

Curriculum Vitae

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Ethnicity, Kinship, Anthropology of Borderland, Ethnic Minorities in China and in highland Southeast Asia.

Education

2002-2007 PhD (Social Science), Division of Social Science, HKUST.
Thesis title: *The Collapse of Social Life: Marginalization and Exit among the Lahu Minority in Southwest China.*

1998-2000 MPhil (Social Science), Division of Social Science, HKUST.
Thesis title: *Ghosts, Gods, and Pirates: Local Elite and Popular Religion in South China.*

1994-1997 MA (Ethnology), Yunnan Nationalities University.
Thesis title: *The Spiritual World of the Lahu: Social Transformation and Modernization.*

1987-1991 BA (Library Science), Yunnan University.

Appointments

2013 - present Associate Professor, Division of Humanities, HKUST (in Chinese Anthropology with special emphasis on South China).

2016-2017 Visiting Scholar at the Harvard-Yenching Institute, Harvard University.

2014-2015 Research Scholar on East Asian Ethnic Polities, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia.

2008- 2013 Assistant Professor, Division of Humanities, HKUST (in Chinese Anthropology with special emphasis on South China).

- 2011-present Research Fellow, the Chinese University of Hong Kong – Sun Yat Set University Center for Historical Anthropology.
- 2008-2010 Assistant Director of the Pan-Pearl River Delta Research Station, South China Research Center, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.
- 2006-2007 Research Assistant, South China Research Center, Nansha Office, HKUST (Administer the daily operation and research activities of the center).
- 2000-2002 Lecturer, College of Tourism and Geography, Yunnan Normal University.
- 1991-1997 Librarian, Yunnan Education College.

Publication: Books

- 2013/2014 *The Lahu Minority in Southwest China: A Response to Ethnic Marginalization on the Frontier*, 254 pages, London: Routledge. Hardcover published in 2013 / Paperback published in 2014.
- 2013 《再造的祖先：西南边疆的族群动员与拉祜族的历史建构》 [Reinventing Ancestors: Ethnic Mobilization in China's Southwest Frontier & the Historical Construction of Lahu], 256 pages, Hong Kong: The Chinese University Press.

Publication: Edited Books

- 2020 *Islam and Chinese Society: Genealogies, Lineage and Local Communities*, 164 pages, London: Routledge. Edited by Jianxiong Ma, Oded Abt and Jide Yao.
- 2019 *Transformation of Yunnan in Ming China: From the Dali Kingdom to Imperial Province*, 184 pages, London: Routledge. Edited by Christian Daniels and Jianxiong Ma.
- 2017 《伊斯兰与中国西南边疆社会》 [Islam and the Southwest Frontier of China], 279 pages, Kunming: Yunnan University Press. Edited Yao Jide and Jianxiong Ma [姚继德、马健雄主编，云南大学出版社].

Publication: Journal Articles

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- 2018 〈“佛王”与皇帝：清初以来滇缅边疆银矿业的兴衰与山区社会的族群动员〉 [Buddha-King Versus Emperor: Ethnic Mobilization among Mountain Communities and the Decline of Silver Mining Industry in the Yunnan and Burma]

- Border Region], 《社会》 [Chinese Journal of Sociology], vol.38,4, pp.54-90.
- 2017 <明代的赵州与铁索箐：滇西以“坝子”为中心的地理环境与族群建构> [Zhaozhou and the Tiesuo Valley in the Ming Dynasty: the Geographic Environment and Ethnic Construction around the Bazi Basins in West Yunnan], 《大理民族文化研究论丛》 [The Research Series on Ethnic Culture in Dali], 第六辑, vol. 6, pp.229-262.
- 2016 <一个杜文秀《对联集成》手稿概述> [A Study on Historical Archives of the Du Wenxiu Manuscript Couplets] 《云南回族研究》 [Journal of Huizu Studies in Yunnan], vol.23, pp.38-48.
- 2016 <一个世纪中的拉祜山糯福教堂与东南亚地缘政治> [A Lahu Christian Church and the Geopolitics of Southeast Asia], 《领导者》 [Leaders], vol.69, pp.80-92.
- 2014 “The Mule Caravans of Western Yunnan: The Oral History of the Muleteers of Zhaozhou”. Co-authored with MA Cunzhao, *Transfers: Interdisciplinary Journal of Mobility Studies* vol. 4, 3 (Winter) pp.24-42. (Berghahn Journal, New York & Oxford).
- 2014 <失业矿工与地方军事化：清中期云南西部银矿业衰退与回民的族群动员> [Unemployed Miners and Local Militarization: Ethnic Mobilization of the Hui in the Decline of Silver Mining Industry since the Mid-Qing], 《民族学界》 [Ethnologic Fields], vol.34. (National Chengchi University, Taipei).
- 2014 “Salt and Revenue in the Frontier Formation: State Mobilized Ethnic Politics in Yunnan-Burma Borderland since the 1720s”. *Modern Asian Studies* vol. 48, 6, pp. 1637-1669. (Cambridge University Press, Published online: July 11, 2013).
- 2014 “The Rise of Gentry Power on the China-Burma Frontier since the 1870s: The Case of the Peng Family in Mianning, Southwest Yunnan”. *International Journal of Asian Studies* vol. 11, 1, pp. 25–51. (Cambridge University Press).
- 2013 “The Five Buddha Districts on the Yunnan-Burma Frontier: A Political System Attached to the State”. *Cross-Currents: East Asian History and Culture Review*, Print Journal vol. 2, 2, pp.478-505; E-Journal no. 8, 2013 pp. 53-79. (UC Berkeley).
- 2013 “Clustered Communities and Transportation Routes: The Wa Lands Neighboring the Lahu and the Dai on the Frontier”. *The Journal of Burma Studies*, vol. 17, 1, pp. 81-119. (Northern Illinois University).
- 2012 <“边防三老”：清末民初南段滇缅边疆上的国家代理人> [Three Elders of Frontier Defense: State Agents and the Formation of Yunnan-Burma Frontier in Late Qing and Early Republic] 《历史人类学学刊》 [Journal of History and Anthropology], vol. 10, no. 1, pp.87-122.
- 2011 “Shaping of the Yunnan-Burma Frontier by Secret Societies since the End of the 17th Century”, *Moussons* n° 17, 2011-1, pp. 65-84. (Presses Universitaires de Provence, France).

