

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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#### Professional Appointments

2017- Brooklyn College, Full Professor  
2010-2017 Brooklyn College, Associate Professor  
2000-2010 Brooklyn College, Assistant Professor  
1998-2000 North Central College, Assistant Professor

#### Books

*To Rule All Under Heaven: A History of Classical China from Confucius to the First Emperor.* New York: Oxford University Press, 2026.

*The Dao of the Military: Liu An's Art of War.* New York: Columbia University Press, 2012.

*The Essential Huainanzi.* Co-edited and co-translated with John S. Major, Sarah Queen, and Harold D. Roth. New York: Columbia, 2012.

*The Huananzi: A Guide to the Theory and Practice of Government in Han China.* Co-edited and co-translated with John S. Major, Sarah Queen, and Harold D. Roth. New York: Columbia, 2010.

#### Book Chapters

“Military Affairs and Justified Violence.” in: Zipporyn, Brook and Walker, Stephen, eds. *The Routledge Companion to Chinese Philosophy*. New York: Routledge, 2026.

“The Faces of Cao Gui: Fact and Mean in Warring States and Early Han Historiography.” in: Constance Cook, Christopher Foster and Susan Blader, eds. *Myth and the Making of History: Narrating Early China with Sarah Allan*. Albany: SUNY Press, 2023, 171-193.

“Feng Xuan Buys Rightness, Gongyi Xiu Expels His Wife: Economic Exemplars in the Warring States and Early Han.” Eliza Levi Sabattini and Christian Schwermann, eds. *Between Command and Market: Economic Thought and Practice in Early China*. Leiden: Brill, 2022, pages 145-162.

“*Shi*, Diplomats, and Urban Expansion During the Warring States Period.” Elizabeth Childs-Johnson, ed. *The Oxford Handbook of Early China*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020, pages 657-671.

“The Frontier Between Chen and Cai: Anecdote, Narrative, and Philosophical Argumentation in Early China.” Sarah Queen and Paul van Els, eds. *Between History and Philosophy: Anecdotes in Early China*. Albany, SUNY Press, 2017, pages 63-92.

“Root-Branch Structuralism in the *Huainanzi*.” Sarah Queen and Michael Puett, eds. *The Huainanzi and Textual Production in Early China*. Leiden: Brill, 2014, 23-39.

(with Andrew Wilson) “Inventing the General: A Reappraisal of the *Sunzi bingfa*.” Andrew Wilson and Mark L. Perry, eds. *War, Virtual War and Society: The Challenge to Communities*. New York: Rodopi, 2008, pp. 151-168.

“Anatomy of a Craze: The Tangled Roots and Twisting Branches of the History of Cuban-Chinese Restaurants in New York City.” Andrew Wilson, ed. *The Chinese in the Caribbean*. Princeton: Markus Wiener, September 2004.

(with Andrew Wilson) “The *Sunzi Bingfa* as History and Theory.” Bradford A. Lee and Karl F. Walling., eds. *Strategic Logic and Political Rationality: Essays in Honor of Michael I. Handel*. London: Frank Cass, 2003, pages 99-118.

“The Biography of Guan Lu.” Kenneth Hammond, ed. *The Human Tradition in Premodern China*. Wilmington, Scholarly Resources, 2002, pages 57-76.

#### Journal Articles

“Roots, Branches, Numbers, Weaving, and Structural Rhetoric in the *Huainanzi*.” *Dao* 22 (2023): 623-632.

“Reading ‘Sunzi’ as a Master.” *Asia Major* 30.1 (2017): 1-24.

“What Made Mo Di a Master? Exploring the Construction of a Category in Warring States Sources.” *T'oung Pao* Volume 101, Issue 4-5 (2015): 1-27.

"'Only the Human Way May be Followed': Reading the Guodian Manuscripts Against the *Mozi*." *Early China* 37 (2014): 471-517.

