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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2015-present Assistant Professor, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures
University of Michigan
- 2011-2015 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology
University of Virginia
- 2009-2011 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology and Sociology
Lafayette College
- 2008-2009 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology and Sociology
Lafayette College
- 2008 Lecturer, Department of Anthropology
Yale University

EDUCATION

- 2008 Ph.D. in Anthropology, Yale University
Supervised by: Professor William W. Kelly
- 2003 M.Phil. in Anthropology, Yale University
- 2001 B.A. double major in Anthropology (with honors) and Sociology (with honors), and with general honors in the College, University of Chicago

RESEARCH SPECIALIZATIONS AND SKILLS

- Gender
- Kinship and Family
- Romance and Intimacy
- Legal Anthropology
- Intersections of Kinship and Citizenship
- Contemporary Japan and East Asia
- Advanced Japanese language abilities in speaking, reading, and writing

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2013-2014 Japan, the United States, and The Hague
Thirteen months of ongoing research, funded by the Abe fellowship, examining international child custody disputes in the US and Japan
- 2009 Tokyo, Japan
Two months of ethnographic research funded by Japan Foundation investigating prevalence of "later-life divorce" among older couples
- 2005-2006 Tokyo, Saitama, Chiba, and Matsuyama, Japan
Twelve months of ethnographic research funded by Fulbright IIE examining divorce in contemporary Japan
- 2003-2004 Tokyo and Yokohama, Japan
Eight months of preliminary ethnographic research explored marketing the birth control pill

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

- 2014 Cory Family Teaching Award
Awarded \$25,000 in recognition of excellent and innovative teaching at the University of Virginia
- 2013-2014 Abe Fellowship, administered by the Social Science Research Council
Awarded \$100,426 to conduct research project titled "When Citizenship and Kinship Intersect: Comparing Japanese and American Responses to Transnational Child Custody Disputes"
- 2013 Japan Foundation, Long-term Research Fellowship
Awarded approximately \$52,900; declined
- 2013 Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science Postdoctoral Fellowship
Awarded approximately \$50,800; declined
- 2012 Ellen Bayard Weedon Travel Grant from the East Asia Center at the University of Virginia
Awarded \$1,500
- 2011 Northeast Asia Council of the Association of Asian Studies Grant for distinguished lecture series on Japan
Awarded funding to organize lectures by Dr. Sabine Frühstück
- 2011 Lafayette College Information Literacy Teaching Grant
Awarded \$1000 to redesign undergraduate course

- 2010 Richard King Mellon Research Fellowship
Awarded \$5000 to conduct follow-up research on divorce
- 2009 Japan Foundation Short Term Research Fellowship
Awarded approximately \$11,200 to research "later-life divorce"
- 2007-2008 Yale University Council on East Asian Studies Prize Dissertation Fellowship
Awarded \$30,000 for dissertation writing
- 2007 Social Science Research Council's Japan Dissertation Workshop participant
One of ten international awardees invited to a dissertation workshop with senior Japan Studies faculty
- 2005-2006 Fulbright IIE Dissertation Research Fellowship
Awarded approximately \$46,500 for dissertation research in Japan
- 2005 Honorable Mention, Society for East Asian Anthropology's Theodore C. Bestor Prize for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper
- 2004 Yale Council on East Asian Studies Summer Language Study Grant
- 2003-2004 Richard U. Light Fellowship for Japanese Language Study

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS AND JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUES

- In progress *Divorce and the Romance of Independence in Contemporary Japan.*
Book manuscript.
- In progress (with Emma Cook) *Intimate Japan.* Edited volume.
- 2011 (with Ilana Gershon) Special Issue: The Ethics of Disconnection in a Neoliberal Age. *Anthropological Quarterly* 84(4).
- 2010 (with Richard Ronald) *Home and Family in Japan: Continuity and Transformation.* London: Routledge Press. Published in paperback in October 2011.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

- In press "Laboring Heroes, Security, and the Political Economy of Intimacy in Postwar Japan." In *Beyond the Cubicle: Insecurity Culture and the Flexible Self*, edited by Allison Pugh. Forthcoming from Oxford University Press.
- 2011 "Intimate Dependence and its Risks in Neoliberal Japan." *Anthropological Quarterly* 84(4): 897-920.

