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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Employment

2019–	**Associate Professor**, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (affiliation: Nam Center for Korean Studies)
2014–2019	**Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (affiliation: Nam Center for Korean Studies)
2013–2014	**Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, George Mason University
2012–2013	**Postdoctoral Fellow**, Shorenstein Asia Pacific Research Center, Stanford University
2011–2012	**Postdoctoral Fellow**, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University

Distinction

Spring 2025	**Visiting Professor**, École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris, France
2024–2029	**Non-Resident Permanent Fellow**, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (Institute for Advanced Study, Berlin)
2023–	**Professor by Courtesy**, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor
2020–2021	**Fellow**, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (Institute for Advanced Study, Berlin)
2016–2017	**Member**, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles, 2011
Dissertation: "Colonial Migration and Transborder Membership Politics in Twentieth-Century Korea" (chair: Rogers Brubaker)
- Winner, Theda Skocpol Best Dissertation Award from the Comparative-Historical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2013

M.A., Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles, 2006
M.A., Sociology, Seoul National University, South Korea, 2003
B.A., Law, Seoul National University, *cum laude* with department honors, South Korea, 2001

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Migration; Citizenship; Race, Ethnicity, and Nationalism; Political Sociology; Law and Society; Sociological Theory; Comparative-Historical and Ethnographic Methods; East Asia

BOOK

2016 *Contested Embrace: Transborder Membership Politics in Twentieth-Century Korea* (Stanford University Press) (Paperback 2020)

- 2017 Thomas and Znaniecki Distinguished Book Award from the International Migration Section of American Sociological Association
- 2017 Book Award on Asia/Transnational from the Asia/Asian American Section of American Sociological Association
- 2017 Allan Sharlin Memorial Award from the Social Science History Association
- 2018 James B. Palais Prize of the Association for Asian Studies, Honorable Mention

Reviewed in:
American Journal of Sociology 123 (3): 927–28
Contemporary Sociology 47 (1): 82–84
Sociological Forum 34 (2): 531–34
The Journal of Asian Studies 76 (4): 1115–18
Cross-Currents: East Asian History and Culture Review 30: 134–38
Pacific Affairs 93(4)
Han'guk Munhwa 76: 3–24 (Korean)
Han'guk Munhwa 77: 3–17 (Korean)

"Author Meets Critics" Session in:
Law and Society Association, June 2017, Mexico City, Mexico
Social Science History Association, November 2017, Montreal, Canada

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS (* PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES)

Kim, Jaeeun, and Yossi Harpaz. forthcoming. "From Puzzles to Theories: Theorizing from Peripheral Cases in Migration and Citizenship Studies." *Oxford Handbook of Sociological Theorizing*, edited by Omar Lizardo and Seth Abrutyn. New York: Oxford University Press. (Invited contribution, expected publication year: 2026)

* **Kim, Jaeeun**, and Paige Sweet. 2026. "Law, State, and Subjectivities at the Margins of Citizenship." *Annual Review of Law and Social Science* 22:143–62.

* **Kim, Jaeeun**, and Apostolos Andrikopoulos. 2026. "Unauthorized Identity Craft: Rethinking 'Fraud' in the Study of Migration." *International Migration Review*. Advanced Online Publication: https://doi.org/10.1177/01979183251409752

* **Kim, Jaeeun**. 2025. "Getting Saved from Illegality and Unbelief? Religious Asylum, Migration Dreams, and Christian Conversion." *Migration Studies* 13 (3) (Special Issue: Mobile Temporalities and Political Possibilities). Advanced Online Publication: https://doi.org/10.1093/migration/mnaf041

- Winner, Distinguished Article Award, Sociology of Religion Section, American Sociological Association, 2026

Kim, Jaeeun. 2025. "Globalization and Transborder Membership Politics." In *South Korea and the Politics of Ethnic Nationalism.* Edited by Timothy C. Lim, 19–42. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, Inc.

- Revised from the concluding chapter of *Contested Embrace* and "Ethnic Capital, Migration, and Citizenship: A Bourdieusian Perspective" published in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*

Kim, Jaeeun. 2024. "Seeing like a Church, Seeing like a State: The Church-State Relation in Religious Asylum Adjudications." *Canopy Forum: On the Interactions of Law and Religion*, May 23, 2024. https://canopyforum.org/2024/05/23/seeing-like-a-church-seeing-like-a-state-the-church-state-relation-in-religious-asylum-adjudications/

Kim, Jaeeun. 2024. "Illiberal Origin, Liberal Future? Pledges of Allegiance for Native-Born and Naturalised Citizens in South Korea." In *Swearing Loyalty: Should New Citizens Pledge Allegiance in a Naturalisation Oath?* Edited by Patti Tamara Lenard and Rainer Bauböck. Global Citizenship Observatory Working Paper, 2024/13, pp. 44–47, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Study, European University Institute, Florence, Italy. https://hdl.handle.net/1814/76823

* **Kim, Jaeeun**. 2022. "Between Sacred Gift and Profane Exchange: Identity Craft and Relational Work in Asylum Claims-Making on Religious Grounds." *Theory and Society* 51 (2): 303–33.

Kim, Jaeeun. 2021. "'Ethnic Capital' and 'Flexible Citizenship' in Korean Chinese Stepwise Migration." In *Routledge Handbook of Chinese Citizenship*. Edited by Zhounghua Guo, 413–26. London: Routledge.

- An abridged version of "'Ethnic Capital' and 'Flexible Citizenship' in Unfavorable Legal Contexts: Stepwise Migration of the Korean Chinese Within and Beyond Northeast Asia" published in *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*

* **Kim, Jaeeun**. 2019. "'Ethnic Capital' and 'Flexible Citizenship' in Unfavorable Legal Contexts: Stepwise Migration of the Korean Chinese Within and Beyond Northeast Asia." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 45 (6): 939–57. (Special Issue: Strategic Citizenship: Negotiating Membership in the Age of Dual Nationality)

* **Kim, Jaeeun**. 2019. "Ethnic Capital, Migration, and Citizenship: A Bourdieusian Perspective." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 42 (3): 357–85.

* **Kim, Jaeeun**. 2018. "Migration-Facilitating Capital: A Bourdieusian Theory of International Migration." *Sociological Theory* 36 (3): 262–88.

