

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

- June 1993 Ph.D. in History, Harvard University. Adviser: Philip A. Kuhn. M.A. in History, Harvard University, 1987.
- May 1985 A.B. with High Distinction in Political Science and Asian Studies, The University of Michigan. Chinese studies at the Inter-University Program in Taipei, Taiwan, 1983–1984.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2017– Professor, Department of History, University at Buffalo.
- 2007–2017 Associate Professor, Department of History; Founding Director of the Confucius Institute (2009-2013); Director of Asian Studies (2007-2013), University at Buffalo.
- 2005–2006 Visiting Associate Professor, Department of History, Princeton University.
- 1993–2007 Assistant (1993-1999) and Associate (1999-2007) Professor, Department of History; Founding Director, Asia Center (2002-2005), University of Kentucky.

FELLOWSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

- University at Buffalo Council on International Studies and Programs Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Education, 2019.
- Fellow in the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar “Late Ottoman and Russian Empires: Citizenship, Belonging and Difference,” Washington, DC (June 8–27, 2014).
- Fellow in the Public Intellectual Program of the National Committee on United States-China Relations (2005–).
- Fellow in the Freeman Foundation Symposium of the Salzburg Global Seminar: “Strengthening Cooperation Between the US and East Asia,” Salzburg, Austria (June 5–10, 2010).

Research Affiliations

- Member of the Board of Advisers of the Chinese Urban Research Network (CURN), Lewis Mumford Center for Urban Studies, University at Albany (since 2002). Member of the Board of Directors of the Global Urban History Project (since 2017).

Scholarly Editing

Member of the Editorial Board of the journal *Twentieth-Century China* (2019 to the present; Chief Editor, 2014–2019).

Member of the Editorial Board of the journal *Education About Asia* (2004 to the present).

Associate Editor, *Sage Handbook of Contemporary China*, 2018.

Modern China Book Review Editor for *The Journal of Asian Studies* (2010–2012).

Asia Book Review Editor for *The Journal of Urban History* (2001–2009).

GRANTS

SUNY Excels Graduate Pathways grant to support professional development activities in the Humanities at UB (PI, 2019–2020, \$8000).

American Historical Association Career Diversity Fellow grant to support a departmental career diversity initiative (PI, 2018–2020, \$30,000).

SUNY Arts and Humanities (AAH) Network of Excellence grant in support of the research project *AAH Network: Building Interdisciplinary Approaches to Study the Chinese View of the Global Order* (Co-PI with colleagues from SUNY Geneseo and SUNY Fredonia, 2015–2016, \$10,619).

National Endowment for the Humanities grant for a Summer Institute for K-12 teachers, “China and India: Comparisons and Connections” (PI, 2012–2013, \$171,000).

Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation grant for an international symposium on “Modern Chinese Political Humor: Interdisciplinary Perspectives” (Co-PI, 2013, \$20,000).

US Department of Education Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Languages grant, “Strengthening South Asian Studies at the University at Buffalo” (PI, 2009–2011, \$172,000).

Hanban/Confucius Institute Headquarters grant to establish and operate the University at Buffalo Confucius Institute (PI, 2009–2013, start-up funds \$150,000; annual operating expenses roughly \$100,000 per year).

RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**BOOKS***Monographs*

Kristin Stapleton. *Fact in Fiction: 1920s China and Ba Jin’s Family*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2016.

Chinese edition published in June 2019 by Sichuan Wenyi Chubanshe under the following title:

巴金《家》中的历史：20世纪20年代的成都社会

Kristin Stapleton. *Civilizing Chengdu: Chinese Urban Reform, 1895–1937*. Harvard East Asian Monographs, no. 186. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Asia Center, 2000.

Chinese edition published in April 2020 by Sichuan Wenyi Chubanshe under the following title:

新政之后：警察、军阀与文明进程中的成都 (1895-1937)

Edited Volumes

Tze-ki Hon and Kristin Stapleton, eds., *Confucianism for the Contemporary World: Global Order, Political Plurality, and Social Action*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2017.

Kenneth J. Hammond and Kristin Stapleton, eds. *The Human Tradition in Modern China*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2008.

P. P. Karan and Kristin Stapleton, eds. *The Japanese City*. Lexington, KY: The University Press of Kentucky, 1997.

Textbooks

Rhoads Murphey, with Kristin Stapleton. *A History of Asia*. 8th ed. New York: Routledge, 2019. 7th ed. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson, 2014. Revision of a textbook first published in 1992.