- 2011 “Marriage and Land Property: Bilateral Non-linear Kinship and Communal Authority of the Lahu in Southwest Yunnan Frontier, China”. *South East Asia Research*, vol. 19, 3, pp. 495-536. (IP for the SOAS, University of London).
- 2009 “Local Knowledge Constructed by the State: Reinterpreting Myths and Imagining Migration History of the Lahu in Yunnan, Southwest China”. *Asian Ethnology*, vol. 68, no.1, pp. 111-129. (Formerly *Asian Folklore Studies*).
- 2007 〈哀牢山腹地的族群政治：清中前期‘改土归流’与‘傣黑’的兴起〉 [The Ethnic Politics in Ailao Mountains: Reforms to the Native Chieftain System since Earlier Qing and the Mobilization of the Lahu Identity] 《中央研究院历史语言研究所集刊》 [The Bulletin of the Institute of History and Philology], vol. 78, part 3, pp.553-602.
- 2007 “On the Golden Triangle: Nationalism, Economic Transformation and Chinese Migration in the Wa State, Northeastern Myanmar”, in *Changing Faces of Nationalism in Asia*. Edited by Yamamoto, pp. 87-102, Tokyo: Keio University Press.
- 2007 〈宗教运动与社会动员：木嘎拉祜族神话、历史记忆与族群身份认同〉 [Religious Movement and Social Mobilization: Myth, Historical Memory and Ethnic Identity of the Lahu at Muga Valley]. 《思想战线》 [Thinking], no. 1, pp. 90-98.
- 2006 〈娜约和她的姐妹们——婚姻困境中的云南拉祜族村庄〉 ["Na Yue and Her Sisters: The Lahu Villagers' Suffering from the Squeeze of Marriage]. 《南风窗》 [Nan Fen Chuan], pp. 66-69, March Issue.
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- 2004 〈从‘傣匪’到‘拉祜族’：边疆化过程中的族群认同〉 ['Luo Bandits' to 'Lahu Nationality': Ethnic Identity in the Process of Border Formation]. 《历史人类学学刊》 [Journal of History and Anthropology], vol. 2, no. 1, pp.1-32.
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- 2004 〈性别比、婚姻挤压与妇女迁移——以拉祜族和佤族之例看少数民族妇女的婚姻迁移问题〉 [Sex Ratio, Marriage Squeeze and Ethnic Females' Marriage Migration in China: A Case Study on the Lahu and the Wa] 《广西民族学院学报》 [Journal of Guangxi University for Nationalities (Philosophy and Social Science Edition)], vol. 26, no. 4, pp. 88-95.
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- 究（第十辑）》[Study on Chaozhou, vol 10], pp. 287-317, Shantou: Shantou University Press.
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- 2019 “Beyond the Border of Disciplines: From Fieldwork among the Lahu to the History of Bazi Basins”. In Thomas David DuBois and Jan Kiely edited, *Fieldwork in Modern Chinese History: A Research Guide*. Pp. 96-105. London: Routledge. Pp. 98-105.
- 2018 〈国家体制与西南边疆社会的重构（代前言）〉, [State and Reconstruction of the Southwest Frontier: Roads, Resources and Ritual Interpretations], 赵敏、廖迪生主编[Edited by Zhao Min and Tik-Sang Liu], 《云贵高原的‘坝子社会’：道路、资源与仪式诠释》[The Bazi Society of the Yun-Gui Plateau: Transportation Route, Resources and Ritual Interpretation], 昆明：云南大学出版社[Kunming: Yunnan University Press]. Pp. 1-19.
- 2018 〈珠江三角洲的围堤社会与水利管理〉 [Dike-based Communities between Water and Sand: The Sand-land Environmental System in Dongchong, South China, 1720s-1980s (Chinese Translation)], 刘翠溶、毕以迪主编[edited by Ts’ui-jung Liu and James Beattie], 《东亚环境、现代化与发展：环境史的视野》[Environment, Modernization and Development in East Asia], 台北：允晨文化[Taipei: Asian Culture], Pp.141-170.
- 2017 〈清末民初滇缅边疆汉人宗族的建构与士绅政治〉 [The Construction of Lineages

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- 2016 〈村庙与坝子水利: 明初以来洱海北部三个坝子的社会转变〉 [Village temples and Irrigation Systems in the *Bazi* Basins: Social Change in Three Basins in the Northern Erhai Lake Area since the Early Ming Dynasty], 收入赵敏主编 [Edited by Zhao Min], 《大理洱源县碑刻辑录》 [The Collection of Inscriptions in Eryuan County], 昆明: 云南大学出版社 [Yunnan University Press]. Pp. 1-20.
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- 2016 “Ethnic Minority Groups in Southwest China (Chapter 3)”, in *Handbook on Minorities in China*, edited by Zang Xiaowei, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar. Pp20-36.
- 2016 “Ethnic Marginalization in China: the Case of the Lahu (Chapter 16)”, in *Handbook on Minorities in China*, edited by Zang Xiaowei, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar. Pp364-382.
- 2015 〈地理生态、国家政治与山区、坝子分异下的社会整合与离散（代前言）〉、〈“外则朝贡出入、内则文武往来”：明清以来赵州坝子的社会重建〉、〈马帮交通的跨越性与限制：以赵州坝子为中心的考察〉（与马存兆合作）， [“Geography, Ecology, State Politics, Social Integration, and Dispersion on the Dichotomy of the *Bazi* Basins and Mountains Communities (Introduction)”, “When the Tributaries and Officials are Passing by’: Social Re-construction from the Ming to the Qing of the Zhaozhou *Bazi* Society”, “Across Natural and Cultural Barriers: The Caravans of *Zhaozhou*, Western Yunnan”]收入赵敏、廖迪生主编 [Edited by

