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EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Ph.D. in History, June 2003
Dissertation: "Violence in the Politics of Modern Japan"

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

A.M. in Regional Studies East Asia, June 1999
Thesis: "Remaking History: The Pacific War in Japanese Historical Memory"

WILLIAMS COLLEGE

B.A. in History with Honors, *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, June 1997
Thesis: "University Entrance Examination Hell: The Sociopolitical Causes of 1980s Reform Failure in Japan"

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

WILLIAMS COLLEGE

Class of 1955 Memorial Professor of History, July 2020-Present
Professor of History, July 2015-June 2020
Associate Professor of History, July 2009-June 2015
Assistant Professor of History, July 2003-June 2009

REISCHAUER INSTITUTE OF JAPANESE STUDIES, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Associate in Research, June 2003-Present
Visiting Scholar, July 2006-December 2007

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, WASEDA UNIVERSITY

Visiting Scholar, October 2011-April 2012

INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO

Visiting Research Scholar, September 2001-August 2002

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Waste: Consuming Postwar Japan. Cornell University Press, 2018.

Ruffians, Yakuza, Nationalists: The Violent Politics of Modern Japan, 1860-1960. Cornell University Press, 2008. Paperback Edition, 2015.

『悪党・ヤクザ・ナショナリスト: 近代日本の暴力政治』朝日新聞社, 2020.
Chinese Translation of *Ruffians, Yakuza, Nationalists*. Rye Field Publications, under contract.

ARTICLES, CHAPTERS, AND EDITED VOLUMES

“The Transformative Politics of the Meiji Revolutions.” In *The Cambridge History of Japan*, Volume III, ed. Laura Hein. Cambridge University Press, under contract.

“Discarding Cultures: Food Waste in an Affluent Japan.” In *Devouring Japan: Global Perspectives on Japanese Culinary Identity*, ed. Nancy Stalker. Oxford University Press, 2018.

“A War against Garbage: An Introduction to and Excerpt from *Waste*.” *The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus* 16, no. 22 (November 2018).

“‘Affluence of the Heart’: Wastefulness and the Search for Meaning in Millennial Japan.” *Journal of Asian Studies* 73, no. 1 (February 2014).

“Befitting Bedfellows: Yakuza and the State in Modern Japan.” *Journal of Social History* 45, no. 3 (Spring 2012). Reprinted in *The Hidden History of Crime, Corruption and States*, ed. Renate Bridenthal. Berghahn Books, 2013.

Environmental History: A Course Reader. The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus, 2012.

“Liberalism Undone: Discourses on Political Violence in Interwar Japan.” *Modern Asian Studies* 45, no. 4 (July 2011).

“Organized Crime in Japan.” In *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern World*, ed. Peter N. Stearns. Oxford University Press, 2008.

“Mediated Democracy: *Yakuza* and Japanese Political Leadership.” In *Organized Crime and the Challenge to Democracy*, ed. Felia Allum and Renate Siebert. Routledge, 2003.

BOOK REVIEWS

David Leheny, *Empire of Hope: The Sentimental Politics of Japanese Decline*. *Journal of Japanese Studies*, forthcoming.

Nick Kapur, *Japan at the Crossroads: Conflict and Compromise after Anpo*. *American Historical Review* 125, no. 3 (June 2020).

Chad R. Diehl, *Resurrecting Nagasaki: Reconstruction and the Formation of Atomic Narratives*. *Pacific Historical Review* 88, no. 2 (May 2019).

Adrienne Carey Hurley, *Revolutionary Suicide and Other Desperate Measures: Narratives of Youth and Violence from Japan and the United States*. *Journal of Japanese Studies* 39, no. 1 (Winter 2013).

Walter A. Skya, *Japan’s Holy War: The Ideology of Radical Shintō Ultrationalism*. *Perspectives on Politics* 10, no. 1 (March 2012).

Hiromi Mizuno, *Science for the Empire: Scientific Nationalism in Modern Japan*. *Journal of Japanese Studies* 36, no. 2 (Summer 2010).

William Johnston, *Geisha, Harlot, Strangler, Star: A Woman, Sex, and Morality in Modern Japan*. *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 19, no. 1 (January 2010).

BOOK REVIEWS, CONT.

