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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

08/2019–12/2026 (expected), The Ohio State University (OSU), Department of History

Ph.D. in History (anticipated defense on November 9, 2026)

Major field: Modern East Asian/Chinese History, Christopher A. Reed (advisor)

Minor fields: Environment, Health, Technology, and Science, Christopher Otter

Historical Geography, Max Woodworth (Dept. of Geography)

Dissertation Title: “Printing a New China on Maps: Nation Building, Map Making, and Shanghai’s Publishing Industry (ca. 1800–1937)”

Dissertation Committee: Christopher A. Reed (Dept. of History)

Amanda Respass (Dept. of History)

Max Woodworth (Dept. of Geography)

09/2014–06/2018, Capital Normal University, Beijing, China

B.A., Teaching of Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Modern East Asian/Chinese history, history of cartography, print culture, nationalism, history of education, historical geography

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Guan, Wenhao (Cruz). “Educating Teachers before Students: National Humiliation, Nation-Building, and Geography Teachers’ Guides in Modern China, 1910s–1937.” *Twentieth-Century China* (forthcoming May 2027)

Guan, Wenhao (Cruz). “Recontextualizing Classical Drama in Junior Middle School Chinese-language Textbooks: Commercial Publishing and State Regulation, 1923–1934.” *History of Education Quarterly* (under second-round review)

Work in Progress

Guan, Wenhao (Cruz). "Mapping a Chinese Nation-State in Japanese and British Maps: Transnational Knowledge Production, Print Culture, and Nation-Building, 1890s–1937." Article manuscript in preparation for submission to *Journal of Asian Studies*

Web-Based Publications

Guan, Wenhao (Cruz). "The Establishment of the People's Republic of China and Its Impacts." *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, October 2024.

<https://origins.osu.edu/read/establishment-peoples-republic-china>

Guan, Wenhao (Cruz). "The Return of the Soul at *The Peony Pavilion* 牡丹亭還魂記 (2009), Chinese Central Television (CCTV) Yue Opera TV Drama," in *The Chinese Theater Collaborative* 華語戲聚, January 2024. <https://chinesetheatercollaborative.org/ctc/the-return-of-the-soul-at-the-peony-pavilion---2009>

Book Reviews

Guan, Wenhao (Cruz). Review of *Zhizao Yazhou: Yibu ditu shangde lishi* 《制造亚洲：一部地图上的历史》 (*Mapping Asia: A History on the Map*), by Song Nianshen (Guilin: Guangxi Normal University Press, 2024). *Chinese Studies in History* 59, no. 1 (2026): 101–3.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00094633.2026.2627329>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor-of-Record, OSU

Fall 2026	History 2642 (online asynchronous) Global History 1500 to Present
Spring 2025	History 2401 (online synchronous) History of East Asia in the Pre-Modern Era (to 1800)
Fall 2024	History 2402 (online synchronous) History of East Asia in the Modern Era, 1600 to 1990s
Spring 2024	History 2401 (in-person) History of East Asia in the Pre-Modern Era (to 1800)

Teaching Assistant/Discussion Section Leader, OSU

Summer 2025	History 2701 (online asynchronous, summer intensive) History of Technology (Dylan Cahn)
Fall 2023	History 2702 (online asynchronous) Food in World History (Dylan Cahn)
Spring 2023	History 2550 (online asynchronous) History of War (Mark Grimsley)
Spring 2022	History 3030 (online asynchronous) History of Ohio (Russell Coil)
Fall 2021	History 3426 (online synchronous) History of Modern Japan, 1800–1990s. (Christopher Reed)
Fall 2020	History 2401 (hybrid) History of East Asia in the Pre-Modern Era (to 1800) (Ying Zhang)

Spring 2020 History 3403 (online asynchronous) Early Modern China: 14th to 18th Centuries (Ying Zhang)

Grader, OSU

Fall 2022 History 2475 (in-person) History of the Holocaust (Robin Judd)

Spring 2021 History 2703 (online asynchronous) Health and Disease in Human History (Jim Harris)

Fall 2019 History 3404 (in-person) Modern China, 1750 to 1949 (Christopher Reed)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks/Guest Lectures

2026 “GIS Tools in Historical Research,” The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, September 28.

2026 “Mapping the Known World in Early Modern East Asia,” University of Hawai‘i at Manoa (online), Honolulu, HI, April 20.

2026 “Water in East Asia,” The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, March 25.

Conference Panels Organized

2027 Panel Organizer, “Making Information Matter: Media, Authority, and the Limits of Legibility in Late Qing and Republican China.” AAS (Association for Asian Studies) Annual Conference, Boston, MA, March 18–21.

2026 Panel Organizer, “Knowledge on the Move: Transnational Flows of People, Print, and Expertise in Modern China.” EACS (European Association for Chinese Studies) Biennial Conference, Venice, Italy, July 21–25.

