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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2015-present Assistant Professor, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures
Department of Women's Studies (as of Sept. 2017)
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

EDUCATION

- 2008 Ph.D. in Anthropology, Yale University
Supervised by: William W. Kelly
- 2003 M.Phil. in Anthropology, Yale University
- 2001 B.A. in Anthropology (with honors) and Sociology (with honors), and with general honors in the College, University of Chicago
Supervised by: Joseph Hopper, Linda Waite, Norma Field, and Susan Gal

RESEARCH SPECIALIZATIONS AND SKILLS

- Cultural Anthropology
- Gender
- Kinship and Family
- International Family Conflicts
- Romance and Intimacy
- Legal Anthropology
- Contemporary Japan and East Asia
- Advanced Japanese language abilities in speaking, reading, and writing

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

2020 *Intimate Disconnections: Divorce and the Romance of Independence in Contemporary Japan*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

- Published through Open Access at: <https://tinyurl.com/yblfy6zo>
- Cloth and paperback versions forthcoming in June 2020
- Japanese translation under contract with Misuzu Publishers (Tokyo)

EDITED VOLUMES

2019 *Intimate Japan: Ethnographies of Closeness and Conflict*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press. Co-edited with Emma E. Cook.

- Chosen by Knowledge Unlatched and published through Open Access at: www.oopen.org
- Paperback published in October 2019
- Reviewed in *Asian Anthropology* (2019), *H-Japan* (2020), *The Journal of Japanese Studies* (2020)

Sole author contributions:

Chapter 1. "Introduction: The Stakes of Intimacy in Contemporary Japan," pp: 1-34.

Chapter 5. "What Can Be Said? Communicating Intimacy in Millennial Japan," pp: 91-111.

Co-author contributions:

Chapter 13. "Reflections on Fieldwork: Exploring Intimacy," pp: 236-260; (with Emma E. Cook).

2011 *Home and Family in Japan: Continuity and Transformation*. London: Routledge Press. Co-edited with Richard Ronald.

- Paperback published in October 2011
- Reviewed in *Comparative Sociology* (2012), *The Journal of Japanese Studies* (2014), and *Pacific Affairs* (2013)

Sole author contributions:

Chapter 13. "The Door My Wife Closed: Houses, Families, and Divorce in Japan," pp: 236-253.

Co-author contributions:

Chapter 1. "Introduction: Continuity and Change in Japanese Homes and Families," pp: 1-24; (with Richard Ronald).

JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUES

- 2011 “The Ethics of Disconnection in a Neoliberal Age.” *Anthropological Quarterly* 84(4). Co-edited with Ilana Gershon.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Accepted “Children and Law in the Shadows: Responses to Parental Abduction in Japan.” *positions: asia critique*.
- 2011 “Intimate Dependence and its Risks in Neoliberal Japan.” *Anthropological Quarterly* 84(4): 897-920.
- 2011 “Introduction: The Ethics of Disconnection in a Neoliberal Age.” *Anthropological Quarterly* 84(4): 799-808. Written with Ilana Gershon.
- 2007 “Deferred Benefits, Romance, and the Specter of Later-life Divorce.” *Contemporary Japan* 19: 169-188.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Forthcoming Dec. 2020 “Talking Through Difficult Topics.” In *Studying Japan: Research Designs, Fieldwork and Methods*, edited by Nora Kottmann and Cornelia Reiher. Baden-Baden: Nomos Press.
- 2020 “Intimacy In and Beyond the Family.” In *The Routledge Companion to Gender and Japanese Culture*, edited by Mark Pendleton, Jennifer Coates and Lucy Fraser. London: Routledge Press, pp: 115-124.
- 2018 “Family.” In *The Routledge Handbook of Civil Society in Asia*, edited by Akihiro Ogawa. London: Routledge Press, pp: 456-468.
- 2016 “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. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp: 101-128.