- Zhao Min and Tik-Sang Liu], 《云贵高原的‘坝子社会’：道路、资源与仪式诠释》 [The *Bazi* Society of the Yun-Gui Plateau: Southwest Frontier in the Perspective of Historical Anthropology], 昆明：云南大学出版社[Kunming: Yunnan University Press]. Pp. 1-18; Pp1-28; Pp. 84-111.
- 2014 “The Zhaozhou *Bazi* Society in Yunnan: Historical Process in the *Bazi* Basin Environmental System during the Ming Period (1368-1643)”. In *Environmental History in East Asia: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, edited by Ts'ui-jung Liu, Institute of Taiwan History, Academia Sinica. In a series of “Academia Sinica on East Asia” published by Routledge (Taylor and Francis Group) in association with Academia Sinica. Pp. 131-155.
- 2014 〈日常生活中的“历史实践”：云南西南部拉祜族社会有关“幸福”、“权力”与“生命”的仪式与诠释〉 [“The Practiced History” in Daily Life: The Rituals and Interpretations about ‘Fortunate’, ‘Power’ and ‘Life’ in the Lahu in Southwest Yunnan]. 末成道男、刘志伟、麻国庆主编[Edited by Fukuyosha, Liu Zhiwei and Ma Guoqing], 《人类学与“历史”：第一届东亚人类学论坛报告集》 [Anthropology and ‘History’: The First Forum of East Asian Anthropology], 北京：社会科学文献出版社, [Beijing: Social Sciences Academic Press]. Pp. 111-116.
- 2014 〈从碑刻看明清以来滇西赵州坝子的社会重建〉 [Social Reconstruction of the Zhaozhou *Bazi* Society from the Ming to the Qing in the Perspective of Inscriptions Studies]. 郑振满主编[Edited by Zheng Zhenman], 《碑铭研究》 [The Study of Stone Inscriptions], 北京：社会科学文献出版社, [Beijing: Social Sciences Academic Press]. Pp. 167-184.
- 2013 “Re-creating Hui Identity and the Charity Network in the Imperial Extension from Ming to Qing in the Southwest Chinese Frontier”. In *Charities in the Non-Western World: The Development and Regulation of Indigenous and Islamic Charities*, edited by Rajeswary Ampalavanar Brown and Justin Pierce. London & New York: Routledge. Pp. 147-170.
- 2013 〈导言：石碑上的“赵州坝子”生命史〉 [Introduction: The Life History of “Zhaozhou Bazi” on the Stone Inscriptions]. 马存兆编[Edited by Ma Cunzhao], 《大理凤仪古碑文集》 [The Collections of Ancient Inscriptions in Zhaozhou of Dali Area], 香港：香港科技大学华南研究中心, [Hong Kong: South China Research Center]. Pp. 3-24.
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Book Reviews

- 2017 “Yunnan beyond Yunnan Province”, Review on Wen-Chin Chang, *Beyond Borders: Stories of Yunnanese Chinese Migrants of Burma*, in *The 21st Century*, Hong Kong. Vol. 160, pp. 133-142.
- 2013 Review on Shen Haimei, *The Middle Ground: Gender, Ethnicity and Identity in Southwest China*, *Journal of History and Anthropology*. Vol. 11, 1, pp.192-197.
- 2005 Review on Erik Mueggler, *The Age of Wild Ghost: Memory, Violence, and Place in Southwest China*, in *Journal of History and Anthropology*, Vol. 2, 2, pp175-179.

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- 2019 《菽村科仪文书》 [Collection of Ritual Texts of the He Village]. 寸云激、马健雄主编 [Co-editor with Yunji Cun], 香港：香港科技大学华南研究中心 [Hong Kong: South China Research Center, HKUST and Hong Kong Heritage Museum], 6 volumes.

- 2018 《香港回民史料概览（1917-2017）》 [Collection of Historical Archives of the Hui Muslim Community in Hong Kong (1917-2017)]. 脱新范、姚继德、马健雄主编 [Co-editor with Alima Tuet and Jide Yao], 香港：香港科技大学华南研究中心 [Hong Kong: South China Research Center, HKUST and Hong Kong Heritage Museum], 627pages.

Conference Presentations

- 2019 “The Road Getting in All under Heaven Cosmology: The Zhaozhou Bazi Society in West Yunnan”, paper presented at International Conference on Flows and Frictions in Trans-Himalayan Spaces, Stockholm, Sweden, 20-22 November.
- 2019 “The Kokang Chinese in Myanmar between Shan-Dai Chieftains”, paper presented at International Conference on Positioning Chinese Diasporas in Southeast Asia, Hong Kong Baptist University, 1-2 November.
- 2019 “The Frontier Basin: Chieftains, Se Temples and Militarization in Kokang”, paper presented at the Conference of Chieftaincy and Ethnicity in Southwest China from the Ming to the Qing Dynasties, HKUST, 20-21 August.
- 2019 “The Mule Caravan Transportation and Development of Mining Industry on the Borderlands in Southwest China from the 17th to 19th Centuries”, paper presented at the 11th International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS 11), Leiden University, Netherlands, 16-19 July.
- 2018 “The Mining Industry and Mule Caravan Transportation in Yunnan from the 17th to 19th Century”, paper presented at the Environmental Humanities 2018 at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, December 6-7.
- 2018 “The Chieftains of Shan-Dai borderland between Yunnan and Burma from the Ming to the Qing dynasties”, paper presented at the Workshop on Asian Borderlands Studies, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, October 4-5.
- 2018 “The Making of Identities and the Silver Mine Industry on the Yunnan-Burma Borderland in the 19th Century”, paper presented at the 6th Conference of the Asian Borderlands Research Network: Borderland Spaces, Ruins, Revival(s) and Resources, American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, August 13-15.
- 2018 “Outlets of Surplus Miners: Identity Resistances and the Silver Mine Industry on the Yunnan-Burma Borderland”, paper presented at Association for Borderlands Studies Second World Conference 2018, University of Vienna and Central European University Budapest, July 10-14.
- 2018 “The Dowry Land System and Chieftains of Shan-Dai Borderlines between Yunnan and Burmese Kingdoms from the Ming to the Qing Dynasties: The Construction of a Decentralized Institution in the Frontier”, paper presented at China-Burma-Bengal

- Corridor: Process Geographies in the Making of Modern Asia, Yunnan Minzu University-Linnaeus University Joint International Publishing Workshop Program, April 17-19.
- 2017 “The Buddha-King and the Emperor: Social Transformation of Mountain Communities on the Frontier between Yunnan and Burma”, paper presented at the International Conference on Ming-Qing Studies, Academia Sinica, Taipei, December 18-20.
- 2017 “Du Wenxiu and the Discourse of Nation and *Qingzhen* Religion/Islam of the White Flag Rebellious Government”, paper presented at the International Conference on Culture, History and State Construction: Ethnic Borders and Ethnic Constructing Process in Modern China, Taipei: Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica, November 19-21.
- 2017 “The Village Temples and Irrigation System in the Bazi Society: Social Change in Three Basins in Northern Erhai Lake in Yunnan since the 14th Century”, paper presented at the Bazi Society in Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, August 5-7.
- 2017 “The Dowry Land System and Chieftains of Shan-Dai Borderlands from Ming to Qing: The Construction of a Decentralized Frontier Institution”, paper presented at the 10th International Convention of Asia Scholars, Chiang Mai, Thailand, July 20-23.
- 2017 “Beyond academic disciplinary borders: from anthropology of the Lahu to the Bazi Society in History on the borders between Yunnan and Burma”, paper presented at the conference of “Connecting East Asia and Southeast Asia Studies: HYI Alumni and Academic Exchange, Chiang Mai University”, Thailand, July 19.
- 2017 “The Wa Lands Neighboring the Lahu and the Dai on the Frontier”, paper presented at the Cross Border Ethno-histories in East and West Asia workshop, co-organized with the Harry S. Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace, Hebrew University, Tel Hai Academic College, Israel, March 6-7.
- 2017 “Animal Agency in the Caravan Transportation: Mules and Muleteers in the Frontier Society between Northwest Yunnan, Southeast Tibet and North Burma”, paper presented at the Animals and Human Society in the Asian Sphere conference, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, 26 February to 1 March 20.
- 2017 “The Mining Industry and Mule Caravan Transportation in Yunnan from the 17th to the 19th Century”, paper presented at the workshop of “Animals, Society and Religion in Asia”, Tel Aviv University, Israel, February 26.
- 2017 “Animal Agency in the Caravan Transportation: Mules and Muleteers in the Frontier Society between Northwest Yunnan, Southeast Tibet and North Burma”, paper presented at the New England Region Association for Asian Studies Annual

