

# Curriculum Vitae

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Early Chinese History and Excavated Manuscripts  
Law, Governance, and Social Practice in Early Imperial China  
Gender, Kinship, and Household Authority  
Digital Humanities and Historical GIS

Doctoral Dissertation: Family Life in Mid-Eastern Han Changsha: A View through the May First Square Manuscripts (90–112 CE)

## SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2025 – 2027 Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship  
2024 Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship  
2018 – 2021 Grad Excellence Award, McGill University  
2019 Totten Grad Award, McGill University  
2016 Chinese Classical Philology Scholarship 中國古文獻學獎學金, Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China  
2015 Social Work Award, Peking University  
2014 Outstanding Student, Peking University  
2013 National Scholarship 國家獎學金, Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China  
2012 National Scholarship 國家獎學金, Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China

## PUBLICATIONS AND FORTHCOMING WORK

Wen, Ruoxuan. 2027. "White Gold across the Seas: Fujian Objects in Dresden." in *Die maritime Seidenstraße und die chinesisch-europäischen Kulturbeziehungen*, edited by Liu Yue. Berlin: De Gruyter. (Forthcoming)

Wen, Ruoxuan. 2026. "Between Duty and Blood: The Dilemma of Revenge in Han Dynasty Legal Conflicts," *Oriens Extremus*, vol. 62, 53–69.

Sengupta, R., Vankeerberghen, G., **Wen, R.**, Rao, J., & Chen, Y. 2023. "GIS-enabled historiography to determine travel routes during the Western Han period via agent-based models and least-cost path analysis". *Transactions in GIS*, 27, 1090–1103.

Wen, Ruoxuan. 2014. "Ethnic Relations in Naxi Ancestral Myths: Structure and Transformation" 試論納西族始祖神話中的族群關係及神話之結構與轉化. *Guo Xue (Chinese Studies) 國學集刊*, 1, 523–549.

## INVITED TALKS

- Jan. 26, 2026, “Fire-Related Entries from the May First Square Manuscripts: Translation, Commentary, and Discussion 五一廣場簡火災相關條目選譯”, Early Chinese Legal Documents Workshop, **University of Notre Dame (online)**
- Nov. 28, 2025, “The Significance of the May First Square Manuscripts for Understanding Eastern Han Society,” Invited Lecture in *Chinese Literary Classics* 中國文學典籍, Sichuan University
- May 13, 2025, “Tracing Lives and Afterlives in Eastern Han Changsha”, Institut für Sinologie, **Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Germany**
- Apr. 24, 2025, “From Soil to Script: The Residential World of Eastern Han Changsha 從泥土到簡牘：五一廣場簡中的東漢長沙居住世界”, Research Institute for the Humanities, **Chinese University of Hong Kong (Online)**
- May 22, 2024, “Unearthing Family Dynamics: Insights from the May First Square Manuscripts”, Research Institute for the Humanities, **Chinese University of Hong Kong**
- Dec. 15, 2022, “Unearthed Documents from May First Square Manuscripts (Focus on Wooden Boards No.156, 197 and 209)”, **Tsinghua University (Online)**
- Nov. 19, 2021, Co-Presenter, “Representing the Mobility of Historical Agents through Digitization and Topographic Path Finding: The Diary of Shi Rao (d. 10 BCE)”, **University of Notre Dame (Online)**

## CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Jun. 18 – 19, 2027, **Panel Organizer** and Presenter, “From Norms to Practice: Law and Local Governance in Qin and Han China 從規範到實踐：秦漢法律與地方治理”, **The 7th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Chinese Law and History**, Wuhan, China (Forthcoming)
- Jul. 21 – 25, 2026, “Beyond Patriline: Women’s Property and Household Authority in Eastern Han Changsha”, **The 26th Biennial Conference of the European Association for Chinese Studies**, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice, Italy.
- Apr. 6 – 7, 2026, “Subtle Acts of Queer Agency in 1980s Hong Kong: Silence, Resistance, and the Struggle over Memory”, **Conference: Queer Identities in East and Southeast Asia**, The University of Edinburgh, UK
- Nov. 19 – 24, 2025, “White Gold across the Seas: Fujian Objects in Dresden”, Workshop: **Die maritime Seidenstraße und die Chinesisch-deutschen Kulturbeziehungen**, Xiamen University, China
- Jun. 30 – Jul. 2, 2025, “Between Duty and Blood: The Dilemma of Revenge in Han Dynasty Legal Conflicts”, **Workshop: Repay Resentment with Straightforwardness? Exploring Revenge in the Chinese Context**, KU Leuven, Belgium
- Apr. 3 – 4, 2025, “Governing the Margins: Local Administration and Security in the Expanding City of Changsha (90-112 CE, China)”, **Workshop: The Ancient World between City and Countryside: Interactions, Contrasts, and Continuities**, Münchner Zentrum für Antike Welten, Germany
- Mar. 13 – 16, 2025, “The Household in Jeopardy: Criminal Cases and Family Reactions in the Eastern Han”, **Association for Asian Studies 2025 Annual Conference**, Columbus, Ohio, USA
- Jun. 18, 2024, “Family Structure, Legal Implications, and Governance in Eastern Han

Changsha: A Study Based on the May First Square Manuscripts”, **Canadian Historical Association Annual Meeting**, Congress 2024 of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Montreal, Canada

Sep. 12 – 13, 2023, Co-author, “Retracing of Historical Routes Using Agent-Based Models: An Example from the Western Han Period of Chinese History”, **GIScience 2023**, Leeds University, UK

## RESEARCH PROJECTS AND FIELDWORK

- 2019 – present **Core Team Member, “Mapping Western Han Nobles”**  
McGill University & Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin  
Funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada  
Developing high-resolution dynamic maps of sociopolitical change in the Western Han dynasty by integrating historical and archaeological data with GIS and Agent-Based Modeling (ABM), with a focus on year-by-year transformations in elite networks and territorial administration.
- 2014 – 2018 **Research Projects in Classical Chinese Literature and Philology**  
Center for Ancient Chinese Classics & Archives, Peking University  
Participated in textual research, collation, proofreading, and compilation for projects on Song-dynasty poetry, literary collections, and Confucian classics, including *Supplement and Corrections to Quan Song Shi* 全宋詩補正, *Study on the Editing and Publication of Song-Dynasty Literary Collections* 宋人別集編刻研究, and *Collection and Annotated Study of Lost Song-Dynasty Works on the Confucian Classics* 宋代經學佚著輯考匯釋.
- 2015 **Historical and Archaeological Fieldwork in Northwestern China**  
Peking University  
Undertook intensive field-based study at archaeological sites, research institutes, and archaeological institutions across Shaanxi and Gansu, including Han imperial tombs and palace sites, the Mogao Caves, and frontier passes and beacon sites.

## LANGUAGES

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| English                      | German (B1, actively improving) |
| Mandarin & Classical Chinese | French (B1, actively improving) |
| Cantonese                    | Japanese (reading)              |