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Employment

Associate Professor of History, Claremont McKenna College	2014-present
Assistant Professor of History, Claremont McKenna College	2012-2014
Assistant Professor of History, Reed College, Portland OR	2009-2012
Consortium for Faculty Diversity Fellow, Reed College, Portland OR	2008-2009

Education

Stanford University, Stanford CA

MA/Ph.D., history, 2008

Dissertation: "A Squatters' Republic: Land Rights, Reform, and Anti-Monopoly in California and the Nation, 1850-1920," Advisor: Richard White

Amherst College, Amherst MA

B.A., history and French, 2000

Phi Beta Kappa, *Magna Cum Laude*, and honors in history

Current Research: social history of chronic pain and industrial environments in the nineteenth century; Covid-19 at Claremont McKenna College digital archive and oral history project.

Publications

Books:

- *Herbs and Roots: A History of Chinese Medicine in the American Medical Marketplace*, Yale University Press, 2019.
 - o Winner of the Phi Alpha Theta Best Subsequent Book Award, 2020
- *A Squatter's Republic: Land and the Politics of Monopoly in California, 1850-1900*, Western History Series, University of California Press and the Huntington Library Press, 2013.

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

- "Nature's Own Remedies: Chinese Health Practices in Progressive Era America," *Pacific Historical Review* (Summer 2019): 378-409.
- "Curiosity or Cure?: Chinese Medicine and American Orientalism in Progressive Era California and Oregon," *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, vol. 114, no. 3, Fall 2013, pp. 266-291.
- "'A more loyal Union loving people can nowhere be found:' Secession Anxiety in California and the 1861 'Settlers' War' in San Jose," *Western Historical Quarterly*, vol. XLI, no. 4, Winter 2010, pp. 473-494.
- "Unmaking Historic Spaces: San Francisco, Urban Progress, and the Cemetery Debate, 1895 to 1937," *California History*, vol. 85, no. 3, June 2008, pp. 26-47.

- “Negotiating Multiple Identities: The Chinese Students Club at Stanford University, 1916-1945,” *Sandstone and Tile*, vol. 29, no. 2/3, Fall 2005, pp. 17-31.

Other:

- “Panic over Coronavirus Recalls Other Racist Chapters in California’s History,” *L.A. Times*, February 7, 2020. https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-02-07/coronavirus-asian-racism-california-history?fbclid=IwAR0DVgI0VtKTH6H127ju1nY6A0GrCyq7Kz_RVZl5Oz9qdJ-hZcai6VR2cZE
- “The Page 99 Test,” *The Campaign for the American Reader*, January 29, 2020. (<https://page99test.blogspot.com/2020/01/tamara-venit-sheltons-herbs-and-roots.html>)
- “Nature’s Remedies: The Environmental Impact of Chinese Medicine in the Global Medical Marketplace,” *Yale University Press* blog, November 25, 2019. (<http://blog.yalebooks.com/2019/11/25/natures-remedies-the-environmental-impact-of-chinese-medicine-in-the-global-medical-marketplace/>)
- “T. Wah Hing, Chinese Herbalist and Abortionist,” *Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* Blog, September 24, 2019. (<https://www.shgape.org/t-wah-hing-chinese-american-herbalist-and-abortionist/>)
- “Vaccines Save Lives. But Stricter Laws May Backfire,” *Washington Post*, August 30, 2019 (with co-author Daniela Blei)
- Review of *This Radical Land: A Natural History of American Dissent* by Deagan Miller, *Journal of American History*, Volume 105, Issue 4, 1 March 2019, pp. 1003–1004.
- “What is so natural about natural medicine?” *Public Seminar*, January 2, 2018 (<http://www.publicseminar.org/author/tvenit/>)
- Review of *Dirty Deeds: Land, Violence, and the 1856 San Francisco Vigilance Committee* by Nancy J. Taniguchi, *Journal of American Ethnic History*, Vol. 37, No. 2 (Winter 2018), pp. 103-105.
- Editor, U.S. History Series III: Post-Reconstruction Through World War I, *Gale Researcher Guides*, Gale/Cengage Learning, 2016 (<http://solutions.cengage.com/Gale-Researcher/US-History/>)
- Review of *Strangers on Familiar Soil: Rediscovering the California-Chile Connection*, by Edward Dallam Melillo, *Western Historical Quarterly*, Volume 47, Issue 3, 1 August 2016.
- “Call and Response,” *Vitae: The Chronicle of Higher Education* (chroniclevitae.com), December 1, 2015.
- “Assessing Empathy through Historical Role-Playing Games,” with co-authors, Jonathan Hanna and Daniela Blei, *Intersection: The Quarterly Journal of the Association for Assessment of Learning in Higher Education*, October 2015, p.2.
- Review of *Securing the West: Politics, Public Lands, and the Fate of the Old Republic, 1785–1850*, by John R. Van Atta (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2014), 2015.
- Review of *An Archeology of Asian Transnationalism*, *Pacific Historical Review*, 2014.
- Review of *Freedom’s Frontier: California and the Struggle over Unfree Labor, Emancipation, and Reconstruction*, *Western Historical Quarterly*, vol. XLV, no. 3, Autumn 2014, pp. 343-344.
- Review of *Seattle and the Roots of Urban Sustainability: Inventing Ecotopia*, *Journal of Environmental History*, vol. 16, no. 2, April 2011, pp. 343-345.
- “A History of Violence: Review of Jean Pfaelzer’s *Driven Out*,” *H-California*, February 2010.

