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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

Provost, 2022-Present
Class of 1955 Memorial Professor of History, 2020-Present
Professor of History, 2015-2020
Associate Professor of History, 2009-2015
Assistant Professor of History, 2003-2009

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

Associate in Research, Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University, 2003-Present
Visiting Scholar, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Waseda University, 2011-2012
Visiting Scholar, Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University, 2006-2007
Visiting Research Scholar, Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo, 2001-2002

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Tokyo. Cambridge University Press, under contract.

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.

Japanese Translation. 『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. Second Printing, 2020.

Traditional Chinese Translation, 2021.

Simplified Chinese Translation, under contract.

ARTICLES, CHAPTERS, AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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

“Uncertain Futures, Destabilized Dreams.” In *Reconsidering Postwar Japanese History: A Handbook*, ed. Simon Avenell. MHM and Amsterdam University Press, 2023.

「『悪党・ヤクザ・ナショナリスト』を執筆するまで」『大原社会問題研究所雑誌』 no. 755-756 (September-October 2021).

“‘Toilet Paper Panic’: Uncertainty and Insecurity in Early 1970s Japan.” *American Historical Review* 126, no. 2 (June 2021).

“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* 46, no. 2 (Summer 2020).

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).

BOOK REVIEWS, CONT.

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

Hiroimi 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).

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 (June 2002).

LECTURES, CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND CLASS DISCUSSIONS (SELECTED)

Discussion about *Waste: Consuming Postwar Japan* (Virtual)
 MIT, Course on “Theories and Methods in the Study of History” (November 1, 2022)

Discussant: Sarah Teasley, “‘Generosity and Tolerance’: Design and the Information Industries in Late Twentieth-Century Japan” (Virtual)
 Columbia University, Modern Japan Seminar (February 23, 2022)

“‘Toilet Paper Panic’: Uncertainty and Insecurity in Early 1970s Japan” (Virtual)
 Columbia University, Modern Japan Seminar (October 20, 2021)

「『悪党・ヤクザ・ナショナリスト』の執筆まで」(Virtual)
 大原社会問題研究所記念講演会 [Ōhara Institute for Social Research Annual Commemorative Lecture] (February 17, 2021)

Discussion about *Waste: Consuming Postwar Japan* (Virtual)
 University of Oregon, Course on “1950s Japanese Culture” (February 5, 2021)

“Japan in the 1950s” (Virtual)
 Oregon Vietnam Japan Exchange and Collaboration Project (December 11, 2020)

Discussion about *Waste: Consuming Postwar Japan*(Virtual)
 Bowdoin College, Course on “East Asian Environmental History” (November 12, 2020)

LECTURES, CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND CLASS DISCUSSIONS, cont.

“Unsettling Waste in 1970s Japan” (Virtual)

Russia/Japan: Residues, Materialities, Environments: Trans-disciplinary Exchanges, Princeton University (October 16-17, 2020)

Discussion about *Ruffians, Yakuza, Nationalists* to “Modern Japan: Empires and Aftermaths” (Virtual)

Harvard University, Course on “Modern Japan: Empires and Aftermaths” (September 17, 2020)

“New Trends in the Study of Postwar Japan”

Workshop with William W. Kelly, Yale University (February 14, 2020)

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

Yale University (February 13, 2020)

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

文化としてのゴミ, Nagoya University (January 25-26, 2020)

“Waste and Well-being in Postwar Japan”

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

“Waste and Well-being in Postwar Japan”

Colgate University (March 26, 2019)

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

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

“Waste: Consuming Postwar Japan”

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

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

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

“Wars against Garbage in 1970s Japan”

Of Soils, Roots, and Streams: A Symposium on Ecology and Japan, University of California Irvine (June 15-16, 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 (March 18, 2017)

“Living the Good Life? Waste and Wastefulness in Japan of the 1980s”

Stanford University (December 8, 2016)

“Reconsidering Affluence: Waste and Waste Consciousness in the 1970s”

Japan History Group, University of Tokyo (June 9, 2016)

“‘Stinginess is a Virtue, Wasting Money is Fun’: Waste and Wastefulness in a Remodernizing Japan”

Osaka University (December 19-21, 2014)

LECTURES, CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND CLASS DISCUSSIONS, cont.

