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EDUCATION

- University of Pennsylvania** (Philadelphia, USA) Expected
May 2024
Ph.D. Modern Japanese History
- 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 economy, 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** (Tokyo, Japan) 2016.3
M.P.P. Major: Public Policy
- Research Thesis: “Policy Choices of British Diplomats in Bakumatsu Japan: From the Perspective of Treaty Ratification 1859-1865” (Advisor: Kaoru Iokibe)
- Waseda University** (Tokyo, Japan) 2013.9
B.A. in International Liberal Studies
- Peking University** (Beijing, China) 2013.7
B.A. in International Politics
- Thesis: “CHINA AND JAPAN” in *The Times*: National Image of China and Japan 1858-1895 (Advisor: Qingmin Zhang)

PUBLICATIONS

1. 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.

2. Articles & essays

- **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/>

- **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>

3. **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.

4. **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

Membership H-War (H-Net) Reviews, Japan Studies Association (JSA), Association for Asian Studies (AAS), Modern Japanese History Association (MJHA), History of Science Society (HSS)	<i>Present</i>
Contributor , <i>Synopsis: A Health Humanities Journal</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Write academic articles (two to four times a year) on medical humanities for both scholars and public reading.	2022-present
Research fellow , Death & Life Studies and Practical Ethics (Research Center), The University of Tokyo, Japan <ul style="list-style-type: none">Research history of medicine and its interconnection with politics, economy, and society in modern Japan.Assist the attempt of international outreach (Initiated the Death & Life Studies and Practical Ethics Lecture Series with Prof. Suzuki Akihito).Manage library collections of the research center.Conduct other relevant administrative work.	2021-present
Visiting Scholar , Faculty of Economics, Keio University, Japan <ul style="list-style-type: none">Conducted dissertation research.	2020-21
Visiting Research Fellow , Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology, Faculty of Letters, The University of Tokyo, Japan <ul style="list-style-type: none">Conducted dissertation research.	2019-20
Visiting Research Fellow , Graduate School of International Culture and Communication Studies, Waseda University, Japan	2017

- Conducted research on cultural internationalism.
- Exchange Student**, Graduate School of International Studies, Seoul National University, ROK 2015
- Attended as part of the CAMPUS Asia program.

TEACHING EXPERIENCES&QUALIFICATIONS

1. Qualification

Certificate in World History (Department of History) 2019

Certificate in College and University Teaching (Center for Teaching and Learning)

2. Class taught

2024

CIEE

Jul-Aug

(Expected)

Japanese Studies Summer Program, Tokyo, Japan

Adjunct professor

- HIST 3001 Modernizing Ancient Japan

GEC Academy

Jan-Mar

Online Research Seminar, Online

Teaching fellow

- From the End of History to Populist Explosion: The Comparative Politics of Europe (class size: 15)

2023

CIEE

Jul-Aug

Japanese Studies Summer Program, Tokyo, Japan

Adjunct professor

- HIST 3001 Modernizing Ancient Japan

Taught HIST3001 (class size: 16); graded assignments; held office hours. Received 100% “would recommend this instructor” evaluation from students.

University of Pennsylvania

2018-19

Teaching Assistant

- 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 <i>Grader</i>	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 <i>Grader</i>	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

GAPSA Research Student Travel Grant, University of Pennsylvania	2024
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 <i>Global Lives of Medicines: Materials, Markets, and Healing Practices across Asia</i> . 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

“Eat by Numbers: The Science and Political Economy of Nutrition in Rationed Japan, 1940-1951,” 2024 Asian Studies Conference Japan (ASCJ), Tokyo (Scheduled in July)	2024
“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 <i>The Provisions of War: Expanding the Boundaries of Food and Conflict, 1840-1990</i> , 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 2009-13
2010)

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)