



From the Director

The Lieberthal Rogel Center for Chinese Studies at the University of Michigan was established in 1961 when diplomatic relations between the PRC and the United States did not exist. With private foundation grants from the Mellon and Ford Foundations and support from the US Department of Education, the Center was part of a pioneering effort at Michigan to develop interdisciplinary centers focused on area expertise. From that time, scholars from different disciplinary backgrounds have congregated at the Center to learn from each other, to collaborate on research, and to teach students who share the same desire to acquire deep knowledge about China.

More than half a century has passed, but the need for expertise and education on China is no less crucial now than it was then. The early initiatives to support Chinese Studies were motivated by Cold War concerns—conflict in Southeast Asia, the Taiwan Straits, balancing against the Soviet Union. In today's world, China is no longer closed; its influence and global presence have expanded immensely. The US and China have learned to cooperate on many issues of global concern. However, in recent years, the competitive and conflictual side of the relationship has grown more prominent. We hear and read constantly of the trade war, the potential for a "new cold war", and the looming "Thucydides Trap" when a hegemonic power is challenged by a rising upstart. In other words, what happens when an unstoppable force meets an immovable object.

In an age that is no less anxious than the Cold War, our role in the University continues to be one that complements Michigan's strong foundations in its schools and colleges and its impressive breadth of teaching and research. Our recent growth, from the generosity of the Rogel Family and other donors, has focused on new programs that strengthen our ties with other units and with the growing number of people on campus who teach or do research in China. We have also expanded student funding, from undergraduate internships in China to doctoral dissertation fieldwork. This annual report summarizes the progress that we have made and highlights the ongoing contributions of our community to the field of Chinese Studies.

Mary Gallagher

Director

Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies

LRCCS Faculty in the News

LRCCS faculty are frequently quoted in national and international publications on topics within their fields of academic expertise. Among the highlights from academic year 2017-18 are:

Yuen Yuen Ang, associate professor of political science, was quoted in the *Singapore Times* in a story about President Xi Jinping's anti-graft campaign and the consequences of strict enforcement on local governments which could curtail China's policy innovation and growth. [[The Straits Times, China's 19th Party Congress, www.straitstimes.com](#)]



Professor Ang received an Andrew Carnegie Fellowship enabling her to pursue research on emerging markets around the world. [[www.carnegie.org, Philanthropic Support](#)]

"What makes Mr. Xi stronger today could make the Chinese Communist Party weaker tomorrow," said Mary Gallagher, professor of political science, on lifting term limits for China's president and vice president. In NYT op ed and BBC interview, Professor Gallagher argues that term limits have worked as a political safety valve in the past—will Mr. Xi's indefinite term threaten the return to one-man rule, at the cost of one-party rule.



[[The New York Times, Term Limits, www.nytimes.com](#)]

Professor Gallagher, an expert on labor law, has commented on the tension growing between Chinese business owners and American workers. In the same NYT article, **Damian Ma** ('06) of the Paulson Institute claimed that Chinese investors don't understand local labor dynamics. [[The New York Times, Labor Rights, www.nytimes.com](#)]

The role of women in building gender and class equality alongside the male-dominated leadership of the Chinese Communist Party is documented in a historically compel-

ling narrative by **Wang Zheng**, professor of women's studies and history, in her latest book, *Finding Women in the State: A Socialist Feminist Revolution in the PRC, 1949-1964*. [[ChinaFile, Center on U.S.-China Relations Feminist Revolution, www.chinafile.com](#)]



The trend for tracking meditation goals in a quest for practicing mindfulness has become increasingly competitive but not part of traditional Buddhist practice. **Benjamin Brose**, associate professor of Chinese religions at the University of Michigan, said "Many monks meditate every day for decades, and I have never heard of anyone keeping track." [[WSJ, Meditation Practice, www.wsj.com](#)]

Ming Xu, associate professor of environmental engineering, commented on an NBC News article that the world's biggest air purifier in Xi'an China may not be as effective as researchers behind the project have suggested. [[NBC News, nbcnews.com](#)]

"Urban air quality can vary sharply over short distance due to non-uniform distribution of emission sources," Xu told MACH in an email. "More data and more rigorous analysis are required to evaluate the true impacts."

Hongwei Xu, a research assistant professor and LRCCS adjunct lecturer, found babies born during famine have lower cognition in midlife. This finding was reported by *Xinhua News*, China's largest news agency.



Professor **Lydia Li**'s study about the impacts of prejudice and racial bias on older Chinese-Americans was featured in the *Huffington Post*. According to the article, "Li speculates that difficult immigrant experiences coupled with certain values in Chinese culture could potentially account for the higher rates of suicidal thoughts among Chinese-American elders who have faced discrimination." [www.huffingtonpost.com]

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[Race] might be a social construct, but discrimination really does affect peoples' lives.

—Lydia Li, University of Michigan School of Social Work

Exercise does make you happy, according to **Weiyun Chen**, an associate professor of kinesiology. Chen's study was featured in the *New York Times*. [www.nytimes.com]

"Every one of the observational studies showed a beneficial relationship between being physically active and being happy," says Weiyun Chen, an associate professor of kinesiology at the University of Michigan, who, with her graduate student Zhanjia Zhang, wrote the review.

