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Employment	
2012-	Associate Professor Department of Asian Studies, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
2020 Jan–Aug	Visiting Scholar Center for Chinese Studies, Taipei, Taiwan
2013 Spring	Resident Associate National Humanities Center, Durham, NC
2012 Fall	Member of the School of Historical Studies Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton
2006–12	Assistant Professor of Chinese Literature Department of Asian Studies, Cornell University
2010 Spring	Visiting Scholar/Research Group Member Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin (Research Group "Concepts and Modalities: Practical Knowledge Transmission")
2004–06	Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow Humanities Fellows Program & Department of Asian Languages, Stanford University
1997–2002	Teaching Assistant/Fellow Department of History, UCLA
Education	
2004	University of California, Los Angeles Ph.D. and M.A., History Dissertation: "The Rogue Classicist: Feng Fang (1493–1566) and his Forgeries"
2002-03	Princeton University Visiting student, Department of East Asian Studies
2000-01	Inter-University Center, Yokohama, Japan Japanese language studies; Audited classes at Tokyo University
1998	Middlebury College, Vermont Japanese language studies (summer program)
1994–95	Inter-University Program, National Taiwan University, Taipei Modern and Classical Chinese language studies
1996	University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada B.A., History Honours (Governor General's Silver Medal)

Awards and Grants		
UBC	Scholarly Publication Fund, \$5,000, 2020 Co-Investigator and Data Management Committee Chair, SSHRC Partnership Grant "From the Ground Up" (ca. \$2.5 million), 2016-23	
CCS	Center for Chinese Studies Visiting Scholar, January–June, 2020, approx. \$13,000	
Cornell	Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for Scholarly Exchange Workshop Grant, 2011, \$4,000 (declined because of schedule change) Center for Chinese Studies, Taipei, Foreign Researcher Fellowship, 2010, approx. \$25,000 (declined) Max Planck Institute for the History of Science visiting scholar fellowship, 2010, approx. \$30,000	
Publications		
in progress	The Brazen and the Forged: The Imaginary Bronzes of the Xuande Emperor. Monograph on connoisseurship, authentication practice, and material culture in Ming-Qing China	
Forthcoming	"Chinese Glossing Traditions," with Yinzong Wei. <i>Handbook of Glossing</i> . Studies in Manuscript Cultures, de Gruyter	
Under contract	Dupian xinshu 杜騙新書, edited and introduction by Christopher G. Rea and Bruce Rusk. Ryefield Publishing, Taibei	
Forthcoming 2025	"Knowing China in a Modern World," special section of <i>Oriens Extremus</i> , editor	
Forthcoming	Between the People and the State: Chinese Statecraft from Early Ming to Xi Jinping. Co-edited, and co-authored introduction, with Timothy Cheek and Shoufu Yin. Cambridge University Press	
In press 2024	More Swindles from the Ming: The Book of Swindles, Vol. 2, by Zhang Yingyu, co-translation with Christopher Rea, Columbia University Press	
2022	Review of Li Wai-yee, The Promise and Peril of Things: Literature and Material Culture in Late Imperial China. Journal of Chinese History	
2022	"Forged of Paper: The Busy Afterlives of Xuande Incense Burners." <i>In Posthumous Art, Law and the Art Market</i> , edited by Sharon Hecker and Peter J. Karol. Routledge.	
2022	"Concepts of Authentication in Pre-Modern China," Oxford Bibliographies	
2021	Literary Information in China: A History, co-edited with Jack Chen, Anatoly Detwyler, Liu Xiao, and Christopher Nugent. Contributor and co-editor. Columbia University Press	

