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B.A. Stanford University, 1957, History and Philosophy

U.S. Army Language School, 1958-59, Chinese-Mandarin Course

M.A. Harvard University, 1962, Regional Studies - East Asia

Ph.D. Harvard University, 1968, History & Far Eastern Languages

Military Service:

U.S. Army, 1957-61

Academic Employment:

Yale Univ., History Department, Acting Instructor, 1967-68 University of Minnesota, History Department, Assistant Professor, 1968-76; Associate, 1976-80;

Professor, 1980-2010; Emeritus 2011

Fellowships, Grants, Leaves, and Awards:

NDFL Fellowship for Chinese, 1961-65

Fulbright Fellowship, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, 1965-67

East Asian Research Center, Harvard, Summer Grant, 1968

Graduate School, UM, Research Assistance Grant, 1970-71

Sabbatical Leave, UM, 1974-75

ACLS Chinese Civilization Fellowship, 1975-76

Office of International Programs, UM, Small Grant, 1976-77

China and Inner Asia Council, AAS, Grant for Ming Studies, 1975

Graduate School, UM, Research Assistance Grant, 1976-77

Summer Research Appointment and Research Assistance, UM, 1979

Office of International Programs, UM, Travel Grant, 1980

Single Quarter Leave, UM, 1981

Graduate School, UM, Support of Ming Studies, 1981-83

Sabbatical Leave, UM, 1984-85

Wang Institute of Graduate Studies Fellowship, 1984-85

Graduate School, UM, Research Assistance Grant, 1984-85

College of Liberal Arts, UM, Research Assistant, 1986-87

Single Quarter Leave, UM, 1987

Graduate School, UM, Research Assistance Grant, 1987-88

Graduate School, UM, Partial Grant-in-Aid, 1989-90

Morse-Alumni Award for Undergraduate Education, 1989

Graduate School, UM, Grant-in-Aid, 1992-93

Sabbatical Leave, UM, 1992-93

Committee for Scholarly Communication with China, Travel Grant, 1994

Graduate School Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, 1994

McKnight Summer Fellowship, 1994

College of Liberal Arts, Support of Ming Studies, 1997-2001

University of Minnesota Academy of Distinguished Teachers, 1999-

Sabbatical Leave, UM, 1999-2000

University of Minnesota Technology Enhanced Learning Grant, 2000-2001

Department of History Course Release, 2002-2003

Geiss Foundation, 2007, for Ming Studies Research Series, 2007

Visiting Member, Ming History Section, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, 2009

Publications -- Books:

Early Ming Government: The Evolution of Dual Capitals. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard East Asian Research Center, 1976.

Co-authored with Gavin Hambly, David Kopf, Byron Marshall, and Romeyn Taylor. *Comparative History of Civilizations in Asia*. Reading, Mass.: Addison-Wesley, 1977; Paperback, Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press, 1986, 2 vols.

Co-authored with Ross Dunn et al. *A World History: Links Across Time and Place*. Evanston: McDougal Littell, 1987.

Co-authored with Romeyn Taylor and Ann Waltner. *Ming History: An Introductory Guide to Research*. Ming Studies Research Series Number 3. Minneapolis: Center for Early Modern History, 1994, 467 pages.

Zhu Yuanzhang and Early Ming Legislation: The Reordering of Chinese Society following the Era of Mongol Rule. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1995.

The Information Age: Introduction to Global History Since 1950. Dubuque: Kendall Hunt Publishing, 2007.

Publications -- Articles and Chapters:

"James Flint Versus the Canton Interest," Papers on China, vol. 2 (1963): 38-66.

"Jigou xuanze he shehui gaibian: Ming wang chao chuqi (1350-1425) di zhengti fazhan" (Institutional choices and social innovation: constitutional developments in the early Ming Dynasty, [1350-1425]) in *Ming-Qing shi guoji xueshu taolunhui lunwenji* (Collected Papers of the International Symposium on Ming-Qing History; Tianjin: People's Publishing House, 1982), 16-44.

"Civilization as a Unit of World History: Eurasia and Europe's Place in It," *History Teacher*, 18.3 (1985): 345-63.

"Social Order in Early Ming China: Some Norms Codified in the Hung-wu Period, 1368-1398," in Brian E. McKnight, ed., *Law and the State in Traditional East Asia* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 1987), 1-36.

