Curriculum Vitae

BEVERLY BOSSLER

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley M.A. University of California, Berkeley A.B. Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Brown University

2020-present Chair of East Asian Studies, Professor of East Asian Studies and

History

University of California, Davis

2005-2020 Professor

1996-2005 Associate Professor 1992-1996 Assistant Professor

Mills College

1991-May 1992 Visiting Assistant Professor (part-time)

University of California, Berkeley

1991 Instructor (part-time)

Connecticut College

1988-1990 Blaustein Instructor of History

HONORS AND AWARDS:

	2019-2021	UC Davis Faculty Research Grant
	2018-2020	UC Davis Faculty Research Grant
	2017-2019	UC Davis Faculty Research Grant
	2016-2018	UC Davis Faculty Research Grant
	2015-2017	UC Davis Faculty Research Grant
2014-2016		lty Research Grant
2013-2014		on/ACLS Collaborative Reading Workshop Grant
2013		vis Social Science Dean's Award for Innovation in Research
	2013-2015	UC Davis Faculty Research Grant
	2012-2014	UC Davis Faculty Research Grant
	2011-2013	UC Davis Faculty Research Grant
	2010-2011	University of California Humanities Institute Research
	Seminar Awar	
	2008-2010	UC Davis Faculty Research Grant
	2007-2009	UC Davis Faculty Research Grant
	2006-2008	UC Davis Faculty Research Grant
	2003-04	U University of California President's Fellowship in the
	Humanities	2 2y 2- 2
	2000	National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for

University Teachers.

	1995-96 University of California President's Fellowship in the	
	Humanities	
	American Council of Learned Societies-Chiang Ching-kuo Fellowship	
1995	University of California, Davis, Summer Research Grant	
	1988 Appointed to Blaustein Chair for Junior Faculty in the	
	Humanities,	
	Connecticut College	
1983-84	Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship, for	
	language study in Japan	
1982-83	Committee on Scholarly Communication with the People's Republic of	
China	fellowship, for research in the PRC	
1979-82	Danforth Fellowship for graduate study	
1979	Phi Beta Kappa	

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2015 Editor, *Gender and Chinese History, Transformative Encounters*. Seattle and London: University of Washington Press.

Quan li guan xi: Song dai Zhongguo de jia zu, di wei, yu guo jia 权力关系:宋代 中国的家族、地位与国家.Authorized translation of Powerful Relations: Kinship, Status, and the State in Sung China. Jiangsu ren min chubanshe.

2013 Courtesans, Concubines, and the Cult of Female Fidelity: Gender and Social Change in China, 1000-1400. Cambridge: Harvard University Asia Center, Harvard University Press.

1998

Powerful Relations: Kinship, Status, and the State in Sung China (960-1279). Cambridge: Council on East Asian Studies Publications, Harvard University Press.

Articles/Book Chapters

2021 "Yao Mian's letters: the epistolary networks of a late Song literatus." In Hilde de Weerdt and Franz-Julius Morche, eds., *Political Communication in Chinese and European History*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2021.

With Benoit Grévin, "Comparing epistolographic practices: China and the Latin West (XIIth to XIIIth Centuries)." In Hilde de Weerdt and Franz-Julius Morche, eds., *Political Communication in Chinese and European History*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2021.

- "Sexuality, Status, and the Female Dancer: Legacies of Imperial China." In Emily Wilcox and Katherine Mezure, eds., *Corporeal Politics: Dancing East Asia*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.
- 2019 "Wives and In-laws: 'Funerary Inscription for [My Father-in-law] Mr. Zou of Fengcheng,' and 'Funerary Inscription for [My Wife] Madame Plum Mansion,' by Yao Mian (1216-1262)," in *Chinese Funerary Biographies: An Anthology of Remembered Lives*, ed.

Patricia Buckley Ebrey, Ping Yao, and Cong Ellen Zhang. Seattle: University of Washington Press.

