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EDUCATION

Ph.D. - ANCIENT WORLD

Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University

May 2025

- Chinese archaeology and history
- Complex society; Urban and state formation; Political economy; Ceramic technology; Cooperation and collective action; Archaeology of discourse
- Advisor: Roderick Campbell (NYU)
- Committee members: Ethan Harkness (NYU), Federico Caro (MET), Camilla Strum (Barnard College), Sebastian Heath (NYU), Ling Qin (Peking U)

M.Phil.- ANCIENT WORLD

Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University

May 2022

- Areas of focus: Chinese archaeology and cultural heritage management; Chinese history and social memory; Ceramic analysis (scientific application)

M.A.- ARCHAEOLOGY

Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Boston University

January 2018

- Project Title: Resource and Social Identity: Jade Usage in the Neolithic Liangzhu Culture, China, and the Modern Display and Uses of the Liangzhu Jade Artifacts. Advisors: Robert E. Murowchick, and Ricardo Elia

B.A.- TRANSLATION & INTERPRETING

Department of Translation & Interpreting, Zhejiang Normal University

June 2016

- Thesis Topic: The Translation of *Women Shall Not Rule: Imperial Wives and Concubines in China from Han to Liao*. Advisor: Lin Jiang

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER

Institut für Sinologie, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU)

December 2025 – present
Munich, Germany

Focus: Human-environment interactions, resource use, craft production, political economy and social organization in early China, especially in the Yangzi River Delta region, southeast China.

LIANGZHU CERAMIC ANALYSIS

*Zhejiang Provincial Institute of Cultural Relics and Archaeology, and
Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University*

August 2019 – present
Hangzhou, Zhejiang

Focus: Ceramic analysis of pottery assemblages from the Liangzhu Site Complex and reconstruct the production and distribution networks

- Set up ceramic catalogs
- Sample collection
- Use digital microscopy, p-XRF, b-XRF, XRD, Raman, SEM, and ICP-MS for analysis

GUANDIMIAO CERAMIC ANALYSIS

*Henan Provincial Institute of Archaeology, Columbia University,
Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University, and
Zhengzhou University*

July 2019 – present
Zhengzhou, Henan

Focus: Ceramic analysis of pottery assemblage from the Late Shang pottery production site Guandimiao.

- Set up ceramic catalogs
- Recognize production techniques
- Quantitative analysis of the pottery assemblage
- Use p-XRF and digital microscopy for analysis

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL OF URBAN HERITAGE CONSERVATION

Zhejiang University, University of Tokyo, and Chulalongkorn University

August 2018
Hangzhou, Zhejiang

Focus: Urban heritage conservation project for the Xi'xing Historical District

- A transdisciplinary project which combines history, architecture, urban planning, archaeology, economy, folklore, and museum studies
- Use archaeological remains and the concept of cultural landscape as an entry point to present the biography of a heritage

FIELD SCHOOL

UCLA, and Shaanxi Provincial Institute of Archaeology

June-July 2017
Xi'an, Shaanxi

Focus: Field excavation and research activities in the Yangguanzhai site.

- Excavated T4737-3 and T4738-1, and recorded the features and artifacts.
- Conducted primary research on site formation processes of the Yangguanzhai site using GIS.

FIELD & LAB RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Zhejiang Provincial Institute of Cultural Relics and Archaeology

June-July 2015
Yuyao & Hangzhou, Zhejiang

Focus: Field research activities in the Hemudu-culture Tianluoshan site and the Liangzhu sites.

- Edited, compiled and analyzed artifact and feature data sets of each grid with the research group.
- Recorded and classified research data in Excel.
- Performed spatial, statistical, and data analyses on artifacts, feature and environmental data.
- Recorded and systematized floral ecofacts in each cultural stratum of one grid.
- Distinguished and organized stone tools from cores and debitage.
- Organized faunal ecofacts.
- Performed analyses on jade and ivory artifacts under the instruction of the advisor.
- Utilized GPS and Excel to record the geographic distribution of features.

SOCIOLOGY RESEARCHER*Zhejiang Normal University***Focus:** Research activities about graduates' employment rate.

- Designed, edited and organized question sets in the questionnaire with the research group.
- Wrote and edited data-collecting method and analysis criteria in practical report.
- Performed statistical analyses.
- Generated gender and social background data set from overall data.
- Utilized Excel and SPSS to analyze statistics.

May 2014-June 2015

Jinhua, Zhejiang

SOCIOLOGY RESEARCHER*Zhejiang Normal University***Focus:** Sociology research activities to determine the influence of the coastal geography on local economy, trade and social stratification.

- Built the research team and determined the research topic with the group members.
- Collected and recorded data sets in Excel.
- Performed spatial, statistical, and data analyses on environmental and documentary data.
- Measured coastal influential region by map and statistics.
- Utilized Excel and SPSS to analyze statistics.