- Conference, Boston College, U.S.A., January 28-29.
- 2017 “Frontier Agency in Making Ethnicity”, The Workshop of “Zomia Study Group”, Center for Southeast Asian Studies in Kyoto University, Japan, January 13-14.
- 2016 “The Deck of Chinese Hui Muslims: Social Networks of the Hui Community in Colonial Hong Kong”, The International Conference on Historical Anthropology and the History of China in the Twentieth Century, Center for China Studies, CUHK, December 19-20.
- 2016 “The Mining Industry, Caravan Transportation and Ethnic Mobilization in Southwest China from the 17th to 19th Century”, Harvard-Yenching Institute Lunch Talk, Harvard University, November 22.
- 2016 “The Mining Industry and Mule Caravan Transportation in Yunnan from the 17th to 19th Century”, paper presented at the Conference on Text and Labor in Asian Construction, Transportation, and Infrastructure, Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society, the University of Chicago, the U.S.A., November 5-6.
- 2016 “The Rise and Fall of Silver Industry on the Yunnan-Burma Borderland from 17th to 19th Centuries in the Context of State Re-construction in Burma”, paper presented at the 5th Southeast Asian Studies Symposium: Human and Environmental Welfare in Southeast Asia, University of Oxford, the U.K., April 13-24.
- 2015 “The Movement of Rituals: Mule Caravan and Copper Mine Transportation in Yunnan in Qing Dynasty”, paper presented at the Historical Anthropology of Chinese Society Conference 2015: Ritual Markers as Seen in Field and Documentary Research, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, December 18-19.
- 2015 “The Road Getting in All under Heaven Cosmology: The Zhaozhou Bazi Society in West Yunnan”, paper present at Voyages, Migration and the Maritime Silk Road: An International Symposium on China’s Role in Global History, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, December 7-8.
- 2015 “The Dowry Land System of Decentralized Shan-Dai Chieftaincy Polity between Chinese Empires and Burmese Kingdoms after the 13th Century”, paper presented at the Joint Meeting of Taiwan Society for Anthropology and Ethnology & East Asia Anthropological Association, National Chengchi University, Taipei, October 3-4.
- 2015 “The Zhaozhou Basin and the Tiesuoqin Valley in Ming Dynasty: Ethnic Construction and the Bazi Basin Environment in West Yunnan”, keynote speech, the Fourteenth Advanced Forum of Anthropology, Yunnan University of Finance and Economics, Kunming, Yunnan, September 25-27.
- 2015 “The Bazi Basin and the Mule Caravan Transportation in the Ming and the Qing Dynasties in West Yunnan: the Case of Taiguo Monastery”, paper presented at the

- Fourth Religious Anthropology Forum of China, Jishou University, Hunan, September 8-11.
- 2015 Two chapters on “Ethnic Minorities in Southwest China” and “Response to Ethnic Marginalization in China” presented at “Workshop on *The Handbook on Minorities in China*”, City University of Hong Kong, August 6-7.
- 2015 “The Road Getting in *All under Heaven* Cosmology: The Zhaozhou Bazi society in West Yunnan, paper presented at the AAS-in-Asia Conference”, Academia Sinica, Taipei, June 22-24.
- 2015 “Outlets of Surplus Miners: Identity Resistances and the Silver Mine Industry on the Yunnan-Burma Borderland from the 16th to the 17th Centuries”, paper presented at Workshop on China’s Borderland Environment, Center for China Studies, University of California, Berkeley, May 19-20.
- 2015 “The Dowry Land System of Decentralized Shan-Dai Chieftaincy Polity between Chinese Empires and Burmese Kingdoms after the 13th Century”, paper presented at 57th ABS/WSSA Annual Conference, Portland, Oregon, the U. S. A., April 8-11.
- 2015 “Unemployed Miners and Local Militarization: Ethnic Mobilization of the Hui in the Decline of Silver Mining Industry since the Mid-Qing”, paper presented at Islam and Southeast China Society: Conference on Muslim Communities in Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau and Their Networks in Southeast Asia, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, January 10-12.
- 2014 “The Chieftains of Shan-Dai Borderland between Yunnan and Burma from the Ming to the Qing Dynasties: The Dowry Lands, the Decentralized Institution and the Burmese Kingdoms”, paper draft for the “4th Conference of the Asian Borderlands Research Network: Activated Borders, Re-openings, Ruptures and Relationships”, City University of Hong Kong, December 8 – 10.
- 2014 “Unemployed Miners and Local Militarization: Ethnic Mobilization of the Hui in the Decline of Silver Mining Industry since the Mid-Qing”, paper presented at the conference and workshop on Interaction between Communities in Mountains and Bazi Basins: Ethnic and Social Relations on the Highland of Yunnan-Guizhou, Dali University, Yunnan, August 9-19.
- 2014 “The Five Buddha Districts on the Yunnan-Burma Frontier: A Political System Attached to the State”, paper presented at the GSC/AAG/IGU/GSYP Joint Workshop on Geopolitics in Changing Southeast Asia: Boundaries and Borderlands, School of Tourism and Geography, Yunnan Normal University, July 20-23.
- 2014 “Outlets of Surplus Miners: Identity Resistances and the Silver Mine Industry on the Yunnan-Burma Borderland from 16th to the 17th Centuries”, paper presented at the Borderland China: A Workshop on UC Berkeley, Berkeley, the U.S.A, May 20-21.
- 2014 “Animal Agency in the Caravan Transportation: Mules and Muleteers in the Frontier

