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EDUCATION

Columbia University, New York, NY
Ph.D. in Japanese History, Department of History, October 2001
Advisor: Carol Gluck, George Sansom Professor of History
M.Phil. in Japanese History, Department of History, February 1999
Major: Modern Japanese History
Minor: Oral History; Japanese-American History; Early Modern Japanese History
East Asian Institute Certificate, East Asian Institute, February 1997
Master of International Affairs, School of International and Public Affairs, May 1992
Specialization: International Human Rights; East Asian Studies

University of Illinois, Chicago, IL
B.A. in Political Science, August 1989

Aoyama Gakuin University, Tokyo, Japan
B.A. in Law, March 1988

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2014 Burnham-Macmillan Minigrant, Department of History, Western Michigan University
2011 Burnham-Macmillan Minigrant, Department of History, Western Michigan University
2009 Western Michigan University Emerging Scholar Award, Western Michigan University
2007 College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Achievement Award in Teaching, Western Michigan University
2006-2007 Jennings Randolph Program for International Peace Awards Senior Fellowship, United States Institute of Peace
2005-2006 Abe Fellowship, Social Science Research Council
2002-2003 Carnegie Council Fellow, Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs
2000-2001 Junior Fellowship in Japan Studies, East Asian Institute, Columbia University
1999-2000 Toyota Foundation Research Grant, Toyota Foundation
1999 Foreign Visiting Scholar at Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan
1998-1999 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Training Grant, US Department of Education
1998-1999 President's Fellowship, Columbia University
1997 Travel Grant, Columbia University East Asian Institute

CURRENT POSITION

August 2015- present: Professor, Department of History, Western Michigan University

August 2014-present: Director, Michitoshi Soga Japan Center

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

August 2015- present:

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

Professor, Department of History

Undergraduate Courses:

Intermediate-Level History Courses:

Online General Education Course:

Hist 3790 WWII in American and Japanese History

Writing Intensive Course:

Hist 3764 Modern Japan

Advanced-Level History Course:

Baccalaureate Course:

Hist 4825 Japanese History through Film and Literature

August 2008- July 2015:

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

Associate Professor, Department of History:

Undergraduate Courses:

Introductory-Level History Course:

Hist 2900 Introduction to the Study of History

Intermediate-Level History Courses:

General Education Courses:

Hist 3030 World History since 1500

Hist 3790 WWII in American and Japanese History

Online General Education Courses:

Hist 3030 World History since 1500

Hist 3790 WWII in American and Japanese History

Writing Intensive Courses:

Hist 3762 Traditional Japan

Hist 3764 Modern Japan

Advanced-Level History Course:

Baccalaureate Course:

Hist 4825 Japanese History through Film and Literature

Graduate Course:

Hist 5850 WWII and Memory in Postwar Japan

August 2002 – July 2008:

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

Assistant Professor, Department of History:

Undergraduate Courses:

Introductory-Level History Course:

Hist 2760 Modern East Asia

General Education Courses:

Hist 3030 World History since 1500

Hist 3750 East Asian Societies and Cultures

Intermediate-Level History Course:

Hist 3764 Modern Japan

Advanced-Level History Courses:

Hist 4825 Japanese History through Film and Literature

Hist 4825 From Rickshaw to Lexus: Japanese History through Cars and Motorcycles

Graduate Course:

Hist 5850 WWII and Memory in Postwar Japan

September 2001 - June 2002

Yale University, New Haven, CT

Visiting Lecturer, Department of History: “War and Memory in Postwar Japan” (Spring 2002); “History of Modern Japan” (Fall 2001).

September 1998 - December 1998

Pace University, New York, NY

Adjunct Professor, Department of History: “Modern Japan” (Fall 1998).

September 1994 - December 1998

Marymount Manhattan College, New York, NY

Adjunct Professor, Department of History: “Modern Japan” (Fall 1998, Spring 1997, and Fall 1994).