2026 Panel Organizer, “Mapping Territory in the Making: Cross-Border Cartographic Practices, Knowledge Politics, and Nation-Building in Modern China.” AAS (Association for Asian Studies) Annual Conference, Vancouver, Canada, March 12–15.

2026 Panel Organizer, “Cartographic Contests across Borders: Mapping Sovereignty, Knowledge, and Modernity in China through Transnational Lenses, 1820s–1930s.” AHA (American Historical Association) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, January 8–11.

2025 Panel Organizer, “Powerful Pages: Knowledge Production, Intellectual Labor, and the Remaking of Identities in Late Qing and Republican China.” SWCAS (Southwest Conference on Asian Studies) (online), Texas A&M University, San Antonio, TX, November 7–9.

2025 Panel Organizer, “Contested Terrains on Pages: Print Culture, Knowledge Production, and Nation-Building in Modern East Asia.” MCAA (Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs), The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, October 10–12.

2023 Panel Organizer, “Transnational Intellectualism and State Building in Modern China.” MCAA (Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs), University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, IL, September 29–October 1.

Conference Presentations

- 2027 “Compressed Curricula, Circulating Nation: Short-Term and Informal Schools as Knowledge Infrastructures in Republican China, 1930s–1940s,” for the panel “Making Information Matter: Media, Authority, and the Limits of Legibility in Late Qing and Republican China.” AAS (Association for Asian Studies) Annual Conference, Boston, MA, March 18–21.
- 2026 “When Romance Spoke for the Nation: Traditional Chinese Drama, Middle School Literature Textbooks, and Guomindang’s Publishing Policies during the 1930s 以戲塑國：1930 年代的中國傳統戲劇、中學國文教科書與國民黨出版政策.” Reframing Modern Histories Across the Taiwan Strait: Entanglements, Divergences, and Global Connections (online), Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, August 4–6.
- 2026 “Not My Manchuria: Geography Teaching Materials, Nation-Building, and Knowledge Production in Late Qing and Republican China,” for the panel “Knowledge on the Move: Transnational Flows of People, Print, and Expertise in Modern China.” EACS (European Association for Chinese Studies) Biennial Conference (paper read by panelist), Venice, Italy, July 21–25.
- 2026 “Uncertain Lines in Foreign Maps: Transnational Mapmaking, China’s Nation-Building, and Print Culture.” Young Scholars Forum in Chinese Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China, May 28–29.
- 2026 “The Making of the Chinese Nation-State in Foreign Maps: Transnational Knowledge Production, Print Culture, and Nation-Building,” for the panel “Mapping Territory in the Making: Cross-Border Cartographic Practices, Knowledge Politics, and Nation-Building in Modern China.” AAS (Association for Asian Studies) Annual Conference, Vancouver, Canada, March 12–15.
- 2026 “Finding a Chinese Nation-State in Foreign Maps: Geographical Knowledge, Print Culture, and Nation-Building,” for the panel “Cartographic Contests across Borders: Mapping Sovereignty, Knowledge, and Modernity in China through Transnational Lenses, 1820s–1930s.” AHA (American Historical Association) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, January 8–11.
- 2025 “Drawing Nationhood on Maps: A Han Chinese Elite’s Map of Qing China and Its Multiethnic Entities from 1789 to 1841 在地圖中繪製國家感：一位漢族菁英的清代中國地圖及其多民族實體 (1789–1841).” International Conference on Ming-Qing Studies, Academia Sinica (2025中央研究院明清研究國際學術研討會), Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, December 10–12.
- 2025 “What and Where a Chinese Nation-State Should Be: Transnational Knowledge Production and Map-Making in Modern China, Japan, and Great Britain.” MARAAS (Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies), University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, November 14–16.
- 2025 “Changing Romance into Patriotism: Guomindang’s Patriotic Publishing Policy, Middle School Chinese Literature Textbooks, and Chinese Drama, 1932–1934,” for the panel “Powerful Pages: Knowledge Production, Intellectual Labor, and the Remaking of Identities in Late Qing and Republican China.” SWCAS (Southwest Conference on Asian Studies) (online), Texas A&M University, San Antonio, TX, November 7–9.
- 2025 “Romantic Drama as Patriotic Texts: Chinese Drama, Middle School Literature Textbooks, and Guomindang’s Publishing Policies during the 1930s.” The 30th ACPSS (Association of Chinese

