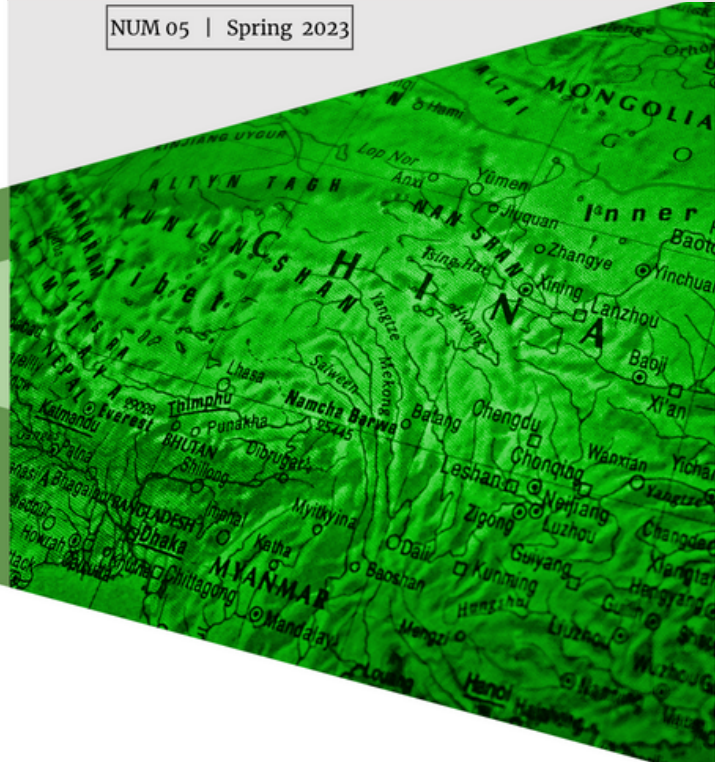
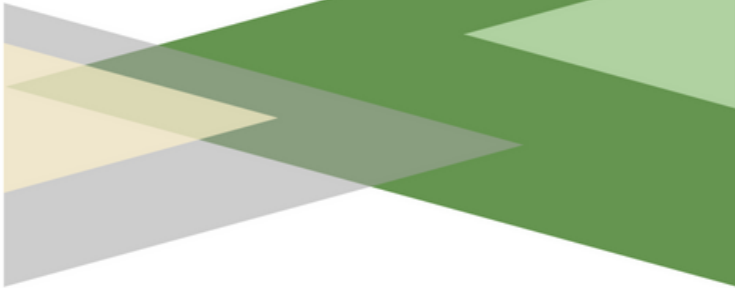




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FROM THE CHCD 1.0 TO 2.0

The China Historical Christian Database 2.0 will be released this summer. We anticipate that it will double the data on Christianity in China, and make the web interface easier to use and more accurate. This is possible because of an extraordinary team of scholars, students, and volunteers. Since the CHCD's initial launch in July 2022, more than 50 people on three continents have worked together to accumulate new and better data. Their work will increase the database's power to illuminate patterns, people, and networks that have gone unnoticed.

Scholars are already beginning to use the CHCD in their work and research. This issue provides examples of what is happening and, when possible, links to presentations this past spring. It is fascinating to discover, for example, the social locations of German missionaries sent by the Society of the Divine Word, and the types of ministries they gravitated toward in China. Likewise, to have hard data on women is a breakthrough not just in understanding Chinese Christianity, but also World Christianity. The CHCD is making new discoveries possible.

Thanks to you, and people like you, the CHCD continues to grow. The latest challenge to raise \$25,000, for instance, is almost complete. It is amazing to see how a database designed to map historical connections has also produced contemporary ones.

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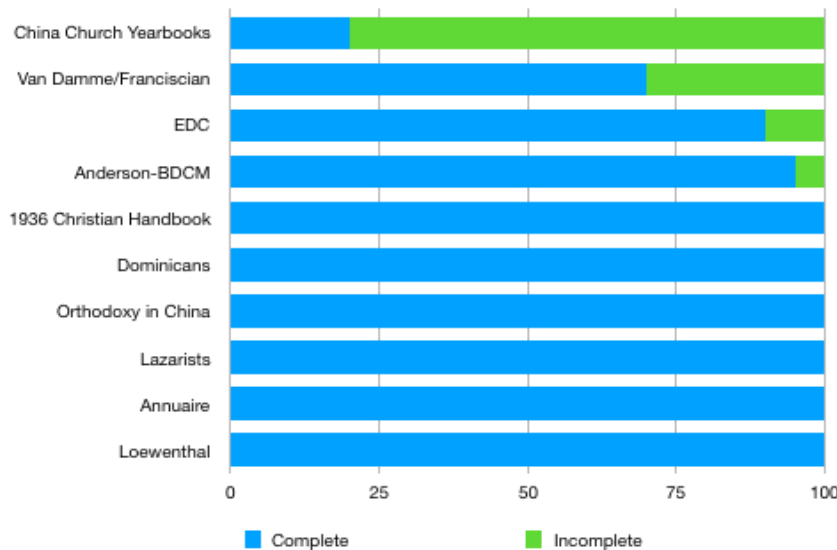


MEET THE SPRING TEAM

We are incredibly grateful to have a team of dedicated student researchers who volunteer with us. As you can see from the photo taken during our latest BU team meeting in April, we are a close-knit group who work together to input information on thousands of foreign missionaries and local Chinese believers into our database. Our two student leaders, Haoyu Liu and Naomi Grusby, along with our project manager Yiyi Zhang, have played a crucial role in building team spirit and fostering an environment where students not only conduct research but also form lasting friendships.