January 1998 - May 1998

Columbia University, New York, NY

Teaching Assistant, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures: “Major Topics in East Asian Civilizations” (Spring 1998).

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

From Cultures of War to Cultures of Peace: War and Peace Museums in Japan, China, and South Korea. (Study of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University). Portland: MerwinAsia, 2014.

The Making of the “Rape of Nanking”: History and Memory in Japan, China, and the United States. (Study of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University). New York: Oxford University Press, 2006.

Book Chapters:

- “Violence and the Japanese Empire,” in *The Cambridge World History of Violence Volume IV: The Modern World*, eds. Louise Edwards, Nigel Penn, and Jay Winter (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).
- “Remembering Colonial Korea in Postwar Japan,” in *Wounds, Scars, and Healing: Civil Society and Postwar Pacific Basin Reconciliation*, ed. Michael Lewis (New York: Palgrave-Macmillan, forthcoming).
- “Can Patriotism Promote Peace?: The Role of Museums in Disseminating the History of Imperial Japan and Facilitating Reconciliation in East Asia,” *The 6th International Conference of Museums for Peace* (Kyoto: Kyoto Museum for World Peace, Ritsumeikan University, 2009), pp. 53-57.
- “For the Nation or For the People?: History and Memory of the Nanjing Massacre in Japan,” in *The Power of Memory in Modern Japan*, ed. Sven Saaler (Dorset: Global Oriental, 2008), pp. 17-31.
- “Advancing or Obstructing Reconciliation?: Changes in History Education and Disputes over History Textbooks in Japan,” in *Teaching the Violent Past: History Education and Reconciliation*, ed. Elizabeth Cole (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc, 2007), pp. 51-79.
- “Wartime Accounts of the Nanking Atrocity,” in *The Nanking Atrocity: Complicating the Picture*, ed. Bob T. Wakabayashi (New York: Berghahn Books, 2007), pp. 248-64.
- “Refighting the Nanjing Massacre: The Continuing Struggle Over Memory,” in *Nanking 1937: Memory and Healing*, ed. Robert Sabella with a foreword by Perry Link (M.E. Sharpe, 2002), 154-80.
- “Victors’ Justice or a Victory for Justice?: An Historical Analysis of the Tokyo War Crimes Trial,” *Onrecht: Oorlog en Rechtvaardigheid in de Twintigste Eeuw* (Twelfth Yearbook of the Netherlands Institute for War Documentation), ed. Madelon de Keizer (Amsterdam: Nederlands Instituut voor Oorlogsdocumentatie, 2001), pp. 84-104.
- “A Battle Over History: The Nanjing Massacre in Japan,” in *The Nanjing Massacre in History and Historiography*, ed. Joshua Fogel (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2000), pp. 70-132.
This essay was translated and published in Japanese: “Rekisho o meguru tatakai: Nankin daigyakusatsu wa Nihon de dō mirarete kitaka,” *Rekishigaku no naka no Nankin daigyakusatsu*, trans. Okada Ryōnosuke (Tokyo: Kashiwa shobō, 2000), pp. 101-63.

Articles in English:

- “Historiography of the Asia-Pacific War in Japan.” *Online Encyclopedia of Mass Violence* (<http://www.massviolence.org/Historiography-of-the-Asia-Pacific-War-in-Japan>). (June 2008). (Refereed)

“Revising the Past, Complicating the Future: The Yūshūkan War Museum in Modern Japanese History.” *Japan Focus* (<http://www.japanfocus.org/>). (December 2, 2007). (Refereed)

“The Nanjing Massacre: Changing Contours of History and Memory in Japan, China, and the United States.” *Japan Focus* (<http://www.japanfocus.org/>), (December 26, 2006). (Refereed)

“Anatomy of the Yūshūkan War Museum: Educating Japanese Youth?” *IIAS (International Institute of Asian Studies, Leiden University) Newsletter* no. 38, special issue (autumn 2005), p. 19. (Solicited)