TRANSLATIONS

- Under review “On the Masculinization of Deprivation: In a Moment of Changing Industry and Labor Practices.” Translation of Itō Kimio’s 「剝奪(感)の男性化をめぐる—産業構造と労働形態の変容の只中で」. Submitted to *Contemporary Japan*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Family Law in a Family Nation: Parental Abductions and Activism in Contemporary Japan.
Book manuscript

“The Parent You Don’t See: Family Relationships and Child Custody in Contemporary Japanese Films.” To be submitted to *Contemporary Japan*

“Ruining the Moment: Consent in American Images of Romance.” To be submitted to *Feminist Anthropology*

“Invisible Kinship: Kidnapping, Families, and the Japanese National Family.” To be submitted to *American Ethnologist*

“When Everything Comes Apart: Toward an Anthropology of Divorce.” To be submitted to *American Anthropologist*

BOOK REVIEWS

Accepted *Invisibility by Design: Women and Labor in Japan’s Digital Economy* by Gabriella Lukacs. 2020. Duke University Press.
Journal of Asian Studies.

2016 *Configurations of Family in Contemporary Japan* edited by Tomoko Aoyama, Laura Dales, and Romit Dasgupta. 2015. Routledge.
Pacific Affairs 89(2): 435-437.

2014 *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 *Precarious Japan* by Anne Allison. 2013. Duke University Press.
Anthropological Quarterly 87(2): 545-557.

2014 *Housewives of Japan: An Ethnography of Real Lives and Consumerized Domesticity* by Ofra Goldstein-Gidoni. 2012. Palgrave Macmillan.
American Ethnologist 41(1): 198-199.

2013 *Fragile Kinships: Family Ideologies and Child Welfare in Japan* by Kathryn Goldfarb. 2012.
Dissertation Reviews. Available online:
<http://dissertationreviews.org/archives/3330>

- 2012 *Lovesick Japan: Sex, Marriage, Romance, Law* by Mark D. West. 2011. Cornell University Press.
Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute 18(4): 914-915.
- 2011 *Manners and Mischief: Gender, Power, and Etiquette in Japan*, edited by Jan Bardsley and Laura Miller. 2011. University of California Press.
Southeast Review of Asian Studies 33: 283-285.
- 2011 *Women and Family in Contemporary Japan* by Susan Holloway. 2010. Cambridge University Press.
Contemporary Sociology 40(3): 313-314.
- 2011 *Tough Choices: Bearing an Illegitimate Child in Japan* by Ekaterina Hertog. 2010. Stanford University Press.
Contemporary Sociology 40(2): 188-189.
- 2010 *Embodying Culture: Pregnancy in Japan and Israel* by Tsipy Ivry. 2010. Rutgers University Press.
Ethos 38(4): 461-463.
- 2007 *The Too-Good Wife: Alcohol, Codependency, and the Politics of Nurturance in Postwar Japan* by Amy Borovoy. 2005. University of California Press.
Southeast Review of Asian Studies 29: 261-264.
- 2004 *Doing Fieldwork in Japan* edited by Theodore Bestor, Patricia Steinhoff and Victoria Lyon Bestor. 2003. University of Hawai'i Press.
H-Japan Online. <https://tinyurl.com/y7zpbjoo>

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (NOT PEER REVIEWED)

- 2011 "Anime." In *The Multimedia Encyclopedia of Women in Today's World*. Mary Zeiss Stange, Carol K. Oyster, J. Geoffrey Golson, eds. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications. Pp: 70-71.
- 2010 "Japan: 1900 to Present." In *Cultural Sociology Encyclopedia of East Asia*, edited by Orlando Patterson. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications. Pp: 297-299.
- 2007 "A Conversation with William W. Kelly." *Anthropology News* 48(8): 59-60.

