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EMPLOYMENT

Vanderbilt University, Assistant Professor of Asian Studies, as of June, 2015

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Yale University, Dept. of East Asian Languages and Literatures, 2015
Dissertation: "Sartorial Spectacle: Clothing, Identity, and the State in Early Qing Drama," with distinction
- M.A. Beijing Normal University, Classical Chinese Philology, with distinction, 2009
- B.A. Beijing Normal University, Chinese Language and Literature, with distinction, 2006

BOOKS

Staging Personhood: Costuming in Early Qing Drama (Columbia University Press, 2020).

Cleansing Grievances: Dead Bodies in Forensic Literature of Early Modern China (book project in progress)

Guo, Yingde and Guojun Wang, eds. *Huayan zhuan* 花筵賺 (A Wedding Trap, a 17th-century Chinese drama). In *Kunqu yishu dadian* 昆曲藝術大典 (A Compendium of Kun Opera). Hefei: Anhui wenyi chubanshe, 2016.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Wang, Guojun. "The Gender of Knowledge in Forensic Drama of Late Imperial China." *NAN NÜ: Men, Women and Gender in China* vol. 23, no. 2 (2021): 237-271.

Wang, Guojun. "The Prefatory Self: Images of the Author in Traditional Chinese Drama," *Young Pao* vol. 107, no. 1 (May 2021): 95-132.

Wang, Guojun. "Dressing Self and Others in the Poetry of Kong Shangren's (1648-1718)." *Chinese Literature: Essays, Articles, Reviews* 41 (Dec. 2019): 59-81.

Wang, Guojun. "Absent Presence: Costuming and Identity in the Qing Drama *A Ten-thousand Li Reunion*." *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*, 79, nos. 1&2 (June 2019): 97-130.

- Wang, Guojun. "The Inconvenient Imperial Visit: Writing Clothing and Ethnicity in 1684 Qufu." *Late Imperial China* 37, no. 2 (Dec. 2016): 137-170 (SEC/AAS 2017 article prize).
- Wang, Guojun. "Li Wa zhuan yong dian yu nüxing Li Wa de nanxing qizhi" 李娃傳用典與女性李娃的男性氣質 (Reading Li Wa in Allusions: The Masculine Heroine in the Tang Tale "Li Wa zhuan"). *Journal of Lanzhou Institute of Education* 4 (2008): 11-16.
- Wang, Guojun. "Fojiao dui Liu Zongyuan bianzhe hou wenxue chuanguo de yingxiang" 論佛教對柳宗元貶謫后文學創作的影響 (Buddhist Influence on Liu Zongyuan's Writings in Exile). *Journal of Lanzhou Teachers College* 1 (2008): 25-29.

BOOK REVIEWS AND TRANSLATIONS

- Wang, Guojun. Review of *The Spatiality of Emotion in Early Modern China: From Dreamscape to Theatricality* by Ling Hon Lam. New York: Columbia University Press. *The Journal of Asian Studies* 79, no. 3 (2020), 760–64.
- Wang, Guojun. Review of *Empire of Style: Silk and Fashion in Tang China* by BuYun Chen. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2019. *Journal of Chinese History* 4, no. 1 (2020): 187–188.
- Wang, Guojun. Review of *Luxurious Networks: Salt Merchants, Status, and Statecraft in Eighteenth-Century China* by Yulian Wu. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2017. *The Journal of Asian Studies* 77, no. 3 (2018): 792–794.
- Kang, Zhengguo, and Guojun Wang, et al., trans. *Jianqiao Zhongguo wenxue shi* 劍橋中國文學史 (*Cambridge History of Chinese Literature*) vol. 2, chaps. 1, 2, and 5. Edited by Kang-I Sun Chang and Stephen Owen. Beijing: Sanlian shudian, 2013.
- Hegel, Robert E. "Wenxue lilun, wenhua fanyi he bijiao wenxue de qiantu" 文学理论、文化翻译和比较文学的前途 (Thoughts on Theory, Translation, and the Possibilities of Comparative Literature). Translated by Guojun Wang. *Liyun xuekan* 1 (2007): 1-21.

