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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, Department of History, Associate Professor, 2015–
University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, Department of History, Assistant Professor, 2008–2015
Alverno College, Social Science Department, Adjunct Professor, 2006

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Social/Cultural Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, 2007
M.A., Social/Cultural Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, 1997
A.B. *magna cum laude*, English, Princeton University, 1991

HONORS AND AWARDS

International Delegate, Vancouver Women’s Forum on Peace and Security, Nobel Women’s Initiative, 2018
Center for 21st Century Studies Fellow, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2016–2017
Kyujanggak International Center for Korean Studies Fellow, Seoul National University, 2015–2016
Research Institute for Korean Studies Visiting Scholar, Korea University, 2014
Center for 21st Century Studies Fellow, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2009–2010
Graduate School Research Committee Award, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2007
Graduate Student Paper Prize - Honorable Mention, Society for Economic Anthropology, 2006
Oral History Research Office Summer Institute Fellow, Columbia University, 2002
Chancellor’s Opportunity Fellow, University of California, Berkeley, 2001–2002
Simpson Memorial Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, UC–Berkeley 2000–2001
Fulbright Grant, Institute for International Education, 1999–2000
Korea Foundation Graduate Fellow in Korean Studies, Seoul, Korea, 1997–99
Andrew W. Mellon Fellow in Humanistic Studies, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, 1995–96
Phi Beta Kappa, Princeton University, 1991
Edward H. Tumen Award | Senior Thesis Writing Prize, Department of English, Princeton University, 1991

SCHOLARSHIP

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Book project:

“Contesting the Universal: Korea, UNESCO, and the Transnational Politics of Traumatic Memory”

PUBLICATIONS

Book:

Memory, Reconciliation, and Reunions in South Korea: Crossing the Divide. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2017.

Articles and Book Chapters:

"Iterations of Memory, Turbulence of Contestation," forthcoming, *Verge: Studies in Global Asias* 5.1 (Spring 2019).

"The Color of Dissent and a Vital Politics of Fragility in South Korea," forthcoming in *The Journal of Asian Studies* (2018).

"Candlelight and the Yellow Ribbon: Catalyzing Re-Democratization in South Korea," *Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus*, 15:14 (5) 2017.

"Reuniting Families, Reframing the Korean War: Inter-Korean Reconciliation and Vernacular Memory," *Routledge Handbook on Memory and Reconciliation in East Asia*, ed. Mikyoung Kim. New York and London: Routledge, 2015.

"Korea on the Brink: Reading the *Yönp'yöng* Shelling and its Aftermath" *The Journal of Asian Studies* 70 (2) 2011.

"Remembering the April [1960] Revolution," *Han'guk yösöng sinhak [The Journal of Korean Feminist Theology]* 42 (3) 2000.

"*Otros Hallazgos: Trabajos de* Theresa Hak Kyung Cha," *Arte Internacional* [Bogotá, Colombia - translated into Spanish] 22 (5) 1994.

"Other Things Found: The Work of Theresa Hak Kyung Cha." *Asian Pacific American Journal*. 1 (2) 1994.

Book reviews:

Challenges of Modernization and Governance in South Korea: The Sinking of the Sewol and Its Causes. Edited by Jae-Jung Suh / Mikyoung Kim. *Journal of Asian Studies*, forthcoming.

Korea's Grievous War, by Su-kyoung Hwang. *Journal of Korean Studies* 22, no. 2 (2017): 465-469.

East to America: Korean American Life Histories, by Elaine Kim and Eui-young Yu. *The Oral History Review: Journal of the Oral History Association*. Summer/Fall, 26(2), 1999.

The Elephants of Reckoning by Indran Amirthanayagam. *A Magazine: Inside Asian America*. 1994.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks:

"Embodied Longing, Mourning Absence: Division's Affect and Public Emotions in Contemporary South Korea," 26th Hahn Moo-Sook Colloquium in the Korean Humanities. George Washington University, November 9, 2018.

"The Korean Peace Process through Social Movements," Institute for Korean Studies, Indiana University, September 9, 2018.

"Public Memory of the State-Suppression Massacres of Jeju 4.3 and the Reversal of Historical Erasure: A Critique of Dark Tourism," International Forum on Korean Contemporary History, National Museum of Contemporary Korean History | Jeju 4.3 Peace Foundation, Jeju City, South Korea, July 5, 2018.