July-August 2013

Ningbo & Zhoushan, Zhejiang

PUBLICATION & CONFERENCE

Wang, Mi. 2018. *Resource and Social Identity: jade usage in the Neolithic Liangzhu culture, China, and the modern display and uses of the Liangzhu jade artifacts*. Boston University.

Wang, Mi. 2024. "Beyond Photogrammetry in Cultural Heritage Management: Three-dimensional experiences of monuments destroyed in modern conflict." In: Gabriel McKee and Daniela Wolin, eds. 2022. *Re-Rolling the Past: Representations and Reinterpretations of Antiquity in Analog and Digital Games*. ISAW Papers 22.

Suting, Li, Roderick Campbell, Andrew Womack, Camilla Sturm, Mi Wang, and Kechu Huang. 2025. "Pottery Analysis at Guandimiao: New Insights into the Rural Economy of the Anyang Period." *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports* 62, 105006.

Wang, Mi. 2025. *Unveiling Discourse and Political Economy in Neolithic Liangzhu (3300–2300 BCE): A Holistic Archaeological Study of Early Complex Societies in Ancient China*. New York University.

Wang, Mi. 2021. "From Classification, Space, and Time to Genderscape: gender and archaeology in China and revisit the genderscape of the Liangzhu Culture." SEAA Online Student Conference 2021.

Wang, Mi. 2023. "Pottery production and circulation in the Liangzhu Site Complex: preliminary results." SEAA's Archaeomaterial Studies in East Asia Conference 2023.

Wang, Mi. Trans. Forthcoming. "Brief for Excavation on the ancient paddy fields at the Shi'ao site in Yuyao, Zhejiang." *Chinese Archaeology*.

Wang, Mi. Trans. Forthcoming. "A Preliminary Study of the Urban Water Management Archaeology in the Pre-Qin Period." *Chinese Archaeology*.

Wang, Mi. 2025. "Working for His Majesty? Reconstructing the Regional Pottery Networks of the First Walled Center of Liangzhu During the Third Millennium BCE in the Yangtze River Delta, China." 90th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology.

Wang, Mi, and Yiyi Tang. 2025. "Craft Production and Food Consumption: New Perspectives on Liangzhu Socio-economic Organization Through Pottery Analysis." SEAA 10.

Wang, Mi, Minghui Chen, and Ningyuan Wang. In submission. "Ceramic Evidence for Political Economy of the Late Neolithic Liangzhu Culture in Yangzi Delta, China." *Antiquity*.

Wang, Mi. In preparation. "Capillary Functioning of Connectivity in Early Complex Society: Network Analysis of the Liangzhu Pottery."

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

TEACHING ASSISTANT January-May 2022

New York University

Spring 2022, CORE-UA 500, Cultures & Contexts: The "Silk Roads" and Central Asia

TEACHING ASSISTANT January-May 2021

New York University

Spring 2021, CORE-UA 400, Texts & Ideas: Scientific Traditions in Ancient Civilizations

TEACHING ASSISTANT July-September 2016

NewChannel Internatinal Education Group Limited

TEACHING ASSISTANT July-September 2015

BJ IELTS

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

ORGANIZER, "Beyond the Surface: Pottery as a Window into Cultural, Social, and Economic Dimensions of the Past" Session in SEAA 10 August 2025

- Participants:
Saichia Jing Cheng (Yale University)
Yitzchak Jaffe (University of Haifa)
Andrew Womack (Furman University)
Yiyi Tang (Dartmouth College)
Che-Hsien Tsai (National Taiwan University)
Ayako Shibutani (University of Tokyo)
Yoshiki Miyata (University of Tokyo)
Verónica Martínez Ferreras (Universitat de Barcelona)
Elise Luneau (German Archaeological Institute)

ORGANIZER, "Ancient World(s): Multi-disciplinary Approaches to Comparison in Ancient Studies" Workshop February 2025

- Participants:
Zoe Crossland (Columbia University)
Shannon Dawdy (Chicago University)
Sev Fowles (Barnard College)
John Hopkins (IFA, NYU)
Ellen Morris (Barnard College)
Rune Nyord (Emory Univeristy)
Michael Puett (Harvard University)
Darryl Wilkinson (Dartmouth College)

ORGANIZER, "A Longue Durée History of Pottery Technology in China" November 2024
Workshop

- Participants:

Saichia Jing Cheng (Yale University)
 Jianfeng Cui (Peking University)
 Zongxiang Fan (Peking University)
 Anke Hein (University of Oxford)
 Yitzchak Jaffe (University of Haifa)
 Ilaria Patania (Washington University in St. Louis)
 Camilla Sturm (Barnard College)
 Erica Wang (Columbia University)
 Andrew Womack (Furman University)
 Wenpeng Xu (Xiamen University)

PROJECT CO-DIRECTOR, *Liangzhu Ceramic Economy Project with Zhejiang Provincial Institute of Cultural Relics and Archaeology* 2023-Present

