

Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT:

Assistant Professor of History, Monmouth University

EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2018
Dissertation: "Inventing the Socialist Child in China, 1949-1966"
Dissertation Advisors: Dr. Gail Hershatter and Dr. Emily Honig

M.A., History, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2014
Essay: "Children and the Trauma of War: The Place of Children in Mainland China, 1945-1953"

Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK) 汉语水平考试, Level 6, Advanced, 2012

B.A., Political Science with Chinese Language Studies minor, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 2009

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

2019 "Revolutionary Successors: Deviant Children and Youth in the PRC, 1959-1964," *Children's Voices from the Past: New Historical and Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, ed. Kristine Moruzi, Nell Musgrove, and Carla Pascoe Leahy (New York: Palgrave Macmillan).

Journal Articles

Forthcoming 2023 "Crime and Survival: Juvenile Offenders in the PRC," *Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth*, accepted as part of a special forum on the history of childhood in East Asia.

2021 "Past and Presentism: Podcasting as Historical Work," co-authored with Stephanie M. Montgomery, *Public History Weekly*, 9 (2021) 6, <https://public-history-weekly.degruyter.com/9-2021-6/presentism-history-podcasts/>.

Under Review

- 2022 “Young Scientists and Model Children: Children as Independent Problem-Solvers and Political Actors in the Great Leap Forward, 1958-1961”
European Journal of East Asian Studies, submitted as part of a special issue on the history of childhood and youth in modern China.

Other Publications

- 2016- *East Asia for All* podcast, Co-Host and Co-Producer with Stephanie M. Montgomery, www.eastasiaforall.com.
- Reviewed by Paul Vierthaler *Reviews in Digital Humanities*, Vol 3, no. 2, <https://reviewsindh.pubpub.org/pub/east-asia-for-all/release/1>
- 2019 Review of *Raising China's Revolutionaries*, by Margaret Mih Tillman, *Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol. 78, No. 3: 663-664.
- 2017 “Reaching the Headphoned Masses: Introducing the East Asia for All Podcast,” #AsiaNow, Association for Asian Studies, co-authored with Stephanie M. Montgomery, <http://www.asian-studies.org/asia-now/entryid/42/reaching-the-headphoned-masses-introducing-the-east-asia-for-all-podcast>.
- 2015 “Fear Neither Hardship nor Death: Stories of Disabled Chinese Children in the Early 1970s,” *Cotsen Research Projects Blog*, Princeton University, <https://blogs.princeton.edu/cotsen/2015/11/cotsen-research-projects-fear-neither/>.
- 2015 Qingdao Municipal Archives,” *Fresh from the Archives*, co-authored with Stephanie M. Montgomery, <http://dissertationreviews.org/archives/12032>.
- 2015 “Update on Archives in Tianjin and Shanghai,” *Fresh from the Archives*, co-authored with Stephanie Montgomery, <http://dissertationreviews.org/archives/12036>.
- 2010 “Breaking Down Barriers,” *Women of China Magazine*, Dec. 2010.

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2019 Creativity and Research Grant, Monmouth University Grants and Sabbatical Committee (\$1700)
- 2019 Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS Program in China Studies Postdoctoral Fellowship, Alternate
- 2018 Outreach Grant, Society for the History of Childhood and Youth (\$500)
- 2018 The Humanities Institute Podcast Support Fellowship, UCSC (\$7,000)
- 2017-2018 Institute for Humanities Research Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UCSC (\$21,000)
- 2017 History Department Dissertation Fellowship, UCSC (\$2,000)
- 2016 Alumni Development Fund, Critical Language Scholarship Program, U.S. Department of State (\$875)
- 2016 10-Year Anniversary Award, UNC Phillips Ambassador Program, UNC (\$10,000)
- 2016 Travel Research Grant, China and Inner Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies (\$1,973)
- 2016 History Department Dissertation Fellowship, UCSC (\$3,000)
- 2015 U.S. Scholar Research Support Grant, Hoover Institute Library & Archives (\$2,500)

