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WORK

- Sept 2018—present **Assistant Professor**
Department of International Relations, University of Sharjah, UAE
- July 2014 – March 2018 **Research Fellow and Advisor**
Ministry of Culture & Knowledge Development, UAE
- Jan 2013-July 2016 **Coordinator of Curriculum Development**
Zayed House for Islamic Culture, UAE
- Sept 2013 – July 2014 **Instructor of Global Studies**
Zayed University, Dubai, UAE
- Aug 2007 – May 2010 **Teaching Assistant of Political Science**
University of Notre Dame, IN, U.S.A.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- August 2014 **Ph.D., Political Science**
University of Notre Dame, IN, U.S.
- January 2010 **Master of Arts., Political Science**
University of Notre Dame, IN, U.S.A.
- July 2009 **Intensive Arabic Program Certificate(Intermediate)**
American University in Cairo, Egypt
- August 2007 **M.A., International Studies**
University of Wyoming, USA
- July 2006 **Master of Law, Modern Chinese History and Politics**
Peking University, Beijing, China
- July 2003 **B.A., English and Comparative Literature**
Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- Haiyun Ma, Chai Shaojin, et al, eds. *Zhenghe Forum: Connecting China and the Muslim World*, (University of Malaya, Institute of China Studies, 2016)

Articles

- Book Review, Tze-ki Ton and Kristin Stapleton, eds. Confucianism for the Contemporary World: Global Order, Political Plurality, and Social Action, *Asian Review of World History*, Volume 10 (June 2021) Issue 2 (Scopus indexed)
- “Wang Yang-ming and Chinese Cosmopolitanism in Comparative Perspective: Implications for Global Governance”, in *Fudan Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences*,(March 2011), pp.38-62

Chapters

- “Chinese Nascent Soft-Power Project in MENA” in Routledge Handbook on China-Middle East Relations, eds. Jonathan Fulton, 2021(Forthcoming)
- Shaojin Chai, “UAE in Response to COVID-19: Balancing Security, Public Health and Prosperity” in *Conference Proceedings “China-MENA Cooperation under COVID-19: Traditional Friendship and Common Future”* , Chinese Social Science Scholarship Press, Beijing(in Chinese)
- Chinese Muslim Diaspora Communities and the Role of International Islamic Education Networks: A Case Study of Dubai”, With Jackie Armijo, *Annual Review of Sociology of Religion*, Jan 2021(Scopus Indexed)
- “Imperial Confucian and neo-Confucian Chinese Political Philosophy” in Paige Tan eds, *Routledge Handbook of Asian Political Thought*, (New York: Routledge, 2016)
- “Wang Yang-ming and Chinese Cosmopolitanism in Comparative Perspective: Implications for Global Governance,” in Deng Zhenglai & Sujian Guo (eds.), *China’s Search for Good Governance* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011), pp. 201-228(Scopus indexed)
- “Evolution of the Human Condition and Realist Narrative in Han Fei and Machiavelli,” in Jon D. Carlson & Russell Fox (eds.), *The State of Nature in Comparative Political Thought: Western and Non-Western Perspectives* (New York: Rowman & Littlefield, 2013)

Encyclopedia Entry

- “Uyghur” in Gerhard Böwering ed. *Princeton Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2012)

Book Reviews

- Zhang, Xuezhi, *Collected Essays on Learning of Heart-Mind. Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 10 (3):409-413, 2011
- Liu, Xiaogan et. Al.,(eds) *Chinese Philosophy and Culture: Confucian Studies of Ming-Qing Period. Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 10 (1):117-121, 2011

Translation

Translation into Chinese, Guillermo O’Donnell and Philip Schmitt, *Transitions from Authoritarian Rule: Tentative Conclusions about Uncertain Democracies* (Shanghai: Sanlian Publisher, 2012)