- Winner, Theory Prize from the Theory Section of the American Sociological Association, 2019.

Kim, Jaeeun. 2017. "'Chuk ŭi changmak' kwa 'ŭndun ŭi wangguk' ŭl nŏmŏ: sahoi juŭi sigi Pukchung kukkyŏng chiyŏk Chosŏnjok ŭi iju" [Beyond 'bamboo curtain' and 'hermit kingdom': cross-border migration of Korean Chinese in the socialist period]. In *Tosi ro ingnŭn hyŏndai Chungguk 1: sahoi juŭi sigi.* Edited by Chŏl-hyŏn Pak, 212–40. Seoul, Korea: Yŏksa Pip'yŏngsa.

- Korean: an abridged translation of chapter 3 of *Contested Embrace*

Kim, Jaeeun. 2017. "Transborder Membership Politics in Cold War and Post-Cold War Germany and Korea." In *Transnational Citizenship and Migration*. Edited by Rainer Bauböck. London: Routledge.

- A reprint of the article with the same title, coauthored with Rogers Brubaker and published in the *European Journal of Sociology* 52 (1): 21–75

* **Kim, Jaeeun**. 2014. "The Colonial State, Migration, and Diasporic Nationhood in Korea." *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 56 (1): 34–66.

* **Kim, Jaeeun**. 2011. "Establishing Identity: Documents, Performance, and Biometric Information in Immigration Proceedings." *Law & Social Inquiry* 36 (3): 760–86.

- Winner, Graduate and Law Student Paper Competition, *Law & Social Inquiry*, 2010.

* Brubaker, Rogers, and **Jaeeun Kim**. 2011. "Transborder Membership Politics in Cold War and Post-Cold War Germany and Korea." *European Journal of Sociology* 52 (1): 21–75.
    - Reprinted in *Transnational Citizenship and Migration*, edited by Rainer Bauböck. London: Routledge

* **Kim, Jaeeun**. 2009. "The Making and Unmaking of a 'Transborder Nation': South Korea During and After the Cold War." *Theory and Society* 38 (2): 133–64.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (BOOK REVIEWS, COMMENTARIES, INTERVIEWS)

Reviews

2020 Book Review, *Sovereignty Experiments: Korean Migrants and the Building of Borders in Northeast Asia, 1860–1945*. By Alyssa M. Park. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2019. *Journal of Asian Studies* 79(4): 1087–89.

2019 Book Review, *The Invention of the Passport: Surveillance, Citizenship, and the State, 2nd Edition*. By John Torpey. Cambridge, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2018. *Global Citizenship Review* 2019 (3): 134.

2017 Book Review, *Detaining the Immigrant Other: Global and Transnational Issues*. Edited by Rich Furman, Douglas Epps, and Greg Lamphear. New York: Oxford University Press, 2016. *Contemporary Sociology* 46 (6): 671–72.

2016 Book Review, *Protest Dialectics: State Repression and South Korea's Democracy Movement, 1970–1979*. By Paul Y. Chang. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2015. *The Journal of Asian Studies* 75 (2): 531–32.

Commentaries

2018 "Navigating the Transnational Turn in a Deeply Unequal World: A Research Note." *Perspectives* (Newsletter of the ASA Theory Section) 40 (2): 16–21. http://www.asatheory.org/current-newsletter-online/navigating-the-transnational-turn-in-a-deeply-unequal-world

2017 "Globalization, Transnationalism, and 'Mobile Societies' from a Sociological Perspective: Comments on Engseng Ho's 'Inter-Asian Concepts for Mobile Societies'." *The Journal of Asian Studies* 76 (4): 935–41.

Interviews

2021 "Crafting Who We Are: A Portrait of Jaeeun Kim by Manuela Lenzen." *Köpfe und Ideen* Issue 16: https://www.wiko-berlin.de/en/wikotheque/koepfe-und-ideen/issue/16/vom-verfertigen-einer-identitaet

2018 "#AsiaNow Speaks with Jaeeun Kim." #AsiaNow Blog, Mar 21. (Interview as 2018 James B. Palais Prize Honorable Mention Winner): http://www.asian-studies.org/asia-now/entryid/132/asianow-speaks-with-jaeeun-kim

2017 Interview: "20th Century Diaspora: Korea's Transborder Identity Politics." *The Korea File* Podcast, Nov 30: https://www.spreaker.com/user/koreamoments/koreas-diaspora-transborder-membership-p

2016 (Q&A with Hae Yeon Choo) "National Belonging in South Korea: Migration and Diaspora Politics Are Challenging What It Means to Be 'Korean'." Stanford University

Press Blog, Aug 18: http://stanfordpress.typepad.com/blog/2016/08/national-belonging-in-south-korea.html.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2026 Distinguished Article Award from the Sociology of Religion Section of the American Sociological Association (for "Getting Saved from Illegality and Unbelief?")
2025 Michigan Housing Honored Instructor, University of Michigan
2024–2029 Non-Resident Permanent Fellow, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (Institute for Advanced Study, Berlin)
2020–2021 Fellow, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (Institute for Advanced Study, Berlin)
2020 ENMISA (Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration Section of International Studies Association) Outstanding Paper Award (for "Contingent Citizenship")
2019 Theory Prize from the Theory Section of the American Sociological Association (for "Migration-facilitating Capital")
2018 The James B. Palais Prize of the Association for Asian Studies, Honorable Mention (for *Contested Embrace*)
2017 Allan Sharlin Memorial Book Award from the Social Science History Association (for *Contested Embrace*)
2017 Thomas and Znaniecki Distinguished Book Award from the International Migration Section of American Sociological Association (for *Contested Embrace*)
2017 Book Award on Asia/Transnational from the Asia/Asian American Section of American Sociological Association (for *Contested Embrace*)
2016–2017 Membership, Institute for Advanced Study
2015 US-Korea NextGen Scholars Program
2013 Theda Skocpol Best Dissertation Award from the Comparative-Historical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association (for "Colonial Migration and Transborder Membership Politics in Twentieth-Century Korea")
2010 Best Paper Award for Graduate and Law Students, *Law & Social Inquiry* (for "Establishing Identity: Documents, Performance, and Biometric Information in Immigration Proceedings")
2003 Annual Award for Best Thesis (for MA thesis), Department of Sociology, Seoul National University

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS (SELECTED)

