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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, USA)

Expected

Ph.D. Modern Japanese History

May 2024

- Dissertation: "Eating by Numbers: Nutrition, Health and the Political Economy of Food in Modern Japan 1880-1952" (Advisor: Frederick R. Dickinson; Committee: Frederick R. Dickinson, Eiichiro Azuma, Sebastián Gil-Riaño)
- General Examination (Teaching) Fields: Modern Japanese History (From early modern to post-war), Late Imperial and Modern Chinese History, the US International History (Committee: Frederick R. Dickinson (chair), Siyen Fei, Walter A. McDougall)
- Research Interests: Nutrition, History of medicine, Food, Warfare, Empire, Global Asia

Peking University (Beijing, China)

2016.7

M.A. Major: International Politics; Field: Asia-Pacific Studies

- Thesis: "Japanese Arms Embargo against China in 1918-1919: From the Perspective of Interactions between the Japanese Foreign Ministry and the Army" (Advisor: Hanmei Li)

The University of Tokyo, M.P.P. Major: Public Policy (Tokyo, Japan)

2016.3

- Research Thesis: "Policy Choices of British Diplomats in Bakumatsu Japan: From the Perspective of Treaty Ratification 1859-1865" (Advisor: Kaoru Iokibe)

Waseda University, B.A. in International Liberal Studies (Tokyo, Japan)

2013.9

Peking University, B.A. in International Politics (Beijing, China)

2013.7

- Thesis: "CHINA AND JAPAN" in *The Times*: National Image of China and Japan 1858-1895 (Advisor: Qingmin Zhang)

PUBLICATIONS

Book chapters

(Peer reviewed) "Hungry Empire: Manchuria and the Failed Food Autarky in Imperial Japan, 1931-41," in *The Provisions of War: Expanding the Boundaries of Food and Conflict, 1840-1990*, edited by Justin Nordstrom, 91-107. Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press, 2021.

Articles & essays

1. Synopsis: A Health Humanities Journal (online)

"Rationed Knowledge: Culture Films and Nutritional Propaganda in Wartime Japan," November 25, 2023.

<https://medicalhealthhumanities.com/2023/11/25/rationed-knowledge-culture-films-and-nutritional-propaganda-in-wartime-japan/>

"Opening the Japanese Body," August 19, 2023. <https://medicalhealthhumanities.com/2023/08/19/opening-the-japanese-body/>

"The Healthy Exotic Taste of the Empire: A Story of Restyling Manchurian Food in Modern Japan," March 27, 2023. <https://medicalhealthhumanities.com/2023/03/26/the-healthy-exotic-taste-of-japanese-empire-a-short-story-of-restyling-manchurian-food/>

"Transformed Food and Dietary Style in Modern Japan (1870s)," February 13, 2023.

<https://medicalhealthhumanities.com/2023/02/13/transformed-food-and-dietary-style-in-modern-japan-1870s/>

“Calories: The Measure of Nurture,” November 21, 2022.

<https://medicalhealthhumanities.com/2022/11/21/know-about-calorie/>

“Rice in Bowls,” October 24, 2022. <https://medicalhealthhumanities.com/2022/10/24/rice-in-bowls-versus-feces-in-labs/>

2. Others

“Saiki Tadasu and the Making of the Global Science of Nutrition, 1900-1927,” Rockefeller Archive Center Research Reports, December 2, 2020. <https://rockarch.issuelab.org/resource/saiki-tadasu-and-the-making-of-the-global-science-of-nutrition-1900-1927.html>

(Peer reviewed) Sino-Japanese Diffidation in 1958: from the perspective of domestic internationalism-nationalism confrontation. In Z. Bekirogullari, & M. Y. Minas (Eds.), Political Science, International Relations and Sociology - ic-PSIRS 2015, vol 3. *European Proceedings of Social and Behavioural Sciences* (pp. 15-24). Future Academy. <https://doi.org/10.15405/epsbs.2015.03.5>

Review articles

Review of “‘The Japanese Stand Today as Teachers of the Whole World’: American Food Reform and the Russo-Japanese War,” *The Journal of American-East Asian Relations* 28(2021): 193-217, by Christine M. E. Guth. H-Diplo/ISSF, March 7, 2023. <https://issforum.org/reviews/PDF/AR1167.pdf>

Review of *Nutritional Policies and International Diplomacy: The Impact of Tadasu Saiki and the Imperial State Institute of Nutrition (Tokyo: 1916-1945)*, by Josep L. Barona, *Medical History* vol. 65, no. 4 (October 2021): 426-7.