"The Altars of the Soil and Grain Are Closer Than Kin: The Qi Model of Intellectual Participation and the Jixia Patronage Community." *Early China* 33-34 (2010-11): 37-99.

### Invited Presentations

“Of King Hui of Liang 梁惠王 and the Mu Tianzi zhuan 穆天子傳 : Reading Early Sources Through the Prism of Warring States History.” Rutgers University Early China Seminar, April 9, 2026.

“*To Rule All Under Heaven: A History of Classical China from Confucius to the First Emperor.*” Wolfe Institute Faculty Authors Lecture Series, Brooklyn College, March 9, 2026.

“Master, State and Patron: Three Models of Literati Engagement During the Warring States Period (481 B.C.E.-221 B.C.E.)” Columbia University Early China Seminar, October 17, 2025.

“That (Not Quite) Undiscovered Country: Images of Near Death in Early China.” Yale-NUS, Singapore, January 23, 2024.

“One Daoism or Two? Exploring the Construction of *Daojia* 道家 as a category in 'Official Histories 正史' and its Relationship to Modern Concepts of 'Philosophical Daoism' and 'Religious Daoism.’” KU Leuven, June 22, 2023.

“Reconstructed Judaism: The Kaifeng Synagogue Inscriptions of 1489.” KU Leuven, June 20, 2023.

“Valuing Life: Reconstructing a Discourse from Traces of Early Chinese Intertextual Debates.” presented at the conference *Intertextual Dialogue in Early Chinese Writings*, Yale-NUS College, Singapore, May 7, 2022.

“Your Magpie does not Equal My Lynchpin: Technology as Conceptual Template in the *Mozi*.” Conference *Philosophy and Technology in Early China*, Yale-NUS College, Singapore, August 2017.

"Modeling the Master in the *Mozi*." paper presented at 'Reading the Masters: Contexts, Textual Structures, and Hermeneutic Strategies', Brno, Czech Republic, September 2014.

"The Faces of Cao Mo: Fact and Meaning in Early Chinese Historiography." Brown

University. Providence, R.I., Dec. 6, 2013.

"The Faces of Cao Mo: Fact and Meaning in Early Chinese Historiography." Grinnell College. Grinnell, Iowa, Nov. 17, 2013

"The Frontier Between Chen and Cai: Anecdote, Logic and Argumentation in Early China." Anecdotes Workshop. Leiden University. Leiden, the Netherlands, May 31, 2013.

"The Polemics of the Sunzi Bingfa." War of Ideas, Ideas of War: The Role of Military Thought in Early China Workshop. Universitat Pompeu Fabreu. Barcelona, Spain, June 5, 2013.

"The Baseness of Knights Truly Runs Deep: The Crisis and Negotiation of Aristocratic Status in the Warring States." Presented at the Early China Seminar, Columbia University, October 1, 2011.

"The Frontier Between Chen and Cai: Narrative Space and Argumentation in Ancient China." Presented at Early China Seminar, Columbia U., March 2004.

"Historical Reading of the *Sunzi Bingfa*." Symposium on War and Peace Studies, Nassau Community College, March 2004.

"Reading Strategies for Han Dynasty Odes Exegesis." Han Studies Symposium, Harvard University, May 2003.

"Late Warring States Daoism and the Origins of Huang-Lao." Presented at Traditional China Seminar, Columbia University, May 2002.

"Changing Notions of the Mandate to Rule: Conceptual Transitions in Medieval China." Presented at Neo-Confucian Studies Seminar, Columbia University, January 2001.

#### Presentations at Professional Meetings

"The Way of Antiquity: Strategies for Reconciling Past and Present in the Warring States (481 B.C.E.-221 B.C.E.) Revolution." Society for the Study of Early China Annual Conference, Vancouver, Canada, March 12, 2026.

"How the Other Half Dies: Aristocratic Visions of Afterlife and 'Near-Death' During the Warring States." Presented at: *A Very Lively Death: Death Culture and the Culture of the Living in Early China*. Tang Center for Early China conference, Columbia University, March 7-8, 2025.