- "The Prescriptive State: Social Legislation in the Early Ming Dynasty," in *Proceedings of the 2nd International Conference on Sinology*, Section on Ming, Ching and Modern History (Taipei: Academia Sinica, 1988), 161-88.
- "Social Regulations of the First Ming Emperor: Orthodoxy as a Function of Authority," in Kwang-ching Liu, ed., *Orthodoxy in Late Imperial China* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1990), 103-125.
- "Sifting Truth From Facts: The Reporter as Interpreter of China," in Chin-Chuan Lee, ed., *Voices of China* (New York: Guilford Publications, 1990), 243-62.
- "The Great Ming Commandment (Ta Ming Ling): An Inquiry into Early-Ming Social Legislation," *Asia Major*, 4.1(1993): 181-199.
- "Zhu Yuanzhang yu Zhongguo wenhua di fuxing" (Zhu Yuanzhang and the restoration of Chinese culture), in Zhang Zhongzheng, ed., *Mingshi lunwenji* (Collected articles on Ming history; Hefei: Huangshan shushe chubanhang, 1994), 379-89.
- "Lun Ming zhi yidu Beijing" (The Ming move of the capital to Beijing), *Mingshi yanjiu*, 4(1994): 78-82.
- "Frost on the Mirror: An American Understanding of China in the Cold War Era," in Chin-Chuan Lee, ed., *China's Media, Media's China* (Boulder: Westview Press, 1994), 257-278.
- "Mingdai kaiguo huangdi di shehui zhenghe -- zuo wei quanwei gongneng di zhengtong guannian" (Early Ming social regulations -- orthodoxy as a function of authority) in *Mingshi yanjiu*, 5 (1997): 129-138.
- "Tuhui Mingdai Zhongguo: Mingdai difangzhi chatu yanjiu" (Picturing Ming China: a study of Ming dynasty gazetteer illustrations), *Zhongguo shehui lishi pinglun* (Chinese Social History Review; Tianjin: Tianjin guji chubanshe, 2000), volume 2, pp. 1-12.
- "The hierarchy of Ming city walls," Chapter 15 in James D. Tracy, ed., *City Walls: The Urban Enceinte in Global Perspective* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000), pp. 461-487.
- "Shijieshi zhongdi Mingshi yanjiu" (The study of Ming History in a World History Context), *Mingshi yanjiu luncong*, 6 (2004): 56-75.
- "Yi guo zhi jiazhang tongzhi: Zhu Yuanzhang zhi lixiang shehui zhixu guannian" (Patriarchy in one country: Zhu Yuanzhang's concept of the ideal social order), in Chu Hung-lam, ed., *Ming Taizu de Zhiguo nianli ji qi shixian* (Ming Taizu's Ideas of Statecraft and their Implementation; Hong Kong: Chinese University Press, 2009).
- "Da Ming ling: Ming chu shehui lifa de gongzhu" (The Great Ming Code: an instrument of early Ming social legislation), *Mingshi luncong yanjiu*, forthcoming.

Publications -- Other Articles:

- "Recent Developments in Ming Studies," Asian Thought and Society, 2.2 (1976): 131-143.
- "Chinese Agriculture Past and Present," Spectrum, 1.2 (1981):2-13.
- "The Status of the Person in Early Ming Law," Journal of Chinese Studies, 2.1 (1985): 73-80.
- "An Agenda for Ming History: Exploring the Fifteenth Century," Ming Studies, 26 (1988): 1-17.
- "Report on the Fifth International Conference on Ming History (Xi'an, August 1993), *Ming Studies*, 33(August 1994): 56-76. (Co-authored with Roger Des Forges).
- "From Admiration to Confrontation," in "Covering China" issue of *Media Studies Journal*, 13.1 (1999): 136-43.
- "How Comparison led me to World History and Globalization," online in The Middle Ground Journal (March 2011).

Publications -- Miscellaneous:

- Ming ti-li chih-t'u (Historical Map of Ming China; Taipei, 1967) (with L. Kessler).
- Ming Directory (Taipei, 1968)(with R. Irick and R. Dimberg).
- Biographical entries in L. C. Goodrich, ed., *Dictionary of Ming Biography* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1976): "Hsu Ta," 602-608; "Juan An," 687-689 (with H. L. Chan); "Wu Chung," 1483-85.
- "Directory of Scholars and Research," Ming Studies, 5 (1977): 6-32.
- Entries in *American Academic Encyclopedia*, "Chiang Kai-shek," 4:339; "Chou En-lai," 4:409; and "Mao Tse-tung," 13:134-36.
- Translation: Zheng Tianting, "A Learned, Able, Spirited Historian: In Memory of Comrade Wu Han," *Ming Studies*, 11 (1980): 23-26.
- "Technology Transfer and Cultural Subversion: Tensions in the Early Jesuit Missions to China," James Ford Bell Lecture Number 21, 1983, 21 pp.
- "Preparing Future Faculty: Teaching the Academic Life," in Perspectives, Newsletter of the American Historical Association, Vol. 37, No. 1, January 1999 (Co-authored with David Rayson and Robert Frame).
- Translations of early Ming texts reprinted in Wm. Theodore deBary and Irene Bloom, eds., *Sources of the Chinese Tradition* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1999), Vol. I, pp. 780-91.
- "Western Civilization, Modernity, and World History: Some Perspectives from East Asia," 33 pp. published electronically in December 2001 update of ERIC Database.
- "China Under the Ming and Qing, Foreign Trade, Ming Ceramics, Ming Law and Government, Mongol and Japanese Incursions, National Reconstruction, The Forbidden City, The Voyages of Admiral Zheng He, and Zhu Yuanzhang and the Reconquest," essays on Ming history in *China: The World's Oldest Living Civilization Revealed* (Lane Cove, NSW, Australia: 2008).

