Foodways in early farming societies: microwear and starch grain analysis on experimental and archaeological grinding tools from Central China

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Curriculum vitae

Weiya Li (李为亚) was born in Tongcheng, Anhui Province in China. In June 2012, he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Applied Chemistry from the Suzhou University in China. In September 2012, he started a Research Master in Archaeological Science at the University of Science and Technology of China (USTC) with a full scholarship for three years. In June 2015, he was honoured as the "Outstanding Master Graduate student of USTC" as well as the "Outstanding Master Graduate student of the Anhui Province". In November 2015, he was granted the China Scholarship Council-Leiden University joint scholarship for four years and commenced his PhD research at the Laboratory for Material Culture Studies at Leiden University. His dissertation investigates foodways in early farming societies, in which he integrated microwear and starch grain analysis to study the grinding tools unearthed from the Neolithic sites located in Central China. The results from this research have been presented at several international conferences and published in several peer-reviewed, international journals, such as Quaternary International, Journal of Archaeological Science-Reports, Archaeometry, and Lithic technology. In addition to the doctorate research, he co-supervised three Masters students' internships and one Master's thesis. He also acted as the teaching assistant for several courses, including "Seminar Material Culture Studies: Crafts and Society" and "Material Culture 1". From November 2019 to March 2020, he worked as a researcher at Leiden University. In that period, he joined the Shire Archaeological Project in northern Ethiopia as the specialist on stone objects.