- 2011 (with Ilana Gershon) "Introduction: The Ethics of Disconnection in a Neoliberal Age." *Anthropological Quarterly* 84(4): 799-808.
- 2010 "The Door My Wife Closed: Houses, Families, and Divorce in Japan." In *Home and Family in Japan: Continuity and Transformation*, edited by Richard Ronald and Allison Alexy. Pp. 236-253. London: Routledge Press.
- 2010 (with Richard Ronald) "Introduction: Continuity and Change in Japanese Homes and Families." In *Home and Family in Japan: Continuity and Transformation*, edited by Richard Ronald and Allison Alexy. Pp.1-24. London: Routledge Press.
- 2007 "Deferred Benefits, Romance, and the Specter of Later-life Divorce." *Contemporary Japan* 19: 169-188.

REVIEWS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- forthcoming Review of *Configurations of Family in Contemporary Japan* edited by Tomoko Aoyama, Laura Dales, and Romit Dasgupta. 2015. New York: Routledge. *Pacific Affairs* 89 (2).
- 2014 Review of *The Japanese Family in Transition: From the Professional Housewife Ideal to the Dilemmas of Choice* by Suzanne Hall Vogel with Steven K. Vogel. 2013. Rowman and Littlefield. *Social Science Japan Journal* 17(2): 259-261.
- 2014 Review of *Precarious Japan* by Anne Allison. 2013. Durham: Duke University Press. *Anthropological Quarterly* 87(2): 545-557.
- 2014 Review of *Housewives of Japan: An Ethnography of Real Lives and Consumerized Domesticity* by Ofra Goldstein-Gidoni. 2012. New York: Palgrave Macmillan. *American Ethnologist* 41(1): 198-199.
- 2013 Review of *Fragile Kinships: Family Ideologies and Child Welfare in Japan* by Kathryn Goldfarb. 2012. *Dissertation Reviews*. www.dissertationreviews.org
- 2012 Review of *Lovesick Japan: Sex, Marriage, Romance, Law* by Mark D. West. 2011. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 18(4): 914-915.
- 2011 Review of *Manners and Mischief: Gender, Power, and Etiquette in Japan*, edited by Jan Bardsley and Laura Miller. 2011. Berkeley: University of California Press. *Southeast Review of Asian Studies* 33: 283-285.
- 2011 Review of *Women and Family in Contemporary Japan* by Susan Holloway. 2010. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. *Contemporary Sociology* 40(3): 313-314.

- 2011 Review of *Tough Choices: Bearing an Illegitimate Child in Japan* by Ekaterina Hertog. 2010. Stanford: Stanford University Press. *Contemporary Sociology* 40(2): 188-189.
- 2011 "Anime." In *The Multimedia Encyclopedia of Women in Today's World*. Mary Zeiss Stange, Carol K. Oyster, J. Geoffrey Golson, eds. Pp: 70-71. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.
- 2010 Review of *Embodying Culture: Pregnancy in Japan and Israel* by Tsipy Ivry. 2010. Newark: Rutgers University Press. *Ethos* 38(4): 461-463.
- 2010 "Japan: 1900 to Present." In *Cultural Sociology Encyclopedia of East Asia*, edited by Orlando Patterson. Pp: 297-299. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.
- 2007 Review of *The Too-Good Wife: Alcohol, Codependency, and the Politics of Nurturance in Postwar Japan* by Amy Borovoy. 2005. Berkeley: University of California Press. *Southeast Review of Asian Studies* 29: 261-264.
- 2007 "A Conversation with William W. Kelly." *Anthropology News* 48(8): 59-60.
- 2004 Review of *Doing Fieldwork in Japan* edited by Theodore Bestor, Patricia Steinhoff and Victoria Lyon Bestor. 2003. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press. *H-Net Online*.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

