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Education and Training

2019 – 2023: PhD, School of History and the National Centre of Biography, Australian National University

My thesis was a group biography of Australian journalists in early twentieth century China who worked for the Chinese government as advisers. It used biographical methodologies to unify the political and imperial histories of China with media history and the history of Australia and China. In it, I charted the transitions of my subjects from journalist to adviser, including an informal stage where they acted as both, revealing the means by which journalists become involved in politics. My supervisors were Dr Samuel Furphy at the National Centre of Biography, Dr Shuge Wei at the Centre for China in the World, Professor Nicholas Brown at the ANU School of History and Professor Christine Wallace at the University of Canberra School of History. I was awarded my PhD in December 2023.

2017: Certificate IV in TESOL from the University of New South Wales Institute of Languages (UNSWIL)

My training and experience as an English as a Second or Other Language Teacher have provided a grounding in andragogy and a more detailed understanding of the English language. The former proved an excellent basis on which to build my skills as an educator, the latter an enormous benefit to my writing.

2012–2016: Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Science (BLaS, Honours) from the University of Sydney. Major in History, minor in the History and Philosophy of Science

My Bachelor's Degree was intended to provide a grounding in analytical thinking, including both logic, ethics, and statistical analysis, while offering a wide range of subjects for study. In addition to History and the History and Philosophy of Science, I enrolled in units on Geology, Astronomy, IT, and the Chinese Language. I received high distinctions in units on the Middle Ages, Bioethics, and the History and Philosophy of the Biomedical Sciences. I received distinctions in Analytical Thinking, the History of Chinese Civilisation, the Renaissance and Reformation, a History of Information, Twentieth-Century China, Writing History, the History and Philosophy of Psychology and Psychiatry, and Russian History, among others. I was awarded Honours Class I for my thesis 'A Pacifist's Point: William Warder Cadbury, His Mission in Canton, and Public Health Initiatives 1909–1937' on a medical missionary in early twentieth century China.

Prizes and Awards

February 2020 – 2022: Visiting scholar fellowship, State Library of New South Wales

June 2020: Awarded the Copyright Agency Bursary for the 2021 Australian Historical Association Conference, including mentorship by Dr Benjamin Mountford

Publications

Journal Articles

'Our Friends the Chinese': Australian Advisers and Images of China in the World Wars', *History Australia* (Pending publication).

'Intersections of Empire: George Morrison, the British Empire, and Japan', *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* (Pending publication).

'Sympathetic or Sinister? Representations of China in George Ernest Morrison's *An Australian in China*' *ANU History Journal II* no. 2 (2020).

Conference Papers

'From reporting the revolution to selling it: G. E. Morrison and the Journalist-Adviser Spectrum' AHA Conference 2023, Australian Catholic University.

'"Our Friends the Chinese:" George Morrison, Harold Timperley, and Chinese propaganda in Australia' AHA Conference 2022, Deakin University.

'"China's no. 1 White boy[s]:" charting the reputations of Chinese Morrison and Donald of China' Journey into History Conference 2022, University of Sydney.

'Journalists and Advisers in China: George Ernest Morrison and William Henry Donald in the Xinhai Revolution' Hawaii International Conference on China Studies 2022, University of Hawai'i.

'Pressing On: Treaty Port Journalist-advisers and "Donald of China"' Port Towns and Urban Cultures Workshop 2022, University of Portsmouth.

['Australians in and of China: the Legends and Legacies of "Chinese" Morrison and "Donald of China"' New Historians Conference 2021, Victoria University of Wellington](#) (presented online due to Covid-19).

'China's "Flying Wedge:" Australian Journalist-Advisers and China's entry into the First World War' Australian Historical Association (AHA) Conference 2021, University of New South Wales.

'Harold John Timperley and the Making of the Nanjing Massacre' New Historians Conference 2020, Victoria University of Wellington.

'Individuality in Group Biography: Three Australians and Two World Wars in China' University of Sydney Postgraduate Conference 2019, University of Sydney.

Non-academic publications and presentations

['Australian Journalists in China's 1911 Revolution' State Library of New South Wales Scholar Talk, 7 September 2021.](#)

['Book Review: Pride in Defence – The Australian Military & LGBTI Service Since 1945' *Australian Outlook* 14 December 2020.](#)

['Advisers and Outcasts: Australian Journalists in China' *Australian Outlook*, 26 November 2020.](#)

Employment

October 2023 – Present: Funded historian, State Library of New South Wales (SLNSW)

Currently undertaking a research project into the George Ernest Morrison Collection, SLNSW, as part of a research grant awarded to SLNSW by the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations

August-September 2023: Visitor Services Officer, Powerhouse Museum

2022 – 2023: Tutor, University of Sydney

Chinese History (Coordinator: Andres Rodriguez): Semester 2 2020

The Great Qing (Coordinator David Brophy): Semester 2, 2022

Revolutionary Europe (Coordinator David Brophy): Semester 2 2023

July 2019 – 2023: Tutor, Australian National University

Terror to Terrorism (Coordinator: Ben Mercer): Semester 2 of 2019, 2021, and 2023

The Cold War (Coordinator: Nicholas Brown), Semester 2 2022

June 2021: Research Assistance for Dr Marama Whyte

Digitising archival material at the State Library of New South Wales for a research project on feminist publications

August – December 2018 ELICOS Teacher, Sunshine Coast International College, Sydney

August 2017 – February 2018: ELICOS Teacher, Mercury Colleges Sydney

Other activities:

May 2022 – May 2023: student ambassador, the China Project

April 2022 – Present: coordinator, ANU History HDR reading group

2019: Social Media Co-coordinator, National Centre of Biography

November 2019: Peer Review, *History in the Making*

August 2019: Peer Review, *ANU Undergraduate History Journal*