Book Reviews:

- Immanuel C. Y. Hsu, The Rise of Modern China, Minneapolis Tribune, August 23, 1970.
- Leon E. Stover, *The Cultural Ecology of Chinese Civilization: Peasants and Elites in the Last of the Agrarian States*, *Annals*, 414 (1974): 170-71.
- Chester Ronning, A Memoir of China in Revolution: From the Boxer Rebellion to the People's Republic, Annals, 418 (1976): 185-86.
- Kung-chuan Hsiao, A Modern China and a New World: K'ang Yu-wei, Reformer and Utopian, 1858-1927, Annals, 424 (1976): 132-33.
- N.J. Miners, The Government and Politics of Hong Kong, Annals, 428 (1976): 151-52.
- Dick Wilson, ed., *Mao Tse-tung in the Scales of History, American Historical Review*, 83.3 (1978): 784-85.
- Thomas P. Bernstein, *Up to the Mountains and Down to the Villages: The Transfer of Youth from Urban to Rural China*, *Annals*, 438 (1978): 136-37.
- Charlton M. Lewis, *Prologue to the Chinese Revolution: The Transformation of Ideas and Institutions in Hunan Province, 1891-1907, Annals, 433 (1977): 175-76.*
- Conrad Shirokauer, A Brief History of Chinese and Japanese Civilizations, Journal of Asian Studies, 38.4 (1979): 739-41.
- Charles O. Hucker, *The Ming Dynasty: Its Origins and Evolving Institutions, Journal of Asian Studies*, 39.1 (1979): 127-28.

- John Franklin Copper, China's Global Role: An Analysis of Peking's National Power Capabilities in the Context of an Evolving International System, Annals, 456 (1981): 164-66.
- Jerry Dennerline, *The Chia-ting Loyalists: Confucian Leadership and Social Change in Seventeenth-Century China, American Historical Review*, 87.3 (1982): 836-37.
- Paul Hollander, *Political Pilgrims: Travels of Western Intellectuals to the Soviet Union, China and Cuba, 1928-1978, Annals, 463 (1982): 157-58.*
- Jing Su and Luo Lun, trans. with intro. by Endymion Wilkinson, *Landlord and Labor in Late Imperial China, Ming Studies*, 15 (1982): 16-18.
- William G. Rosenberg and Marilyn B. Young, *Transforming Russia and China: Revolutionary Struggle in the Twentieth Century*, *Annals*, 467 (1983): 217-18.
- Gerald Segal, The Great Power Triangle, Annals, 468 (1983): 248.
- John Meskill, Academies in Ming China: A Historical Essay, Journal of Asian Studies, 42.3 (1983): 631-32.
- Albert Chan, S.J., The Glory and Fall of the Ming Empire, The Historian, 46.1 (1983) 114-5.
- John W. Dardess, Confucianism and Autocracy: Professional Elites in the Founding of the Ming Dynasty, Journal of Interdisciplinary History, 16.1 (1985): 180-81.
- Joanna Handlin, Action in Late Ming Thought: The Reorientation of Lu K'un and other Scholar Officials, Journal of Asian and African Studies, 19.3-4 (1984): 287-88.
- Witold Rodzinski, *The Walled Kingdom: A History of China from Antiquity to the Present, The Historian*, 48.4 (1986): 604-606.
- Jurgen Domes, P'eng Te-huai: The Man and the Image, Annals, 491 (1987): 180-81.
- Gail Hershatter, *The Workers of Tianjin, 1900-1949*, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 49.3 (1989): 549-551.
- Mary Backus Rankin, Elite Activism and Political Transformation in China: Zhejiang Province, 1865-1911, Journal of Interdisciplinary History, 49.4 (1989): 709-710.
- S. A. M. Adshead, China in World History, Journal of Asian Studies, 48.3 (1989): 583-84.
- Frederick W. Mote and Denis Twitchett, eds., *The Cambridge History of China*, volume 7, *The Ming Dynasty*, 1368-1644, *Part I*, *American Historical Review*, 95.5 (1990): 1601-2.
- Jaroslav Krejci, *Before the European Challenge: The Great Civilizations of Asia and the Middle East, Journal of Asian Studies*, 50.4 (1991): 892-3.
- Carney T. Fisher, *The Chosen One: Succession and Adoption in the Court of Ming Shizong, Journal or Asian Studies*, 51.3 (1992): 642-43.
- Beatrice S. Bartlett, *Monarchs and Ministers: The Grand Council in Mid-Ch'ing China, 1723-1820, AACAR Bulletin* (Association for the Advancement of Central Asian Research), 5.2 (1992): 24.
- Arthur Waldron, *The Great Wall of China: From History to Myth, Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*, 52.2 (1992): 709-12.
- James Tong, Disorder Under Heaven: Collective Violence in the Ming Dynasty, The Historian, 55.2(1993): 366-67.
- David N. Lorenzen, ed., Studies on Asia and Africa from Latin America, Pacific Affairs, 66.1(1993): 91-92.
- Roxann Prazniak, Dialogues across Civilizations: Sketches in World History from the Chinese and European Experiences, China Review International, 4.1(1997): 224-5.
- Shaun Gerard Breslin, *China in the 1980s: Centre-Province Relations in a Reforming Socialist State*, *The Historian*, 61.1 (Winter 1999): 442-43.
- John W. Dardess, A Ming Society: T'ai-ho County, Kiangsi, Fourteenth to Seventeenth Centuries, Journal of Interdisciplinary History, 29.1 (Summer 1998):161-3.

