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### EDUCATION

- PhD            University of California, Berkeley, History, December 2013.  
MA            University of California, Berkeley, History, December 2008.  
BA            Columbia University, New York, History (Honors), May 2005.

### EMPLOYMENT

- 2013-Present   American University of Paris, Assistant Professor, Department of History.  
  
2016-2017      Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers.  
                 Institutional affiliations: Freidrich-Meinecke-Institut (Univ.-Prof. Dr. Sebastian Conrad), Freie Universität Berlin; Ostasiatisches Seminar (Univ.-Prof. Dr. Klaus Mühlhahn), Freie Universität Berlin.

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Books

- 2016            *From Christ to Confucius: German Missionaries, Chinese Christians, and the Globalization of Christianity, 1860-1950* (Yale University Press).  
  
                 Reviewed in *The Immanent Frame*; *H-Soz-u-Kult*; forthcoming book forums in *Politics, Religion and Ideology* and *Syndicate Theology*.

#### Refereed Journal Articles

- 2017            “The Quest for an ‘Indigenous Church’: German Missionaries, Chinese Christians, and the Indigenization Debates of the 1920s,” *American Historical Review* 122, no. 1 (February): 85-114. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ahr/122.1.85>

- 2017 “Forever a Patriot: Chinese Christians and the Repudiation of American Liberal Protestantism,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 85, no. 1 (February): 112-135. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jaarel/lfw044>
- 2014 “Ernst Faber and the Consequences of Failure: A Study of a Nineteenth Century German Missionary in China,” *Central European History* 47, no. 1 (March): 1-29.
- 2013 “Catholic Universities as Missionary Spaces: Wilhelm Schmidt, Chen Yuan, and the Catholic University in Beijing,” *Österreichische Zeitschrift für Geschichtswissenschaften* 24, no. 2, special edition on “Missionsräume,” edited by Christine Egger and Martina Gugglberger (June): 92-112.
- 2013 “Catholic and Protestant Individuals in Nineteenth-Century German Missionary Periodicals.” In a forum on “The Form and Function of Nineteenth-Century Missionary Periodicals,” *Church History* 82, no. 2 (June): 394-398.
- 2009 “‘Unafraid of the Gospel’: Johann Hinrich Wichern and the Battle for the Soul of Prussian Prisons.” *Church History* 78, no. 2 (June): 283-308.
- 2006 “The Secularization of the Chaplaincy: A History of the Columbia University Chaplaincy, 1908-1968.” *History of Universities* 21, no. 1 (Winter): 178-210.

### Book Chapters

- 2013 “Converting Individuals, Saving the State: Narratives of Conversion in Nineteenth-Century German Missionary Periodicals.” In *Missions and Media: The Politics of Missionary Periodicals in the Long Nineteenth Century*, edited by Felicity Jensz and Hanna Acke (Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag): 79-96.

### Articles and Book Chapters Submitted for Publication

- Forthcoming “On Chinese Rites and Rights,” in *Christianity and Human Rights*, ed. Sarah Shortall and Daniel Steinmetz-Jenkins (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018).
- Forthcoming “In the Shadow of Empire: Josef Schmidlin and Protestant-Catholic Ecumenism,” for a special issue on “The Theory and Practice of Ecumenism: Christian Global Governance and the Search for World Order, 1900-1980,” in the *Journal of Global History* (February 2018).

