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Born: June 2, 1934
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Education

Cornell University, 1952-53
University of Chicago, 1953-55
(B. A., 1955)
Harvard University, 1955-1960
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Languages

French, Chinese, Japanese

Grants, Awards, Honors

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 1980-81

CHOICE Outstanding Academic Book (***DISCOVERING HISTORY IN CHINA***) (1984-85)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 1986-87

John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, 1986-87

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 1994

1997 New England Historical Association Book Award (***HISTORY IN THREE KEYS***)

1997 John K. Fairbank Prize in East Asian History, American Historical Association (***HISTORY IN THREE KEYS***)

HISTORY IN THREE KEYS chosen as alternate selection by History Book Club (1997)

Special Forum: Reflections on Paul A. Cohen's Contribution to Chinese Historical Studies (a roundtable at the 2007 Association for Asian Studies annual meeting, subsequently published in *The Chinese Historical Review*, Fall 2007)

Academic Positions

University of Michigan, 1962-63 (Visiting Lecturer)

Amherst College, 1963-65 (Assistant Professor)

Wellesley College, 1965-2000 (Associate Professor, 1965-1971; Edith Stix Wasserman Professor of Asian Studies and History, 1971-2000; Emeritus, 2000-)

Other Positions and Affiliations

Associate, John King Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, 1965-

Board of Directors, Association for Asian Studies, 1976-79

Member, Joint Committee on Contemporary China, 1977-1980

Associate, The China Council (of the Asia Society), 1979-

Member, National Committee on United States-China Relations

Member, Executive Committee, Fairbank Center, 1980-

Acting Director, Fairbank Center, summer 1981, summer, 1982

Member, China Scholars Coordinating Committee, 1989-90

Member, Board of Editors, *China Review International*, 1994-

External Consultant, History Department, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2000-02

Member, Advisory Board, Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences, 2004-

Adviser, Society for Cultural Interaction in East Asia, 2012-

Publications

Books

CHINA AND CHRISTIANITY: THE MISSIONARY MOVEMENT AND THE GROWTH OF CHINESE ANTIFOREIGNISM, 1860-1870 (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1963) (2nd printing, 1967; 3rd printing, 1977)

BETWEEN TRADITION AND MODERNITY: WANG T'AO AND REFORM IN LATE CH'ING CHINA (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1974) (paperback reprint, with new preface, by Harvard Council on East Asian Studies, 1987) (PRC Chinese translation published by Jiangsu Renmin Chubanshe, Nanjing, 1994)

REFORM IN NINETEENTH-CENTURY CHINA, coedited with John E. Schrecker (Cambridge, Mass.: East Asian Research Center, Harvard University, 1976) (2nd printing, 1979)

REPORT ON THE YOUNG AMERICAN POLITICAL LEADERS DELEGATION TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (New York: National Committee on United States-China Relations, 1977) (2nd printing, January 1978)

DISCOVERING HISTORY IN CHINA: AMERICAN HISTORICAL WRITING ON THE RECENT CHINESE PAST (New York: Columbia University Press, 1984) (paperback ed., 1985; second paperback ed. with new preface copyrighted by author, 1996; reissued in 2010 [cloth and paper] with new introduction copyrighted by author, 2010). (Japanese translation published by Heibonsha, Tokyo, 1988; PRC Chinese translation published by Zhonghua Book Company, Beijing, 1989; expanded edition published by Zhonghua in 2005; two different Taiwan Chinese translations, one published by Daoxiang Publishing Co., Taipei, 1991, the other by Lianjing Publishing Co., Taipei, 1991; Korean translation published by Sansae Publishing Co., Seoul, 2003)

IDEAS ACROSS CULTURES: ESSAYS ON CHINESE THOUGHT IN HONOR OF BENJAMIN I. SCHWARTZ, coedited with Merle Goldman (Cambridge, Mass.: Council on East Asian Studies, Harvard University, 1990)

FAIRBANK REMEMBERED, cocompiled with Merle Goldman (Cambridge, Mass.: Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University, 1992) (PRC Chinese translation published by Dongfang Chuban Zhongxin, Shanghai, 2000)

HISTORY IN THREE KEYS: THE BOXERS AS EVENT, EXPERIENCE, AND MYTH (New York: Columbia University Press, 1997) (paperback ed., 1998) (PRC Chinese translation published by Jiangsu Renmin Chubanshe, Nanjing, 2000)

CHINA UNBOUND: EVOLVING PERSPECTIVES ON THE CHINESE PAST (London: RoutledgeCurzon, 2003)

SPEAKING TO HISTORY: THE STORY OF KING GOUJIAN IN TWENTIETH-CENTURY CHINA (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2009) (paperback ed. published in 2010)

THE POWER OF STORY AND POPULAR MEMORY: SIX COUNTRIES IN CRISIS (forthcoming, to be published by Columbia University Press)

Articles, Chapters, and Shorter Writings (excluding book reviews)

"Missionary Approaches: Hudson Taylor and Timothy Richard," ***PAPERS ON CHINA***, 11:29-62 (1957)

"The Hunan-Kiangsi Antimissionary Incidents of 1862," ***PAPERS ON CHINA***, 12:1-27 (1958)