“A War Over Words: Changing Descriptions of Nanjing in Japanese History Textbooks,” *Asian Cultural Studies* 14, Special Issue (March 2005), 59-71. (Refereed)

“Whom Should We Remember?: Japanese Museums of War and Peace,” *Journal of Museum Education* 29: 2&3 (Spring-Summer/Fall 2004), 16-20. (Refereed)

“History Textbooks: For Whom and For What Purpose?” *Asian Studies Newsletter* 45:4 (Winter 2000), pp. 13-14. (Solicited)

“I Will Live Strong: New York Japanese American Experience During World War II,” *Japanese American National Museum Quarterly* (Summer 1998): pp. 9-13. (Solicited)

Articles in Japanese:

“Sensō no kioku to nashionarizumu” (Nationalism in War and Memory), *Nenpō nihon gendaishi*, no. 12 (2007), pp. 125-61. (Solicited)

“America ni okeru senbotsusha tsuitō” (Commemorating the War Dead in the United States), *Kikan sensō sekinin kenkyū*, no. 36 (Summer 2002), pp. 28-34. (Solicited)

“Kioku no kokusuika: Tero jiken to sonogo” (Nationalizing Memory: The Terrorist Attack and Its Aftermath), *Rekishi chirikyōiku* (January 2002), pp. 86-89. (Solicited)

“Nankin gyakusatsu wa dō katararete kitaka” (How the Nanjing Massacre Has Been Told), *Kikan sensō sekinin kenkyū*, no. 24 (Summer 1999), pp. 29-37. (Solicited)

Book Reviews:

Review of *Men to Devils, Devils to Men: Japanese War Crimes and Chinese Justice*, by Barak Kushner (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2015), in *American Historical Review* (forthcoming).

Review of *Heritage Management in Korea and Japan: The Politics of Antiquity and Identity*, by Hyung Il Pai (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2014), in *Monumenta Nipponica* 71:1 (2016), pp. 191-195.

Review of *Casualties of History: Wounded Japanese Servicemen and the Second World War*, by

Lee Pennington (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2015), in *Journal of Military History* 80:2 (April 2016), pp. 595-97.

Review of *Engineering War and Peace in Modern Japan, 1868-1964*, by Takashi Nishiyama (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2014), in *Journal of Japanese Studies* 41:2 (Summer 2015), pp. 389-392.

Review of *Writing War: Soldiers Record the Japanese Empire*, by Aaron Moore (Cambridge: Harvard U P, 2013), in *Michigan War Studies Review* (MiWSR.com), (13 February 2014).

Review of *History Education and International Relations*, by Mutsumi Hirano (Kent: Global Oriental, 2009), in *Journal of Japanese Studies* 37:1 (Winter 2011), pp. 204-09.

Review of *Politics, Memory and Public Opinion: The History Textbook Controversy and Japanese Society*, by Sven Saaler (Munich: Iudicium, 2005), in *Journal of Japanese Studies* 33:1 (Winter 2007), pp. 220-24.

Review of *Reassessing the Japanese Prisoner of War Experience: The Changi POW Camp, Singapore, 1942-5*, by R.P.W. Havers (New York: Routledge, 2003), in *Social Science Japan Journal* 8:1 (April 2005), pp. 151-55.

Review of *Education and Political Transition: Themes and Experiences in East Asia*, by Mark Bray and W.O. Lee (Hong Kong: Comparative Education Research Centre, the University of Hong Kong, 2001), in *Pacific Affairs* 76:1 (Spring 2003), pp. 97-98.

Review of *The Nanjing Massacre: A Japanese Journalist Confronts Japan's National Shame*, by Honda Katsuichi (New York: M.E. Sharpe, 1999), in *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* 15:2 (Fall 2001), pp. 351-53.

INVITED CONFERENCE/SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

“Remembering Nanjing: The Nanjing Massacre in American, Chinese, and Japanese History and Memory.” Lecture presented at Eastern Michigan University, January 14, 2016.

