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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. in History, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2013

- Specialization: Migration and Diaspora Studies, Asian American and Pacific Islander History, Critical Race and Ethnic Studies
- Dissertation: *Beyond Two Homelands: Migration and Transnationalism of Japanese Americans in the Pacific, 1930-1955*

Master of Arts in History, University of California, Santa Cruz

Bachelor of Arts in History, Political Science, and International Relations, University of Wisconsin-Madison

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Assistant Professor of Global Asian Studies and History  
University of Illinois at Chicago, 2016-Present

Assistant Professor of History  
Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, 2013-2016

Lecturer, Department of History and Adlai E. Stevenson College  
University of California, Santa Cruz, 2011-2013

Visiting Scholar, International Institute of Language and Culture Studies  
Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan, 2009-2010

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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“The Japanese American Transnational Generation: Rethinking the Spatial and Conceptual Boundaries of Asian America” in *Routledge Handbook of Asian American Studies*. Ed. Cindy I-Fen Cheng. New York: Routledge (2017).

“Americans in the Pacific: Rethinking Race, Gender, Citizenship, and Diaspora at the Crossroads of Asian and Asian American Studies.” *Critical Ethnic Studies Journal* 2:1 (2016)

“Japanese American Citizenship, Loyalty, and the ‘Kibei Problem’ during World War II” in *Major Problems in Asian American History: Documents and Essays*. Revised Edition. Eds. Lon Kurashige and Alice Yang. Boston: Cengage Learning, 2016.

Book Review: *From Race to Ethnicity: Interpreting Japanese American Experiences in Hawai‘i* by Jonathan Y. Okumura. *The Hawaiian Journal of History* 49 (2015).

“A Transnational Generation: Japanese Americans in the Pacific before World War II.” *Ritsumeikan Studies in Language and Culture* 21:4 (March 2010).

"United States and the World: A Globalized U.S. History Survey," with members of the Center for World History, UC Santa Cruz. *Teaching American History in a Global Context*. Eds. Carl Guarneri and Jim Davis. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 2008.

## **CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP**

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### **Book Manuscript in Progress**

*Citizens, Immigrants, and the Stateless: The Making of a Japanese American Diaspora in the Pacific.*

### **Articles**

"From Tehran to Seoul to Los Angeles: The Convergence of Global Iranian and Korean Diasporas." (in preparation)

"Chandler's Dolls: Race, Gender, and Post-World War II U.S.-Japan Relations." (under review)

### **Historical Conservation and Digital Archive Project**

"How South Texas Met Japan: The Billie Trimble Chandler Project," Corpus Christi, Texas, 2014-2016.

"From Hiroshima, Back to Hiroshima: Migration and Transnationalism of Japanese American Atomic Bomb Survivors," 2016-Present.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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Delegate for the Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) to the International Conference of the American Studies Association of Korea (ASAK) Yongin, Republic of Korea, AAAS-ASAK International Exchange Program, 2016

Paul R. and Mary Haas Endowed Professorship in History, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, 2015-2017 (declined)

Faculty Teaching and Scholarship/Creative Activities (FTSCA) Research Enhancement Grant, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, 2015-2016

Texas Research Development Funding Program (TRDF) Project Incentive Grant, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, 2014-2016

Faculty Teaching and Scholarship/Creative Activities (FTSCA) Research Enhancement Grant Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, 2014-2015

Faculty Teaching and Scholarship/Creative Activities (FTSCA) Research Enhancement Grant Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, 2013-2014

Semi-finalist, Fellowship in the Liberal Arts  
Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts, Princeton University, 2013

Teaching Fellowship  
Adlai E. Stevenson College, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2012-2013

Teaching Fellowship  
Department of American Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz, Spring 2012

Dissertation Fellowship  
Department of History, University of California, Santa Cruz, Summer 2011

Teaching Fellowship  
Department of History, University of California, Santa Cruz, Winter 2011

Dissertation Fellowship  
Department of History, University of California, Santa Cruz, Summer 2010

Institute for Humanities Research (IHR) Dissertation Fellowship  
University of California, Santa Cruz, Spring 2010

Pacific Rim Research Fellowship  
Office of the President, University of California, Oakland, CA, 2009-2010

Japan Foundation Grant  
Language Program for Researchers and Postgraduate Students, Osaka, Japan, 2007-2008

Doctoral Student Sabbatical Fellowship  
University of California, Santa Cruz, Fall 2007

Pre-Dissertation Summer Research Fellowship  
Department of History, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2006

Chair Scholarship  
Korean American Scholarship Foundation, Los Angeles, CA, 2006

Pre-Dissertation Summer Research Fellowship  
Department of History, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2005

Institute for Humanities Research (IHR) Summer Research Grant  
University of California, Santa Cruz, 2005

## **LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Selected Conference Presentations**

"Remembering the Unredressed: American Atomic Bomb Survivors, Japanese Peruvians, and the Politics of Post-WWII Reparations," to be presented at the American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, Illinois, November 2017.