Timothy Brook, *The Confusions of Pleasure: Commerce and Culture in Ming China, China Review International*, 6.1 (Spring 1999): 54-56.

Denis Twitchett and Frederick W. Mote, eds., *The Cambridge History of China Volume 8: The Ming Dynasty*, 1368-1644, Part 2, The China Quarterly, 160 (December 1999): 1091-92.

F. W. Mote, Imperial China, 900-1800, China Review International, 8.1 (Spring 2001): 188-192.

Denis Twitchett and Frederick W. Mote, eds., Cambridge History of China: Volume 8 The Ming Dynasty 1368-1644 Part 2, Journal of Early Modern History, 4.3-4 (2000): 456-58.

Stephen C. Angle and Marina Svensson, eds., *The Chinese Human Rights Reader*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, 61.4 (2002): 1331-32.

David Levinson and Karen Christensen, eds., *Encyclopedia of Modern Asia*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, 62.4 (2003): 1207-09.

David M. Robinson, ed., Culture, Courtiers, and Competition: The Ming Court (1368-1644), American Historical Review, The American Historical Review, 114.5 (2009): 1424-25.

Professional Service -- Editing:

Editor, Ming Studies, Numbers 1-20 (Fall 1975 - Spring 1985)

China Editor, *Encyclopedia of Asian History* (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1988), 4 vols Editor, *Ming Studies Research Series*, 1984 -

Advisory Board, International Journal of Social Education

Co-Editor (with Ann Waltner), "Productions of Women: Gender and Education from East Asian Perspectives," *International Journal of Social Education* (Spring 1991)

Co-Editor (with Ainslie T. Embree), Asian History Series, Westview Press

Managing Editor, Ming Studies, Numbers 37-57, 1996-2007

Editorial Board, Frontiers of History in China

Series Editor, Minnesota Studies in Early Modern History

Editorial Board, Journal of Ming History (Ming dai yanjiu), Taiwan, ROC

Professional Service -- Scholarly Societies:

Board Member, Midwest Seminar on China, SSRC, 1971-72

Executive Committee, Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, 1976-77

National Advisory Board, Consortium for Asian Studies Education in the Schools, 1976-78

Elected member, China and Inner Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies, 1979-82

Member, Nominating Committee, Association for Asian Studies, 1984

Member, Nominating Committee, World History Association, 1985-87

President, Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, 1986-87

President, Society for Ming Studies, 1995-97

Member, Board of Directors, Society for Ming Studies, 1987-

Organizing group member, Midwest World History Association, 2009

Professional Activity -- Conferences Organized:

Program Chairperson, 25th Annual Meeting, Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, 1975

Organizer, Conference on "Values, Law and Business in East Asia," University of Minnesota, 1982

- Co-organizer, Conference on "Productions of Women: Education and Gender from East Asian Perspectives," University of Minnesota, 1989
- Co-organizer, Conference on "Learning the Rules: Schooling, Law and the Reproduction of Social Order in Early Modern Eurasia," University of Minnesota, 1991
- Organizer, Area Studies Programs Conference on "After the Dance: Global Prospects in the Wake of the Cold War," University of Minnesota, 1992
- Organizer and host, IIS Conference "Back to Iraq? Perspectives on the Crisis," February, 1998
- Organizer and Chair, IIS faculty forum on "Beyond Junk Food: Designing the Global Studies Menu," 1998
- Organizer and Chair, IIS faculty forum on "The Global Studies Menu: Setting the Table, Choosing the Wine," 1998
- Organizer and Co-chair, "Attack Iraq? A Community Forum," Institute of Global Studies, 2002
- Organizer, Conference on "Imperial Identity: Construction and Extension of Cultural Community in the Early Modern World," Center for Early Modern History, University of Minnesota, 2004
- Co-organizer, Conference on "The Arab Lands in the Ottoman Era (1600-1800)," University of Minnesota, 2005
- Co-organizer, Conference on "Ming Taizu and His Times," Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2006

Professional Activity -- Sessions Organized or Chaired:

