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Academic Positions

- 2022- Assistant Professor of Digital History, Florida International University
- 2025 Visiting Scholar, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú
- 2021-2022 Postdoctoral Fellow, Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies,
Harvard University
- 2015-2021 Instructor and Teaching Assistant, The University of Chicago

Education

- The University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL, USA June 2021
Ph.D in History, candidacy September 2018
Dissertation: Beyond Postwar, Beyond Nation: “Human Rights” and the “History Problem”
in Postwar Japan and Asia
Committee: Susan Burns (chair), Mark Bradley, Jacob Eyferth
- The University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL, USA June 2015
Bachelor of Arts, East Asian Languages and Civilizations/Economics

Publications

Academic Publications:

- 2027 (Forthcoming) *Untranslating “Human Rights”: The Contested Life of Jinken in Modern Japan*. Cornell University Press
- 2025 “TDM Reimagined: A Case Study of Leveraging Generative AI to Mine Japanese Diet Proceeding Records” in *Text and Data Mining Literacy for Librarians*. Edited by Whitney Kramer, Iliana Burgos, and Evan Muzzall. Chicago IL: Association of College & Research Libraries.
- 2022 “Networking for Historical Justice: The Application of Graph Database Management Systems to Network Analysis Projects and the Case Study of the Reparation

- Movement for Japanese Colonial and Wartime Atrocities” *Journal of Open Humanities Data*, 8, 11. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.5334/johd.76>
- 2021 “Beyond Postwar, Beyond Nation: ‘Human Rights’ and the ‘History Problem’ in Modern Japan and Asia” PhD diss., (The University of Chicago, June 2021), <https://doi.org/10.6082/uchicago.2975>
- 2020 “Networking for War Criminal Amnesty: The Establishment of Japan’s War Convicted Benefit Society” *Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus* Volume 18 | Issue 7 | Number 1, April 1, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1557466020029642>
- 2015 “Dissecting the East Asia Reparation Movement: A Case Study of Unit 731 Germ Warfare Reparation Class Suit” *Princeton Journal of East Asian Studies*: Vol. IX, Article 5, Fall 2015

Other Publications:

- 2026 Pan, K., Y. Li, and B. An. Honkoku Reading Workbench: A Local-First, Privacy-Preserving System for Archival Document OCR, Interactive Proofreading, and Scholarly Transcription. Zenodo, released September 5, 2026. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.22396362>
- 2025 “Abe Shinzo Kokkai Speech Dataset” Nomic Atlas <https://atlas.nomic.ai/data/kpan/abe-shinzo-kokkai-speech-dataset>
- 2021 “Graph Database of Reparation Lawsuits against Japan for Colonial and Wartime Atrocities” GitHub <https://github.com/azurebamboo/Graph-Database-for-Reparation-Lawsuits-against-Japan-for-Colonial-and-Wartime-Atrocities->
- 2020 「シラバスを作っている時に思い出したこと」 (“What I Think about When I Make a Syllabus”) WAM だより (WAM-News of Women’s Active Museum of War and Peace) Vol.33 March 2020

Fellowships, Grants, & Awards

- 2026 *Kimberly and Dorothea Green Fellowship for Junior Faculty*
Florida International University
- 2026 *Office of the Provost, UFF-FIU, and the Faculty Senate Summer Research Enhancement Award*
Florida International University
- 2024 *Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission (JUSFC) Project Research Grant*

The Northeast Asia Council (NEAC) of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS)

- 2021 *Postdoctoral Research Fellowship*
Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University
- 2019 *Pozen Human Rights Doctoral Fellow 2019-2020*
Pozen Family Center for Human Rights, The University of Chicago
- 2018 *Japan Foundation 2018-2019 Japanese Studies Doctoral Fellowship*
Japan Foundation
- 2018 *Pre-Dissertation Research Grant*
Center for East Asian Studies (CEAS) Committee on Japanese Studies, The University of Chicago
- 2017 *Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship*
U.S. Department of Education
- 2017 *Center for East Asian Studies Conference Travel Grant*
Center for East Asian Studies, The University of Chicago
Conference: 2017 Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs (MCAA)
- 2016 *Percy Buchanan Graduate Prize: Best Paper on Northeast Asia*
Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs (MCAA)
Paper: "Nation Building of People's Republic of China and Postwar Japan through the Creation of the 'War Orphans'"
- 2016 *Center for East Asia Conference Travel Grant*
Center for East Asian Studies, The University of Chicago
Conference: 2016 Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs (MCAA)
- 2015 *Asada Eiji B.A. Thesis Prize*
Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations, The University of Chicago
- 2014 *Jiuji Kasai Japan Summer Research Grant*
Center for East Asian Studies, The University of Chicago

