

Ray Ambrosi, PhD. MA., BA, BAh.

Skills and Experience

Editor/Writer, Translator/Interpreter, Research Consultant

Trimal Consulting. Beijing, China. (2005 – Present).

- 2015. Developed methods of displaying oral history project for New Dance Horizons project sponsored by Canada Council of Arts.
- 2014 (since 2006). Education consultant assisting students from top Chinese institutions to gain admission to leading western universities. Recruit/manage a team of four copy-writers.
- 2012. Translated 300 page ethnography about the Ewenki, China's last hunting tribal people, and authored explanatory footnotes.
- 2010, 2011. Cultural advisor/producer/translator for German Television ZDF Channel 2 News documentary film on revival of folk religion and martial arts groups as growing civil society movements in rural Hebei province, China.
- 2009. Translator of a technical document on environmental rehabilitation and sustainability authored by Tsinghua University research consortium for submission to the World Bank.
- 2008, 1998. Consultant in cultural tourism/conservation and economic diversification. Produced feasibility reports on tourism resources for Guangzong County Government, Hebei.
- 2007. Curriculum development and teacher trainer for China Education Commission.
- 2006. English-Chinese interpreter & cultural consultant in Mexico for China Education Commission delegation.
- 2005. Interpreter & cultural consultant in Taiwan for Canadian engineering firm.

Senior Instructor.

Oxford English, Trends English, and Language Key (2006 – 2013)

- Senior instructor of business English and cultural awareness and communication courses for top-tier corporations including Via Technologies (威盛电子), HQCEC (中国寰球工程公司), IGT Technology (美国 IGT 公司), Sinovel (锐风), Lenovo (联想), New Century Women's Hospital (北京新世纪儿童医院).
- Curriculum development and teacher trainer for the China National Education Commission.

Project Coordinator

Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation. Government of Saskatchewan, Canada (2005 – 2006)

- Coordinator and primary researcher of a large cultural heritage research project on the historical significance and status of grain-handling facilities in the province of Saskatchewan.
 - assessing archive materials, updating and expanding range and quality of database information, contacting hundreds of rural stakeholders by telephone and email.

Conducted field research and interviews throughout the province to collect textual, photographic, video and oral-history data; authored research reports.

Areas of Knowledge

Industries

Government culture & heritage, University research institutes, Private sector education, Business research.

Consulting Services

Cultural & alternative tourism development, Cross-cultural communication for business & education, Project/staff management.

Methodologies

Qualitative data analysis methods and structured and semi-structured interviews, Focus groups, Questionnaires, CAQDAS analysis.

Operating Systems

Microsoft Windows, Mac OS, Linux.

Documentation Methods

Flow charts, mindmap and concept map diagramming.

Data Management Tools

MyBase, MyInfo, Ultra-Recall, MaxQDA, HyperResearch, AtlasTI. Web CMS.

Communications

Outstanding communication and writing. Fully fluent in Mandarin Chinese, High level of Japanese. Translation & interpreting

Productivity Software

Microsoft Office, LibreOffice (OpenOffice), video & photo

Department of Anthropology. Teaching/Research Assistant

University of Alberta. Edmonton, AB (2004-05)

- Taught and mediated discussion seminars on contemporary social topics, mentored students, wrote research reports on Canadian law and jurisprudence regarding First Nations land claims.

Research Associate

Canadian Plains Research Centre. University of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. (2000 – 2004)

- Conducted qualitative and quantitative research, drafted proposals and research reports on numerous university-led projects on provincial heritage and culture. Projects included:
 - Encyclopedia of Saskatchewan Project: costing \$2 million, this project was the largest publishing project in the province's history.
 - Researched and wrote encyclopedia entries on broad range of subjects, including agriculture, business and industry, geography, history, and politics and government.
 - Edited and approved articles by outside contributors.
 - Analyzed quantitative and qualitative data, prepared tables and maps for entries.
- Social Cohesion Project: examined rural adaptation to economic and climate-induced changes to assess social cohesion and sustainable development of the Prairies. This multi-million dollar project was the largest Federal Government SSHRC study undertaken at the University of Regina.
 - Analyzed statistical, demographic and historical data; wrote and presented reports.
 - Served as education trends analyst traveling province-wide to conduct interviews.
- Other CPRC Work: key researcher, editor, and writer on numerous projects including:
 - Research on women's civil society, coauthored published article on ecotourism in China.
 - Research on Canada-USA historical cross-border technology exchange, aggregating data, writing reports.
 - Copy editor for dozens of business journal articles published through the CPRC.

Research Associate

International Research and Cultural Exchange Association. Hong Kong (2003 – 2004)

- Produced documentary film examining martial arts organizations in rural China and civil society.
 - Conducted interviews with academics at Chinese universities, government officials, and local community association representatives. Analyzed perspectives for documentary narrative.
 - Primary researcher, photographer, sound recorder, editor, managed field research team.