The veneration of steel is common all over the world, but it has been particularly strong in China, says **Linda Lim**, a professor of corporate strategy and international business at Ross School of Business. "Everybody agrees global excess capacity must be cut, but nobody can agree on who's to be cut," Lim says. [[NPR, World's Steelmakers, www.npr.org](http://www.npr.org)]



Law professor **Nicholas Howson** co-authored an *amicus curiae* brief for the U.S. Supreme Court in support of petitioners, refuting the Chinese government's view as to who has the authority to declare what Chinese law is. The U.S. Supreme Court later ruled 9-0 in favor of the petitioners.

"I have done a great deal of expert testimony on Chinese law in the U.S. federal courts, international arbitrations and even PRC People's Courts proceedings, but never imagined that the construction of Chinese law would come before the U.S. Supreme Court." — Nicholas Howson



PING PONG DIPLOMACY

The 1972 Chinese Ping Pong delegation visited Ann Arbor at the invitation of the University of Michigan—an activity that helped begin formal communication and relations between our nations and later became known as Ping Pong Diplomacy.

In celebration of the 45th anniversary of Ping Pong Diplomacy, LRCCS co-hosted several exciting table tennis games with remarks from distinguished guests to highlight the history, impact, and a continued dedication to a solid relationship between Michigan and China.

One of many emblems of our strong academic relationship with China is the thousands of Chinese students, visiting scholars, faculty, and staff that Michigan proudly welcomes to campus each year. They contribute immensely to our campus learning community. Michigan also sends numerous students, faculty, and staff to China each year to participate in dozens of programs, including those at the Joint Institutes with Shanghai Jiao Tong University and Peking University Health Science Center.

Match One: Members of the '72 Chinese and US teams...Huaiying Zheng, Connie Sweeris, Dell Sweeris, and Geliang Liang. Photo: Daryl Marshke, Michigan Photography



Reflections: left to right Wensheng Tang (Former Vice Chairwoman, translator for Mao Zedong during 1971-72 ping pong diplomacy); Tiejun Yu, Assoc. Dean, Peking Univ.; Jan Berris, VP National Committee on US-China Relations; Prof. Mary Gallagher, LRCCS Director, University of Michigan. Photo: CS



Prof. Mary Gallagher talking to CCTV during Ping Pong Diplomacy event. Photo: Debing Su

LRCCS Faculty Associates

Director: Mary Gallagher (Political Science)

Associate Director: Nicholas Howson (Law)

Professors: William H. Baxter (ALC), Miranda Brown (ALC), Chun-shu Chang (History), San Duanmu (Linguistics), Susan N. Erickson (History of Art), Mary Gallagher (Political Science), Nicholas Howson (Law), Joseph Lam (Musicology), Jersey Liang (Health), Daniel Little (Philosophy), Donald Lopez (ALC), Kevin Miller (Psychology; Education), Erik A. Mueggler (Anthropology), Markus Nornes (Screen Arts & Cultures), David Porter (English; Comparative Literature), Bright Sheng (Music), Xiaobing Tang (ALC; Comparative Literature), Twila Tardif (Psychology), Arland Thornton (Sociology), Wang Zheng (Women's Studies, History)

Associate Professors: Robert Adams (Architecture and Urban Planning), Yuen Yuen Ang (Political Science), Benjamin Brose (ALC), Pär Cassel (History), Lan Deng (Architecture and Urban Planning), Joan Kee (History of Art), Lydia Li (Social Work), Ann C. Lin (Public Policy), Christian de Pee (History), David Rolston (ALC), Brian Wu (Business), Ming Xu (SEAS)

Assistant Professors: SE Kile (ALC), Silvia Lindtner (School of Information), Zhiying Ma (Anthropology), Sonya Ozbek (ALC), Emily Wilcox (ALC)

Researchers/Lecturers: Shuming Bao (China Data Center); Liangyu Fu (Asia Library, Librarian); Dawn Lawson (Asia Library, Director); Kening Li (Chinese Language, ALC); Wei Liu (Chinese Language, ALC)

Emeritus Professors: Kenneth J. DeWoskin (ALC), Yi-tsi Mei Feuerwerker (ALC), Whitmore Gray (Law), Albert Hermalin (Sociology), Noriko Kamachi (History), Kenneth Lieberthal (Political Science), Linda Y.C. Lim (Business), Shuen-fu Lin (ALC), Donald Munro (Philosophy), Deborah Oakley (Nursing), Martin Powers (History of Art), Cho-Yee To (Education), Marshall Wu (UMMA; History of Art), Ernest P. Young (History)

