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Some Good Persons of Sichuan: A Provincial Perspective on Twentieth-Century Chinese History

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Abstract: If Sichuan were a country, it would be the eighteenth most populous in the world today (provided several other Chinese provinces and some Indian states weren't also added to the list). Its fascinating history, however, has not received proportionate attention, even within China. This talk offers an overview of Sichuan's twentieth-century history, focusing on divergences and convergences with conventional narratives of Chinese national history and the experiences of other parts of China. It will focus on the lives of several interesting—if not necessarily good—Sichuan natives to raise questions about the importance of provincial and regional identities across the last 120 years.

Bio: Kristin Stapleton teaches history at the University at Buffalo, SUNY, and edits the journal *Twentieth-Century China*. She is the author of two books on the west China city of Chengdu, most recently *Fact in Fiction: 1920s China and Ba Jin's Family* (Stanford 2016). She is a long-time contributor to and editorial board member of *Education About Asia*, the teaching journal of the Association for Asian Studies, and a member of the first cohort of the Public Intellectuals Program of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations.

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