Chapter Five, "Social Conditions of His Time" (Translations of Zhu Xi's writings on society and gender) in *Zhu Xi*, *Selected Readings*, ed. Phillip J. Ivanhoe, 93–115. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

- 2018 With Ruby Lal. "Gender Systems: The Exotic Asian and Other Fallacies" In *What China and India Once Were*, ed. Sheldon Pollack and Benjamin Elman, 93–123. New York: Columbia University Press.
- "Floating Sleeves, Willow Waists, and Dreams of Spring: Entertainment and Its Enemies in Song History and Historiography." In *Senses of the City: Perceptions of Hangzhou and Southern Song China*, 1127-1279, ed. Joseph S. C. Lam, Shuen-fu Lin, Christian de Pee, and Martin Powers, 1-24. Hong Kong: The Chinese University Press.
- 2015 "Introduction." In *Gender and Chinese History, Transformative Encounters*, ed. Beverly Bossler, 3-17. Seattle and London: University of Washington Press.
- 2014 "Men, Women, and Gossip in Song China." In *Idle Talk: Gossip and Anecdote in Traditional China*," Jack W. Chen and David Schaberg, eds. Global, Area, and International Archive, Berkeley: University of California Press.

"Song dai de wudao ji wudao guan" 宋代的舞蹈及舞姬觀 [Perceptions of Dance and Dancers in the Song Dynasty]. In *Song shi yan jiu lun wen ji* (2012)《宋史研究论文集 (2012)》 [Collected Essays on Song History], ed. Deng Xiaonan et. al. Kaifeng: Henan University Press.

Reprint: "Songdai de jiaji he qie" 宋代得家妓和妾 [Household courtesans and concubines in the Song dynasty]. In *Songdai she hui shi* 宋代社會史 [Song dynasty social history], ed. Wang Shanjun 王善軍, 286-294. Jilin: Jilin University Press.

2012 "Fantasies of Fidelity: Loyal Courtesans to Faithful Wives." In *Beyond Exemplar Tales: New Approaches to Chinese Women's Lives*, edited by Joan Judge and Ying Hu, 158-74. Berkeley, Los Angeles, London: University of California Press.

"Vocabularies of Pleasure: Categorizing Female Entertainers in the Late Tang Dynasty." *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies* 72.1 (2012): 71-99.

"Shenfen bianhua: Zhongguo Songchao yiji yu shiren"身份变化:中国宋朝艺妓与士人 [**translation** of "Shifting Identities: Courtesans and Literati in Song China."]. In Yao Ping 姚平, ed., *Dangdai xifang hanxue yanjiu jicui*, *funü shi juan* 当代西方汉学研究集萃,妇女史卷 [Highlights of Contemporary Western Scholarship on China: Women's History Volume]. Shanghai: Shanghai guji chubanshe.

2011 "Zhencao de xiang xiang: cong zhen ji dao jie fu"貞操的想像:從貞妓到節婦 [translation of "Fantasies of Fidelity: From Loyal Courtesans to Faithful Wives"]. In You Jianming 游鑑明, Hu Ying 胡纓, and Ji Jiazhen 季家珍, eds., *Chong du Zhongguo nüxing sheng ming gushi* 重讀中國女性生命故事 [Beyond Exemplar Tales: Women's Biography in Chinese History]. Taipei, Taiwan: Wu-Nan Book Inc.

Reprint: "Cheng-Zhu lixue yu funü shou jie zhi zai taolun 程朱理学与妇女守节之再讨论 [Cheng-Zhu Neo-Confucianism and Female Fidelity: A Reassessment]. In Fudan daxue wenshi yanjiu yuan and Zhonghua shuhu bianji bu, eds., *Fudan wenshi jiangtang* 復旦文史講堂, no. 4, 29-53.

2010 "Hoku Sō chishikijin kaisō no shakai seikatsu ni okeru kagi no yakuwari ni kan suru kōsatsu—so no kanōsei to genkai 北宋知識人階層の社会生活における家妓の役割にかんする考察一その可能性と限界" [An investigation of the role of household courtesans in the lives of Northern Song Literati: Possibilities and Limitations]. In 都市文化研究 [Studies in Urban Cultures] vol. 12:113-24.