LRCCS Center Associates

Brian Bruya (Professor of Philosophy, Eastern Michigan University), Thomas Buoye (Associate Professor of History, University of Tulsa), Sui Wah Chan (Professor Emeritus, Michigan State University, U-M China Mirror Project), Gene Chang (Director of Asian Studies Institute at University of Toledo), Shelley Hsueh-lun Chang (History, University of Michigan), Wen-Chien Cheng (Curator of Asian Art, Royal Ontario Museum), Maura Cunningham (Association for Asian Studies), Xiaolin Duan (Assistant Professor of History, Elon University), Michael Fetters (Professor of Family Medicine, University of Michigan), Joseph Ho (Assistant Professor of History, Albion College), Thomas Kelly (Assistant Professor of Literature, ALC, University of Michigan), Jaymin Kim (Assistant Professor of History, University of St. Thomas), Ujin Kim (U-M Visiting Scholar, Linguistics), Ellen Johnston Laing (Professor Emerita of Art History, former Maude I. Kerns Distinguished Professor of Oriental Art, University of Oregon), Yi Li (Professor of Biostatistics, University of Michigan), Bo Liu (Assistant Professor of Art History and the Humanities, John Carroll University), Sidney Xu Lu (Assistant Professor of History, Michigan State University), Emily Mokros (Assistant Professor of History, University of Kentucky), Jun Ni (Professor of Manufacturing Science, University of Michigan), Natsu Oyobe (Curator, University of Michigan Museum of Art), Julia Ya Qin (Professor of Law, Wayne State University), Mary-Ann Ray (Professor of Architecture, University of Michigan), Xuefei Ren (Assistant Professor of Sociology, Michigan State University), Terry Sicular (Professor of Economics, University of Western Ontario), Kidder Smith (Professor Emeritus of Asian Studies and History, Bowdoin College), Sarah C. Swider (Assistant Professor of Sociology, Wayne State University), Glenn Tiffert (Visiting Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University), Hitomi Tonomura (Professor of History, University of Michigan), Yuan-kang Wang (Associate Professor of Political Science, Western Michigan University), John Timothy Wixted (Professor Emeritus of Asian Languages, Arizona State University), Yiching Wu (Assistant Professor of East Asian Studies, University of Toronto), Yi-Li Wu (Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Michigan), Yulian Wu (Assistant Professor of History, Michigan State University), Chuanwu Xi (Professor of Environmental Health Sciences, University of Michigan), Guoqi Xi (Professor of History, University of Hong Kong), Louis Yen (Associate Research Scientist, Kinesiology, University of Michigan), Fang Zhang (Lecturer, School of Art & Design, University of Michigan)

Acronym Key: ALC Asian Languages and Cultures; SAC Screen Arts and Cultures; SEAS School for Environment and Sustainability; SMTD School of Music, Theatre and Dance; UMMA University of Michigan Museum of Art

LRCCS Faculty Grants, 2017-18

Michigan-Fudan Collaboration in the Social Sciences Grants

Fellowships to foster faculty and student collaboration and exchange between Fudan University and the University of Michigan.

Xiaobing Tang (ALC)/**Wang Zheng** (Women's Studies). Fudan Collaborator: Jin Guangyao (International Center for Studies of Chinese Civilization). *"Cultural Production and Practices in Modern China."*

Annual Thematic Conference Funding

2017 **Mary Gallagher** (Political Science) and **Tobias Schulze-Cleven** (Rutgers University). *"Varieties of Backlash: Distributional Conflict and Political Order in the New World of Work."*

2018 **John Ciorciari** (Public Policy) and **Mary Gallagher** (Political Science). *"China's Impact in the International Development Arena."*

2018 **JP Park** (University of California, Riverside) with **David Porter** (Comparative Literature). *"Art, History, and Sinology: An International Conference in Honor of Martin J. Powers."*

Experiential Learning Fund

This fund is designed to support an experiential component into an ongoing China-related course.

Ann Lin (Public Policy). PP716: *Chinese Policy in Comparative Perspective.*

Kevin Miller (Education). Strategy 320: *Corporate Strategy in the China Context.*

Rebecca Hardin (SEAS). *Environment and Sustainability Case Partnership between U-M and Tsinghua University Students.*

Research Grants

Yuen Yuen Ang (Political Science). *"China's Gilded Age: Explaining China's Paradox of Economic Boom and Vast Corruption."*

Emily Wilcox (ALC). *"Revolutionary Bodies: Dance and China's Socialist Legacy."*

Bright Sheng (SMTD). *Bright Sheng, composer, with violin soloist Dan Zhu and the Suzhou Symphony Orchestra; Naxos International Records.*

Sylvia Lindtner (School of Information). *"Age of Experimentation: Hacking Entrepreneurial Living in China's New Normal."*

Liangyu Fu (Asia Library). *Deep Dive into Digital and Data Methods in Chinese Studies 2018.*

Michael Feters (Family Medicine). *An Exploration of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Family Medicine in Providing Health Care Access in China.*

Joan Kee (History of Art). *"Land Lords: Art, Property, and Law in Post-Nineties China."*

Par Cassel (History). Support for publication *"An Introduction to Chaghatay," Eric Schluessel.*

Tang Xiaobing (ALC). Exhibition: *"Dreams Toward Home: Contemporary Printmaking of Endi Poskovic," Zhejiang Art Museum.*

Miranda Brown (ALC). *The Culinary History of Late Imperial China (Tofu).*

Lan Deng (Architecture and Urban Planning). *China's Housing Development Industry.*

Ming Xu (SEAS). *Mapping Greenhouse Gases in China.*

Xuefei Ren (Sociology, Michigan State University). *"Governing the Urban in China and India: Slum Clearance, Land Grabs and the War on Air Pollution."*



I'm really excited about the work in Chinese studies that focuses on the subnational level. My personal affinity in political science research leads me to believe that we can gain more traction on interesting questions by looking at local bureaucracy and the provision of goods and services: the bread and butter of authoritarian resilience.

In general, I think some of the most interesting questions in Chinese politics today deal with decentralization in an authoritarian regime. We all know that China is really, really big and so an authoritarian state must employ strategies to compel their local agents to follow instructions, and likewise these local agents have some freedom to deviate from the central plan.

