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### • EDUCATION

Ph.D. in History, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, December 2006  
M.A.I.S. in China Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, May 2000  
B.A. in History and Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley, May 1997

### • PUBLICATION

*China's Homeless Generation: Voices from the Veterans of the Chinese Civil War, 1940s–1990s*,  
Routledge Contemporary China Series no. 62, London & New York: Routledge, 2010.  
Selected for reissue in paperback edition, 2015.

*China's Homeless Generation* is a study of nearly two million Chinese who were displaced from home in Mainland China to the island of Taiwan. A result of the Chinese civil war between the Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT) and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), this massive migration began around 1948 and continued for more than a decade. The displacement officially lasted until November 1987, when they were legally allowed to return for the first time in nearly forty years. Collectively, referred to as the 'Homeless Generation', this unique study makes extensive use of these survivors' own voices to formulate a truly fascinating story of a generation of Chinese who found themselves outsiders not just in Taiwan, but in the places they called home. This work provides a detailed picture of the exodus, the struggle to find a new home in Taiwan, both physically and psychologically, and ultimately the experiences and effects of returning to the mainland decades later.

"From Tongbo Village to Widow Village—The Legacy of the Chinese Civil War," *Frontiers of History in China*, 12, no. 1, (2017). 75–92.

Located on Dongshan Island, off the coast of Fujian province, is a typical rural village called Tongbo. On May 10, 1950, 147 men were abducted by the KMT army on its way to Taiwan. Since a majority of the men were already married, overnight, their wives became "widows", and most would remain so for the rest of their lives. Consequently, Tongbo village became more widely known as Widow Village. The first objective of this paper is to document the tragic experiences of men and women in Tongbo village, focusing on these forced separations in 1950, the possibility of reunion after 1987, and the struggle to cope with the difficulties in between. The second objective of this paper is to argue that while

heartbreaking, the experiences of this village are not extraordinary in the context of the Chinese Civil War. What made the men and women in Tongbo extraordinary is not their collective suffering, but how these villagers suffered less, not more, than in many other places, because of the actions of three key figures.

- **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- **University of Texas at El Paso**

- Associate Professor, History Department, University of Texas at El Paso (fall 2013–Present)

- Tenured and Promoted from Assistant Professor (2007–2013)

- HIST 2301: World History to 1500

- HIST 2302: World History since 1500

- HIST 3334: History of Premodern East Asia

- HIST 3335: History of Modern East Asia

- HIST 3338: History of Modern China

- HIST 3390: 20th Century China via Film and Fiction

- HIST 5306: Studies in World History–Modern China (Graduate Course)

- HIST 6354: Literature and Methodology of World/Transnational History (Graduate Course)

- **University of Hawaii at Mānoa**

- Guest lectures, summer 2002

- “The Unification of China: In Search of Political and Social Order”

- “The Resurgence of China in East Asia”

- Senior Teaching Assistant, World Civilizations Program, fall 2002:

- Acted as a liaison between professors and all other teaching assistants within the program

- **DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- Advisory Committee to the Chair, Committee Member, Department of History, University of Texas at El Paso (fall 2011–spring 2015)

- Asian Studies Advisory Committee, Committee Member, University of Texas at El Paso (fall 2007–Present)

- Confucius Institute Committee, Committee Member, University of Texas at El Paso (fall 2007–spring 2015).

- El Paso History Day, Judge for Documentary, El Paso, TX (spring 2008–Present)

- Faculty Senate, History Department Representative, University of Texas at El Paso (fall 2009)

- Graduate Program Committee, Committee Member, Department of History, University of Texas at El Paso (fall 2010–Present)

- Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee, History Department & Asian Studies Minor Representative, University of Texas at El Paso (fall 2011–fall 2016)

- Library Committee, Committee Chair, Department of History, University of Texas at El Paso (fall 2007–spring 2008)

Long Range Planning Committee, Committee Member, Department of History, University of Texas at El Paso (fall 2013–spring 2015)

M.A. Advisor, Department of History, University of Texas at El Paso (fall 2014–Present)

Merit Review Committee, Committee Chair, Department of History, University of Texas at El Paso (fall 2013–Present)

Phi Alpha Theta, Faculty Advisor, Department of History, University of Texas at El Paso (fall 2007–spring 2013)

Search Committee for History Early Modern Spain, Committee Member, Department of History, University of Texas at El Paso (fall 2010–Spring 2011)

Search Committee for History U.S.-Mexico Borderlands and/or Chicana/o, Committee Member, Department of History, University of Texas at El Paso (fall 2015–Spring 2016)

Student Mentoring Program, Faculty Mentor, University of Texas at El Paso (fall 2011–fall 2012)

Student Welfare Committee, Committee Member, College of Liberal Arts Representative, University of Texas at El Paso (fall 2012–spring 2014)

Teaching Social Studies in El Paso Initiative, Committee Member, Department of History, University of Texas at El Paso (fall 2008–spring 2013)

Technology Committee, College of Liberal Arts Representative, University of Texas at El Paso (fall 2014–spring 2017)

Video Gaming and Anime Committee, Faculty Advisor, University of Texas at El Paso (spring 2008–spring 2012)

Webmaster, Asian Studies Minor Site, University of Texas at El Paso (spring 2010–Present)

Webmaster, Department of History Site, University of Texas at El Paso (fall 2008–Present)

Webmaster, El Paso History Day Facebook Site, University of Texas at El Paso (spring 2012–fall 2017)

World History Caucus, Committee Chair, Department of History, University of Texas at El Paso (fall 2010–spring 2012 & fall 2016–Present)

World History Caucus, Committee Member, Department of History, University of Texas at El Paso (fall 2007–Present)

- **PRESENTATIONS**

“The Korea(s) – U.S. Relations: A Historical Korean Perspective,” at “Democracy, Peace, and Justice: Views from the Border,” A Teach-in Conference at the University of Texas at El Paso, November 8, 2107.