"That (Not Quite) Undiscovered Country: Images of near-death During the Warring States." AAS Annual Meeting, Boston, March 2023.

“Roots, Branches, Numbers, Weaving, and Structural Rhetoric in the *Huainanzi*.” American Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, January 5, 2023.

“Heaven’s Whim Versus Heaven’s Will: Debates over State and Cosmos in the Warring States.” *Southeast Early China Roundtable*, Elling Eide Research Library and Preserve, Sarasota, Florida, November 12, 2022.

“The Vertical and the Horizontal”: Exploring the Rhetoric of Diplomacy in Early Chinese Texts,” Annual Meeting for the Association of Asian Studies, Washington DC, March 23, 2018.

“Articulated Bureaucrats: Gender and the Rhetoric of Political Routinization in the *Lie nü zhuan*.” Association for Asian Studies in Asia Meeting, Seoul, Korea, June 24, 2017.

“Masters and Disciples in the *Zhuangzi*.” Annual Meeting of the New England Association for Asian Studies, Boston College, January 28, 2017.

“Faces of Cao Mo: Fact and Meaning in Early Chinese Historiography.” Society for the Study of Early China Annual Meeting, Chicago, March 26, 2015.

"Feng Xuan Buys Rightness, Gongyi Xiu Expels His Wife: Economic Exemplars in the Warring States and Early Han," EACS Annual Meeting, Braga, Portugal, July 24, 2014.

"Ci Fei and the River God: Anecdote and Philosophical Argumentation in Early China." Annual Meeting of the New England Association for Asian Studies. University of Massachusetts - Amherst. Oct. 20, 2012

"The Moral Psychology of the Sage General in *Huainanzi* 15, An Overview of the Military." Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies. Toronto, March 17, 2012

"Postcards From the Future: Reading the Wu-Yue Saga Outside of a 'Sinicization' Paradigm." Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies. Honolulu, March 31, 2011

“The Root of Order: The Position of the *Huainanzi* in Former Han Debates Over Imperial Sovereignty.” American Academy of Religion National Meeting, Montreal, November 2009.

“*Shi* Identity in the Warring States.” *Ideas, Networks, Places: Rethinking Chinese History of the Middle Period, A Conference in Honor of Professor Peter K. Bol*. Harvard University, July 2009

“Root-Branches Structuralism in the *Huainanzi*.” Liu An’s Vision of Empire: New Perspectives on the *Huainanzi*, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., May 2008.

“The Weretiger, Or He’s Not Fattening, He’s My Brother: The Strange Case of Gongniu Ai.” Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, March 2009.

“Paradox and Anecdote in *Huainanzi* 18.” American Oriental Society National Meeting, Chicago, November 2008.

“‘Only the Human Way May Be Followed’: Reading the Guodian Manuscripts Against the *Mozi*.” Third International Conference on Excavated Chinese Manuscripts, Mount Holyoke College, April 2004.

“From *Wu* to *You*: Political Theory in the Organization of the *Correct Meaning of the Five Classics*.” Association of Asian Studies National Meeting, San Diego, March 2004.

“On the Trail of Robber Zhi: an Inter- and Intratextual Reading of *Zhuangzi* 29.” Association of Asian Studies National Meeting, Washington D.C., March 2002.

#### Other Scholarly Activity

Co-organizer (with Avital Rom): *A Very Lively Death: Death Culture and the Culture of the Living in Early China*. Tang Center for Early China conference, Columbia University, March 7-8, 2025.

"Friends From Afar: Comparing Jewish & Chinese Religious Experience." Congregation Oheb Shalom, February 2, 2019.

“Theodore Herzl and Sun Yat-sen: Parallel Nationalisms.” Congregation B’nai Israel, Rumson, NJ, March 18, 2018.

“Theodore Herzl and Sun Yat-sen: Parallel Nationalisms.” Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County, Freehold, NJ, July 20, 2017.