Rhoads Murphey, with Kristin Stapleton. *East Asia: A New History*. 5th ed. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Longman, 2010. Revision of a textbook first published in 1996.

RECENT ARTICLES

In Refereed Journals

Joseph W. Ho and Kristin Stapleton, "Facing History: Strategies for Teaching Chinese and World History with Memoirs," *Education About Asia* 25, no. 2 (Fall 2020): 26-31.

Kristin Stapleton, "Fiction: A Passport to the Asian Past," *Education About Asia* 23, no. 3 (Winter 2018): 11-14.

Kristin Stapleton. "In Search of Frameworks for Productive Comparison of Cities in World History," *Journal of Modern Chinese History* 10, no. 2 (Fall 2016).

Kristin Stapleton. "Beijing, Olympic City" (Review Essay). *Journal of Urban History* 34, no. 6 (September 2008): 1013–20.

Liu Haiyan and Kristin Stapleton. "State of the Field: Chinese Urban History." In "Special Issue on Urban China," edited by Laurence J. C. Ma. *China Information* 20, no. 3 (November 1, 2006): 391–427.

In Peer-Reviewed Books

Kristin Stapleton, "Liberation: A View from the Southwest," in the *Routledge Handbook of the Chinese Revolution*, New York: Routledge, 2019: 60-73.

Kristin Stapleton, “Ba Jin’s Fiction and *The Family*,” in the *Routledge Handbook of Modern Chinese Literature*, New York: Routledge, 2019: 48-58. Video lecture based on this article published in a series sponsored by the [Modern Chinese Literature and Culture site](#).

Kristin Stapleton, “The Future of China’s Past,” in the *Sage Handbook of Contemporary China*, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2018: vol. 2, 1208-1226.

Xuzhi Zhan and Kristin Stapleton. “Reborn from the Ruins: Urbanization by State Plan.” In *Confronting the Challenges of Urbanization in China: Insights from Social Science Perspectives*, edited by Zai Liang, Steven F. Messner, Youqin Huang, and Cheng Chen, 25–38. New York: Routledge, 2017.

Kristin Stapleton. “Chinese Cities, 1900 to the Present.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Cities in World History*, edited by Peter Clark, 522–41. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013. Paperback edition, 2016.

Kristin Stapleton. “Generational and Cultural Fissures in the May Fourth Movement: Wu Yu (1872–1949) and the Politics of Family Reform.” In *Beyond the May Fourth Paradigm: In Search of Chinese Modernity*, edited by Kai-wing Chow, Tze-ki Hon, Hung-yok Ip, and Don C. Price, 131–48. Lanham, MD: Lexington Press, 2008.

Kristin Stapleton. “Hu Lanqi: Rebellious Woman, Revolutionary Soldier, Discarded Heroine, Triumphant Survivor.” In *The Human Tradition in Modern China*, edited by Kenneth Hammond and Kristin Stapleton, 157–76. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2008.

Kristin Stapleton. “Warfare and Modern Urban Administration in Chinese Cities.” In *Cities in Motion: Interior, Coast, and Diaspora in Transnational China*, edited by Sherman Cochran and David Strand, 53–78. Berkeley: University of California East Asian Institute, 2008.

Published Electronically

Kristin Stapleton. “[Urban Change and Modernity](#).” *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Chinese Studies*, edited by Tim Wright. New York: Oxford University Press, 22 April 2013, most recent update on 18 May 2015.

Invited Blog Essay

“The Urbanization of Chinese Fiction.” Posted on *The Metropole*, the blog of the Urban History Association, on February 8, 2018.

REVIEWS

Thirty book reviews in journals in my field and more than sixty paragraph-length reviews of scholarly books (and of a few

publications in electronic media) in the American Library Association's *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*.

PRESENTATIONS

Recent Scholarly Talks

"Chinese Cities and City People during and after World War II." Syracuse University History Department symposium, February 6, 2020.

"Comments on Norman Kutcher's *Eunuch and Emperor in the Great Age of Qing Rule*." New Book Roundtable, annual meeting of the New York Conference on Asian Studies, New Paltz, October 4-5, 2019.

"Teaching Chinese Urban History in an Era of Booming Asian Cities." Biennial meeting of the Urban History Association, Columbia, SC, October 18-20, 2018.