DEANNA KOLBERG *PhD candidate in Political Science, at Association for Asian Studies Conference; Lieberthal-Rogel Travel Grant.*

LRCCS Student Grants, 2017-18

Academic Year Awards, 2017-18

Michael Bumann, MA LRCCS; **Marilyn Evenmo**, MA LRCCS; **Alexander Garcia**, MA/MPP; **Hanyu Hou**, MA LRCCS; **Raymond Hsu**, MA LRCCS; **Weiwei Lu**, MA LRCCS; **Weihang Wang**, MA LRCCS

LRCCS Incoming Doctoral Fellowships, 2017-18

5th year: **Angeline Baecker**, ALC; 4th years: **Huazejia**, Anthropology; **Sheng Long**, Anthropology; **Blake Miller**, Political Science; 3rd years: **Xiaoxi Zhang**, Comparative Literature; **Chuyi Zhu**, Musicology; **Yuequa Guo**, Political Science; 2nd years: **Ruby MacDougall**, ALC; **Yang Hua**, History; 1st year: **Andrea Valedon-Trapote**, History

Graduate and Undergraduate Academic Year Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships, 2017-18

Marilyn Evenmo, MA LRCCS; **Alexander Garcia**, MA LRCCS; **Richard Reid**, PhD History

Graduate and Undergraduate Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships, 2017

Marilyn Evenmo, MA LRCCS; **Alexander Garcia**, MA LRCCS; **David Chan**, PhD ALC; **Richard Reid**, PhD History

LRCCS Summer Research & Fellowship Awards, 2017

Awarded to students for summer or semester-long research projects on China in humanities and social sciences.

Michael Bumann, MA LRCCS, education and cultural exchange; **Yilang Feng**, PhD Political Science, U.S.-China trade policy; **Jaymin Kim**, PhD History, Qing dynasty interstate law; **Jisoo Lee**, PhD History, nationalism and ethnicity; **Sheng Long**, PhD Anthro, geography and rural reform; **Fusheng Luo**, PhD History, Qing customs; **James Meador**, PhD Anthro, northeast Asia, language and nationalism; **Gerui Wang**, PhD Art History, Song dynasty travel culture and landscape paintings; **Xiaoyang Ye**, PhD Public Policy, economics of education, education policy

Conference Support for **Deanna Kolberg**, PhD Political Science; **Xiaoyue Li**, PhD History; **Olivia Mendelson**, PhD History of Art; **Blake Miller**, PhD Political Science; **Richard Reid**, PhD History; **Yujeong Yang**, PhD Political Science; **Xiaoyang Ye**, PhD Education

Feuerwerker Fellowship, 2017

Xiang Yan, PhD Urban and Regional Planning, Chinese housing policy

Lieberthal Family Fellowship, 2017

Yilang Feng, PhD Political Science, international trade policy; **Shuqiao Sun**, PhD Economics, family planning and gender; **Kaidi Wu**, PhD Psychology, intercultural perception; **Nicole Wu**, PhD Political Science, comparative politics and international relations; **Yujeong Yang**, PhD Political Science, social insurance and pension expansion in China

Walter Power Undergraduate Scholarships, 2017

Franklin Bromberg, BA Business Administration; **Benjamin Woodruff**, BA Political Science and Economics



I study how Qing China and three of its tributary states (Chosŏn Korea, Vietnam, Kokand) handled interstate refugees and criminals from the 1630s to the 1840s. This project developed from my initial interest in Qing-Chosŏn relations and has benefited from world historical and interdisciplinary training I received at Michigan. The funding I received from the LRCCS over the years allowed me to look at Qing archival sources in Beijing and Taipei as well as Qing, Korean, and Vietnamese published sources for my dissertation.

JAYMIN KIM *PhD in History, 2018, Lieberthal-Rogel Dissertation Award; now an assistant professor of history at University of St. Thomas, Minnesota.*

LRCCS MA Graduates, 2017

Michael Bumann, "'Cultures in Contact: Cultural Scripts of Teaching and Learning in Chinese University Waijiao Classrooms.'

Marilynn Evenmo, "The Yunnan-Vietnam Railway: Railway Imperialism, Station Architecture, and Late-Qing Publications."

Weihang Wang, "After Work: Cultural Life and Amateur Art Production in Mao's Factories."

Meizi Li, "The Effects of Elite Secondary School on Short-Term and Long-Term Social and Economic Outcomes."



MA Cohort: l to r Meizi Li, Marilyn Evenmo, Michael Bumann, Weihang Wang

Graduate Workshops, 2017-18

Interdisciplinary, not-for-credit forums convened for graduate students working on issues related to greater China to broaden disciplinary horizons and build faculty and student connections.

Interdisciplinary China Reading Group Workshop
Faculty convener: **Mary Gallagher** (Political Science)

Yuen Yuen Ang, Faculty, Political Science; **Patricia Chen**, PhD Sociology; **Yilang Feng**, PhD Political Science; **Yuequan Guo**, PhD Political Science; **Deanna Kolberg**, PhD Political Science; **Zhongwei Sun**, Visiting Faculty, Sociology; **Blake Miller**, PhD Political Science; **Michael Thompson**, PhD Political Science; **Nicole Wu**, PhD Political Science; **Yujeong Yang**, PhD Political Science; **Nuan-nuan Xiang**, PhD Political Science; **Jeffrey Javed**, LRCCS



"Intellectual creativity and vibrancy marked my academic training at the University of Michigan. During my recent long overdue visit to campus in April 2018, walking across the Quad and seeing the blend of new, edgy buildings and historic, statuesque halls of erudition reinvigorated my sense of inquisitiveness, which was so richly cultivated during my studies at UM. The Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies has nurtured and trained countless scholars and specialists who have and will continue to enhance the deep roots of cooperation and bonds of goodwill between the people of China and the United States."