Conference Coordinator

International Meihuazhuang Organization. Vancouver, Regina, Canada (2002)

- Chief organizer/manager of conference of martial artists and academics from Canada and China.
 - Developed budget, itinerary, arranged venue, visas & accommodation for Chinese delegates.
 - Managed, mentored, volunteer support staff and instructors; advertisement & promotion
 - Served as conference English-Chinese/Chinese-English interpreter and translator.

Teacher and Education Consultant. JET Programme.

Yuzawa City Board of Education. Yuzawa city, Akita Prefecture Japan. (2000 – 2001)

- Responsible for preparation and delivery of English courses at four junior high schools in Yuzawa city. Consultant for Board of Education to school and adult English training programs and submitted post-project assessment.

- Implemented cross-cultural sensitivity and communication skills in the English language training programs throughout the city Junior High School system.
- Facilitated the development of new ESL training materials for the city's junior high schools.
 - Delivered numerous public lectures, slide shows, and attended many school and community events designed to enhance internationalization, cross-cultural and global consciousness.

Department of Geography / Teaching Assistant

University of Regina. Regina, SK (1998 – 1999)

- Taught geography and map interpretation, presented geography lab seminars, graded assignments, exams, assisted students with course material.

Import and Export Business.

Trimalgam Import and Export. Regina, SK (1995 – 1997)

- Gathered business intelligence, technical specifications, located suppliers, cost negotiation.

Education

Peking University, Beijing, China

PhD Degree in Anthropology.

Speciality: Cultural anthropology, economic sociology, civil society and development, sectarian underground religions and martial arts as social trust networks.

University of Regina, Regina, SK.

Master of Arts in Geography.

Speciality: Tourism and sustainable economic diversification, ecosystem and societal change in north China, analysis of economic, statistical, ethnographic and cultural data.

University of Regina, Regina, SK.

Bachelor of Arts Advanced Distinction in Geography.

Speciality: Asia/Western concepts of place; civil society; tourism & development

University of Regina, Regina, SK.

Bachelor of Arts Honours in Anthropology.

Speciality: Rural/urban communities, First Nations cultures, medical anthropology.

Language Training

University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB.

Advanced Chinese Literature & translation courses for PhD research

Japan Foundation Language Institute, Kansai. Osaka, Japan

Japanese Language Program for Researchers Certificate.

Japanese language, culture, business etiquette; research on festivals, ritual and rural folk martial art associations

Akita Branch Minnesota State University, Akita Prefecture, Japan

Japanese Language Course.

Intensive Japanese language and culture training

Shandong University. Jinan, Shandong, China

Language course, classes in sociology and history

Shandong University. Jinan, Shandong, China

Mandarin Chinese Language Certificate.

Speciality: Mandarin Chinese language (reading, writing, speaking, culture)

Conferences, Community and Volunteer Work

- 2011 Honorary principal at Dewu Elementary School, Gucheng village, Hebei. Assisted village organizers connect with NGOs to establish the region's first village-based library and private non-profit elementary school.
- 2008-10 Volunteer teacher and education consultant for Gucheng village school, Hebei
- 2006 Instructor for Nightwind Theatre Professional Workshop Development, stage performance instructor teaching martial arts, bodywork and yoga modalities.
- 1998 Chinese-English interpreter/guide for French medical delegation in Shandong, China
- 1998 Guest lecture on tourism, cultural protection and rural economic development for WUSC and International Centre for Sustainable Global Development, Univ. of Regina
- 1997 CIDA Conference: "Cross Cultural Effectiveness, International Development Planning: coordinating and conducting research abroad"

Awards

Government of Canada

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Doctoral Fellowship.

China Scholarship Council and Province of Alberta

Scholarship for PhD studies at Beijing University

University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB.

Faculty of Graduate Studies Provost Award.

International Research and Cultural Exchange Association, Hong Kong

Research Award. For documentary film in rural China.

Japan Foundation of Canada.

Japanese Language Program for Researchers Scholarship to Kansai Institute, Osaka, Japan.

China Scholarship Council. Government of China.

Study Award to support MA fieldwork research at Shandong University.

Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)

CIDA Awards For Canadians. For MA research in China.

Canada-China Scholars Exchange Program.

Scholarship for research and language study in China.

University of Regina, Regina, SK.

Faculty of Graduate Studies Scholarship.

University of Regina – Shandong University exchange

Full 2 year scholarship to study at Shandong University, China. Asia Pacific Foundation Award.

Interests

Hiking, canoeing, volunteer martial arts instructor for 20 years, Japanese kendo, yoga, photography, travel, languages.

References

Academic and Research related:

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Dr. Randy Widdis, , Geography Department, University of Regina, Saskatchewan. Work: 306-585-4242 Email: Randy.Widdis@uregina.ca

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Non-Academic:

Robin Poitras. New Dance Horizons. Artistic director. Work: 306-525-5393, Email: info@newdancehorizons.ca

Alice Lee. Asian Women Coalition Ending Prostitution. Director and Founder. Vancouver, British Columbia. Mobile: (604) 318-3188. Email: bsquare09@yahoo.com

Publications by Raymond P. Ambrosi

Refereed Publications:

Jones, Marion and Raymond Ambrosi. 2003. "Luyou zuowei quyu kechixufazhan de gongju: yi ba shuang ren jian." Guilin luyou gaodeng zhuanke xuexiaobao. ("Using Tourism as a Tool for Regional Sustainable Development in Southwest China: A Double Edged Sword." Journal of the Guilin Tourism Institute. Vol 14. Issue 53). Publication in Chinese.