Invited Lectures and Conference Presentations

- 2026 "Nationalizing the Hyperlocal: Peru's Asian Diasporas in War and Peace"
Fourth International Workshop on the Japanese Diaspora, Hoover Institution Library & Archives and the Japanese Association for Migration Studies, September 2026

- 2026 Invited Keynote: “Beyond the Nation-State: The Hyperlocal and the Transnational in Peru’s Asian Pacific”
Southeast Regional Graduate Student Conference, Florida State University, April 2026
- 2026 Discussant for Roundtable “Beyond the Verdict: Negotiating Justice with and against the Law in Post-Imperial East Asia”
Association of Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, Vancouver, March 2026
- 2026 Discussant for Panel “The Longue Durée of Social Movements in Japan: Legacies, Memories, Continuities”
Association of Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, Vancouver, March 2026
- 2025 Invited Roundtable Panel “AI in Humanities Research”
Chinese Historians in the United States, December 2025
- 2025 Invited Lecture “Beyond the Pacific: Mapping Peruvian History in Asian Archives”
La Carrera y la Sección de Historia de la Facultad de Letras y Ciencias Humanas, junto con el Departamento de Humanidades, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, November 2025
- 2025 Invited Lecture “Visualizing Meaning: Large Language Model as a Tool for Critical Textual Engagement”
El Laboratorio de Humanidades Digitales de la Facultad de Letras y Ciencias Humanas, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, October 2025
- 2025 Invited Lecture “Introduction to Comfort Women during World War II”
Miami-Dade Public Library, World War II at 80 Lecture Series, August 2025
- 2025 “Teaching ‘Vibe Coding’ for Digital Humanities and Asian Studies Courses”
Association of Asian Studies (AAS) in Asia Annual Conference, Kathmandu, Nepal, June 2025
Roundtable: *AI in Action: Enhancing Asian Studies through Practical AI Applications*
- 2025 “The Politics in Commemorating Feminist and Pan-Asian Activism in Japan”
Association of Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, Columbus, March 2025
Roundtable (organizer): *Representation, Narrativization, Invisible Labor, and Gender in Japanese Postwar Activism*
- 2025 “Redefining Human Rights: The Role of Japanese Leftist Lawyers in the *Jinken* Discourse on *Zainichi* Korean, 1940s-1960s”
Association of Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, Columbus, March 2025
Panel: *Politics, Policy, and Praxis: The Use of “Human Rights” in Japan*

- 2024 “Confused Occupiers and Contented Translators: The Birth of *Jinken* Discourse and its Rebirth in the Allied Occupation”
Symposium: Liberation and Human Rights in Japan and Korea: Discourse and Political Struggle, Yale University, New Haven, October 2024
- 2024 “Tracing female UN delegates in Japanese Archives: An Exploratory Look at Sources of Interministerial Communications”
The Asian Studies Conference Japan (ASCJ) Annual Conference, Tokyo, July 2024
Roundtable: *Sadako Ogata and Archives*
- 2024 “Locating Japan in Past and Present: The Issues of Human Rights, Asianism, and Gender as Seen through the Activism of Matsui Yayori”
Association of Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, Seattle, March 2024
Panel (organizer): *Beyond Resistance: Feminist Lexicons and Visions of Liberation, Rights, and Redress in Modern Japan*
- 2024 Discussant for Panel *MJHA Career Development Series-Academic Job Market*
Modern Japan History Association, August 2023
- 2023 Discussant for Panel *Non-State Actors in Japan-Korea Relations*
Association of Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, Boston, March 2023
- 2021 「左翼日本人法律家の在日人権論—「在日朝鮮人の人権を守る会」の法廷闘争を中心に」 (“Leftist Japanese Legal Professionals’ Human Rights Theory on the *Zainichi* Koreans: A Case Study of the Courtroom Struggles of ‘The Association for the Protection of the Human Rights of *Zainichi* Koreans’”)
East Asian Consortium of Japanese Studies Fifth International Conference, Virtual, November 2021
Panel: 1960年代後半の日本の市民運動のなかの「朝鮮問題」をめぐる理論と実践 (*The Theory and Practice Regarding the “Korean Problem” in 1960s Japanese Civic Activism*)
- 2021 “Beyond Postwar, Beyond Nation: “Human Rights” and the “History Problem” in Modern Japan and Asia”
Reischauer Institute Japan Forum Series, Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University, Virtual, November 2021
Invited Lecture
- 2021 “Networking for Historical Justice: Building the Graph Database of Reparation Lawsuits against the Japanese State for Colonial and Wartime Atrocities”
Department of History; Asian Studies Program, Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs, Florida International University, October 2021
Invited Lecture

