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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Modern and contemporary Korea, Northeast Asia; history and memory; anthropology of politics; post-conflict reconciliation; theories of subjectivity; historical trauma; modernity; transnationalism

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2015- Associate Professor, Department of History, UW-Milwaukee
2007-2015 Assistant Professor, Department of History, UW-Milwaukee
2006 Adjunct Professor, Social Science Department, Alverno College

EDUCATION

2007 Ph.D. Social/Cultural Anthropology, University of California-Berkeley
Dissertation: "Liminal Subjects, Liminal Nation: Reuniting Separated Families and Mediating National Reconciliation in Divided Korea"
(Nan Youngnan Kim-Paik) Advisor: Aihwa Ong
1997 M.A. Social/Cultural Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley
1991 A.B. English Language and Literature, Princeton University
magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

SELECTED HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

2015-16 Fellow, Kyujanggak International Center for Korean Studies, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea
2014- Research Fellow, Beyond the Korean War (International research initiative)
2014 Fellowship, Visiting Scholars Program, International Center for Korean Studies, Research Institute for Korean Studies, Korea University, Winter-Summer
2009-10 Faculty Fellowship, Center for 21st Century Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
2007 Graduate School Research Committee Award, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
2006 Honorable Mention, Graduate Student Paper Prize, Society for Economic Anthropology
2002 Summer Institute Fellowship, Oral History Research Office, Columbia University
2001-02 Chancellor's Opportunity Fellowship, University of California
2000-01 Simpson Memorial Research Fellowship, Institute for International Studies, University of California – Berkeley
1999-2000 Fulbright Grant, Institute for International Education
1997-99 Korea Foundation Graduate Fellowship in Korean Studies, Korea Foundation, Seoul, Korea
1995-96 Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation
1991 Edward H. Tumen Award (Senior Thesis Writing Prize), Department of English Language and Literature, Princeton University

PUBLICATIONS

- 2015 *Memory, Reconciliation, and Reunions in South Korea: Crossing the Divide*. (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2015).
- 2015 "Reuniting Families, Reframing the Korean War: Inter-Korean Reconciliation and Vernacular Memory" [chapter in edited volume], *Routledge Handbook on Memory and Reconciliation in East Asia*, ed. Mikyoung Kim. (New York: Routledge, 2015).
- 2011 "Korea on the Brink: Reading the *Yŏnp'yŏng* Shelling and its Aftermath" *The Journal of Asian Studies*, 70(2) May, pp. 337-356.

INVITED TALKS

- 2014 "The Afterlife of Division: Inter-Korean Reconciliation and Vernacular Memory." Department of Anthropology Colloquium, Seoul National University. Seoul, Korea. May 8.
- 2014 "Memory and Reconciliation: Reconsidering the Meaning of Separated Family Reunions during the Sunshine Policy Period in South Korea." International Center for Korean Studies, Research Institute for Korean Studies, Korea University. Seoul, Korea. April 17.
- 2011 "Cultural Anthropology, Korean Studies, and Histories of the Present." Yeongwol-Yonsei International Forum. Yeongwol, South Korea. May 25.
- 2006 "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. September 30.
- 2003 "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, October 14.
- 2002 "Reuniting Separated Families: Post-Division Korea as Imagined Community." Invited Speaker, East Asian Colloquium, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University. Washington, DC, December 6.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY/PARTICIPATION

discussant

- 2014 Discussant, Korea University-UC Berkeley International Summer Institute in Korean Studies, Research Institute of Korean Studies, Korea University, Seoul. June 2.
- 2014 Discussant, "*Hanguk chŏn'chaeng yŏngu-ŭi tto tarŭn chip'yŏng – Hangukhak-kwa illyuhak-ŭi daehwa*" ["Another Horizon in the Study of the Korean War: The Dialogue between Anthropology and Korean Studies"]. *Beyond the Korean War - International Research Initiative*. (One-day research workshop) Seoul National University Department of Anthropology. Seoul, Korea. May 17.

papers presented

- 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, WI. May 1.

- 2014 "Exilic Diaspora and the Phenomenology of Korean Division." *International Session*, Annual Conference, Korean Sociological Association. Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology. Daejeon, Korea. June 20.
- 2012 "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, Association for Asian Studies, Toronto, Canada. March 18.
- 2011 "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 18.
- 2010 "Kinship and the Temporality of the Cold War in Divided Korea." Cold War Cultures Conference. University of Texas, Austin, TX.
- 2010 "Impossible Returns: The Temporary Border-Crossings of Separated Korean Family Members." Annual Meeting, Association for Asian Studies. Philadelphia, PA. March 27.
- 2008 "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. November 19.

panels organized

- 2013 Session Organizer, *Ending the Korean War and Overcoming the Division System* [Special session featuring a distinguished guest lecture by South Korean intellectual Paik Nak-chung]. 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.
- 2008 Panel Organizer, *Mourning Through Technology in Korea and Japan*. Annual Meeting, American Anthropological Association. San Francisco, CA. November.
- 2006 Session Chair, *Mediating Nationalism in Contemporary Northeast Asia: Intimacy, Identity, and Media*. Annual Meeting, American Anthropological Association. San Jose, CA. November.
- 2002 Session Organizer, *Rethinking the Post-Cold War Era*. Annual Meeting, American Anthropological Association. New Orleans, LA. November.

SELECTED MEDIA WORK AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2010 "West Sea Crisis in Korea," *The Asia-Pacific Journal*, 49(1), December 6.
- 1997 Subtitles Translator/Editor, *Habitual Sadness: Korean Comfort Women Today* (Documentary film), 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 ABU Dateline (International conference publication), Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union 34th General Assembly. Seoul, Korea.
- 1995 "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.
- 1994 "Otros Hallazgos: Trabajos de Theresa Hak Kyung Cha" (Translated into Spanish). *Arte Internacional*. 22(5). Bogotá, Colombia.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2014- Advisory Board Member, *Beyond the Korean War*
- 2014- Manuscript Reviewer, *Cultural Anthropology* (Society for Cultural Anthropology)
- 2009- Manuscript Reviewer, *The Journal of Asian Studies* (Association for Asian Studies)
- 2010- Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Korean Studies* (Center for Korean Studies, University of Washington)
- 2010- Steering Committee Member, Alliance of Scholars Concerned about Korea

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate courses at UW-Milwaukee

- History 398. Dilemmas of Memory and Forgiveness: The "History Problem" in Northeast Asia (Honors College Seminar)
- History 372. Topics in Global History: The Korean War
- International Studies 550. Division, Reconciliation, and Popular Memory in Contemporary Korea
- History 286. The Korean Conflict, 1950-1953
- History 176. East Asian Civilization Since 1600
- History 175. East Asian Civilization To 1600
- History 141. Family and Sex Roles in the Past (History of Gender and the Family)

Graduate courses at UW-Milwaukee

- Colloquium on Global History: History and Anthropology
- Colloquium on Global History: Power, Culture and the Global Cold War

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Alliance of Scholars Concerned about Korea
- American Anthropological Association
- American Ethnological Society
- American Historical Association
- Association for Asian Studies
- Association for Political and Legal Anthropology
- Phi Beta Kappa Society
- Society for Cultural Anthropology
- Society for East Asian Anthropology