2021	"Early to Middle Period Classical Commentaries," with Michael Nylan, in Information in China: A Literary History.
2021	"Writer's Block or Printer's Block: The Book and Its Openings in Early Modern China." In <i>Impagination: Layout and Materiality of Writing and Publication</i> , edited by Ku-ming (Kevin) Chang, Anthony Grafton, and Glenn Most. De Gruyter
2021	"Xylography," in <i>Information: A Historical Companion</i> , edited by Ann Blair, Paul Duguid, Anja Goeing, and Anthony Grafton. Princeton University Press
2020	Review of Yunchiahn C. Sena, <i>Bronze and Stone: The Cult of Antiquity in Song Dynasty China, Journal of Chinese Studies</i> 70
2020	Review of Endymion Wilkinson, <i>Chinese History: A New Manual</i> . 5th ed. Journal of Asian Studies 79/2
2020	Review of Chang Woei Ong, Li Mengyang, the North-South Divide, and Literati Learning in Ming China, Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies 79
2020	"Value and Validity: Seeing through Silver in Late Imperial China" in <i>Powerful Arguments: Standards of Validity in Late Imperial China.</i> , edited by Martin Hofman, Joachim Kurtz, and Ari Levine. Brill
2018	Review of Michael Szonyi, The Art of Being Governed: Everyday Politics in Late Imperial China, The China Quarterly 235
2017-	200+ database records, UBC Open Collections for From the Ground Up: Buddhism and East Asian Religions partnership grant project
2017-	Video and textual training material for From the Ground Up: Buddhism and East Asian Religions partnership grant project
2017	Review of Rivi Handler-Spitz, Symptoms of an Unruly Age: Li Zhi and Cultures of Early Modernity, Chinese Studies 漢學研究 36/4 (2018/12)
2017	The Book of Swindles: Selections from a Late Ming Collection, by Zhang Yingyu. Co-translated with Christopher Rea. Columbia University Press
2017	20+ entries, <i>Chinese-English Dictionary of Ming Government Official Titles</i> . Edited by Li Ni, Susan Xue, Xue Zhaohui, and Ying Zhang. University of California, 2017

2016	Introduction to online edition of <i>Goulou feng bei</i> , Quirin Press. Quirin <i>Chinese Epigraphic and Calligraphy Sources</i>
2015	"Where the Truth Lies: Evidence and Argument in Late Imperial Debates about the <i>Great Learning</i> ," in Anne Cheng and Damien Morier-Genoud, eds., <i>Lectures et usages de la</i> Grande Etude. Collège de France, Les conférences du Collège de France
2015	Review of Schnapp et al., eds., World Antiquarianism: Comparative Perspectives, East Asian Publishing and Society 5/1
2012	Critics and Commentators: The Book of Poems as Classic and Literature. Monograph tracing, from the 6th century BCE through the 17th century CE, tensions and exchanges between classicist and literary readings of the earliest anthology of Chinese verse. Harvard-Yenching Monograph Series, Harvard Asia Center
2012	"Artifacts of Authentication: People Making Texts Making Things in Late Imperial China," in <i>Antiquarianism and Intellectual Life in Europe and China,</i> 1500–1800, ed. François Louis and Peter Miller, University of Michigan Press
2010	Review of Francesca Bray et al., <i>Graphics and Text in the Production of Technical Knowledge in China, Revue de synthèse</i> 2010/3
2009	"An Interpolation in Zhong Hong's Shipin," Journal of the American Oriental Society 128:3
2007	"Old Scripts, New Actors: European Encounters with Chinese Writing, 1550–1700," East Asian Science, Technology and Medicine 26
2006	"Not Written in Stone: Ming Readers of the <i>Great Learning</i> and the Impact of Forgery" <i>Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies</i> 66/1
2005	Review of Chow Kai-wing, <i>Publishing, Culture, and Power in Early Modern China</i> (Stanford UP, 2004), <i>Chinese Historical Review</i> 12/1
Presentations	
2024 August	"Altared States: Imagining Early-Ming Imperial Religious Practice in the High Qing," Cross-Regional and Cross-Cultural Interaction and Integration between Buddhism and Other Asian Religions, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou
2024 March	Roundtable presentation, "Critical Approaches to Material and Virtual Infrastructures," Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Seattle
2023 February	"Xuande Incense Burners," presentation and discussion with Richmond Incense Group
2022 December	"Oversees Overseas: Imperial Persons and Circulating Things in Some Ming- Qing Worlds," Image Object Sites Conference, UBC
2021 November	"Period Pieces: Approaching the Recent Past in Ming-Qing Connoisseurship," Hulsewé-Wazniewski Lecture, Leiden University (remote)

