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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Historical phonology, Chinese language, Chinese dialects, Tibeto-Burman languages,
Sino-Tibetan comparison, Asian writing systems

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Chinese Language, University of California at Berkeley, December 1998
Dissertation: "The Medial Systems of Old Chinese and Proto-Sino-Tibetan"
Committee: Pang-Hsin Ting (chair), H. Samuel Cheung, James A. Matisoff
M.A., East Asian Languages, University of California at Berkeley, December 1992
Thesis: "Notes on Consonant Cluster Endings in Archaic Chinese: A Preliminary
Reexamination of the *Ge*, *Ji*, and *Yuan* Rhyme Groups"
A.B., Mathematics, Harvard College, June 1988

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2006-present Associate Professor, University of Washington, Dept. of Asian Languages and
Literature
1999-2006 Assistant Professor, University of Washington, Dept. of Asian Languages and
Literature
2001-2002 Research Associate, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
2001-present Adjunct Professor, University of Washington, Dept. of Linguistics
1998-1999 Visiting Lecturer, University of Washington, Dept. of Asian Languages and
Literature

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

2008-2009 Chinese 496 (Fourth-Year readings in Chinese), Autumn 2008
Chinese 342/442 (The Chinese language), Winter 2009
Chinese 540 (Chinese etymology), Winter 2009
Chinese 542 (Introduction to Chinese historical phonology), Spring 2009
Asian 401 (Introduction to Asian linguistics), Spring 2009
2007-2008 *Academic Leave*
2006-2007 Chinese 496 (Fourth-Year readings in Chinese), Autumn 2006
Chinese 342/442 (The Chinese language), Winter 2007
Chinese 540 (Sino-Tibetan linguistics), Winter 2007
Chinese 531 (Mandarin phonology), Spring 2007
Asian 401 (Introduction to Asian linguistics), Spring 2007
2005-2006 Chinese 342/442 (The Chinese language), Winter 2006
Chinese 533 (Old Chinese phonology), Winter 2006

- Asian 211 (Chinese characters in Asia), Spring 2006
 Chinese 542 (Introduction to Chinese historical phonology), Spring 2006
- 2004-2005 Chinese 342/442 (The Chinese language), Winter 2005
 Asian 401 (Introduction to Asian Linguistics), Spring 2005
 Chinese 542 (Introduction to Chinese historical phonology), Spring 2005
 Asian 600 (Independent Study) - Winter 2005 (two students), Spring 2005 (three students), Summer 2005 (one student)
- 2003-2004 Chinese 202, 203 (Second-year Chinese language), head instructor
 Chinese 342/442 (The Chinese language), Winter 2004
 Chinese 542 (Introduction to Chinese historical phonology), Spring 2004
 Asian 700 (Master' s Thesis) - Autumn 2003 (one student)
- 2002-2003 Chinese 201, 202, 203 (Second-year Chinese language), head instructor
 Chinese 342 (The Chinese language), Winter 2003
 Chinese 540 (Topics in Old Chinese phonology), Autumn 2002
 Asian 600 (Independent Study) - Autumn 2002 (one student)
 Asian 700 (Master' s Thesis) - Autumn 2002 (one student)
- 2001-2002 HUMA 601o (Introduction to Sino-Tibetan Linguistics), Spring 2002
(Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)
- 2000-2001 Chinese 211, 212, 213 (Second-year Chinese language), head instructor
 Chinese 342 (The Chinese language), Autumn 2000
 Chinese 542 (Introduction to Chinese Historical Phonology), Spring 2001
 Asian 600 (Independent Study) - Autumn 2000 (two students), Winter 2001 (three students), Spring 2001 (four students)
- 1999-2000 Chinese 211, 212, 213 (Second-year Chinese language), head instructor
 Chinese 342 (The Chinese language), Autumn 1999
 Chinese 532 (Middle Chinese Phonology: Methods and Materials), Winter 2000
- 1998-1999 Chinese 211, 212, 213 (Second-year Chinese language), head instructor
 Chinese 342 (The Chinese language), Autumn 1998
 Chinese 532 (Middle Chinese Phonology: Methods and Materials), Winter 1999

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY

1995-1996 Chinese 1A, 1B (First-year Chinese language), graduate student instructor

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Fall 1988 Chinese Ba (First-year Chinese language), drill instructor

TEACHING MATERIALS

Supplementary Materials Packet for second-year Chinese; student and instructor editions.