PANELS AND CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- 2014 "Borders, Transgressions, and Legality in the Everyday." Panel at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Charlottesville.
- 2010 "Continuity and Transformation in Japanese Houses and Families: The Family, Lived and Imagined, in Contemporary Japan." Panel at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Philadelphia.
- 2010 "Living Fieldwork: A Panel Discussion on Anthropological Research." Lafayette College.
- 2009 "Ethnography 2.0: Anthropology of Online Commitments." Panel at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia.
- 2009 (with Katrina Moore) "Intimate Japan: Cultivating Human Relationships in an Era of Neoliberal Independence." Panel at the Annual Meeting of the

Association of Asian Studies, Chicago.

- 2007 "Commodified Romance and Intimate Selves." Panel at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2006 "Stigmatized Kinship in Contemporary Japan." Panel at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose.
- 2006 "Selves in Contemporary Japan." Panel at the Annual Meeting of Anthropology of Japan in Japan, Kyoto.
- 2004 Reproduction in Modern Japan, graduate student conference. Yale University.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2015 "What Can Be Said? Communicating Intimacy in Millennial Japan." Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Chicago.
- 2014 "Family Law in a Family Nation: International Child Abduction and Legal Disputes in Japan." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 "Law Transgressing Into Families: International Child Abduction Disputes in Japan." Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Charlottesville.
- 2013 "Preliminary Thoughts on Social and Legal Borders Surrounding Japanese Families." Autumn Meeting for Anthropology of Japan in Japan, International Christian University, Tokyo.
- 2012 "Parenting in the Shadows of the State: International Child Custody Disputes in Japan." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco.
- 2011 "Trash." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Montreal.
- 2010 "International Norms, Citizenship, and the Limits of Kinship." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans.
- 2010 (with Osvaldo Cleger). "Virtual Communities and Collective Narratives: From Tokyo to Mercedes, Buenos Aires." Electronic Literature Organization Conference, Providence.
- 2010 "The Door My Wife Closed: Houses, Families, and Divorce in Contemporary Japan." Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies,

Philadelphia.

- 2009 "An Aura of Virtuality: Moving Marital Support Groups On- and Off-line in Contemporary Japan." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia.
- 2009 "Three Words to Save Your Marriage? Articulated Emotions and Divorce Risk in Contemporary Japan." Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Chicago.
- 2008 "The Popular Logics of Demographics in Japan." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco.
- 2008 "Balancing Disconnect in Contemporary Japanese Marriages." Annual Meeting of the Society for Cultural Anthropology, Long Beach.
- 2007 "Wives as Mothers, Divorce Risk, and Professional Counseling in Japan." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2007 "But He's Still my Kids' Father: Post-divorce Parenting in Contemporary Japan." Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Boston.
- 2007 "When I got Divorced, My Single Friends Said, 'Welcome Home!'" Annual Meeting of the Japan Anthropology Workshop Series (JAWS), Oslo.
- 2006 "Living as an X: Toward a Theory of the *batsu ichi*." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose.
- 2006 "On a First Name Basis: Identity and Marital Problems in Contemporary Japan." New York Regional Meetings of the Association of Asian Studies, St. Lawrence University, Canton.
- 2006 "Divorced from the Ideal." East Asian Anthropology/Anthropology in East Asia Conference, Hong Kong.
- 2006 "The Business of Divorce." Anthropology of Japan in Japan Spring Meetings, Kyoto.
- 2005 (with Nathaniel Smith) "Malinowski's American Homes." Poster Session at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2004 "Selling (Responsible) Sex to Young Women: Marketing the Birth Control Pill in Japan." Anthropology of Japan in Japan Spring Meetings, Sendai.
- 2004 "An Unpopular Pill: Modernity, Globalism, and Japanese Birth Control." Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, San Diego.