- 2015 Library Research Grant, Friends of the Princeton University Library (\$3,000)
- 2015 Institute for Humanities Research Summer Research Fellowship, UCSC (\$2,500)
- 2015 History Department Dissertation Fellowship, UCSC (\$3,000)
- 2014 Institute for Humanities Research Summer Research Fellowship, UCSC (\$2,500)
- 2014 History Department Summer Research Grant, UCSC (\$1,375)
- 2013 History Department Summer Research Grant, UCSC (\$1,000)
- 2013 Critical Language Scholarship Program, U.S. Department of State
- 2012-2013 Chancellor's Fellowship, UCSC (\$24,000)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Conferences Organized

- 2018 "Intimate States: Family, Domestic Spaces, and the State," Center for World History, University of California, Santa Cruz, April 7

Panels Organized

- 2022 "Women In-Between: Navigating Changing Gender Roles and Expectations in 20th-century China," Onward: Gender, Revolution and Society in Chinese History | A Celebration of the Scholarship of Gail Hershatter and Emily Honig, Santa Cruz, CA, May 20-23
- 2018 "Modernization in 19th and 20th Century Tianjin," Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Minneapolis, MN, Oct. 19-20
- 2017 "Agency, Structure and Violence: Children and Youth Participation in Mid-20th Century Movements," Society for the History of Children and Youth Conference, Camden, NJ, June 21-23

Papers Presented

- 2022 "Other Mothers: Maternal Figures in the PRC," Onward: Gender, Revolution and Society in Chinese History | A Celebration of the Scholarship of Gail Hershatter and Emily Honig, Santa Cruz, CA, May 20-23
- 2021 "Gender, Class, and Location among Criminalized Young People in the PRC," International Convention of Asia Scholars, Kyoto, Japan, Aug. 24-28
- 2021 "New Children for New China: Stabilization and Control in Tianjin, 1949-1953," American Historical Association Conference, Seattle, WA, *paper accepted but conference cancelled*
- 2020 "Young People in the Chinese Great Leap Forward and its Aftermath, 1958-1962," AskHistorians Digital Conference, Sept. 14-16, www.reddit.com/r/AskHistorians
- 2020 "Gender, Sexuality, and Young Criminals in the PRC: A Comparison of Two Case Studies," Association of Asian Studies Conference, Boston, MA, *paper accepted but conference cancelled*
- 2019 "“*Ghost in the Shell* and the Politics of Race in Manga/Anime,” Interdisciplinary Conference on Race: Race, Memory, & Identity, West Long Branch, NJ, Nov. 14-16
- 2019 "Chinese Childhood during the Korean War, 1950-1953," Association of Asian Studies Conference, Denver, CO, March 21-24

- 2018 “Re-establishing Childhood: Stabilization and Control in Tianjin, 1949-1953,” Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Minneapolis, MN, Oct. 19-20
- 2017 “Young Scientists and Red Heroes: Children as Independent Problem-Solvers and Political Actors in Socialist China,” Society for the History of Children and Youth Conference, Rutgers University, Camden, NJ, June 21-23
- 2014 “Children and the Trauma of War: The Place of Children in Mainland China, 1945-1953,” Graduate Research Symposium, University of California, Santa Cruz, May 9
- 2013 “Kindergartens and Wartime Mobilization, 1900-1958: Shifts in Early Childhood Education,” Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast Conference, Monterey Institute of International Studies, Monterey, CA, June 7-9
- 2013 “Kindergartens and Wartime Mobilization, 1900-1958,” Graduate Research Symposium, University of California, Santa Cruz, May 10

Other Conference Activities

- 2021 Chair and Discussant, “Childhood, Politics and the State,” Rethinking Chinese Childhood in Modern History Conference, Trinity College Dublin, May 21

Posters Presented

- 2015 “上青天: Childhood and Youth in Shanghai, Qingdao, and Tianjin, 1945-1976,” Graduate Research Symposium, University of California, Santa Cruz, April 24