Kyu Hyun Kim, *The Age of Visions and Arguments: Parliamentarianism and the National Public Sphere in Early Meiji Japan*.

Journal of Asian Studies 68, no. 2 (May 2009).

酒井隆史、『暴力の哲学』 [Sakai Takashi, *Philosophies of Violence*.]

Social Science Japan Journal 9, no. 1 (April 2006).

David E. Kaplan and Alec Dubro, *Yakuza: Japan's Criminal Underworld* and Peter B. E. Hill, *The Japanese Mafia: Yakuza, Law, and the State*.

Global Crime 6, no. 2 (May 2004).

“*Sōkaiya* and Japanese Corporations: A Review of Kenneth Szymkowiak, *Sōkaiya: Extortion, Protection, and the Japanese Corporation*.”

Electronic Journal of Contemporary Japanese Studies (25 June 2002).

LECTURES, CONFERENCES, AND WORKSHOPS, SELECTED

“Rethinking Panic: Toilet Paper and the Uncertainties of Early 1970s Japan”

Yale University (13 February 2020)

Workshop with William W. Kelly, Yale University: “New Trends in the Study of Postwar Japan”

Yale University (14 February 2020)

“Waste as Subjective Idea, Societal Mirror, and Material Reality: A Historical Approach”

文化としてのゴミ [Waste as Culture, the Culture of Waste], Nagoya University (25-26 January 2020)

“Waste and Well-being in Postwar Japan”

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (17 April 2019)

“Waste and Well-being in Postwar Japan”

Colgate University (26 March 2019)

“The In/Visibility of Waste Consciousness in 1970s Japan”

Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Denver (24 March 2019)

“Waste: Consuming Postwar Japan”

Harvard University, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations (12 March 2019)

Discussant: “Violence, Trauma and Persecution in the Restoration”

The Meiji Restoration and its Afterlives: Social Change and the Politics of Commemoration, Yale University (15-17 September 2017)

“Wars against Garbage in 1970s Japan”

Of Soils, Roots, and Streams: A Symposium on Ecology and Japan, University of California Irvine (15-16 June 2017)

Discussant: “Activism and Its Discontents: New Perspectives on the Freedom and Popular Rights Movement in Nineteenth-Century Japan”

Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Toronto (18 March 2017)

LECTURES, CONFERENCES, AND WORKSHOPS, cont.

“Living the Good Life? Waste and Wastefulness in Japan of the 1980s”
Stanford University (8 December 2016)

“Reconsidering Affluence: Waste and Waste Consciousness in the 1970s”
Japan History Group, University of Tokyo (9 June 2016)

“Remembering World War II in Japan”
Bennington College (24 September 2015)

“‘Stinginess is a Virtue, Wasting Money is Fun’: Waste and Wastefulness in a Remodernizing Japan”
Osaka University (19-21 December 2014)

“A Bright, New Stinginess: Waste Consciousness in the 1970s”
European Association of Japanese Studies, University of Ljubljana (29 August 2014)

“Wars Against Garbage: The Cultural and Social Meanings of Trash in 1970s Japan”
From Garbage to Art: Environmental Consciousness in Japan in the Post-Cold War Era, Leiden University (23 May 2014)

Roundtable Participant: “The Future of Japanese Studies in the U.S.: Challenges and Opportunities”
Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia (28 March 2014)

“Discarding Cultures: Food Waste in an Affluent Japan”
Devouring Japan, University of Texas at Austin, in absentia (21-22 February 2014)

Discussant: George Solt, “Food Management in 1940s Japan”
Columbia University Seminar on Modern Japan (12 April 2013)

“What is a Rich Life? Searches for Meaning in Michael Ende’s *Momo*”
Organizer, Chair, Panelist: Rethinking Affluence in Postwar Japan
Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, San Diego (22 March 2013)

「心の豊かさ」：21世紀はじめの日本で見直される“もったいない”
[“‘Affluence of the Heart’: Reexamining ‘Mottainai’ in Early 21st-Century Japan”]
Waseda University (26 January 2012)

“Wastefulness and Reinvention in Millennial Japan”
University of Hong Kong (19 January 2012)

「戦間期におけるヤクザの“政治参加” —近代・制度の検証」
[“The Political Participation of Yakuza in Interwar Japan: An Examination of Modernity and Institutions”]
都市の制度と社会・文化, Waseda University (12 November 2011)

“Political Violence and the Public Imagination in Prewar Japan”
Japan’s World War II in Asia: 70 Years On, University of Pittsburgh (30 September-1 October 2011)

LECTURES, CONFERENCES, AND WORKSHOPS, cont.