Reprint: "Teisei Chūgoku ni okeru jendashi kenkyū no hohoron—ShuKi no TōChūyū kokuhatsu jiken wo rei toshite"帝政中国におけるジエンダー史研究の方法論一朱熹の唐仲友告発事件を例として一 [Methods for the Study of Gender in Imperial China—Zhu Xi's Indictment of Tang Zhongyou as a case study]. In Takatsu Takashi 高津孝, trans., Chūgokugaku no pasupekutebu: kagauku, shupanshi, jenda 中国学のパースペクティブ: 科挙・出版史・ジェンダー [Perspectives on Chinese Studies: Science, History of Publishing, Gender]. Tokyo: Bensei Publications.

Reprint: "Teisei Chūgoku ni okeru jendashi shiryō"帝政中国におけるジェンダー史資料 [Review Essay: Sources for the Study of Gender in Imperial China]. In Takatsu Takashi 高津孝, trans., Chūgokugaku no pasupekutebu: kagauku, shupanshi, jenda 中国学のパースペクティブ: 科挙・出版史・ジェンダー [Perspectives on Chinese Studies: Science, History of Publishing, Gender]. Tokyo: Bensei Publications.

2008 "Gender and Entertainment at the Song Court." In Anne Walthall, ed., *Servants of the Dynasty, Place Women in World History*. Berkeley, Los Angeles, London: University of California Press, 261-279.

"Cheng-Zhu lixue yu funü shou jie zhi zai tao lun"程朱理学与妇女守节之再讨论 [Cheng-Zhu Neo-Confucianism and Female Fidelity: A Reassessment] In *Fudan daxue wenshi yanjiu xueshu tongshun* 复旦大学文史研究院学术通讯 [Newsletter of the National Institute for Advanced Humanistic Studies, Fudan University] 2008:3, 13-15.

2007 "Teisei Chūgoku ni okeru jendashi kenkyū no hohoron—ShuKi no TōChūyū kokuhatsu jiken wo rei toshite" 帝政中国におけるジエンダー史研究の方法論一朱熹の唐仲友告発事件を例として— [Methods for the Study of Gender in Imperial China—Zhu Xi's Indictment of Tang Zhongyou as a case study]. In 大坂市立大學東洋史論叢 [Journal of Osaka City University Asian History], Special Issue # 3 (December 2007): 171-85.

"Teisei Chūgoku ni okeru jendashi shiryō" 帝政中国におけるジェンダー史資料 [Review Essay: Sources for the Study of Gender in Imperial China]. In 大坂市立大學東洋史論叢 [Journal of Osaka City University Asian History], Special issue on 文献資料学の新たな可能性(2)[New Possibilities in Documentary Studies (2)] (June, 2007): 83-98.

2004 "Song-Yuan mu zhi zhong de 'qie' zai jia ting zhong de yi yi ji qi li shi bian hua"宋元墓 誌中的「妾」在家庭中的意義及 其歷史變化 ['Concubines' in Song and Yuan funerary inscriptions], *Dongwu li shi xue bao* (Soochow Journal of History) 12 (December, 2004): 95-128.

