

## James Alexander Cook

### Curriculum Vitae

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### Current Appointments

**Associate Director**, Asian Studies Center, University Center for International Studies (UCIS), University of Pittsburgh, September 2011-June 2015, January 2018--Present.

**Researcher, Advisory Board Member**, Center for Experimental Economics in Education, Shaanxi Normal University, January 2015—Present.

### Education

December 1998	Ph.D., East Asian History, University of California, San Diego. Advisors: Joseph Esherick, Paul Pickowicz, Takashi Fujitani, and Dorothy Ko
December 1996	Ph.D. Candidacy, East Asian History, University of California, San Diego.
June 1993	M.A., Chinese Studies, University of California, San Diego.
July 1991	Certificate in Mandarin, Center for Teaching Chinese to Foreigners, Peking University.
June 1987	B.A., Political Science, University of California, Santa Cruz.

### Past Appointments

- **Acting Director**, Asian Studies Center, University Center for International Studies (UCIS), University of Pittsburgh, July 2015—December 2017.
- **Arthur Lynn Andrews Chair in Asian and Pacific Studies**, University of Hawai'i, Manoa, School of Pacific and Asian Studies, August 2013-December 2013.
- **Co-Principal Investigator**, *Negotiations and Impacts: Great Western Development, Rural Peasants, and Water Policy across China's Loess Plateau*, National Science

Foundation Grant SMA-0851541, 2009-2012.

- **Director**, Asia Pacific Studies Program, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA, 2009—2011.
- **Associate Professor**, Department of History, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA, 2004-2011.
- **Co-Principal Investigator**, *Economy and Society in South China*, National Science Foundation Grant SMA-0139677, 2002-2007.
- **Assistant Professor**, Department of History, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA, 1998-2004.

### Current Publications

- *Connecting China, Latin America, and the Caribbean: Infrastructure and Everyday Life*, ed. Joseph Alter, James Cook, and Enrique Dussel-Peters, Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2023.
- James Cook and Shi-yung Liu, “An Introduction to War, Medicine, and Modernity in East Asian Conflicts,” *East Asian Science, Technology and Society* 17.2 (March 2023): 6-33.
- “From Clayderman to Cui Jian,” in *China Tripping: Encountering the Everyday in the People’s Republic*, ed. Jeremy Murray, Perry Link, and Paul Pickowicz, 95-115. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2019.
- *Visualizing China: Image, History, and Memory, 1750—Present*, ed. James Cook, Joshua Goldstein, Matthew Johnson, and Sigrid Schmalzer, New York: Lexington Press, 2014.
- “Introduction,” in *Visualizing China: Image, History, and Memory, 1750—Present*, ed. James Cook, Joshua Goldstein, Matthew Johnson, and Sigrid Schmalzer, 1-24. New York: Lexington Press, 2014.
- “Rethinking “China”: Overseas Chinese and China’s Modernity,” in *Visualizing China: Image, History, and Memory, 1750—present*, ed. James Cook, Joshua Goldstein, Matthew Johnson, and Sigrid Schmalzer, 127-143. New York: Lexington Press, 2014.
- “China's New Sorrow: Water-Management Policies, Environmental Degradation, and Salar-Tibetan Minority Relations in Qinghai Province,” *Twentieth Century China* 38.2 (May 2013): 156-179.
- “A Transnational Revolution: Sun Yatsen, Overseas Chinese, and the Revolutionary Movement in Xiamen, 1900-12,” in *Sun Yat-sen, Nanyang and the 1911 Revolution*, ed. Lee Lai To and Lee Hock Guan, 127-162. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 2011.
- “Colonial Refractions: Xiamen as a Transnational Landscape,” in *Reassessing Asia in the Light of Urban and Architectural History*, ed. Executive Committee of the International Conference on East Asian Architectural Culture, 177-187. Kyoto: Kyoto University, 2006.