EDITORIAL WORK

2015-present **Series editor** for *Asia Pop!* published by the University of Hawai'i Press

Daisy Yan Du. 2019. *Animated Encounters: Transnational Movements of Chinese Animation, 1940s–1970s*

- Reviewed by Association of Chinese Animation Studies (2019), *Mutual Images Journal* (2019), *Journal of Chinese History* (2020)

S. Heijin Lee, Monika Mehta, and Robert Ji-Song Ku, eds. 2019. *Pop Empires: Transnational and Diasporic Flows of India and Korea*

Teri Silvio. 2019. *Puppets, Gods, and Brands: Theorizing the Age of Animation from Taiwan*

- Reviewed by Association of Chinese Animation Studies (2020)

Luke White. 2020. *Legacies of the Drunken Master: Theorizing the Politics of the Body in the Hong Kong Kung Fu Comedy*

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

2019-present ***Michigan Talks Japan*** podcast at the Center for Japanese Studies
Creator, host, and co-producer with Robin Griffin and Justin Schell
Available at: <https://ii.umich.edu/cjs/podcast>

ETHNOGRAPHIC FIELDWORK

Planned for **The United States**
2020 Six months of research, funded by IRWG, exploring how divorced or separated American parents imagine, negotiate, and enact child custody and co-parenting. This project will begin as soon as research restrictions are lifted.

2013-2014 **Japan, the United States, and The Hague**
Thirteen months of 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.

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Under review **Social Science Research Council** Rapid-Response Grant on Covid-19 and the Social Sciences
“One Family in Two Households: Child Custody and Co-Parenting in the Age of Covid-19”

Under review **National Endowment for the Humanities** Fellowships for Advanced Social Science Research on Japan
“Family Law in a Family Nation: Parental Abductions and Activism in Contemporary Japan”

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

2010 **Richard King Mellon** Research Fellowship
Awarded \$5000 to conduct follow-up research on divorce in Japan

2009 **Japan Foundation** Short Term Research Fellowship
Awarded approximately \$11,200 to research “later-life divorce”

2005-2006 **Fulbright IIE** Dissertation Research Fellowship
Awarded approximately \$46,500 for dissertation research in Japan

INTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2020 **Faculty Seed Grant** UM Institute for Research on Women and Gender
Awarded \$4,455 to conduct pilot project titled “Families Together and Apart: Negotiating Child Custody and Co-Parenting after Separation”

2012 **Ellen Bayard Weedon Travel Grant** from the East Asia Center at the University of Virginia
Awarded \$1,500

2007-2008 **Prize Dissertation Fellowship** Yale University Council on East Asian Studies
Awarded \$30,000 for dissertation writing

- 2004 **Summer Language Study Grant** Yale Council on East Asian Studies
- 2003-2004 **Japanese Language Study Grant** Richard U. Light Fellowship

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2019 **Toward an Open Monograph Ecosystem (TOME)**
Awarded \$15,000 in subvention funds to support the publication of an Open Access version of Intimate Disconnections
- 2014 **Cory Family Teaching Award**
Awarded \$25,000 in recognition of excellent and innovative teaching at the University of Virginia
- 2011 **Distinguished Lecture Series Grant** Northeast Asia Council of the Association of Asian Studies
Awarded funding to organize lectures by Dr. Sabine Frühstück
- 2011 **Information Literacy Teaching Grant** Lafayette College
Awarded \$1000 to redesign an undergraduate course
- 2005 **Honorable Mention, Outstanding Graduate Student Paper** Society for East Asian Anthropology's Theodore C. Bestor Prize

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

PANELS AND CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- 2019 “Family Conflicts and Solutions: Legal, Familial, and Social Disputes in Northeast Asia” with Takeshi Hamano
Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Denver, CO
- 2018 “Rethinking East Asian Families and Family Laws: Critical Legal, Historical, and Ethnographic Perspectives”
Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Washington DC
- 2016 “Thinking with Divorce: Family Breakup and the Anthropological Imagination”
Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, MN
- 2014 “Borders, Transgressions, and Legality in the Everyday”
Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Charlottesville, VA