“Reappraising the ‘Rape of Nanking’: The History and Memory of the Nanjing Massacre in Japan, China, and the United States.” Lecture presented at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, November 22-24, 2015.

“Remembering Colonial Korea in Postwar Japan.” Paper presented at the Academy of Korean Studies, Seoul, South Korea, April 22-26, 2014.

“Role of Museums and Cultural Institutions in Examining Issues Related to Peace.” Lecture presented at Japan Society, New York, NY, April 21, 2013.

“Asia and World War II.” Lecture presented at the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency. Kalamazoo, MI, May 18, 2011.

“Memories and Lapses in Postwar Japan and America.” Lecture presented at John Carroll University. University Heights, OH, November 22, 2010.

“Identity, Ethnicity, and Culture of Japanese Americans.” Lecture presented at the First United Methodist Church. Kalamazoo, MI, March 14, 2010.

Remembering Japanese American Experience during WWII.” Lecture presented at the First United Methodist Church. Kalamazoo, MI, March 7, 2010

“Peace, Patriotism, and Reconciliation: A Comparative Analysis of Postwar Japanese Peace Museums and Activism,” Lecture presented at the University of Missouri at St. Louis. St. Louis, MO, February 12, 2010.

“Can Patriotism Promote Peace?: The Role of the Museums in Disseminating the History of Imperial Japan and Facilitating Reconciliation in East Asia.” A keynote speech presented at the sixth international conference of museums for peace at Ritsumeikan University. Kyoto, Japan, October 8, 2008.

“Teaching Chinese and Japanese History to Secondary Students.” Lecture presented at the Geography History Institute. Lansing, MI, June 20, 2008.

“Teaching the Pacific War to Secondary Students.” Lecture presented at the Geography History Institute. Lansing, MI, June 20, 2008.

“Peace Activism and Museums in Postwar Japan.” Lecture presented at Kalamazoo College. Kalamazoo, MI, April 9, 2008.

Panelist and Discussion Group Member. Workshop on the Nanjing Massacre at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. February 13, 2008.

“Educating the Pacific War: Peace and Patriotic Museums in Japan.” Lecture presented at Augustana College. Rock Island, IL, January 10, 2008.

“Evolving Memory: Changes in How China Remembers Nanjing.” Lecture presented at Jōchi (Sophia) University. Tokyo, Japan, December 20, 2007.

Panelist and Discussion Group Member. Workshop on the Nanjing Massacre at the Hopkins-Nanjing Center. Nanjing, China, December 12, 2007.

“Teaching Asian History to Secondary School Students.” Lecture presented at the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency. Kalamazoo, MI, August 25, 2007.

“Teaching the History of the Pacific War in the United States: The Role of the Past and Conflict and Reconciliation.” Lecture presented at the United States Institute of Peace. Washington, DC, July 30, 2007.

Panelist and Discussion Group Member, Workshop on Historical Reconciliation in East Asia. Institute for Historical Justice and Reconciliation. Salzburg, Austria, June 9-12, 2007.

“History for Whom and What Purpose?: Challenges of Promoting Historical Reconciliation in East Asia.” Lecture presented at the Henry Stimson Center. Washington, DC, May 16, 2007.

Panelist. “History Textbooks and Political Reconciliation in East Asia.” Harvard University. Boston, MA, April 3, 2007.

“The Making of the “Rape of Nanking”: History and Memory in Japan, China, and the United States.” Lecture presented at the Elliott School of International Affairs, the George Washington University. Washington, DC, February 28, 2007.

“Nankin jiken no rekishi to koku no kōsatsu” (The Nanjing Massacre in History and Historiography). Paper presented at Gendaishi samā seminā (Summer Workshop on Modern Japanese History). Nagano, Japan, August 6, 2006.