“A Bright, New Stinginess: Waste Consciousness in the 1970s”

European Association of Japanese Studies, University of Ljubljana (August 29, 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 (May 23, 2014)

Roundtable Participant: “The Future of Japanese Studies in the U.S.: Challenges and Opportunities”

Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia (March 28, 2014)

“Discarding Cultures: Food Waste in an Affluent Japan”

Devouring Japan, University of Texas at Austin, in absentia (February 21-22, 2014)

“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 (March 22, 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”」

Waseda University (January 26, 2012)

“Wastefulness and Reinvention in Millennial Japan”

University of Hong Kong (January 19, 2012)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS (SELECTED)

Williams College Class of 1945 World Fellowship	Spring 2020, 2015-2016, 2011-2012
American Council of Learned Societies 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
American Historical Association Bernadotte E. Schmitt Grant	Summer 2008
Association for Asian Studies Northeast Asia Council/Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission Japan Studies Grant	Summer 2008
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship	2006-2007
Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship, Awarded and Declined	2006-2007
Japan Foundation Research Fellowship, Awarded and Declined	2006-2007
Social Science Research Council-Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Fellowship, Nominated and Declined	2006-2007

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

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

NBCLX, Video Interviews July 2021

“Trash Cans Are Hard to Find in Tokyo. Here’s Why”

“How Tokyo Became One of the Cleanest Cities in the World”

“Japan’s Vending Machine Culture Meets the Reality of Climate Change”

Yomiuri Shinbun, Interview about 『悪党・ヤクザ・ナショナリスト』 September 2020

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

New Books in East Asian Studies, Podcast Episode January 2019

Bloomberg Opinion Piece, Interview January 2019

“What’s In Marie Kondo’s Closet?”

The Page 99 Test, Blog Post November 2018

BBC World Service Documentary, Interview October 2018

“The History of Wastefulness: Rubbish through the Ages”

Aired January 2019

Meiji @ 150, Podcast Episode October 2018

Writer/Producer for *Pachinko* Television Series, Informational Interview August 2018

TEACHING
CURRICULUM OFFERED*First-Year Seminars and Tutorials*

“The Two Koreas”

“The Japanese Empire”

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

“Emotions in Modern Japanese History”

“The History of Panics”

“History of U.S.-Japan Relations”

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

“The Comparative History of Organized Crime”

Advanced Seminars and Tutorials

“The Many Lives of Tokyo”

“Historical Memory of the Pacific War”

THESIS STUDENTS

Kar Yern Chin '18

“We Are What We *Makan*: Conceptions of Malaysian Food Practices” 2017-2018

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

“Reviving, Modifying, and Inventing: Liberal Arts Education in Japan’s Lost Decades” 2014-2015

Sharona Bollinger '14

“Shadow of the Beast: Complexities and Legacies of Godzilla in Japan and the United States” 2013-2014

THESIS STUDENTS, CONT.

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
“When a Patron Falls: Contesting the History of 1965 in Post-Suharto Indonesia,” Co-advised	

COLLEGE SERVICE**LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

Chair, Committee on Priorities and Resources	2020-2022
Chair, Program in Asian Studies	2021-2022
Chair, Committee on Priorities and Resources	2017-2019
Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on the Evaluation of Teaching	2016-2017
Chair, Department of History	2012-2015
Chair, Faculty Steering Committee	2010-2011

COLLEGE COMMITTEES

Vice President for Finance and Operations Search Committee	Spring 2021
Williams-Mystic Working Group	2020-2021
Ad Hoc Committee on Financial Planning	Spring 2020
Committee on Priorities and Resources	2016-2017
Ad Hoc Real Estate Working Group	2017-January 2020
Williams in New York Committee	Spring 2009-Spring 2011
Faculty Steering Committee, Member	Winter-Spring 2010
Committee on Educational Policy	2008-February 2010
Neighborhood Review Committee	Spring 2009-Spring 2010
Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Budget Priorities	Spring 2009
Ad Hoc Committee on International Educational Initiatives	Fall 2008-Winter 2009
Chair, Subcommittee on Student Services	
Committee on Undergraduate Life	2004-2006
Chair, Subcommittee on Neighborhood Governance	2005-2006

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Thesis Committee	2021-2022, Spring 2008, 2003-2004
Coordinator, Department Colloquium	2020-2021
Bolin Fellowship Nomination Committee	Winter 2020
Chair, Curriculum Committee	Fall 2019
Director, Thesis Program	2017-2019
Chair, Search Committee for Native American/Early American History Position	2017-2018
Chair, Search Committee for Russian History Position	2016-2017
Curriculum Committee	2004-2006, 2010-2011

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, CONT.

Student Liaison 2008-2010
Search and/or Interview Committee for Positions in: U.S. Gender and Sexuality, Modern European
History, Modern Chinese History

DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN STUDIES

Affiliate 2003-2021
Task Force on Program in Asian Studies & Subcommittee on Restructuring Asian Studies 2020-2021
Coordinator, Asian Studies 2010-2011
Founder and Organizer, Department Colloquium 2005-2006, 2009-2011