

Zihao He Curriculum Vitae

I am a PhD researcher trained in history and religious study with special interests in the issue of religious violence and Chinese Christianity.

Key Skills: historical studies, archival studies, interpersonal relationship building, teamwork, necessary tech skills, data collection, data analysis, Chinese-English translation.

Zihao He

PhD Candidate in World Christianity

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Education

PhD Candidate in World Christianity

The University of Edinburgh

September 2022- present

Thesis Title: Heavenly Mandate, Demonology, and Great Peace: The Role of Theology in the Violence of the Taiping Rebellion. Conducting qualitative research, with methods such as text analysis, archival studies, and contextual theology.

Master of Study in Study of Religions (Christianity and Islam), with Merit

University of Oxford (Trinity College)

September 2021- July 2022

Dissertation Title: Counterculture and Christianity: An Analysis of the Jesus People Movement from a Secularization Perspective

(BA Hons) International Studies with French, with Distinction

University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC)

September 2017-June 2021

Research Experience

Project Assistant

Global Christians in Edinburgh, Centre for the Study of World Christianity, Edinburgh, UK

June 2023

I worked for the organisation and logistics of a one-day networking workshop for global Christian communities in Edinburgh. I transcribed the conversations after the event.

Archival Assistant

Centre for Muslim-Christian Studies, Oxford (CMCS), UK

July 2022-September 2022

I catalogued archive collections from British missionary organisations worked in the Middle East, such as the British Syrian Mission, Egypt General Mission, and Lebanon Evangelical Society.

Research Intern

Institute of Asia and Pacific Studies (IAPS), UNNC, China

June 2020-June 2021

I was responsible for workshop posters and edited online articles for publicity. Organising events launching and research seminar preparation work.

Co-Editor

Ningbo International Studies Review (NISR), China

March 2019-June 2020

NISR is a student-led journal based in UNNC. As a co-editor, I was responsible for manuscripts collection and proofreading.

Practical Activities during PhD

Tech Support (volunteer)

Centre for the Study of World Christianity, Edinburgh, UK

September 2023 – present

I was responsible for the live streaming of research seminars.

Conference Volunteer

Devolution @25 – Reflections, perspectives and visions of the Churches' relationship with the Scottish Parliament, UK

September 2024

I was responsible for the recording and sound system in the venue.

Conference Volunteer

Yale-Edinburgh Group on World Christianity Conference 2023, Edinburgh

June 2023

I was responsible for the live streaming and tech support for hybrid sessions.

Teaching Experience

Tutor

History of Christianity as a World Religion 1a

September 2023- January 2024

September 2024-January 2025

History of Christianity as a World Religion 1b

January 2024-May 2024

Religion, Violence and Peacebuilding

January 2025-May 2025

As a tutor, I am responsible for the seminar organisation, material preparation, guiding the discussion, answering questions of students, and marking their assessments.

Guest Lecture

Religion and Nationalism in the Contemporary World

March 2024

Lecture title: Religion and Nationalism in China

Publications

Book Review: Zihao He, "WAR, PEACE, AND VIOLENCE: FOUR CHRISTIAN VIEWS. Edited by Paul Copan. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2022. Pp. xi+240. Paper, \$ 25.99." *Religious Studies Review*, 50: 177, 2024.

(Under Review) Zihao He, "Chinese Heaven as the Christian God: An Analysis of the Notion of Tian," *Studies in World Christianity*.

(Under Review) Zihao He, "Questioning 'Cyclical China Versus Linear West': The Complexity of Time Perception with an Example of the Taiping Rebellion," *International Bulletin of Mission Research*.

Conferences and Presentations

Annual Conference of Society for the Study of Theology, Warwick, UK

April 2023

Paper title: Theology Proper of the Taiping Rebellion and the Chinese Traditional Framework of Political Power

Scottish Graduate School for Arts and Humanities PGR Conference, Aberdeen, UK

January 2024

Paper title: Killing the Manchus as Demons: Exploring the Demonology of the Taiping Rebellion.

American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, San Diego, US

November 2024

Paper title: Eliminating Demons in China: the Taiping Demonology and Violence

Research Seminar Series in Centre for the Study of World Christianity, Edinburgh, UK

October 2024

Paper title: Foreign Brothers and Foreign Demons: The Ethnocentric Narrative of the Taiping Rebellion

Additional Work Experiences

Summer Intern

Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL), University of Oxford, UK

July 2022-September 2022

As part of a team of six, I contributed to the Supporting Students Academic Project, where I conducted data collection and analysis of empirical data from over 160 surveys and 19 interviews. Our research focused on students' experiences and expectations regarding academic transition support at Oxford. We presented our findings to various stakeholders and produced a comprehensive final report, along with actionable recommendations for the university.

Project Assistant

Shanghai CSM&MSM Centre, China

June 2019-August 2019

As an outreach staff member, I engaged with seven different sex worker communities and four male homosexual communities in Shanghai, discussing critical issues affecting their lives and work. My responsibilities included disseminating health and safety information and distributing sexual safety products. After each outreach session, I compiled detailed reports for the centre. Additionally, I collaborated with another intern to translate the document *"Implementing Comprehensive HIV/STI Programmes with Sex Workers: Practical Approaches from Collaborative Interventions"* from English to Chinese with another intern.

Awards

2020-2021 Zhenjiang Provincial Outstanding Graduate

2019-2020 China National Scholarship (£ 800)

2018-2019 Zhejiang Provincial Government Scholarship (£ 600)

2018-2019 and 2019-2020 President's Scholarship, UNNC (£ 3000 each)

2018-2019 Best Student of the Year Scholarship, UNNC