EXTRAMURAL SOURCES

2023 Jack Shand Research Grant, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
2020-2021 Wissenschaftskolleg (Institute for Advanced Study), Berlin
2018-2025 Academy of Korean Studies Laboratory Program for Korean Studies (co-investigator of the project, "Local Agency and National Responses to Globalization: The South Korean Case in Comparative, Transnational and Diasporic Perspective")

2017-2020	Humanities Korea Plus Grant (co-investigator of the project, "Mnemonic Solidarity: Colonialism, War and Genocide in the Global Memory Space")
2016-2017	Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton
2012-2013	Postdoctoral Fellowship, Council on East Asian Studies, Yale University (declined)
2012-2013	Postdoctoral Fellowship, Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University
2011-2012	Korea Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, UC Berkeley (declined)
2011-2012	Postdoctoral Fellowship, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University
2010-2011	Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2008-2009	Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Research Grant
2008-2009	SSRC International Dissertation Research Fellowship

INTERNAL SOURCES

2023	Provost's Early Tenure-Track Faculty Research Support Initiative, University of Michigan
2022–2024	Associate Professor Support Fund, University of Michigan
2014–2016	Academy of Korean Studies Grant for Book Publishing & Summer Research, University of Michigan
2010-2011	UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship
2009-2010	Hiroshi Wagatsuma Memorial Fund Fellowship, Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies, UCLA.
2008-2009	UCLA International Institute Fieldwork Fellowship (declined)
2008	Sasakawa Japanese Language Fellowship, Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies, UCLA.
2007	Summer Language Fellowship, Center for Chinese Studies, UCLA.
2004-2006	Global Scholar, International Institute, University of California, Los Angeles

REFEREED CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PAPERS (SCHEDULED INCLUDED)

2026 "Law, Future-Making, and Self-Making in Asylum-Seeking on Religious Grounds." "Whose Possible Future(s): Religion and Subject-making with and through Law" Session, American Academy of Religion, November 2026, Denver, CO.

2026 "Law, Future-Making, and Self-Making in Asylum-Seeking on Religious Grounds." "Between Scrutiny and 'Sanctuary': Religion, Immigration Governance, and the Production of Migrant (Un)Deservingness" Session, Association for the Sociology of Religion, August 2026, New York, NY.

2026 "Unauthorized Identity Craft: Rethinking 'Fraud' in the Study of Migration." Law and Society Association, May 2026, San Francisco, CA.

2026 "Making Converts out of Asylum-Seekers: Korean Immigrant Evangelical Church and Asylum Claims-Making on Religious Grounds." Eastern Sociological Society, March 2026, Washington D.C.

2024 "Unauthorized Identity Craft." Third Elements of Migration: Brokers of International Migration and Integration Session. International Migration Section. American Sociological Association, August 2024, Montreal, Canada.

2023 *The Refugee System* (by Rawan Arar and David Scott FitzGerald). Critic in the Author Meets Critics Session, Social Science History Association, November 2023, Washington D.C.

2023 "Seeing like a Church, Seeing like a State: Church-State Relation in Religious Asylum Adjudications." Social Science History Association, November 2023, Washington D.C.

2023 "Seeing like a Church, Seeing like a State: Church-State Relation in Religious Asylum Adjudications." Association for Sociology of Religion, August 2023, Philadelphia, PA.

2023 "Law, Future-Making, and Self-Making in Asylum-Seeking on Religious Grounds." Time, Life Stage, and Temporalities Session. International Migration Section. American Sociological Association, August 2023, Philadelphia, PA.

2023 "Making Converts out of Asylum-Seekers: Korean Immigrant Evangelic Church and Asylum Claims-Making on Religious Grounds." Association for Asian Studies, March 2023, Boston, MA.

2022 "Making Converts out of Asylum-Seekers: Korean Evangelicalism and Asylum Claims-Making on Religious Grounds." The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Religious Research Association, November 2022, Baltimore, MD.

2022 "From Masquerade to Metamorphosis: Law, Future-Making, and Self-Making in Asylum-Seeking on Religious Grounds." Religion's Bureaucratic Tension—A Force for Displacement, A Sanctuary for the Displaced. Sociology of Religion Section. American Sociological Association, August 2022.

2022 "Between Sacred Gift and Profane Exchange: Identity Craft and Relational Work in Asylum Claims-Making on Religious Grounds." Law and Society Association, July 2022, Lisbon, Portugal.

2021 "Revisiting the Transformative Effects of Immigration Law: Asylum, Religious Conversion, and Future-Making." Social Science History Association, November 2021, Philadelphia, PA.

2021 "The Invention of the Passport: Surveillance, Citizenship, and the State" (by John Torpey). Critic in the Author Meets Critics Session, Council for European Studies, June 2021, Reykjavik, Iceland. [Moved to Online due to Covid 19]

2020 "Between Sacred Gift and Profane Exchange: Brokerage and Relational Work in Religion-Based Asylum Claims." ASA Sociology of Religion Section, "Religion, Politics, and Civic Engagement" Panel, August 2020, San Francisco, CA. [Canceled due to Covid 19]

2020 "Contingent Citizenship: Three Tales of Political Incorporation in the United States, Japan, and China." (With Erin Chung). "Non-State Approaches to the Politics of Ethnic Nationalism and Migration: Korea from a Comparative Perspective" Panel. International Studies Association, March 2020, Honolulu, HI. [Canceled due to Covid 19]

2020 "Redemption: Asylum-Seeking on Religious Grounds in the Era of Involuntary Immobility." Eastern Sociological Society, February 2020, Philadelphia, PA.

2020 "Citizenship 2.0: Dual Nationality as a Global Asset" (by Yossi Harpaz). Critic in the Author Meets Critics Session, Eastern Sociological Society, February 2020, Philadelphia, PA.

2019 "Between Sacred Gift and Profane Exchange: Competing Vocabularies of Motive in Religion-Based Asylum Claims." Social Science History Association, November 2019, Chicago, IL.

2019 "'Ethnic Capital' and 'Flexible Citizenship' in Unfavorable Legal Contexts: Stepwise Migration of the Korean Chinese Within and Beyond Northeast Asia." International Studies Association, March 2019, Toronto, Canada.