– Mercy Kuo, President of Washington State China Relations Council (Chinese Studies MA '94; PhD Oxford University)

Postdoctoral Fellow, Political Science; **Jerry Qiushi Yu**, PhD Political Science; **Lei Duan**, LRCCS Postdoctoral Fellow, History; **Yeori Park**, PhD Anthropology; **Yun Chen**, PhD Social Work

Chinese Studies Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Workshop

Postdoctoral Convener: **Will Thomson** (Anthropology)

Presenters: **Yujeong Yang**, PhD Political Science; **Jeffrey Javed**, LRCCS Postdoctoral Fellow, Political Science; **Lei Duan** LRCCS Postdoctoral Fellow, Political Science; **Mary Francis & Christopher Dreyer**, U-M Press; **Liangyu Fu**, Asia Library

Career Development & Professional Networking Panels

Nov 17 Career Event. "Win-Win Partnerships for Michigan and China." **Courtney Henderson**, MA '13, Michigan-China Innovation Center.

Apr 13 LRCCS Alumni Panel. "US-China Subnational Relations: Interaction and Investment." **Mercy Kuo**, MA '94, PhD Oxford Univ. '99, Washington State China Relations Council. **Brian Connors**, Michigan-China Innovation Center. **Damien Ma**, MA '06, Paulson Institute.

Apr 13-14 National Resource Center TVI Conference. "Professional Networking Conference for MA Students in East Asian Studies." **Aminda Smith**, Michigan State University. **Dean Fealk**, DLA Piper. **Jeffrey Guyton**, Mazda.

LRCCS Postdoctoral Fellows

Postdoctoral Fellowships support research in the study of China and are open to scholars in the humanities or social sciences conducting well-designed research and writing projects. While at U-M, Postdoctoral Fellows can pursue their research, present their work at conferences and the LRCCS Noon Lecture Series, teach undergraduate and graduate courses, and engage with the broader U-M academic community.

2017-18—current two-year cohort: **Elizabeth Berger** (PhD Anthropology, University of North Carolina), dissertation: *Bioarcheology of Adaptation to Climate Change*

in *Ancient Northwest China*." **Duan Lei** (PhD History, Syracuse University), dissertation: *The Prism of Violence: Private Gun Ownership in Modern China, 1860-1949*."

Jeffrey Javed (PhD Government, Harvard University), dissertation: *Land and Retribution: The Moral Mobilization of Violence in China's land Reform Campaign*."

Anne Rebull (PhD East Asian Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago), dissertation: *Performing Aesthetics from the Stage, Screen, and Page: Xiqu Reform, 1937-1959*.

LRCCS Distinguished Research Fellow in Residence

2016 cohort—**Will Thomson**, (PhD Socio-Cultural Anthropology, New York University), dissertation: *"China Constructs: Architecture, Labor, and Value on a Chinese Construction Site."*



Students in an interdisciplinary course on Design + Power learn printing techniques at the Letterpress Studio on North Campus

"One of the most valuable aspects of the Lieberthal Rogel Fellowship has been the support for teaching and collaborating across disciplinary lines. During the past year, I taught a diverse group of undergraduate and graduate students in architecture, anthropology and art. As an anthropologist and Chinese studies scholar teaching in the department of architecture,

I introduced new China-themed courses, including a class on traditional Chinese architectural design, as well as a new seminar, Detroit-China Connections. In my general courses, I also bring vital questions of contemporary China into mainstream disciplinary discussion. The LRCCS made possible experimentation in teaching and research across disciplines and methods that would not have been possible without the fellowship."

CULTURAL EXCHANGE: THE LEGACY OF A WWII-ERA GIFT

Over the last two years, LRCCS faculty associate **Tang Xiaobing** (ALC and Comparative Literature) helped Shanghai's Fudan University Library negotiate to acquire a collection of valuable Chinese woodblock prints made in the 1940s. They were given to an American pilot, Lt. Colonel George Hanlon, whose B-29 bomber was shot down by the Japanese over Anshan, Liaoning, in 1944, but Hanlon and most of his crew were rescued by Chinese peasants. American forces had aided the Chinese military against Japan since the beginning of the Sino-Japanese War in 1937, and so the fallen airmen, welcomed by Chinese soldiers as heroes, were escorted to safety, walking over 1000 miles from a coastal village near Bohai to Mao Zedong's base in Yan'an.

Later, the American crew was flown from Yan'an to Chongqing and then back to the States. One of the gifts they received at Yan'an was a set of woodcuts. Lt. Colonel Hanlon kept the woodcuts made by prominent Yan'an printmakers and displayed them proudly in his home just outside of Thaynes Canyon, Utah. After he passed away, his elder daughter contacted Prof. Tang, a scholar of modern and contemporary Chinese culture and society, to view the collection and through his contacts, decided to donate the prints to Fudan University Library.

Prof. Tang Xiaobing's recent publication *Visual Culture in Contemporary China: Paradigms and Shifts* was released by Cambridge University Press in 2015, and its Chinese version 《流动的图像：当代中国视觉文化再解读》 is forthcoming from Fudan University Press in 2018. He is also curating an exhibition featuring U-M printmaker Endi Poskovic at the Zhejiang Art Museum.



Prof. Tang Xiaobing with Wang Le, Associate Director of Fudan University Library, and Deborah Hanlon as he offers his expertise on a rare collection of WWII prints in the Hanlon home.

LRCCS Distinguished Visitors

The Lieberthal-Rogel Distinguished Visitor Program provides an opportunity for University of Michigan students, faculty, and community at large to connect with prominent individuals (diplomats and other government officials, journalists, public intellectuals, NGO leaders, business innovators, artists, etc.) whose lives and careers have had significant public impact on advancing relationships with China and deepening understanding of China.



