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CURRENT APPOINTMENT

Associate Professor, Department of History and Program in International & Area Studies
Washington University in St. Louis, 2011-Present

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

Director, Program in East Asian Studies, July 1 2015-June 30 2018

Assistant Professor, Department of History and Program in International & Area Studies
Washington University in St. Louis, 2004-2011

Lecturer, Department of History
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, 2003-2004

Postdoctoral Fellow, Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies
Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 2002-2003

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Modern Japanese History, Columbia University, New York, 2002

M.A., Modern Japanese History, Ochanomizu University, Tokyo, Japan, 1996

B.A., International Studies, Reed College, Portland, Oregon, 1988

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political and Social History of Twentieth-Century Japan; Imperialism and Decolonization;
Postwar and Postcolonial Migrations; Military Cultures; GIS

PUBLICATIONS

Book *When Empire Comes Home: Repatriation and Reintegration in Postwar Japan*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Asia Center, 2009: Harvard East Asian Monographs, No. 317

Paperback released, 2010

Chinese translation released, 2018:

Dang di guo hui dao jia: zhan hou ri ben de qian fan yu chong zheng, author Hua Lerui; trans Yuwen Huang; publisher Xin bei shi : Yuan zu wen hua.

Reviews:

Mariko Asano Tamanoi. *Journal of Asian Studies* 69.4 (November 2010): 1256-1258

Sally A. Hastings. *Monumentica Nipponica* 66.2 (2011): 374-376

Yoshikuni Igarashi. *Journal of Japanese Studies* 37.1 (January 2011): 235-239

Bob Tadashi Wakabayashi. *The International History Review* 33.1 (March 2011): 144–147
Aaron Moore. *International Journal of Asian Studies* 9.1 (January 2012): 144–146
Rowena Ward. *Asian Studies Review* 36.2 (2012): 281–282
Lin-Yi Tseng. *Taiwan Historical Research* 19.3 (September 2012): 237–244

Book Projects

The Allies and the Decolonization of the Japanese Empire

The 'Ordinary Men' of Japan: the Takada 58th Infantry Regiment

Articles

"The 'Disposition of Japanese Civilians': American Wartime Planning for the Colonial Japanese." *Diplomatic History*, Volume 41, Issue 2, 1 April 2017, 392–414.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/dh/dhw051>

Review of article: Laura Madokoro. *H-Diplo* No. 715 (2017)

"From Colonial Elite to Defeated National -- The First 100 Days." In *End of Empire: 100 Days in 1945 that Changed the World*. <http://www.endofempire.asia>. The Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS), August 2015

"Embracing Defeat, Eliding Empire in Post-colonial Seoul, Autumn 1945." *Journal of Asian Studies*. Feb 2015, 153–74.

"The Seminars on Decolonization: A Brief Look Back." *Perspectives*, 49:8, November, 2011

"*Tôhoku Dôhō*: Haisengo Manshû ni okeru Nihonjin no sekai (The world of Japanese refugees in postwar Manchuria)." *Higashi Ajia Kindaishi*, March, 2003, 87–97

"Nihon kokunai ni okeru hikiage no zanshi (The remnants of repatriation in Japan)." *Senryôshi Kenkyû Tsûshin*, No. 22, October 2000, 1–4

"Telegraphs in Meiji Japan: State Control and Communications' Sovereignty." *Transactions of the International Conference on Eastern Studies (The Tôhō Gakkaï)*, No. XLI, 1996, 93–104

Articles in Edited Volumes

"East Asian Victimhood Goes to Paris: a Consideration of WWII-related Chinese, Japanese, and Korean nominations to UNESCO's Memory of the World Project," for publication in the edited volume *Historical Authenticity and Victimhood in Twentieth-Century History and Commemorative Culture*, eds. Randall Hansen, Achim Saupe, Anrdeas Wirsching, Daqing Yang, Berlin 2016. Submitted, June 16, 2016

"A 'Great East Asian Meal' in Post-colonial Seoul, Autumn 1945." In *Food and War in Mid-Twentieth-Century East Asia*, ed. Katarzyna J. Cwiertka, 149–164. Aldershot: Ashgate, 2013

"Imperial Remnants: the Repatriates in Postwar Japan." In *Settler Colonialism in the Twentieth Century: Projects, Practices, Legacies*, ed. Caroline Elkins and Susan Pedersen, 243–255. New York: Taylor and Francis, 2005

