

Marshall Broomhall's Islamic Studies: A Note on the Reconstruction of China's Christian-Muslim Relations in the Modern Context

(An abstract)

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This paper deals with the methodological issues in reconstructing China's Christian-Muslim relations in the modern context. Focusing on Marshall Broomhall's *Islam in China: A Neglected Problem* (1910), this article suggests that we need to retrieve archival documents to reconstruct the perception of Chinese Muslims by missionaries in the 19th and early 20th century. Among various archive materials, this article uses documents from *The Chinese Recorder* and *The Muslim World* to illustrate the micro-macro linkage as the main backdrop in understanding Broomhall's work. This article argues that his work has encouraged both evangelical efforts among Chinese Muslims and specialized studies on Islam in China. Owing to Broomhall's missiological interest and the history of Western colonialism, his study has been highly contested among the Muslim scholars in China. Finally, this article provides a tentative explanation on the marginal status of studies on Chinese Muslims, including the work of Broomhall.