Distinguished Visitors 2017: **Wang Shi**, founder of China Vanke, one of the world's largest real estate companies; David Dollar, senior fellow in the John L. Thornton China Center at the Brookings Institution and former U.S. Treasury's economic and financial emissary to China.

Distinguished Visitors 2018: **Daniel Russel**, Vice President for International Security and Diplomacy at the Asia Society Policy Institute and past Special Assistant to President Obama and National Security Council Senior Director for Asian Affairs; artist **Xu Bing**, leading contemporary artist known for printmaking, installations, and creative use of language, calligraphy, and writing.

Outreach to Educators, Students, and Community

East Asia National Resource Center Title VI

The Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies along with other area studies centers form the U-M East Asia National Resource Center, supported under the auspices of Title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the U.S. Department of Education, to strengthen training in the major languages of East Asia in conjunction with area studies training in the field. This award helps support U-M's role as one of the nation's major centers providing expert resources and a deeper understanding of contemporary and historical issues related to China to students, educators, and the public at large.

Programming includes educator workshops offered through the **World History and Literary Initiative (WHaLi)** and **East Asia K-12 Teacher Workshops**; collaborations with the **Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education (MIIE)**, a consortium of 100 two-year colleges; language support at **Washtenaw Community College (WCC)**; **library travel grants** for researchers and educators; the development of an **East Asia Language Teacher Certification** program in partnership with the U-M School of Education; support of teaching workshops through area studies experts for faculty and students at **University of Puerto Rico (UPR)**; and **professional development opportunities** for masters students.

LRCCS Social Media

LRCCS Website: Latest news and events, programming, video and audio recordings.

<http://www.ii.umich.edu/lrccs>

LRCCS on Facebook: Updates on faculty news, on-site event responses, cultural happenings and media bytes.

<https://www.facebook.com/centerforchinesestudies>

LRCCS Blog: Substantive content related to the study of China with guest bloggers from LRCCS faculty, students, alumni, and commentators.

<http://www.chinese-studies-blog.org>



Excerpts from Top BLOG Posts



Prof. Emeritus Donald Munro, ALC (Philosophy) talks about learning Confucianism from a Manchu prince and the importance of ritual practice... June 30

Professor Munro: Are you familiar with the term 功夫 (gongfu/kung fu)? In the west it's mostly associated with martial arts, but in Chinese it refers to any practice which can develop skill. Ritual practice is a kind of gongfu to instill ethical behavior so that it becomes spontaneous, just like a tennis player who has honed their technique so well that they don't need to think about their swing. In relations, I think ritual practice makes things easier—working as a kind of social lubricant. It fosters connections so that people can establish some trust before they talk about more 'inconvenient' topics.

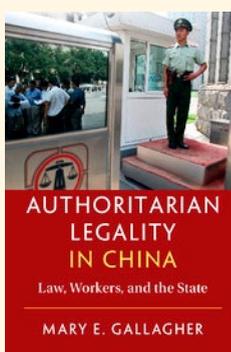


LRCCS Postdoctoral Fellows: **Lei Duan** (left), Oct 27, tells about his research on private gun research in China—from socially accepted violence to female sharpshooters; **Jeff Javed** (center), Sept 8, discusses Chinese land reform and how the communist party employed moral norms to incite rural communities to violence; and **Liz Berger** (right), Oct 13, reflects on past environmental systems and the relevance today of bioarchaeology in understanding the record of climate change over time.



Prof. Emeritus Kenneth Lieberthal, former LRCCS director, Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, and Senior Director for Asia on the U.S. National Security Council, offers advice on how we should approach the understanding and study of China... Oct 1

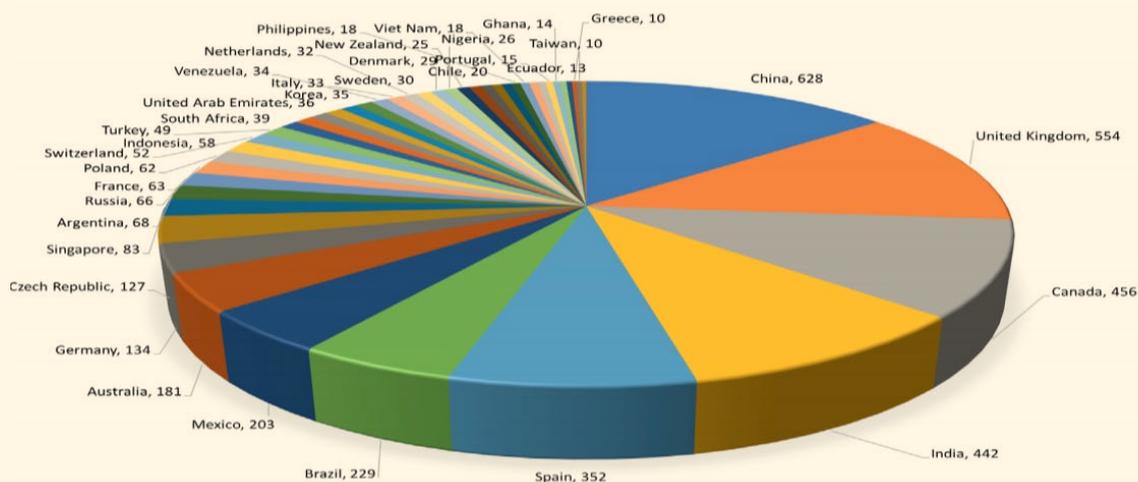
Prof Lieberthal: With an appreciation of the forces that shape China—its history, culture, political system, and major challenges. First, deep history: what are the intellectual, philosophical, and societal legacies of China's deep history? Second, modern history, especially the repercussions of the industrial revolution in the West that directly and indirectly caused the decline of the Qing Dynasty to lead not to the establishment of a new dynasty but instead to the disintegration of the dynastic system itself. Third, how the political system actually works. This includes not only political struggles at the very top but also how policies are developed, adopted, and implemented. Finally, you have to understand the details of key substantive problems that the country confronts.



