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Education

University of Helsinki Sept 2024 – May 2026
(expected)
MA in Digital Humanities

- **Coursework:** Elements of Digital Humanities, Introduction to Programming, Command-Line Tools for Linguistics

Renmin University of China Sept 2021 – June 2024
MA in History

- GPA: 3.9/4.0
- **Coursework:** Historical Methods and Practices; Monographic Studies of Chinese Historical Works; Studies on Medieval History; Introduction to Historical Linguistics
- **Thesis:** Regional Society and Relational Networks: A Study of the Qing-Qi Region During the Early Northern and Southern Dynasties (420–470 AD)

Renmin University of China Sept 2017 – June 2021
BA in Classics

- GPA: 3.7/4.0
- **Coursework:** Methods of Historiography and Historical Practice; Lexicology and Etymology; Chinese General History; Classical Chinese Literature; Chinese historical anthology; Chinese Semasiology
- **Thesis:** Multiple Stances in the Historical Narration of the Sun-Wu Regime: A Case Study of the Succession Dispute Between Two Princes

Research Experience

Digital Humanities Research Workshop Oct 2023

- Applied GIS to conduct spatial analysis of burial sites from the Wei-Jin period located near Luoyang and Datong, examining their spatial relationships with urban development and macro-political transformations
- Utilized quantitative and visualization approaches to study population migration trends in medieval China, as well as the relationship between these trends and the frequency of official diplomatic exchanges between the southern and northern regions

Alliances and Division: The Yanzhou Region and Local Powers in the Late Eastern Han Dynasty Mar 2022 - Jun 2022

- Explored the dynamic relationship between regional powers and centralized states in medieval China as part of a wider project on Wei-Jin history supported by the Scientific Research Foundation of Renmin University. The paper was recognized and included in the project's research anthology
- Investigated the development of consensus and consolidation of power by local elites and foreign officials in the Yanzhou region, the strategic utilization of different factions by Yanzhou forces in response to broader military situation changes, and the influence of natural geographical attributes on local cultural consensus and political ideologies

Rituals and Human Sentiments in Rural Areas: A Study of the Zhike Ceremony from a Cultural Anthropology Perspective Mar 2021 - Jun 2021

- Investigated the Tujia ethnic group's marriage customs in Enshi, Hubei Province, focusing on the traditional narratives and modern performances of secular rituals, such as the zhike ceremony
- Analyzed the alienation and renewal of rural traditions and ritualistic human sentiments in the process of modernization, and explored the positive effects of traditional ceremony on rural social governance
- Conducted literature review, discussions, and field investigation in Enshi, employing interviews and expert consultations. The project culminated in a comprehensive 40,000-character report that was successfully defended with high marks.

Work Experience

Content Editor

Chonghua Book Company

*Beijing, China
Oct 2022 – Jan 2023*

- Proofread historical manuscripts as part of the Historical Editing Room (Office for the Revision of the Twenty-Four Histories), with a specific focus on the historical records of the Southern Dynasties in medieval China
- Collaborated on the digital annotation and proofreading of digitized texts for the Chinese Premodern Classics Database

Research Assistant

Renmin University of China

*Beijing, China
Sep 2021 – Jun 2022*

- Organized a weekly lecture series featuring eight professors from various universities in Beijing. Responsibilities included answering questions, moderating the online audience, and promoting the event on online platforms
- Assisted in the verification and review of closure reports for projects funded by the National Social Science Fund at Renmin University, organizing relevant information in the research system database and coordinating expert evaluation

Content Editor

Beijing Chronicles Cultural Creativity Corporation

*Beijing, China
Sep 2020 – Dec 2020*

- Contributed to a database chronicling life in the Asian Olympics Village Sub-district of Beijing by using handwritten records, books, periodicals, and documents from 1950 to 2000 as primary sources. Drafted sections on culture, sports, and social life
- Conducted on-site visits and classifications of Beijing's religious sites of geographical significance. Delivered public lectures on An Overview of Beijing's Cultural Relics and Historic Sites

Skills

Languages: Mandarin Chinese (native fluency), English (professional proficiency), Japanese (basic proficiency), Finnish (basic proficiency)

Software: Python, Microsoft SQL Server, Stata, Office, Adobe