GRANTS AND HONORS

- Rapid Advancement Micro-Grant Program, Provost's office, Vanderbilt University, 2021-2022 (\$3,000).
- Geiss Hsu Foundation Project Awards, for conference China and the World held at Vanderbilt University, 2021 (\$6,000)
- Dean's Faculty Fellowship, Vanderbilt University, 2019-2021 (\$30,000).
- Brooks McNamara Publishing Subvention, American Society for Theatre Research, 2019 (\$300)
- James P. Geiss and Margaret Y. Hsu Foundation Publication Subvention Award, 2019 (\$4500)
- University of Pittsburg Resident Scholarship: Summer Institute for Chinese Studies, 2019 (\$1000)

Association of Asian Studies First Book Subvention, 2018 (\$1750).
 Publication Subvention Grant, Vanderbilt University, 2018 (\$285).
 Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Research Grant, 2018-2021 (\$20,000).
 Vanderbilt Institute for Digital Learning MacroGrant, 2018-2019 (\$3000).
 Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS Postdoctoral Fellowship in China Studies, 2017-2018 (\$50,000).
 The Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies 2017 article prize
 Provost Research Studios Award, Vanderbilt University, 2017 (\$5000).
 Junior Faculty Teaching Fellow, Center for Teaching, Vanderbilt University, 2016-2017 (\$2000).
 Prize Fellowship, The Council on East Asian Studies, Yale University, 2013-2015 (\$62,350).
 Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University, 2013 (\$27,000).
 Graduate Student Assembly Conference Travel Fund, Yale University, 2013.
 Summer Language Institute Fellowship, Graduate School, Yale University, 2010.
 Outstanding Master Thesis Award, Beijing Normal University, 2009.
 Outstanding Graduate of Class 2006, Beijing Normal University, 2006.
 Ten Best Undergraduate Students, Beijing Normal University, 2005.
 First-class State Scholarship, Ministry of Education, PRC, 2003.

INVITED TALKS

“Chinese Drama: From the Qing Dynasty to the Present,” William & Mary, 2021.

“The Gendering of China: Nation and Its representations,” Global China Connection, Vanderbilt University, 2021.

“East Asia at Vanderbilt: Stories of International Students,” McTyerie International House, 2021.

“At Crossroads: Chinese Students, America, and Vanderbilt University,” Around the World in 18 Hours, Vanderbilt University, 2020.

“Staging Personhood: Costuming in Early Qing Drama,” book talk at UC Berkeley, 2020

“Staging Personhood: Costuming in Early Qing Drama,” book talk at George Washington University, 2019.

“Costuming as Method: The Case of Premodern Chinese Drama,” keynote address at conference “Breaking the Eurocentric Model in the Humanities,” The University of Minnesota Twin Cities, 2018.

“Posing, Portraiture, and Self-representation in Late Imperial China,” The University of Chicago, 2018.

“Absent Presence: Costuming and Personhood in Early Qing Drama *A Ten-thousand Li Reunion*,” Indiana University Bloomington, 2017.

“Songs of Youth on the Assembly Line,” invited lecture at McGill House (student residential community), Vanderbilt University, 2017.

“Re-dressing China: Ethnicity and Nationalism in the Han Clothing Movement,” invited lecture at McTyerie International House (student residential community), Vanderbilt University, 2016.

“Across Genders and Ethnicities: The Dilemma of Crossdressing in Early Qing Drama *Lovebirds Switcheroo*” 剃髮易服與男女易裝：清初傳奇倒鴛鴦中的服飾與性別, Hong Kong Baptist University, 2016.

“Sartorial Spectacle: Costume and Identity in 17th-century Chinese Drama,” Pre-Modern Cultural Studies Seminar, Vanderbilt University, 2016.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“The Gender of Knowledge: Women in Forensic Literature of Late Imperial China,” The Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, online, March 2021.

“Accidents of Modernity: Representing the Railway in Late Qing News Media,” Peach Lantern Festival Conference (Seuss-Flic 2021).

“Costume of the Present: Clothing and Time in Traditional Chinese Theater,” presentation at conference “Theatre Realisms in East Asian Performing Arts,” UCSB, 2020.

“Scenes of Corpses: Forensic Examinations in Early Modern Chinese Literature,” Intercalary Conference on Late Imperial China, Emory University, 2020.

Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS Program in China Studies Postdoctoral Fellows’ Seminar, New York City, 2019.

