

# Thomas Ni, Ph.D.

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I was born in Shanghai, China, gained BA in Philosophy and MA in History of Chinese Philosophy at East Chinese Normal University(ECNU). I taught in the Department of History at ECNU history of Chinese thoughts, which covers all major aspects of Chinese culture and society including Chinese philosophy, religion, politics, literature, economy, military, science, and so on. While undertaking theological and pastoral studies in England, I developed an interest in comparative studies among traditional Chinese, Hebrew, Greek and Indian cultures. I worked in the Institute of Religious Studies of Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences and engaged in the study of religion and Chinese society as well as inter-religious studies in addition to my focus on Christianity. I gained a Ph. D in Religion at Claremont Graduate University with a focus on the study of Christianity in China from a cultural translation/or cultural comparative perspective, which is represented in my doctoral dissertation "Sinicizing Jesus Christ in the second half of the Nineteenth century and the first half of the Twentieth century." I was an adjunct professor teaching Critical Thinking in the Department of Philosophy and Religion in Victor Valley College. I am a priest in the Episcopal Church.

## EDUCATION

<b>Ph.D., Religion and History of Christianity</b>	2009
Claremont Graduate University, CA	
<b>B.A. (honors), Theological and Pastoral Studies</b>	1994
Oak Hill Theological College, London, UK	
<b>M.A., History of Chinese Philosophy</b>	1987
East China Normal University, Shanghai, China	
<b>B.A., Philosophy</b>	1984
East China Normal University, Shanghai, China	

## EXPERIENCE

### **Teaching and Academic research**

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Victor Valley College,  
Victorville, CA 2002-2005

- Taught Critical Thinking on campus and online
- Developed a website for the online class

Researcher, Institute of Religious Studies, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Shanghai,  
China 1995-1997

- Focused on Christianity in China and the world
- Participated in various inter-religious Institute research projects

Editor, Contemporary Religious Studies, Shanghai, China 1996-1997

- Prepared the annual plan
- Reviewed and selected essays for publishing

Lecturer, Department of History, East China Normal University, Shanghai, China 1987-1990

- Taught History of Chinese Thought
- Instructed and evaluated students' teaching practice in high schools

## **Church Ministry**

- St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, San Marino, CA 2007-present
- Founded the parish Chinese congregation
  - Ordained to the priesthood of the Episcopal Church 2008
  - Ordained as a deacon in the Episcopal Church 2007
- Wenxin Chinese Church, San Gabriel, CA (Co-founder as a volunteer) 2003-2007

## **Other Organizational Activities**

- Co-founder and the Acting Principal of the Theological Institute of Los Angeles 2009
- Co-founder of the Association of Chinese Christians in North America 2009
- Founder of the Episcopal Chinese Post 2009
- Co-Founder/Advisor, "The Mountain" monthly Chinese Christian Newspaper 2003-2005

## **LANGUAGE AND COMPUTER SKILLS**

**Languages:** Chinese and English

**Computer:** Proficient in Blackboard for online teaching and Web design for class

## **SCHOLARSHIP, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

- Claremont Graduate University Dissertation Grant 2004-2005
- Preparing Future Faculty Program 2002
- Harvard-Yenching Institute Doctoral Scholarship 1997-2000
- China National Ninth Five-year Plan Fund for Social Sciences Projects 1996
- Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences Award for Outstanding Thesis 1996

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Encyclopedia Entries**

Reviser of the Christian theological entries in 1999 edition of Ci Hai (辞海), Shanghai: Shanghai Reference Book Press, (Shanghai), 2000

Contributor, A Grand Dictionary of Confucius, Shanghai Reference Book Press, (Shanghai), 1991

### **Edited and Translated Volumes**

Co-author, Chinese Buddhist Stories, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences Press, (Shanghai), 1997

Co-author, Thinking Over the Issues Concerning the Social Development in Shanghai during the Turn of 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences Press, (Shanghai), 1997

Co-Translator, Thomas More, Labor Press, (Beijing), 1992

### **Articles, Book Reviews and Translations (selected)**

"Inheriting and Creating: Reviewing the Relation between Christianity and Ancient Hebrew and Greek Cultures in the New Testament." Contemporary Religious Studies, June 1996

Criticism of Contemporary Social Spirit and Christian Response, Contemporary Religious Studies, June 1995

“The Conflicting Theological Issues between Christian Evangelicals and Liberals,”  
Contemporary Religious Studies, September 1995

Review of *Humankind, Society, Religion*, Studies on World Religion, March 1996