“Theodore Herzl and Sun Yat-sen: Parallel Nationalisms.” Congregation Brothers of Israel, Long Branch, NJ, December 12, 2017.

“Judaism, Confucianism, and Modernity in Ming China: The Kaifeng Synagogue Inscription of 1489,” Late Antiquity, Medieval Early Modern Faculty Working Group Colloquium, Brooklyn College, February 21, 2017.

"Friends From Afar: Comparing Jewish & Chinese Religious Experience." Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County, Freehold, NJ, July 14, 2016.

"Friends From Afar: Comparing Jewish & Chinese Religious Experience." Congregation B'nai Israel. Rumson, N.J., Dec. 11 2013.

“Toward a Progressive Foreign Policy: The Case of Syria.” *The Washington Spectator*, August 19, 2013 (<http://washingtonspectator.org/toward-a-progressive-foreign-policy-the-case-of-syria/>)

“Four Ways to Win a Progressive Future.” *The Washington Spectator*, July 26, 2013 (<http://washingtonspectator.org/4-ways-to-win-a-progressive-future/>)

“Trayvon Martin Might Be Alive If the Law Required Gun Insurance.” *The Washington Spectator*, July 15, 2013 (<http://washingtonspectator.org/trayvon-martin-might-be-alive-if-we-had-federally-mandated-gun-insurance/>)

“The Jew in the Dao: Why Confucius Might be the Most Important Rabbi of Our Time.” Congregation B’Nai Israel, Rumson, NJ, April 29, 2010.

“Military Science and Strategy in Early China: the *Sunzi Bingfa*.” Middletown Township Public Library, Middletown, New Jersey, Spring ’07.

Blog: Madman of Chu, 2004-present (<http://madmanofchu.blogspot.com/>)

Blog: Marriage Equality Amendment, 2008-2014 (<http://marriageequalityamendment.blogspot.com/>)

Occasional Contributor, History News Network (<http://historynewsnetwork.org/search?q=Andrew+Meyer&start=1>)

## Teaching

<u>Course</u>	<u>Date(s) Taught</u>
Core Studies 4/CC 2.2	Fall ’05, Spr. ’06, Spr. ’07, Fall ’07
Core Studies 9	Fall ’00, Spr. ’01, Fall ’01, Spr. ’02, Fall ’02, Spr. ’03, Summer ’05
CORC 1110 Classical World-China	Fall ’10, Fall ’11
History 2001W (10W)	Spr. ’02, Fall ’02, Spr. ’05, Fall ’06, Spr. ’07, Fall ’08, Spr. 08, Fall ’08, Spr. ’09, Fall ’09, Fall ’10, Spr. 10, Spr 18, Fall 20
History 16 Chinese Civilization	Fall ’01
History 17 Japanese Civilization	Spr. ’01
History 58.9 Special Topics Mysticism, Magic, and Ritual in Ancient China	Spr. ’01
History 66 Colloquium	Spr. 03, Fall ’06