- "Gender and Empire: A View from Yuan China." *Journal of Medieval and Early Modern Studies* 34.1 (Winter): 197-223.
- "Songdai de jiaji he qie"宋代的家妓和妾 [Household courtesans and concubines in the Song dynasty] in Zhang Guogang 张国刚, ed., *Jiatingshi yanjiu de xinshiye* 家庭史研究的新视野 (New Perspectives on Family History), 206-217. Beijing: Xinzhi san lian shu dian.
- 2003 "Faithful wives and heroic maidens: Politics, Virtue, and Gender in Song China" in Deng Xiaonan 鄧小南, ed., *Tang Song nüxing yu shehui* 唐宋女性與社會 [Tang-Song Women and Society], 751-784. Shanghai: Shanghai ci shu chubanshe.
- 2002 "Shifting Identities: Courtesans and Literati in Song China." *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies* 62.1 (June): 5-37.
 - "Faithful wives and heroic martyrs: State, Society and Discourse in the Song and Yuan," in Chūgoku shigakkai 中国史学会, ed., *Chūgoku no rekishi sekai*, *tōgō no shisutemu to tagenteki hatten* 中国の歴史世界、統合のシステムと多元的発展 [The world of Chinese history: unified system and multifarious developments], 507-556. Tokyo: Tokyo Metropolitan University Press.
 - "Tang Song shi dai di mu zhi ci ling" 唐宋时代的墓志辞令 [The rhetoric of funerary inscriptions in the Tang and Song eras]. Translated by Xu Man 许曼. *Song shi yan jiu tong xun* 宋史研究通讯 39, 2002:1 (June, 2002).
- "Funerary writings by Chen Liang (1143-1194)" (translation with introduction) and "'Final Instructions' by Yang Jisheng (1516-1555)" (translation with introduction) in Susan Mann, ed., *Under Confucian Eyes: Texts on Gender in Chinese History*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- 2000 "'A Daughter is a Daughter All Her Life': Affinal Relations and Women's Networks in Song and Late Imperial China." *Late Imperial China* 21.1 (June): 77-106.
- 1997 "Women's Literacy in Song Dynasty China: Preliminary Inquires." In 慶祝鄧廣銘教授 九十 華誕論文集 *Qing zhu Deng Guangming jiaoshou jiushi huadan lunwenji* [Festschrift in honor of Prof. Deng Guangming's Ninetieth Birthday], 322-352. Shijiazhuang: Hebei jiaoyu chubanshe.

Book Reviews and other Essays

- 2021 Bret Hinsch, Women in Song and Yuan China. In Nan Nü 23 (2021): 357-360.
 - 2020 Jinping Wang, In the Wake of the Mongols: The Making of a New Social Order in North China, 1200-1600. In Journal of Song-Yuan Studies 49 (2020):477-483.
- 2018 Bettine Birge. *Marriage and the Law in the Age of Khubilai Khan: Cases from the Yuan dianzhang.* Cambridge Mass: Harvard University Press, 2017. In *Journal of Asian Studies* 77:4 (November 2018): 1063-1064.
 - Antje Richter, ed. *A History of Chinese Letters and Epistolary Culture*. Handbuch der Orientalistik, vol. IV.31. Leiden: Brill, 2015. In *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 138.1 (2018): 143-146.

- 2014 Clara Wing-chung Ho, ed. *Overt & Covert Treasures: Essays on the Sources for Chinese Women.* Hong Kong: The Chinese University Press, 2012. In *Journal of Chinese Studies*, 58 (Jan 2014): 338-45.
- Johnson, Linda Cooke. *Women of the Conquest Dynasties: Gender and Identity in Liao and Jin China*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i press, 2011. In Journal of Song-Yuan Studies, 42: 45-48.
 - 2009 Hilde De Weerdt, *Competition over Content: Negotiating Standards for the Civil Service Examinations in Imperial China (1127-1279).* In *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*, Volume 69, Number 1 (June 2009): 202-213.
 - 2008 Christian de Pee, *The Writing of Weddings in Middle-Period China, Text and Ritual Practice in the Eighth through Fourteenth Centuries*. In *Journal of Song-Yuan Studies*, Volume 38 (2008): 268-71.
 - Anne Gerritsen, *Ji'an Literati and the Local in Song-Yuan-Ming China*. In *Journal of Asian Studies* Volume 67, Number 3 (August 2008): 1053-55.
 - "China: Imperial China (221 BCE-1911 CE)." Article in *Encyclopedia of Women in World History*, 352-61. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2006 Patricia Buckley Ebrey and Maggie Bickford, eds., *Emperor Huizong and Late Northern Song China: The Politics of Culture and the Culture of Politics.* In Études Chinois XXV (2006): 367-375.
- "Women in the Song" Essay prepared for "The Song Dynasty" issue of the children's history publication *CALLIOPE*, *Exploring World History*, 13:4 (December 2002), 26-28.
- 2000 Su Zhecong 蘇者聪, Song dai nü xing wen xue 宋代女性文学 (Song women's literature). In Nan Nü: Men, Women and Gender in Early and Imperial China 2.1 (2000), 198-200.
- 1998 "Chance Meeting, Lasting Memories" in Patrick Hanan et al, contributors, *Wu Xiaoling Remembered*. Prague: DharmaGaia, 1998, 95-99.
- 1994 Patricia Ebrey, The Inner Quarters. In Journal of Asian Studies 53.2 (May), 529-530.
- 1987 Review essay: Richard Davis' *Court and Family in Sung China*, 960-1276. In *Bulletin of Sung and Yuan Studies* 19, 74-89.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (since 2014)