2018 "Temporalities of Redemption: Asylum-Seeking on Religious Grounds." "Imagining Im/migrant Futures: Potentiality in Im/migration Studies" Panel. American Anthropological Association, November 2018, San Jose, CA.

2018 "Redemption: Asylum-Seeking on Religious Grounds in the Era of Probationary Citizenship." Law and Society Association, June 2018, Toronto, Canada.

2017 *Contested Embrace: Transborder Membership Politics in Twentieth-Century Korea*. Author Meets Readers Session, Social Science History Association, November 2017, Montreal, Canada.

2017 *Contested Embrace: Transborder Membership Politics in Twentieth-Century Korea*. Author Meets Readers Session, Law and Society Association, June 2017, Mexico City, Mexico.

2017 "JAS at AAS: The Flow of Migration beyond the Nation." Panelist, Association for Asian Studies, March 2017, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

2016 "Establishing Ancestry: Documents, Performance, and Biometric Information in Ethnic (Return) Migration." Social Science History Association, November 2016, Chicago, IL.

2016 "How To Turn Ethnicity into Migration-Facilitating Capital: Bourdieu, 'Ethnic Capital,' and Cross-Border Mobility." ASA *International Immigration* Section, August 2016, Seattle, WA.

2016 "Migration-Facilitating Capital: Bourdieusian Approach." Law and Society Association, June 2016, New Orleans, LA.

2016 "How To Turn Ethnicity into Migration-Facilitating Capital: Bourdieu, Ethnic Capital, and Stepwise Migration of Korean Chinese to the United States." Strategic Citizenship: Negotiating Membership in the Age of Dual Nationality. Princeton University, March 2016, Princeton, NJ.

2016 "The Documented Community of the Nation? Bureaucratic Practices and Transborder Membership Politics in Korea and Beyond." The Changing Face of Global Mobility. International Migration Institute, Oxford University, January 2016, Oxford, UK.

2015 "Migration Capital, Ethnic Capital, and Korean Chinese Migration to the US: The Bourdieusian Approach." Social Science History Association, November 2015, Baltimore, MD.

2015 "Seeking Asylum, Finding God: Religious Conversion for Immigration Purposes and the Politics of Deservingness in Contemporary America." Law and Society Association, May 2015, Seattle, WA.

2015 "The Mobility Money Can Buy? Migration Capital Accumulation in Unauthorized Korean Chinese Migration to the U.S." Association for Asian Studies, March 2015, Chicago, IL.

2014 "Asylum-Seeking, Religious Conversion, and the Moral Economy of Migrant Illegality in Contemporary America." Rising Stars of Korean Studies VI, Korean Studies Institute, University of Southern California, October 2014, Los Angeles, CA.

2013 "The Moral Economy of 'Sham Marriage': Immigration Control, Migration Strategies, and Transnational Families between China and South Korea." Social Science History Association, November 2013, Chicago, IL.

2013 "The Colonial State, Migration, and Diasporic Nationhood in Korea." ASA *Nation and Nationalism* Section, August 2013, New York, NY.

2013 *Contested Embrace: Transborder Membership Politics in Twentieth-Century Korea*. Presented at SSRC Korean Studies Junior Faculty Workshop, July 2013, Monterey, CA.

2013 "Seeking Asylum, Finding God: Unauthorized Migration, Ethnic Church, and Conversion for Immigration Purposes." Presented at Interdisciplinary Encounters in Religion, Law, and Ethics Conference, University of California, Irvine, May 2013, Irvine, CA.

2012 "Between Two Socialist Fatherlands: Ethnic Koreans in China during the Cold War." Social Science History Association, November 2012, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

2012 "Who Owns the Nation?: Cold-War Competition over Colonial-Era Korean Migrants in Japan." ASA *Nation and Nationalism* Section Presentation, August 2012, Denver, CO.

2010 "Establishing Identity: Documents, Performance, and Biometric Information in the South Korean Immigration Bureaucracy." Presented at ASA Thematic Session, *Toward a Sociology of Citizenship in East Asia: Inclusion, Participation and Social Rights for Immigrants and Rural Migrants in China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan*, August 2010, Atlanta, GA

2010 "Colonial Migration and Transborder Membership Politics in Twentieth-Century Korea." Presented at SSRC International Dissertation Research Fellowship Workshop, March 2010, Austin, TX.

2009 "Colonial Migration and Transborder Membership Politics in Twentieth-Century Korea." Presented at SSRC Korean Studies Workshop, July 2009, Monterey, CA.

2006 "Incorporating the 'Nation Abroad': The Politics of Membership in South Korea." Presented at the Society for Comparative Research Graduate Student Retreat, Yale University, May 2006, New Haven, CT.

INVITED TALKS AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS

Invited Book Talks: *Contested Embrace: Transborder Membership Politics in Twentieth-Century Korea*

2019 Association for Korean Chinese Studies in Japan, Nippon University, December 2019, Tokyo, Japan.

2019 Recent Books in Korean Studies, Colloquium 2019, Center for Critical Korean Studies, University of California, Irvine, April 2019, Irvine, CA.

2018 "Who Are "Koreans": Korean Identity Viewed through Different Lenses" Workshop, Center for Korean Studies, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, December 2018, Manoa, HI.

2018 Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), University of Michigan, October 2018, Ann Arbor, MI.

2018 Qualitative Method Colloquium, Department of Sociology, Yonsei University, May 2018, Seoul, Korea.

2018 Asia Pacific Center (Co-sponsored by Center for Chinese Studies and Department of Sociology), University of California, Los Angeles, April 2018, Los Angeles, CA.

2018 Center for East Asian Studies, University of Texas, Austin, March 2018, Austin, TX.

2018 Sun & Star Japan and East Asia Program, John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies, Southern Methodist University, March 2018, Dallas, TX.

2017 Nam Center for Korean Studies Colloquium Series, University of Michigan, September 2017, Ann Arbor, MI.

2017 East Asian Studies Speaker Series, Johns Hopkins University, March 2017, Baltimore, MD.

2017 Yonsei-GAP Workshop, New York University, February 2017, New York.

2016 Director's Speaker Series, Asian Studies Program, Georgetown University, November 2016, Washington D.C.

2016 Korean Studies Speaker Series, Department of East Asian Studies, New York University, October 2016, New York, NY.

2016 Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies, Seoul National University, October 2016, Seoul, Korea.