Developed in 1999-2000 (with the help of teaching assistants) as a supplement to Integrated Chinese: Level 2, and revised quarterly since. The most recent edition comprises approximately 400 pages of errata, notes, exercises and other materials; it is being used by approximately half a dozen instructors at other institutions, and is available on the world wide web for Chinese language students and instructors: <http://faculty.washington.edu/zhandel/smp.html>.

AWARDS

- 2002 Young Scholar Award/Mantaro J. Hashimoto Award, International Association of Chinese Linguistics (for presentation at IACL-11, August, 2002)

PUBLICATIONS

- forthcoming *Old Chinese medials and their Sino-Tibetan origins: a comparative study*. Monograph series, Linguistics Institute, Academia Sinica.
- 2009 Preliminary remarks on the influence of linguistic typology on Asian sinography. To appear in *SCRIPTA* 1.1.
- 2009 Reflections on the historical origin of the Northern Min softened initials. [In Chinese] *Language and Linguistics* 10.1:1-16.
- 2008 What is Sino-Tibetan? Snapshot of a field and a language family in flux. *Language and Linguistics Compass* 2.3:422-441.
- 2007 Notes on Old Chinese bilabial dissimilation, with reference to yì 邑 ‘city’ and yōng 甕 ‘moat’. *Linguistic studies in Chinese and neighboring languages: Festschrift in honor of Professor Pang-Hsin Ting on his 70th birthday*, ed. by Dah-an Ho et al.. Pp. 1013-1033. Taipei: Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica.
- 2006 Review of *The Chinese rime tables: linguistic philosophy and historical-comparative phonology*. *Phonology* 23.3:454-458.
- 2004 Methodological considerations in the application of Tibeto-Burman comparison to the reconstruction of Old Chinese. *Studies on Sino-Tibetan languages: papers in honor of Professor Hwang-cherng Gong on his seventieth birthday*, ed. by Ying-chin Lin et al.. Pp. 603-620. Taipei: Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica.
- 2004 Tone values of the Northern Min dialects and a reconstruction of “softened initials”. *Fangyan* 2004.1:54-75. [Chinese translation by Baoxian Chen of 2003 *Language and Linguistics* article.]
- 2004 The *-i-/*-ji- distinction in the Old Chinese reconstruction system of Li Fang-kuei. *Journal of Chinese Linguistics* 32.2:179-199.
- 2004 Review of *A study of Sangkong*. *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area* 27.1:111-142.
- 2004 The use of *jin* 今, *yi* 翌, and *lai* 來 as time demonstratives with *ganzhi* dates in the oracle-bone inscriptions. *Meaning and form: Essays in Pre-Modern Chinese grammar*, ed. by K. Takashima and S. Jiang. Pp. 57-75. LINCOM Studies in Asian Linguistics 55. München: Lincom Europe.
- 2003 Review of *A study of Rouruo*. *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area* 26.1:141-161.
- 2003 A concise introduction to Old Chinese phonology. Appendix to the *Handbook of Tibeto-Burman phonology: system and philosophy of Sino-Tibetan reconstruction*, by James A. Matisoff. Pp. 543-574. University of California Press.
- 2003 Ingush inflectional verb morphology: a synchronic classification and historical analysis with comparison to Chechen. In: *Current trends in Caucasian, East European and Inner Asian linguistics: Papers in honor of Howard I. Aronson*. (Current Issues in Linguistic Theory, 246.) Dee Ann Holisky and Kevin Tuite, eds. Pp. 123-175. John Benjamins.
- 2003 Northern Min tone values and the reconstruction of “softened initials”. *Language and Linguistics* 4.1:47-84.

