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### **Employment**

Associate Professor, Graduate School of Economics, Hitotsubashi University, 2020-  
Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Iowa, 2016-2020  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Research Center for Chinese Social History, Shanxi University, 2014-  
2019  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Division of Humanities, The Hong Kong University of Science and  
Technology, 2014-2015

### **Education**

Ph.D. in Humanities (Chinese History and Anthropology), The Hong Kong University of  
Science and Technology, 2014.  
Thesis: New Perspectives on Communist Land Reform: Evidence from Northeast  
China, 1946-1948.  
Supervisor: James Z. Lee.  
M.A. in Chinese Studies, University of Michigan, Center for Chinese Studies, 2008.  
B.A. in Asian Studies, minor in General Physics, University of Michigan, 2006.

### **Research Interests**

Asian Socioeconomic History – Rural society in comparative perspective  
Modern Chinese History – Rural revolution and social change  
Quantitative History – Database construction and exploratory analysis

### **Publications**

#### *Books*

Noellert, Matthew. 2020. *Power over Property: The Political Economy of Communist Land Reform in China*. University of Michigan Press.

#### *Peer-reviewed Articles*

**Noellert, Matthew** and Xiangning Li. "Beyond the Urban-Rural Divide in the Early People's Republic of China, 1949-1965." *Chinese Sociological Review* (under revision).  
**Noellert, Matthew**, Long Xing, Yingze Hu, James Z. Lee. "Equality and Growth: Changes in the Composition and Distribution of Private Property in Rural China, 1946-1966" *The China Quarterly* (revise and resubmit).

- Wang, Rui, Qianmao Zhu, **Matthew Noellert**. "Weak Rulers, Strong Rights: The Origins of Divergent Legal Institutions in Eighteenth-Century Chinese and Japanese Rice Markets." *Journal of Economic Growth* (under review).
- Xing, Long, Cameron Campbell, Xiangning Li, **Matthew Noellert**, James Z. Lee. 2020. "Education, Class and Marriage in Rural Shanxi, China in the Mid-Twentieth Century." *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 66 (April): 100460. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rssm.2019.100460>
- Zhang, Aiming, Yingze Hu, **Matthew Noellert**. 2018. "Rural Migrants and Settlement Rights in Early Twentieth-Century Shanxi: A Study of 'Class Background Registers'." *Rural China* 15(2): 249-276.
- Noellert, Matthew. 2018. 《大背景下的农村社会：1935-1966 年道备村社会经济构成初探》 ("Rural Society and Macro-History: A Study of the Social and Economic Structure of Daobei Village, 1935-1966"). 《山西大学学报 (哲学社会科学版)》 (*Journal of Shanxi University (Philosophy and Social Science Edition)*) 41(1): 43-49.

#### *Other*

- Li, Bozhong. 2021. *An Early Modern Economy in China: The Yangzi Delta in the 1820s*. Translated by Wee Kek Kon, **Matthew Noellert**, Li Bozhong. Cambridge University Press. (Translation)
- Noellert, Matthew. 2020. Review of Fuller, Pierre, *Famine Relief in Warlord China*. *Agricultural History* 94(3) (Summer): 498-500. (Review)
- Noellert, Matthew, et al. 2020. *Digital Oxford Township: A History Project in Johnson County, Iowa*. Undergraduate class research project in collaboration with the University of Iowa Digital Scholarship and Publishing Studio and the State Historical Society of Iowa. <https://dsps.lib.uiowa.edu/digital-oxford-twp/> (Website)
- Noellert, Matthew. 2018. 《中国四清阶级成分数据库—中国社会史研究中心分库用户手册》 (China Siqing Social Class Dataset – RCCSH User Guide). Postdoctoral Research Report. Shanxi University, Research Center for Chinese Social History.
- Wang, Hongbo, Shuang Chen, Hao Dong, **Matthew Noellert**, Cameron Campbell, James Z. Lee. 2013. *China Multi-Generational Panel Dataset, Shuangcheng (CMGPD-SC) 1866-1914. User Guide*. Ann Arbor, MI: Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research. <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/DSDR/studies/35292> (Public dataset user guide)
- Noellert, Matthew. 2011. "Debating Morals and the Discourse of Social Change in the Anthropology of Modern China." *Anthropological Quarterly*, 3rd ed., vol. 84: 757-767. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/41237521> (Review essay)

#### **Conference, Meeting and Workshop Presentations**

- Collectivization, Urbanization, and Occupational Mobility in Inland North China in the Mid-20th Century. Social Science History Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, USA, November 2019.
- Beyond the Household, the Village, and the Countryside: Social Relations and Boundaries in Revolutionary China, 1946-1966. Social Science History Association Annual Meeting. Phoenix, AZ, USA, November 2018.