- Chaired panel on "Comparative Approaches to Teaching Asian History," Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Lincoln, 1978
- Convener, Ming Studies Open Meetings, Association for Asian Studies conventions, 1977-1981, 1986 Chaired panel at International Scholarly Symposium on Ming and Qing History, Nankai University, Tianjin, P.R.C., 1980
- Chaired panel on Chinese History, Association for Asian Studies, 1983
- Organizer and Chair, panel on "Historical Significance of the Ming Code," Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, St. Louis, 1984
- Organizer and Chair, panel on 15th Century China, Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Urbana, 1986
- Chaired session at 2nd International Conference on Sinology, Taipei, 1986
- Organizer and Chair, panel on "Ming History: Exploring the 15th Century," Association for Asian Studies, 1987
- Chaired panel on "Money and Morality in Late Imperial China," Association for Asian Studies, 1990
- Organizer and Chair, panel on "Song and Ming Neo-Confucianism: Three Views," Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Iowa City, 1991.
- Organizer and Chair, panel on "Ming Despotism: Theory and Practice," Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Oshkosh, 1992
- Chaired panel on "The Construction of Racial Identity: Dutch Colonies" in the Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction, Minneapolis, 1996
- Chaired panel on "Law, Politics and Authority in Contemporary China," Conference on Authority and Cultural Icons, University of Minnesota, April 1997
- Chaired panel on "Ethnic Identities and Loyalty in Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century Legal Campaigns," American Society for Legal History, Minneapolis, 1997
- Chaired panel on "Trade: Hong Kong in 1997," Conference of the International Law Students Association, University of Minnesota Law School, November 1997

- Chaired panel on "Cultural Production during China's Cultural Revolution," American Historical Association, Seattle, 1998
- Chaired panel on "Commercialization and Local Societies in Ming China," Association for Asian Studies annual meeting, Boston, March 1999
- Chaired panel on "The Ming Myth: Rituals and Institutions of the Founder Across Three Centuries," Association for Asian Studies annual meeting, Chicago, March 2001
- Chaired panel on "Reconstructing a New Cultural Identity in Ming China," Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April, 2002
- Chaired panel on "The Body and Social Identity in Ming China," Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, April, 2005
- Co-organizer, Panel on "How to be an Emperor," ICAS4 Conference, Shanghai, 2005

Professional Activity -- Papers Presented:

- Presidential panel on "Political and Intellectual Responsibilities of the Scholar and His Professional Society," Association for Asian Studies, 1970
- "The Princes and Regional Military Power in the Early Ming Period," Association for Asian Studies, San Francisco, 1970
- "The Early Modern Empire in China: An Approach to the Study of Ming History," Midwest Seminar on China, SSRC, Minneapolis, 1972
- "Fung Yu-lan: A Philosopher in Revolution," Upper Midwest Seminar on East Asia, St. Olaf College, Northfield, 1976
- "The Huang Ming Tsu-hsun: State and Clan in the Ming Constitution," Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, University of Northern Illinois, DeKalb, 1977
- "Essential Processes in the Founding and Consolidation of the Ming Dynasty, 1350-1425," Midwest Seminar on China, SSRC, Washington University, St. Louis, 1978
- "Social Order in Early Ming China: Some Norms Codified in the Hung-wu Period, 1368-1398," ACLS Conference on Law in Traditional East Asia, Harvard Law School, 1978
- "Institutional Choices and Social Innovation: Constitutional Developments in the Early Ming Dynasty (1350-1425)," Social Science History Association, Ohio State University, Columbus, 1978
- "Village Agriculture in Traditional China," Conference on Rural Life and Changing Values in China, Crookston, 1979
- "Institutional Choices and Social Innovation: Constitutional Developments in the Early Ming Dynasty (1350-1425)," International Academic Symposium on the History of the Ming and Qing Dynasties, Nankai University, Tianjin, P.R.C., 1980
- "Social Regulations of the First Ming Emperor: Orthodoxy as a Function of Authority," ACLS Conference on Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy in Late Imperial China, Santa Barbara, 1981
- "Zhu Yuanzhang's Views on the Ideal Social Order," Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1982
- "The Status of the Intellectual in Ming Law and Politics," 31st International Congress of Human Sciences in Asia and Northern Africa, Tokyo, 1983
- "Civilization as a Unit of World History: Eurasia and Europe's Place in It," American Historical Association, San Francisco, 1983
- "Status of the Person in Early Ming Law," Association for Asian Studies, Washington, D.C., 1984
- "The Codification of Law in the Early Ming," Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Washington University, St. Louis, 1984