2021 March	"Art Work: Classifying Artifacts as Official Business in Late Imperial China," Princeton East Asia Program (remote)
2020 November	駕馭文字: 從訊息管理談文學史研究的新方向 (Managing Words: Literary History as a History of Praxis), Dept. of History, National Taiwan University, Taipei
2020 October	"Information and Its Objects: Provenancing the Censers of the Xuande Court," Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University
2020 July	奇貨異物:從歷史虛擬和科技創新談宣德爐 (Exotic Materials: Innovation and Imagination in the Creation of the Xuande Censer), Center for Chinese Studies, National Central Library, Taipei
2020 June	Presenter and Session Leader, "Material Culture and Community Formation: Experience of Objects through Sensory Perception," National Tung-Hwa University, Hualien
2020 June	"Archive-Document-Object: Xuande <i>lu</i> in Paper and Bronze," Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica
2019 December	"Imaginary Workshops: The Fictional Functionaries behind the Xuande Censers," The Maker's Space: Place, Person, and Production in Late Imperial China, Johns Hopkins University
2019 April	"Leafing the Fold: The Visual Space of the Xylographic Page," Understanding Media, University of Michigan
2019 May	"Classical Commentaries," Information in China, University of Virginia
2019 February	"Face to Face with the Xylographic Page," UBC China Cluster
2018 June	"Dupian xinshu," with Christopher Rea, Richmond Public Library, Richmond British Columbia
2018 May	"The Impossible Bronzes of Xuande (1425–36)," The Way of the Vessel: Making, Collecting, and Disseminating Ancient Chinese Bronzes, Art Institute of Chicago and History of Art Department, University of Chicago
2018 April	"A Fifteenth Century Archive of Court Workshops, ca. 1730," Cornell Classical Chinese Colloquium
2018 March	"Powerful Imagination: Early Ming Maritime Networks in the High Qing World," Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Washington DC
2018 February	"Powerful Imagination: Chinese Maritime Networks of the Fifteenth Century in the Eighteenth Century World," History Early Modern Cluster, UBC
2018 February	"Chinese Lexicons," Workshop on Information Management, Columbia University

2017 September	"Dupian xinshu," with Christopher Rea, Workshop on Jianghu, University of British Columbia
2017 September	"The Book of Swindles," with Christopher Rea, Simon Fraser University Harbour Centre, 2017/9
2017 May	"Imagined into Existence: Textual Reality in Early Modern China," University of Chicago Beijing Center, 2017/5
2017 May	"On Libraries," Workshop on Literary Information, University of Virginia, 2017/5
2017 April	"Vaporware, Or, How the Rediscovery of Brass Has Fooled the Chinese Art Market, from the 16th Century to the Present," Workshop on Techne in the Early Modern World, Yale University
2017 March	"Writer's Block or Printer's Block: Controlling the Page in Late-Ming Commercial Xylography," Impagination: Forms, Media, and Circulation of Writing and Publication. International Conference in Comparative History of Philology, Academia Sinica, Taipei
2016 September	"Workplaces: Locating Literary Labour in Seventeenth-Century China," The Literary History of Information Management in China, Pennsylvania State University
2016 May	"Imagining a Manuscript in an Age of Print," PWIAS Research Roundtable on East Asian Manuscript and Print Culture, University of British Columbia
2016 April	"Cultural Capital: Anthologizing the Beijing Sojourn in Dijing jingwulüe," Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Seattle
2016 April	"Commodious or Commodity? Unminted Silver Money in Ming China (1368-1644)," Circle of Money Workshop, Harvard University
2015 March	"Navigating Rivers and Lakes: Imagining the Ethics of Late Imperial Commerce," Panel on "Swindling by the Book: Chinese Stories of Fraud and Deception," Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago
2014 October	"Paratexts of <i>Xuande dingyi pu</i> ," Luce/ACLS Workshop on "How to Read a Chinese Book: Through the Lens of Paratexts," Williams College, Massachusetts
2014 May	"Recycling Binge: Finding Text Reuse in Manuals of Elite Taste from Late Imperial China," Luce/ACLS Workshop on Reading, Information, Quantification in Traditional China, UCLA
2014 April	"Silver, Liquid and Solid: The Matter of Money in the Ming-Qing Marketplace," Conference on Coin of the Realm: Money and Meaning in Late Imperial China, Harvard University
2014 April	"Wanli yehuo bian," Ming Documents Reading Group, UBC