- 2010 “Continuity and Transformation in Japanese Houses and Families: The Family, Lived and Imagined, in Contemporary Japan”
Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Philadelphia, PA
- 2010 “Living Fieldwork: A Panel Discussion on Anthropological Research”
Lafayette College, Easton, PA
- 2009 “Ethnography 2.0: Anthropology of Online Commitments”
Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA
- 2009 “Intimate Japan: Cultivating Human Relationships in an Era of Neoliberal Independence,” with Katrina Moore
Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Chicago, IL
- 2007 “Commodified Romance and Intimate Selves”
Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC
- 2006 “Stigmatized Kinship in Contemporary Japan”
Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA
- 2006 “Selves in Contemporary Japan”
Annual Meeting of Anthropology of Japan in Japan, Kyoto, Japan
- 2004 *Reproduction in Modern Japan*, graduate student conference
Yale University, New Haven, CT

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 “I Came Home and They Were Gone: Family Mobility and Parental Abduction in Contemporary Japan”
Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Vancouver, BC
- 2019 “In the Child’s Best Interest: Families and Custody after Divorce”
Regional Conference of the Society for East Asian Anthropology, Tokyo, Japan
- 2019 “Families Together and Apart: *De Facto* Shared Child Custody in Japan”
Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Denver, CO
- 2018 “Negotiating Outside the Law: Tactics and Attitudes in Japanese Family Conflicts”
Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Washington DC
- 2017 “Reconsidering *amae*: Rhetorics of Affect in Contemporary Japan”
Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC

- 2017 “Refusing Divorce: Men, Masculinity, and Efforts to Stay Married in Contemporary Japan”
Annual Meeting of the American Ethnological Society, Palo Alto, CA
- 2016 “Why Not Divorce? Disciplinary Turf and Anthropological Attention”
Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015 “The Crisis and Non-Crisis of Abduction in Contemporary Japan”
Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO
- 2015 “What Can Be Said? Communicating Intimacy in Millennial Japan”
Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Chicago, IL
- 2014 “Family Law in a Family Nation: International Child Abduction and Legal Disputes in Japan”
Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC
- 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, VA
- 2013 “Preliminary Thoughts on Social and Legal Borders Surrounding Japanese Families”
Autumn Meeting for Anthropology of Japan in Japan, International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
- 2012 “Parenting in the Shadows of the State: International Child Custody Disputes in Japan”
Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA
- 2011 “Trash”
Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Montreal, QC
- 2010 “International Norms, Citizenship, and the Limits of Kinship”
Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA
- 2010 “Virtual Communities and Collective Narratives: From Tokyo to Mercedes, Buenos Aires;” with Osvaldo Cleger
Electronic Literature Organization Conference, Providence, RI
- 2010 “The Door My Wife Closed: Houses, Families, and Divorce in Contemporary Japan”
Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Philadelphia, PA

- 2009 “An Aura of Virtuality: Moving Marital Support Groups On- and Off-line in Contemporary Japan”
Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA
- 2009 “Three Words to Save Your Marriage? Articulated Emotions and Divorce Risk in Contemporary Japan”
Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Chicago, IL
- 2008 “The Popular Logics of Demographics in Japan”
Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA
- 2008 “Balancing Disconnect in Contemporary Japanese Marriages”
Annual Meeting of the Society for Cultural Anthropology, Long Beach, CA
- 2007 “Wives as Mothers, Divorce Risk, and Professional Counseling in Japan”
Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC
- 2007 “But He’s Still my Kids’ Father: Post-divorce Parenting in Contemporary Japan”
Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Boston, MA
- 2007 “When I got Divorced, My Single Friends Said, ‘Welcome Home!’”
Annual Meeting of the Japan Anthropology Workshop Series, Oslo, Norway
- 2006 “Living as an X: Toward a Theory of the *batsu ichi*”
Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA
- 2006 “On a First Name Basis: Identity and Marital Problems in Contemporary Japan”
New York Regional Meetings of the Association of Asian Studies, Canton, NY
- 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, Japan
- 2005 Poster: “Malinowski’s American Homes;” with Nathaniel Smith
Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC
- 2004 “Selling (Responsible) Sex to Young Women: Marketing the Birth Control Pill in Japan”
Anthropology of Japan in Japan Spring Meetings, Sendai, Japan

- 2004 “An Unpopular Pill: Modernity, Globalism, and Japanese Birth Control”
Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, San Diego, CA
- 2004 “Acknowledging Reproduction”
Reproduction in Modern Japan graduate student conference, New Haven, CT