- "Fifteenth Century China: Turning Point or Black Hole?" 32nd International Congress for Asian and North African Studies, Hamburg, 1986
- "The Prescriptive State: Social Legislation in the Early Ming Period," 2nd International Conference on Sinology, Taipei, 1986
- "Beijing: Cultural and Political Symbolism of China's Last Imperial Capital," Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, St. Olaf College, Northfield, 1987
- "Beijing in Ming Times: A Renaissance Perspective on China's Imperial Capital," Eighth Annual Symposium on the Humanities, Ohio State University, Columbus, 1988
- "Sifting Truth From Facts: The Reporter as Interpreter of China," Conference on "Voices of China: Politics and Journalism in China Today," China Times Center for Media and Social Studies, University of Minnesota, 1989
- "The Dragon's Tether: Theoretical Limits on Imperial Power in Ming China," Conference on "Absolutism and Despotism in Early Modern Eurasia," held within the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Minneapolis, 1989
- "The Emperor as Legislator: Social Codes in Early Ming China," Conference on "Learning the Rules: Schooling, Law and the Reproduction of Social Order in Early Modern Eurasia," University of Minnesota, 1991
- "Frost on the Mirror: An American Understanding of China in the Cold War Era," Conference on "Ambiguities and Contradictions: Issues in China Reporting and Scholarship," University of Minnesota, 1991
- "Livelihood and Identity as Categories for Teaching World History," Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Oshkosh, 1992
- "Ming Despotism: The Founder's Blueprint," Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Oshkosh, 1992
- "The Despot as Lawgiver: The Codes of the Founding Ming Emperor," Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, 1993
- "Zhu Yuanzhang's Restoration of Chinese Culture: The Ideological Basis for Ming Autocracy" (in Chinese) Fifth International Symposium on Ming History, Xi'an, 1993
- "Zhu Yuanzhang's View of the World," 34th International Congress of Asian and North African Studies (ICANAS), Hong Kong, 1993
- "The Hierarchy of Ming City Walls," Conference on "City Walls: Form, Function and Meaning," Center for Early Modern History, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, 1995
- "On Comparison of the Ming and Qing Dynasties: Some Observations from Minnesota" (in Chinese), paper sent to the International Symposium on the History of the Ming and Qing Dynasties, Nankai University, Tianjin, 1996
- "Incorporation and Control of Territory by the Later Chinese Empire" American Society for Legal History, Richmond, 1996
- "Why Study the Ming as a Dynasty?," Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, 1997
- "The Transition from Song to Ming: Han China in the Age of Inner Asian Domination," paper sent to ACLS Conference on the Song-Yuan-Ming Transition, Lake Arrowhead, California, 1997
- "Historical Perspectives on the Ming Founding," at International Convention of Asian Scholars, Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands, June, 1998
- "Picturing Ming China: A Study of Ming Dynasty Gazetteer Illustrations," International Symposium on Chinese Society Since the Ming Dynasty held at Nankai University, Tianjin, China, August-September 1999
- "Ming History From Afar: Comments on Recent English Language Scholarship," Ming History Section of the History Institute, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, September 1999

- "Western Civilization, Modernity, and World History: Some Perspectives From East Asia," paper read at World 2000 Conference on Teaching World History and Geography, Austin, Texas, February, 2000
- "Portraits of Places: The Ming Empire Seen Through Gazetteer Illustrations," paper read at the Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Bloomington, Indiana, October, 2000
- "On Ming Gazetteers: Picturing Empire From the Bottom Up," paper read to faculty seminar, History Department, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, June 2001
- "Ming China in Pictures: The Empire Seen Through Gazetteer Illustrations," paper read in Research Seminar Series, Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan, October, 2001
- "The Shanghai Communiqué Then and Now: A Historical Perspective," 14th Annual Washington Seminar on US-China Relations, US-China People's Friendship Association, Washington, DC, May 2002
- "Illustration as Text, as Painting and as Map: Some Thoughts about Ming Gazetteer Images," ICAS3 Conference, Singapore, August 2003
- "Ming China's Pursuit of Cultural Homogeneity," Center for Early Modern History Conference on "Imperial Identity," University of Minnesota, November 2004
- "Ming Taizu and the Chinese Social Order," ICAS4 Conference, Shanghai, August 2005
- "Patriarchy in One Country: Zhu Yuanzhang's Concept of the Ideal Social Order," Conference on "Ming Taizu and His Times," Hong Kong, March, 2006

Professional Activity -- Commentator or Speaker:

- Commentator, Panel on "Historical Geography of China," Association for Asian Studies, 1978 Keynote Speaker, Faculty Conference on Teaching About Twentieth Century China, Associated Colleges of the Midwest, 1984
- "Fundamentalism or Convergence: Where Will We Go After the Cold War,' Tenth Annual Richardson Lecture, Beloit College, 1992
- "Comparative Study of Early Modern History," History Department, University of British Columbia, 1992
- "U.S.-China Relations," Department of American Studies, University of Indonesia, Jakarta, 1992
- "Trends in the Study of Chinese History," (in Chinese), History Department, National Chengchi University, Taipei, 1992
- "From Ming to Qing: Continuity or Discontinuity" History Department, University of Toronto, Toronto, 1995
- Participant, "Roundtable: Author Meets Critics: 'ReORIENT: Global Economy in the Asian Age,' by Andre Gunder Frank," International Studies Association, Minneapolis, March, 1998
- Discussant, Panel on "Constraints and Compromises in Ming Dynasty Bureaucratic Administration" at the Society for Ming Studies Meeting at the Association for Asian Studies annual meeting, Washington DC, March, 1998
- Discussant, "Constraints and Compromises in Ming Dynasty Bureaucratic Administration" (second presentation of panel), American Historical Association, Washington DC, January, 1999
- "The Good Life in Ming China," Lecture at Colorado College, March, 2002
- "The Communist Revolution in China: Three Stages," Lecture at St. Mary's University of Minnesota, Winona, MN, September, 2002
- Discussant, "Legal Order in Late Ming China", Association for Asian Studies, New York, March, 2003 "China's Place in the New Global Environment," Keynote address at Conference on "Understanding China in 2006," Minneapolis, October, 2006