- 中国农村集体化时期的“资本主义”——基于六十年代华北家庭收入分析 (Capitalism in Collectivized China: An Analysis of Household Incomes in the Mid-1960s). Conference on History from Shanxi. Shanxi University, Taiyuan, China. September 2018.
- Capitalism and Collectivism in the Chinese Countryside: A Study of 1960s Microdata. Social Science History Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada, November 2017.
- Equality and Growth: Changes in the Composition and Distribution of Wealth in Rural China, 1946-1966. 2nd Research Forum on Global and Transnational History, Shandong University. Jinan, China, January 2017.
- Equality and Growth: Changes in the Composition and Distribution of Wealth in Rural China, 1946-1966. Social Science History Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, USA, November 2016.
- Equality and Growth: Changes in the Composition and Distribution of Wealth in Rural China, 1946-1966. Conference on Rural Collectivization in China and Eastern Europe: Equality and Growth. Shanxi University Research Center for Chinese Social History and the HKUST School of Humanities and Social Science. Taiyuan, China, August 2016.
- Education, Class and Marriage in Rural Shanxi, China in the Mid-20th Century (Co-presenter). 68th Annual Meeting of the Population Association of Japan. Reitaku University, Kashiwa, Japan, June 2016.
- 平等中的不平等：集体化时代山西省农村财富分配初探（1946-1966）(Inequality within Equality: A Preliminary Analysis of the Distribution of Wealth in Collectivization-era Rural Shanxi, 1946-1966). Conference on Data, Perspectives, Methods: Multi-disciplinary Dialogue and Reflections in Contemporary Chinese History Research. Shanxi University Research Center for Chinese Social History. Taiyuan, China, November 2015.
- Communist Land Reform and the Redistribution of Rural Wealth: Evidence from Northeast China, 1946-1948. XVIIth World Economic History Congress. Kyoto, Japan, August 2015.
- 1935-1966 年间山西农村社会经济构成初探：以平遥县道备村为例 (A Preliminary Analysis of Rural Shanxi's Socioeconomic Structure, 1935-1966: The Case of Daobei Village, Pingyao County). Conference on A New People, Land, and Nation: Rethinking the History, Culture, and Thought of the Establishment of the PRC. Beijing Contemporary History Reading Group, Inter-Asia School. Beijing, China, April 2015.
- New Perspectives on Communist Land Reform: Evidence from Shuangcheng County, Heilongjiang, 1946-1948. Joint HKUST-UCLA Workshop on Rewriting the Past: Historical Big Data and a Scholarship of Discovery. The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Hong Kong, June 2014.
- New Perspectives on Communist Land Reform: Evidence from Shuangcheng County, Heilongjiang, 1946-1948. Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA, USA, March 2014.
- 中国东北土地改革与地方政府：以 1947 - 1949 年的黑龙江省双城县为例 (Land Reform and Local Government in China's Northeast: The Case of Shuangcheng County, Heilongjiang, 1947-1949). International Conference on Land Reform and Rural Chinese Society. Shanxi University Research Center for Chinese Social History.

Taiyuan, China, August 2013.  
Global Contexts and Local Texts of Revolution: Land Reform in Shuangcheng County, 1946-1948. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA, USA, November 2012.  
Imperialism, Colonialism, Communism: State Recording and State Making in Northeast China, 1900-1949. Social Science History Association Annual Meeting. Vancouver, BC, Canada, November 2012.

### **Research Grants**

The Composition and Distribution of Household Incomes in Twentieth Century Rural China (PI). Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) KAKENHI Grant Number 21K13332. ¥3,100,000 JPY in direct costs. 2021-2024.  
Between the Old and the New: Marriage in Rural China During the Middle of the 20th Century (Co-I). Hong Kong Research Grants Council General Research Fund 16600017. \$1,143,500 HKD in direct costs. 2017-20.  
Fanshen Revisited: New Perspectives on Land Reform and Rural Collectivization in North China, 1945-1965 (Co-I). Hong Kong Research Grants Council General Research Fund 16602315. \$410,000 HKD in direct costs. 2015-18.

### **Honors, Awards, Fellowships**

Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS Program in China Studies Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2017-18.  
China Postdoctoral Science Foundation Fellowship, 2014-16.  
Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme, 2010-14.  
University of Michigan Center For Chinese Studies Masters Endowment Award, 2006-08.  
PRC Chinese Language Fellowship, 2007.

### **Teaching**

#### *Graduate*

Asian Economic History  
History Research Methods  
Analysis and Interpretation in Quantitative Historical Social Science (Co-instructor)  
Big Data and New Methods in Chinese Social History: Collection, Transcription, Analysis (Co-instructor)  
A New History for a New China, 1700-2000: Comparative Perspectives on Inequality (Co-instructor)

#### *Undergraduate*

Introduction to Economic History  
Special Issues in Economic History (Historical Data and Methods)  
Economic History B (Chinese Rural Economy History)  
Twentieth Century China  
Civilizations of Asia: China  
Digital History Workshop

## **Professional Activities and Service**

### *Invited Talks*

Power over Property: The Political Economy of Communist Land Reform in China. Economic Development Workshop/CEI Seminar. Hitotsubashi University Institute of Economic Research. November 12, 2021.

Power over Property: The Political Economy of Communist Land Reform in China. China Colloquium Series. Council on East Asian Studies at Yale University. March 30, 2021.

### *Conference Activities*

Organizer, Session on The Other Road to Modernity: Comparative Perspectives on Communist Land Reform and Collectivization. Social Science History Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada, November 2017.

Co-organizer, Conference on Rural Collectivization in China and Eastern Europe: Equality and Growth. Shanxi University Research Center for Chinese Social History and the HKUST School of Humanities and Social Science. Taiyuan, China, August 2016.

Co-organizer, Session on Wealth Inequality in East Asia from the Eighteenth to the Twentieth Century. XVIIth World Economic History Congress. Kyoto, Japan, August 2015.

Organizer, Session on Local Practices of Regime Change: New Findings and New Interpretations of the Chinese Communist Revolution. Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, USA, March 2014.

### *Hitotsubashi University*

Global Leaders Program Steering Committee, Faculty of Economics, 2021-2023.

### *University of Iowa*

Graduate Student Aid and Awards Committee, 2019.

Fulbright U.S. Student Program Campus Review Committee, 2018-19.

### *Community Outreach*

National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, CHINA Town Hall, Invited Lecture, Muscatine, Iowa, 2018.

## **Languages**

English

Mandarin Chinese

Classical Chinese

Modern Japanese

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