“The Lack of Intimacy: The History of Tongbo/Widow Village,” in panel titled “Sex and the Intimate in the 1950s: Transgressing China and Taiwan” at the Association for Asian Studies annual Conference, Seattle, WA, April 2, 2016.

“Chairman Mao’s China,” Americas High School Teaching Retreat, El Paso, TX, Mar. 15, 2016.

“Dynastic China,” Canutillo Independent School District’s Social Studies Faculty Development, El Paso, TX, Sep. 16, 2015,

- “From Tongbo Village to Widow Village—The Legacy of the Chinese Civil War,” at “The Turmoil of History: Remembering the Mid-20th Century,” sponsored by Institute of Taiwan History, Academia Sinica and The School of History, Philosophy, and Religion, Oregon State University, held at Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, May 28–29, 2015
- “5000 Years of History in One Day,” at Mercer University, Macon, GA, January 15, 2015
- “China’s Homeless Generation: Voices from the Veterans of the Chinese Civil War, 1940–1990s,” book lecture at the University of Texas at El Paso, History Department Seminar Series, March 25, 2011
- “The Homeless Generation Testifies—You Cannot Go Home Again” at the University of Texas at El Paso, History Department Seminar Series, October 17, 2008
- “The Homeless Generation: Voices from the Invisible Chinese Diaspora,” in panel titled “Asian Diasporas” at the Southwest Conference on Asian Studies, Sam Houston State University, Hunstville, TX, October 2, 2008
- “The Homeless Generation: Voices from the Invisible Chinese Diaspora,” at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, sponsored by the Confucian Institute, March 19, 2008
- “The Homeless Generation: Voices from the Invisible Chinese Diaspora,” in panel titled “Small Start, Big Difference: Taiwan vs. China” at the Southwestern Historical Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV, March 13, 2008
- “The Impact of Confucianism on Women and Families of Korea,” paper presented to Phi Alpha Theta Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, March, 2001

- **EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES**

**Textbook Reviews**

Reviewed *Frameworks of World History* by Stephen Morillo for Oxford University Press, fall 2013

Reviewed *Patterns of World History* by Peter von Sivers, Charles A. Desnoyers, and George B. Stow for Oxford University Press, fall 2011

**Articles Reviews**

Reviewed “Searching the Streets for the genius loci: A Study of Meaning and Identity in the Signs, Sounds, and Spaces of Chinatown” for *Interdisciplinary Humanities*, spring 2014

Reviewed “Humanitarian Assistance and Propaganda War: Repatriation and Relief of the Nationalist Refugees in Hong Kong” for *Journal of Chinese Overseas*, fall 2013

Reviewed “New South, New China, and the Refashioning of Womanhood” for *Interdisciplinary Humanities*, spring 2010

Reviewed “Lessons from Contemporary Korean Status” for *Interdisciplinary Humanities*, fall 2008

- **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT**

- “America and China: 150 Years of Aspirations and Encounters,” NEH Summer Seminar, Calvin College, Grand Rapid, MI, July 12–31, 2015
- “Enhancing Undergraduate Chinese Language and Culture Studies: Integrating Faculty and Curriculum Development,” Department of Education—Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program (UISFL), 2011–2014
  - “Lessons Learned Final Workshop,” UISFL and Johnson County Community College, Kanas City, KS, Apr. 25–26, 2014
  - “Contemporary China Faculty Development Program Workshop,” UISFL and the University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX, September 18, 2013
  - “Contemporary Chinese Society: A Faculty Development Institute for Building Chinese Studies,” UISFL and East-West Center, Honolulu, HI, July 1–12, 2013.
  - “Chinese Histories: A Faculty and Program Development Workshop,” UISFL and the University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX, February 18–19, 2013.
  - “On Integrating Chinese Language and Culture Studies,” UISFL and the University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX, October 7–8, 2011
  - “Chinese Culture and Humanities: a faculty development institute for building Chinese studies,” UISFL and East-West Center, Honolulu, HI, June 6–17, 2011
- “China’s Encounter with the West: Past, Present, and Future,” The 2013 Asian Studies Development Program US-China Field Seminar, Beijing, Taiyuan, Xian, & Shanghai, China, June 3–23, 2013
- “China in Africa: International Perspectives on a Developing Relationship,” New Mexico State University & Confucius Institute, Las Cruces, NM, April 23–24, 2010
- “Institute on Infusing East Asia into the Undergraduate Curriculum,” Asian Studies Development Program, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI, June 1–19, 2009
- “Evolving Relationships: The United States, Mexico and China,” New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, May 2–3, 2008
- “Himalayan Cultures Workshop,” The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX, April 10–12, 2008

- **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- American Historical Association (AHA), 2000–Present
- Association for Asian Studies (AAS), 2000–Present
- Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society), 2000–Present

- **AWARDS**

- University Research Institute Grant (\$5,420), University of Texas at El Paso, writing and research, summer 2008.
- Hung Family Fellowship (\$49,000), University of Hawaii Foundation, dissertation writing, 2003–2007

John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellowship, dissertation research, University of Hawaii at Manoa,  
spring 2003

- **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

Mandarin Chinese–native speaker

Classical Chinese–scholarly proficiency

Japanese–reading proficiency