- Society between Southwest China and Burma”, paper presented at the panel Not by Human Alone: Environmental of Marginal Significance in Late Imperial China and Beyond, Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Philadelphia, the U. S. A., March 27-30.
- 2014 “Hui Chinese Muslims in Yunnan: Arabian Genealogies and Diasporic Networks between China and Southeast Asia”, paper presented at The Rahmania Annual Seminar: Asia and Arabia, Co-sponsored by The Abdulrahman Al-Sudairy Studies & Princeton University’s Institute for Transregional Studies, Al-Ghat, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, January 8-10.
- 2013 “Clustered Communities and Transportation Routes: The Wa Lands Neighboring the Lahu and the Dai on the Frontier”, paper presented at the workshop of Frontier Frictions: Cultural Encounters, Exchange, and Emergence in Asian Uplands, the Max Plank Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany, November 14-15.
- 2013 “The Five Buddha Districts on the Yunnan-Burma Frontier: A Political System Attached to the State”, paper presented (in absentia, presented by another scholar) at Myanmar from the Margins Conference, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, November 14-15.
- 2013 “Building up Dike-based Communities between Water and Sand: The Case of Sand land Environmental System in Dongchong Area from the 1720s to the 1980s in Pearl River Delta, South China”, paper presented at The Second Conference of East Asian Environmental History (EAEH2013), National Dong Hwa University, Hua Lien, Taiwen, October 24-26.
- 2013 “‘When the Tributaries and Officials are Passing by’: Social Re-construction from the Ming to the Qing of the Zhaozhou Bazi Society”, paper presented at the workshop of “Mountains and Sea: The Bazi Societies of Yunnan – Guizhou Plateau and the Dialogue with Taiwan. College of Hakka Studies, Hsin-Chu: National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan, July 1-10.
- 2013 “Making Genealogy and Building the Common Items Charity: Reform of Hui Identity and Communal Network in the Imperial Extension from Ming to Qing on the Yunnan-Burma Frontier”, paper presented at the international conference “Forms of Exchange: China and The Muslim World”, organized by Institute of East Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley, April 18-19.
- 2012 “Building up Gentry Charity in Cities: The *Dong Jing* Assembly as a Religious Network for Elite to Shape Local Integration on Yunnan Frontier since the Sixteenth Century, Southwest China”, paper presented at the “International Conference on Philanthropy, the State and Globalization”, organized by Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Science, University of Hong Kong, and Center on

- Philanthropy, Sun Yat-Sen University, Hong Kong and Guangzhou. December 6-8.
- 2012 “The Rise of Gentry Power on the China-Burma Frontier since the 1870s: The Case of Peng Family in Mianning, Southwest Yunnan”, paper presented at the “3rd Conference of the Asian Borderlands Research Network: Connections, Corridors, and Communities”, National University of Singapore, Singapore. October 11-13.
- 2012 “Setting the Han Lineages Among Dai Chieftains: The Construction of Kokang Elite Networks as a Frontier Institution Between China and Burma”, paper presented at the “10th International Burma Studies Conference”, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. U.S.A., October 5-7.
- 2012 “Between the Sand and the Water: The Environmental Condition of the Dong Chong Society and Its Changes”, paper presented at the “Conference on the Society and Culture of Dong Chong Pearl River Delta”, organized by the Township Government of Dong Chong, Guangzhou City, and the South China Research Center, HKUST. August 24.
- 2012 “Environmental Geography and *Bazi* Based Ethnic Construction and Social Integration since the Early Ming: The Case of Zhaozhou”, paper presented at the Secondary Conference on “ ‘*Bazi* Society’: Local Society and Culture in Yun-Gui Highland”, Dali University, Yunnan, August 10-18.
- 2012 “Re-construction of Modern Borders between Yunnan and Burma: The Changing Systems of the Mule Caravan Network, the Shan Chieftain Institutions and the Han Chinese Lineages before and after the 1870s”, paper presented at Berkeley Summer Research Institute: “Bordering China: Modernity and Sustainability”, Institute of East Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley August 1-10. Berkeley, California, the U. S. A., July 31 – August 10.
- 2012 “Setting the Han Lineages among Dai Chieftains: The Construction of Kokang Elite Network as A Frontier Institution between China and Burma”, paper presented at East Asian Anthropological Association Conference: “The World in Asia/East Asia in the World”, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, July 6-8, Hong Kong.
- 2012 “The Rise of Gentry Power on the China-Burma Frontier since the 1870s: The Case of Peng Family in Mianning, Southwest Yunnan”, paper presented at “Defining the *Jecen*: The Evolution of the Qing Frontier, 1644-1912”, International Workshop, Hong Kong Baptist University, May 25-26, Hong Kong.
- 2012 “The Rise of Gentry Power on the China-Burma Frontier since the 1870s: The Case of Peng Family in Mianning, Southwest Yunnan”, paper presented at the Second Congress of the Asian Association of World Historians, Ewha Woman’s University, April 27-29, Seoul, Korea.
- 2012 “Practicing *History* in Everyday Life: Interpretations on *Fortune*, *Power* and *Life* among the Lahu on the Frontier of Yunnan, Southwest China”, paper presented at

- the Eastern Asian Anthropology Forum: Anthropology and History, Sun Yat-Sen University, March 29-30, Guangzhou.
- 2012 “Across Natural and Cultural Barriers: The Caravans of *Zhaozhou*, Western Yunnan”, paper presented at the Mobility and Daily Life: Histories and Possibilities of “Backward” and “Progressive” Means of Transport International Symposium, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Eindhoven University of Technology, the Netherlands; *Transfers: Interdisciplinary Journal of Mobility Studies*, January 5-7, Shanghai.
- 2011 “Making Genealogy and Building the Common Items Charity: Reform of Hui Identity and Communal Network in the Imperial Extension from Ming to Qing in Yunnan, Southwest Chinese Frontier”, paper presented at International Workshop on “Charity and Legitimacy of Organization, Law, Accountability, and Transparency”, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey, December 12 – 16.
- 2011 “Historical Process in the *Bazi* Basin Ecological System: A Case Study of the *Zhaozhou Bazi* Society in Western Yunnan Mountains Area, Southwest China”, paper presented at The First Conference of East Asian Environmental History (EAEH2011), Institute of Taiwan History, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, October 24-26.
- 2011 “Seeing from Mountains: Social Changes from the Ming to the Qing of the *Bazi* system in *Zhaozhou*, West Yunnan”, paper presented at Conference on “Mid-Term Conference on Historical Anthropology on Chinese Society AoE Project”, CUHK, Hong Kong, August 26-27.
- 2011 “Shaping of the Yunnan-Burma Frontier by Secret Societies since the 1680s: Political Mobilization in the Mountain Areas between the Mekong River and the Salween River”, paper presented at “The Material Asia Conference: Objects, Technologies and Rethinking Success: the SEAA 2011 Conference, Society for East Asian Anthropology, Korean Society for Cultural Anthropology”, Jeonju, Korea, August 1-5.
- 2011 “Meaning Crossing on the Coastal Frontier: the Ancestors and Ghosts of a Community at the Nanao Island”, paper presented at “Coastal Communities on the South China Frontier: Local Society and Culture”, May 14. HKUST, Hong Kong.
- 2011 “Bilateral Non-lineal Kinship and the Creative Myth *Creating Heaven, Creating Earth* in the Lahu in Muga”, paper presented at Conference on Lahu Tradition and Development, Lancang County, Yunnan, April 4-11.
- 2011 “The History of Borders in the Wa Lands”, paper presented at “2010 International Burma Studies Conference”, Joint Conference of the Association for Asian Studies and International Convention of Asia Scholars, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 31- April 3. U. S. A.