2014 March	"An Assay on Man: Assessing Silver in Late Imperial China," Association for Asian Studies, Philadelphia
2014 January	"The Xuande dingyipu as a Source for?" China History Cluster, Dept. of History, UBC
2013 December	"Electronic Resources for the Study of Chinese History," China History Cluster, Dept. of History, UBC
2013 November	"A Pamphlet on Silver in <i>Dupian xinshu</i> ," Ming Documents Reading Group, UBC
2013 October	"Seeing through Silver in Late Imperial China," International Conference on Standards of Validity in Late Imperial China, Cluster of Excellence on Asia and Europe in a Global Context, University of Heidelberg
2013 April	"Seals of Appraisal: Inventing and Reinventing the Reign Mark in Late Imperial China," Department of Art History, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
2012 December	"Zheng He's Thermos: Ming Artifacts, Ming Relics, and Some Problems of Provenance," East Asia Colloquium, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study
2012 November	"Putting the Classics to the Test: Questioning Textual Traditions in Examination Contexts," Conference on Examination Literature, University of Massachusetts, Boston
2012 November	"Does Ming Studies Have a Future" (roundtable), East Asia Program, Princeton University
2012 October	"Ingot We Trust? Imagining Fake Silver in Early Modern China," Lunchtime Colloquium, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study
2012 March	"The Art of Confidence in the <i>New Book of Swindles</i> ," Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Toronto
2011 November	"Public Spaces in Beijing in <i>Dijing jingwulüe</i> ," Workshop on Sites of Sociability in 17 th Century China, Yale University, New Haven
2011 November	"Reignmakers: Ming Imperial Production and Its Imitators," China Project Workshop, Institute of Fine Arts, New York University
2011 November	"Imagined into Existence: How the Ming-Qing Art Market Made History," Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT
2011 June	"Where the Truth Lies: Late Imperial Debates about the <i>Great Learning</i> ," Colloquium "Lectures et usages de la <i>Grande Etude</i> ," Collège de France, Paris
2011 April	"Imperial Production and the Culture of the Duplicate," Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Honolulu
2011 March	"Show and Tell: How to Visit a Ming Collection," 60 th Anniversary Conference, Cornell East Asia Program.

2011 February	"Making a Mark: Toward a Semiotics of Reign Marks on Late Imperial Manufactures," History with Chinese Characteristics: From Ming to Globalization, University of Minnesota Center for Early Modern History
2010 October	"Fabricating Technology: Imagining Production in Early Modern China," Science & Technology Studies Colloquium, Cornell
2010 September	"Dupian xinshu (New book of swindles)," Cornell Classical Chinese Colloquium
2010 June	"Chinese Nonsense," Workshop on "Lapses, glitches, blunders—Going astray in writing systems," University of Zurich/Oechslin Library, Switzerland.
2010 May	"Market Information in a 17 th Century Guidebook to Beijing," Workshop on News and Rumors in 17 th Century China, Yale University
2010 April	"Ceramics in Chinese Translation: Forging Bronzes on a Jingdezhen Model," Cultures of Ceramics in Global History, 1300 to 1800, University of Warwick, UK (not presented because of volcanic travel disruption)
2010 April	Invited commentary, "Borderlines and Intersections: Exploring Science and Society in Song China," Institute for the History of Natural Science/Max Planck Partner Group, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing
2010 January	Roundtable participant, "Technological Cultures," Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin
2009 November	"Circulation in the Troposphere: Classicism and Innovation in Chinese Poetics," Institute for Asian Research, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
2009 October	"What the Master Did not Hear: The <i>Songs of Chu</i> as a Post-Canonical Classic," New York Conference on Asian Studies, Ithaca
2009 October	"Pre-Modern Chinese Books: An Introduction," Cornell University Library
2008 March	"Han Stele Inscriptions," Cornell Classical Chinese Colloquium
2007 May	"Antiques that Never Grow Old: A Curious History of the Xuande Bronzes," China before Print/Literature & Cultural History in Early Modern E. Asia, U. of Chicago
2006 January	"Immaterial Sources: Rereading the Histories of Ming Bronzes," Needham Research Institute, Cambridge, England
2005 April	"The Illegible Truth: Reading Ancient Scripts in the Late Ming," Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago
2004 March	"Artifacts of Authentication: People Making Texts Making Things in Late Imperial China Antiquarianism and the Early Modern Age, Bard Graduate Center, New York