“Yi zhe qian yan” [Preface by Translator] in *Ri ben shi: Jianghu shidai*, translation of George Sansom, *A History of Japan, 1615-1867*. Beijing: Social Sciences Academic Press, 2021.

Translations

Ri ben shi: Jianghu shidai [日本史：江戸時代], translation of George Sansom, *A History of Japan, 1615-1867*. Beijing: Social Sciences Academic Press, 2021.

AFFILIATIONS & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Contributor , <i>Synopsis: A Health Humanities Journal</i>	2022-present
Research fellow , Death & Life Studies and Practical Ethics (Research Center), The University of Tokyo, Japan	2021-present
Visiting Scholar , Faculty of Economics, Keio University, Japan	2020-21
Visiting Research Fellow , Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology, Faculty of Letters, The University of Tokyo, Japan	2019-20
Visiting Research Fellow , Graduate School of International Culture and Communication Studies, Waseda University, Japan	2017
Exchange Student , Graduate School of International Studies, Seoul National University, ROK	2015
Member (H-War (H-Net) Reviews, Japan Studies Association, Association for Asian Studies, Modern Japanese History Association, History of Science Society)	

TEACHING EXPERIENCES&QUALIFICATIONS

CIEE

Japanese Studies Summer Program (July to August) , Tokyo, Japan <i>Adjunct professor</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">HIST 3001 Modernizing Ancient Japan Taught HIST3001 (class size: 16); graded assignments; held office hours. Received 100% “would recommend this instructor” evaluation from students.	2023
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University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA

Qualifications

- Certificate in World History (Department of History) 2019
- Certificate in College and University Teaching (Center for Teaching and Learning).

Teaching Assistant

2018-19

- History of Modern China (Professor Siyen Fei, Spring 2019)
 - Taught three recitations (9, 12, 12 students respectively); graded exams, presentations, and papers; held office hours.
 - Guest lecture on Sino-Japanese War, 1937-1945
- Modern American Culture (Professor Kathy Peiss, Fall 2018)
 - Taught three recitations (15, 15, 17 students respectively); graded exams and papers; held office hours.

Grader

2017-18

- Comparative Capitalist Systems (Professor Jerry Drew, Spring 2018)
 - Graded students' quizzes and exams; held office hours and review sessions (class size: 54)
- American Diplomatic History since 1776 (Professor Walter A. McDougall, Fall 2017)
 - Graded students' exams and papers; held office hours and review sessions (class size: 46)

(Audited)

2017-9

- East Asian Diplomacy (Professor Frederick R. Dickinson, Fall 2017)
- Modern Japanese History (Professor Frederick R. Dickinson, Spring 2019)
- Making of a Modern World (Professor Lee Cassanelli, Spring 2019)

Peking University, School of International Studies, Beijing, China

Grader

2014

- International Laws (Professor Yunxiang Liang, Spring 2014)
 - Graded students' exams and papers; held office hours (class size: 100)

Waseda University, School of International Liberal Studies, Tokyo, Japan

Grader

2011-12

- Media History (Professor Graham Law)
 - Graded students' exams (class size: 60)

FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

*(Those marked with * are non-competitive)*

Penfield Dissertation Research Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania	2020-21
Japanese Studies Fellowship, Japan Foundation	2019-20
*Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania	2016-2023
Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Scholarship	2015
Campus Asia Double-degree Program Scholarship, The University of Tokyo	2014-15
First Class Graduate Student Scholarship, Peking University	
Second Class Graduate Student Scholarship, Peking University	2013-14
Peking University-Waseda University Double-degree Program Scholarship	2011-12
*Dongshi Dongfang Scholarship, School of International Studies, Peking University	2010-11
*Guangzhou Scholarship, School of International Studies, Peking University	2009-10

