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Work Experience

Currently:

--accredited China correspondent for *The New York Times*, also free-lance for *New York Review of Books*, *New Yorker*, *National Geographic* and *New York Times Magazine*.

--instructor, The Beijing Center, teaching accredited university course on Chinese religion and society.

--advising editor, *The Journal of Asian Studies*.

--Senior Policy Fellow, Mercator Institute of Chinese Studies, Berlin.

January 2006 to April 2010: senior correspondent, *The Wall Street Journal*.

March 2001 to December 2005: Germany bureau chief, *The Wall Street Journal*.

Oversaw ten reporters covering European economics and politics.

January 1997 to March 2001: reporter, acting China bureau chief, *The Wall Street Journal*. Oversaw five reporters covering China.

August 1994 to January 1997: Beijing bureau chief, Baltimore's *The Sun*.

August 1992 to August 1994: New York bureau chief, Baltimore's *The Sun*.

September 1989 to August 1992: Free-lance correspondent in Berlin. Covered fall of Berlin Wall, German unification.

Education

M.A., Freie Universität Berlin, Chinese Studies (Sinologie), 1993.

Intermediate and advanced German language study, 1988-89, Berlin.

Advanced Chinese language, 1986-88, Taipei.

B.A., University of Florida, interdisciplinary in Asian Studies and Journalism, 1985. Included six months at Peking University.

Awards/Fellowships

2014 Asia Society, citation for excellence, series on Chinese urbanization.

2013 Alicia Patterson fellowship. Writing grant for work on religion/values.

2011 Open Society Fellowship. Project on religion and civil society in China.

2007 Nieman Fellowship at Harvard University. Work on religion, civil society.

2004 German Marshall Fund, Peter R. Weitz Prize, series on trans-Atlantic ties.

2001 Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting (China coverage).

2001 Overseas Press Club award for foreign reporting (China coverage).

2000 Society of Professional Journalists award for foreign reporting (China).

1997 Overseas Press Club. Team award for coverage of Asian financial crisis.

Languages

Fluent in Chinese and German. Proficient in French.

Books/Chapters

"The Presence of the Past in China," in: *Oxford Illustrated History of China*, Jeffrey Wasserstrom, ed. (forthcoming, 2015)

"The North Peak," in: *Chinese Characters: Profiles of Fast-Changing Lives in a Fast-Changing Land*. Angilee Shah and Jeffrey Wasserstrom, eds. Berkeley: University of California Press, September 2012, p. 15-24. Excerpted in full on The Asia Society's site ChinaFile: <http://www.chinafile.com/north-peak>

"Deng's Heyday," in: *My First Trip to China: Scholars, Diplomats and Journalists Reflect on their First Encounter with China*. Kin-ming Liu, ed. Hong Kong: Muse Books, November 2012, p. 282-292.

A Mosque in Munich: Nazis, the CIA and the Rise of the Muslim Brotherhood in the West. (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, May 2010). Translated into French, Italian, German and Indonesian.

Wild Grass: Three Portraits of Change in Modern China. (Pantheon, 2004, Vintage/Penguin 2005). Translated into Korean, Japanese and Chinese.

Other

Speaking: Numerous public talks at universities, foreign relations groups, chambers of commerce and bookstores, as well as radio and television appearances. Topics include China (especially search for values, religion, politics, stability, reform), Islam in Europe, non-fiction writing, and problems in journalism.

Personal: Born in Montreal, Canada. U.S. and Canadian citizenship.