2016 BK-21 Lecture Series, Department of Political Science and International Studies, Underwood International College, Yonsei University, October 2016, Seoul, Korea.
2016 Korea Colloquium Lecture Series, Korea Institute, Harvard University, September 2016, Cambridge, MA.
2016 Centre for the Study of Korea, University of Toronto, February 2016, Toronto, Ontario.

Other Invited Talks and Presentations

2026 Author Meets Critics Speaker, Elizabeth Shakman Hurd's *Heaven Has a Wall: Religion, Borders, and the Global United States*, American Academy of Religion, November 2026, Denver, CO.
2025 "Making Converts out of Asylum-Seekers." Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales (INALCO), April 2025, Paris, France.
2025 "Between Sacred Gift and Profane Exchange: Identity Craft and Relational Work in Asylum Claims-Making on Religious Grounds." École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), April 2025, Paris, France.
2025 "Ethnic Capital and Flexible Citizenship in Unfavorable Legal Contexts." Université Paris Cité, March 2025, Paris, France.
2025 "Transborder Membership Politics and Zainichi Koreans." École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), March 2025, Paris, France.
2025 "Establishing Identity: Documents, Performance, and Biometric Information in Immigration Proceedings." École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), March 2025, Paris, France.
2024 "'Ethnic Capital' and 'Flexible Citizenship' in Unfavorable Legal Contexts: Stepwise Migration of the Korean Chinese Within and Beyond Northeast Asia." Rethinking Korea Speaker Series, Global Asian Studies Program, Northeastern University, Boston, December 2024, Boston, MA.
2024 "Making Converts out of Asylum-Seekers: Korean Immigrant Evangelical Church and Asylum Claims-Making on Religious Grounds." Perspectives on Contemporary Korea 2024 | The Politics of Migration, Diaspora, and Race in Transnational Korea, Nam Center for Korean Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, November 2024, Ann Arbor, MI.
2024 Panelist, "Theorizing across Disciplinary Boundaries." Junior Theorist Symposium (JTS), Theory Section. American Sociological Association, August 2024, Montreal, Canada.
2024 "Between Sacred Gift and Profane Exchange: Identity Craft and Relational Work in Asylum Claims-Making on Religious Grounds." Colloquium Series, Department of Sociology, Yonsei University, June 2024, Seoul, Korea.
2024 "Between Sacred Gift and Profane Exchange: Identity Craft and Relational Work in Asylum Claims-Making on Religious Grounds." Colloquium Series, Department of Sociology, Seoul National University, June 2024, Seoul, Korea.
2024 "Repertoires of Redemption: Migration, Asylum, and Religion in the Era of Involuntary Immobility." Sociology Department Colloquium, University of California, Berkeley. April 2024, Berkeley, CA.
2024 "Law, Future-Making, and Self-Making in Asylum-Seeking on Religious Grounds." Spring Speaker Series, American Bar Foundation, February 2024, Chicago, IL.
2023 "Humanitarian Benevolence and Its Discontents." Global Migration Law Workshop, November 2023, Online.

2023 "Repertoires of Redemption: Migration, Asylum, and Religion in the Era of Involuntary Immobility." *Integration Reimagined* Speaker Series, Centre for Migration Studies, University of British Columbia, October 2023, Vancouver, Canada.

2023 "Professionalization and Beyond: Situating the Studies of Korea/Korean Diaspora in American Academia." Panelist, Association of Korean Sociologists in America, August 2023, Philadelphia, PA.

2023 Roundtable panelist in Professor James Scott Retrospective, Seeing Like a Scott: A Week-long Retrospective on the Research and Practice of James Scott. Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies and Conflict and Peace, Research and Development, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, April 2023, MI.

2023 "'Ethnic Capital' and 'Flexible Citizenship' in Unfavorable Legal Contexts: Stepwise Migration of the Korean Chinese Within and Beyond Northeast Asia." Dr. Thomas Kang Lecture, Center for East Asian Studies, University of Maryland, College Park, March 2023, College Park, MD.

2022 "Law, Future-Making, and Self-Making in Asylum-Seeking on Religious Grounds." Theory Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, December 2022, Ann Arbor, MI.

2022 "Making Converts out of Asylum-Seekers: Korean Evangelicalism and Asylum Claims-Making on Religious Grounds." "New Structures of Global Migration Law" Workshop, Temple Law School (sponsored by Temple Law, the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, and the New School's Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility), November 2022, Philadelphia, PA.

2022 "Between Sacred Gift and Profane Exchange: Identity Craft and Relational Work in Asylum Claims-Making on Religious Grounds." AKS Lab Grant Annual Workshop, Monash University, June 2022, Melbourne, Australia, Online

2022 "Making Converts out of Asylum-Seekers: Korean Evangelicalism and Asylum Claims-Making on Religious Grounds." Asylum and Conversion to Christianity–New Directions in Research Workshop, University of Oxford, June 2022, Online.

2022 "From Masquerade to Metamorphosis: Law, Future-Making, and Self-Making in Asylum-Seeking on Religious Grounds." Midwest Migration, Ethnicity, and Race Conference, Department of Sociology, Wayne State University, May 2022, Detroit, MI.

2022 "Between Sacred Gift and Profane Exchange: Identity Craft and Relational Work in Asylum Claims-Making on Religious Grounds." Implementing Migration Policy: Excavating the Administrative and Bureaucratic Processes Behind Migrant Admissions and Deportation Conference. University of California, Berkeley, May 2022, Berkeley, CA.

2022 "Repertoires of Redemption: Migration, Asylum, and Religion in the Era of Involuntary Immobility." Department of Sociology, Columbia University, March 2022, New York, NY.

2022 "Ethnic 'Return' Migration and the Politics of Belonging in South Korea and Beyond." Guest Lecture, SOC180A: Border-Crossing, Diasporic Formation, and Social Transformation in Asia, by Prof. Min Zhou, Department of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles, March 2022, Los Angeles, CA. [Moved to Online due to Covid 19]

2022 "From Masquerade to Metamorphosis: Law, Future-Making, and Self-Making in Asylum-Seeking on Religious Grounds." Global Migration Law Workshop, February 2022, Online.

2021 "Redemption: Asylum-Seeking on Religious Grounds in the Era of Involuntary Immobility." Gender and Violence: Korea and Beyond (GVKab) Colloquium Series, University of Minnesota–Twin City, November 2021, Twin Cities, MN.