### Academic Book Reviews

- 2017 Review of *The Bible and Asia: From the Pre-Christian Era to the Postcolonial Age*, by R. S. Sugirtharajah, in *Itinerario* 41, no. 2 (August): 406-408

- 2016 Review of *Germany and China: Transnational Encounters Since the Eighteenth Century*, edited by Joanne Miyang Cho and David Crowe, in *The Asian Review of World Histories* 4, no. 2 (July): 275-277.
- 2016 Review of *Christianity and Imperialism in Modern Japan: Empire for God*, by Emily Anderson, in *Journal of World History* 27, no. 1 (March): 178-181.
- 2011 Review of *Seeing Things Their Way: Intellectual History and the Return of Religion*, edited by Alister Chapman, John Coffey, and Brad S. Gregory, in *Religious Studies Review* 7, no. 3 (September): 223-224.
- 2011 Review of *The Second Disestablishment: Church and State in Nineteenth-Century America*, by Steven K. Green, in *Religious Studies Review* 37, no. 1 (March): 74-75.
- 2010 Review of *The Civic Life of American Religion*, ed. by Paul Lichterman and C. Brady Potts, in *Religious Studies Review* 36, no. 3 (September): 240.
- 2010 Review of *America and the Challenges of Religious Diversity*, by Robert Wuthnow, in *Religious Studies Review* 36, no. 1 (March): 96.

#### Review Essays and Journalism (Editorially Reviewed)

- Forthcoming "Between the Global and the Local," response in book forum dedicated to *From Christ to Confucius for Politics, Religion, and Ideology*.
- 2017 Responses in *Syndicate Theology* book forum dedicated to *From Christ to Confucius* (August). <http://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/from-christ-to-confucius/>
- 2016 "An Exceptional Tradition? The Jesuits in the World." Review essay of three books on Jesuits and Globalization for *The Immanent Frame* (2 November). <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2016/11/02/an-exceptional-tradition/>
- 2015 "Letter from Paris." Co-written with Michelle Kuo for the *Los Angeles Review of Books* (21 November). <https://lareviewofbooks.org/article/letter-from-paris/>
- 2015 "Those Who Leave." Co-written with Michelle Kuo. Review Essay of Elena Ferrante, *Those Who Leave and Those Who Stay*, in *The Point Magazine* (31 March). <http://thepointmag.com/2015/criticism/those-who-leave>
- 2015 "I Dare Not: The Muted Style of Writer in Exile Ha Jin." Co-written with Michelle Kuo. Review Essay of Ha Jin, *A Map of Betrayal*, in *Los Angeles Review of Books* (11 January). <http://lareviewofbooks.org/essay/dare-muted-style-writer-exile-ha-jin>

- 2014 “Browsers Welcome: France vs. Amazon.” *Commonweal Magazine* (30 October). <https://www.commonwealmagazine.org/browsers-welcome>
- 2014 “The Black Iron Cage: Taiwanese Protesters in an Age of Global Unrest.” *Los Angeles Review of Books* (3 June). <http://lareviewofbooks.org/essay/the-black-iron-cage-taiwanese-protesters-age-global-unrest>
- 2014 “‘Take the Good Life and Be Happy’: On *The Americans*.” Co-written with Michelle Kuo. *Los Angeles Review of Books* (24 April). <http://lareviewofbooks.org/essay/take-good-life-happy-americans>
- 2014 “Secularists for Christmas! Can France Make Room for Islam?” *Commonweal Magazine* (21 February). <https://www.commonwealmagazine.org/secularists-christmas>
- 2013 “Animal Feelings.” Co-written with Michelle Kuo. Review essay of Barbara J. King, *How Animals Grieve*, in *Public Books* (9 September): <http://publicbooks.org/nonfiction/animal-feelings>
- 2013 “Scientology: The Mystery Sandwich.” Co-written with Michelle Kuo. Review essay of Lawrence Wright, *Going Clear: Scientology, Hollywood, and the Prison of Belief*; Hugh Urban, *The Church of Scientology: The History of a New Religion*; and Jenna Miscavige Hill, *Beyond Belief: My Secret Life Inside Scientology and My Harrowing Escape*, in the *Los Angeles Review of Books* (12 May): <http://lareviewofbooks.org/review/scientology-the-mystery-sandwich>
- 2013 “Imperfect Strollers: Teju Cole, Ben Lerner, W. G. Sebald, and the Alienated Cosmopolitan.” Co-written with Michelle Kuo. Review essay of Teju Cole, *Open City*, Ben Lerner, *Leaving the Atocha Station*, and W. G. Sebald, *The Rings of Saturn*, in the *Los Angeles Review of Books* (2 February): <http://lareviewofbooks.org/essay/imperfect-strollers-teju-cole-ben-lerner-w-g-sebald-and-the-alienated-cosmopolitan>
- 2012 “In Hell, ‘We Shall Be Free’: On *Breaking Bad* and *Paradise Lost*.” Co-written with Michelle Kuo. Review of the television series *Breaking Bad*, in the *Los Angeles Review of Books* (13 July): <http://lareviewofbooks.org/essay/in-hell-we-shall-be-free-on-breaking-bad>
- 2012 “Marilynne Robinson and the Miraculous Privilege of Existence.” Co-written with Michelle Kuo. Review of Marilynne Robinson, *When I Was a Child I Read Books*, in the *Los Angeles Review of Books* (22 May): <http://lareviewofbooks.org/essay/marilynne-robinson-and-the-miraculous-privilege-of-existence>