- 2011 “Seeing from Mountains: Social Changes from the Ming to the Qing of the Bazi system in Zhaozhou, West Yunnan”, paper presented at Conference on “ ‘Bazi Society’: Local Society and Culture in Yun-Gui Highland”, HKUST, Hong Kong, January 16-18.
- 2010 “The State Agency in the Formation of Yunnan-Burma Frontier since the 1720s”, paper presented at “Asian Borderlands: Enclosure, Interaction and Transformation”, Chiang Mai, Thailand, November 5-7.
- 2010 “The History of Borders in the Wa Lands”, paper presented at “2010 International Burma Studies Conference”, Universite de Provence, Marseille, France, July 6-10.
- 2010 “ ‘Three Powerful Men in Frontier Defense’: The State Agency at the Southern Yunnan-Burma Frontier”, paper presented at “International Conference on Ming and Qing State Building and the Transformation of Native Society in China’s Southwest”, Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, June 18-20.
- 2009 “When an Ethnic Marker Becomes the Country's Intangible Cultural Heritage: A Case Study of the Lahu Myth, Creating Heaven and Earth, in Yunnan, Southwest China”, paper presented at the international conference on “Intangible Cultural Heritage and Local Communities in East Asia”, Hong Kong Heritage Museum, Sha Tin Hong Kong, December 4-7.
- 2009 “Marriage and Land Property: Bilateral non-lineal kinship and communal authority of the Lahu in Southwest Yunnan Frontier, China”, paper presented at the “16th Congress of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences”, Kunming, July 27-31.
- 2009 “From the ‘Luo Bandits’ to ‘the Lahu Nationality’: Historical Interpretation and Ethnic Identity in the Formation of Southwest Frontier in China”, talk presented at Conference on “Imaging, constructing Southwest Frontier of China”, at Ethnology Institute of Academia Sinica, Taipei, July 7.
- 2009 “Performing the State Agency: Three Powerful Families on the Southern Yunnan-Burma Frontier since the 1880s”, paper presented at the “SEAA & TSEA Taipei 2009 Conference”, Academia Sinica, Taipei, July 1-6.
- 2009 “The State Agency on the Frontier: the Shi Tusi Family and the Southern Undetermined Borderland Society between Yunnan and Burma, from the 1880s to the 1940s ”, Conference on “Redefining the West River: Ming and Qing State Building and the Transformation of Native Society”, organized by the History Department of Chinese University of Hong Kong, South China Research Center of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and the Center for Historical Anthropology of Sun Yat-sen University, at Nansha, Guangzhou City, May 2-3.
- 2008 “Creating *minzu* history: the imaged migration history of the Lahu and Its Social Background since the 1940s”, paper presented at the “Symposium on Ethnology and

- Anthropology of Yunnan Province and China”, at Kunming, Yunnan Nationalities University, March 22-25.
- 2008 “Mutual Interpreting Identities and Local Knowledge: Teaching Experiences at Weishan in Yunnan and Nansha in Guangdong”, paper presented at the “International Conference on ‘Heritage and Education’,” at Tai O, organized by South China Research Center, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, February 23-24.
- 2007 “On the Golden Triangle: Nationalism, Economic Transformation and Chinese Migration in the Wa State, Northeastern Myanmar”, paper presented at the “Changing Faces of Nationalism in Asia,” Keio University, Tokyo, Japan, March 26-27.
- 2007 “Female Traffic and Marriage Squeeze of Ethnic Minorities in Southwest China: On the Lahu in Yunnan Province,” paper presented at the “Sixteenth Annual Graduate Student Conference on East Asia,” Columbia University, New York City, the U.S., February 9-10.
- 2006 “Local Knowledge Constructed by the State: Reinterpreting Myths and Imagining History of the Lahu in Yunnan, Southwest China”, paper presented at the “Society for East Asian Anthropology, American Anthropological Association Conference: Eastern Asian Anthropology/Anthropology in East Asia (SEAA Hong Kong 2006),” The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, July 13-17.
- 2005 “Ethnic Politics in Ailao Mountains: Reforms to the Native Chieftain System since Earlier Qing and the Mobilization of the Lahu Identity”, paper presented at the “International Conference on the Construction of Regional Societies of China,” organized by the Research Center of History and Anthropology of Sun Yat-Sen University, Chinese Social Economic History Society of Guangdong and South China Research Center of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, P.R. China, December 17-18.
- 2004 “Reconstructing Ethnic History and the State Ideology”, paper presented at the “International Conference on Impact of Globalization, Regionalism, and Nationalism on Minority People in Southwest Asia,” organized by Social Research Institution, Chiang Mai University. Chiang Mai, Thailand, November 15-17.
- 2004 “Reconstructing History and Historical Memories: State Ideology, Mythology, and Ethnic Identity of the Lahu in China”, paper presented at the “Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs”, Minneapolis, Minnesota, the U. S., October 1-3.
- 2003 “On the Creating of Communal Identity: A Case Study of the Pashi-Dai in Xishuangbanna, Yunnan, Southeast China”, paper presented at the “Conference on Ethnicity in Multicultural Asia: Theory and Findings,” organized by the Southeast Asia Research Center, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and the

Department of Applied Social Studies. Southeast Asian Research Center, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, November 27-29.