"The Anti-Christian Tradition in China," ***JOURNAL OF ASIAN STUDIES***, 20.2:169-180 (Feb. 1961) (reprinted in Jessie Lutz, ed., ***CHRISTIAN MISSIONS IN CHINA: EVANGELISTS OF WHAT?*** [Boston: Heath, 1965])

"Some Sources of Antimissionary Sentiment during the Late Ch'ing," ***JOURNAL OF THE CHINA SOCIETY***, 2:1-19 (1962)

"Wang T'ao and Incipient Chinese Nationalism," ***JOURNAL OF ASIAN STUDIES***, 26.4:559-574 (1967)

Wang T'ao's Perspective on a Changing World," in Albert Feuerwerker et al., eds., ***APPROACHES TO MODERN CHINESE HISTORY*** (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1967)

"Ch'ing China: Confrontation with the West, 1850-1900," in James Crowley, ed., ***MODERN EAST ASIA: ESSAYS IN INTERPRETATION*** (New York: Harcourt Brace and World, 1970)

Foreword to Sidney A. Forsythe, ***AN AMERICAN MISSIONARY COMMUNITY IN CHINA, 1895-1905*** (Cambridge, Mass.: East Asian Research Center, Harvard University, 1971)

"Europe Goes East," in Arnold Toynbee, ed., *HALF THE WORLD: THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF CHINA AND JAPAN* (London: Thames and Hudson, 1973) (American ed.: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1973; German ed.: George Westermann Verlag, 1974; French ed.: Elsevier Sequoia, Bruxelles, 1976; Dutch ed.: Amsterdam Boek, 1977)

"Littoral and Hinterland in Nineteenth-Century China: The 'Christian' Reformers," in John K. Fairbank, ed., *THE MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE IN CHINA AND AMERICA* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1974)

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"The New Coastal Reformers," in Paul A. Cohen and John E. Schrecker, eds., *REFORM IN NINETEENTH-CENTURY CHINA* (Cambridge, Mass.: East Asian Research Center, Harvard University, 1976)

Feature article on recent developments in China, *BOSTON GLOBE*, July 31, 1977

"Christian Missions and Their Impact to 1900," in John K. Fairbank, ed., *THE CAMBRIDGE HISTORY OF CHINA*, Vol. 10 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1978) (Taiwan translation: Nantian Shuju, Taipei, 1987; Korean translation: Seamulgyul Publishing House, 2007)

"Sino-American Relations, 1850-1900," in *THE HISTORICAL PRECEDENTS FOR OUR NEW RELATIONS WITH CHINA* (Washington, D. C.: The Wilson Center, Occasional Paper No. 7, 1980)

"Meiguo de Zhongguo jindaishi yanjiu" (Research on modern Chinese history in America), *LISHI YANJIU* (Historical research), 1980, No. 2, pp. 85-88

"Modern History" (coauthored with Merle Goldman), in Anne F. Thurston and Jason Parker, eds., *HUMANISTIC AND SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH IN CHINA* (New York: Social Science Research Council, 1980), pp. 38-60

"Meiguo yanjiu Qingmo-Minchu Zhongguo lishi de xin dongxiang" (New directions in American historical scholarship on late Qing and early Republican China), *FUDAN XUEBAO* (Fudan journal), 1981, No. 6, pp. 73-84

"Meiguo yanjiu Qingmo-Minchu Zhongguo lishi de xin dongxiang" (New directions in American historical scholarship on late Qing and early Republican China), in Cai Shangsi et al., eds., *LUN QINGMO-MINCHU ZHONGGUO SHEHUI* (Essays on late Qing and

early Republican Chinese society) (Shanghai: Fudan Daxue Chubanshe, 1983), pp. 317-357 [fuller treatment of *FUDAN XUEBAO* piece bearing same title]

"Sinological Shadowboxing: Myers and Metzger on the State of Modern China Studies in America," *REPUBLICAN CHINA*, 9.1:5-10 (Oct. 1983)

"The Quest for Liberalism in the Chinese Past: Stepping Stone to a Cosmopolitan World or the Last Stand of Western Parochialism?--A Review of *THE LIBERAL TRADITION IN CHINA* by Wm. Theodore de Bary," *PHILOSOPHY EAST AND WEST*, 35.3:305-310 (July 1985)

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"Lijie guoqu de san tiao tujing: Zuowei shijian, jingyan he shenhua de Yihetuan" (Three pathways toward understanding the past: The Boxers as event, experience, and myth), *SHIJI HANXUE* (World sinology), 1 (May 1998): 122-132

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and development of the China-centered approach: Transcript of interview with Professor Paul A. Cohen), *SHILIN*, 4 (Nov. 2002): 32-42

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"Humanizing the Boxers," in Robert Bickers and R.G. Tiedemann, eds., *THE BOXERS, CHINA, AND THE WORLD* (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2007), pp. 179-97

"Epilogue: Thoughts in Response," pp. 204-208, in "Forum: Reflections on Paul A. Cohen's Contributions to Chinese Historical Studies," *CHINESE HISTORICAL REVIEW* 14.2 (Fall 2007): 179-211

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International Dialogue" conference (Ontario, Canada, August 2009)

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