- Professors of Social Sciences in the United States) International Conference (online), Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA, October 10–12.
- 2025 “Competing Cartographic Representations: Geographical Knowledge and Nation-Building in Modern China,” for the panel “Contested Terrains on Pages: Print Culture, Knowledge Production, and Nation-Building in Modern East Asia.” MCAA (Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs), The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, October 10–12.
- 2025 “Teachers before Students: Geography Textbooks and Teachers’ Guides, Nation-Building, and Emotions about China’s Manchuria, 1901–1937.” BACS (The British Association for Chinese Studies) 2025 Conference, University of Leicester, Leicester, UK, September 3–5.
- 2025 “From ‘Manchuria’ to ‘Three Eastern Provinces/Northeast’: Geographical Education, Nation-Building, and Knowledge Production in Late Qing & Republican China.” AAS (Association for Asian Studies)-in-Asia Conference, Kathmandu, Nepal, June 1–4.
- 2025 “Reconciling Emotions and Knowledge in Modern China: Nation-Building, Humiliation, and Geography Textbooks and Teacher’s Guides” SPAS (The School of Pacific and Asian Studies) Grad Student Conference 2025, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, Honolulu, HI, April 16–17.
- 2024 “Changing Romance into Patriotism: Guomindang’s Patriotic Publishing Policy, Junior High School Chinese Literature Textbooks, and Chinese Drama, 1932–1934.” SWCAS (Southwest Conference on Asian Studies) (online), Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX, November 1–2.
- 2024 “Combining Geographical Knowledge with China’s National Humiliation: Modern Geographical Education, Nation-Building & Shanghai’s Publishing Industry, 1902–1937.” NYCAS (New York Conference on Asian Studies), University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, September 27–28.
- 2024 “Teaching National Humiliation in Chinese Geography Textbooks and Teacher’s Manuals, 1902–1937.” MCAA (Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs), University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, September 13–15.
- 2024 “Printing a New China on Maps: China’s Nation-Building Project, Modern Geography, & Shanghai’s Publishing Industry, 1800–1937.” AAS (Association for Asian Studies) Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, March 14–17.
- 2023 “The Cartographic Convergence: Chinese and European Mapping Methods and Nationhood in a Han Official’s Map of Qing China, 1789–1841.” SWCAS (Southwest Conference on Asian Studies) (online), University of Houston, TX, November 3–4.
- 2023 “Mapping Nationhood: A Han Official’s Map of Qing China and Its Multiethnic Entities, 1789–1841,” for the panel “Transnational Intellectualism and State Building in Modern China.” MCAA (Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs), University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, IL, September 29–October 1.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

External Grants & Fellowships

- 2026 Young Scholars Forum in Chinese Studies Travel Grant, Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 2026 Jerry Bentley World History Travel Grant, American Historical Association
- 2025 Grant for the International Conference on Ming-Qing Studies, Academia Sinica
- 2024 Grant for the 2nd Summer Seminar on Modern Chinese History, “From Qing Dynasty to Republican China (Île d’Oléron, France)” September 8–14. Co-organized by CNRS, CECMC, EFEO, Tepsis, and University of Heidelberg
- 2023 East and Inner Asian Council Research Travel Grant, Association for Asian Studies

OSU-Awarded Grants & Fellowships

- 2026 Arts & Humanities Graduate Research Small Grant
- 2025–2026 Richard R. Duncan Fellowship. History Department. A competitive nine-month academic fellowship providing full tuition, fees, and stipend support for dissertation research and completion (one recipient each year)
- 2025 Phyllis Krumm Memorial Scholarship, Office of International Affairs
- 2023–2026 Tien-Yi Li Prize in Chinese Studies, History Department
- 2023–2025 Retrieving the American Past Award, History Department
- 2024 Graduate Research Support Grant, History Department
- 2024 Graduate Research Grant, Mershon Center for International Security Studies
- 2023 International Research and Scholarship Grant, Office of International Affairs
- 2022 Louise Zung-Nyi Loh Scholarship, East Asian Studies Center
- 2021 Summer Award, History Department

Workshops

- 2025 “China Studies Graduate Workshop.” Co-organized by The Ohio State University’s Institute for Chinese Studies and Indiana University’s East Asian Studies Center, Columbus, OH, February 21–22
- 2024 International Summer Seminar, “From Qing Dynasty to Republican China.” Co-organized by CNRS, CECMC, EFEO, Tepsis, and University of Heidelberg, Île d’Oléron, France, September 8–14
- 2023 “GIS Day 2023.” Co-organized by The Ohio State University’s CFAES Knowledge Exchange, Center for Urban and Regional Analysis, Department of Geography, Facilities Information Technology Services, and University Libraries, Columbus, OH, November 15

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Article Reviewer

Global Intellectual History (journal published by Taylor & Francis, England), June 2026

Departmental Service

2025–26 Graduate student member of the successful search committee for Modern Japanese history,
History Department, OSU
2023–24 Graduate Student Advisory Council & Undergraduate Teaching Committee Member,
History Department, OSU

LANGUAGES

Mandarin Chinese (native)
Classical Chinese (research proficiency)
Japanese (research proficiency)
Manchu (read with a dictionary)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association (AHA)
Association for Asian Studies (AAS)
Chinese Historians in the United States (CHUS)
European Association for Chinese Studies (EACS)