INVITED LECTURES

- 2019 “Families Together and Apart: Divorce, Child Custody, and Contested Disconnection in Contemporary Japan”
The University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- 2018 “Children and Law in the Shadows: Responses to Parental Abduction in Japan”
Brown University, Providence, RI
- 2016 “Gender, Fantasy, and the Price of Divorce”
Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan
- 2014 “Families in Law: Ethnographic Perspectives on Contested Family Norms in Japan’s Family Court System”
Abe Foundation, Tokyo, Japan
- 2014 “I Love You, But Not Too Much: Contested Ideals of Intimacy in Contemporary Japan”
University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- 2014 “Comparing Families in Japan and the United States: Images, Ideals, and Practices”
University of Kitakyūshū, Kitakyūshū, Japan
- 2014 “Constructing Mutuality: Family Law Process and Divorce in Contemporary Japan”
Institute of Social Science, The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan
- 2014 “Abduction, Child Custody, and International Law in Contemporary Japan”
Waseda University Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, Tokyo, Japan
- 2013 “What Do We Owe and What Do We Owe Ourselves? Education, Debt, and Learning for its own Sake;” with Rick Heisterman and Natasha Oladokun
Institute for Humanities and Global Cultures, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
- 2011 “Families and Child Custody in Japan: Cultural Context for Recent International Disputes”
Asia Policy Point, Washington, DC

- 2010 “What Makes it OK to Leave: Explaining Divorce in Contemporary Japan”
German Institute for Japanese Studies, Tokyo, Japan
- 2010 “Kinship, Citizenship, and the Problems of International Custody in Japan”
Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan
- 2010 “What Can Be Said? Communication and the Intimacy of Ethnographic
Fieldwork”
Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan
- 2010 “Changing Marital Norms and the Risks of Naming in Contemporary
Japan”
The Japan Society of Northern California, San Francisco, CA
- 2009 “The Frightening Possibilities of Pop Cultural Desire between South Korea
and Japan”
Lafayette College, Easton, PA
- 2008 “Gender, Race, and the Race: The State of the Presidential Campaign,” with
Saladin Ambar
Lafayette College, Easton, PA
- 2007 “Talking Technology: Technological Strategies for Scholarship and Fieldwork,”
with William Kelly and Gavin Whitelaw
Ethnography and Social Theory Colloquium, Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 2004 “Supplemented Bodies: Vitamins, *Kampoyaku*, and the Pill in Modern
Japan”
Harvard University Graduate Student Conference, Cambridge, MA
- 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, Japan

WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 “Negotiating the Spaces in Between: Strategies to Solve Family Conflicts in
Contemporary Japan”
University of Indiana, Bloomington, IN
- 2017 “Family”
Civil Society in Asia workshop
University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia

- 2016 “Family Law in a Family Nation: Familial Conflicts and Parental Abductions in Japan”
University of Indiana, Bloomington, IN
- 2015 “Family, Nation, and “Abduction” in Contemporary Japan”
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL
- 2013 “Divorce and the Romance of Independence in Contemporary Japan”
Family Law in East Asia workshop
University of Maryland, College Park, MD
- 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, China
- 2006 “Obligation, Romance, and the Specter of Middle-Aged Divorce”
Modern Japan History Workshop, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan
- 2005 “Two Spouses, Two States: Considering Inter-Asian Divorce”
Southeast Asian Studies Regional Workshop, Chiang-Mai, Thailand
- 2005 “Divorce and Family Change in Contemporary Japan”
Society for East Asian Anthropology’s “Reports from the Field” Workshop,
Chicago, IL

PANEL DISCUSSANT PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 “The Good Life”
Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC
- 2016 “Changing Meanings of Family and Gender”
Perspectives on Contemporary Korea 2016 Conference. University of Michigan,
Ann Arbor, MI
- 2016 “Mental Health and Illness in Contemporary Japan”
Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Seattle, WA
- 2015 “The Neoliberalization of the Worker: Emotional Care and Affective Labor in
East Asia”
Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO
- 2013 “Multiple Selves: Social Identities in Globalizing Japan”
Annual Meeting of the Japan Anthropology Workshop Series, Pittsburgh, PA