- 2002 Proto-Lolo-Burmese velar clusters and the origin of Lisu palatal sibilants. *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area* 25.1:95-112.
- 2002 Rethinking the medials of Old Chinese: Where are the *r*'s? *Cahiers de Linguistique Asie Orientale* 31.1:3-32.
- 2001 Review of Simmons: *Chinese Dialect Classification: A comparative approach to Harngjou, Old Jintarn, and Common Northern Wu*. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 121.4:658-660.
- 1996 Introduction to *Phonological inventories of Tibeto-Burman languages* (STEDT Monograph #3), ed. by Ju Namkung. Berkeley: Center for Southeast Asia Studies, University of California.
- 1994 Review of A dictionary of the northern dialect of Lisu (China and Southeast Asia). *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area* 17.1:141-154.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2008 Preliminary remarks on the influence of linguistic typology on Asian sinography. 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society Western Branch. Portland, October 24-25.
Towards a comparative study of sinographic writing strategies in Korean, Japanese, and Vietnamese. SCRIPTA (First International Conference of the Hunminjeongeum Society). Seoul, October 9-10.
Linguistic typology and the adaptation of Chinese writing to the indigenous languages of Vietnam, Korea, and Japan: a preliminary investigation. 41st International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. London, September 18-21.
English words with Chinese etymologies 論漢語來源的英語詞. Invited presentation for Colloquium Series on Chinese Dialects and Regional Culture, Hanyang University, Hanyang University, Seoul. May 6.
- 2007 A brief overview of the Baxter and Baxter-Sagart systems of Old Chinese. Invited presentation for The First International Symposium on Chinese Regional Culture and Language, Hanyang University, Seoul. November 30.
Old Chinese reconstruction: methodological issues and practical application to the interpretation of manuscript texts. Invited presentation for China Before Print Workshop, University of Chicago. February 16.
- 2006 Sorting through competing reconstructions of Old Chinese. Invited presentation at special workshop "The Current State of ST/TB Reconstruction". 39th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. Seattle, September 14-17.
- 2005 The etymology of *yì* 'city' and *yōng* 'moat'. Symposium on Old Chinese. Shanghai, December 12-17.
Did *yōng* 'moat' end in *-m*?. Invited presentation. Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica, Taiwan. December 11.
Invited chair for session on "Origin of Language / Phylogenetics". Ninth Annual Chinese-American Frontiers of Science Symposium. Xiamen, November 2-4.
The etymology of *yì* 'city' and *yōng* 'moat'. 38th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. Xiamen, October 28-31.

- Examples of text recitations in the old reading tradition of Xingtian Township, Wuyishan County, Fujian [in Chinese]. 9th International Min Dialects Conference, Fuzhou, October 25-27.
- Reconstructing the pronunciation of Old Chinese - and beyond. University of Washington Department of Asian Languages and Literature colloquium. February 22.
- 2004 Excavating the dawn: a case study of the origins of the ancient Chinese lexicon. University of Washington Department of Linguistics Colloquium. December 3.
- “Dawn” words in Old Chinese: a case study of the Old Chinese lexicon. 37th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. Lund, October 1-3.
- The application of Old Chinese phonology to textual problems: degrees of (un)certainly. Invited keynote address: 2004 University of Washington Asian Languages and Literature Graduate Student Colloquium in Asian Studies. Seattle, May 22.
- 2003 Northern Min tone values and the reconstruction of softened initials [in Chinese]. 8th International Min Dialects Conference, Haikou, November 9-13.
- Methodological considerations in Old Chinese and Middle Chinese. Symposium on Middle Chinese and Old Chinese phonology. Chicago, May 10.
- Examples of text recitations in the old reading tradition of Xingtian Township, Wuyishan County, Fujian. Meeting of the American Oriental Society. Nashville, April 4-7.
- Dialects, orthographies, business, and technology: The Chinese linguistic conundrum. Presentation at symposium Beyond the grove of academe: Asian languages, public policy, and the public interest. Seattle, March 13.
- Issues in Old Chinese reconstruction: methodology and practical application. Invited talk, Cornell University Department of Asian Studies. March 7.
- The reconstruction of “softened initials” in the Northern Min dialects of Chinese based on tone pitch patterns. University of Washington Department of Linguistics Colloquium. January 10.
- 2002 Methodological considerations in comparative Sino-Tibetan and the reconstruction of Old Chinese pronunciation. 35th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. Tempe, November 7-10.
- Chinese dialect fieldwork. University of Washington Department of Asian Languages and Literature colloquium. October 23.
- Northern Min tone values and the reconstruction of “softened initials”. (Young Scholar Award finalist.) 11th International Association of Chinese Linguistics conference, Nagoya, August 20-22.
- The *-i-/*-ji- distinction in the Old Chinese reconstruction system of Li Fang-kuei. Li Fang-Kuei Centennial Symposium, Seattle, August 15-17.
- Fieldwork in Fujian province: process and results. Hong Kong University Linguistics Seminar, April 30.
- 2001 Proto-Lolo-Burmese velar clusters and the origin of Lisu palatal sibilants. 34th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. Kunming, October 24-28.