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

- Professional Development Network Grant: Applied History, Claremont Colleges, 2020-2021

- ACLS Frederick Burkhardt Fellowship, Huntington-USC Institute for California and the West, 2017-2018
- Digital Humanities Course Development Grant, Claremont University Consortium, 2017-2018
- Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Faculty Research Grant, Claremont McKenna College, 2016-2017
- Wood Institute Travel Grant, College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 2015
- Luce Initiative in Asian Studies and the Environment Course Redevelopment Grant, 5Cs, 2015
- Honorable Mention, Palmer Award, Oregon Historical Society, 2014
- Evelyn S. Nation Fellowship, Huntington Library, 2013
- Diversity Course Development Grant, Claremont McKenna College, 2013
- Donald J. Sterling Senior Research Fellow, Oregon Historical Society, 2012
- Dean of Faculty Summer Scholarship Grant, Reed College, 2009-2011
- Rosenfield Prize for Outstanding Dissertation, Stanford University, 2008
- David Potter Fellowship, Stanford University, 2007-2008
- Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship, Huntington Library, 2007
- Centennial Teaching Award, Stanford University, 2006
- Center for Teaching and Learning Grant, Stanford University, 2005-2006
- Forris Jewett Moore Fellowship, Amherst College, 2004, 2005
- Winner, Stanford Historical Society Essay Contest, 2004
- Henry P. Field Fellowship, Amherst College, 2004
- Humanities and Social Sciences Fellowship, Stanford University, 2002-2007

Invited Talks, Virtual/Recorded Talks, and Conference Presentations

- *Herbs and Roots* book talks:
 - o Chinese Historical Society of Southern California, December 2, 2020
 - o Asian Pacific Islander Students Organization, ATSU-SOMA, December 2, 2020
 - o Global-Med Series, ATSU-SOMA, November 3, 2020
 - o Scholarly Sustenance Series, Huntington Library, October 13, 2020
 - o Tucson Chinese Cultural Center, September 17, 2020
 - o “In Conversation” with Connie Chiang (Bowdoin College) for the USC-Huntington Institute for California and the West, May 27, 2020.
 - o New Books in Asian American Studies Podcast (New Books Network) with K. Ian Shin, May 21, 2020
 - o Claremont Environmental Roundtable, February 27, 2020.
 - o Chinese Historical Society of Northern California, February 23, 2020
 - o Chinese Historical Society of America, San Francisco, February 22, 2020
 - o University of California, Irvine, January 16, 2020
- “A Second Gilded Age... So What?” presented at Claremont Discourse, March 2020.
- Comment: “Japan, Japanese Fishermen, and the Enclosure of the North Pacific,” Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West, AAPI History Group, February 2020.
- “New Works in the Histories of Health and Disease in the West and the World,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western History Association, October 2019.
- Chair: “Transpacific Archaeology and History: Chinese Immigrant and Chinese American Communities in the North American West,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western History Association, October 2019.