Conference Chair and Coordinator

2013 International Conference on “The Hui Genealogies in the Ming and Qing”, supported by The UGC AoE Scheme: The Historical Anthropology of Chinese Society, January 9-12, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

Research Grants

- 2016- Animal Agency and Social Networks from a Historical Anthropology Perspective: Mules and Animal Husbandry, Agriculture and Long Distance Caravan Trade between Yunnan, Burma and Margins of the Tibetan Plateau (Project no. 16655916. HKD759,000) as PI. RGC General Research Fund.
- 2016-2017 The Movement of Rituals: Local Agency on the Mule Caravan Transportation Routes between Copper and Silver mines and the Yangtze River Ports in Qing dynasty, and Indigenous Knowledge of Mule training in Yunnan, Southwest China (Project no. SBI16HS01. HKD100,000), as PI. 2016-2017 School-Based Initiatives (SBI) Grant. the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.
- 2012-2015 Identity Formation and Social Interdependency Based on the Bazi (壩子) System: A Historical Anthropology Perspective on Social Construction between Mountains and Basins in the Zhaozhou area, Western Yunnan Frontier, Southwest China (Project no. 642112, HKD377,894), as PI. RGC General Research Fund / Early Career Scheme Fund.
- 2014-2015 The Dowry Land System and the Decentralized Shan-Dai Chieftaincy Polity between Chinese Empires and Burmese Kingdoms after 13th Century: An Institutional Buffer Zone on the Borderland between China and Southeast Asia (Project no. SBI14HS01. HKD71,500), as PI. 2013-2014 School-Based Initiatives (SBI) Grant.
- 2011-2013 Trans-border Networks and the Frontier Formation between Yunnan and Burma: The Construction of the Mule Caravan Network, Shan Chieftain Institutions and Han Chinese Lineages since the 17th Century. Funding supported by 2011-2012 DAG/SBI (Project no: DAG12HS01S, HKD60,000), the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.
- 2010-2018 The Historical Anthropology of Chinese Society, UGC-AoE Project as a Co-Investigator. HKD23.447M.
- 2010-2013 The Framework of the Bazi - Based Culture System: Multilayer Networks of Ethnic Diversity, Transportation and Political Centers at the Yunnan Frontier

- in Southwest China (DAG11HS01G, HKD100,000), the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.
- 2009-2010 Redefining the West River: Ming and Qing State Building and the Transformation of Native Society (Project no.: CUHK 1/06C), as a joined fellow. Hong Kong Research Grants Council.
- 2008-2010 Cross-border Minorities: The Case of the Lahu and the Wa on the Borderland of Southwest Yunnan and Myanmar. Funding supported by RGC Direct Allocation Grant 2007/08 (Project no: DAG07/08.HSS05, HKD100,000), the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.
- 2003 Study on the Mules' Caravan and Transportation Network and Business History of Northwest Yunnan. As the Project Organizer. Funding Supported by the Government of Shaxi. Results of the project were published in *The Historical Heritage and Cultural Treasure of the Bai: The Sideng Market Town in Shaxi*, Yunnan Nationalities Publishing House.
- 2002 "International Cooperation Research Project (with the Old Dominion University, USA): Analyses on the Social Behavior of Migrants and the Epidemic HIV/AIDS in Yunnan" (No. R01DA13145). Funding supported by the National Institution of Health of America. Project organized by Professor Luo Huasong. Participated as members of research group.
- 2001 "Tourism Industrial Planning on the Lugu Lake on Northwest Yunnan and Sichuan". Project organized by Professor Ye Wen. Funding supported by the Tourism Bureau of Li Jiang City. Participated as member of research group.

Plenary Address

- 2014 "Clustered Communities and Transportation Routes: The Wa Lands Neighboring the Lahu and the Dai on the Frontier," at "China-in-Asia Conference: Historical Connections and Contemporary Engagement", University of Oregon, the U. S. A. October 26.

Keynote Speech

- 2018 "Beyond the Border of Disciplines and Societies: Insights from Fieldwork among the Lahu and the History of Bazi Basins". Keynote Speech at "The Forum of Local History 2018," organized by the history department of Xiamen University, November 23-26. Xiamen University.
- 2010 "Ethnic Politics at the China-Myanmar Borderline: The State and Frontier on Anthropological Perspective". Keynote Speech at "The Sixth Annual Graduate Seminar on China," organized by Universities Service Centre for China Studies and CUHK-Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Asia-Pacific Centre for Chinese Studies,

January 6-9. Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Invited Talks

- 2016 The East Asian Archaeology Forum, “Troubles in the Pits: Ethnopolitics, Silver Minging, and the Metals in Trade in Southwest China during the Qing Dynasty”, the Boston University Center for the Humanities, the U. S. A. October 18.
- 2013 “The Culture of Mule Caravan in Yunnan Frontier, Southwest China,” Hong Kong Museum of History, August 25.
- 2013 “Library Book Talk: The Lahu Minority in Southwest China: A Response to Ethnic Marginalization on the Frontier”, February 26.
- 2013 “Cultural and Ethnic Diversity in Southwest Frontier of China”, Joint Publishing (H.K.), February 23.
- 2012 “Ethnic Minorities and Historical Change of China-Burma Frontier,” Hong Kong Museum of History, August 26.
- 2010 “Ethnic Minorities in China,” Technology and Education: Connection Cultures, Hong Kong. June 18.
- 2009 “Rituals and Religious Belief in Communal Life of the Lahu Minority,” Hong Kong Daoism College, September 17.
- 2009 “Minority Cultures and Fieldwork in Yunnan,” Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (Liberal Arts Studies), Hong Kong, March 12.
- 2008 “Minority Cultures and Fieldwork in Yunnan,” Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (Liberal Arts Studies), Hong Kong, February 28.
- 2006 “Ancient Cultures and Mules’ Caravan in Yunnan,” the Chinese Culture Improvement Center of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, November 24.
- 2006 “Researches on Southwestern Minorities by Western Scholars: Perspectives on Ethnicity,” Yunnan University, Kunming, Yunnan, May 9.
- 2006 “History of Yunnan and Ethnic Minorities,” Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (Liberal Arts Studies), Hong Kong, April 7.
- 2005 “Fieldwork Experiences and the Study of Anthropology,” Yunnan University of Nationalities, Kunming, Yunnan, October 15.
- 2004 “Tengchong on the Frontier: The Jade City on the Southern Silk Road,” the Chinese Culture Improvement Center of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, July 24.
- 2004 “My Fieldwork Experience in Mainland China,” Division of Social Science (in course SOSC 511 Social Research Methods), HKUST, April 21.
- 2003 “Red River Valley: The Complexity of Cultural Diversity under the Historical Context,” Chinese Culture Improvement Center of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, June 21.