- The use of *Jīn*, *Yì*, and *Lái* as time words with *gānzǐ* dates in the oracle bone inscriptions. 4th International Conference on Classical Chinese Grammar. Vancouver, August 15-17.
- 2000 The problem of medial *yod* in Chinese/Tibeto-Burman comparisons and the monophthongization of glide + vowel sequences in Early Old Chinese. 9th International Conference on Chinese Linguistics. Singapore, June 26-28.
- 1999 Rethinking the medials of Old Chinese: Where are the *r*'s? 32nd International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. Urbana-Champaign, October 28-31.
- 1997 A snake in the grass: an exploration of a slippery Sino-Tibetan etymon. 30th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. Beijing, August 24-28.
- The role of ablaut in the Ingush verbal system. 10th International Conference on non-Slavic languages of the former Soviet Union. Chicago, May 8-11.
- 1995 Issues in the periodicization of Old Chinese. 29th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. Leiden, October 10-13.
- 1992 Notes on consonant cluster endings in Archaic Chinese. 25th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. Berkeley, October 14-18.

SERVICE (UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON)

DEPARTMENT

- 2008-2009 Chinese Program Coordinator
Teacher Certification Representative (Chinese)
Development Committee
Responsible for transfer credits for Chinese language and literature study abroad
Primary organizer of intensive summer language program at Sichuan University
- 2007-2008 *Academic Leave*
- 2006-2007 Associate Chair
Chinese Program Coordinator (with Chris Hamm)
Web Page and Computer Advisory Committee (chair)
Development Committee
Responsible for transfer credits for Chinese language and literature study abroad
- 2005-2006 Chinese Program Coordinator (with Chris Hamm)
Chinese Language Program Revision Committee (chair)
Web Page and Computer Advisory Committee (chair)
Overseas Language Study Committee (chair)
Development Committee
Responsible for transfer credits for Chinese language and literature study abroad
- 2004-2005 Chinese Program Coordinator (with Chris Hamm)
Overseas Language Study Committee
Web Page and Computer Advisory Committee
Outreach Committee
Responsible for transfer credits for Chinese language and literature study abroad

- 2003-2004 Overseas Language Study Committee (chair)
 Korean Lecturer Search Committee (chair)
 Web Page and Computer Advisory Committee
 Development Committee
 Chinese Lecturer Search Committee (*ex officio*)
 Responsible for transfer credits for Chinese language and literature study abroad
- 2002-2003 Overseas Language Study Committee (chair)
 Graduate Admission and Fellowships Committee
 Ad hoc Department Web Page Committee
 Responsible for transfer credits for Chinese language and literature study abroad
 TA workshop panel discussion panelist: non-native language teaching. March.
 Student Committees: Chris Dakin, Mei-huang Lee, Kyoung-ok Noh
- 2000-2001 Computer Committee (chair)
 TA Training Committee
 Organized and ran TA orientation, Sept. 19, 2000
 Overseas Language Study Committee
 Four-city tour of language teaching programs in China, Sept. 2-15
 Responsible for transfer credits for Chinese language and literature study
 abroad
 Chinese Lecturer Search Committee
 Student Committees: Timothy Miller, M.A. December (chair), Yeow-Chong Wu,
 Kening Li (linguistics)
- 1999-2000 Computer Committee (chair)
 TA Training Committee
 Overseas Language Study Committee
 Chinese Lecturer Search Committee
 Ad-hoc Committee on TA Policy Revision
 Led project to thoroughly revise and redesign the department web site
 (<http://depts.washington.edu/asianll/>)
 Devised a series of new course numbers (CHIN 145, 245, 345, 395, 445, 495) to
 facilitate credit transfer for students engaged in study abroad

