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Curriculum Vitae

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**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