2003 November	"The Tianyi ge as a Daoist Library," Ming Studies Group, Princeton University
2002 December	"Old Scripts, New Actors: Ming Philology before the Jesuits," Princeton Workshop on Global Science and Comparative History
2002 April	"Paleography and Archaic Scripts in Sixteenth-Century China," Annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Washington DC
2000 April	"The Case of the Qin Seals: Skepticism and Authority in Ming China," presented at Beyond Belief, Townsend Center for the Humanities, UC Berkeley
2000 February	"Criticism and Authenticity in Ming Shijing Studies," Columbia University Graduate Student Conference on East Asia
1999 September	"Book Learning in the Mid-Ming: Yang Shouchen (1425–1489) and his Approach to Textual Studies," Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Boise, ID
1998 May	"Private Collection and Scholarly Property: The Tianyi ge and Ming Private Libraries," California Chinese History Graduate Student Symposium, UCLA
Teaching	
2024	Writing and Culture in East Asia (ASIA 300) The Profession of Asian Studies (ASIA 592)
2023	The Profession of Asian Studies (ASIA 592)
2022	Asian Internets (ASIA 150)
2020	Writing and Culture in East Asia (ASIA 300)
2018	Writing and Culture in East Asia (ASIA 300) The Profession of Asian Studies (ASIA 592)
2017	Writing and Culture in East Asia (ASIA 300) Professional Development Proseminar (ASIA 570)
2016	Professional Development Proseminar (ASIA 570)
2015	Freer/Sackler Gallery and Los Angeles County Museum of Art, graduate summer seminar
2015	Writing and Culture in East Asia (ASIA 300) Advanced Readings in Classical Chinese (CLCH 401) Approaches to Asian Literature: Authorship and Authority (ASIA 570)
2014	Writing and Culture in East Asia (ASIA 300) Advanced Readings in Classical Chinese (CLCH 401) Confucianism in China and Beyond: Reinventions of Tradition (ASIA 332) Writing and Culture in East Asia (ASIA 300)