UNIVERSITY

- 2008-2009 East Asia Center Advisory Committee
 UW representative to Inter-University Board for Chinese Language Studies
 UW representative to Oregon University System Chinese Study Abroad board
- 2007-2008 *Academic Leave*
- 2006-2007 Dean's Global Citizens Task Force
 East Asia Center Advisory Committee
 UW representative to Inter-University Board for Chinese Language Studies
 UW representative to Oregon University System Chinese Study Abroad board
- 2005-2006 Faculty Senate Representative
 East Asia Center Advisory Committee
 UW representative to Inter-University Board for Chinese Language Studies
 UW representative to Oregon University System Chinese Study Abroad board

- 2004-2005 Faculty Senate Representative
East Asia Center Advisory Committee
UW representative to Inter-University Board for Chinese Language Studies
UW representative to Oregon University System Chinese Study Abroad board
- 2003-2004 China Program Fellowship Committee
East Asia Center Advisory Committee
World Languages Day presentation (“How to Write Chinese Characters”)
UW representative to Inter-University Board for Chinese Language Studies
UW representative to Oregon University System Chinese Study Abroad board
- 2002-2003 East Asia Center Advisory Committee
UW representative to Inter-University Board for Chinese Language Studies
UW representative to Oregon University System Chinese Study Abroad board
- 2000-2001 Inspection and evaluation tour of UW-affiliated language programs in China:
CIEE Beijing, CIEE Nanjing, CIEE Shanghai, CET Harbin, OUS/CUN Beijing,
IUP Beijing
UW representative to Oregon University System Chinese Study Abroad board
World Languages Day presentation (“How Chinese Characters Work”) and event
(“Skits by first- and second-year Chinese students), March 2
- 1999-2000 UW representative to Inter-University Board for Chinese Language Studies
UW representative to Oregon University System Chinese Study Abroad board
Representative to International Faculty Council exploratory meetings with visiting
delegations from Tsinghua University (Beijing) and Sichuan University
(Chengdu)

PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

- 2009-2010 CIEE Chinese Language Advisory Board member
Director, Li Fang-Kuei Society for Chinese Linguistics (through 2011)
Washington State Confucius Institute Education Advisory Board member
Member editorial board: *Bulletin of Chinese Linguistics*
Member editorial board: *Yuyanxue Wenxuan* 《语言学文选》
Member editorial board: *Yuyanxue Yilin* 《语言学译林》
Member editorial board: *SCRIPTA* (Journal of the Hunminjeongeum Society)
- 2008-2009 CIEE Chinese Language Advisory Board member
Director, Li Fang-Kuei Society for Chinese Linguistics (2008-2011)
Member editorial board: *Bulletin of Chinese Linguistics*
Member editorial board: *Yuyanxue Wenxuan* 《语言学文选》
Member editorial board: *Yuyanxue Yilin* 《语言学译林》
- 2007-2008 CIEE Chinese Language Advisory Board member
International Association of Chinese Linguistics Board Member (2006-08)
2006-08)
President, Washington Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa (U of Washington)
Member editorial board: *Bulletin of Chinese Linguistics*
- 2006-2007 Principal Organizer, 39th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages
and Linguistics
International Association of Chinese Linguistics Board Member (2006-08)

CIEE Chinese Language Advisory Board member
Organizing Committee, 18th North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics
Vice President, Washington Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa (U of Washington)
Member editorial board: *Bulletin of Chinese Linguistics*

2005-2006 CIEE Chinese Language Advisory Board member

2004-2005 CIEE Chinese Language Advisory Board member