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## **Education**

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**2021 –** Ph.D. Candidate, History, University of California, Santa Barbara

Advisor: Anthony Barbieri

Working Title for Dissertation:

*Living Borderlands: Gendered Agents, Imperial Mobility, and Material Networks in the Power Struggles of Han and Roman Empires*

**2019** M.A. in Archaeology, University College London, London, UK

**2018** B.A. in Archaeology, Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, China

## **Research Interests**

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Early China and Imperialism, Comparative China/Rome/Persia studies, Ancient Contact and Exchange, Gender, Lived Experience

## **Publications**

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“Periphery as Core: Han’s Nanyue Kingdom” (invited contribution to *Postcolonialism in Global Antiquity*; revised manuscript submitted following peer review)

“Imperial Families and the Gendered Politics of Empire” (invited for a Special Series for *Greece and Rome*, draft in progress)

Sun Yat-Sen University South China Sea Archaeology Research Center and Inner Mongolia Institute of Cultural Relics and Archaeology. 2019. "Excavation Brief of the Shikouzi Site in Jungar Banner, Inner Mongolia Region" (内蒙古自治区准格尔旗石口子遗址发掘简报). *Wenwu Chunqiu* (文物春秋) 2019(1): 5–48. DOI:10.13635/j.cnki.wwcq.2019.01.005. Yacong Qiu: Contributed to excavation, data analysis and documentation.

## **Presentations and Invited Talks**

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### **2025**

“Periphery as Core: The Nanyue Kingdom, Palmyra, and Arsacid Parthia.” Paper presented at the *Borderlands Colloquium: Ancient History and Classics Colloquium*, University of California, Santa Barbara. May 2025.

“Dynamics of Imperial Family and the Gendered Politics of Empire: A Comparison of early Roman and Han Empires.” Invited paper presented at the conference *Kin and Clan in Roman Antiquity: New Perspectives on the Roman Family*, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles. February 2025.

### **2024**

“Astrologers and Occultists in the Courts of Rome and Han.” Paper presented at *Archaeological Institute of America/Society for Classical Studies 2024 Joint Annual Meeting*, Chicago. January 2024.

### **2023**

“The Imperial Tour: A Ruling Strategy in the Han and Roman Empires.” Paper presented at *Association for Asian Studies 2023 Annual Conference*, Boston. March 2023.

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## **Teaching Experience**

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### ***Instructor***

#### **2025**

HIST 184A History of China (Summer 25)

### ***Teaching Assistant***

#### **2026**

HIST 4A Ancient Mediterranean (Winter 26)

#### **2025**

WRIT W6R Rome the Game (Fall 25); ARTHI 6H Arts of the Ancient Americas (Spring 25); HIST 2B World History, 1000-1700 (Winter 25); WRIT W6R Rome the Game (Fall 25)

**2024**

WRIT W6R Rome the Game (Summer 24); HIST W 2A World History (Summer 24); HIST 4C Modern Europe (Spring 24); HIST 2B World History, 1000s to 1800s (Winter 24)

**2023**

WRIT W6R Rome the Game (Fall 23); HIST W 80 Chinese Civilization (Summer 23); HIST 4A Global Rome (Spring 23); HIST 2B World History, 1000s to 1800s (Winter 23)

**2022**

HIST 4A Ancient West Asia (Fall 22)

**Awards and Grants**

**2025** Chinese Studies Research Accelerator Award, Graduate Division, University of California, Santa Barbara

Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant, Department of History, University of California, Santa Barbara

Graduate Student Travel Grant, Graduate Student Association, University of California, Santa Barbara

**2024** East Asia Center Graduate Student Support Award, East Asia Center, University of California, Santa Barbara

**2023** Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant, Department of History, University of California, Santa Barbara

Graduate Student Travel Grant, Graduate Student Association, University of California, Santa Barbara

**2021-22** Department of History Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara

**Other Professional Experience**

**Summer 2017 Sun Yat-Sen University Undergraduate Summer Internship, China**

Research Intern

- Conducting field investigation in Zhejiang, Jiangxi and Fujian provinces and collecting archaeological reports.

**2016-2017** **Shaanxi Institute of Archaeology**, Xianyang, Shaanxi, China

Intern

- Cleaning and processing unearthed materials from Shang Dynasty to Han Dynasty
- Assistance with cataloguing and digitalizing finds and preparing reports

**Fall 2016** **Archaeological Team of Sun Yat-Sen University**, Ordos, China

Intern

- Conducting archaeological excavation under supervision
- Cleaning and cataloguing findings and writing archaeological reports.

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**Language:** Cantonese (native); Mandarin (native); English (proficient); Japanese (elementary); French (reading knowledge); German (reading knowledge); Latin (reading knowledge)