Translation

Ishikawa Yoshihiro, "Liang Qichao and Geographical Studies in Meiji Japan: On Geographical Determinism." Translated by Lori Watt. In *The Role of Japan in Liang Qichao's Introduction of Modern Western Civilization to China*, ed. Joshua A. Fogel, 212–240. Berkeley: Institute of East Asian Studies, University of California Berkeley, 2004

Book Reviews

Review of *The Gods Left First: The Captivity and Repatriation of Japanese POWs in Northeast Asia, 1945-56* by Andrew E. Barshay (Berkeley, California: University of California Press, 2013). *Monumenta Nipponica* (70:2, 2015): 363-367

Review of *Beyond the Metropolis: Second Cities and Modern Life in Interwar Japan* by Louise Young (Berkeley, California: University of California Press 2013). *Journal of Japanese Studies* (Winter 2015): 406-410

Review of *Making Japanese Citizens: Civil Society and the Mythology of the Shimin in Postwar Japan* by Simon Avenell (Berkeley, California: University of California Press, 2010). *Journal of Japanese Studies* (Winter 2012): 172-176

Review of *Legacies of the Asia-Pacific War: The Yakeato Generation*, ed. Roman Rosenbaum and Yasuko Claremont (New York: Routledge, 2011). *Journal of Asian Studies* 71:3 (August 2012): 10-12

Review of *Memory Maps: The State and Manchuria in Postwar Japan* by Mariko Asano Tamanoi (Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2009). *International Journal of Asian Studies* 7:1 (January 2010): 121-123

Review of *The Tokyo War Crimes Trial: The Pursuit of Justice in the Wake of World War II* by Yuma Totani (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Asia Center, 2008). *Law and History Review*, 28:1 (February 2010): 287-289

RECENT INVITED LECTURES, CONFERENCE PAPERS, AND PANELS

- Mar 22 2018 Second Book Workshop, participant. *Association for Asian Studies*, Washington, DC.
- Dec 13-14 2017 The Axis Powers and Decolonisation. Workshop, Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin
- Mar 29-31 2017 Discussion Facilitator, with Susan Suleiman, "Problematic Legacies: the Humanities as a Means of addressing Migration, Diaspora, Dislocation, the Clash of Cultures." *Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study Workshop*, Cambridge, MA
- Jan 14 2017 "The Past in the Present: Teaching about Conflict in East Asia." Keynote Address to the Missouri Council for History Education, St. Louis, MO
- Oct 22 2016 "Meiji Japan: a Short History." Historical background lecture for the "Conflicts of Interest" exhibit on Japanese war prints at the Art After Dark event for Members, Saint Louis Art Museum
- Jun 26 2016 Discussant, "Post-war Transitions across New Borders: Economic and Political Activities of Repatriates in Post-war Japan and Germany." *Association of Asian Studies*, Kyoto
- Mar 31 2016 Discussant, "Reconsidering the History Of Allied POWs in the Asia-Pacific War." *Association of Asian Studies*, Washington State Convention Center, Seattle, WA
- Feb 18 2016 "The Ultimate Disposition of the Japanese:" Population Transfers and the Decolonization of the Japanese Empire. University of Washington, Seattle, WA

- Feb 5 2016 "Populations in the Japanese Colonies at the End of World War II." Research presented at Miriam Kingsberg's *Moral Nation* workshop, University of Colorado, Boulder
- Nov 19-20 2015 "The 'Disposition of Japanese Civilians': American Wartime Planning for the Colonial Japanese." Paper circulated at the workshop *Living and Leaving the Japanese Empire: Law, Mobility, and Memory*, University of Chicago
- Oct 16 2015 Discussant, "The Politics of Gendered Medicine in Twentieth Century China and Japan." *Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs*, Washington University in St. Louis
- Dec 11-12 2014 "Post-World War II Repatriations in East Asia in History and Memory." Invited talk at the conference *Authenticity and Victimhood in Twentieth Century History and Commemorative Culture. Historical Experience and the Construction of Victim Identities in International Comparison*, Berlin
- Oct 29 2014 "The Disposition of Japanese Civilians: American Wartime Planning for the Japanese Abroad." *Faculty Workshop, History Department, WUSTL*
- Sep 2014 Presenter on Panel "When Empires Come Home: Comparing and Connecting Migrations of Decolonization." *ENIUGH-Congress, Paris*
- Apr 3 2014 "The Japanese Empire Unmade: Defeat and Decolonization in East Asia, 1945." Invited pre-circulated paper and presentation, *Columbia University Seminar on Modern Japan*, New York
- Mar 14 2014 "The Japanese Empire Unmade: Defeat and Decolonization in East Asia, 1945." Invited paper for the conference, *Alien Nations: Identities and Empires in Global History, 1770-2000*, University of Warwick
- Nov 15-16 2013 "Transport First, Justify Later," pre-circulated paper for the conference, *Forced Migration and Humanitarianism in Global History*, University of Chicago
- Jan 11 2013 "Embracing Defeat in the Colonies: The Allies and the Dismantling of the Japanese Empire after World War II." Invited lecture, *East Asian Studies Center Friday Colloquium Series*, Indiana University