2021 "Revising the Transformative Effects of Immigration Law: Asylum, Religious Conversion, and Future-Making." Time, Mobility & Political Possibility Workshop, October 2021, Online.

2021 "Migration-Facilitating Capital: A Bourdieusian Theory of International Migration." BK21 Colloquium, Department of Sociology, Yonsei University, August 2021, Seoul, Korea.

2021 "Redemption: Asylum-Seeking on Religious Grounds in the Era of Involuntary Immobility." Amsterdam Anthropology Lecture Series, Vrije Universiteit, June 2021, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. [Moved to Online due to Covid 19]

2021 Panelist, "Celebration of UCLA Migration Sociology," Center for the Study of International Migration, University of California, Los Angeles, June 2021, Los Angeles, CA. [Moved to Online due to Covid 19]

2021 "Race/Ethnicity as Social Construction: Debates in American Social Science." Three Cultures Forum, Wissenshaftskolleg zu Berlin, May 2021, Berlin, Germany.

2021 "Seeking Asylum, Finding God?" WiKo Sociology Workshop, Wissenshaftskolleg zu Berlin, March 2021, Berlin, Germany.

2021 "Between Sacred Gift and Profane Exchange: Brokerage and Relational Work in Religion-Based Asylum Claims." "What We Owe to Each Other: Rethinking Boundaries, Borders and Citizenship" Conference, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, March 2021, Cambridge, MA. [Moved to Online due to Covid 19]

2021 "Redemption: Asylum-Seeking on Religious Grounds in the Era of Involuntary Immobility." Tuesday Colloquium, Wissenshaftskolleg zu Berlin, January 2021, Berlin, Germany.

2020 "The Dialogical Production of Asylees: For-Profit and Non-Profit Intermediaries in Religion-Based Asylum Claims." "New Structures of Global Migration Law" Workshop, Temple Law School (sponsored by Temple Law, the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, and the New School's Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility), October 2020, Philadelphia, PA. [Rescheduled due to Covid 19]

2020 "'Unauthorized Identity Craft' in the Era of Involuntary Immobility." "Documents, Mobility and Migration in and Beyond Global Asia" Conference, Asian Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh, September 2020, Pittsburgh, PA. [Canceled due to Covid 19]

2020 "'Ethnic Capital' and 'Flexible Citizenship' in Unfavorable Legal Contexts: Stepwise Migration of the Korean Chinese Within and Beyond Northeast Asia." The Institute for Social Science Research Colloquium Series, Kyungpook National University, June 2020, Daegu, South Korea.

2020 "Between Sacred Gift and Profane Exchange: Brokerage and Relational Work in Religion-Based Asylum Claims." AKS Lab Grant Annual Workshop, Center for Korean Studies, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, March 2020, Manoa, HI. [Canceled due to Covid 19]

2020 "Redemption: Asylum-Seeking on Religious Grounds in the Era of Involuntary Immobility." International Institute Conference on Migration, University of Michigan, February 2020, Ann Arbor, MI.

2020 "Between Sacred Gift and Profane Exchange: Brokerage and Relational Work in Religion-Based Asylum Claims." Workshop, Department of Sociology, Wayne State University, January 2020, Detroit, MI.

2019 "Migration-Facilitating Capital: A Bourdieusian Theory of International Migration." Plenary Session, Biannual conference of the Korean International Migration Studies Association, Dongguk University, December 2019, Seoul, Korea.

2019 "Redemption: Asylum-Seeking on Religious Grounds in the Era of Involuntary Immobility." AKS Lab Grant Annual Workshop, Communication and Media Studies, Monash University, February 2019, Melbourne, Australia.

2019 "'Ethnic Capital' and 'Flexible Citizenship' in Unfavorable Legal Contexts: Stepwise Migration of the Korean Chinese Within and Beyond Northeast Asia." AKS Lab Grant Annual Workshop, Communication and Media Studies, Monash University, February 2019, Melbourne, Australia.

2019 Panel on the work of Rogers Brubaker, 2019 Distinguished Scholar Award Recipient, Ethnicity, Nationalism and Migration Studies section (ENIMISA), International Studies Association, March 2019, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

2018 "Who Are "Koreans": Korean Identity Viewed through Different Lenses" Workshop, Center for Korean Studies, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, December 2018, Manoa, HI.

2017 "'Ethnic Capital' and 'Flexible Citizenship' in Unfavorable Legal Contexts: Stepwise Migration of the Korean Chinese Within and Beyond Northeast Asia." Im/migration and Transnational Networks and Activities in the Asian-Pacific Region Conference, Asia-Pacific Law Institute (Seoul National University) and the Academy of East Asian Studies (Sungkyunkwan University), Seoul National University, November 2017, Seoul, Korea.

2017 "Ethnic Capital and Flexible Citizenship in Unfavorable Legal Contexts: Stepwise Migration of the Korean Chinese." Nationality and Transnationality in Modern Korea, The Inaugural International Conference of the Tuebingen Global Korea Project, Department of Chinese and Korean Studies, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Eberhard Karls University of Tuebingen, July 2017, Tuebingen, Germany.

2017 "Seeking Asylum, Finding God: Asylum-Seeking on Religious Grounds and the Politics of Deservingness in the Era of 'Probationary Citizenship'." Committee for the Study of Religion, CUNY Graduate Center, May 2017, New York, NY.

2017 Panelist, "Migration, the Refugee Crisis and Globalization" Section, "Undocumented"–Belonging and Exclusion in the Age of Transnationalism Conference, Princeton University, May 2017, Princeton, NJ.

2017 "Seeking Asylum, Finding God: Asylum-Seeking on Religious Grounds and the Politics of Deservingness in the Era of 'Probationary Citizenship'." Institute for Advanced Study, January 2017, Princeton, NJ.

2016 "Navigating Academia Across the Borders." Underwood International College Special Lecture, Yonsei University, October 2016, Seoul, Korea.

2016 "Ethnic Capital, Stepwise Migration, and Flexible Citizenship: Korean Chinese Transpacific Migration to the U.S." Global Korean Studies and Anthropology of Migration and Diaspora Conference, Department of Anthropology, Seoul National University, October 2016, Seoul, Korea.