“Remembering the Asia-Pacific War: WWII Museums and Memorials in Japan, China, South Korea, and Taiwan.” Paper presented at the Vilnius Conference on Asia: Cultural Memory and Cultures in Transition, Vilnius, Lithuania, May 12, 2006.

“Remembering War, Commemorating Colonialism: A Comparative Analysis of Peace and War Museums in Japan, China, Taiwan, and South Korea.” Lecture presented at Brandeis University. Waltham, MA, March 30, 2006.

“Remembering the ‘Greater East Asian War’: The World of Yasukuni Shrine Yūshūkan Museum.” Lecture presented at Michigan State University. East Lansing, MI, February 15, 2006.

Panelist and Discussion Group Member, Workshop on the Japanese Empire: Gone But Not Forgotten at Indiana University. Bloomington, IN, September 15-16, 2005.

“History Education and Reconciliation: The Choice Between Examining Japanese Wartime Aggression and Revitalizing Nationalism.” Paper presented at the History Education and Reconciliation Final Researchers’ Meeting at the Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs. New York, NY, December 13, 2003.

“The Past as Present: WWII Museums and Memorials in Japan, China, South Korea, and Taiwan.” Lecture presented at the Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs. New York, NY, June 19, 2003.

“Teaching the Asia-Pacific War in Japanese Secondary Schools.” Lecture presented at the Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs. New York, NY, January 3, 2003.

“New York Japanese Experience During World War II.” Paper presented at Trinity College. Hartford, CT, April 18, 2002.

“The Nanjing Massacre in History and Memory: Japan, China, and the United States, 1937-2000.” Paper presented at Williams College. Williamstown, MA, January 24, 2002.

“Experiences and Reflections of the Japanese People’s Antiwar Alliance and the Group of Returnees from China.” Paper presented at the Netherlands Institute for War Documentation. Amsterdam, Netherlands, November 21-23, 2001.

Panelist and Discussion Group Member, Workshop on the Search for a Useable Past at the Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs. New York, NY, October 25-26, 2001.

“Memory and Politics: Cold War Interpretations of the Nanjing Massacre.” Paper presented at the Southern Japan Seminar. Atlanta, GA, April 28, 2001.

“Nationalism in War and Peace: The Nanjing Massacre in Japan, China, and the United States, 1937-99.” Paper presented at Worcester State College. Worcester, MA, March 29, 2001.

Panelist and Discussion Group Member in the Japan America Dialogue on the Asia Pacific War at the University of Montana. Missoula, MT, June 18-24, 2000.

“Nankin gyakusatsu wa dō katararete kitaka” (The Nanjing Massacre in American, Chinese, and Japanese Public Memory). A lecture sponsored by the Center for Research and Documentation on Japan’s War Responsibility. Tokyo, Japan, April 23, 1999.

“The Nanjing Massacre: Internationalization of History and Memory.” Paper presented at one-day conference sponsored by six Parsippany High Schools. Parsippany, NJ, December 12, 1997.

“Creating the Past: Tracing the Nanjing Massacre in Japan.” Paper presented at a three-day conference on the Nanjing Massacre at Princeton University. Princeton, NJ, November 21, 1997.

“America ni okeru dainiji taisenka no ‘Nihon’” (“Japan” in the US during WWII), parts I & II. Lectures presented at Tokyo Keizai University for approximately 130 undergraduate students. Tokyo, Japan, June 12 & 24, 1997.

“Gendaishi o manabu igi” (Significance of Studying Modern Japanese History), parts I & II. Lectures presented at Aoyama Gakuin University for 70 history major undergraduate students. Tokyo, Japan, June 13 & 20, 1997.

“Dainiji taisenka no Nyū Yōku ni okeru ‘Nihonjin’ narabini ‘Nikkeijin’” (“Japanese” and “Japanese-Americans” in New York During WWII). Paper presented at SIPA Nihongo Benkyōkai (Japanese Study Group) at Columbia University. New York, NY, April 9,

1997.