"Global Ecologies, Unruly Earthquakes, and South Korea's Nuclear-Energy Entanglements," *Korea at Nature's Edge: Environment and Society*, UCI Center for Critical Korean Studies/EnviroLab Asia at Claremont McKenna, UC-Irvine, April 20, 2018.

- “Politics of the Fragile and Vital: The Yellow Ribbon and Revolutionary Dissent in Contemporary South Korea,” *In Memory of Nancy Abelmann’s Contributions to Transnational Asian and Asian American Studies*, Northeast Asia Council Invited Session, Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Toronto, Canada, March 2017.
- “Participatory Publics: Civil Society, Pluralist Discourses, and People Power in Asia,” Asia Beyond the Headlines Invited Roundtable, Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Toronto, Canada, March 2017.
- “Crossing the Divide: Memory, Reconciliation and Reunions in South Korea,” Invited Book Talk, Institute for Korean Studies, George Washington University, January 30, 2017.
- “Elusive Asylum: Disruptions of U.S. Policy regarding the Resettlement of North Koreans,” Free University, Berlin, November 11, 2016.
- “Reconciling Korea’s Division across Scales of Time, Space, and Experience,” Invited Book Talk, University of the Ruhr – Bochum, Bochum, Germany, November 9, 2016.
- “*Memory, Reconciliation, and Reunions in South Korea: Crossing the Divide*,” Invited Book Talk, University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany, November 8, 2016.
- “*Memory, Reconciliation, and Reunions in South Korea: Crossing the Divide*,” Invited Book Talk, Hanyang University, Seoul, March 10, 2016.
- “Making Visible the Unseen: Memory and Reconciliation in Divided Korea,” Invited Book Talk, Institute for Historical Studies. University of Texas at Austin. May 2, 2016.
- “Refusing the Empire of Bases: Gangjeong Village’s Culture of Peace and Life Movement,” Invited Talk, *Korea with Empire* Conference. University of Pennsylvania. April 21-23, 2016.
- “*Memory, Reconciliation, and Reunions in South Korea: Crossing the Divide*.” Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea. December 1, 2015.
- “War Memory in the Present and the Threshold of Forgetting.” *Integrity of Memory: Korean “Comfort Women” Today*. Center for Transnational Justice Workshop. Marquette University. Milwaukee. May 1, 2015.
- “The Afterlife of Division: Inter-Korean Reconciliation and Vernacular Memory.” Department of Anthropology Colloquium, Seoul National University. Seoul, Korea. May 8, 2014.
- “Cultural Anthropology, Korean Studies, and Histories of the Present.” Yeongwol-Yonsei International Forum. Yeongwol, South Korea. May 25, 2011.
- “Legacies of War and Korean Family Separation: Social and Historical Contexts of a Humanitarian Crisis.” *The New Corea* (International Conference). National Unification Advisory Council of the Republic of Korea. San Francisco, CA, 2006.
- “Spectacle of Transparency: Media Rituals and the Reunions of North-South Korean Separated Families.” *Constant Capture: Visibility, Civil Liberties, and Global Security* (International Conference), Center for International Education, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, 2006.
- “Blood and Tears: Commemorating an Unfinished War in Divided Korea and the Reunions of North-South Korean Separated Families.” *Korean Dilemmas: The Political and Human Drama of Division and Reconciliation* (International Symposium), Sigur Center for Asian Studies, George Washington University. Washington, DC, 2003.
- “Reuniting Separated Families: Post-Division Korea as Imagined Community,” East Asian Colloquium, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University. Washington, DC, 2002.
- “Representing Motherhood, Reconciling the Nation: The Deployment of Gender During the Korean Separated Family Reunions.” Korea Workshop, University of Illinois. Urbana, Illinois, 2002
- “The Dream of the Audience.” *Dictée* Colloquium, Asian American Studies Program and the Krannert Art Museum, University of Illinois. Urbana, Illinois, 2002.

- “Rituals of Reconciliation: Inter-Korean Relations and the Reunions of Separated Korean Families.” *Korea: Present and Future*, UW-Milwaukee/Korea Economic Institute Conference, University of Wisconsin. Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 2001.
- “Separated Family Reunions: Social Risks and the Cultural Politics of Korean Division,” (in Korean). Annual Meeting, Association for the Study of Overseas Koreans, Korea University, Seoul, Korea, 2000.
- “Negotiated Reunion: Personal and National Legacies of Korean Division.” Fulbright Forum, Korean-American Educational Commission. Seoul, Korea, 2000.

CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

- “Defying Comfort, Not a Woman: ‘Peace Statue of a Girl’ and Materializing Witness to Wartime Mass Violence,” co-authored with Soomin Seo, World History Association Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 21, 2018.
- “Sustaining Solidarities: South Korea’s 2016-17 Candlelight Protests and Grounded Practices for Rethinking Progressive Coalition-Building,” co-authored with Seong Nae Kim and Francis Daehoon Lee, Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Washington, DC, March 23, 2018.
- “The Color of Dissent and a Vital Politics of Fragility in South Korea,” *Korean Ethnography Today: Building on the Legacy of Nancy Abelmann*, UCI Center for Critical Korean Studies, UC-Irvine, February 16, 2018.
- UNESCO’s Memory of the World Programme and the Possibilities and Limits of Democratizing Global Public History,” *Moving Beyond the National: New Perspectives on International and Transnational Public Histories*, National Council on Public History, Indianapolis, Indiana, 2017.
- Global Archive, *Vying National Identities: Contested Korean Histories and UNESCO’s Memory of the World Programme*,” Association for Critical Heritage Studies. Montreal, Canada. June 8, 2016.
- “Meeting with the Past: Cosmopolitan Memory and the Reunions of Separated Families in Divided Korea,” *Solidarity and Trespasses: Cultural Formations of Cold War Cosmopolitanisms in East Asia*. Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Toronto, Canada, 2012.
- “Reunions and the Visible Past: Neoliberal Mediations and Affective Legacies of the Cold War in South Korea,” *Neoliberalism Inherits the Cold War: Intimate and Affective Legacies of the Geopolitical in Northeast Asia*. Annual Meeting, American Anthropological Association, Montreal, Canada, November 2011.
- “Reviving the Presumed War Dead: North-South Family Reunions in Divided Korea, and the Temporality of Cold-War Kinship in Divided Korea,” *Cold War Cultures Conference*, University of Texas at Austin, 2010.” *Divisions Overcome: The New Politics of Historical Culture*. Cold War Cultures Conference. University of Texas, Austin, October 2010.
- “Impossible Returns: The Temporary Border-Crossings of Separated Korean Family Members,” *Crossing the Divide: Migration and Disruptions of Identity among North Koreans and South Koreans*. Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Philadelphia, PA, 2010.
- “Mourning Those Who Waited: Mediations of Political Technology and the Return of the Korean War’s Presumed Dead.” *Mourning Through Technology in Korea and Japan*. 107th Annual Meeting, American Anthropological Association. San Francisco, CA, 2008.
- “Embodying Reconciliation in a Liminal Nation: Return of the Lost during the Reunions of Families Separated between the Two Koreas,” *Bodies that Matter in the ‘Transitional’ Body Politic*. 106th Annual Meeting, American Anthropological Association. Washington, DC, 2007
- “Embodied Passages: The Reunions of North-South Korean Separated Families and the Return of the Korean War’s Presumed Dead,” *The Body that Matters: History, Memory and Corporeal Discourse*

in Twentieth-Century Japan and Korea, Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs. St. Louis, Missouri, 2007.

“Liminal Subjects, Liminal Nation: Inter-Korean Reconciliation, Media Rituals and Separated-Family Reunions,” *Mediating Nationalism in Contemporary Northeast Asia: Intimacy, Identity, and Media* (Society for East Asian Anthropology Panel Session). 105th Annual Meeting, American Anthropological Association. San Jose, California, 2006.

“Inheriting the Cold War: National Division and Korean Separated Families.” *Rethinking the Post-Cold War Era* (Panel Session), 101st Annual Meeting, American Anthropological Association. New Orleans, Louisiana, 2002.

“Representing Motherhood, Reconciling the Nation: Gendered Narratives and the Reunions of Korean Separated Families.” *Challenges to the Nationalist Project in Post-colonial Korea* (Panel Session), 51st Annual Meeting, Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Wittenberg University. Springfield, Ohio, 2002.