- Invited Lpeaker: Annual Wallace Johnson Memorial Lecture, University of Kansas, ""The Language of Love: Romance and Affection in Song Dynasty China." Delivered virtually, October 8.
 - Invited participant and presenter: Workshop on Tang-Song transition, Columbia University (April 4, CANCELLED).
- 2019 Invited presentation, "Household Retainers (*guan ke/men ke*) in the *Yijian zhi*." Conference on "New Perspectives on Song Sources: Reflecting upon the Past and

Looking to the Future," National Tsing Hua University, Hsin-chu, Taiwan, December 20-22.

Invited presentation: "The Culture of "Guests": Patronage and Social Interaction in Song China (960-1279), East Asian Studies Seminar, Brown University, November 19.

Presentation: "The 'Housed guest' (*guan ke*) in Song households and Society." Annual meeting of the Western Branch of the American Oriental Society, October 24.

Invited Participant: Book Manuscript Workshop, review of forthcoming manuscript by Professor Peter Bol, Harvard University, September 27th.

Invited participant: Workshop on Tang-Song transition, Princeton University, April 13.

Panelist, Roundtable: "Epitaph Writing in Chinese History: A Roundtable Discussion on Muzhiming as Primary Sources." Association for Asian Studies annual meeting, March 21-24.

2018 Invited presentation: "Biji as a window onto patronage relationships in the Song" to workshop on Biji and the Construction of Knowledge in the Song 笔记与宋人的知识建构工作坊,Fudan University, Shanghai, November 16-17.

Invited participant: Workshop on Tang-Song transition, Columbia University, April 7.

Invited presentation: "Loving Words: The Expression of Emotional Attachment in Song Dynasty China," Center for East Asian Studies Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, March 29.

Invited Presentation: "Love, Desire, Romance: Interrogating Terminology," for conference *Between Sacred and Profane: Love and Desire in Premodern China*, Holy Cross College, March 16.

2017 Invited presentation/translation, "Zhu Xi on Social Issues," for Translation Workshop on Zhu Xi, University of Utah, Oct 20-21

Presentation, "Yao Mian and the Occult," to Second Middle Period Conference on the Chinese Humanities, Leiden, the Netherlands, September 14-17

Presentation, "Two Funerary Inscriptions by Yao Mian," at Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS workshop, *Records of the Dead, Records for the Living: Reading* Muzhiming, Cal State University, Los Angeles, May 19-20

Invited Presentation: "Terms of Endearment: Expressions of 'Love' in Song China, presented to Workshop on Women and Friendship in Dynastic China, Harvard University, April 28

Invited participant: Workshop on Tang-Song transition, Princeton University, April 22.

Invited presentation: "Dance in Imperial China: The Mobile Entertainer" for conference *Dancing East Asia: Critical Choreographies and their Corporeal Politics*, University of Michigan, April 7-8

2016 Plenary talk for UC Graduate Student Conference, April 9, "The Usefulness of Gender History."

Invited talk for Women's History month, Sonoma State University, March 24: "Women's History and Changing Historical Narratives: A Case from China"

Invited presentation: "Throwing a Brick and Attracting Jade": Letters, Poems, and Social Relationships in the writings of Yao Mian (1216-1262) Prepared for the international conference "Friends of the Arts: Cultural Activities and Social Networks of the Literati during the Eleventh and Fourteenth Centuries," Chang Gung University, Taoyuan, Taiwan, June 12-13, 2015