“Washing Away Wrongs: Dead Bodies in Traditional Chinese Crime Drama,” presentation at University of Pittsburgh Summer Institute for Chinese Studies, “Seminar on Science, Technology, and Medicine,” University of Pittsburgh, 2019.

“Tracing Manchu Clothing in Early Qing Drama: Between Mediation and Experience,” presentation at workshop “Understanding Media: New Perspectives on Ming–Qing Literature,” University of Michigan, 2019.

“Invisible Spectators: Dead Bodies and Forensic Examination in Early Modern Chinese Drama,” American Society for Theatre Research Annual Conference, 2019.

- “Problematizing the Prefatory Space in Traditional Chinese Drama Prints,” *Art in Drama: Reading Dramatic Texts at the Interstices of Performance Culture and Visual Culture* International Conference, Yale University, 2019.
- “Washing Away Wrongs: Dead Bodies in Yuan-Ming Crime Dramas,” The Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, Denver, 2019.
- “Dressing the World of Kong Shangren (1648-1718),” The Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, Washington DC, 2018.
- “The Margin for Reality: Problematizing the Prefatory Space in Traditional Chinese Drama Prints,” Modern Language Association Annual Convention, New York, 2018.
- “Historicizing Spectacle: Clothing and Costuming in Seventeenth-century Chinese Drama,” Association of Theatre in Higher Education Annual Conference, Las Vegas, 2017.
- “Modern Accident: Representing the Sensational Train Wrecks in Late Qing China,” The Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, Toronto, 2017.
- “Seamless Clothing: Boundaries of the Female Body in a Seventeenth-century Chinese Drama,” Modern Language Association Annual Convention, Philadelphia, 2017.
- “Costuming as Method,” Manuscript Workshop: New Directions in Chinese Studies, Vanderbilt University, 2016.
- “Recollecting Body and Clothing: The Shifting Meaning of Female Chastity in the Reproduction of a Chinese Drama,” Forgotten Books and Cultural Memory Conference, Taipei, 2016.
- “Absent Presence: Family, State, and Clothing in *A Ten-thousand Li Reunion*,” CHINOPERL International Conference, Seattle, 2016.
- “Birth of a Peril: Reporting Railway Accidents in Late Qing China,” Object Emotions, Revisited: An Interdisciplinary Conference, Yale University, 2015.
- “Dressing across Genders and Ethnicities in *Chuanqi* Drama *Love Birds Switcheroo*,” New England AAS Conference, University of Connecticut, 2014.
- “Sartorial Order in Kong Shangren’s Drama and Ritual Practices,” The Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, Philadelphia, 2014.
- “Li Yu’s Drama *Wanli yuan* and Early Qing Clothing Politics,” New England AAS Conference, Bridgewater State University, 2013.

PANELS AND WORKSHOPS

As Chair, Organizer, or Commentator

China and the World: 2022 Southeast US Scholars and Friends of Late Imperial China Conference (co-organizer)

“Gender and Genre: New Books on Late Imperial China,” Modern Language Association Annual Convention, 2021 (roundtable session, selected to be part of presidential theme, organizer and presider)

“The Gender of Memory in Early Modern Chinese Literature,” Modern Language Association Annual Convention, 2021 (selected to be part of presidential theme, organizer and presider)

“Heroes, Pirates, and ‘Unruly’ Women: Intersections of Text, Painting, and Space in Late Imperial China,” The Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, 2019 (discussant)

“Approaches to Things and Words in Premodern China,” Modern Language Association Annual Convention, 2019 (roundtable session, selected to be part of presidential theme, organizer and presider)

Unstageable World: Book Manuscript Workshop at Vanderbilt, 2017 (organizer).

“Embodied Spectacles: Poses, Costumes, and Voices in Asian Theater,” Association of Theatre in Higher Education Annual Conference, Las Vegas, 2017 (organizer).

Manuscript Workshop: New Directions in China Studies, Vanderbilt University, 2016 (organizer).

Forgotten Books and Cultural Memory Conference, Taipei, 2016 (panel chair).

Dissertation Support Group, Yale University, 2014-15 (founder and coordinator).

Chinese Literary Studies Reading Group, Yale University, 2014-15 (founder and coordinator).

“Rethinking Modern China through Clothing and Ritual,” The Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, Philadelphia, 2014 (panel organizer).