And, **Prof Gallagher**, LRCCS Director, on her new publication, *Authoritarian Legality in China: Law, Workers, and the State...* Dec 12. Prof. Gallagher: The central government sees rapid urbanization that is more inclusive and protection as the next growth engine... Pushing expanded workplace rights was a step toward this larger goal. As the book also

argues, however, this "self-enforcement" model of implementation has tended to marginalize workers on the lower rungs of the labor market, while improving the protections of those with education and skills. Some argue that these inequalities make it more likely that China will become stuck in the "middle income trap."

Below: U-M Global Michigan's 2018 February's report: breakdown of U-M media mentions outside of the U.S.



Calendar of Events

September 2017

Sept 15 Exhibit. "Sino-American Relations and "Ping-Pong Diplomacy," 1971-1972." Asia Library, U-M Hatcher Library.

Sept 24 Special Event. "Ping-Pong Diplomacy Celebration: Musical Performance and Exhibition Table Tennis Games." Power Center for the Performing Arts.

Sept 26 Noon Lecture. "The Grand Picture of China's Capitalist Revolution." Yuen Yuen Ang, University of Michigan.

October 2017

Oct 3 Noon Lecture. "Firm's Strategic Use of Political Connections." Dr. Nan Jia, University of Southern California.

Oct 6 Film. Duckweed (2017).

Oct 10 Noon Lecture. "The Limits of Chinese Buddhism: Protecting the State in the Dali Kingdom (937- 1253)." Megan Bryson, University of Tennessee.

Oct 13 Film. The Summer is Gone (2016).

Oct 18 Distinguished Visitor Lecture Series. "Climbing Life's Mountains." Wang Shi, Founder of China Vanke.

Oct 20 Film. Trivisa (2016).

Oct 24 Noon Lecture. "The Literary Inscription of Things in Early Modern China." Thomas Kelly, University of Michigan.

Oct 24 Special Event. "CHINA Town Hall: Local Connections National Reflections." Damien Ma, Paulson Institute and the Honorable Susan E. Rice, Former National Security Advisor.

Oct 26 Workshop. "Designing Authoritarian Deliberation: How Social Media Platforms Influence Political Talk in China." Daniela Stockmann, Hertie School of Governance.

Oct 27 Film. Soulmate (2016).

Oct 31 Noon Lecture. "Commodifying Art, Chinese Style: The Making of China's Visual Art Market." Jun Zhang, University of Toronto.

November 2017

Nov 3 Film. Xuanzang (2016).

Nov 6 Exhibit. "Pulse: Picturing China in Motion." LRCCS Photo Exhibit.

Nov 7 Noon Lecture. "Consuming Belief: Han Chinese Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism in the PRC." John Osburg, University of Rochester.

Nov 10 Film. Wolf Totem (2015).

Nov 14 Noon Lecture. "Capital Punishment and "Confucian Clemency." The Quandaries of Qing Criminal Justice." Thomas Buoye, University of Tulsa.

Nov 21 Noon Lecture. "Moralizing the Revolution: Morality, Mobilization, and Violence in the Early Maoist Period." Jeffery Javed, LRCCS Postdoctoral Fellow.

December 2017

Dec 1 Workshop. "Varieties of Backlash: Distributional Conflict and Political Order in the New World of Work." Mary Gallagher, University of Michigan and Tobias Schulze-Cleven (Rutgers University).

Dec 5 Noon Lecture. "'Spoken Drama (Huaju) with a Strong Chinese Flavor: The Resurrection and Demise of Popular Spoken Drama (Tonsu Huaju) in Shanghai in the 1950s and Early 1960s." Si-yuan Liu, University of British Columbia.

Dec 5 Distinguished Visitor Lecture Series. China's Economic Reform in the Wake of the 19th Party Congress. David Dollar, Brookings Institution.

Dec 12 Noon Lecture. "The Geography of Political Self-Censorship in an Authoritarian State." Melanie Manion, Duke University.

January 2018

Jan 22 Occasional Lecture Series. "Interpreting Islam in China." Kristian Petersen, Old Dominion University.

Jan 23 Noon Lecture. "Can't Buy Me Love: Beijing's Bid to Expand Its Soft Power." Mark Magnier, Knight-Wallace Fellow.

Jan 30 Noon Lecture. "Treating One's Neighbor Like a Gully: Yellow River Management and the Environmental Ethics of the Chinese State." Ling Zhang, Boston College.

February 2018

Feb 6 Noon Lecture. "Who is the 'Common Good'? Public Health, Global Health, and the Bifurcation of Service and Governance in Urban China." Katherine Mason, Brown University.

Feb 8 Occasional Lecture Series. "History as Context for the Present: A Family Story of China's Coming of Age." Scott Tong, NPR Correspondent.

Feb 13 Noon Lecture. "Between Blood and Sex: the Contradictory Impact of Transnational AIDS Institutions on State Repression in China, 1989-2013." Yan Long, Indiana University.