Encyclopedia Entries:

2005. Authored six entries for the Encyclopedia of Saskatchewan (University of Regina Press). Entry topics of 150-2000 words ranged from fields of agriculture, business and industry, to law, geography and history. My contributions can be found here: http://esask.uregina.ca/contributor_index.html. I also assisted area specialists by providing primary research materials for dozens of other articles.

Articles in Progress:

Ambrosi, Raymond. 2015. "Meihua Boxers as constructors of social trust and the agrarian public sphere." Undergoing revision for publication in Modern China. Sage Publications.

Ambrosi, Raymond. 2015. "Merging of Self, Body and Place: Teachings of a martial arts sect in north China." Preparing for journal submission.

Ambrosi, Raymond. 2015. "Meihua Boxers as constructors of social trust and the agrarian public sphere." Preparing for journal submission.

Invited Talks and Seminars:

2014. "Meihua Boxers as constructors of social trust and the earth-bound public sphere". Lecture at the Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing.

2014. "Folk Meihuaquan and the construction of the public sphere— a case study in Minghe village", Lecture for PhD students in the Dept of Folklore, Shandong University, Jinan, China.

2013. "Undertaking a PhD in China- Experience and Advice". Presentation for thinINChina MA and PhD researcher's conference. Beijing, China.

2012. "Research Methodologies and Creativity" Lecture on nurturing creativity in fieldwork methodology. China University of Politics and Law, Beijing, China

2010. "Meihuaquan Martial Arts and Community Development in North China" interview for Chinese Connection Community Radio. Regina, Sask.

2008. "EcoTourism in Canada- Suggestions for Sustainable Development." Presentation at Mountain Tourism and Economic Development Conference, Jiuzhaigou National Park, Sichuan, China.

2003. "Folk Martial Arts and Ritual: Continuity Through Economic Change." Presentation for The 22nd International Research Symposium "The Direction of Japanese Budo in the 21st century: Past, Present, Future." International Research Centre for Japanese Studies, Kyoto, Japan.

2001. "Tourism as a Tool for Regional Sustainable Development in Southwest China: A Double-Edged Sword." Discussant for the Trans-disciplinary Dialogues on Development, University of Regina.

2000. "Options for Sustainable Tourism Development in Northern China" Presentation for WUSC and the International Centre for Sustainable Global Development, Univ. of Regina, Canada

1998. "Sustainable Cultural Tourism, Martial Arts and Folk Culture in Guangzong County". Interview for Hebei Television on the use of sustainable tourism for economic development in rural north China.

Unpublished Reports:

2008. "Meihuaquan and Regional Economic Growth". Proceedings of the Meihuaquan Non-Material Cultural Heritage Protection Conference, Guangzong County, Hebei. China Culture and History Publishing House 2008, Chinese version p. 274-287, English version p.310-334.

2008. "Assessment and suggestions for the use of alternative tourism for rural development in China 关于文化旅游业对中国农村发展影响的评估和建议." Proceedings of the Meihuaquan Non-Material Cultural Heritage Protection Conference, Guangzong County, Hebei. China Culture and History Publishing House 2008, Chinese version p. 259-273. English version available from author.

2005. "Folk Martial Arts and Ritual: Continuity Through Economic Change". English conference proceedings in Budo in Focus- Past, Present, Future. KW Publications, Auckland, 2005. p.305-326. Publication in Japanese in Nihon no kyōiku ni budō- 21 seiki no shin-gi-tai wo kitaeru (Budo for Japanese Education- Forging Mind, Technique, and Body for the 21st Century). Meiji Tosho, Tokyo 2005.

2005. Authored encyclopedia entries on topics in the fields of agriculture, business and industry, geography and history for the Encyclopedia of Saskatchewan. (see http://esask.uregina.ca/contributor_index.html) Canadian Plains Research Centre, University of Regina.

1999a. "Special Interest Tourism: a Method for Economic Diversification and Cultural Preservation in Rural Hebei Province, China". Unpublished MA thesis, University of Regina, Regina, SK. 250 pages.

1999b. "Impacts of Tourism Development: Assessment and Suggestions for the Use of Alternative Tourism for Rural Development in Hebei Province, China." Unpublished report for Canadian International Development Authority (CIDA). University of Regina, Regina, SK. 281 pages.

1998. "Impacts of Tourism Development: Assessment and Suggestions for the Use of Alternative Tourism for Rural Development in China." Unpublished report submitted to Guangzong county government, Hebei province, China. English and Chinese versions.

1990. "Examining the Persistence of Traditional Medicine: a Focus on Chinese Traditional Medicine". Unpublished BA Honours thesis, Dept of Anthropology. University of Regina.