Invited discussion with students, National Chi Nan University, Puli, Nantou, Taiwan, 6/16/15 "Studying Gender in Song China" Invited discussion with students, National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, Taiwan, 6/18/15, "Gender Transitions in Song China"

Invited presentation: "Yao Mian's letters: the epistolary networks of a late Song literatus." Presented to international conference, "Political Communication in the Medieval World, 800-1600." Royal Dutch Institute, Rome, 27-29 May

2014 "Status Negotiation in Literati Correspondence: Letters by Yao Mian (1216-1262)", presented at meeting of Western Branch of the American Oriental Society Conference, Stanford University, October 30-Nov 1

"Getting by on Gifts: Yao Mian's letters to Patrons at the End of the Southern Song," presented at "From Mandarins to Mulian, A Celebration of David Johnson's Legacy," held at UC Berkeley, October 10, 2014.

Convener, Workshop on Song Letters. Text reading workshop with international group of scholars from the U.S., U.K., China and Taiwan. Davis, CA, June 16-21. Supported by Luce Foundation/ACLS Collaborative Reading Workshop Grant.

"Patronage and Principle in Late Southern Song: Yao Mian's Letters to Court Officials," presented at Conference on Middle Period History, Harvard University, June 5-8, 2014

Discussant, Panel on "Men Writing Women in Imperial China," Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, March 27-30, 2014

2012-

2015 Invited Participant in Comparative Project on China and India, Princeton University.

SERVICE (selected)

Brown University

Chair, Department of East Asian Studies (July 2020-present)

University of California, Davis

Chair, East Asian Language and Cultures Department (2016-2018) Interim Director, East Asian Studies Program (Jan-Jun 2015)

Member, East Asian Studies Program Committee (1992-95; 1996-99; 2000-03; 2004-06; 2010-2020)

Member, Letters and Sciences Foreign Languages Committee (2013-2017) Member, Departmental Graduate Program Committee (1996-98; 2001-02; 2004-08; 2007-2016) Director, Cross-Cultural Women's and Gender History (1995-96; 2002-03; 2005-06, 2012-2014)

Participant, East Asian Languages and Cultures Department Review Committee (April, 2014)

Chair, Search Committee for China Historian (2009-10 (incomplete); 2010-2011)

Member (Campus) Faculty Personnel Committee (2007-08)

Member, (Campus) Graduate Courses Committee (2006-08)

Member, (Campus) Committee on International Studies and Exchanges (2005-07)

Member, (Systemwide) Committee on International Education (2006-07)

Professional:

Associate Editor, Journal of Chinese History (2015-present)

Editorial Board, Tang Studies (2019-2022)

Statewide Faculty Advisor, California History-Social Science Project (July 2015-June 2020)

Guest Associate Editor, Journal of Song-Yuan Studies (2017-2019)

Editorial Board, Journal of Song-Yuan Studies (2005-2018)

Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Joseph Levenson Prize Committee (2012-13; 2013-14 (Chair))

American Historical Association (AHA) Program Committee 2010-2012

Book Review Editor (with Mark Halperin), Journal of Asian Studies (2008-11)

Editor, Journal of Song-Yuan Studies (2000-03)

Referee for grant proposals to National Endowment for the Humanities; Humanities and Social Science Research Council of Canada; American Council of Learned Societies.

Manuscript reviews for *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*; *Journal of Asian Studies*; *Journal of Women's History*; *Nannü: Men, women, and gender in early and Imperial China*; *Etudes Chinois*; *Gender and History, Journal of American Oriental Society*; *Archiv Orientalni*; *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*; *Tang Studies*; *Journal of Song-Yuan Studies*; *Journal of Chinese Studies* (Hong Kong); McDougal Littell/Houghton Mifflin; Harvard University East Asia Center; Oxford University Press; Cambridge University Press; Stanford University Press; University of Washington Press; University of Hawai'i Press

Tenure and Promotion reviews for colleges and universities in the US, Europe, and Taiwan

PROFESSIONAL AFFLIATIONS

Association for Asian Studies American Oriental Society Society for Song-Yuan Studies Tang Studies Society