Feb 20 Noon Lecture. "Moonwalking in Beijing: Michael Jackson, Piliwu, and the Origins of Chinese Hop-Hop." Emily Wilcox, University of Michigan.

Feb 21 Panel. "A Conversation with Artist Wang Qingsong." Tang Xiaobing, University of Michigan, and Jeffery Javed, LRCCS Postdoctoral Fellow.

March 2018

Mar 6 Noon Lecture. "Evoking Enlightenment: The Rise Poetic Language in Early Tantric Ritual." Jacob P. Dalton, University of Michigan.



I think the point of my research is to clarify that online information control in China is not very well understood, and that China's aim to make information control less visible is about getting more accurate information about public opinion. Rather than directly and visibly intervening and creating a chilling effect, the government's seems to favor guiding opinion from behind the scenes.

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SOCIALIST ART FROM CHINA, REMADE IN MICHIGAN

LRCCS visiting artist Wang Qingsong restaged a 1959 Chinese art work in Highland Park, a small city within Detroit, this past February. The Beijing-based artist assembled more than 50 community members, U-M students and faculty, friends and family on the site of a candy factory that was demolished in 2012. Wang is known for his large-format photographs that often echo canonical works of Chinese art, using actors posed against sprawling contemporary backdrops. The artist decided to stage his work in the Detroit area because he was struck by its parallel to China, and he wonders if China's future will look like Detroit does today.



Recreation of an image commemorating land-reform campaigns that swept across China after the Communist Party came to power.
Photo: Wang Qingsong



Manufacturing drove China's explosive economic growth during the 1990s, but with slower growth now, the government is transitioning the economy from manufacturing to services. An economic shift "forces people to change very quickly, and the land too," Wang said. "How will it be used when the factories are gone?"

Excerpted from an article by Angie Baecker that appeared in CityLab, an urban culture-focused website run by *The Atlantic*.

Angie Baecker is an LRCCS doctoral affiliate at ALC focusing on modern Chinese cultural studies.

March 13 Noon Lecture. "Between Arming and Disarming: The Culture and Politics of Private Gun Ownership in Modern China." Lei Duan, University Michigan.

Mar 16 Workshop. "China's Impact in the International Development Arena." Co-sponsored with International Policy Center.

Mar 16 Distinguished Visitor Lecture. "US-China Relations and China's Expanding International Presence." Daniel Russel, Asia Society Policy Institute.

Mar 20 Noon Lecture. "Resilience or Vulnerability? The Mixed Fate of Local Urbanizing Communities in China." Luigi Tomba, University of Sydney.

Mar 27 Noon Lecture. "Qing Water Systems: A Multi-Environmental Perspective." David Bello, Washington and Lee University.

April 2018

Apr 2 Research Seminar. "Wireless Waves and New Confucian Thought." Anna Greenspan, NYU Shanghai.

Apr 3 Noon Lecture. "Gender, Gambling, and the State in the Militarized Islands between China and Taiwan." Wei-ping Lin, National Taiwan University.

April 9 Research Seminar. "Co-optation via Deterrence Under Institutionalized Taxation System and Capitalists in China." Changdong Zhang, Peking University.

Apr 10 Noon Lecture. "Chasing Sprits Out of the Script: The Politics of Early Socialist Theatrical Adaptation." Anne Rebull, LRCCS Postdoctoral Fellow.

Apr 13 Panel. "US-China Subnational Relations: Interaction and Investment." LRCCS Alumni Mercy Kuo, Brian Conners, Damien Ma.

Apr 13-14 Conference. "Professional Networking Conference for MA Students in East Asian Studies." Aminda Smith, Michigan State University; Dean Fealk, DLA Piper; Jeffrey Guyton, Mazda.

Apr 17 Noon Lecture. "The Mirage of Development: The Sichuan Earthquake, One Decade Later." Christian Sorace, Colorado College.

May 2018

May 4-5 Teacher Workshop. "Music for the Masses: History, Culture, and Social Change | East Asia Through Song and Melody." Christi-Anne Castro, SMTD; Susan Hwang, Indiana University; Megan Hill, SMTD; Tzywen Gong, Michigan Taiwanese American Organization.

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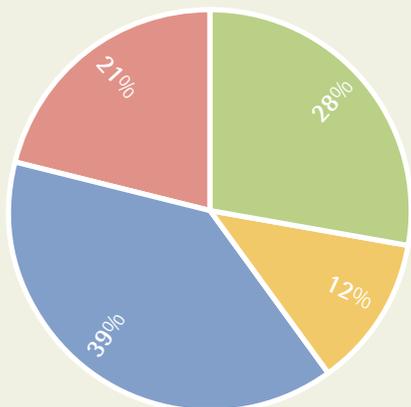
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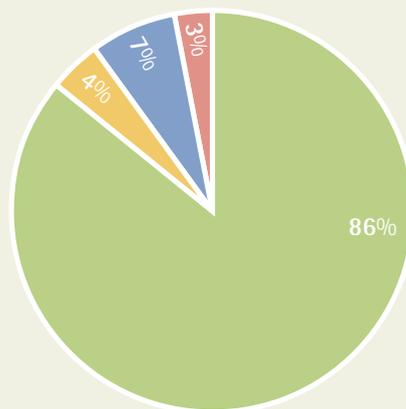
China is aging more rapidly than almost any country in recent history. Understanding how the Chinese government handles the demographic challenge and who are protected and excluded by the public old-age insurance can enrich our understanding of political, social, and economic changes that China will face in the near future. The subnationally different responses to social problems caused by the demographic change also make China a fascinating case to study.

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