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Academic Employment

Associate Professor, Department of History, Claremont McKenna College, May 2014 to Present

Co-Principal Investigator, EnviroLab Asia (March 2015 to Present) at the Claremont Colleges

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Claremont McKenna College, July 2007 to April 2014

Visiting Instructor, East Asian Studies Program, Oberlin College, July 2006-June 2007

Education

University of Chicago, Department of History, Chicago, IL
Ph.D. History, August 2007
Dissertation Title: "Visions of the Nation: Religion and Ideology in 1920s and 1930s Rural Korea"

Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea
Korean Language Institute, June 1998-June 1999

Columbia University, Department of History, New York, NY
M.A. History, October 1998

Keio University, Tokyo, Japan
Japanese Language Program, September 1996-February 1997

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
B.A. History, May 1996, *Departmental Honors*

Fellowships, Grants and Honors

Luce Initiative on Asian Studies and the Environment (LIASE, Henry Luce Foundation),

- \$100,000 Exploration Grant for EnviroLab Asia, Co-Principal Investigator, Claremont Colleges (Claremont McKenna Lead College), March 2015 to Present
- Berger Institute for Family, Work, and Children Summer Research Fellowship, Claremont McKenna College, Summer 2014
- Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Faculty Research Grant, Claremont McKenna College, Spring 2014
- Association for Asian Studies Short Term Research Grant to Korea, Summer 2014
- Fulbright Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship (FRA), Institute for State Governance Studies, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea, 2010-2011
- Korea Foundation Fellowship for Field Research, 2010-2011(Awarded)
- Dean of Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, Claremont McKenna College, July 2008.
- Korea Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan, August 2006 (Awarded)
Center for East Asian Studies Korea Committee Teaching Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2005-2006
- Center for East Asian Studies Dissertation Writing Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2004-2005
- Association for Asian Studies Short Term Research Grant to Korea, Spring 2004
- Kunstadter Research Travel Grant, Department of History, University of Chicago, Spring 2004 (Awarded) and Winter 2002
- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Award, 2002-2003
- Fulbright IIE Award (South Korea), 2002-2003 (Awarded)
- Korea Foundation Fellowship for Field Research, Spring 2002 (Awarded)
- Center for East Asian Studies Travel Grant for conference participation, University of Chicago, Spring 2001
- Association for Asian Studies/Korea Foundation Korean Studies Graduate Scholarship Program, 2001-2002
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for study at the Institute for Korean Language Education, Sogang University, Seoul, Korea, Summer 2000
- High Pass, Korean Language Translation Exam, Department of History, University of Chicago,

December 1999

Century Fellowship for four years of graduate study, University of Chicago, 1999-2004

Korea Foundation Fellowship for Korean Language Training, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea, Spring 1999

Korea Foundation Korean Studies Fellowship for Graduate Studies, Columbia University, 1997-1998

Departmental Honors, Department of History, Northwestern University, June 1996

Research Travel Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, Northwestern University, Spring 1996

Publications

--Authored Books

Building a Heaven on Earth: Religion, Activism and Protest in Japanese Occupied Korea (Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2015)

--Edited Books

Encountering Modernity: Christianity in East Asia and Asian America, co-edited with David Yoo (Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, March 2014)

--Articles in Refereed Journals

"Reclaiming the Rural: Modern Danish Cooperative Living in Colonial Korea, 1925-1937," *Journal of Korean Studies* 19-1 (Spring 2014): 115-151.

--Articles in Books

"Religion: 1876-1910" in *The Handbook of Korean History* (to be published by Routledge in January 2016)

"The Parallax Visions of Economic Democracy—A Critique" in *Polarization in Divided Societies: Korea in a Global Context* (to be published by Palgrave) (submitted March 2014)

"Introduction: Modernity and the Materiality of Religion (co-authored with David Yoo)" in *Encountering Modernity: Christianity in East Asia and Asian America* (March 2014)

"A Sacred Economy of Value and Production: Capitalism and Protestantism in Early Modern Korea (1885-1919)" in *Encountering Modernity: Christianity in East Asia and Asian American* (March 2014)

“Specters of the Past: Modernity in the Present,” *Asia in the Classroom and the Academy: New Ideas in Scholarship and Teaching*. Edited by Suzanne Wilson Barnett (Supported by Henry Luce Foundation: submitted August 2011 and under review)