“Dangerous Filth: Garbage in Meiji Japan”

Organizer, Chair, Panelist: Filth in Modern Japan

Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia (26 March 2010)

“Violent Democracy: Ruffians in Modern Japanese Politics”

Wesleyan University (5 November 2009)

“Criminal Violence in Modern Japanese Politics”

Columbia University Seminar on Modern Japan (24 September 2009)

Discussant: 中澤俊輔, 「政党内閣期の警察と秩序維持, 1918~1932: 治安維持法をめぐる政治過程について」

[Nakazawa Shunsuke, “The Police and Public Order Policies in the Era of Party Cabinets, 1918-1932: The Political Process Surrounding the Peace Preservation Law”]

Japan History Group, University of Tokyo (21 July 2009)

“Ruffians, Yakuza, Nationalists: The Violent Politics of Modern Japan, 1860-1960”

Harvard University, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations (21 April 2009)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS, SELECTED

Williams College Class of 1945 World Fellowship	2020
American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship	2015-2016
Williams College Class of 1945 World Fellowship	2015-2016
Williams College Nelson Bushnell '20 Prize for Excellence in Teaching and Writing	2014-2015
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship	2011-2012
Japan Foundation Research Fellowship, Awarded and Declined	2011-2012
Williams College Class of 1945 World Fellowship	2011-2012
American Historical Association Bernadotte E. Schmitt Grant for Research in European, African, or Asian History	2008
Association for Asian Studies Northeast Asia Council/Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission Japan Studies Grant	2008
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship	2006-2007
Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo, Visiting Fellow	2006-2007
Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship, Awarded and Declined	2006-2007
Japan Foundation Research Fellowship, Awarded and Declined	2006-2007

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS, cont.

Social Science Research Council-Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Fellowship, Nominated and Declined	2006-2007
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend	2005
Reischauer Institute Supplementary Dissertation Grant, Harvard University	2002-2003
Social Science Research Council Dissertation Fellowship, Write-Up Grant	2002
Japan Foundation, Doctoral Fellowship	2001-2002
Fulbright Fellowship, Awarded and Declined	2001-2002

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Elected Member, Northeast Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies Spring 2018-Spring 2021

REVIEWS

Reviewed Article Manuscripts for: *Electronic Journal of Contemporary Japanese Studies*, *Historia Scientiarum*, *Journal of Japanese Studies*, *Modern Asian Studies*, *Radical History Review*, *Social History*, *Social Science Japan Journal*

Reviewed Book Manuscripts or Proposals for: Bloomsbury Publishing, Columbia University Press, Cornell University Press, Routledge, Rowman & Littlefield

Reviewed Cases for Promotion to: Associate Professor with Tenure, Full Professor

Reviewed Department of History, Smith College

SELECTION COMMITTEES

American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship, Harvard University Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

Amin Ghadimi, East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University Spring 2019

AFFILIATION

Faculty Associate, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Harvard University Fall 2019-Present

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

National Geographic, Interview March 2020
Erin Blakemore, "What Did People Do Before Toilet Paper?"

Japan on the Record, Podcast Episode March 2020
"Panic in the Toilet Paper Aisle"

Financial Times Reporter, Informational Interview February 2019

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, CONT.

New Books in East Asian Studies Podcast, Interview	January 2019
Bloomberg Opinion Piece, Interview “What’s In Marie Kondo’s Closet?”	January 2019
Blog Post, The Page 99 Test	November 2018
BBC World Service Documentary, Interview “The History of Wastefulness: Rubbish through the Ages”	October 2018 Aired January 2019
Meiji @ 150 Podcast, Interview	October 2018
Writer/Producer for <i>Pachinko</i> Television Series, Informational Interview	August 2018

TEACHING**CURRICULUM OFFERED***First-Year Seminars and Tutorials*

“The Japanese Empire”

“The Two Koreas”

Introductory Survey Courses

“Early Modern Japan”

“Modern Japan”