AWARDS & GRANTS

Awards

- The 2020 Northeast Asia Council Graduate Student Paper Prize: “Broken Promise: Rice, Manchuria and the Failure of Food Autarky of Imperial Japan, 1919-1941,” Association for Asian Studies 2020
- Graduate Thesis Award Second Prize: “Japanese Arms Embargo against China in 1918-1919: From the Perspective of Interactions between the Japanese Foreign Ministry and the Army,” School of International Studies, Peking University 2016
- Excellent Student Award, Peking University 2013-14

Research Grants

- Research Stipend, Rockefeller Archive Center 2019-20
- Annenberg Dissertation Travel Grant, University of Pennsylvania 2018
- Beijing University Japanese Research Fund (BUJRF) Individual Research Grant: “From Tokugawa to Meiji Government: Influence of British Diplomats on British policy towards Japan,” Peking University 2013-14

Conference Grants

- NSF Travel Grant (for History of Science Society meeting 2023) 2023
- Center for East Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant, University of Pennsylvania
- The 12th International Convention of Asia Scholars Grant 2021
- Center for East Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant, University of Pennsylvania 2019
- The D. Kim Foundation for the History of Science and Technology in East Asia Summer Workshop Travel Grant
- GAPSA Research Student Travel Grant, University of Pennsylvania
- The 11th International Convention of Asia Scholars Grant
- GAPSA Research Student Travel Grant, University of Pennsylvania 2018
- International Academic Conference Participation Grant, Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Tokyo 2015

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

Panel Organizer

- “Food Circuits and the Making of Economies in Modern East Asia,” 2023 AAS-in-Asia Conference. Daegu, Korea (June) 2023
- “Behind the Scenes: Rethinking the Second Sino-Japanese War from A Civilian Perspective,” the 12th International Convention of Asia Scholars (virtual, August). 2021
- “Knowledge in Transit: Modern Japan in the Global History of Medicine,” Association for Asian Studies annual conference (virtual, March).
- “Unintended Manchuria: Re-evaluating ‘Efficiency’ in Twentieth-century Japanese Empire,” Association for Asian Studies annual conference. Boston, USA (Cancelled). 2020

Chair/Discussant

- Discussant, in “Dietetics and Novel Materia Medica” in Global Lives of Medicines: Materials, Markets, and Healing Practices across Asia. Philadelphia, USA (virtual, July) 2022
- Chair, in panel “Vietnamese History Beyond Borders,” the 12th International Convention of Asia Scholars (virtual, August). 2021