--Published Papers

“The Politics of Designing Agrarian Affairs in South Korea,” *On Korea 2013* (Published by Korea Economic Institute), Volume 6, 115-134 (online version published January 2013)

“What We Need to Understand in Order to Design Inclusive Rural Development,” *Policy Context Briefs*. Published by the Pacific Basin Research Center, Soka University, <http://www.pbrc.soka.edu/files/documents/policy-context-reports/park-paper.pdf#Park>, September 2012, 1-25

--Other Publications:

Review of *The Making of Korean Christianity: Encounter of Protestantism with Korean Religions, 1876-1915*, *Journal of Korean Studies* (to be published in Fall 2015)

Contributing author for Korean and East Asian history section in *Cambridge Dictionary of Modern World History* Edited by John Stevenson and Chris Cook (submitted in 2007 and forthcoming November 2014)

Review of *Kyōngju Things: Assembling Place* by Robert Oppenheim, *Journal of Asian Studies*, (February 2010): 294-296

Critical Review of *Kingdom of Beauty: Mingei and the Politics of Folk Art in Imperial Japan* by Kim Brandt, *CAA.Reviews* (College Art Association) (December 2008): 27-29

Review of *Korea: Division, Reunification, & U.S. Foreign Policy*, by Martin Hart-Landsberg, *International Journal of Korean History* 2 (December 2001): 371-378

Works in Progress

Designing and Building Utopia: Culturally Reconstructing Democracy in Contemporary South Korea through Architecture, Design, and Food

Book project on alternative forms of exercising “democracy” under a rapidly globalized political economy in South Korea since 1980. This study surveys a vast array of mediums and technologies used in the realm of culture to define democracy and critique the changing political economy. In particular, urban and rural architecture and planning, design, and local food movements organized by agricultural cooperatives serve as the primary areas through which to investigate recent trends in the conceptualization and practice of democracy

Short book on the history of modern architecture in relation to the changing political economy in South Korea

Article on the role of architects in designing agency and public space in modern South Korea

Conference Presentations

“Reclaiming the Rural: Contemporary Social Critique and Reconstruction through the Country, Agriculture and the Pastoral”

The Country and the City: Connecting People and Their Places in Environmental History, Rachel Carson Center (LMU Munich) and Renmin University, Beijing, China, June 2014

“Crisis and Reconstruction: Agriculture, Cooperative Labor and Democracy in Contemporary South Korea”

New Forms of Agriculture: Ordinary Practices, Public Debate and Social Critique, INRA and MSH Dijon, France, November 2013

“Ending the Korean War”

Ending the Korean War: A Conference, University of California-Los Angeles, May 2013

“Korea and U.S. Presidential Elections and their Impact on the Korean American Community”

2nd Korean American Political Conference and the Next Generation Leadership Forum, Los Angeles, Oct 2012

“Society, Space and Modernity: The Role of Architects in the Construction of the Public in Modern South Korea”

Political Popular: Intersection of Democracy and Popular Culture in South Korea Conference, University of California-Irvine, Sept 2012

“Society, Space and Modernity: The Role of Architects in the Construction of the Public in Modern South Korea”

Conference on the Comparative Perspectives: The Politics of Public Space in Korea, University of Pennsylvania, Nov 2011

“Modernity at the Crossroads: Religion, Culture and the Creation of a New Korea, 1925-1937”

Yeongwöl Yonsei Forum, Yeongwöl, Korea, May 2011

“Overcoming the Rage of Modernity”

Symposium on Modern Korean History, University of California-Berkeley, Feb 2011

“Building Heavenly Kingdoms on Earth: Reimagining Time and Space under Modernity in Colonial Korea”

Rising Stars of Korean Studies, University of Southern California, Oct 2010

“A Sacred Economy of Value and Production: Capitalism and Protestantism in Early Modern Korea, 1885-1910”

Negotiating the Global with the Local: Translating Christianity in Modern East Asia, Claremont McKenna College, Feb 2010 (**Organizer and Presenter**)

This conference seeks to critically understand how Protestant Christianity was negotiated and interpreted by individuals in Korea, China (with a brief look at Taiwan) and Japan as all three countries came to be incorporated within the global economy and the international nation-state system anchored by the West starting in the nineteenth century. In particular, this conference aims to understand how the local interacted with global forces through Christianity, especially as political, cultural and economic elements of modernity caused mass changes in these three countries