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

“Tracing ‘Victimizer Consciousness: The Emergence and Development of War Guilt and Responsibility in Postwar Japan.” Paper presented at the Postwar 70th Anniversary Conference at the University of Sydney, Australia, October 2, 2015.

“For Whom Should We Remember, *Minzu*, *Minjok*, or *Minzoku*?: Museum Displays of Japan’s Imperial Past in China, Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan.” Lecture presented at the annual meeting of the Japan Studies Association of Canada. Toronto, Canada, August 18, 2007.

“Remembering War, Commemorating Colonialism: A Comparative Analysis of War and Peace Museums in Japan, China, Taiwan, and South Korea.” Paper presented at the United States Institute of Peace. Washington, DC, June 5, 2007.

“Revising the Past, Complicating the Future: The Yūshūkan War Museum in Modern Japanese History.” Paper presented at the United States Institute of Peace. Washington, DC, March 30, 2007.

“The Means and Ends of Recollection: The Nanjing Massacre in Japan, China, and the United States.” Paper presented at the American Historical Association Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA, January 6, 2007.

“The Making of the ‘Rape of Nanking’: The History and Memory of the Nanjing Massacre in Japan, China and the United States.” Paper presented at the 11th International Conference of the European Association for Japanese Studies, Vienna, Austria, September 3, 2005.

“A War over Words: Changing Descriptions of Nanjing in Japanese History Textbooks.” Paper presented at the Asian Studies Conference Japan,” Tokyo, Japan, June 20, 2004.

“Sowing Nationalism, Reaping Skepticism: The Renovation of Yūshūkan War Museum.” Paper presented at the 56th Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies. San Diego, CA, March 5, 2004.

Discussant. “An Appraisal of the Junior High School Textbook Controversy.” The Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs. Illinois State University, Normal, IL, October 10, 2003.

“Disputes Over Shōwakan Museum in Japan: Whom Should We Remember, Asian Victims or Japanese Patriots?” Paper presented at a panel I organized at the 53rd Annual Meeting of Association for Asian Studies. Chicago, IL, March 23, 2001.

“Nankin gyakusatsu to kioku” (The Nanjing Massacre in the Public Memory). A lecture sponsored by the Center for Japanese Studies, Nankai University. Tianjin, China, October 7, 1999.

“A Battle Over History: Revising the Nanjing Massacre in Japan.” Paper presented at the 49th Annual Meeting of Association for Asian Studies. Chicago, IL, March 13, 1997.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013 Reviewed a book proposal for Bloomsbury Publishing, NY
2012 Evaluated a submitted article for *Peace and Change*,
2012 Reviewed a book manuscript for Columbia University’s Weatherhead East Asian
Institute
2007-present Reviewer for *Journal of Japanese Studies*
2003- present Reviewer for *Pacific Affairs*
1995-1997 Research Assistant to Professor Carol Gluck in modern Japanese history
1995 Intern at the Japan Society, New York, NY
1994 Intern at Human Rights Watch/Asia, New York, NY

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service to the Profession:

Member, National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship Competition Screening
Panel Designated East Asian Studies, 2014
Member, National Screening Committee for Fulbright IIE Grants to Japan, 2004-2005

College/University Service:

Director, Michitoshi Soga Japan Center, 2014-
International Education Council, 2003-04

Department Service:

Burnham-MacMillan Endowment Committee, 2016-
Chair, Tenure Committee, 2016-17
Events Committee, 2002-04; 2009-10; 2011-12
Executive Committee, 2008-09; 2013-14 (chair)
History Advising Committee, 2003-06; 2008-10; 2011-12; spring 2013; 2014-16
Information Technology Committee, 2002-04; 2011-12
Research Committee, Western Michigan University, 2002-03; 2013-14
Sabbatical, Workload and Evaluation Committee, 2011-12; 2014-15; 2015-16
Undergraduate Studies Committee, spring 2013, 2016-17

Community Service:

Principal, Battle Creek Saturday Japanese School, 2016-