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Haiyi Li

GRADUATE STUDENT IN HISTORY

Self-Introduction

I am a Fifth -year PhD student in the department of History. I primarily work in gender and legal history of modern China (1911-present).

Education

2023-2027

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
PhD History

Advisor: Kai-wing Chow

2021-2023

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
PhD East Asian Languages and Cultures

2017-2021

Centre College
BA History and Philosophy

Graduated Cum Laude

Honors and awards

2024,2025

List of Teachers rated as excellent by their students
Department of History. University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, IL

2019,2020,2021

The Dean's List
Academic honor awarded to students who have attained a 3.600 grade point average or higher in the terms.

2020

Special Project Award of the Kentucky Historical Society

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With Dr. Jonathon Earle, awarded for original research, podcast and social media production on the murder of William Goebel, the only successful gubernatorial assassination in American history.

2021

Harold Gale, Jr. Memorial Prize
 Prize awarded to a senior of high moral character who has done outstanding work in philosophy courses.

Research experience

2021-2023

University of Illinois, Champaign, IL
 Advisor: Kai-wing Chow

- Gender and Sexuality (with Professor Tamara Chaplin)
- Law and Society (With Professor Dana Rabin)

2017-2021

Centre College, Danville, KY
 Advisor: John Harney

- Early modern Chinese history (1910-1982)
- Nation and nationalism

Teaching experience

2024-2025

Teaching assistant
 Department of History. University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

- Leading discussion for EALC 120: East Asian Languages and Cultures

2023

University of Illinois, Champaign, IL
Instructor Department of Linguistics

- Taught courses for the Korean Summer Workshop

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2019, 2020

Si Tan Fu International School, Shen Yang, China

Instructor

- Teaching self-designed course *Creating the Orient and Constructing the Chinese Nation* for high school graduates. Syllabus could be found here: <https://haiyiliblog.wordpress.com/about/>

Fellowship and Grants

2025

Chinese History Fellowship

Department of History. University of Illinois, Champaign, IL.

2025

Chester G. Starr Dissertation Research Travel Award

Department of History. University of Illinois, Champaign, IL.

2025

Conference Travel Grant

Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies. University of Illinois.

2024

Pre-dissertation Travel Grant

Department of History. University of Illinois, Champaign, IL.

2024

Research Travel Grant

East Asia Library. Stanford University, Stanford, CA.

2023

Conference Travel Grant

Department of History. University of Illinois

2023

Global Intersections Grant

Center for Global Studies. University of Illinois

2023

Conference Travel Grant

Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies. University of Illinois.

2023

Research Travel Grant

East Asia Library. Stanford University, Stanford, CA.

2022

Conference Travel Award

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Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures. University of Illinois, Champaign, IL.

2021, 2022, 2023 **Illinois Distinguished Fellowship**

Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures. University of Illinois, Champaign, IL.

2021 **Harold Gale, Jr. Memorial Prize**

Board of Trustees. Centre College, Danville, KY.

2017-2021 **Colonel Scholarship**

Board of Trustees, Centre College, KY.

Presentations and invited lectures

2025 **Paper Presentation**
"An Alternative History of Gender in Modern China." The Sixth Biennial Conference of the International Society for Chinese Law and History, Peking University, Beijing, China.

2025 **Paper Presentation**
"Queering Chinese History." The Second Graduate Symposium on Asian Studies at Urbana Champaign

2024 **Paper Presentation**
"Gender, State, and Power: A Study of Widows in Eighteenth-Century Rural China." Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington.

2023 **Paper Presentation**
"Strategizing gender in everyday lives: widowhood, family, and law in Qing dynasty China." Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Champaign, Illinois.

2022 **Paper Presentation**
"Rethinking civil justice in late imperial China: Qing magistrates in the age of litigation mastery." Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas.

	2022	Co-Organizer "New Cultural History and the Study of Commercial Publishing in Late Imperial China" (online)
Professional affiliations	2023-Present	International Society for Chinese Law and History
	2023-Present	Association of Asian Studies
	2022-Present	Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theories. University of Illinois.
Professional service	2025	Conference President and Organizer The second Graduate Symposium on Asian Studies at Urbana Champaign https://asiastudiesgroup.web.illinois.edu/conferences-and-workshops-main-page/upcoming-2025-information-history-workshop/
	2025	Moderator 23rd Women's and Gender History Symposium, Champaign, IL https://wghistory.web.illinois.edu/2025-program/
	2024	Moderator 22nd Women's and Gender History Symposium, Champaign, IL https://wghistory.web.illinois.edu/2024-program/
	2024	Conference President and Organizer The First Graduate Symposium on Asian Studies at Urbana Champaign https://asiastudiesgroup.web.illinois.edu/conferences-and-workshops-main-page/2024-first-graduate-symposium/program/
	2023	Chair and Commentator Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Champaign, Illinois.
	2022	Chair and Commentator Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas.
	2022	President and Founder Asian Studies Group, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL

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Languages

Chinese	Native Fluency
Japanese	Basic Reading and Speaking

References

Kai-wing Chow	Professor, Department of History, University of Illinois Kchow1@illinois.edu
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