- "China's Emergence in the Global Transformation," St. John's University and College of St. Benedict, Collegeville, Minnesota, January, 2007
- "From Revolution to Consumption: China Emerging into the Global Market," Norris Endowment lecture at Oklahoma State University, February, 2007
- "China's Emergence in the Global Transformation: Problems and Prospects," Keynote address to China Symposium 2007, St. Cloud State University, March, 2007
- "China in the Age of Globalization" Global Issues Forum, Minneapolis, September 2007
- "China's Regional Strategy in Asia," Midwest Regional USCPFA Conference, Hamline University, September, 2008
- "China Takes Its Place," China Engagement Modern China in the World, Program of Global China Connection, University of Minnesota, November 2009
- "Frontier Formation in the Modern Era: Toward a Framework for Comparison" Borderlands Conference, University of Minnesota 2010
- "Comparative World History: A Matrix for Course Design" Midwest World History Assn., Chicago 2010
- "Ecology and Human Rights: Foci of the Information Age" Bryn Mawr College, November 2010
- "China's Influence on the East Asian Pacific Region" Minneapolis Women's Club January 2011
- "Ming History from a Global Studies Perspective A Personal Reflection" Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing April 2012
- "China's Changing Identities: From the Ming Dynasty to Deng Xiaoping" China Symposium, US-China Business Connections October 2012

Graduate Teaching -- Dissertations Directed:

Alice Ngai-ha Lun Ng, "Development of Government Education for the Chinese in Hong Kong, 1842-1913" (1977).

George Jerlang Chang, "Local Control in the Early Ming, 1368-1398" (1978).

Tai-yung Lin, "Ming T'ai-tsu and His Administration of Justice" (1979).

Roland Louis Higgins, "Piracy and Coastal Defense in the Ming Period: Government Response to Coastal Disturbances, 1523-1549" (1981).

Anita M. Andrew, "Zhu Yuanzhang and the Great Warnings (Yuzhi Da Gao): Autocracy and Rural Reform in the Early Ming" (1991).

Gary Davison, "Agricultural Development and the Fate of Farmers in Taiwan, 1945-1990" (1993). Jennifer Downs, "The Management of Famine in Ming China" (1995)

Jeffrey Hornibrook, "The Social Impact of Pingxiang Coal Mine Development in Hunan" (1995).

Jiang Yonglin, "Religious Function of the Great Ming Code" (1997).

John Ness, "The Southwestern Frontier during the Ming Dynasty" (1998).

Yao Yusheng, "National Salvation Through Education: Tao Xingzhi's Educational Radicalism" (1999).

Yuan Zujie, "Dressing Chinese Society: Ritual, Morality, and Conspicuous Consumption in Ming Dynasty China" (2002)

Joe Dennis, "Writing, Publishing, and Reading Local Histories in Ming China" (2004; Co-advisor with Ann Waltner)

Qin Fang, "Beauty and a Broken City: Women's Mobility in Tianjin, 1900-1912" (2011; Co-advisor with Ann Waltner)

Graduate Courses Taught -- Research Seminar:

8461, 2, 3 Chinese History Since 1279 (with R. Taylor and A. Waltner)

Graduate Courses Taught -- Proseminars:

- 5514 Topics in Ming and Ch'ing History
- 5515 Local Institutions in Modern China
- 5517 Chinese Intellectual History: 20th Century
- 5518 Chinese Intellectual History: Mao Zedong and Marxism
- 5519 Neo-Confucianism
- 5630 Comparative Early Modern History
- EAS 5961 Scope and Methods of East Asian Studies
- 5519 Tiananmen Demonstrations of 1989
- 5519 History of Taiwan
- 5519 Chinese Legal History (with T. Lee)
- 8640 World History Seminar
- 5971 Editing and Publishing
- 5960 Practical Pedagogy in World History
- 5632 World History Proseminar
- 5962 Expansion of Europe Seminar (with M. Ragnow)
- 5520 Human Rights and Identity in Modern China

Undergraduate Education -- Teaching Award:

Horace T. Morse-Minnesota Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education, 1989

Member, Academy of Distinguished Teachers, University of Minnesota, 1999-

Undergraduate Education -- Courses Taught:

