage Centre and the Institute for Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) in Singapore, 25–26 October 2010.

Presented “Free Love: Gender Politics of Romance in the Chinese Revolution” at the workshop “Romance: Illusion of Love, Culture, and Power” at Chiang Mai University, 14 February 2009.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

Presented “Repatriation, Deportation, Political Asylum: Implications of being Ethnic Chinese in Thailand during the Cold War Era” at the Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting in Honolulu, 2 April 2011.

Presented “The Docile Angyee: The Paradox of the Overseas Chinese Position during the Reign of King Chulalongkorn (Rama V) 1868-1910” at the 7th International Conference on the Studies of the Chinese Overseas in Singapore, 7 May 2010.

Presented “Heroes or Villains: A Comparative Study of Overseas Chinese Contribution to the Free Thai Movement and Their Role in the Yaowarat Uprising of 1945” at the Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, 29 March 2010.

Participated in the Salzburg Global Seminar, Session 467 on “Asia’s Emerging Powers: Rivalry and Global Responsibility” in Salzburg, 8–13 December 2009.

Presented “Plabplachai in Context: The Intertwined History of Chineseness and Communism in Cold War Thailand” at the Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting in Chicago, 29 March 2009.

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

‘Xiaobajiazi’: A Transcultural Study of a Transplanted Catholic Community in the Northeastern Chinese Frontier (China-Europa Centre-Hong Kong). Involved as one of a group of seven researchers investigating the history and the life of the 200-year-old Catholic community of Xiaobajiazi in Jilin Province, PRC. As an historian, I will take part in visiting the field in Northeastern China, conducting archival research of French Catholic mission documents in Paris, and participate in two conferences at the end of the first and second year of the research period (2012–2014).

Of Many Colors and Shades: A Social History of Ethnic Communities in Hong Kong (Hong Kong Polytechnic University/ the Research Grants Council-Hong Kong). Involved as the co-investigator of the project and archival researcher. Materials involved will include consular documents, archives of community religious centers, and documents from the Hong Kong Immigration Services.

INTERVIEW

Interviewed Amitav Ghosh in “Bharatasamay International Conference on Indian Writing in English” at the Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, 22 November 2012.

COURSES TAUGHT

UNDERGRADUATE

Eastern Civilization (core requirement, Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn)
Asian History (core requirement, Faculty of Arts (International Program) Chulalongkorn)
China in the Post-Second World War Era (elective, Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn)
Social History of East Asia (elective, Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn)
Issues in East Asian History (elective, Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn)
History of the Chinese Diaspora in Southeast Asia (required, SEA Studies, Kasetsart)

GRADUATE

Historiography of East Asia (elective, MA History, Chulalongkorn)
Issues in East Asian History (elective, MA History, Chulalongkorn)
The Great East Asian War (elective, MA History, Chulalongkorn)

Problems in East Asian History (elective, MA History, Chulalongkorn)
Modernization and Traditional Society in Thailand (elective, MA Thai Studies (International Program) Chulalongkorn)
Thai and Southeast Asian Peoples and Cultures (Freiburg Global Studies, Chulalongkorn)

FACULTY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Member of the Faculty of Arts Research Committee
Member of the Curriculum Committee for History
Member of the Curriculum Committee for Thai Studies (PhD. program)
Member of the Faculty of Arts Committee for the Enhancement of Research and Publication
Member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Letters*
Committee member of the Indian Studies Center of Chulalongkorn University
Committee member of Chula Global Network
Guest lecturer for the Thai Studies Program
Guest lecturer for the Southeast Asian Studies Program
Thesis supervision (MA and PhD) in History, Political Science, and Thai Studies

LANGUAGES

Thai/ English	excellent speaking, reading, writing ability
Modern Chinese	very good speaking, reading, writing ability
French	very good reading ability
Japanese	good reading ability
Classical Chinese	basic knowledge
Sanskrit	basic knowledge