2016 "Beyond 'Bamboo Curtain' and 'Hermit Kingdom': Korean Chinese between Two Socialist Fatherlands." The Social History of Space and Movement in East Asia: Empire, Decolonization, and the Cold War Conference, The Association of Korean Social History, Hallym University, October 2016, Chuncheon, Korea.

2016 "Contested Embrace: Transborder Membership Politics in Twentieth-Century Korea." Transnational Humanities in Korean Studies Conference. Korea Institute, Australian National University, May 2016, Canberra, Australia.

2015 "Ethnic Koreans in Japan & NE China: Colonial Occupation, Cold War Politics & Globalization." Annual K-12 Teacher's Workshop, Nam Center for Korean Studies, August 2015, Ann Arbor, MI.

2014 "Contextualizing 'One for All, All for One." Ann Arbor Korean Indie Film Festival, Oct, 2014, Ann Arbor, MI.

2014 Panelist in the roundtable discussion, "Migration and Korean Studies: Whither and Whence?" East Asia Center and Women, Gender & Sexuality Program, University of Virginia, April 2014, Charlottesville, VA.

2014 "Asylum-Seeking, Religious Conversion, and the Moral Economy of Migrant Illegality in Contemporary America." Presented at Borders and Diasporas Workshop, Center for Korean Studies, University of California, Berkeley, April 2014, Berkeley, CA.

2013 "Seeking Asylum, Finding God: Religion and Moral Economy of Migrants' Illegality." Presented at the Center for Korea Studies, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, March 2013, Seattle, WA.

2012 "Seeking Asylum, Finding God: Korean Chinese Migration to the United States." Presented at the Comparative Research Workshop / Korea Colloquium Series, Co-hosted by the Department of Sociology, Program on Ethnicity, Race, and Migration, and Council on East Asian Studies, Yale University, October 2012, New Haven, CT.

2012 "Between Two Socialist Fatherlands: Ethnic Koreans in China during the Cold War." Presented at the Contemporary China Colloquium, Princeton University, April 2012, Princeton, NJ.

2011 "Establishing Identity: Documents, Performance, and Biometric Information in Immigration Proceedings." Presented in the Department of Sociology, New School for Social Research, November 2011, New York, NY.

2010 "Establishing Identity: Documents, Performance, and Biometric Information in Immigration Proceedings." Presented in the Department of Sociology, Princeton University, December 2010, Princeton, NJ.

2010 "Establishing Identity: Documents, Performance, and Biometric Information in Immigration Proceedings." Presented in the Department of Political Science, University of Chicago, November 2010, Chicago, IL.

2010 "Establishing Identity: Documents, Performance, and Biometric Information in Immigration Proceedings." Presented in the Department of Sociology, Harvard University, November 2010, Cambridge, MA.

2006 "Incorporating the 'Nation Abroad': The Politics of Membership in South Korea." Presented at UCLA Comparative Social Analysis Seminar, November 2006, Los Angeles, CA.

COURSES TAUGHT

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

SOC 102: Living as a Global Citizen: Globalization and Society, Department of Sociology (undergraduate lecture)

SOC 295/204: Sociology of International Migration and Refugees, Department of Sociology; International Studies Program (undergraduate lecture)

SOC 495/427: Sociology of Contemporary Korea, Department of Sociology; Department of Asian Language and Culture (undergraduate lecture)

SOC 503: The Sociology of Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration, Department of Sociology (graduate prelim core course)

SOC 560: Power, History, and Social Change, Department of Sociology (graduate prelim core course)
SOC 595: International Migration and the Politics of Membership, Department of Sociology (graduate seminar)

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

SOCI 120: Globalization and Society, Department of Sociology (undergraduate lecture)
SOCI 804: Sociology of Globalization, Department of Sociology (graduate seminar)

GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE MENTORING

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

University of Michigan, Completed

Chair

Erin McAuliffe, "Undocumented Immigrant Youths and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS): At the Crossroads of Child Welfare and Immigration Policy" (Department of Sociology, PhD 2024)
Chelle Jones, "Transnational Pursuit of Fuller Lives: LBTQ Migration, Family Building, and Gender Identity Affirmation in South Korea" (Department of Sociology, PhD 2026)

Member

Tiffany Chuang May, "From Millennial Sleaze to Old World Charm: The Politics of Place Branding in Creative City Singapore" (Department of Sociology, PhD 2023)
Miriam Gleckman-Krut, "The Rainbow Nation and the Gays It Excludes: South Africa's Management of Sexuality and Migration (1913–2020)" (Department of Sociology, PhD 2024)
Jennifer Triplett, "Shaping Subjectivities and Articulating Solidarity in Revolutionary Cuba" (Department of Sociology, PhD 2024)

University of Michigan, In progress

Chair

Jeffrey Bilik (Department of Sociology)
Sidney Harris Galan (Department of Sociology)
Cynthia Magallanes-Gonzalez (Department of Sociology)

Member

Kimberly Hess (Department of Sociology)
Kayonne Christy (Department of Sociology)

External Referee/Committee Member

Seonok Lee (Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia, 2019)
Sejung Sage Im (Department of Sociology, City University of New York, early stage 2021)

PUBLISHABLE PAPER COMMITTEE

Chair

Erin McAuliffe (Department of Sociology, 2020)

Jeffrey Bilik (Department of Sociology, 2021)
Cynthia Magallanes-Gonzalez (Department of Sociology, 2024)

Member

Jeffrey Swindle (Department of Sociology, 2014)
Michelle Lee Jones (Department of Sociology, 2017)
Kimberly Hess (Department of Sociology, 2019)
Jennifer Triplett (Department of Sociology, 2020)
Kristin Foringer (Department of Sociology, 2020)
Giovanni Roman-Torres (Department of Sociology, 2021)

MA THESIS COMMITTEE

David Lundquist (Center for Chinese Studies, second reader, 2015)

HONORS THESIS COMMITTEE

Sarah Sterns (Department of Asian Languages and Culture, second reader, BA 2016)
Neil Schwartz (International Studies, thesis advisor, BA 2019)
Courtney Caulkins (International Studies, thesis advisor, BA 2019)
Qingyi Cai (Department of Sociology, thesis advisor, BA 2022)
Zhongke Han (Department of Sociology, thesis advisor, BA 2024; 2024 LSA Marshall Sahlins Social Science Honors Award Winner)
Qihao Liang (Department of Sociology, thesis advisor, BA 2026; 2026 LSA Marshall Sahlins Social Science Honors Award Winner)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Board