- 2011 “Discursive Masculinities in Contemporary Japan”
Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Honolulu, HI
- 2008 “Re-reading Ethnographies of Japan and Korea”
Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA
- 2004 「タイに向かう日本人の若者たち」 [Young Japanese people headed for Thailand]
Modern Anthropology Doctoral Workshop, Tokyo University, Tokyo, Japan

COURSES TAUGHT

Syllabi for all courses available at www.allisonalexy.com/teaching

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Undergraduate Seminars

- Family in Japan (ALC 310 / WS 377)
- Fantasizing Japan (ALC 252 / WS 150)
- Feminist Thought (WS 330)
- Love and Intimacy in Asia (ALC 285 / WS 285)

Undergraduate Lecture Courses

- Gender and the Law (WS 270 / SOC 270)
- Introduction to Women’s Studies (AC 240 / WS 240)
- Race, Gender, and Nation (WGS 250)
- Society and Culture in Contemporary Japan (ALC 201)

Graduate Seminars

- Academic and Professional Writing (ALC 503 / WS 698-003)
- Beyond the Samurai Student: Education in Contemporary Japan (ALC 480)

AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTIONS

Undergraduate Seminars

- Fantasy (Lafayette College)
- Gender and Popular Culture (Lafayette College)
- Gender in Contemporary Japan (Lafayette College)
- Love and Romantic Intimacy (Lafayette College, the University of Virginia)
- Transnationalism (Lafayette College)
- Qualitative Methods (Lafayette College)
- Co-organizer and instructor of “Interconnections in Northeast Asia,” a study abroad course to China, North Korea, and South Korea (Lafayette College)

Undergraduate Lecture Courses

- The History of Theory in Anthropology (the University of Virginia)
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (the University of Virginia)
- Sex and Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective (Lafayette College)

Graduate Seminars

- Kinship and Citizenship (the University of Virginia)
- Legal Anthropology (the University of Virginia)
- Neoliberalism (the University of Virginia)

STUDENT ADVISING

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING

- 2020-21 **Primary advisor** for Xiyu Ceciel Zhong
“Students’ Perception of College Campus Restorative Justice Programs in Community Healing from Gender-Based Violence”
Grants for Research on Sexual Harassment and Gender-Based Violence.
Department of Women’s Studies (UM)
- 2020 **Honors thesis advisor** for Sommer Albert
“Mad Girl’s Love Song: A Heuristic Inquiry into the Intrapersonal Experience of Having a Crush”
B.A. with Highest Honors in Gender & Health and Psychology with a Minor in LGBTQ* Studies and Sexuality (UM)
- 2020 **Honors thesis advisor** for Zari Smith
“Localization of Japanese Video Games”
B.A. with Highest Honors in Asian Studies focusing on Japanese Studies (UM)
- 2019 **Second honors thesis reader** for Mari A. Alvarez
“TRANSforming Healthcare: An Examination of Cisnormativity in Patient-Provider Interactions”
B.A. with High Honors in Women’s Studies (UM)
- 2014 **Honors thesis advisor** for Chelsea Jack
“Understanding the Relationship between Law and Subjectivity in the Honor System at the University of Virginia”
B.A. with Honors in Anthropology and Political & Social Thought (UVA)
- 2013 **Honors thesis advisor** for Xinyan Peng
“‘Korean Wave’ in Taipei: The Construction of Beautiful Women”
B.A. with Honors in Anthropology and Economics (UVA)

MASTERS ADVISING

- 2018 **Committee chair** for Alice Register
“Destination Okinawa: Representation as Practiced in Contemporary Okinawan Society”
M.A. in Japanese Studies (UM)
- 2018 **Committee chair** for Karin Tompkins
“Goals and Motivations of Students Studying Japanese as a Second or Foreign Language”
M.A. in Japanese Studies (UM)
- 2018 **Committee member** for Gal Lahav
“LGBTQ+ Pride and Representation in Contemporary Tokyo”
M.A. in Japanese Studies (UM)
- 2012 **Committee member** for Catherine Madeo
“The New *Mammoni*: Why the Cultural Perception of Italy’s Mama’s Boys has Changed”
M.A. in Anthropology (UVA)