2004 "Acknowledging Reproduction." Reproduction in Modern Japan graduate student conference, New Haven.

INVITED LECTURES

- 2015 "Family, Nation, and "Abduction" in Contemporary Japan." Ripon College, Wisconsin.
- 2014 "Families in Law: Ethnographic Perspectives on Contested Family Norms in Japan's Family Court System." Abe Foundation, Tokyo.
- 2014 "I Love You, But Not Too Much: Contested Ideals of Intimacy in Contemporary Japan." University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam.
- 2014 "Comparing Families in Japan and the United States: Images, Ideals, and Practices." University of Kitakyûshû, Kitakyûshû.
- 2014 "Constructing Mutuality: Family Law Process and Divorce in Contemporary Japan." Contemporary Japan Group, Institute of Social Science, The University of Tokyo.
- 2014 "Abduction, Child Custody, and International Law in Contemporary Japan." Waseda University Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, Tokyo.
- 2013 (with Rick Heisterman and Natasha Oladokun) "What Do We Owe and What Do We Owe Ourselves? Education, debt, and learning for its own sake." Well Being and Good Living Discussion Series presented by the University of Virginia's Institute for Humanities and Global Cultures, Charlottesville.
- 2011 "Families and Child Custody in Japan: Cultural Context for Recent International Disputes." Asia Policy Point, Washington, D.C.
- 2010 "What Makes it OK to Leave: Explaining Divorce in Contemporary Japan." German Institute for Japanese Studies, Tokyo.
- 2010 "Kinship, Citizenship, and the Problems of International Custody in Japan." Waseda University, Tokyo.
- 2010 "What Can Be Said? Communication and the Intimacy of Ethnographic Fieldwork." Sophia University, Tokyo.
- 2010 "Changing Marital Norms and the Risks of Naming in Contemporary Japan." The Japan Society of Northern California, San Francisco.
- 2009 "The Frightening Possibilities of Pop Cultural Desire between South Korea

and Japan.” Lafayette College, Easton.

- 2009 (with Saladin Ambar) “Gender, Race, and the Race: The State of the Presidential Campaign.” Lafayette College, Easton.
- 2007 (with William Kelly and Gavin Whitelaw) “Talking Technology: Technological Strategies for Scholarship and Fieldwork.” Ethnography and Social Theory Colloquium, Yale University, New Haven.
- 2004 “Supplemented Bodies: Vitamins, *Kampoyaku*, and the Pill in Modern Japan.” Harvard University Graduate Student Conference, Cambridge.
- 2004 「広告なしマーケティング：日本における避妊のピル」 [Marketing without Advertising: The birth control pill in Japan]. Waseda University’s Workshop on Cultural Anthropology, Tokyo. [In Japanese]

WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2013 “Divorce and the Romance of Independence in Contemporary Japan.” Family Law in East Asia workshop, University of Maryland, College Park.
- 2013 “Global Humanities and the Risks of Empathy.” The 3rd International Symposium on Humanities in the World – The Value of Humanities Research: Cross-Cultural and Inter-disciplinary Dialogues, Nanjing.
- 2006 “Obligation, Romance, and the Specter of Middle-Aged Divorce.” Modern Japan History Workshop, Waseda University, Tokyo.
- 2005 “Two Spouses, Two States: Considering Inter-Asian Divorce.” Southeast Asian Studies Regional Workshop, Chiang-Mai.
- 2005 “Divorce and Family Change in Contemporary Japan.” The Society for East Asian Anthropology’s “Reports from the Field” Workshop, Chicago.

