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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Ph.D. Candidate, History. 2004-Present. ADVISOR: Andrew Gordon
GENERAL EXAMINATION FIELDS: Modern Japan, Modern Korea, Early Modern
European Intellectual History, The Aftermaths of Modern War. (A.M. 2006)

Columbia University, New York City, NY

Master of International Affairs, May 2002.
School of International and Public Affairs. CONCENTRATION: Regional, East Asia
East Asia Regional Certificate, Japan. May 2002.

Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA

B.A., Dec. 1998. 4 MAJORS: Japanese, Philosophy, History, East Asian Studies.

LANGUAGE STUDY:

Seoul National University Korean Language Program, Seoul, South Korea
Summer 2005, 2006. Completed levels 3 and 4 (of 6) of the ten-week program.

Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies, Beijing, China
1999-2000. Administered by the University of California, Berkeley.

Princeton in Beijing, Beijing, China

Summer 1998. Completed Level 2 (of 4). Administered by Princeton University.

Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies, Yokohama, Japan
1997-1998. Administered by Stanford University.

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

Shandong University – School of History and Culture Jinan, China

Visiting Researcher, 2008-2009

Yonsei University – Institute of Korean Studies Seoul, Republic of Korea

Visiting Researcher, 2007-2008.

The Oriental Library – Modern China Research Team Tokyo, Japan.

Research Assistant, 2004.

Waseda University – Graduate School of Political Science Tokyo, Japan.

Graduate Research Student, 2002-2004.

Waseda University – Center of Excellence-Contemporary Asian Studies

Graduate Research Fellow, 2003-2004.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

History A14: Japan: Tradition and Transformation Spring 2010

Head Teaching Fellow **Course Head:** Andrew Gordon

Ethical Reasoning 12: Political Trials and Political Justice Fall 2009

Head Teaching Fellow **Course Head:** Charles Maier

History 90g: Colonialism and Postcolonialism Spring 2007.

Tutor **Course Head:** Hue-Tam Ho Tai

History 98: Honors Research Seminar Spring 2007.

Tutor **Course Head:** Scott A. Sowerby

Historical Study B-54: World War and Society in the 20th Century: World War II Core and Extension School course, Harvard University, Fall 2006.

Head Teaching Fellow **Course Head:** Charles Maier

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Sheldon Traveling Fellowship, Harvard University, 2008-2009
- SSRC-ACLS International Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2007-2008
- Fulbright Korea IIE Junior Researcher Fellowship, 2007-2008
- U.S. Department of Education FLAS (Foreign Language and Area Studies Program) East Asia Summer Language Grant, 2007
- Certificate of Distinction for Excellence in Teaching, Harvard University History Department, April 2007.
- Whipple V.N. Jones Graduate Fellowship, 2005-2006
- Reischauer Institute Summer Language Study Grant, 2005, 2007
- Japanese Ministry of Education Research Scholarship, 2002-2004.
- Waseda University Center of Excellence-Contemporary Asian Studies Research Assistant Fellowship, 2003-2004.
- Award for "Excellence in Technology in Chinese Pedagogy" from Columbia University's Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Oct. 2002.
- East Asian Studies "Graduate of the Year," Western Washington University, Dec. 1998.
- Sasakawa Foundation Cross-Cultural Exchange Support Scholarship (Scandinavia-Japan), 1997.
- "Departmental Distinction" award by the History Department, Western Washington University for exemplary class work and high GPA in major, April 1997

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- "The 'Democratic Police' under US Military Occupation: Torture and Reform in Japan and Korea, 1945-48" To be delivered at the Annual Meeting of the New England Association for Asian Studies, University of Vermont in November, 2010.
- "Jobs for Traitors: Debates over Retaining Police Tainted with Collaboration in Shandong, China and Southern Korea, 1945-1948" Delivered at the Flying University of Transnational Humanities, Hanyang University, Seoul, South Korea, June 15, 2010
- "Pan-Asianism or World Federalism? Raja Mahendra Pratap and the Japanese Empire, 1925-1945" Delivered at Columbia University East Asia Graduate Student Conference, February 5, 2010
- "The 'Pro-Japanese' Police in Early Post-Liberation South Korea 1945-1950" Delivered at the Fulbright Conference, Jeju, South Korea, April 6, 2009
- "Dealing with Treason: Retribution against Collaborators in Korea from a Comparative Perspective, 1945-1951" Delivered at the Fulbright Forum. Fulbright Building, Seoul, South Korea, February 29, 2008

- “The Persistence of Transnational Idealism in Early Postwar Japan, 1945-1949” Delivered at *Political Trauma and Restoration: An Interdisciplinary Conference*. University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI, April 1, 2006.
- “Purange bunko ni miru senryōki nihon no Ajia ninshiki” (“Perceptions of Asia in Occupation Japan as seen in the Prange Collection”) Delivered in Japanese at the *Second Annual International Conference of Prospective Researchers on Contemporary Asia*. Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, January 22, 2006.

PUBLICATIONS

- “Will East Asian Community create a utopia?” *International Herald Tribune / Asahi Shimbun* May 11, 2010.
- “*Higashi Ajia kyōdōtai wa yūtopia ni owaru? ‘yūai’ no rekishi kōsatsu* (“Will the East Asian Community result in a utopia?”) *Asahi Globe*, April 16, 2010.

TRANSLATIONS

- Liu, Jie “Wang Zhaoming and the ‘The Nanjing Nationalist government’: Between Collaboration and Resistance” in the forthcoming English translation of Jie Liu, Hiroshi Mitani, and Daqing Yang eds. *Kokkyō o koeru rekishi ninshiki: nichū taiwa no kokoromi* (Tokyo: Tokyo daigaku shuppankai, 2006) – Japanese to English.
- Medoruma, Shun “The Tauchee” in *Asia: Magazine of Asian Literature* Vol. 1 No. 2. (Autumn, 2006) – Japanese to English.

DIGITAL HUMANITIES

- **Frog in a Well** – Founder, coordinator and webmaster for collection of tools and collaborative weblogs for the study of East Asian history. Site also hosts the East Asia Libraries and Archives wiki.
<http://froginawell.net/>
- **Sino-Japanese Studies** – Webmaster and assistant to the editor Joshua Fogel. Digitized and host online in open access form all back issues for the academic journal *Sino-Japanese Studies*. Restarted the journal as an online-only open access journal hosted using Open Journal Systems digital journal.
<http://chinajapan.org/>

LANGUAGES

English and Norwegian (Native speaker), Japanese, Chinese, and Korean