“Japanese Culture and History from Courtiers to Samurai and Beyond, 800s-1800s”
(Co-Taught with Christopher Bolton, Professor of Comparative and Japanese Literature)

Major Seminar

“Approaching the Past: Practices of Modern History”

Advanced Electives

“History of U.S.-Japan Relations”

“The Comparative History of Organized Crime”

“The 1930s in Comparative Perspective: Germany, Italy, and Japan”

“The History of Panics”

Advanced Tutorial

“Historical Memory of the Pacific War”

THESIS STUDENTS

Kar Yern Chin '18

“We Are What We *Makan*: Conceptions of Malaysian Food Practices”

2017-2018

THESIS STUDENTS, CONT.

Ben Williams 'F17	
“Excess of Love: An Oral History of the Kachin Independence Organization”	S2017-F2017
Courtney Fields '17	
“Jesus in the Far East: Christian Missions and Japanese Response, 1549-1600”	2016-2017
Miho Sakuma '15	2014-2015
“Reviving, Modifying, and Inventing: Liberal Arts Education in Japan’s Lost Decades”	
Sharona Bollinger '14	2013-2014
“Shadow of the Beast: Complexities and Legacies of Godzilla in Japan and the United States”	
Sara Kang '14	2013-2014
“Contested Memory: Struggles of the 1990s in Post-Cold War Okinawa”	
Leo Obata '14	2013-2014
“Blueprint for a New Vision: The Past, Present and Future of War Museums in Japan”	
Sungik Yang '13	2012-2013
“Rioters, Victims, or Heroes: Transforming Narratives about the Gwangju Uprising”	
Lindsey Jones '10	2009-2010
“Hidden Hydra: The Development and Demise of American Mafia Power”	
Megan Brankley '08	Spring 2008
Co-Advised, “When a Patron Falls: Contesting the History of 1965 in Post-Suharto Indonesia”	

COLLEGE SERVICE**ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP**

Committee on Priorities and Resources, Chair	2020-Present
Committee on Priorities and Resources, Chair	2017-2019
Ad Hoc Committee on the Evaluation of Teaching, Chair	2016-2017
Department of History, Chair	2012-2015
Faculty Steering Committee, Chair	2010-2011

COLLEGE COMMITTEES

Ad Hoc Committee on Financial Planning	Spring 2020
Committee on Priorities and Resources, Member	2016-2017
Ad Hoc Real Estate Working Group, Member	2017-January 2020
Williams in New York Committee, Member	Spring 2009-Spring 2011
Faculty Steering Committee, Member	Winter-Spring 2010
Committee on Educational Policy, Member	2008-February 2010
Neighborhood Review Committee, Member	Spring 2009-Spring 2010
Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Budget Priorities, Member	Spring 2009
Ad Hoc Committee on International Educational Initiatives, Member	Fall 2008-Winter 2009
Subcommittee on Student Services, Chair	
Committee on Undergraduate Life, Member	2004-2006
Subcommittee on Neighborhood Governance, Chair	2005-2006

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Curriculum Committee, Chair	Fall 2019
Thesis Program, Director	2017-2019
Search Committee for Native American/Early American History Position, Chair	2017-2018
Search Committee for Russian History Position, Chair	2016-2017
Curriculum Committee, Member	2004-2006, 2010-2011
Student Liaison	2008-2010
Thesis Committee, Member	2003-2004, Spring 2008
Search and/or Interview Committee for Positions in: U.S. Gender and Sexuality, Modern European History, Modern Chinese History	

DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN STUDIES

Affiliate	2003-Present
Asian Studies Coordinator	2010-2011
Department Colloquium, Founder and Organizer	2005-2006, 2009-2011

ALUMNI RELATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT

Inside Williams Talk	November 2019
Teach It Forward Talk in Wellesley	May 2019
Teach It Forward Talks in Boston, New York City, & Tokyo	September & October 2017, June 2018
Faculty Lecture for Alumni Reunion	June 2018
“The Value of Waste” in the <i>Williams Magazine</i>	Fall 2017
Video for Women’s Philanthropy	April 2017
Class of 1969 Presidential Forum on Teaching	April 2017
Campaign Launch Classroom	October 2015
Alumni Talks in Vero Beach & Miami	February 2015
Inside Williams	September & November 2012