- Chair, in panel “Creating Healthy Public? Pursuing Healthy Behavior in Asia, 1911-1941,” Association for Asian Studies annual conference. Denver, USA (March). 2019
- Papers Presented**
- “Calculated Meals: Quantitative Dietary Standard and the Rise of Nutritional Awareness at Japanese Home Kitchens, 1910s-1930s,” in panel “Biochemical Frontiers in East Asia: Crisis, Governance, and Social Transformation,” 2023 History of Science Society Conference. Portland, Oregon (November) 2023
- “Efficient Nurture: Dietary Standard and Food Economy in Interwar Japan,” in panel “Food Circuits and the Making of Economies in Modern East Asia,” 2023 AAS-in-Asia Conference. Daegu, Korea (June)
- “The Seas of Protein: Nutrition Science and Fishery in Colonial Korea, 1900-45,” Asian Studies Conference Japan (virtual, July). 2022
- “Hungry Empire: Manchuria and the Failed Food Autarky in Imperial Japan, 1931-41,” in roundtable session of *The Provisions of War: Expanding the Boundaries of Food and Conflict, 1840-1990*, The Culinary Historians of Ann Arbor (CHAA) (virtual invited talk, February).
- “Measured Food: The Emergence of Dietary Standard in Modern Japan, 1882-1914” Tuesday Colloquium of History and Sociology of Technology and Science (火曜日ゼミ), Graduate School of Social and Human Sciences, Tokyo Institute of Technology (virtual invited talk, October). 2021
- “From Exotic to Local: The Transformation of Manchurian Food in Mainland Japan, 1931–1945,” in panel “Behind the Scenes: Rethinking the Second Sino-Japanese War from A Civilian Perspective,” the 12th International Convention of Asia Scholars (virtual, August).
- “Feces in the Labs, Rice in the Bowls: Experiments and the Emergence of Nutrition Science in Modern Japan, 1884-1904,” in panel “Knowledge in Transit: Modern Japan in the Global History of Medicine,” Association for Asian Studies annual conference (virtual, March).
- “Books from the Occupiers: The Reconstruction of the Scientific Community in Postwar Japan, 1945-52,” Asian Studies Conference Japan. Tokyo, Japan (Cancelled). 2020
- “Broken Promise: Rice, Manchuria and the Failure of Food Autarky of Imperial Japan, 1919-1941,” in panel “Unintended Manchuria: Re-evaluating ‘Efficiency’ in Twentieth-century Japanese Empire,” Association for Asian Studies annual conference. Boston, USA (Cancelled).
- “Manchurian Diet and the Food Politics at Japan’s Mainland and Colonial Homefront, 1937-1945,” Japan Studies Association annual conference. Honolulu, USA (January).
- “‘Of Great Benefit to the Human Race:’ Saiki Tadasu and Japan in the Making of the Global Science of Nutrition, 1919-1939,” in panel “Health in historical perspective,” 11th International Convention of Asia Scholars. Leiden, Netherlands (July). 2019
- “Soldiers’ Recipes: Army, Food, and the National Dream of a Robust Japan, 1890-1920,” in panel “Food and war,” 86th Society for Military History annual conference. Columbus, USA (May).
- “Giving Up the Gun: The Imperial Japanese Army and the Food Moment after WWI,” in panel “Living the good life: social, political and economic change in interwar East Asia,” Mid-Atlantic Region of the Association of Asian Studies 47th Annual Conference. Elizabethtown, USA (November). 2018
- “Unexpected Internationalists in East Asia: The Imperial Japanese Army Officers in China, 1919-1925,” in panel “Japan in and of the world,” Japan Studies Association annual conference. Honolulu, USA (January).

- “Policy Choices of British Diplomats in Bakumatsu Japan: From the Perspective of Treaty Ratification 1859-1865,” British Association of Japanese Studies annual conference. London, UK (September). 2015
- “Sino-Japanese Diffidation in 1958: from the perspective of domestic internationalism-nationalism confrontation,” International Forum on Asian History and Asian Studies, 13th Annual International Conference on History and Archaeology: From Ancient to Modern. Athens, Greece (June).

Participant

- Collaborative Pedagogies in the Global History of Science Workshop. Philadelphia, USA (October). 2019
- D. Kim Foundation for the History of Science and Technology in East Asia summer workshop. Seoul, Korea (June).

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCES

- Participant***, Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat and Campus Asia Alumni Workshop 2018.8
- Leader***, China-Japan Youth Exchange Center, Peking University (current Asian Youth Center) 2013-14
- Assistant***, the UN Delegation, Beijing Forum 2013
- Panelist***, Yonsei Northeast Asian Network (YNEAN) Forum (Communication Panel)
- Participant***, Delegation of Chinese university students to Moscow State University
- Assistant***, Office of International Relations, Peking University 2012-14
- Editor***, China Daily (Internship) 2012
- Volunteer***, Century Anniversary Auditory, Peking University (Excellent Volunteer Award in 2010) 2009-13

LANGUAGES

- Mandarin Chinese (native)
- Classical Chinese (research proficiency)
- English (advanced teaching and research proficiency, Level Two Chinese-English Translation Accreditation, China Accreditation Test for Translators and Interpreters, 2015)
- Japanese (advanced teaching and research proficiency, JLPT N1 passed in 2012)
- Korean (beginner level)