- 2012 “Church and State,” review of Liao Yiwu, *God is Red: The Secret Story of How Christianity Survived and Flourished in Communist China*, in the *Los Angeles Review of Books* (8 March): <https://lareviewofbooks.org/review/church-and-state>

## Translations

- 2007 (From Chinese to English) *Exploring History: Museum of the Institute of History and Philology* (Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica).

## SELECT FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

- 2016-2017 Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers.
- 2016, 2014 “Professor of the Year” Award, Given by the Students Government Association of the American University of Paris.
- 2015 The American University of Paris Board of Trustees Distinguished Teaching Award.
- 2014 Friends of Cal History Dissertation Prize, Awarded to the Best Dissertation Completed in the 2013 calendar year in the UC Berkeley History Department.
- 2012 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship.
- 2011 Haas Junior Scholars Program for Doctoral Candidates, UC Berkeley.
- 2010 Academia Sinica, Taiwan, Fellowship for Doctoral Candidates in the Humanities and Social Sciences.
- 2009 Fulbright IIE for Germany.
- 2009 DAAD Graduate Scholarship (Declined).
- 2008 UC Berkeley Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award.
- 2008 DAAD German Studies Award.
- 2007 Foreign Language and Areas Studies Summer Fellowship for Japanese.

## INVITED TALKS

- 2017 “Quackery and Superstition in Europe and China: Scenes from a Global History, c. 1880-1960,” Global History Colloquium at the Freidrich-Meinecke-Institut, Freie Universität Berlin, 12 June.
- 2017 “From Christ to Confucius,” Ostasiatisches Seminar, Freie Universität Berlin, 4 May.
- 2017 “From Christ to Confucius,” Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, 9 February.
- 2013 “Should We Think of a Missionary Society as a Multi-National Corporation?” “Actor Networks Between Global Markets and the Nation, 1650-1950,” Freie Universität, Berlin, 1-3 August.
- 2012 “In the Wake of Empire: German Missionaries in China and the Consequences of Failure,” Thyssen Lecture Series: The History of German Colonialism and Imperialism, UC Irvine, Monday, 5 March.
- 2011 Invited Respondent to Roger Thompson’s paper, “Re-building Local Sovereignty in Late-Qing China: Li Hongzhang, Christianity, and the Disestablishment of Religion at the Village Level,” Center for Chinese Studies, UC Berkeley, 30 September.
- 2011 “德國傳教士, 中國基督徒, 與基督教的全球化：以陳垣和 Wilhelm Schmidt 為例” (German Missionaries, Chinese Christians, and the Globalization of Christianity: Examining the Cases of Wilhelm Schmidt and Chen Yuan), Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, 5 July.
- 2011 “德國傳教士, 中國基督徒, 與基督教的全球化” (German Missionaries, Chinese Christians, and the Globalization of Christianity), Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, 22 June.

## SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Upcoming “Vaccination and Anti-Vaccination: A Global History of the Lübeck Disaster,” International Symposium on “Sovereignty, Economy and the Global Histories of Natural Resources,” Cambridge University, 18-19 December, 2017.
- Upcoming “The Doctor as Patient: The Case of German Medical Doctors in China,” German Studies Association, Atlanta, Georgia, 7 October, 2017.

- 2017 “European Religious and Secular Visions of the Chinese Body,” European Congress on World and Global History, Budapest, Hungary, 2 September, 2017.
- 2017 “Quackery and Superstition: Scenes from a Global History,” Global Cultural Encounters, 1750s-1950s – Between the Material and Immaterial, held at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2-4 August 2017.
- 2015 Commentator, “Germans and the World (3): Asia,” German Studies Association, Washington, D.C., 1-4 October.
- 2013 “German History, Global Christianity, and the Transnational Encounter,” German Studies Association Seminar, Denver, CO, 3-6 October.
- 2012 “Ernst Faber and the Consequences of Failure,” German Historical Institute Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar, Washington, D.C., Invited Participant, 2-5 May.
- 2011 “Chen Yuan, Cultural Imperialism, and Historical Revisionism,” Paper at the World History Association Conference, Beijing, China, 7-10 July.
- 2011 “German Missionaries, Chinese Christians, and Shifting Conceptions of the Sacred in Shandong, 1890-1940,” Paper at the Association for Asian Studies Conference, Honolulu, 31 March - 3 April.
- 2010 “Narrating Redemption.” Paper at the Conference on “Politics within Nineteenth-Century Missionary Periodicals,” Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, 2-4 December.
- 2010 “The Consequences of Failure: German Missions in China after World War I,” Paper at the German Studies Association, Oakland, CA, 7-10 October.
- 2009 “Unafraid of the Gospel: Johann Hinrich Wichern and the Battle for the Soul of Prussian Prisons,” American Society of Church History Winter Meeting, New York, NY, 2-5 January.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Introductory Courses

- Twentieth-Century Europe and the World (3 times since Spring 2014)
- East Asian Civilizations I: Pre-History until 1500 (Fall 2014/2015)
- East Asian Civilizations II: From 1500 until the Present (Spring 2015/2016)
- World History, 1500 to the Present (Fall 2013)

### Advanced Courses

German History, 1800 to the Present (Spring 2016)  
Histories of Disease, Medicine, and Public Health (Fall 2015)  
Diplomatic History, 1815 to the Present (5 times since Fall 2013)  
Religion and Globalization, 1800 to the Present (Fall 2014)  
The Global 1920s: Paris, New York, Shanghai (Spring 2014)

### SERVICE

#### TO PROFESSION

Manuscript reviewer for Oxford University Press, Bloomsbury Press, Routledge.

#### TO UNIVERSITY

General Education Committee, American University of Paris, 2014-2016 (Chair, 2015-16).

### MEDIA COVERAGE

Interview with Chris Fojtik about *From Christ to Confucius* for the *New Books Network*, 19 July 19 2017. <http://newbooksnetwork.com/albert-wu-from-christ-to-confucius-german-missionaries-chinese-christians-and-the-globalization-of-christianity-1860-1950-yale-up-2016/>

“Chinese Jesus: Discussing German Missionaries’ Journey with ‘From Christ to Confucius’ with Albert Wu,” Interview with Timothy Nunan of the Toynbee Prize Foundation, 8 May 2017. <http://toynbeeprize.org/conversations/chinese-jesus-discussing-german-missionaries-journey-from-christ-to-confucius-with-albert-wu/>

### RESEARCH LANGUAGES

English (Native)  
Mandarin (Native)  
German (Fluent Reading and Speaking)  
French (Excellent Reading and Speaking)  
Japanese (Reading with a dictionary)

### MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Historical Association  
German Studies Association  
Conference for Central European History  
Association for Asian Studies