RECENT GRANTS

Roland Grimm Travel Award and Faculty Research Grant application, funded, December 2015, used Summer 2016, to Micronesia, Palau, and Tokyo

Innovation in the Classroom Grant, to integrate GIS into teaching, funded May 9, 2014

Bring Your Own Idea: Post-Conflict Cultures. With Jennifer Kapczynski, 2014-2015

Charles A. Ryskamp Research Fellowship for Advanced Assistant Professors (ACLS), for the project "The Allies and the Decolonization of Asia," awarded 2011, used, 2013-2014

Fall Fellowship in Korean Studies, October 10-28, 2013

Fulbright IIE Research Fellowship for 9 months in Japan, for the project "The Allies and the Decolonization of Asia," 2011-2012

Maxwell C. Weiner Humanities Faculty Research Award, 2011-2016

Taiwan Research Grant, Washington University in St. Louis, 2009
For the project "The Ethnic Unmixing of Asia"

Washington University Faculty Research Grant, 2008
For the project "The Ethnic Unmixing of Asia"

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation International Research Seminar on Decolonization, 2008
National History Center, Washington DC

SSRC / JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship, April-May 2008
Visiting Scholar, Hitotsubashi University

NEH Fellowship, awarded in 2006, used in 2007-2008
Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities & the Japan-U.S. Friendship
Commission

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT, PROGRAMS, COLLEGE, & UNIVERSITY

2019-2020 University Academic Freedom and Tenure Hearing Committee (Year 1/3)

Chair's Advisory Committee, History Department

2018-2019 On Sabbatical

Dissertation Defense Committee, Boyi Chen. Defended July

Dissertation Defense Committee, Gilbert Chen. Defended June

Dissertation Defense Committee, Joohee Suh. Defended June

2017-2018 Supervisor to Dr. Dan Pieper, Korea Foundation Post-Doc, East Asian Studies

MA Thesis Advisor, Qianran Yang

Graduate Studies Committee, History Department

Faculty leader for GCP Spring Break travel to Tokyo with 15 first-year students and two staff

Mellon Dissertation Summer Seminar, WUSTL, May 22-June 28, Instructor

2016-2017 Arts and Sciences Faculty Council (Year 3/3)

Graduate Studies Committee, History Department

Faculty leader for GCP Spring Break travel to Tokyo with 14 first-year students and two staff

MA Thesis Advisor, Jeongwon Yoon, East Asian Studies

MA Thesis Advisor, Brian Heise, East Asian Studies

2015-2016 Arts and Sciences Faculty Council (Year 2/3)

Dissertation Defense Committee Member, En LI, Defended October 15, 2015

Faculty leader for GCP Spring Break travel to Tokyo with 17 first-year students and two staff

2014-2015 Arts and Sciences Faculty Council (Year 1/3)

History Department Chair's Advisory Committee

Dissertation Defense Committee Member, Matthew Stewart, August 21, 2014

MA Essay Advisor and Committee Chair for Stephen Meyerink, East Asian Studies, Defended, March 23, 2015

MA Thesis Examiner for Michelle Hauk, Department of Architecture and Architectural History, Defended, July 8, 2015

Mellon Dissertation Summer Seminar, WUSTL, June 2-July 8, 2015, Instructor

2013-2014 Competitive Leave, ACLS Ryskamp Fellowship

2012-2013 History Department Chair's Advisory Committee

History Department Early Modern Atlantic Search Committee

Dissertation Committee Member, Rajbir Purewal, Defended, April 25, 2013

2011-2012 Unpaid Research Leave (Fulbright to Japan)

2010-2011 History Department Undergraduate Studies Committee; Study Abroad Advisor

IAS Capstone Coordinator

Dissertation Committee Member for John Aerni-Flessner, History

MA Thesis Advisor, Xiaoyan Liu

MA Thesis Second Reader for John Bandy and Daniel Pieper

2009-2010 History Department Colloquium Committee

East Asian Studies MA Program Admissions Committee

Dissertation Committee Member for Sookja Cho, ANELL

Dissertation Committee Member for Julia Kleinheider, German Department

2008-2009 History Department Chair's Advisory Committee

History Department Graduate Committee

IAS and History or Anthropology Modern China Search Committee (Zhao MA)