PREPARE FOR THE CHCD 2.0

At present, students are in the process of wrapping up the collection of data from the Educational Directories and Yearbooks of China (EDC) and the Biographical Dictionary of Christian Missions (BDCM). Our objective is to integrate data from these two primary sources, along with many others, into our database during the upcoming summer months. This will require time dedicated for data cleaning, but we look forward to update you again in late summer.



"Joining CHCD has enabled me to learn new things about Christianity's impact on China. Before, I did not know those hospitals and schools in my hometown were initially built by missionaries. Inputting data from China's 1928 yearbook helped me to grasp the significance of missionaries in China's social and political climates, stimulating me to initiate an independent research project on the YMCA's influence on Shanghai in the 1920s. I appreciate the opportunity to be part of the team to explore my motherland's history and to comprehend the roots of Sino-Western relations through the lens of religion."

- Wenxuan Li (Student at Boston University)

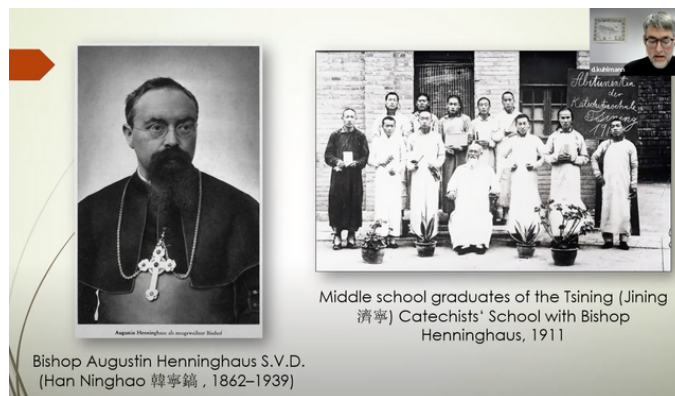
THE CHCD SPRING LECTURE SERIES

First Lecture: "Tracing the Divine Word in China - A Workshop Report on Compiling the Data of S.V.D. and S.Sp.S. Missionaries for the China Historical Christian Database"

- Date: Jan 26, 2023
- Presenters: Zbigniew Wesołowski S.V.D., Dirk Kuhlmann, Barbara Hoster, and Anthony Hu Baozhu S.V.D.

Over the course of almost two years a team of three editors and a research assistant from the Monumenta Serica Institute, Sankt Augustin compiled data on more than 700 missionaries of the Divine Word Society S.V.D., a male Catholic congregation, and its female counterpart, the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit (S.Sp.S.).

In this lecture, they shared some facts and figures from the decades of these two congregations' missionary work in China, and introduced some remarkable individual missionaries. The data on the S.V.D. and S.Sp.S. will be included in the launch of version 2.0 of the CHCD.



Bishop Augustin Henninghaus S.V.D.
(Han Ninghao 韓寧鏞, 1862-1939)

Middle school graduates of the Tsinj (Jining 濟寧) Catechists' School with Bishop Henninghaus, 1911

"One thing that I found interesting after listening to the lecture is that I never realized so many missionaries were sent to China, playing a significant role in the country's development, including education. Some, such as Harold Rigney, experienced challenges after being transferred to serve as a rector at Fu Jen Catholic University in Beijing, ultimately being arrested on espionage charges. Others, such as Bishop Augustin Henninghaus, who was sent to China in 1886 and founded the women's order of the Oblates of the Holy Family, have unique stories. I believe that researching and collecting data on these individuals is significant for those interested in this topic, as a way to commemorate their contributions in China and on a larger, global scale."

- Yinghan Wu (Student at Boston University)

Second Lecture: "Chinese Materials in the Archive of the 'Propaganda Fide'"

- Date: March 28, 2023
- Presenter: Eugenio Menegon

This lecture introduced the recently published Catalogue of Chinese Documents in the 'Propaganda Fide' Historical Archives (1622-1830) (Rome: Urbaniana University Press, 2022). This volume offers not only an annotated list of its invaluable resources, but also reproduces the full text of a few rare or unique Chinese Christian texts.

The Catalogue, compiled by Ad Dudink and edited by Giuseppe Zhao

Hongtao and Emanuele Raini, is preceded by an essay by Eugenio Menegon that gives a full explanation of the entire structure and contents of the Archives pertaining to the China missions and sketches the activity of Propaganda Fide missionaries in China up to the early 19th century. The Chinese documents catalogued here open a window on the daily life of the Chinese Christian communities and their pastors, and the reaction of Chinese society to Catholic activities. Read together with the letters and reports sent from Asia in European languages to accompany them, they offer a corrective to a Rome-centered vision of the missions.



