Ryan Moran

Curriculum Vitae

February 19, 2024

The University of Utah

Department of History

Carolyn Tanner Irish Humanities Building

215 S. Central Campus Drive, Suite 310

Salt Lake City, UT 84112

Email: ryan.moran@utah.edu

Phone: 801-581-3146

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

**University of Utah,** Salt Lake City, UT, Assistant Professor, 2018 - present

**Keio University**, Tokyo, Japan, Visiting Researcher, 2016 - 2018

**University of California, Riverside**, Riverside, CA, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2015-2016

**University of California, Riverside**, Riverside, CA, Visiting Lecturer, 2014-2015

**Santa Clara University**, Santa Clara, California, Adjunct Instructor, Spring 2014

**Waseda University,** Tokyo, Japan,Visiting Researcher, 2011-2013

**EDUCATION**

**University of California, San Diego**, San Diego, California PhD., History, 2014 M.A., History, 2011 C.Phil., History, 2011

**Reed College**, Portland, Oregon, B.A., History, 2003

**Inter-University Center**, Yokohama, Japan, 09/2008 – 06/2009 Certificate in Advanced Japanese Language Study

**Middlebury College Japanese Language School**, Middlebury, Vermont Advanced Japanese, Summer 2007

**University of California, Los Angeles**, Los Angeles, California, 09/1999 - 06/2000

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Book**

2024 *Selling the Future: Community, Hope, and Crisis in the Early History of Japanese Life Insurance*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.

**Articles**

2019 “Securing the Health of the Nation: Life Insurance, Labor, and Health Improvement in Interwar Japan.” *Japan Forum* 31, no. 2 (2019): 211-234. DOI: [10.1080/09555803.2018.1461677](https://doi.org/10.1080/09555803.2018.1461677)

 Preprint online in 2018.

2018  "Delivering Security in Modern Japan: Postal Life Insurance and Social Unrest." *positions: asia critique* 26, no. 4 (2018): 619-646.

**Book Reviews**

2022 Timothy M. Yang, *A Medicated Empire: The Pharmaceutical Industry and Modern Japan* (Ithaca, Cornell University Press, 2021), in *The Journal of Asian Studies* Vol. 81, no. 2 (May 2022): 418-419.

**Encyclopedia Entries**

2016 "Television in Japan" in *Pop Culture in Asia and Oceana*, edited by Jeremy Murray and Kathleen Nadeau (New York: ABC-CLIO).

**HONORS/FELLOWSHIPS**

2023 International Travel Grant, College of Humanities, University of Utah

2020-2021 American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship

2016-2018 Social Science Research Council/Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Postdoctoral Fellowship

2015-2016 Critical Ethnic Studies Research Center Research Fellowship, UC Riverside

2014 Department of History, UC San Diego, Travel Grant

2013-2014 D. Kim Foundation for the History of Science and Technology in East Asia, Dissertation Fellowship

2013 Department of History, UC San Diego, Dissertation Fellowship

2011-2012 University of California, Pacific Rim Research Program, Research Fellowship, (deferred until 2012-2013)

2011-2012 Fulbright IIE Graduate Research Fellowship,

2011-2012 Japan Foundation, Doctoral Fellowship (Declined)

2010 Joseph Naiman Graduate Fellowship

2010 IICAS Graduate Travel Grant

2008-2009 Joseph Naiman Graduate Fellowship

2008 – 2009 US Department of Education Tuition Scholarship

2008 – 2009 Department of History, UC San Diego, Travel Grant

2006 – 2007 University of California Regents’ Fellowship

2007 Katherine Wasserman Davis Fellowship for Peace

**Conference Participation**

PANELS CHAIRED

2021 “Structures of Globalization in East Asia.” *World History Association Annual Conference*, July 7

2020 “Risk and Insurance in Comparative Histories.” *American Historical Association 134th Annual Meeting*, New York, New York, January 5

2017 “Technologies of Recompense in Modern Japan.” *AAS-in-Asia Conference*, Seoul, Korea, June 25

PANELS ORGANIZED

2020 “Risk and Insurance in Comparative Histories.” *American Historical Association 134th Annual Meeting*, New York, New York, January 5

2017 “Technologies of Recompense in Modern Japan.” *AAS-in-Asia Conference*, Seoul, Korea, June 25

2016 "Consumption, Empire and Total War: Commodities and Spectacle in Japan's Wartime System." *American Historical Association 130th Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, Georgia, January 9

2014 With Lisa Onaga, "The Science of Standardizing Life in Meiji Japan." *Association for Asian Studies (AAS) 2014 Annual Conference*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 29

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2024 “Making the Future Secure: White Collar Responsible Masculinity in Interwar Japan,” *Association for Asian Studies Conference, Japan*, Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan, July 6-7 (accepted).