War, Science & Religion in Ancient China

History 700 Introduction to History	Fall '07
History 770.7 Graduate Colloquium History of Early Chinese Thought	Spr. '09, Spr. '10
History 1101 (3005) Shaping of the Modern World	Spr '12, Fall '12, Fall '13, Spr '14, Fall '15, Spr '16, Fall '16, Spr '17, Fall 17, Spr 19, Spr 22, Fall '24, Fall '25
History 3534 Revolutionary China	Fall '00, Fall '02, Spr. '04, Summer '05, Spr. '06, Spr. '08, Fall '10, Spr '13, F 17, Fall 20, Spr 22, Spr 23
History 3530 Land of the Dragon Throne	Fall '05, Spr. 07, Spr. 10, Fall '12, Fall '16, Spr 20, Spr 22
History 3531 Land of the Phoenix Crown	Fall 22
History 3536 Land of the Rising Sun	Fall '04, Fall '06, Fall '08, Spr '11, Spr '14, Fall '15, Spr 19, Fall '24, Spr 21
History 3538 Modern Japan	Fall '01, Spr. '02, Spr. '05, Spr. '07, Spr. 09, Spr '11, Spr '14, Fall '15, Fall 18, Fall 19, Fall 21, Spr '25
History 3532 Mysticism, Magic and Ritual in Ancient China	Fall '04, Spr. '06, Fall '09, Spr '12, Fall '15, Spr 20, Fall 21, Spr 24
History 3535 People's China	Fall '13, Spr 21, Spr 24
History 4003 Coll. On Early Chinese Social History	Spr 18, Spr 20, Spr 21, Spr 23
History 4006 Colloquium on Early Chinese Intellectual History	Fall '11, Spr '13, Spr '16, Spr '17, F 17, F 18, F 19, F 22, Spr '25
History 7050 Research and Writing	Spr 24
History 7550 Premodern China	Spr. '03, Spr. '06, Spr. '08, Fall '09, Spr '12, Fall '15, Spr 19, F '25
History 7552 Modern China	Spr. '01, Fall '02, Spr. '05, Spr '11, Spr '13, Spr 17, Fall 20, Spr 23
RELG 3005/ H 3373	Fall 21

Independent Studies

Modern Chinese History, Fall '02. Modern Korean History, Spring of '03. Ancient Chinese  
Legal History Spring '08. Chinese Commercial History, Fall '13

Master's Theses

“The Boddhisattva’s Nation: The Dalai Lama and Tibetan Nationalism,” presented by Jason Brylski Spring 2003.

Curriculum Development

New Courses: History 3530 Land of the Dragon Throne: Imperial China and its Origins; History 3536 Land of the Rising Sun: Ancient and Medieval Japan; History 3532 Mysticism, Magic and Ritual in Ancient China; History 753.1 Premodern China; History 3535 People’s China

Service

A. Service to Brooklyn College

Service on School Committees

P & T Committee Spring 2025	Fall 2011-Spring 2014, Fall 2016- Spring 2025
Islamic Studies Search Committee	Fall 2013-Spring 2014
Religious Studies Self-Study	Fall ’10-Spr ‘11
Asian Studies Task Force	Fall ’03-Spring 2010
Undergraduate Curriculum	Fall ‘02
Interdisciplinary Seminars	Spring ‘02

Service on Department Committees

Asian American History Search Committee	Fall 2023-Spring 2023
History Department Curriculum Fall ’15-Spr 16	Fall ’00-Spring ’03, Fall ’13-Spr ’14, Fall ’15-Spr 16
Archival Studies Task Force	Fall ’15-Spr ‘16
Honors and Awards	Fall ’13-Spr ’14, Fall 17-Spr 17
Medieval History Search Committee `	Fall /12-Spr ‘13
Appointments Committee	Spr. ’05-Fall ‘10
Honors and Awards Committee (Chair)	Spring ’03, Fall ’04-Spring ’06

Other

Undergraduate Deputy, Department of History      Fall '07-Spr. '13

Co-Founder and Director (w/Professor Shuming Lu), Brooklyn in China, Fall '03-Spring '07.

B. University Service

Pathways World Cultures Subcommittee      Fall 2012-Spr 2011

PSC-CUNY Research Grant Panel      Fall '07-Spr. '10

C. Service Off-Campus

Adult Education Committee, Congregation B'nai Israel, Rumson NJ, Fall '15-.20

"Friends From Afar: Comparing Jewish & Chinese Religious Experience." Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County, Freehold, NJ, July 14, 2016.

"Friends From Afar: Comparing Jewish & Chinese Religious Experience." Congregation B'nai Israel. Rumson, N.J., Dec. 11 2013.

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"Military Science and Strategy in Early China: the *Sunzi Bingfa*." Middletown Township Public Library, Middletown, New Jersey, Spring '07.

College Application Workshop, New Utrecht High School, March 2006.

Neo-Confucian Studies Seminar      9/01-5/02      Co-Chair(w/Pr. Deborah Sommers)