"Bodies of Memory, Bodies of Citizenship: Japanese American Atomic Bomb Survivors and the Politics of Care," Association for Asian American Studies Conference. Portland, Oregon, April 14, 2017.

"From Tehran to Seoul to Los Angeles: How Iranian and Korean Diasporas Converged," International Conference of the American Studies Association of Korea. Yongin, South Korea, September 30, 2016.

"American *Hibakusha*: Japanese American Atomic Bomb Survivors and the Making of a Diaspora," Association for Asian American Studies Conference. Miami, Florida, April 30, 2016.

"Americans in the Japanese Empire: The Nisei Transnational Generation in the Pacific before World War II," Transpacific Convergence: USC-Kyoto University Symposium on Nikkei Studies. University of Southern California, March 22, 2015.

"How South Texas Met Japan: *Hakata* Dolls, Post-WWII U.S.-Japan Relations, and the Birth of a Local Museum in Corpus Christi," Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting. Corpus Christi, Texas, March 5, 2015.

"Citizens, Immigrants, and the Stateless: Japanese Americans in the Pacific." Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 30, 2014.

"Rethinking Citizenship: Americans in the Japanese Empire." Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting. San Francisco, California, April 14, 2013.

"Migration and Transnationalism of Japanese Americans in the Pacific." Graduate Research Symposium. University of California, Santa Cruz, May 11, 2012.

"Citizenship Across Borders: American Migrants in Japan, 1920-1945." Association for Asian American Studies Conference, Washington, D.C., April 11, 2012.

"Beyond Diasporic Settlements: Japanese American Transnational Migrants in the Pacific." The Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, Washington, August 13, 2011.

"David Akira Itami to 1930 nendai no California ni okeru kibe nisei no taiken" (David Akira Itami and Kibe Nisei Experience in California in the 1930s). Migration Studies Society. Osaka University of Commerce, Osaka, Japan, May 9, 2009.

"Senzen no nihon taizai nikkei amerikajin kenkyū no saikōsatu" (Researching the Japanese American Community in Pre-WWII Japan). Japan Foundation Research Symposium, Osaka, Japan, May 15, 2008.

#### **Invited Lectures**

"From Tehran to Seoul to Los Angeles: How Iranian and Korean Diasporas Converged." Samuel Jordan Center for Persian Studies and Center for Critical Korean Studies, University of California, Irvine, March 9, 2017.

"A Temporal Approach to Korean and Iranian Diasporic Experiences." Asian American Studies Department, Samuel Jordan Center for Persian Studies, and Center for Critical Korean Studies, University of California, Irvine, March 9, 2017.

"Transnational Circuits of Change and the Convergence of Iranian and Korean Diasporas." Global Asian Studies Colloquium, University of Illinois at Chicago, February 27, 2017.

"The War and Its Aftermath: Nisei Draftees in the Imperial Armed Forces during World War II." Japanese American Museum of San Jose. San Jose, California, February 7, 2014.

"Communities in Exile: Korean War Refugees and Transnational Adoptees." Keynote Address to the Turnbull Film Series. Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, October 23, 2014.

"Nikkei amerikajin no kokusai idō to kyōsei shūyō: Tule Lake no kibe nisei o chūshin ni" (Transnational Migration and Internment of Japanese Americans: Kibe Nisei at the Tule Lake Segregation Center). International Mobility of Japanese Research Forum. Kyoto, Japan, June 17, 2010.

"Food and Drink in Modern World History." Itami International Cultural Exchange Association (ICEA). Hyogo, Japan, June 3, 2010.

"'The Kibe Problem': Rethinking the History of Japanese American Internment during WWII." International Mobility of Japanese Research Forum. Kyoto, Japan, November 21, 2009.

"Japanese American Migrations and Transnationalism in the Pacific, 1930-1955." International Institute of Language and Culture Studies. Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan, May 24, 2008.

"Transnational Community and Identity: The Korean American Experience." Transnational Studies Association. Nagoya City University, Nagoya, Japan, November 21, 2007.

### **Panels Organized**

"Voices of Dissent: Trans-Pacific and Hemispheric Approaches to Teaching Race, Violence, Histories, and Identities." American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, November 2017 (session accepted).

"Politics of Care and Giving in the Making of Japanese/Japanese American Diaspora." Association for Asian American Studies Conference, Portland, Oregon, April 14, 2017.

"Revisiting Corpus Christi." Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting, Corpus Christi, Texas, April 2015.

"Asian Migration and Shifting Geo-Political Ecologies of the Mid 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Interregnum." Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Philadelphia, March 2014.

"Trans-Pacific Citizens: U.S.-Japanese Encounters from 1920 to 1960." Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, San Francisco, April 2013.