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2022 “*The Model Child and Daily Life in the Chinese Great Leap Forward, 1958-1961*,” *Works in Progress*, Monmouth University, Nov. 16
- 2021 “Confronting Anti-Asian Racism Podcast,” AAPI Visibility Week, St. Olaf College, Northfield, May 4
- 2020 “Historical Frameworks for Understanding the PRC’s response to COVID-19,” History and Anthropology Honors Society Ceremony, Monmouth University, *invited but event cancelled*
- 2019 “Doing Public Humanities: Podcasting,” St. Olaf College, Northfield, Feb. 13
- 2018 “Beyond the Classroom: Podcasting, Public History, and Popular Culture,” Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota, Winona, Oct. 3
- 2018 “Podcasting Pop Culture: Engaging Public Audiences in East Asian History,” PhD+ Workshop Series, hosted by the UCSC Humanities Institute, Santa Cruz, April 20
- 2015 “Inventing the Socialist Child in China, 1945-1976,” Friday Forum for Graduate Research, University of California, Santa Cruz, Feb. 6

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Monmouth University

Assistant Professor of History

Asian Civilizations (Fall 2019)

China, 1966: Youth in the Chinese Cultural Revolution (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Fall 2022)

Empires in World History (Fall 2019, Spring 2020)

Gender and Global Culture (Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Fall 2022)

A Graphic World (Summer 2020)

Modern Chinese History (Spring 2020, Fall 2022)

Modern East Asia (Spring 2021)

Childhood and Youth in Modern China (Fall 2021)

Historical Criticism, graduate course (Spring 2020)

Japanese Empire, graduate course (Fall 2020)

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota

Visiting Assistant Professor

Modern China (Fall 2018)

Modern East Asia (Spring 2019)

Premodern World History (Fall 2018, Spring 2019)

Global Issues: Women and Gender (Spring 2019)

Historical Thinking (Fall 2018)

University of California, Santa Cruz, Department of History (Santa Cruz, CA)

Teaching Fellow and Instructor of Record

Women in China's Long Twentieth Century (Fall 2016)

Teaching Assistant

The Making of Modern East Asia (Fall 2013, Winter 2017)

Early Modern East Asia (Winter 2014)

Revolutionary China (Fall 2014)

Women in China's Long Twentieth Century (Spring 2015)

Modern South Asia (Spring 2014, Winter 2015)

The Holocaust: Destruction of the European Jewry (Summer 2017)

Historical Skills and Methods (Spring 2017)

Huaqiao University (Quanzhou, China)

English Lecturer

English Writing for 3rd-Year English Majors (Fall 2009, Spring 2010)

English Writing for 2nd-Year English Majors (Fall 2009, Spring 2010)

English Listening and Speaking for Graduate Students (Fall 2009, Spring 2010)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2015 Research Assistant, University of California, Santa Cruz, Department of History
(Santa Cruz, CA)
 Researched global 1930s in Asia for Marc Matera and Susan Kingsley Kent, *The
Global 1930s: The International Decade* (London and New York: Taylor & Francis,
2017)

COMMUNITY WORK

2021 NJ History Day judge
2017-2018 Research Mentor, Cultivamos Excelencia Undergraduate Research Program (Santa
Cruz, CA)

LANGUAGES

Chinese (reading: advanced, speaking: advanced, writing: advanced)
Japanese (reading: good, speaking: conversational, writing: beginner)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

2012- Association for Asian Studies
2018- American Historical Association

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Committee on History Curriculum, History and Anthropology Department, Monmouth University,
Fall 2019-present
Department Coordinator for Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society, Summer 2020-present

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

FAMCO Membership Coordinator, Monmouth University, Spring 2021-present
First Year Advisor, Summer 2022-present
FAMCO Liaison, Monmouth University, Spring 2020-Fall 2021
FAMCO Contract Action Team (CAT), Fall 2020-Fall 2021
Ally in Black and African Diaspora Forum United (BADFU), Summer 2020-present
Podcast Sound Editor for BADFU's podcast, "This Week in Black History, Society, and Culture",
Fall 2020
BADFU website coordinator, Fall 2020-present

SERVICE TO THE FIELD

Reviewer for *Modern China* journal (2022)

CAMPUS AFFILIATIONS

Program for Gender and Intersectionality Studies Member

REFERENCES

Gail Hershatter, Distinguished Professor of History
University of California, Santa Cruz
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