CONFERENCE AND PRESENTATIONS

- Reception and Limits of Chinese Soft-power in Arabia, China-Middle East Mutual Learning Forum, Renmin University, China, Nov 16th, 2019
- “UAE experience of Tolerance”, at International Confucian Association Congress, Beijing, Nov 17th, 2019”
- Compassion Across Cultures: A Comparison on Sentimental Virtue of Rumi and Yangming, paper presented at China-Morocco Academic Dialogue Conference, Nov 14th-16th, 2018, Rabat, Morocco
- “Confucianism and Inter-Faith Dialogue” presentation at G20 Interfaith Summit, Istanbul, Turkey, Nov 19th, 2015
- “Islam-Chinese Civilizational Dialogue and Cultural Exchanges”, paper presented at First Zhenghe International Peace Conference, University of Malay, Malaysia August 12th 2015
- “The Wisdom of Royal Glory and Mirror of Prince in Chinese-Turkic Thought” paper presented International Conference “China and Islamic World: Technology and Knowledge Transfer”, Istanbul, June 6-8th, 2014
- “Oneness and Otherness in Neo-Confucian Cosmopolitanism” paper presented at “*Cosmopolitan China*” Conference, University of Manchester, UK, May 16th-19th, 2012.
- “Neo-Confucian Cosmopolitanism and Chinese Perception of World Order: Wang Yangming's Virtue Politics and Cultural Pluralism,” Paper presented at *Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association*, Seattle, WA, Sept 1--4, 2011
- “Wang Yangming and Cosmopolitanism in Comparative Perspectives,” Paper presented at *Fudan-LAS Conference on Legitimacy and Governance*, Shanghai, China, July 3--4, 2010
- “State of Nature, Absolutism and Civic-Republicanism: A Comparison of Han Fei and Machiavelli” Paper presented at American Political Science Association 2009 Annual Meeting, Toronto, September 3--6, 2009
- “Confucian Traditions and Civil Society in China”, Paper presented at Mid-west Political Science Association, 2009 Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2--4, 2009
- “The State, Social Network and Political Participation,” Paper presented at United Society of China Studies International Symposium, “China’s Rise and Its Impact on Asia: Democratization, Development and Culture,” University of Louisville, March 21--23, 2009
- “Taiwanese Nationalism in Making”, Paper presented at Global Studies Association North American Conference 2008 Annual Meeting, New York, June 6--8, 2008
- “China in the Era of US Nuclear Primacy,” Paper presented at International Studies Association 49th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, March 26, 2008

INVITED TALKS AND GUEST LECTURING

- TV Speaker, “USA-China Trade War” & “Islamic Economy in China”, etc, on CNBC Arabia, Dubai, August 2019-Jan 2020
- Panelist, “Politics and International Relations” At the First Gulf-China Forum, New York University Abu Dhabi, Nov 23rd, 2019

- “Should Arab Turn East”, Tabah Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE, Nov 15th, 2015
- “China In the Gulf: Implication of the Silk Road Strategy,” Guangdong International Strategy Studies Institute, Guangzhou, China, June 9th, 2015
- Guest Lecturer, Department of International Relations & Department of Arabic, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, China, April 2014 & June 2015
- “Cultural Diplomacy and Sino-Arab Relationship”, Guangdong Foreign Studies University, Guangzhou, China, March 31, 2014
- “Between Chinese and Islamic World: Inter-Civilizational Coexistence and Prosperity”, Ningxia Social Science Academy, Yinchuan, China, April 5th, 2013
- Guest Lecturer, Department of International Studies, American University of Sharjah, September 2011
- Guest Lecturer, Department of Beijing Foreign Studies University, China, May 2010

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, 2010--2011
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Travel Grant, Sept 2009
- Downes Travel Grant, Graduate School, University of Notre Dame, for studying Arabic in Cairo, Egypt, July 2009
- Summer Language Grant, Center for Language and Cultural Studies, University of Notre Dame, for studying Arabic in Cairo, Egypt, July 2009
- Worldwide Transformation Project Grant, Boyuan Foundation, Hong Kong, China commissioned to write a book (in Chinese) on the transformation to modern society worldwide, 2009—2010
- Editorial Grant for Prof. Victoria Hui, *War and State –formation In Ancient China and Early Modern Europe*, Institute for Scholarship in Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame, Summer 2008
- Research grant for Prof. Lieber, “China’s Response to the US Nuclear Primacy”, summer 2007

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Islam-Confucianism Dialogue and Artistic Understanding,”(drafting)

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

- Reviewer & proof-reader, *With United Strength*, Emirates Strategic Studies Center, UAE, July 2015
- Leaf Editor, Chinese Political Philosophy, www.PhilPapers.com, Sept 2011--present
- Article Reviewer, *the Review of Politics*. South Bend, Indiana, 2010--present
- Manuscript Editor, Chinese translation of *War and State Formation in Ancient China and Early Modern Europe* by Victoria Hui. Shanghaihai People’s Publisher, Summer 2008
- Editor-in-chief, *Cross-Straits Youths*. Taiwan Studies Association, Peking

