

# PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

## East Asian Studies

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### PROGRAM AND DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

#### New Graduate Students:

**John Alekna** (HIS) is a student of twentieth-century Chinese social and political history with a concentration on the Republican period from 1911-1949. His current research concerns transnational civil society groups and protests movements in 1920s China. Born and raised in Boston, he received his A.B. in East Asian Studies and Government from Dartmouth College in 2010 and his M.Phil. in Modern Chinese Studies from Oxford in 2014.

**Vinicius de Aguiar Furuie** (ANT) was born in Brazil where he earned his B.A. at the University of Sao Paulo. While working in journalism, he received an M.A. at the University of Tokyo writing mainly about social movements and political groups after the Fukushima disaster. He is now a first year Anthropology student currently looking at intersections of politics and body in Japan and Brazil.

**Megan Gilbert** (EAS) earned her B.A. in East Asian Studies at Yale University, attended the Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies in Yokohama and Tunghai University Chinese Language Center in Taichung, and worked for a game design company in Tokyo. She studies medieval Japanese history, particularly the Muromachi era, and plans to focus on the ways that cultural capital and social bonds worked to create political power and legitimacy.

**Soojung Han** (EAS) received two B.A. degrees: one in Chinese Language and Literature from Ewha Womans University and the other in East Asian History from Seoul National University. Soojung completed her M.A. at Seoul National University with a focus on the relations of the Northern Dynasties and nomads, and their influence on the imperial women in medieval China. Her main interests include early and medieval Chinese history and China's relations with surrounding states during this time. She is also interested in the roles and influence of imperial women.

**Ziyao Ma** (EAS) received his M.A. in Chinese history from Columbia University, where he

did his master's thesis on the technical aspects of the civil service examinations from the Song Dynasty onwards. He will forward his research in his Ph.D. studies by focusing on the interaction between classical learning and the literary discourses in late imperial China, with a broader interest in the intellectual interconnection of the Inner Asian and the East Asian world. Upon finishing his summer Japanese language training at the Inter-University Center in Yokohama, Ma is now looking forward to new challenges and inspirations at Princeton.

**Connor Mills** (HIS) grew up in North Dakota and graduated from Yale University with a B.A. in History in 2011. He took time off to work at the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington, D.C., before returning to Yale in 2013 for an M.A. in East Asian Studies. His research interests center on the postwar intersection of Japanese and United States history during the Occupation and the Korean War.

**Diana Stanescu** (POL) was born and raised in Bucharest, Romania. She came to the United States to pursue her undergraduate studies at Mount Holyoke College, where she obtained a B.A. in International Relations and East Asian Studies. During her undergraduate career, she studied abroad and conducted research in China and Japan, experiences that refined her understanding of the Northeast Asian security environment in general, and of how domestic politics influence and constrain Japanese politics in particular. At Princeton, she intends to focus on the International Relations field, in order to create a framework that can comprehensively portray the security dynamics of postwar East Asia, by examining Japan's security options and choices.

**Hanna Waight** (SOC) is an incoming student in the Sociology department with theoretical interests at the nexus of economic and cultural sociology, currently thinking about the construction of the labor markets during China's economic transition, the role of quantified measures in educational and research organizations in China, and possibly cross-national comparisons of these processes between China and other developing economies.

She comes from a Chinese studies background, having completed a BA and MA in East Asian Studies, both at Harvard University, and post-graduate language study at Yunnan University in Kunming. Her previous research concerned Chinese higher education, especially its examinations and post-socialist restructuring of university organization.

**Luke Waring** (EAS) Originally from Bristol, England, Luke holds a B.A. in Chinese Studies from the University of Manchester and an M.A. in East Asian Studies from Yale. He is a student of early Chinese literature with a particular focus on poetry and historiography, although he also maintains interests in traditional Chinese fiction and drama. He is excited to be joining the East Asian Studies community at Princeton, and to be working with so many wonderful students and scholars.

**Shengyu Yang** (EAS) was born and raised in Dalian, China, but received his undergraduate and two graduate degrees in Hong Kong. Shengyu is a student of Late Imperial History of China, specializing in socio-economic history in post-1800 Qing Dynasty. Regionally, his focus is on Jiangnan, or the Lower Yangzi. Shengyu is also interested in Neo-Confucianism, China's historical and contemporary interactions with the West/Japan, and Tibet. He looks forward to new challenges and opportunities at Princeton.

#### New Staff:

**Jeffrey Heller** joined the East Asian Studies administrative team on September 1 as our Data and Project Coordinator; a new term position in EAS. Jeff will be compiling data from various University sources to design a database that allows simplified access to sensitive information and more efficient report preparation. Jeff will also be working closely with the Department Manager on projects tied to the academic calendar. Heller has a background in database and graphic design, a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts, and a strong customer service mind-set that comes from his years of experience as a computer trainer.

## New Faculty and Visitors:

### Faculty:

**He Bian** (HIS/EAS) is a historian of late imperial/early modern China, specializing in the history of medicine and society. Before joining the Princeton faculty, she received her BS degree from Peking University, MS from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and most recently, PhD in history of science from Harvard University. At Princeton, she will teach introductory courses in modern East Asian history and early modern China, as well as graduate seminars on Ming-Qing history. She is currently preparing a book manuscript based on her dissertation, "Assembling the Cure: *Materia Medica* and the Culture of Healing in China, 1550-1800."