- 1011 World History I: Early Period (with W. Phillips)
- 1012 World History II: Middle Period (with Stuart Schwartz)
- 1013 World History III: The Recent Era (with L. May, S. Evans, and R. McCaa)
- 1015 Introduction to Global History: The Information Age (with T. Wolfe and P. McNamara)
- Global Studies Practicum: China's Urban Sites and Global Trade (a study travel course in China May Term, 2002, 2004)
- GLOS 3410/5410: Interactive Global Local Studies (2004)
- 1/3461 East Asia: The Ancient Period
- 1/3462 East Asia: The Middle Period (with B. Marshall)
- 1/3463 East Asia: China and Japan in Modern Times (with B. Marshall)
- 1/3452 Asian Civilizations: Middle Period
- 3/5464 Early Modern China: The Ming and Early Ch'ing, 1350-1750
- 3/5465 China's Response to the West 1750-1911
- 3/5467 Republican China: Nationalist Revolution, 1900 to Present
- 3/5468 People's Republic of China: Communist Revolution, 1900 to Present

Area 5404 Senior Project Course for Area Studies Majors

Honors Seminar 3060 China Through Foreign Eyes

3/5467 State and Revolution in Modern China (since 2000)

China: Revolution and Development, in Semester at Sea Program, Spring 2012

History of Modern China (Co-taught with Professor Zhang Ruizhuang), Semester at Sea, Spring 2012

Adult Education

"China's Emergence" OLLI Course 2454 Minneapolis, Fall 2011

University of Minnesota Service:

Faculty Sponsor, Committee of Concerned Asian Scholars, 1970-72

Member, 2nd UM Delegation to People's Republic of China, 1980

Member, UM China Task Force, China Center Advisory Committee, 1979-84

Chair, Senate Bookstore Committee, 1987-88

Board Member, Friends of the Library, 1993-97

Member, President's Delegation to East Asia, 1995

Executive Committee, China Center

President's East Asia Initiative Committee

Co-Chair, Taiwan Initiative Committee

Member, China Center Advisor Committee

Member, University Senate, 1998-2001, 2007-

College of Liberal Arts Service:

Chair, East Asian Studies Program, College of Liberal Arts, 1973-74, 1976-78

Member, College Promotion and Tenure Committee, 1979-80

Chair, CLA Committee on World Studies Courses, 1981-82

Chair, Search Committee for Six Humanists, College of Liberal Arts, 1985-86

Director, Minnesota-Nankai Summer Intensive Language Institute, Nankai University, Tianjin, P.R.C., 1983, 1986

Chair, East Asian Studies Department, 1986-89

Director of Graduate Studies for Chinese, East Asian Studies, and Japanese, 1985-1991

Director of Area Studies Programs, Institute of International Studies, 1991-92

Director of Graduate Studies for East Asian Studies and Russian Area Studies, 1991-92, 1995

Member, College Assembly, 1995-97

Member, Budget Advisory Committee, 1995-97

Director of Graduate Studies for East Asian Studies, 1996-2000

Member, College Task Force on International Studies, 1998-99

Director, Institute of International Studies, 1997-98

Director, Area Studies Programs, Inst. of Global Studies, 1998-99

Member, FLAS grants committee, Institute of Global Studies, 2001

Member, Faculty Summer Research Fellowship Advisory Committee, 2002

Member, Asian Languages and Literatures Search Committee, 2002

Director, National Resource Center in International Studies (Title VI), Institute of Global Studies,

2003-2006; renewed for 2006-2010

History Department Service:

Director of Graduate Studies, History Department, 1981-84

Positions held: Advisory Committee; Promotion, Tenure and Merit Committee; Undergraduate Studies Committee; Faculty Secretary

Chair, Committee to Revise Graduate Program

Chair, Chinese History Search Committee

Chair, Japanese History Search Committee, 2000-2001

Chair, Committee on Promotion, Tenure and Merit, 2000-2001

Member, Advisory Committee, 2000-2001, 2001-2006

Faculty Secretary, 2000-

Member, African History Search Committee, 2001-2002

Member, Committee on Promotion, Tenure and Merit, 2001-2002

Member, Multi-Position Search Committee, 2003-2004

Director, Center for Early Modern History, 2005-2006

Member, Southeast Asian and Asian American Search Committee, 2006

Director of Publications, Center for Early Modern History, 2006-

Community Service:

Board Member, Midwest Seminar on China, SSRC, 1971-72

Steering Committee, Minnesota Chapter, U.S.-China People's Friendship Association, 1975-77, 2011-

Executive Committee, Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, 1976-77

Board, Midwest China Center, 1977-1985; President 1980-82

Member, Board of Senlin Hu Chinese Language Camp, 1983-85

Organizer and Steering Committee member, Minnesota Council of Teachers of East Asian Languages (MCTEAL), 1988-91

Planning Committee for program on "Democratization in China" with Carter Center Representatives at Minneapolis Club, October, 2002

World Languages Advisory Committee, Minneapolis Public Schools, 2003-2004