2024 “Selling Security: Health, Futurity, and Responsible Masculinity in Interwar Life Insurance Sales,” *Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference*, Seattle, WA, March 14 (Accepted)

2023 “Selling the Future: Life Insurance Salesmen and Visions of Responsible Masculinity in Interwar Japan,” *Association for Asian Studies in Asia Conference*, Daegu, South Korea, June 25

2021 “Commodifying Community: Mutuality, Individuality, and Probability in the Early Japanese Life Insurance Industry,” *World History Association Annual Conference*, Online Conference, July 7

2020 “Making Mutuality Profitable: The Rise of For-Profit Life Insurance in Modern Japan,” *World History Association Annual Conference*, Salt Lake City, UT, June 25-27 (Accepted, conference cancelled due to COVID-19)

2020 “Insurance and Colonial Governmentality in Korea Under Japanese Rule.” *American Historical Association 134th Annual Meeting*, New York, New York, January 5

2019 “Insurance, Futurity, and the Productive Population in Wartime Japan.” *Association for Asian Studies (AAS) 2019 Annual Conference*, Denver, CO March 22.

2018 “Responsible Families and New Communal Life in Colonial Korea.” *Association for Asian Studies (AAS) 2018 Annual Conference*, Washington DC, USA, March 23

2017 “Securing the Family in Times of Trouble: Life Insurance, Rural Revitalization, and New Communal Life in Colonial Korea.” *Young Scholars Workshop*, Keio University, Tokyo, Japan, September 8

2017 “Producing the Responsible Population in Colonial Korea.” *Asian Studies Conference Japan*, Tokyo, Japan, July 9

2017 “Managing Mortality Risk in Wartime Japan.” *AAS-in-Asia Conference*, Seoul, Korea, June 25

2016 "Securing the Health of the Nation: Mortality Data, Health and Everyday Life in Interwar Japan," *Association for Asian Studies (AAS) 2016 Annual Conference*, Seattle, Washington, April 2

2016 "Securing the National Community: Insurance and the Mediation of Labor Unrest in Interwar Japan," *XI International Conference on Labour History*, Delhi, India, March 23

2016 "Life at War: Life Insurance and National Solidarity in Total War Japan." *American Historical Association 130th Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, Georgia, January 9

2015 "The Production of Certainty: Statistical Data and Life Insurance Sales in Modern Japan." "*Faking It:" Counterfeits, Copies, and Uncertain Truths in Science, Technology, and Medicine*, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, California, April 10

2014 "Putting Lives Together: Human Judgment and the Standardization of Data in the Development of Japanese Life Insurance." *Association for Asian Studies (AAS) 2014 Annual Conference*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 29

2013 "Insuring the National Community: Life Insurance and Social Policy in Prewar Japan." *2013 UCLA Japan Studies Graduate Student Conference*, UCLA, Los Angeles, California, November 1

2012 “Health as Ethic: Postal Life Insurance Health Guidance Campaigns in Interwar Japan.” The *Sixth Conference for the Asian Society for the History of Medicine*, Keio University, Tokyo Japan, December 15

**Roundtable/Workshop Participation**

2024 The Richard Robinson Business History Conference, Portland State University, May 25

2016 Moderator, The Cold War and Asian Futurity roundtable discussion at the University of California, Riverside, May 17

**Invited Talks**

2023 Invited discussant for Phi Alpha Theta, Practicing History Conference, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, March 31

2021 Invited discussant for *Cultures of Crossing: Transpacific and Inter-Asian Diaspora,* University of Utah and online, December 3

2021 “The Cruel Optimism of Wartime Japan: Life Insurance, Resource Extraction, and Securing Victory,” Invited talk at Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, UK, April 21 (Presented on Zoom due to COVID-19)

2019 “Insurance, New Communities, and Rural Revitalization in Colonial Korea,” *Seoul National University – University of Utah Conference: Korean Studies Across the Disciplines*, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, October 25

2017 “Securing the Health of the Nation: Insurance, Hygiene, and Everyday Life in Interwar Japan,” *Symposium on the History of East Asian Science and Technology*, Institute for Research in Humanities of Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan, January 5

2015 "Life at War: Life Insurance and Total War Mobilization," Asian Studies Program, University of California, Riverside, January 23

2013 “Seimei hoken gyō o tōshite mita senkanki nihon ni okeru tōkeigaku to kenkō no kanshin [Using the Life Insurance Industry to Understand the Relationship Between Statistics and Health in Interwar Japan].” *Ajia iryō shakaishi gakkai* [Asian Society for the Social History of Medicine], Senshū University, Tokyo, Japan, January 26. Presented in Japanese.