- “Re-Imagining China: Xiamen, Overseas Chinese, and a Transnational Modernity,” in *Materializing Modernity: Changes in Everyday Life in Twentieth Century China*, eds. Yue Dong and Joshua Goldstein, 156-194. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2006.
- “New Ports: The Zheng He Voyages and Economic/Political Development in the South China Sea, 1403-1687,” in *Zheng He yuanhang yu shijie wenming* (The Zheng He Voyages and World Culture), ed. Wang Tianyou, Yu Rui, and Wan Ming, 456-467. Beijing: Peking University Press, 2005.
- Review of Hsu, Madeline, *Dreaming of Gold, Dreaming of Home: Transnationalism and Migration between the United States and South China, 1882-1943*. In the Journal of Asian Studies, July 2004.
- Review of *The Last Half Century of the Chinese Overseas*. Edited by Elizabeth Sinn. In *Journal of World History* 11 (October 2000), 123-125.
- “Currents of Education and Identity: Overseas Chinese and Minnan Schools, 1912-1937,” *Twentieth Century China*, 25.2 (April 2000): 1-31.
- “Bridges to Modernity: Xiamen, Overseas Chinese and Southeast Coastal Modernization, 1843-1937,” Ph.D. dissertation, University of California, San Diego, December 1998.
- “Penetration and Neocolonialism: The Shen Chong Rape Case and the Anti-American Student Movement of 1946-47,” *Republican China*, 22.1 (November 1996): 65-97.
- “Faxisizhuyi yu Nanjing da tusha, 法西斯主义与南京大屠杀 (Fascism and the Nanjing Massacre),” Beijing daxue lishixi 1995 baogaoji 北京大学历史系 1995 报告集 (Historical Reports of the History Department of Beijing University, 1995), December 1995.
- “The Gold Coin Uprising,” M.A. thesis, University of California, San Diego, June 1993.
- “Mao Zedong and Chinese Foreign Policy,” B.A. thesis, University of California, Santa Cruz, June 1987.

### **Recent Conference Presentations**

- “New Directions in Chinese History,” invited lecture at the Center for Historical Environment and Socioeconomic Development in Northwestern China, Shaanxi Normal University, July 2017.
- “Understanding China’s Rural Public Health Crisis,” presented at the Center for Experimental Economics in Education, Shaanxi Normal University, July 2016.
- “Rethinking the Environmental History of Northwest China,” invited lecture at the Center for Historical Environment and Socioeconomic Development in Northwestern China, Shaanxi Normal University, June 2016.

- “Transnational Urbanization in Xiamen, 1865-1937,” presented at “Integration and Diffusion: Changes in the Historical Geography of Regions and Cities” at *Beijing Forum 2015: The Harmony of Civilizations and Prosperity for All*, Peking University, Beijing, November 2015.
- “Rethinking ‘China’: Overseas Chinese and China’s Modernity” presented at the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies Conference, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, October 2015.
- “From Patients to Providers: Affecting Human Capital in Rural China,” Conference on *Human Capital Challenges in China*, Shaanxi Normal University, Xi’an, Shaanxi, China, June 2015.
- “Roundtable Panel on Educational Outreach,” Center for Teaching about Asia, Association of Asian Studies, Chicago, IL, March 2015.
- “The Overseas Chinese in Southeast Asia,” invited lecture for International Education Week 2013 at Kapi’olani Community College, Honolulu, HI, November 2013.
- “Constructing Chinese Cosmopolitanism: Southeast Asia, Overseas Chinese, and Xiamen, 1842-1937,” Arthur Lynn Andrews Chair Invited Public Lecture, School of Pacific and Asian Studies, University of Hawai’i, Manoa, Honolulu, HI, October 2013.
- “Models of Successful Field-based REU Programs: Designing and Coordinating Meaningful REU Experiences,” invited lecture at the *Value, Impact, and Best Practices: Maximizing REU SBE Potential* Conference, Council on Undergraduate Research, Arlington, VA, September 2012.
- “Concrete Transnationalism: Urban Development and Identity within Hokkien China,” presented at the *Asian Crossings, 1789-1914* conference sponsored by the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) and the University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, June 2012.
- “Discussion of U.S. Department of Education National Resource Centers,” at the Asian Studies Development Program 18<sup>th</sup> National Conference, Seattle WA, March 2012.
- “Water and Woodsheds: Minority Peoples and Natural Resources Management in Northwest China, 1890-1978,” presented at the Asian Studies Development Program 18<sup>th</sup> National Conference, Seattle WA, March 2012.
- “Salar-Tibetan Relations in southern Qinghai,” presented at the Western Conference of the Association of Asian Studies, Pomona College, Pomona, CA, June 2011.
- “Water and Minority Relations under the People’s Republic,” presented at the Asian Studies Development Program 17<sup>th</sup> National Conference, Boston, MA, March 2011.
- “Xiamen as a Transnational Revolution,” presented at the Conference on Sun Yat-sen, Nanyang and the 1911 Revolution, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, Singapore, October 2010.
- “Redrawing Pastoral-Agricultural Boundaries: PRC Agricultural and Development Policies in Qinghai” presented at the Asian Studies Development Program 16<sup>th</sup> National Conference,

University of Hawai'i, Honolulu, HI, June 2009.