- 2021 “Beyond Postwar, Beyond Nation: ‘Human Rights’ and the ‘History Problem’ in Postwar Japan”
 Association of Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, Virtual, March 2021
 Panel (organizer): *The “Postwar” as a Transnational Space: Human Rights and the Specter of History*
- 2020 “Beyond Postwar, Beyond Nation: ‘Human Rights’ and the ‘History Problem’ in Postwar Japan”
 Association of Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, Boston, March 2020 (*panel accepted and confirmed; conference canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic*)
 Panel (organizer): *Pacifism, Human Rights, Popular Movement, and “History Activism”: The “Postwar” as a Transnational Space*
- 2019 「「人権」の戦後 戦争責任問題はなぜ「人権」問題になったか? –40 年代~70 年代を中心に」 (“The Postwar of *Jinken*—How Did the Problem of War Responsibility Became a Human Rights Problem? A Case Study, 1940s~1970s”)
 日本現代史研(旧「南京研」「沖縄研」合同研究会) 第 120 回研究会 (Japanese Modern History Study Group, Session 120), at Waseda University, April 2019
- 2019 “Between War Responsibility and Human Rights: The Case of ‘*Zainichi*’ and Korean Former Class BC War Criminals”
 The 15th International Conference on the Korean Language, Literature, and Culture, at Hitotsubashi University, February 2019
- 2018 “Aiding War Criminals in the ‘New’ Japan: A Study of The War Convicted Benefit Society, 1952-1958”
 Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs (MCAA), at University of Notre Dame, October 2018
 Panel (organizer): *Community Building and the Making of Modern Japan: Networks, Identities, and Historical Narratives, 1890-Present*
- 2016 “Nation Building of People’s Republic of China and Postwar Japan through the Creation of the ‘War Orphans’”
 Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs (MCAA), at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, September 2016

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record, Florida International University:

- 2024- ASH 5905 Graduate Seminar: Readings in Asian History
 2023- ASH 3631 Pacific War in Asia
 2023- HIS 3051 Junior Seminar: Approaches to History

2022- HIS 4830 Human Rights in Modern Japanese History

2022- HIS 5930 Digital History

Instructor of Record, University of Chicago:

2021 HIST 24508 Human Rights in Japanese History

Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago:

2020 HMRT 10200 Human Rights in World Civilizations II

Lead Instructor: Ben Laurence

2017 HIST 24611 Economic Change in China circa 1800-2000

Lead Instructor: Kenneth Pomeranz

2017 HMRT 10100 Human Rights in World Civilizations I

Lead Instructor: Ben Laurence

Professional and Other Associations

American Historical Association

Association for Asian Studies

Modern Japan History Association

Women's Active Museum for War and Peace (アクティブ・ミュージアム「女たちの戦争と平和資料館」)

POW Research Network Japan (POW 研究会)

Memorial Museum of the Association of Japanese POW Returnees from China (NPO 中帰連平和記念館)

Related Professional Experience

2022-2025 Member, Graduate and Early Career Committee (GECC), American Historical Association

2022-2023 Departmental Library Liaison, Department of History, Florida International University

2015-Present Interpreter and Translator, Ichinose Law Office (一瀬法律事務所)

2019-Present Volunteer, Women's Active Museum for War and Peace (アクティブ・ミュージアム「女たちの戦争と平和資料館」)

2019-Present Volunteer and Event Planner, POW Research Network Japan (POW 研究会)

2019 Volunteer, FemiZemi (ふえみ・ゼミ)

Languages & Skills

Languages:

Mandarin Chinese: Native

Cantonese Chinese: Native

Japanese: Advanced (JLPT N2 in 2013)

Spanish: Basic (A2)

Technical Skills:

[Data Literacy Educator](#) certificate (Constellate from ITHAKA)

[LLM-Powered Text Classification Practitioner](#) certificate (Constellate from ITHAKA)

Neo4j/Cypher query language (proficient)

GraphXR (proficient)

Gephi (proficient)

Palladio (proficient)

Voyant Tools (proficient)

ArcGIS StoryMap (proficient)

ArcGIS Pro (basic)

QGIS (basic)

R (basic)

Python (basic)

SQL (basic)

STATA (basic)