East Asian Studies MA Program Admissions Committee

2006-2007 History Department Colloquium Committee

History Department Modern South Asia Search Committee (Ballantyne, Adcock)

IAS TA Coordinator

East Asian Studies MA Program Admissions Committee

East Asian Studies MA Thesis Advisor for Tadashi Ishikawa

East Asian Studies MA Thesis Advisor for Mitsushiro "Billy" Nakajima

2005-2006 IAS Conflict or Development Studies Search Committee

East Asian Studies MA Program Admissions Committee

2004-2005 History Department Colloquium Committee

East Asian Studies MA Program Admissions Committee

SERVICE TO THE FIELD

2019-2020 Tenure and Promotion External Reviewer

Book-length manuscript reviewer: Columbia University

2018-2019 *Journal of Japanese Studies* Editorial Advisory Board Member

Article-length manuscript reviewer: *Sungkyun Journal of East Asian Studies*.

2017-2018 Tenure and Promotion External Reviewer

Book-length manuscript reviewer: Stanford University Press (Kingsberg Kadia) and Palgrave (Eskildsen)

Article-length manuscript reviewer: *Japan Forum* SOAS and *Journal of Japanese Studies*

Assessor for Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Insight Grants, January 2018

Screeener, SSRC / IDRF Fellowship Competition, November 2017

Journal of Japanese Studies Editorial Advisory Board Member

2016-2017 Tenure and Promotion External Reviewer

Book-length manuscript reviewer: Studies of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute book series at Columbia University

Book-length manuscript reviewer: Harvard University Asia Center

Article-length manuscript review: *Journal of Contemporary History*;
Journal of Asian Studies

Screeener, SSRC / IDRF Fellowship Competition, November 2016

Journal of Japanese Studies Editorial Advisory Board Member

2015-2016 Book-length manuscript reviewer: Studies of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute book series at Columbia University

Article-length manuscript review: *Journal of Contemporary History*

Screeener, SSRC / IDRF Fellowship Competition, November 2015

Journal of Japanese Studies Editorial Advisory Board Member

2014-2015 Tenure and Promotion External Reviewer

Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Japanese Studies*

Journal of Japanese Studies Editorial Advisory Board Member

2013-2014 Faculty Facilitator, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation International Research Seminar on Decolonization, National History Center, Washington DC, July-August, 2013

Tenure and Promotion External Reviewer

Manuscript Reviewer, *Modern Asian Studies*; *Journal of Contemporary History*

Journal of Japanese Studies Editorial Advisory Board Member

2012-2013 Faculty Facilitator, Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship Workshop, New Orleans, March 7-11

Tenure and Promotion External Reviewer

Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Japanese Studies*

Proposal Reviewer, Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship

2011-2012 Manuscript and Book Proposal Reviewer, *Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth*; University of California Press; Oxford University Press; Wiley-Blackwell

Proposal Reviewer, Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship

2010-2011 Manuscript Reviewer, *Portal: Journal of Multidisciplinary International Studies*

Proposal Reviewer, Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship

2009-2010 Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Journal of Contemporary History*

2008-2009 Proposal Reviewer, National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships

2007-2008 Proposal Reviewer, Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2014-2015 Innovation in the Classroom Grant, \$2500, to integrate GIS into teaching

2013-2014 Intro to GIS, University College, WUSTL, Spring 2014

2012-2013 GIS Workshop, WUSTL, May 2013

LIST OF COURSES TAUGHT

History 301T: *Methods in History -- Decolonization in the Twentieth Century*

History 301: *History and Historians of Asia*

History 320C: *Japan Since 1868*

History 3891: *East Asia Since 1945*

History 4842: *The Japanese Empire in Asia, 1874-1945*

History 4914: *Japan in World War II: History and Memory*

History 532: *Theory, History, Asia and Empire*

History 5470: *Writing Historical Proposals and Prospectuses*

History 5549: *Histories of the Japanese Archipelago*

International & Area Studies 140: *First Year Seminar: East Asia in the World*

International & Area Studies 202: *Crossing Borders I*

International & Area Studies 207: *Crossing Borders*

International & Area Studies 386: *Theory and History: Empire in East Asia* (Writing Intensive)

International & Area Studies 425: *Senior Project Seminar*

International & Area Studies 477: *Cultures of Memory in Germany & Japan*, with J. Kapczynski

East Asian Studies 584: *Core Seminar: East Asia in Scholarly Literature*

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Japanese

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Historical Association

Association for Asian Studies