"Kindai Nihon o Tou" (Searching Modern Japan). Japan Foundation Research Symposium, Osaka, Japan, May 2008.

### **Conferences Organized**

"Making of the Pacific." Asia-Pacific-Americas Graduate Student Conference, University of California, Santa Cruz, February 2007.

"POPularizing Asia-Pacific-Americas: Asia-Pacific." Asia-Pacific-Americas Graduate Student Conference, University of California, Santa Cruz, February 2005.

### **Service as Commentator and Discussant**

Roundtable Discussant, Faculty Research Panel. Spaces In Between: 2015 College of Liberal Arts Graduate Symposium, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, April 10, 2015.

Commentator, "Memory and Myth in the Making of History." Visions of Elsewhere: 2014 College of Liberal Arts Graduate Conference, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, April 2014.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **University of Illinois at Chicago**

#### Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Global Asian Studies  
Asian American and Pacific Islander History  
Memories of War in the Pacific

### **Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi**

#### Undergraduate Courses

United States since 1865, First-Year Learning Communities Program  
Memories of World War II in the Pacific  
Modern East Asia  
The Search for Modern China  
Applied Experiences: Internship at Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History

## Graduate Courses

Pacific Rim  
The Making of Asian Diasporas  
Modern East Asia

## Directed Independent Studies

Historical Memory (Graduate)  
Modern East Asia

## **University of California, Santa Cruz**

### Undergraduate Courses

The Pacific Rim: An American Western History  
Asian and Pacific Diasporas  
Asian and Asian American History  
Critical Issues in Asian American and Pacific Islander History  
Self and Society I and II (Adlai E. Stevenson College Core Humanities Courses)

## **OTHER RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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Advisor, "The Untold Stories: The Department of Justice Internment Teacher Education Project."  
National Japanese American Historical Society, 2016-Present.

Coordinator, Curriculum and Research Exchange Program, Center for the Study of Pacific War  
Memories, University of California, Santa Cruz:

UC Santa Cruz - Keiai University (Chiba, Japan) Exchange Program, Fall 2012

UC Santa Cruz - Keimyung University (Daegu, South Korea) Exchange Program, Winter  
2013

Member and Participant, "Nihonjin no Kokusai Idō Kenkyukai" (Research Group on  
International Migration of Japanese), a collaborative working group funded by the Japanese  
Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) Collaborative Research  
Grant, 2008-2010.

Instructor, Wings English School, Kobe, Japan, 2009-2010.

Indexer for Alice Yang Murray, *Historical Memories of the Japanese American Internment and the  
Struggle for Redress* (Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 2008), June-July 2007.

Participant and Co-Author, "United States and the World: A Globalized U.S. History" Syllabi  
Project (Supervisor: Edmund Burke, III), Center for World History, University of California,  
Santa Cruz, 2006-2007.

## **SERVICE**

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### **Campus Service**

Student and Community Outreach Committee, Global Asian Studies, University of Illinois at  
Chicago, 2016-Present.

"Voices of Hiroshima: An Afternoon of Survivor Testimony" featuring an atomic bomb  
survivor, Global Asian Studies Program, University of Illinois at Chicago, October 2016.

History MA Exam Committee, Humanities Department, Texas A&M University – Corpus  
Christi, 2015-2016.

Asian and Pacific Studies Collection Developer, Mary and Jeff Bell Library, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, 2013-2016.

Environmental History Search Committee, Humanities Department, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, 2014-2015.

Organizing Committee, “Race, Class, and Violence Yesterday and Today,” Turnbull Film and Teach-in Series, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, 2015.

History Graduate Program Committee, Humanities Department, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, 2014-2015.

Faculty Mentor, McNair Scholars Program, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, 2013-2015.

History Internship Program Coordinator, Humanities Department, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, 2013-2015.

Library Liaison, Humanities Department, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, 2013-2015.

Graduate Program Assessment Committee, History Program, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, 2014.

Member, Critical Race and Ethnic Studies (CRES) Initiative, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2011-2013.

Coordinator, Asia-Pacific-Americas Research Cluster, Center for Cultural Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2006-2007.

### **Community Service**

Director of Research and Historical Conservation, Billie T. Chandler Collection, Texas State Museum of Asian Cultures and Education Center, Corpus Christi, Texas, 2013-2015.

Organizing Committee, “Rebels, Rabble Rousers, and Revolutionaries: A Tribute to American Dissidents.” The May Day Celebration, Corpus Christi, Texas, 2014.

Host and Speaker, College Day, Flour Bluff Independent School District, Corpus Christi, Texas, 2013-2014.

### **LANGUAGES**

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Korean: fluent in reading, writing, and speaking  
Japanese: fluent in reading, writing, and speaking  
Rudimentary Farsi

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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Organization of American Historians (OAH)  
American Studies Association (ASA)  
Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS)  
American Historical Association (AHA)  
Association for Asian Studies (AAS)