DOCTORAL ADVISING

- 2014-present **Committee chair** for Kunisuke Hirano
“Refusing the Mainstream: Strategizing for Uncertain Futures through Educational Choices in Contemporary Japan”
Doctoral student, Asian Languages and Culture (UM)
- 2016-present **Committee member** for Whitney Hegseth
“Comparing to Uncover: The Whys, Hows, and Whats of Schooling”
Doctoral student, School of Education (UM)
- 2018-19 **Fourth Term Review committee member** for Allura Casanova
“Brotherhood Runs Deep: The Sexual Harassment of Men in the Military”
Doctoral student, Psychology and Women’s Studies (UM)
- 2017-19 **Committee member** for Swarnim Khare
“Tihar Jail: Writing Innocence, Writing Torture”
Doctoral student, Asian Languages and Culture (UM)
- 2012-19 **Committee member and previously chair** (2012-15) for Macario Garcia
“In Here for a Reason: Mobility, Animacy, and Becoming Human in Correctional America”
Ph.D. in Anthropology (UVA)

- 2013-2017 **Committee member and previously chair** (2013-15) for Dannah Dennis
 “Re-Imagining the Nation: Citizens in the New Nepal”
 Ph.D. in Anthropology (UVA)
- 2014-15 **Outside reader** for Anand Rao
 “Self-Help or Self-Destruction? Immigration Politics in Germany, Italy, and
 Japan”
 Ph.D. in Politics (UVA)
- 2011-12 **Outside reader** for Jessica Starling
 “A Family of Clerics: Temple Wives, Tradition, and Change in Contemporary
 Jodo Shinshu Temples”
 Ph.D. in Religious Studies (UVA)

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

- 2017-present Director of Undergraduate Studies
 Center for Japanese Studies
- 2019-2020 Executive Committee member
 Department of Women’s Studies
- 2020 Co-organized and moderated event exploring *Sexual Citizens: A Landmark
 Study of Sex, Power, and Assault on Campus*
 Panel included the authors Jennifer Hirsch and Shamus Khan, as well as Abdul
 El-Sayed (epidemiologist, activist) and Kamaria B. Porter (UM Sociology)
- 2020 Faculty mentor in the MICHHERS program
 Department of Women’s Studies
- 2016-2019 Executive Committee member
 Center for Japanese Studies
- 2019 Committee member, LEO Lecturer Major Review
 Department of Women’s Studies
- 2017-2018 Undergraduate Advisor
 Department of Women’s Studies
- 2017 Faculty mentor in the MICHHERS program
 Department of Women’s Studies

- 2015-2017 Curriculum Committee member and Undergraduate Advisor
Department of Asian Languages and Cultures
- 2015-2017 LSA IT Faculty Advisory Committee member
- 2015 Committee member, LEO Lecturer Major Review
Department of Asian Languages and Cultures

AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTIONS

- 2014-2015 Co-organizer of “The Intimacy Lectures,” a year-long lecture series
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
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- 2011-2013 Graduate Admissions committee member, Dept. of Anthropology
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- 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

- 2020 (June) Co-organized and participated in “Writing a Book Proposal” panel
Association of Asian Studies Webinar series
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Book Manuscript Reviewer for: Bloomsbury Publishing; Duke University Press; Oxford University Press; Palgrave Macmillan; the University of Chicago Press; and the University of Hawai’i Press.

Journal Article Reviewer for: *American Ethnologist*; *Anthropological Quarterly*; *Anthropology and Humanism*; *Asian Anthropology*; *Australian Journal of Anthropology*; *Cultural Anthropology*; *Current Anthropology*; *Hau: Journal of Ethnographic Theory*; *Economic Anthropology*; *Japan Forum*; *Japanese Studies*; *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*; 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
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