2012 “From *hoken* (insurance) to *hoken* (health promotion): Life Insurance, Normativity and Health Promotion Campaigns in Interwar Japan.” *Modern Japan History Workshop*, Waseda University, Tokyo, June 14

2011 Invited Discussant at the *Popular Print Media, Visuality, and the Zigzag Road to Modernity in the Shanghai Global Metropolis, 1926-1949: International Graduate Research Conference*, University of California, San Diego, June 11-12

**Campus Talks**

2011 “The History of Finance as the History of Ideas: Life Insurance in Modern Japan.” The *Joseph Naiman Graduate Fellowship Workshop*, University of California, San Diego, May 23

2009 “Suiheisha to Nihon no kindai: kyôryoku to tairitsu no aida” (*Suiheisha* and Japanese Modernity: Between Cooperation and Opposition). Presented in Japanese at the Inter- University Center for Japanese Language Studies, Yokohama, Japan

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Students Advised:

2024 Derek Rennicke Honors Thesis (Co-Advisor)

2021 Michaela Tanne Asian Studies MA (Committee Member)

Instructor of Record:

 University of Utah

 - Hist 1510 World History Since 1500 (Spring 2022, Spring 2024) 3.0 Units

- Hist 3100 The Historian’s Craft (Fall 2023) 3.0 Units

- Hist 3520 Premodern Japan (Spring 2023) 3.0 Units

- Hist 3530 Modern Japan (Spring 2022, Fall 2023) 3.0 Units

- Hist 3540 The Japanese Empire (Fall 2021) 3.0 Units

- Hist 3910 Race and Empire in the Asia Pacific (Fall 2018) 3.0 Units

- Hist 3910 History of Science in Asia (Spring 2019) 3.0 Units

- Hist 4070 History of Science in Asia (Spring 2023) 3.0 Units

- Hist 4990 Crisis in Modern History (Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2021, Spring 2024) 3.0 Units

- Hist 6930 The Japanese Empire (Fall 2021) 3.0 Units

- Hist 6930 Modern Japan (Fall 2023) 3.0 Units

- Hist 7770 Readings in World History Graduate Seminar (Fall 2019) 3.0 Units

University of California, Riverside

 - HIST 179 Modern Japanese History (Spring 2016) 4.0 Units

 - ETST 191 F Science, Race, and Colonialism (Winter 2016) 4.0 Units

 - ETST 133 Race and Empire in the Asia Pacific (Fall 2015) 4.0 Units

 - GBST 191 Crisis in Modern Societies (Spring 2015) 4.0 Units

 - HIST 197 The History of the Family (Winter 2015) 4.0 Units

 - GBST 002 Introduction to Global Studies (Winter, 2015) 4.0 Units

Santa Clara University

 - HIST 146 B Modern Japan in the World (Spring 2014) 5.0 Credits

**ACADEMIC SERVICE**

2023-2024 Undergraduate Committee, Department of History, University of Utah, member

2021-2023 Career Development Committee, College of Humanities, University of Utah, member

2021-2022 Graduate Committee, Department of History, University of Utah, member

2021-2022 Middle Eastern History, Department of History, University of Utah, faculty search committee member

2020-2021 External reviewer, *Enterprise and Society*

2020 External reviewer, *American Historical Review*

2020 FLAS Committee, University of Utah, Asia Center, member

2020 American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Career Diversity Faculty Representative for the University of Utah

2018-2019 Undergraduate Committee, Department of History, University of Utah, member

2018-2019 Intellectual Life Committee, Department of History, University of Utah, member

2018-2019 World History Prior to 1500, Department of History, University of Utah, faculty search committee member

2016 Co-organizer for "The Cold War and Asian Futurity" symposium, University of California Riverside, May 17

2015 - 2016 UC Riverside, Science Studies Group, Visiting Scholars Committee

2015 UC Riverside, Department of Ethnic Studies, Graduate Student Professionalization Seminar, "Conference Paper and Panel Proposals" workshop leader, October 6

2012 - 2013 Organizer, Modern Japan History Workshop, Waseda University, Japan

2007 - 2008 East Asia Field Group Representative, History Guild, UC San Diego,

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Historical Association

The Association for Asian Studies

**RESEARCH LANGUAGES**

Japanese - Fluent