2013	Writing and Culture in East Asia (ASIA 300) Asian Classics: Using the <i>Book of Changes</i> (ASIA 490A) Confucianism in China and Beyond: Reinventions of Tradition (ASIA 332)
	Advanced Readings in Classical Chinese (ASIA 512)
2012 S	Introduction to China (ASIAN 2212) Introduction to Classical Chinese II (CHLIT 2214)
2011 F	Introduction to Confucianism (ASIAN 3316/RELST 3316) + graduate add-on Introduction to Classical Chinese I (CHLIT 2213)
2011 S	Introduction to China Introduction to Classical Chinese II
2010 F	Script and Culture in East Asia (ASIAN 2209/ARTH 2901/HIST 2891) + graduate add-on Late Imperial Literary Prose (CHLIT 4466/6666)
2009 S	Introduction to China / Moodle CMS Teaching Technology Pilot
2009 3	Introduction to Classical Chinese II
2008 F	Script and Culture in East Asia / Moodle CMS Teaching Technology Pilot Readings in Classical Chinese Literature (CHLIT 3307)
2008 S	Introduction to China Introduction to Classical Chinese II
2007 F	Methods in Chinese Studies (ASIAN 437/611) Stories of Deception (FWS) / Confluence wiki Teaching Technology Pilot
2007 S	Introduction to China Commerce and Culture in Late Imperial China (ASIAN 467/667)
2006 F	Technologies of Knowledge (ASIAN 352/COM L 332) Readings in Classical Chinese Literature
Scholarly Serv	ice
2022	Conference Co-organizer, "How is China Governed? From Ming Statecraft to Xi's New Era," UBC Vancouver
2018	Panel Chair, "Histories of Literary Information in China, Part 1: Search and Retrieval," Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Denver
2018	Conference organizer, Scaling the Ming, UBC and Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden, Vancouver
2017	Panel chair, "Authorship and Authenticity in Early Modern China," Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Toronto
2016	Panel organizer, "Language in the Ming," Society for Ming Studies, 2016/4
2015	Conference co-organizer, "New Directions in Chinese Studies," New York University

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2014 Panel organizer, "Craft and Crucible: Metal and Its Makers in Late Imperial China," Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Philadelphia

Institutional Service

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2023-	Journal of Chinese History, Editorial Board Member	
2022-	James P. Geiss and Margaret Y. Hsu Foundation, Board Member	
2016–24	Co-investigator, member of Fieldwork, Database and Central Steering Committees (2016-19); principal liaison for data collection	
2019–2020	UBC Interdisciplinary Histories Cluster member	
2019	UBC Scholarly Publication Fund Steering Committee	
2018–19	Centre for Chinese Research, Management Committee and China& Series Convener	
2018–19	Sinitic Poetry Search Committee, Asian Studies, UBC	
2018	Arts Killam Graduate Teaching Assistant Award Committee, UBC	
2018	Persian APWR Search Committee, Asian Studies, UBC	
2016–18	Asian Library Advisory Committee, UBC	
2017	Media Studies Research Chair Search Committee, UBC	
2016-17	Asian Studies Headship Search Committee, UBC	
2016-17	Religious Studies Major Advisory Committee, UBC	
2023-24	Acting Head, Department of Asian Studies, UBC	
2015-19, 21– 23, 24–	Department of Asian Studies TA Committee, UBC	
2014-2015	Department of Asian Studies Curriculum Committee, UBC	
2013–2014, 2015-19, 21– 23, 24–	Department of Asian Studies Graduate Committee, UBC	
2014–2016	UBC/SFU Digital Consortium (formerly UBC Digital Salon), Co-founder and Steering Committee Member	
2014	Lecture organizer, Wat Memorial Lecture	
2014–2019	Coordinator, Ming and More Document-Reading Group, UBC	
2015	Faculty consultant, UBC Library CLIR Project	
2014–2016	Asian Studies Departmental Library Liaison, PARC Project, UBC	
2013-14	Associate Graduate Advisor, Asian Studies, UBC	
2015–19, 21–23, 24–	Graduate Advisor/Associate Graduate Advisor, Asian Studies, UBC	
2011–12	Cornell Library Humanities Research Collections Committee	

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2011–12	Cornell East Asian Literature Graduate Field, Program Assessment Committee
2008–12	Co-organizer, Cornell Classical Chinese Colloquium (monthly reading group)
2011	Fellowship Committee, Cornell East Asia Program
2008–09	M.A. admission reader, Field of Asian Studies, Cornell
2008–09	Steering Committee Member, 2009 NY Conference on Asian Studies
2008–09	Editorial Board Member, Cornell East Asia Series
2007-08	Fulbright/IIE Selection Committee, East Asia, Einaudi Center, Cornell
2006–07	Cornell College of Arts and Sciences, Undergraduate Admissions Reader
Supplementary Information	

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Affiliations 2010—; President, 2014—16
Association for Asian Studies

Languages Modern Standard Chinese, Classical/Literary Chinese, Japanese, French;

knowledge of German