“Korean Studies at a Crossroads—A Liberal College Perspective”

Reflections on Teaching Korean History in English—Joint Workshop Sponsored by Robinson College, University of Cambridge and Institute for the Study of Korean Modernity, Yonsei University, Robinson College, University of Cambridge, July 2009

“A Vision of Modernity: The Gospel of Wealth and Protestantism in Early Modern Korea (1885-1919)”

2009 Im Conference of Korean Christianity, University of California-Los Angeles, April 2009

“Internal Development Theory and the Rise of Protestant Christianity in Modern Korea”

Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 2008

“Religion and Modernity in 1920s and 1930s Colonial Korea: The Theology of Hong Pyong-son and the YMCA Rural Movement”

Conference on Everyday Life in Korea under Japanese Rule, Cornell University, February 2006

“Religion and Modernity in 1920s and 1930s Colonial Korea”

Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago IL, April 2005

“Religious Movements and their Drive to Reconstruct Rural Chosŏn, 1920s to 1930s”

Workshop on Korean Studies, Claremont-McKenna College, May 2003

“Visions of the Nation: The Theological and Political Thoughts of Shin Hŭng-u”

Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 2001
Symposium on Protestantism in Korean and Korean American Histories, University of California-Los Angeles, March 2001

American Academy of Religion’s Western Region Conference,
Claremont School of Theology, March 2001

Invited Lectures

“Reconstructing the Present: Agriculture and Food as Vehicles for Social Critique and Transformation in Contemporary Korea”

Center for Korean Studies, University of Washington, June 2015

“Decentering the Urban: Reclaiming Rural Space for Modern Living in Colonial Korea and After”

Korea Institute, Harvard University, April 2015

“Modern Korean History: Creation, Emergence, Transformation”

Universidad Sergio Arboleda (Bogotá, Columbia), March 2015

“Religions in Korea”

Sejong Korean Scholars Program, Stanford University, February 2014

“The Political Economy of Space: Redesigning Agency and Society through Architecture in Modern Korea”

Center for East Asian Studies, University of Texas-Austin, Dec 2012

“South Korea in the World: Negotiating Globalization through Culture”

Henry Luce Foundation, New York, June 2012

“Modernity’s Rage: Youth Culture, Religion and Rural Reconstruction in Colonial Korea”

Sponsored by the Department of History, Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies, Asia Institute, Asian Languages and Cultures and Asian American Studies Center, University of California-Los Angeles, May 2012

“Economic History of Korea”

Guest Lecturer for the class “East Asia and Latin America,” Department of History, University of California-Los Angeles, May 2012

“Religion and Modernity in Colonial Korea: Danish Cooperative Living in 1920s and 1930s Colonial Korea”

International Association for Historical Studies, Seoul, Korea, June 2011

“Specters of the Past: Modernity in the Present”

Chonnam National University, Kwangju, Korea, June 2011

“The Rage of Modernity”

Guest Lecture, Modern Korean History Class, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea, April 2011

“Presentation on Korean Politics, History, Economics and Culture”

Board of Trustees Retreat, Claremont McKenna College, March 2010

“The Practice of History: Cooperatives in Korea in the Past and Present”
Meeting of Korean Studies Scholars of Southern California, University of California-Irvine, May 2009

“Overcoming Capitalism: Protestant Christianity and Cooperative Living in Colonial Korea”
University of California-Los Angeles, Feb 2009

“Overcoming the Rage of Modernity: Space, Trust and Danish Cooperative Living in 1920s and 1930s Colonial Korea”
Department of History Colloquium, Claremont McKenna College, December 2008

“The Rage of Modernity: Youth Culture, Religion and Christian Rural Revitalization Movements in 1920s and 1930s Colonial Korea”
University of Southern California, Korea Institute, March 2008
University of Michigan, Center for Korean Studies, April 2007

“Modernity and the Transformation of Religion in 1920s and 1930s Colonial Korea: The Beliefs of Yi Ton-hwa”
East Asia: Trans-Regional Histories Workshop, University of Chicago, March 2006

“Religion in Korea”
Guest Lecture, “East Asian Civilizations-Korea,” University of Chicago, Spring 2004

