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EDUCATION

- 2028 (expected) Ph.D., History, Rutgers University–New Brunswick
Major Field: British Empire; **Minor Field:** Global Asias
Committee: Seth Koven (co-chair), Julia Stephens (co-chair), Chie Ikeya, Johan Mathew, Rachel Leow (Cambridge University)
- 2022 M.A., Social Sciences, University of Chicago
- 2021 B.A., History, Fudan University
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

- *Capitalism: The History*, Rutgers University–New Brunswick, Summer 2026

High School Teacher of Individuals & Societies

- *China & the World after 1840, Grade 9 IB*, Keystone Academy, Beijing · Fall 2026
- *Individuals & Choices in the 20th century, Grade 10 IB*, Keystone Academy, Beijing · Fall 2026

High School Substitute Teacher

- *History, Social Studies, and World Languages*, University of Chicago Lab Schools, Fall 2022 & Spring 2023

Teaching Assistant

- *Holocaust*, Dr. Paul Hanebrink, Rutgers University–New Brunswick, Fall 2024
- *Fascism*, Dr. Paul Hanebrink, Rutgers University–New Brunswick, Spring 2025

Grader

- *Classical Asia*, Dr. Sukhee Lee, Rutgers University–New Brunswick, Spring 2024
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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Panels Invited & Organized

- *Panel Organizer*, “Imagining (Dis)Order in Global East Asia,” International Society for Intellectual History 2026, Istanbul Policy Center, Sabanci University, September 2026
- *Panel Organizer*, “Chinese Maritime Agents: Global Networks of Labor and Exclusion,” Global Asias 7 Conference, Pennsylvania State University, March 2025
- *Invited Panelist*, “Histories of Chinese Migration in Britain and the British Empire,” British Association for Chinese Studies Annual Conference, University of Leicester, September 2025

Paper Presented

- “Comprador in the Metropole: ‘King of Chinatown’ Lock Ah Tam and the Chinese Seafaring Community in Liverpool, 1908-26”

An evolving paper presented in different stages of development at the following conferences for the argument to be refined across diverse disciplinary and regional audiences:

- Harvard East Asia Society Annual Conference, Harvard University, February 2025
 - Mid-Atlantic Conference on British Studies, Johns Hopkins University, March 2025
 - Global Asias 7 Conference, Pennsylvania State University, March 2025
 - 11th Young Scholars’ Forum on Chinese Studies, *Waterways and Global China: Ecology, Agency, and Cultural Formation*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, May 2025
 - Inaugural Conference of Twentieth-century China, Peking University, July 2025
 - British Association for Chinese Studies Annual Conference, University of Leicester, September 2025
 - 12th International Conference of the International Society for the Study of Chinese Overseas, University of Malaya, November 2025
 - 6th European Labor History Network, Maritime Working Group, University of Barcelona, June 2026
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SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

Board Member & Mandarin-Speaking Student Representative, Graduate Writing Program Advisory Board, Rutgers University, Nov. 2024 – Present

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Global Asias Seminar Fellowship, Rutgers University, 2026

Global Scholars Support and Talent Development Initiative, International Conference of the International Society for the Study of Chinese Overseas, 2025

Excellence Fellowship, Rutgers University, 2023–28

Presidential Summer Stipend, Rutgers University, 2023–24

Neal Ira Rosenthal History Travel Award, Rutgers University, 2024–25

Rosemary Carroll Research and Conference Travel Award, Rutgers University, 2025

Maroon Scholar Research Award, University of Chicago, 2021

Study Abroad Scholarship, Fudan University, 2020

University Scholarship, Fudan University, 2018–19, 2021

LANGUAGES

Mandarin Chinese – Native; **Wu Chinese** – Native; **Classical Chinese** – Proficient; **Cantonese** – Intermediate Speaking; **Classical Latin** – Intermediate Reading; **French** – Intermediate Reading