- “An Environmental History of Railway Spine: Chronic Pain, Human Bodies, and Industrializing Spaces in Nineteenth-Century America” presented at the Meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science, September 2019.
- Discussion of *A Squatter’s Republic*, History Department, USC, March 2018
- “Herbs and Roots: A History of Chinese Medicine in the United States,” presented at the Asian American Pacific Islander Research Group, Huntington Library, February 2018
- “Nature’s Remedies: Toward an Environmental History of Chinese Medicine in the United States,” presented at the History Department, Portland State University, January 2018
- “Nature’s Remedies: Toward an Environmental History of Chinese Medicine in the United States,” presented at the History Department, University of California, Davis, January 2018
- “Herbs and Roots: A History of Chinese Medicine in the United States,” to be presented at the Long-Term Fellows Writing Group, Huntington Library, January 2018
- “Nature’s Remedies: Chinese Doctors in the American Medical Marketplace,” presented at the Brown-Bag Series, Huntington Library, November 2017
- “Nature’s Remedies: Toward an Environmental History of Chinese Medicine in the United States,” presented at the History Department, SUNY Stonybrook, October 2017
- “An American History of Chinese Acupuncture,” presented at the Eugene Lang College, The New School, October 2017
- “Chinese Doctors and the Making of American Acupuncture in the 1970s,” presented at the Consortium for the History of Medicine, New York Academy of Medicine, October 2017
- Chair, “Interdisciplinary Round Table on Asian American Health Practices,” Asian American Studies Association, Portland, Oregon, April 2017.
- “Herbs and Roots: Chinese Doctors and Community Self-Care in the Era of Exclusion,” presented at the Asian American Studies Association, Portland, Oregon, April 2017.
- “Herbs Across Borders: Chinese Medicine in the Era of Exclusion,” presented at the American Society for Environmental History, Chicago, March 2017.
- “The San Jose Settler’s War of 1861,” 4th Annual Preble Lecture in conjunction with the 50th Annual Meeting of the North American Vexillological Association, Campbell, California, October 2016
- “Chinese Medicine in America: A Long History of Integrative Medicine,” UCLA Medical School, East-West Medicine Center, Los Angeles, California, September 2016.
- “The Doctor Speaks Good English: Selling Chinese Medicine in Progressive Era America,” presented at the American Association for the History of Medicine, Minneapolis, April 2016.
- “Nature’s Remedies: Chinese Medicine in Progressive Era America,” presented at the Organization for American Historians, Providence, April 2016.
- “Nature’s Remedies: The Early History of Chinese Medicine in the United States,” presented at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, December 2015.
- “Too Big to Fail? Stephen Mallory White, the Southern Pacific, and the Transformation of Anti-Monopolist Politics in California and the Nation” presented at the American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 2014
- Scholar Presenter, “*Dust, Drought, and Dreams Gone Dry: A Traveling Exhibition and Public Programs for Libraries about the Dust Bowl*,” Pasadena Public Library, Pasadena, CA, September 2014.
- “Maria Amparo Ruiz de Burton and Alice M. Brown: Gender and Race in the Defense of Mexican and Japanese Land Rights in California’s Gilded Age and Progressive Era” presented at the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, August 2014

- "Nature's Remedies and Meanings: An Environmental History of Chinese Medicine in Progressive Era America," presented at the Rachel Carson Center, Munich, Germany, July 2014
- "Imagining Asian Landscapes of Health," presented at the American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 2014.
- "Nature's Own Remedies: Chinese Herbalists in Progressive Era California and Oregon" presented at the Western History Association Annual Meeting, Tucson, AZ, October 2013
- "Oriental Healers and Yellow Quacks: Chinese Doctors in Progressive Era California and Oregon," presented at the Western Association of Women Historians Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, May 2013
- Moderator and Responder, "The Mythic West," Graduate Student History Association, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA, April 2013
- "Chinese Medicine, White Bodies: Race, Gender, and American Orientalism in the Progressive Era," presented at the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, August 2012
- Chair, "Missions and Miners: Creating Place, Memory, and Community in the American Southwest," and "Japan, the United States, and the Pacific in the Twentieth Century," Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, August 2011
- "Telling Stories about Squatters: Land Reform Lessons from the Gold Rush," presented at the Western History Association Annual Meeting, Incline Village, NV, October 2010
- "Squatters or Secessionists?: The San Jose Settlers' War of 1861," presented at the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Santa Clara, CA, August 2010
- "Land Thieves or *Bona Fide* Settlers?: The Case of Charles Robinson, from California Squatter to Free-Soil Kansas Governor," presented at the Western History Association Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, October 2008
- "Squatters and Speculators: The Sacramento Squatter Riots of 1850," presented at the Western History Association Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City, OK, October 2007
- "Agrarianism for the Industrial Age: Land, Labor, and Henry George" presented at the Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting, Ames, Iowa, June 2007
- "Outcasts in Heaven Itself: A New Look at Henry George's Antimonopolism and Exclusionism," presented at History of Capitalism in North America Conference, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, October 2006
- "From California Land Reform to National Immigration Restriction: The Life and Afterlife of Henry George," presented at Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, August 2006
- "Places of the Dead: Urban Progress and the San Francisco Cemetery Debate," presented at Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA, August 2004