University, China, 9/2004--12/2004

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Organizing Committee, “CASS-UOS Higher Level Webinar: China-MENA Cooperation under COVID-19: Traditional Friendship and Common Future”, July 11 2020
- Coordinator, Health Parcels Collection and Distribution to UAE Workers, with Emirates Red Crescent Authority, Dubai, May 22nd and June 7th 2020
- Coordinator & Moderator, TWMCC Ramadan Speakers’ Series, online, May 2020
- Moderator, Webinar, “Knowledge and Prevention about COVID-19 Pandemics for Chinese Expats in the UAE” with Chinese Consulate General in Dubai April 27th 2020
- Conference Committee and Moderator for the Session “The history of cultural communication and mutual learning between Chinese and Arab civilizations”, Dialogue between Arabic and Chinese Civilizations, Oct 16-17 2019
- Organizing a local visit for the students of “China in IR” & “International Human Rights” classes to attend “Dialogue between Arabic and Chinese Civilizations” conference in Abu Dhabi on Oct 16-17th.2019
- Moderator for Panel “Flags follows Trade: Security imprints of China’s Belt & Road Initiative” in Emirates Diplomatic Academy on Nov 3rd, 2019
- Coordinating academic exchanges and visit between IR Department of University of Sharjah and Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in China
- Member, Committee of International Relations and Ranking, University of Sharjah, August 2018-2019
- Organizer, Public Lecture, “A Conversation with American Consul-General in Dubai Philip Franye”, April 17th, 2019
- Committee Member, Faculty Recruitment & College Report, University of Sharjah, August 2018-present
- Organizing Committee, “Re-Connecting Chinese and Muslim World: The First Zhenghe International Peace Conference”, University of Malay, Kuala Lumpur, August 12th-15th, 2015
- Convener, “Summit of Emirati-Chinese Ties in Business, Culture and Charity”, Abu Dhabi, Nov 23rd, 2014
- Organizing Committee, “Islamic Economics and China”, Zayed University, May 4th-5th, 2013
- Simultaneous interpreter of English-Chinese, numerous conferences in the UAE, 2012-2015
- Faculty Supervisor, The China Club, Zayed University, since Sept 2012 to July 2014
- Graduate Student Representative, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame, 08/2006--05/2007
- President, Taiwan Studies Association, Peking University, Beijing, China, 2/2004--1/2005
- Director of Academic Department, Graduate Students Union of Peking University, Beijing China, 9/2003-5/04

- Teacher of Chinese and English, A’Ao Elementary School, Inner-Mongolia, China, 9/1997--7/1999(the Excellent Teacher Award in 1998)

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCES

- Coordinator between UAE Ministry of Tolerance and International Confucian Association(China) to negotiate and collaborate on “Dialogue between Arabic and Chinese Civilizations” conference, Abu Dhabi, June-Oct 2019
- Organizing a local visit for the students of “China in IR” & “International Human Rights” classes to attend “Dialogue between Arabic and Chinese Civilizations” conference in Abu Dhabi on Oct 16-17th;
- Serving as an expert in the advisory body and conference committee of TWMCC Youth Forum in the UAE;
- Serve as in College Book Fair Committee to select International Relations book for UoS library;
- Advise Chinese students in University of Sharjah for their needs of learning, living and student activities.
- Coordinating academic exchanges and visit between IR Department of University of Sharjah and Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in China
- Organizing Committee, TWMCC Global Youth Forum, Abu Dhabi, Dec 2019
- Organizing Committee, Dialogue Between Arab and Chinese Civilizations, Ministry of Tolerance, Abu Dhabi, Oct 15th 2019
- Project coordinator, ZHIC Middle Level Curriculum, Zayed University & Ministry of Culture, Youth and Community Dev, UAE, April 2013-July 2015
- Assistant to Director, Office of Student Affairs, Peking University, China 3/2004—9/2004

LANGUAGES

Mandarin (native), with proficiency in Classical Chinese

- English (spoken and written) near native
- German (spoken and written) intermediate
- Arabic (spoken and written) Advanced
- Mongolian (able to speak)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association; Chinese Political Science Association; Asian Studies Association; and Ming Society.