2024 –	Editor, *Theory and Social Inquiry (before: Theory and Society)*
2023 – 2024	Corresponding Editor, *Theory and Society*
2021 – 2024	Editorial Board Member, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*
2021 – 2023	Editorial Board Member, *Sociological Theory*
2021 – present	Editorial Board Member, *Perspectives on Contemporary Korea Series*, University of Michigan Press
2014 – present	Editorial Board Member, *Sahoi wa Yŏksa* (Society and History) (a quarterly interdisciplinary academic journal published in Korea)

American Sociological Association (ASA)

2024–2025	Co-Chair, DEIJ (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice) Committee, International Migration Section
2022–2025	Council Member (elected), International Migration Section
2023	Chair, Aristide Zolberg Distinguished Student Scholar Award Committee, International Migration Section
2023	Mentor, Mentoring Event, Political Sociology Section
2020	Jury Member, Theory Prize Committee, Theory Section
2018	Jury Member, Thomas and Znaniecki Distinguished Book Award Committee, International Migration Section

2017	Organizer and Presider, Regular Session, "Transnational Processes" for the ASA Annual Meeting—Montreal, Quebec, Canada
2014	Jury Member, Theda Skocpol Dissertation Award Committee, Comparative-Historical Sociology Section

Social Science History Association (SSHA)

2024	Nominating Committee
2021 – 2023	Executive Committee (elected)
2019	Jury Member, Allan Sharlin Memorial Book Award Committee

Association of Korean Sociologists in America (AKSA)

2022 – 2023	President (elected)
2019 – 2021	General Administrator
2019 – 2024	Executive Committee
2021	AKSA Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Chair
2017, 2021, 2022	Mentor in Individual Mentoring Program
2015	Organizer, Mini-Conference, ASA Annual Meeting—Chicago, IL.
2015	AKSA Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Member

Others

2022	External Review Committee, Hong Yung Lee Book Award in Korean Studies, Center for Korean Studies, UC Berkeley
2017 – present	Panelist, Global Advisory Program (GAP), BK21 Plus Project: "Social Solidarity and Mutualism," Department of Sociology, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea.
2018	External Referee, Hiring Committee, Department of Sociology, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea.

Journal Article Reviews

American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, *Social Forces*, *Sociological Theory*, *Theory and Society*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *International Migration Review*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Nations and Nationalism*, *American Anthropologist*, *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology, Ethnography, Political Power and Social Theory*, *Du Bois Review*, *The Journal of Asian Studies*, *The Journal of Korean Studies*, *The Journal of Chinese History*, *Sahoi wa Yŏksa* (Society and History)

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

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Administrative Positions

Associate Director of Graduate Studies: 2021–2024

Committee Member/Chair

Executive Committee (elected): 2017–2018, 2020 (Winter), 2026–2028
Personnel Committee: 2014–2015, 2019–2020, 2024–2025
Graduate Admissions Committee: 2015–2016, 2025–2026
Committee on the Administration of Graduate Affairs (CAGA): 2018–2019

Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration Preliminary Exam Committee Chair: 2020–2021
Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration Preliminary Exam Committee: 2015–2016, 2017–2019
Power, History, and Social Change Preliminary Exam Committee Chair: 2026–2027
Power, History, and Social Change Preliminary Exam Committee: 2014–2015, 2021–2022, 2024–2025
Katherine Luke Award Committee: 2019

Panel Participant, Invited Guest Speaker
Conversation with Sociology International Students: 2021, 2023
Textual Analysis for Sociologists (TAS): 2019
Lightening Talk, Graduate Admits Recruitment Dinner: 2018
"Book Writing and Publication": 2016 (SOC 595)
"International Fieldwork and Dissertation Writing Fellowship," Graduate School and Beyond (GSB): 2015
"Preparing Job Talks and Campus Visits," Graduate School and Beyond (GSB): 2014
"Advice for a Successful Graduate School Experience": 2014, 2017, 2021, 2022 (SOC 500)

Faculty/Postdoc Mentor
Luciana de Souza Leao (LSA Collegiate Fellow): 2019–2021
Margo Mahan (LSA Collegiate Fellow): 2020
Juan Delgado (LSA Collegiate Fellow): 2023–2025
Leydy Diossa-Jimenez (NCID Postdoctoral Fellow): 2023–present

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Committee Member
Globalization Comprehensive Exam Committee: 2013–2014

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NAM CENTER FOR KOREAN STUDIES

Executive Committee: 2021–2024
Faculty Hiring Committee, Co-Chair: 2021
Editorial Board, Perspectives on Contemporary Korea Series, University of Michigan Press: 2021–
Conference Organization: Perspectives on Contemporary Korea 2024 | The Politics of Migration, Diaspora, and Race in Transnational Korea (Nov 2024)
Public Lecture

- "Ethnic Koreans in Japan & NE China: Colonial Occupation, Cold War Politics & Globalization": Annual K-12 Teacher's Workshop (Aug 2015)
- "Contextualizing 'One for All, All for One": Ann Arbor Korean Indie Film Festival (Oct 2014)

Discussant: The International Conference of NextGen Korean Studies Scholars (NEKST) in 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024
Moderator: "Cultures of Yushin" Conference (Nov 2014)

LITERATURE, SCIENCE, AND ART

Reviewer

- NCID (National Center for Institutional Diversity) Postdoctoral Fellowship Application (2018)
- President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Application (2020)

OTHERS

Public Lecture

- "Who Owns the Nation? Cold War Competition over Zainichi Koreans in Japan." The Koreas – More than You Know Lecture Series, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), University of Michigan (Oct 2018)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (sections: Comparative-Historical Sociology; Political Sociology; International Migration; Global and Transnational Sociology; Economic Sociology; Cultural Sociology; Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Law; Theory; Asia and Asian America; Sociology of Religion)
American Political Science Association (Migration and Citizenship Section)
American Anthropological Association
Law and Society Association
American Academy of Religion
Social Science History Association
Association for Asian Studies
International Studies Association (Ethnicity, Nationalism and Migration Studies Section)
American Academy of Religion
Association for Sociology of Religion
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Association for Korean Sociologists in America