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EDUCATION

PhD student, History and Sociology of Technology and Science (HSTS), Georgia Institute of Technology
August 2021- Present

MPhil, History of Science & Technology and Medical History, The University of Hong Kong
December 2020

BA, History, Nankai University
July 2017

ACADEMIC

Dissertations:

“Inquest into Colonialism: The Making of Sino-British Suspicious Death Management in Shanghai International Settlement from 1840s to 1900s.”

MPhil dissertation, The University of Hong Kong, 2020
Committee members: Angele K. C. Leung, Izumi Nakayama, Ji Li, Che-Chia Chang (external)

Peer-reviewed Articles:

Xiao, Z.X., “A Passion for Evidence: Forensic Medicine and British Extraterritoriality in Shanghai, 1860s-1900s.” (Revised & Resubmitted to *Britain and the World*)

Xiao, Z.X. & Xing L.Z., “From Determinism to Agency: A Review of Technology Transfer Studies in Fourty Years Within and Beyond China,” *Journal of Dialectics of Nature* 自然辩证法通讯, Vol. 45, No. 7 (July 2023): 94-102 (in Chinese).

Edited Volumes:

“From Parasitic Plant to Parasite: A Conceptual History of Jisheng.” in Jianhua Chang ed. *Chinese Social History Review* 中国社会历史评论 Vol. 20, Tianjin: Tianjin Ancient Book Press, 2018: 168-182 (in Chinese).

Ongoing projects:

Making “Chinese speed”: Socio-technical Imaginaries and Contested Expertise of the High-Speed Rail in Post-Mao China (in progress)

Building the Semi-Colonial Space of Death: Public Mortuary in Shanghai (1850s-1930s) (under review)

Conference Presentations:

“Transplanting Justice and Modernity: Medico-Legal Evidence of Sino-British Homicide Cases in Nineteenth Century Shanghai”, Association for Asian Studies 2022 Annual Conference, March 2022 (virtual).

“Public Mortuary: The Infrastructure of Death Management at Shanghai from 1850s to 1930s”, 15th International Conference on the History of Science in East Asia (ICHSEA 2019), Chonbuk National University, Jeonju, Republic of Korea, August 2019.

“Technology of ‘Washing Injustice Away’: Forensic Inquest as a Socio-technical System in Shanghai Settlement”, The 7th Global Social Sciences Graduate Student Conference: Becoming Agents of Technological Change”, Hong Kong Baptist University, China, April 2019.

“Archaeology of Knowledge on ‘Jisheng’ in Modern China”, The First Sun Yat-Sen University (Zhuhai) Science and Technology History Young Scholars Forum: Inheritance and Innovation, New Horizon and Perspective on History of Science and Technology, Sun Yat-Sen University, May 2018.

Research Activities:

Research Assistant, February-March 2023

(Creating index for Hanchao Lu’s book *Shanghai Tai Chi: The Art of Being Ruled in Mao’s China*, Cambridge University Press, 2023)

Research Assistant, June -December 2022

(Translating manuscripts and interview scripts (from English to Chinese) for Prof. Hanchao Lu)

NON-ACADEMIC WORKING EXPERIENCES:

January 2020-, Beijing: Intern Journalist for Caixin Media

(Specializing in news of medicine and public health, collecting international news, and assisting in drafting reports)

October 2020- December 2020, Shanghai: Research Assistant for Shanghai Urban Innovation Think Tank

(Conducting data collection and literature review)

LANGUAGES:

Chinese: Native

English: Fluent in reading and academic writing and communication

Japanese: The Japanese-Language Proficiency Test, N1 level (the highest), fluent in academic reading and daily communication.