"Some Good Persons of Sichuan: A Provincial Perspective on Twentieth-Century Chinese History." Public talk as part of the annual national China Town Hall event sponsored by the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. Ohio State University, October 9, 2018.

"Where Did Chinese City Governments Come From? Administrative Scale, Regional Politics, Institutional Staffing, and Municipal Agendas, 1916-1936." Conference on "State Building through Political Disunity in Republican China," École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, 6-7 September 2018.

"Cities in the Early People's Republic of China," presented (in absentia) at the "Global Cities Conference," City University of Hong Kong, April 13-14, 2018.

"Chinese Cities since 1900: Revolutionary Discipline and Exuberance." Yale University East Asian Colloquium, January 25, 2018.

"Popular History from the Pope of Thick-Black Studies," presented at the conference "The Conception of the World in Chinese Historiography," Göttingen University, October 26-27, 2017.

"Seeing Chinese History through Fiction." Keynote address for the Pittsburgh Area Consortium for Asian Studies Undergraduate Conference, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, April 8, 2017.

Convocation Address. Delivered at the State University of New York, Fredonia, October 5, 2016.

“Humor as a Path to Understanding in Modern China.” Presented at the Confucius Institute at Auburn University Montgomery, September 24, 2015.

“Humor in Politics during the Early Republic: Localist and Universalist Strategies.” Presented at a symposium on Political Humor in Modern China: Interdisciplinary Perspectives, Hong Kong, December 10, 2013.

“Overcoming the Gap between College and K-12 Educators in Asian Studies.” Keynote address delivered at the University of Kentucky Asia Center 10th Anniversary Celebration, Lexington, Kentucky, April 12, 2013.

“Does Anything Remain of the ‘Traditional City’ in Modern China?” Presented at the Asian Studies Colloquium of the Hobart and William Smith Colleges, April 23, 2012.

Other Recent Scholarly Activities

Chair of two panels and presenter at the concluding plenary session of the conference, “The Pursuit of Global Urban History: A Dialogue Between Two Fields,” Leicester, UK, July 10-13, 2019.

Discussant on graduate student papers at the annual meeting of the Urban China Research Network, Nanjing, China, June 20-22, 2019.

Chaired a roundtable called “A Century Later: New Readings of May Fourth,” in conjunction with the special issue on May Fourth of the journal *Twentieth-Century China* at the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Denver, CO, March 21-23, 2019.

Chaired a panel on “Stalin and China: Mining the Archives and Shedding New Light” at the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Washington, DC, March 22-25, 2018.

Organized a roundtable on “Writing and Teaching at the Intersection of Chinese History and Literature” for the 2017 meeting of the American Historical Association, Denver, Colorado, January 5-8, 2017.

Organized a roundtable on “Cities in History and Literature: Global Perspectives” for the Eighth Biennial Conference of the Urban History Association, Chicago, October 13-16, 2016.

“Constructions of the Socialist City in the 1950s: A View from the Interior.” Presented at the International Symposium “Modern

China in World Affairs: Interaction and Mutual Influence,” sponsored by the Institute of Modern History at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and the Historical Society for Twentieth-Century China, Beijing, China, August 20, 2016.

“Constructions of the Socialist City in the 1950s: A View from the Interior.” Presented at the 2016 AAS-in-Asia meeting, Kyoto, Japan, June 24, 2016.

“The Impact of Warfare on Urban Planning in 20th-Century China.” Presented at the International Conference on China’s Urban Transformation and Restructuring, Guangzhou, China, December 15, 2013.

Discussant for the panel titled “Urban Development” at the International Conference on Social and Spatial Transformations in Urban China, Hong Kong, December 13, 2012.

SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SERVICE

<i>Promotion Reviews</i>	Assessed promotion dossiers for History and Asian Studies departments at the following institutions: University of Memphis, University of Mississippi, Virginia Tech University, Georgetown College, Knox College, University of Louisville, Illinois State University, Harvard University, University of Toronto.
<i>Graduate Education</i>	Member of review panels for Boren graduate fellowships, National Security Education Program, US Department of Defense (February 2015, March 2013, and March 2012).
<i>Undergraduate Education</i>	Conducted Asian Studies and History program reviews for SUNY New Paltz (2012), SUNY Geneseo (2011), Temple University (2009), the University of Massachusetts at Boston (2008), and Indiana State University (2005).
<i>Service with Professional Associations</i>	American Historical Association, Life Member. Member of the committee to award the John K. Fairbank Prize for the best book in East Asian history after 1800 (2016–2019). Member of the Committee on Graduate Education (2000–2004), which assessed the state of graduate education in history and issued a substantial report, <i>The Education of Historians for the 21st Century</i> , in January 2004. Urban History Association, Life Member. Member of the Board of Directors (2016–2018, 1999–2002), chair of the Non-North American Book Prize Committee (2015),

member of the Nominating Committee (2008), member of the Program Committee for the first biennial conference (2002).

Association for Asian Studies (AAS), Life Member.

Chair of the Council of Conferences (2016–2017). Member of the Program Committee (2003–2005). Member of the Committee on Teaching about Asia (since 2001). Chair of the Editorial Advisory Board for the AAS journal *Education About Asia*, 2018 to the present.

New York Conference on Asian Studies (NYCAS).

Representative to the AAS Council of Conferences (2014–2017). Executive Secretary (2013–2018). Member of the Executive Board (2008–2013). Local Arrangements Co-chair for the 2011 annual meeting held in Buffalo, New York.

Global Urban History Project (GUHP).

Member of the Board of Directors; service on travel award committees (2018 to the present).

ASIANetwork. Member of the Council of Advisors, 2019 to the present.

Other memberships in professional associations:

World History Association (life member), Historical Society for Twentieth-Century China (life member; ex officio member of the board of directors, 2014–2019).

Manuscript Reviews

Evaluator of journal article manuscripts for *The Journal of Asian Studies*, *Modern Asian Studies*, *Education About Asia*, *Twentieth-Century China*, *Modern China*, *Late Imperial China*, *Frontiers of History in China*, *The Journal of Third World History*, *Planning Perspectives*, *The Journal of Urban History*, *Urban History*, and *Information & Culture*.

Evaluator of book manuscripts for the University of California Press, Cambridge University Press, Hackett Publishing, The Harvard Asia Monograph Series, The University Press of Kentucky, The University of Michigan Press, Oxford University Press, Palgrave, Norton, and Stanford University Press.

Fellowship Committees

National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship committee (2017).

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Service to the University: University at Buffalo

Member of the Faculty Senate (2011–2015), the Faculty Senate Library Committee (2011 to the present), and the Faculty Senate Engagement Committee (2014–2017).

Member of mock interview committees for Boren, Fulbright, and Marshall fellowships (2008 to the present).

Member of the Council on International Studies and Programs (2007–2013); member of the committee creating a “Global Scholar” transcript notation.

Faculty Affiliate of the Undergraduate Academies, Global Perspectives Academy (2011–2017).

Member of the search committee for a Humanities librarian (2017).

*Service to the College:
University at Buffalo*

Member of the College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Fellowship and Awards Committee (2018–2019).

Chair of the College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Division Sub-Committee (2018–2019).

Name-reader, Commencement, 2018.

Member of the College of Arts and Sciences Policy Committee (2007–2013).

Chaired the search committee for an assistant professor of Korean Religion and Society (2011).

Chaired the search committee for an assistant professor of South Asian Literatures (2010).

Departmental Service

Department of History, University at Buffalo

Director of Graduate Studies (2017–2019).

Director of Master’s Program (2015–2017).

Executive Committee (2015–2019).

Graduate Committee (2009–2012 and 2015–2020).

Member, Premodern China History Search Committee (2014).

Member, African History Search Committee (2013).

Member, Russian History Search Committee (2019).

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

*Western New York
beyond*

Discussed China and the COVID-19 outbreak on WBEN radio *and* news, April 9, 2020.

Discussed Chinese history on WMST’s morning radio program, March 26, 2020.

Presented at a session of the Bistro Bookers Book Club, discussing Michael Pillsbury’s *The Hundred Year Marathon: China’s Secret Strategy to Replace America As the Global Superpower* (Henry Holt, 2015), October 15, 2019.

Moderated a discussion of U.S.-China trade relations as part of the Great Decisions series, International Institute, Buffalo, March 4, 2019.

Public lectures organized by Erie County Senior Citizens Services: "Horses in Chinese History," "The Fall and Rise of Confucianism in Modern China," "China in the Twenty-first Century," 2011–2013.