Invited Conference Panel Chair and Discussant

- 2010 “International workshop on Medical Charities In Asia and Middle East”, as discussant, organized by the Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences at Penang, Malaysia, November 30 –December 3.
- 2010 Conference of “A New Look at Chinese History through Lens of Gender”, as invited discussant, organized by History Department of History, Hong Kong Baptist University.
- 2009 “The Fifth Graduate Seminar on China,” as the Chair of Rural Societies Panel. Organized by Universities Service Centre for China Studies and CUHK-Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Asia-Pacific Centre for Chinese Studies, January 7-10.

Service for Committees

- 2019- Chair of PG Committee.
- 2017-2019 PG Committee.
- 2015-2016 Chair of PG Committee.
- 2014-2015 Humanities Merit Review Committee.
- 2013-2014 Humanities Search Committee.
- 2014-present Internal Selection Committee. HKUST.
- 2012-2014 Human Participants Research Panel.
- 2012-2014 Divisional representative for the “Establishment of Task Force for RAE 2014”, a member of the Working Group of Research Assessment Exercises (RAEs).
- 2012-2014 Senate Committee on Teaching and Learning Quality.
- 2009-2013 PG Committee.
- 2010-2013 Genesis-HKUST’s Newsletter.
- 2008-2009 Curriculum Committee.

Social Service

- 2013-2017 Advisor of Cultural Tour, The Joint Publishing Hong Kong.
- 2016 Talk for Jewish Cultural Center in Hong Kong, on “The 56 Ethnic Groups in China: An Anthropological Perspective”, May 9.
- 2010-2014 Board Advisor of TECC (Technology & Education Connecting Cultures) of Hong Kong (A student-run, non-profit group of social entrepreneurs that leads teams of Chinese and Americans university students in creating ventures to address the growing educational and technological need in China).
- 2012-present Consultant for Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese in Lancang Lahu Autonomous County, Yunnan Province.

2018-present Consultant for the Mekong River regional studies in Dali Bai Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province.

Academic Training Service

- 2016 SHSS Global China Studies UG students for field trip studying on Historical Heritage on the Southeast Associated University in Kunming and World War II in Yunnan, cooperated with Yunnan Normal University, March 24-29.
- 2014 SHSS Global China Studies UG program, first Year Seminar.
- 2012 Fieldtrip to Nansha and Dongchong for HKUST students: History and Culture in Nansha, March 24-25.
- 2011 Fieldtrip to Nansha for Exchange Students: Social Organization and Environment, October 29-30.
- 2011 Field work workshop: culture and history of Dong Chong Township, Panyu District, Guangzhou, August 15-20.
- 2011 Student field trip in Pearl River Delta: Local Society of Sand Field and Huang Town.
- 2010 Fieldtrip to Shenzhen, Interview with Ethnic Minorities in Shenzhen, November 20.

Academic Reviewer

- 2020 As reviewers of *Comparative Studies in Society & History* (University of Michigan), *Journal of History and Anthropology*, *Chinese Journal of Sociology*.
- 2019 As a reviewer for *Bulletin of the Institute of History and Philology Academia Sinica*, Taipei in July.
- 2018- As an editorial board member of *Journal of History and Anthropology*.
- 2018 As the reviewer of a research proposal applying for the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Research Grant, in August.
- 2018 As the review of a research proposal on borderlands study submitted to the National Science Foundation of the U. S. A.
- 2016 As the reviewer of a research article, invited by *American Ethnologist*, in November.
- 2015 As the reviewer of a research project on the highlands of Burma, invited by the Economic & Social Research Council, United Kingdom, in July.
- 2015 As the reviewer of the Scholarly Monograph Award in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Academia Sinica, in July.

- 2015 As the reviewer of a research article, invited by the *International Journal of Asian Studies*, in May.
- 2015 As the reviewer for an individual research project on Chinese borderlands, invited by the *National Geographic Society*, the U.S. A., in March.
- 2015 As the reviewer for a book publication project, on Islamic education in Hong Kong, Routledge, in January.
- 2014 As the reviewer for faculty recruitment, invited by Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica, Nankang, Taipei, Taiwan, in March.
- 2014 As the reviewer for a book publication project on nationalism, Routledge, in March.
- 2014 As the reviewer for a book publication project on Islam in China, Edinburgh University Press, in April.
- 2014 As the reviewer for a research project, for the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences National Science Foundation, the U.S.A.
- 2014 As the reviewer of a research article, invited by the *Southeast Asia Studies*, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University, in March.
- 2013 As the reviewer for post-doctoral fellowship, invited by Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica, Nankang, Taipei, Taiwan, in June.
- 2010 As the reviewer for faculty recruitment, invited by Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica, Nankang, Taipei, Taiwan, in June.
- 2010 As the reviewer for a research article, invited by the *Asian Pacific Journal of Anthropology*.

Course Offered

- Spring 2020 HUMA 2635 Cultural Diversity in China.
HUMA 5755 Ethnicity in Chinese Context.
- Fall HUMA 2621 Culture and Environment.
MGCS 5032 Ethnicity in Chinese Context.
- Spring 2019 HUMA 1639 Marriage, Family and Kinship in Cross-cultural Perspectives.
HUMA 5770 Field Research: Theory and Practice
- Fall 2018 HUMA 2638 Peoples and Cultures in Mainland Southeast Asia.
MGCS 5032 Ethnicity in Chinese Context.
- Spring 2018 HUMA 5755 Ethnicity in Chinese Context.
MGCS 5032 Ethnicity in Chinese Context.
- Fall 2017 HUMA 2621 Culture and Environment

- Summer 2017 HUMA 4000I Environment and Society (Co-teaching).
- Spring 2016 HUMA 4610 Heritage in Cross-cultural Perspective.
- Fall 2015 HUMA1639 Marriage, Family and Kinship in Cross-cultural Perspectives.
- Spring 2014 HUMA1000 Cultures and Values (L1): Gender and Family.
- Fall 2013 HUMA 5770 Field Research: Theory and Practice.
- Spring 2013 HUMA2621 Culture and Environment.
- Fall 2012 HUMA2635 Cultural Diversity in China.
HUMA5755 Ethnicity in Chinese Context.
- Spring 2011 HUMA2610 Marriage, Family and Kinship in Cross-cultural Perspectives.
- Fall 2011 HUMA3000D Peoples and Cultures in Mainland Southeast Asia.
HUMA5550 Field Research: Theory and Practice.
- Spring 2010 HUMA101D Culture and Environment.
- Fall 2010 HUMA200E Cultural Diversity in China.
HUMA602E Ethnicity in Chinese Context.
- Spring 2009 HUMA161 Marriage, Family and Kinship in Cross-cultural Perspectives
- Fall 2009 HUMA200D Peoples and Cultures in Mainland Southeast Asia.
HUMA555 Field Research: Theory and Practice.
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