- “Desertification in China’s Kuwait: Yulin and the Environment,” invited paper presented at the *Opening and Reform in Northwest China* conference, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, April 2009.
- “Great Western Desertification: Reform and Environment in Northwest China,” presented at the National Conference of the Association of Asian Studies, Chicago, IL, March 2009
- “Xinjiang in the Development of China’s West,” presented at Center for Historical Environment and Socioeconomic Development in Northwestern China, Shaanxi Normal University, invited lecture, December 2008.
- “A History of Western Development,” presented at the Assessment of Western China Development and Future Prospects Conference, Northwestern University, Xi’an, Shaanxi, China, July 2008.
- “China’s ‘Western Development’ in Historical Perspective,” presented at the China’s Great Western Development: Evaluations and Perspectives on China’s Most Sweeping Development Initiative Conference at the University of Southern California, October 2007.
- “Colonial Refractions: Xiamen as a Transnational Landscape,” presented at the International Conference on East Asian Architectural Culture, Kyoto University, November 2006.
- “Rethinking ‘China’: Overseas Chinese and China’s Modernity,” presented at the *Visualizing the Chinese Past: Memory, Image, and History in China, 1700- Present* conference, University of California, San Diego, May 2005.
- “Remaking Chang’an: Urbanization and Development in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Xi’an,” presented at the Western Conference of the Association of Asian Studies 2004 Conference, University of Washington, October 2004.

### **Major Grants Funded**

- *National Resource Center/ Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Award*, U.S. Department of Education, \$2.1 million. 2022
- *National Resource Center/ Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Award*, U.S. Department of Education, \$1.6 million. 2018
- *Teaching Korean Cinema*, Korea Foundation for \$120,000.
- *Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Award*, U.S. Department of Education, \$930,000
- *Early Modern Japan and the Pacific World*, Institutional Project Support Program in Japanese Studies, Japan Foundation for \$92,000.
- *Nourishing the Future: Targeting Infants and their Caregivers to Reduce Under-nutrition in Rural China*, China Medical Board, Beijing, China for \$150,000.

- *Negotiations and Impacts: Great Western Development, Rural Peasants, and Water Policy across China's Loess Plateau*, National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates Grant for \$403,000.
- “Infusing Southeast Asia into the Secondary School Curriculum of Washington State.” Grant funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program for \$98,094.00.
- “Water and Development in Northwest China.” Grant funded by the Casten Family Foundation for \$5,000 to finance research on the impact of water allocation policies on development in rural Shaanxi province, China.
- “Modern Chinese Language.” Grant funded by the Casten Family Foundation to fund a full-time position in Mandarin at Central Washington University. Total funding is \$90,000 over three years.
- “Society and Environment in South China.” Proposal funded by National Science Foundation to establish a Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program in China for 2002-2005. Research conducted at Shanghai Jiaotong University and Xiamen University. Total funding from NSF is \$326,000. CWU funding is estimated at \$250,000.
- “Humankind and Environment in South China.” Proposal funded for \$22,500 by the Alice and Leslie E. Lancy Foundation and the National Conferences on Undergraduate Research to support undergraduate research into environmental stability in southern China.
- “China in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” Organized and authored funding proposal for a lecture series funded by the Central Washington University Faculty Development Program.
- “Sustainability in Urban China: Environment, Pollution, and Society in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Beijing.” Authored proposal that was funded for over \$80,000 by the Alice and Leslie E. Lancy Foundation, National Conferences on Undergraduate Research, and Central Washington University to support undergraduate research into environmental stability in China.
- College of Arts and Humanities Travel Award, Central Washington University, December 2000.
- Small Grants Award, “Minnan Schools,” College of Graduate Studies, Central Washington University, March 2000.
- Bernadotte E. Schmitt Grant, American Historical Association, January 2000.
- Interdisciplinary Teaching Award, College of Arts and Humanities, Central Washington University, 1999.
- Summer Creativity Grant, College of Arts and Humanities, Central Washington University, June 1999.
- Small Grants Award, “Bridges to Modernity,” College of Graduate Studies, Central Washington University, June 1999.

**Professional Affiliations**

Member, American Historical Association, Association for Asian Studies, Mid-Atlantic Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Historical Society for Twentieth Century China, International Society for the Study of the Chinese Overseas.