- Set up a working station and organize the data collection
- Take charge of the technical applications of ceramics and the associated data analysis
- Assist undergraduates from NYU and graduates from other institutions (such as Yale) setting up their workspaces
- Receive international academics who visit the Liangzhu National Archaeological Site Park

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, *AsianArc: The Asian Cultural Heritage Research Initiative at Boston University* January-June 2018

- Assisting in event (public lectures) organization
- Catalog reports and books in the research library
- Research for the history of cultural heritage management in China during the early 20th century

TRANSLATOR COORDINATOR, *Jinhua Municipal People's Government* September-November 2015

- Organize the translation for the historical-village research.
- Assist foreign students and professors in recording local oral folklore.
- Record and translate the information on local archaic Chinese buildings.

TRANSLATOR, *Women Shall Not Rule* by Prof. Keith McMahon of The University of Kansas May 2015-2016

- Communicate with Prof. McMahon and decide the specific translation unit.
- Organize the translation draft and comments from Prof. McMahon.
- Establish the glossary under the help of Prof. McMahon and the proofreader.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR, *Organization Department of the Student Union* 2012-2014

- Wrote and distributed announcements and invitation letters for events and conferences.
- Assisted staff with paper material of enrolling students.
- Scheduled presentations and arranged rooms.

CLASS MONITOR, *Zhejiang Normal University* 2012-2014

- Scheduled class activities.
- Arranged and held class meetings.
- Worked with the Student Union and the advisors to coordinate event.

VOLUNTEER DIRECTOR, *Zhejiang Normal University* 2012-2014

- Scheduled volunteer work in geracomium and hospital.
- 201-hour volunteer time over the three years.

STUDENT COORDINATOR, *Sociology Research by Zhejiang Normal University* July-August 2013

ORGANIZATIONS

Society for American Archaeology (SAA)

Society for East Asian Archaeology (SEAA)

The Association for Asian Studies (AAS)

International Council of Museums International Committee for Museums and Collections of Archeology and History (ICOM-ICMAH)

SKILLS

DATABASE MANAGEMENT/WORD PROCESSING

- MS Access
- MS Word
- SQL
- PhotoScan Pro
- Blender
- MS Excel
- SPSS
- GIS
- SketchUp
- Gephi

LANGUAGE

- Python
- Mandarin Chinese
- German
- Classical Chinese
- French
- Archaic Chinese (Oracle bone/Bronze inscription)
- Japanese
- Wu Chinese
- English
- Cantonese

EQUIPMENT

- Portable digital microscope
- Portable XRF
- Benchtop XRF
- XRD
- 3D scanning and modeling
- SEM

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Humboldt Research Fellowship for Postdocs, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation	2025-2027
GSAS Predoctoral Summer Fellowship, New York University	2024
(\$2,000 for optimizing benchtop XRF protocol for low-fired ceramics)	
Antonina S. Ranieri International Fund Scholars Grant, NYU's Center for Ancient Studies	2024
(\$1,500 for the Liangzhu Ceramic Economy Project)	
Travel & Research Fund, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World	2022-2024
(\$5,600 for the Liangzhu Ceramic Economy Project and related conference)	
Research grant, Zhejiang Provincial Institute of Cultural Relics and Archaeology	2022-2024
(\$5,200 for the Liangzhu Ceramic Economy Project)	
Conference Travel & Research Fund, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World	2019
(\$1,000 for presentation on digital approach to cultural heritage at the ASOR annual meeting)	
Antonina S. Ranieri International Fund Scholars Grant, NYU's Center for Ancient Studies	2019
(\$500 for a field trip to the late Shang Guangdimiao site in Zhengzhou, China)	
Summer Travel & Research Fund, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World	2019
(\$1,500 for the fieldwork in Guandimiao and Liangzhu)	

Best Proposal Prize of Urban Heritage Conservation, Zhejiang University & The University of Tokyo & Chulalongkorn University	2018
ISAW Fellowship, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World	2018-2024
S&J Tom Family Foundation Scholarship, Institute for Field Research (\$2,000 for field research in Neolithic Yangguanzhai site, Shaanxi, China)	2017
Graduate Fellowship in Anthropology, Binghamton University (declined)	2016
Outstanding Individual in Further Education, Zhejiang Normal University	2016
Outstanding Graduates, Zhejiang Normal University	2016
Super Achievement in Global Awareness Program with Distinction, The University of Kansas	2015
National Scholarship for Outstanding Undergraduates, Zhejiang Normal University	2013-2015
Outstanding Student Cadre, Zhejiang Normal University	2013-2014
Honor Scholarship, BJ IELTS	2014
Advanced Volunteer, Zhejiang Normal University	2014
Advanced Individual of Sociology Research, Zhejiang Normal University	2013
Excellent Student Cadre, Zhejiang Normal University	2013