PANEL DISCUSSANT PRESENTATIONS

- 2013 Discussant for “Multiple Selves: Social Identities in Globalizing Japan.” Panel at the Annual Meeting of the Japan Anthropology Workshop Series (JAWS), Pittsburgh.
- 2011 Discussant for “Discursive Masculinities in Contemporary Japan.” Panel at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Honolulu.
- 2008 Discussant for “Re-reading Ethnographies of Japan and Korea.” Panel at Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco.

2004 Discussant for 「タイに向かう日本人の若者たち」 [Young Japanese people headed for Thailand], a presentation by Ono Mayumi. Modern Anthropology Doctoral Workshop, Tokyo University. [*In Japanese*]

COURSES TAUGHT

- Fantasy
- Gender and Popular Culture
- Gender in Contemporary Japan
- History of Theory in Anthropology
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- Japanese Culture
- Kinship and Citizenship
- Legal Anthropology
- Love and Romantic Intimacies
- Neoliberalism
- Sex and Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective
- Transnationalism
- Qualitative Methods
- Co-organizer of “Interconnections in Northeast Asia,” a study abroad course to China, North Korea, and South Korea

STUDENT ADVISING

UNDERGRADUATE SENIOR THESIS ADVISING

- Primary advisor for Chelsea Jack: “Understanding the Relationship between Law and Subjectivity in the Honor System at the University of Virginia.” B.A. in Anthropology and Political & Social Thought, the University of Virginia (May 2014)
- Primary advisor for Xinyan Peng: ““Korean Wave” in Taipei: The Construction of Beautiful Women.” B.A. in Anthropology and Economics, the University of Virginia (December 2013)

GRADUATE ADVISING

- Committee chair for Kunisuke Hirano: “Alternative Education in Japan” (doctoral student, the University of Michigan)
- Committee chair (2012-2015) for Macario Garcia: “Imprisoned Mobilities: Confinement, Imagination, and Subjectivity in the Contemporary United States” (doctoral student, the University of Virginia)
- Committee chair (2013-2015) for Dannah Dennis: “Re-Imagining the Nation: Citizens in the New Nepal.” (doctoral student, the University of Virginia)

- Outside reader for Anand Rao's dissertation: "Self-Help or Self-Destruction? Immigration Politics in Germany, Italy, and Japan" (Ph.D. in Politics, the University of Virginia, 2015)
- Committee member for Catherine Madeo: "The New *Mammoni*: Why the cultural perception of Italy's mama's boys has changed" (M.A. received 2012)
- Outside reader for Jessica Starling's dissertation: "A Family of Clerics: Temple Wives, Tradition and Change in Contemporary Jodo Shinshu Temples" (Ph.D. in Religious Studies, the University of Virginia, 2012)

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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| 2014-2015 | Co-organizer of "The Intimacy Lectures," a year-long lecture series supported by the Page-Barbour Fund at the University of Virginia |
| 2011-2015 | Institute of Humanities and Global Cultures Advisory Board member, University of Virginia |
| 2011-2015 | Global Development Studies Program Faculty Advisory Board member, University of Virginia |
| 2011-2013 | Graduate Admissions committee member, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia |
| 2012-2013 | Mellon Graduate Teaching Seminars for Excellence in the Humanities, Organizing Committee member, University of Virginia |
| 2010-2011 | Curriculum and Educational Policy Committee Member, Lafayette College |

NATIONAL SERVICE

Book Manuscript Reviewer for: Bloomsbury Publishing; Oxford University Press; Palgrave Macmillan; and The University of Hawai'i Press.

Journal Article Reviewer for: *American Ethnologist*; *Anthropological Quarterly*; *Anthropology and Humanism*; *Asian Anthropology*; *Culture Medicine and Psychiatry*; *Japanese Studies*; and *U.S.-Japan Women's Journal*.

Grant Reviewer for: Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship program at the Social Science Research Council; and The Israel Science Foundation.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association
Association of Asian Studies
Association for Feminist Anthropology
Association for Political and Legal Anthropology
Japan Anthropology Workshop Series
Society for East Asian Anthropology

REFERENCES

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