“Reuniting Separated Families: Humanitarian Dimensions of Inter-Korean Reconciliation and the New Nationalist Paradigm” (Poster Session). International Convention of Asian Scholars, Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany, 2001.

“Creating a Space for Separated Families in the South-North Korean Peace Process.” *Refiguring the Spatial in Southeast and Northeast Asia* (Invited Session), 54th Annual Meeting, Association for Asian Studies. Chicago, Illinois, 2000.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2017- Director, Public History Program, UW-Milwaukee
 - 2015-2018 Coordinator, Asian Studies Program, UW-Milwaukee
 - 2017- Advisory Board Member, Museum Studies Certificate Program, UW-Milwaukee
 - 2017- University Relations Committee Member (elected representative), UW-Milwaukee
 - 2015- Field School Faculty Advisor, Buildings-Landscapes-Cultures Program, School of Architecture and Urban Planning, UW-Milwaukee

 - 2018- Steering Committee Member, Women Cross DMZ (international peace organization)
 - 2016- Editorial Board Member, *Seoul Journal of Korean Studies*
 - 2010- Steering Committee Member, Alliance of Scholars Concerned about Korea
- Referee/reviewer for: *The Journal of Asian Studies* (Association for Asian Studies), *Cultural Anthropology* (Society for Cultural Anthropology), *Journal of Korean Studies* (Center for Korean Studies, Columbia University), Bloomsbury Press, *Asian Journal of Peacebuilding* (Seoul National University).

CONFERENCE-RELATED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2017 Session Co-organizer, *Women and War in Asia*, AAS-in-Asia, Seoul, Korea.
- 2016 Conference Co-organizer, *Power and Dissent: Understanding Korea's Past and Present Challenges Through Korean Studies*, Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies, Seoul National University. August 18-19.
- 2016 Session Co-organizer, *Resisting Neoliberalism in South Korea, Remaking the Practices of Protest*. Annual Meeting, Association for Asian Studies. Seattle, WA. March-April.
- 2013 Session Organizer, *Ending the Korean War and Overcoming the Division System*. Annual Meeting, Association for Asian Studies. San Diego, CA. March.

- 2012 Panel Organizer, *Solidarity and Trespasses: Cultural Formations of Cold War Cosmopolitanism in East Asia*. Annual Meeting, Association for Asian Studies. Toronto, Canada. March.
- 2011 Panel Organizer and Chair, *Neoliberalism Inherits the Cold War*. Annual Meeting, American Anthropological Association. Montreal, Canada. November.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Media Work

- Subtitles Translator/Editor, *Habitual Sadness: Korean Comfort Women Today* (Documentary film on the survivors of military sexual slavery during World War II), Bo-Im Productions, Seoul, Korea, 1997
- Senior Contributor, *Eastern Standard Time: A Guide to Asian Influence on American Culture from Astro Boy to Zen Buddhism*, eds. Jeff Yang, Dina Gan, Terry Hong. New York: Houghton Mifflin. 1997
- Professional Journalist, *The Record*, Bergenfield, NJ, 1994-1995.
- Princeton University Campus Correspondent, Reuters (International news service), New York, NY, 1988-1991

Encyclopedia articles and other published pieces:

- “Koreans” [Korean Americans], *Encyclopedia of Milwaukee*, Dekalb, IL: Northern Illinois University Press, forthcoming.
- “Who Are the Korean Americans?” *Asian American Almanac*, New York: Gale Research, 1995 “Video Visionary Nam June Paik.” *Notable Asian Americans*, eds. Helen Zia and Susan Gall. New York: Gale Research. 1995.
- “Film Director Ang Lee.” *Notable Asian Americans*, eds. Helen Zia and Susan Gall. New York: Gale Research. 1995.
- “On Writing.” *The Village Voice Education Supplement*, August 24-31, New York. 1989.

Community Service and Other Work Experience

- Academic Programs Specialist in Global Studies, Center for International Education, University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee, 2003-2006
- Organizer, *Korean Studies Working Group*. University of California, Berkeley, 1996-1997
- Assistant National Coordinator, *Festival of Korea*. The Asia Society, New York, 1993-1994

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Historical Association
- Association for Asian Studies
- Association for Political and Legal Anthropology
- National Council for Public History
- Society for Cultural Anthropology
- Society for East Asian Anthropology
- World History Association