Referee

- *American Historical Review*
- *Amerasia*
- *Journal of Gilded Age and Progressive Era History*

- *Oregon Historical Quarterly*
- *California History*
- *California Journal of Politics and Policy*
- *Journal of Civil War Era History*

College and Consortial Service

- Chair, Presidential Initiative on Anti-Racism and the Black Experience in America, 2020-21
- Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, 2019-2021
- CMC Representative, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Steering Committee, 2020-21
- Academic Coordinator, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, 2018-2020
- EnviroLab Asia, Co-Principal Investigator, 2018-2021
- EnviroLab Asia, Steering Committee, 2017-2018
- Student Information System Advisory Board of Faculty, 2017-2020
- Administration Committee, Claremont McKenna College, 2014-2015, 2016-2019
- Affiliated Faculty, Intercollegiate Department of Asian American Studies (IDAAS), Claremont Colleges, 2013-present
- Hiring Committee, Asian American Studies, IDAAS and Harvey Mudd College 2017-2018
- Personal and Social Responsibility – Sexual Assault and Title IX, Claremont McKenna College, 2016-2017
- Personal and Social Responsibility Steering Committee, Claremont McKenna College, Spring 2016
- Advisory Board for Library Planning, Claremont University Consortium, 2015-2016
- American Studies Liaison, CMC, 2015-2016
- Hiring Committee, Chinese History, CMC, 2015-2016
- Student Recruitment Committee, Claremont McKenna College, 2014-2015
- Hiring Committee, Early American History, Claremont McKenna College, 2014-2015
- Committee on Religious Affairs, Claremont McKenna College, 2013-2014
- Hiring Committee, History of Brazil, Claremont McKenna College, 2012-2013
- Environmental Studies Committee, Reed College, 2009-2012
- Computing Policy Committee, Reed College, 2010-2012
- Sustainability Committee, Reed College, 2010-2012
- Bookstore Board, Reed College, 2009-2010
- Hiring Committee, Environmental History/Modern America (Visiting), Reed College, 2011-2012
- Hiring Committee, German History (Visiting), Reed College, 2010-2011
- Hiring Committee, Environmental Politics, Reed College, 2009-2010; 2010-2011
- Hiring Committee, Environmental Chemistry (Visiting), Reed College, 2010-2011
- Hiring Committee, East Asian History (Visiting), Reed College, 2009-2010

Professional Service

- Board Member, Southern California History of Medicine Society, 2020-
- Advisor to the Project Team, “Chinatown Los Angeles” – public history project funded by the NEH (PI’s: Greg Hise and Bill Deverell, USC), 2021-2024
- Martin Ridge Fellowship Committee, Western History Association, 2019-2021 (chair: 2021)
- Program Board, Western History Association Annual Meeting, 2017-2019

- Nominations Committee (elected), Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, 2017-2019
- Faculty Facilitator, American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Completion Fellows Workshop, 2018.
- Participant, Digital Humanities Summer Institute, 2016
- Expert, "Expedition Unknown – Legendary Stories – The Real Lewis and Clark," Travel Channel, premiered December 30, 2015
- Panelist, "Mind the Gap: Find and Fix the Mismatches Between Faculty and Academic Librarians," Charleston Conference: Issues in Book and Serial Acquisition, Charleston, SC, November 2015.
- Historical Consultant, *Dead Man's Burden* (Flat Iron Films, 2013)
- Visiting Scholar, Department of History, Wesleyan University, 2007-2008
- Archival Researcher, "The California Gold Rush," American Experience Series (Yellow Jersey Films and KQED, 2006)
- Program Coordinator, Coe Summer Workshop for High School Teachers of American History, Stanford University, 2006
- Colloquium Advisory Committee, Bill Lane Center for the Study of the North American West, Stanford University, 2005-2007