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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.

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	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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