TEACHING EXPERIENCEVanderbilt University

Courses (designer and instructor)

Overseas Encounters: Reading the World through Students Abroad

Writing and Gender in Traditional China

Chinese Drama: 13th-20th Centuries

Romancing the Nation in Modern Chinese Literature

The Martial Tradition in Chinese Literature

Self and Society in Pre-modern Chinese Literature

Directed study: Diasporic Filial Piety

Directed study: Women and Sexuality in Contemporary Chinese Literature

Teaching-related projects

Transcultural Learning through Virtual and Performance Spaces, teaching/research project
funded by a VIDL MacroGrant, 2018-2019

Story Map Projects: Self and Society in Premodern China, 2018

Digital Humanities Project: The Orphan of Zhao in Transition, 2018

Performing China, drama performances, 2016, 2018, 2021

Exhibitions: Romancing the Nation in Modern Chinese Literature, 2017 and 2019

Yale University

Elementary Chinese, instructor (2012)

The Chinese Tradition, teaching fellow to Tina Lu and Mick Hunter (2013)

Women and Literature in Traditional China, teaching fellow to Kang-I Sun Chang (2012)

Readings in Contemporary Chinese Fiction, teaching fellow to Wei Su (2012)

Man and Nature in Chinese Literature, teaching fellow to Kang-I Sun Chang (2011)

Others

Critical Thinking, Beijing Founders College, course designer and instructor (2009)

Education Abroad Program in Beijing, University of California, tutor (2005-2007)

Teaching Internship at Beijing 171 High School, 2005

English and Chinese, individual tutor for over 20 students (2002-2008)

Lingwu Elementary School for Minority Children, Guizhou, China, volunteer teacher
(2003-2004 summers)

Shaoyaoju Elementary School for Migrant Children, Beijing, volunteer teacher (2003)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICESTo Vanderbilt University

Future of Arts and Science Curriculum Committee, committee member, 2022-2023

Diversity, Equity, and Engagement Committee, College of Arts and Science, committee member,
2021

Asian Studies Program Steering Committee, committee member, 2018-2021

Performance review of Korean language senior lecturer, committee member, 2018

Performance review of Chinese language program director, committee member, 2016, 2021

SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) evaluation of Asian Studies program,
Vanderbilt University, committee member, 2017

Faculty guest at McTyeire house, regular dinner conversations in Chinese with residential
students, 2018 and 2019

Recommender and reference person for more than 20 students

Discussant on movie *Farewell My Concubine*, Chinese Arts Alliance of Nashville, April 2021

To the Profession

Executive committee, Modern Language Association, Ming and Qing Chinese Forum,
2019-2024 (chair of 2022-23).

Book manuscript reviewer, Brill, 2021

Journal reviewer:

Late Imperial China

The Journal of Asian Studies

Perspectives: Studies in Translation Theory and Practice

Journal of Chinese Oral and Performing Literature

Modern Asian Studies

Frontiers of Literary Studies in China

Comparative Literature and World Literature

Journal of Language, Literature and Culture, Australasian Universities Language and Literature
Association

Committee member, Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies article prize,
2018

External reviewer, Proposal External Pre-Review Funding Program, John Jay College of the City
University of New York, 2017 (reviewee received an ACLS postdoc fellowship).

Advisory board member, The Ten Thousand Rooms Project, a digital humanity initiative, Yale
University, 2014-15.

MEDIA COVERAGE

Quoted in “Scholars Call for Academia To Address Anti-Asian Bias With Structural Change,”
Diverse: Issues in Higher Education, May 13, 2021.

<https://diverseeducation.com/article/214252/>

Quoted in cover story “Global Connections”, *Mary Christie Quarterly*, 2021.

<https://marychristieinstitute.org/mary-christie-quarterly/global-connections/>

Junior Faculty Spotlight: Guojun Wang, Center for Teaching, Vanderbilt University, 2017.

<https://cft.vanderbilt.edu/2017/04/junior-faculty-spotlight-guojun-wang/>

Interview by New Books Network

<https://newbooksnetwork.com/staging-personhood>

MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Asian Studies

Modern Language Association

American Society for Theater Research

American Comparative Literature Association

LANGUAGES

Chinese (native), English (near-native)