Invited Discussant and Rapporteur

“The Impact of Christianity on Social and Political Change in Korea”
Moderator and discussant, Annual Meeting for Association for Asian Studies, Philadelphia, March 2014

“South Korean Social Movements and Civil Society”
Discussant, Annual Meeting for Association for Asian Studies, Toronto, Canada, March 2012

“Working Group 4: Bridging Theories and Policy”
Rapporteur, 2011 Korea Foundation Assembly, July 2011

“Working Group V, Teaching and Research: Curricular Challenges and Innovations”
Rapporteur, The Luce Fund for Asian Studies Capstone Conference, October 2007

Invited Interviews

“Interview on Japanese History and Shinzo Abe”
This Morning, tbs eFM (Seoul, Korea), May 9, 2015

“Interview on *Building a Heaven on Earth: Religion, Activism and Protest in Japanese Occupied Korea*”

New Books in Christian Studies and New Books in East Asian Studies, April 24, 2015

“Interview on *Encountering Modernity: Christianity in East Asia and Asian America*”

New Book in Christian Studies and New Books in East Asian Studies, September 10, 2014

Work Experiences and Internships

Visiting Fellow, Institute for State Governance Studies, Yonsei University, 2009-2010

Co-Principal Investigator EnviroLab Asia, Claremont Colleges, March 2015-Present

Assistant and Associate Professor of East Asian History, Claremont McKenna College, 2007-Present

Classes Taught: “Civilization of East Asia to 1800,” “Modern Korean History,” “Japan in the World: 1868 to the Present,” “Japanese Empire,” “Colonialism and Korea: Power, Culture and Modernity, 1910-1945,” “Utopianism and Political Imagination in East Asia” and “Nature, Environment and The Human Imagination in Asia”

Luce Visiting Instructor of East Asian Studies and History, Oberlin College, 2006-2007

Classes Taught: “Creation, Emergence, Transformation in Korean History,” “Korean Thought and Religion,” “Colonialism and Korea: Power, Culture and Modernity, 1910-1945,” “Religion, Social Movements and the Creation of Modern Korea, 1875-Present” and “Utopianism and Political Imagination in East Asia”

Instructor, University of Chicago

Classes Taught: “Colonialism and Korea: Power, Culture and Modernity, 1910-1945,” Winter 2006

Designed and taught a history course examining the events and developments of the Japanese colonial period in Korea (1910-1945), including topics such as the Cultural and Leftist Movements, women and gender, religion, literature and collaboration

“Religion, Social Movements and the Creation of Modern Korea, 1875-Present,” Spring 2004

Designed and taught a history course using Korean-language primary sources and English-language secondary sources

Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago

“Asian Wars in the 20th Century,” Spring 2002

“East Asian Civilizations-Korea,” Spring 2001 and Spring 2000

Research Assistant, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Washington, D.C.

Worked with Professor Nancy Tucker and the Asia Program, Summer 1995

Research Assistant, The National Museum of American History—Smithsonian Institute,
Washington, D.C.

Researched for the exhibit *Science in American Life*, Summer 1994

Service to the College

Student Recruitment Committee (History Department Representative), 2013-2014
Fulbright U.S. Student Program Application Interview Committee, 2012, 2011, 2008
Administration Committee, 2012-2014, 2009-2010
Environmental Concerns Committee, 2011-2014
Freshman Orientation Advisor, 2011, 2008
Religious Affairs Committee, 2011-2012, 2009-2010
Admissions Committee, 2008-2009

Service to the Academic Community

Award Selection Committee Member for John K. Fairbank Prize in East Asian History,
American Historical Association, 2015-Present
Extended Faculty Member, Claremont Graduate University, 2010-Present
Associate Editor, *Journal of Asian Politics and History*, November 2012-Present
Steering Committee Member, *Alliance of Scholars Concerned about Korea (ASCK)*, May 2012
to Present

Research and Teaching Interests

Primary: Modern Korean intellectual, economic and social history

Secondary: Comparative intellectual, environmental and religious histories (globally and
East Asia)
Modern Japanese history
Critical Theory

Languages

Fluent in Korean. Nearly fluent in Chinese characters. Reading knowledge of Japanese.

Professional Organizations

American Historical Association
Association of Asian Studies
Asian Politics and History Association
Alliance of Scholars Concerned about Korea