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The Ten Commandments, printed text composed in Chinese by Giambattista Pedracini da Bormio OFM, around 1744.

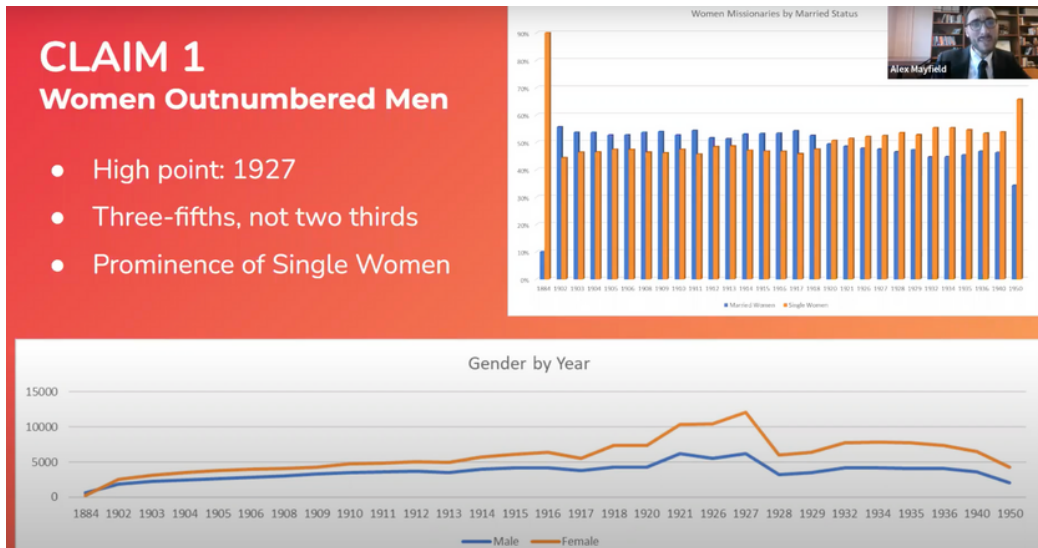
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Third Lecture: "Protestant Women in China's Christian Movement" 

- Date: April 4, 2023
- Presenters: Daryl Ireland & Alex Mayfield

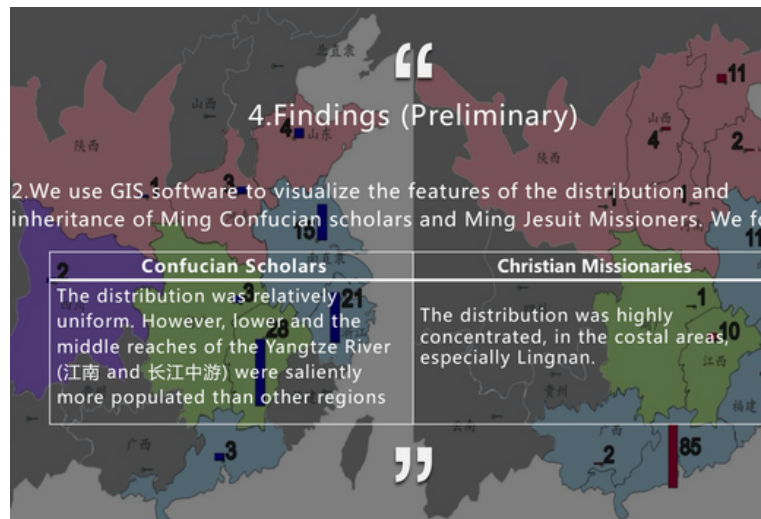
In her influential 2006 essay, Dana L. Robert made the case for "World Christianity as a Women's Movement." Although she lacked statistical evidence, Robert believed she could mount a convincing argument.

Almost two decades later, it is finally possible to check some of her arguments and conclusions against quantifiable data. In this lecture, Alex Mayfield and Daryl Ireland used the China Historical Christian Database to test whether Protestant Christianity in China was, in fact, a women's movement.



SELECTED NEWS

1. With the help of data from the CHCD database, a team of **Peking University** students conducted a fascinating comparison between the temporal-spatial characteristics of Jesuit missionaries and scholar-officials during the Ming Dynasty.
2. Throughout this spring, the CHCD has garnered attention from various academic conferences, including the "A Digital Humanities Approach to Asian Catholic Culture" workshop held at **International Christian University** in Tokyo during February, as well as "Tools of the Trade: The Way Forward," which took place at **Harvard University** in March.
3. Our current project manager, **Yiyi Zhang**, will be starting her PhD program in theology in the fall. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Yiyi for her hard work and dedication to the project. In the upcoming summer edition, we will welcome our new project manager.
4. We are thrilled to share that we are on the verge of reaching our financial target of **\$25,000** for the upcoming year, and we owe our heartfelt gratitude to the kindness and support of all our generous donors!



\$450 Previous Budget	\$20,300 Recent Gift	\$4250 To Go
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