**Franz Prichard** (EAS) studies the literature, visual media and critical thought of contemporary Japan. He is interested in the provocative forms of exchange across works of criticism, fiction, film and photography that offer vivid new perspectives on the worldwide experience of urban becoming. He received his PhD in the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures at University of California, Los Angeles (2011). Prior to arriving at Princeton, he was a postdoctoral fellow at the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies at Harvard University, and taught at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

**Erin Huang** (EAS/COMP LIT) joins East Asian Studies and Comparative Literature as an Assistant Professor. She received her Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from the University of California, Irvine (2012), and taught at New York University before coming to Princeton. Her research focuses on twentieth century and contemporary literary, acoustic and visual cultures, with special emphasis on China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Singapore. She is currently working on her book manuscript, entitled *Capital's Subjects: Chinese Cinemas, Urban Horror, and the Limits of Visibility*, where she examines the relationship between economic globalization and urban horror in post-1980s Chinese film cultures.

### Lecturers:

**Wei Gong** (CHI) will join us in spring 2015 as Chinese lecturer.

**Eunjung Ji** (KOR) obtained her Ed. M. in applied Linguistics from Teachers College, Columbia University, and an MA in TESOL from New York University. Ji has extensive experience teaching Korean at various levels. Before joining Princeton University, she worked as a lecturer at the department of Asian and Asian American Studies at Stony Brook University, and at the department of East Asian Studies at NYU. She also taught Korean at the Korea Society in NY.

**Fang Zhou** (CHI) was born and raised in Sichuan, China. She earned her B.A. from Beijing International Studies University and obtained her M.A. in Language Education from New York University. Prior to coming to Princeton University, she was employed by American Language Institute at NYU and taught in the Princeton in Beijing (PiB) program in the summer of 2013.

### Visitors:

**Yu-Yu Cheng** (EAS) will join us in spring 2015 as a Visiting Professor. Professor Cheng is a professor of Chinese literature at National Taiwan University. She has published numerous books, written dozens of papers and has been the recipient of over a dozen awards, including Fulbright Award; the National Science Council's 36th Annual Award Taiwan for International Research; and a NSC Outstanding Research Award.

**Adam P. Liff** (CWP) is a postdoctoral fellow in the Princeton-Harvard China and the World Program. He specializes in international relations of East Asia, with a focus on Chinese and Japanese security policy and the U.S. role in the region. Adam's publications include peer-reviewed articles in *International Security*, *The China Quarterly*, and *Journal of Strategic Studies*; analytical pieces for *Foreign Policy*, *The National Interest*, *Asian Forum*, *The Diplomat*, *PacNet*, *Asia-Pacific Bulletin*, among others; and several book chapters in edited volumes. He has held research affiliations at Peking University, University of Tokyo, Harvard Kennedy School, University of Virginia, Stanford University's PKU Center, Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE), and RAND Corporation. Adam holds a B.A. from Stanford University, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Politics from Princeton University.

**Michihito Kojima** (WWS) is a Visiting Professional Specialist at the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance in the Woodrow Wilson School. He was a former senior advisor for WTO (world Trade Organization) Affairs in the Customs and Tariff Bureau of Japan's Ministry of Finance, in particular being engaged in the intensive negotiation on the recently-concluded Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA).

**Thomas Nimick** (EAS) is an Associate Professor in the Department of History at West Point who has focused his research on local administration in Ming dynasty China. His book *Local administration in Ming China: the changing roles of magistrates, prefects, and provincial officials* (2008) explored how Ming local administration assumed its mature form. He is currently participating in a joint project to provide a descriptive bibliography of handbooks for officials in imperial China. He is also working on a history of the Presbyterian mission in Ningbo China from its beginning in 1844 through 1865. Ph.D. Princeton University.

**Wei Qian** (EAS) a professor of history of Science and technology, is the director of the Institute of Historical Metallurgy and Materials at University of Science and Technology Beijing. He got his doctoral degree of history of science and technology of USTB China (2001), and was a Mellon Fellow in Cambridge (2005-2006). He was selected to be a Fulbright Visiting Scholar (2014-2015) in Princeton University. For his Fulbright program, he is going to find out more details of the influence of Chinese ironworkers on early American smelters in the 18th century, and the technological transmission of metallurgy from America to China before mid-20th century.

**Yuki Seidler** (EAS) specializes in Public Health and Health Sociology in the East and Southeast Asian context. She is particularly interested in how midwifery in Japan, Europe (especially Austria) and the US influences the experiences and well-being of overseas Japanese women who give birth in contemporary western urban settings. She will spend her year at Princeton conducting document analysis and interviewing Japanese women who have given birth in and around Princeton in recent years. The research in Princeton is part of her PhD thesis project that she currently pursues at the Medical University of Vienna. Her previous research includes a comparative study of Japanese and Chinese mothers' postnatal experiences in Vienna, Austria. She holds degrees from Chuo University (Tokyo), Australian National University and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She is a lecturer at the University of Vienna, Department of Development Studies.

**Jing Tao** (CWP) specializes in Chinese foreign policy, international law and organization, and East Asian security. During the CWP fellowship, she will work on a book manuscript based on her dissertation entitled "Sovereignty Costs and Selective Delegation: China's Approach to Legalized Dispute Resolution in International Treaties." This project uses different types of "hard laws" with legalized dispute settlement mechanisms to examine the depth of China's socialization in international legal regimes and the changes and continuities of China's approach to state sovereignty. She holds double B.A. degrees in International Relations and Economics, an M.A. degree in International Relations from Peking University, and a Ph.D. degree in Political Science from Cornell University.

**Royall Tyler** (EAS) will join us in the spring 2015 semester as a Visiting Professor. Royall received his B.A. in Far Eastern Languages from Harvard and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia University. Royall has taught at Ohio State University, the University of Wisconsin, and he retired from the Australian National University. He has received numerous awards, including Fulbright and Japan Foundation grants, the Japan-U.S. Commission Translation Award for his rendition of *The Tale of Genji*.