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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2026 – Present** Assistant Professor, Department of History, The Ohio State University, OH, USA
2025 – 2026 Visiting Assistant Professor, History Department, Williams College, MA, USA

EDUCATION

- 2025** Ph.D. in History, University of Toronto, ON, Canada
 Dissertation title: “Bandits!: Sovereignty, Governmentality, and Racial Politics in Imperial Japan’s Manchuria, 1904–1945”
 Supervisory committee: Takashi Fujitani, Tong Lam, Andre Schmid
2010 M.A. in History, Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, South Korea
2007 B.A. in History, Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, South Korea

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Articles (English)

- 2025** “Making Manchuria Japan’s Frontier: The Bazoku Fantasy and Imperial Masculinity, 1900s–1920s,” *Modern Asian Studies* 59, no. 6 (2025): 1487–1507.

Peer-reviewed Articles (Other Languages)

- 2011** “Joint Sports Festivals of Korean Immigrant Schools in North Kando in the 1910s [1910 Yöndae Pukkando Chosōnin hakkyo ūi yōnhab undongoe].” *Journal of Manchurian Studies* [Manju yōngu] 12 (2011): 195–230.
 “Korean Surrenders in North Kando During the 1920 Japanese Army’s Massacre [Kyōngsin chambyōngi Chosōnin kwisun munje yōngu: Pukkando rŭl chungsim ūro].” *Sarim* 38 (2011): 132–158.

Source Annotations

- 2021** “Explanatory Notes: Assorted Matters on the Japanese Imperial Police in China – Jiandao Section [Zaishi teikoku keisatsu kikan kankei zakken – kantō no bu].” *Journal of Korean Independence Movement Studies* [Han’guk tongnib undongsa yōn’gu] 76 (2021): 241–258. (Archival source annotation of handwritten Japanese diplomatic/police documents, 1910s–20s)

Translations

- 2022** Richard Kim (Rich’ōdū Kim), “The Long Road from Diplomatic Recognition to Military Alliance: Korean Diasporic Nationalism and the Office of Strategic Services [Oegyōjōk injōng esō kunsā tongmaeng ūro ūi kin yōjōng: hanguk tiasūpora naesōnōllijūm kwa chōlyakchōppoguk].” In *Che 2 cha segye taejōngi hanguk tongnib undong kwa miguk*, edited by Tongnib kinyōmgwan hanguk tongnib undongsa yōnguso, 15–79. Chōnan: Tongnib kinyōmgwan hanguk tongnib undongsa yōnguso, 2022.
2019 Hashimoto, Genji. *Class and the City* [Kyegūp tosi]. Seoul: K’ing’ong Buk, 2019.
 Masubuchi, Asako. “Book Review: Cold War Ruins by Lisa Yoneyama, Ridūresū (redress) rŭl mosaekha nŭn taehwa ūi chang ūl mandŭlgi wihayō” published in *Yōksa yōngu* [The Journal of History] 37 (2019): 733–743.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2023** Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, Taiwan
 Travel Grant, Northeast Asia Council Korean Studies Grants, Association for Asian Studies, USA
 The Korean Studies Research Grant of the Korean Office for Research and Education, York University, Canada
- 2022** Dissertation Writing Award, Centre for the Study of Korea, University of Toronto, Canada
 Craig Brown Travelling Fellowship for History Graduate Students, University of Toronto, Canada
- 2019** Japanese Studies Fellowship, the Japan Foundation, Japan
 The Dr. David Chu Scholarship in Asia Pacific Studies, University of Toronto, Canada
 The Man Family Graduate Scholarship, University of Toronto, Canada
- 2018** Pre-dissertation Award, Department of History, University of Toronto, Canada

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2019** Visiting Research Fellow, International Research Center for Japanese Studies, Kyoto, Japan
- 2014** Interview Project Leader, National Institute of Korean History, Gwacheon, South Korea
 Conducted an oral history project: “Experiences of a Korean Nurse’s Migration to and Return from Manchuria during the Japanese Colonial Period.”

PRESENTATIONS

- 2026** UCI Global Asias, February 19–20, Irvine, USA
 “Race, Space, and Governmentality in Manchukuo (1933–1937): The ‘Collective Village’ and ‘Separating Bandits from the Populace,’” Panel: “Race and Empires in Transition: Racial Formations and Politics in East Asia, 1930s–70s” (Panel organizer)
- 2025** UCI Global Asias, February 21–22, Irvine, USA
 “Imagining Manchuria as Japan’s Frontier: Fantasy of Outlaw Heroes, Masculinity, and Empire”
- 2023** Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, March 16–19, Boston, USA
 “Outlaws on the Road: Manchurian Bandits and Capitalist Mobility in the Early Twentieth Century”
- 2022** Japan Studies Association of Canada Annual Conference, October 21–22, Toronto, Canada
 “A Song of Bandits: Japanese Nationalist Representation of Manchuria”
 Commentator for the Book Talk and Conversation with Manu Karuka: *Empire’s Track: Indigenous Nations, Chinese Workers, and the Transcontinental Railroad*, Asian Institute, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto, March 21, Toronto, Canada
- 2017** Center for East Asian History, Sungkyunkwan University, May 27, Seoul, South Korea —
 workshop theme: “Mobility and Text: Transversality and Apparatus of Capture”
 “Re-territorializing the Frontier: Juridical Contradictions Chinese Government Confronted in Kando (1880–1931)”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

- 2027** (Scheduled for Spring) History of Modern Japan (The Ohio State University)
 (Scheduled for Spring) Introduction to the Discipline of History (The Ohio State University)

- 2026** History from the Periphery: Manchuria and the Modern World (Williams College)
Postwar Japan (Williams College)
- 2025** Modern Japan: 1600–1950 (Williams College)
A History of Colonialism: Colonial Korea under Japanese Rule (Williams College)
- 2023** Japan in the World: Mid-16th to Mid-20th Century (University of Toronto)

Tutoring

- 2022** Reading Academic Japanese, Graduate Student Workshop

SERVICE

- 2026** Committee member, Undergraduate Teaching Committee, Department of History, The Ohio State University

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Japanese (Fluent) • Chinese (Reading proficiency) • Korean (Native)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Modern Japanese History Association
Association for Asian Studies