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EMPLOYMENT

Emory University
Assistant Professor of History 2019-

EDUCATION

Stanford University
Ph.D. History 2019
M.A. History 2011
Brown University
B.A. American Studies and English 2010

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Book

The Allure of Empire: American Encounters with Asians in the Age of Transpacific Expansion and Exclusion
(New York: Oxford University Press, 2023)

Journal Articles

“America’s Gunpowder Women’: Pearl S. Buck and the Struggle for American Feminism, 1937-1941,” *Pacific Historical Review* 88, no. 2 (May 2019): 175–207.

* Winner, Dorothy Ross Prize (S-USIH)

* Winner, W. Turrentine Jackson Article Prize (AHA-PCB)

“What Yun Ch’i-ho Knew: U.S.-Japan Relations and Imperial Race Making in Korea and the American South, 1904-1919,” *Journal of American History* 104, no. 1 (June 2017): 68–96.

Book Chapters

“Yun Ch’i-ho’s Diary and Asian-American Encounters in the American South, 1888-1893,” in Rhae Lynn Barnes and Glenda Goodman eds., *American Contact: Objects of Intercultural Encounters and the Boundaries of Book History* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2024), 315–324.

“K. K. and Clarke Kawakami, Journalists,” in Greg Robinson, *The Unsung Great: Stories of Extraordinary Japanese Americans* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2020), 76–85.
(co-authored with Greg Robinson)*

*This essay collection received Honorable Mention for the 2022 Best History Book Prize from the Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS)

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Catherine Ceniza Choy, *Asian American Histories of the United States* (New York: Beacon Press, 2022), *Journal of Arizona History* 64, no. 3 (Autumn 2023): 489-491.

Review of Nancy E. Davis, *The Chinese Lady: Afong Moy in Early America* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2019), *Pacific Historical Review* 89, no. 1 (Winter 2020): 135-136.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Interview, "[How the Atlanta Spa Shooting—the Victims, the Survivors—Tell a Story of America,](#)" *Vanity Fair*, April 2022 issue

Entry, "California's Alien Land Act (1913)," in "[11 Asian American History Moments to Know for AAPI Month,](#)" *Time*, April 30, 2021

Interview, "[Asians have long, complex history navigating Georgia's racial divides,](#)" *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, March 26, 2021

Interview, "[A Century Later: The Treaty of Versailles and Its Rejection of Racial Equality,](#)" *NPR*, August 11, 2019

FELLOWSHIPS

External

Mellon Emerging Faculty Leaders Award 2023-2024
Institute for Citizens & Scholars (formerly the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowships Foundation), Princeton, NJ

Andrew W. Mellon Short-Term Fellow Summer 2024
Huntington Library, San Marino, CA

Emory University

URC-Halle Institute Global Research Award 2022
University Research Committee (URC) and Halle Institute for Global Research

Stanford University

Dissertation Completion Fellowship 2018-2019
Research Institute of Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity (CSRE)

DARE (Diversifying Academia, Recruiting Excellence) Doctoral Fellowship 2017-2018
Vice Provost for Graduate Education 2014-2015

AWARDS

Professional Organizations

Dorothy Ross Prize for Best Article 2020
Society for US Intellectual History (S-USIH)

W. Turrentine Jackson Prize for Best Article 2020
American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch (AHA-PCB)

Best Graduate Student Paper Prize Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS)	2014
Finalist, Louis Pelzer Memorial Award for the best graduate student essay Organization of American Historians (OAH)	2014
<i>Emory University</i>	
Emory College Award for Academic Advising College of the Arts and Sciences	2022
Excellence in Teaching Citation Phi Beta Kappa	2022
Excellence in Teaching Citation Phi Beta Kappa	2021
Laura Jones Hardman Award for Excellence in Service to the Emory Community Crystal Apple Awards, Emory Residence Hall Association	2020
Excellence in Teaching Citation Phi Beta Kappa	2020
Nominee, Emory Williams Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award College of the Arts and Sciences	2022, 2023
<i>Stanford University</i>	
Diversity Dissertation Research Opportunity (DDRO) Award Vice Provost for Graduate Education	2017
Asian American Activities Center & Vice Provost for Graduate Education Award Asian American Activities Center & Vice Provost for Graduate Education	2015
Graduate Research Opportunities (GRO) Award School of Humanities and Sciences	2013
<i>Brown University</i>	
Prize for Best Undergraduate Thesis Department of American Studies	2010
Karen T. Romer Undergraduate Teaching & Research Award (UTRA) Office of the Dean of the College	2008
INVITED TALKS	
“Asian American History: A View from the Southeast” Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Political Alliance (APIDAPA), University of Georgia	April 2024
<i>The Allure of Empire</i> Book Talk Global Asias Initiative, Rutgers University -New Brunswick	March 2024
<i>The Allure of Empire</i> Book Talk Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute, Southern Methodist University	March 2024

- “Between the ‘American Century’ and the ‘Asian Century’:
Toward a New Paradigm for Understanding Racial Inequality”
English, Brandeis University March 2024
- Asian Americans and the Problem of Empire’s Allure
Asian American & Diaspora Studies Program, Duke University February 2024
- “Reimagining US-Japan-Korea Relations through Photography, 1904–1905”
Research and Academic Program, Clark Art Institute November 2023
- “Transpacific Histories in the Age of the US ‘Pivot to Asia’”
History, Brown University October 2023
- “The Color Line Reconsidered:
Race and Transpacific Migration in the Age of Inter-Imperial Collaboration,”
Effron Center for the Study of America, Princeton University September 2023
- The Allure of Empire* Book Talk
American Studies, CCSRE, East Asian Studies, and History, Stanford University May 2023
- “Encounters Unbound:
A Conversation on the History of Korea-US Relations and Cultural Exchange”
Korean Cultural Center New York April 2023
[*featured on the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism’s website \(in Korean\)](#)
- “Asia, Asian America, and the American South: Doing Transpacific History in Georgia”
History and Asian Studies, University of Georgia April 2023
- “Seeing Race Beyond the Color Line:
Rethinking US Empire and Asian Exclusion in the Early 20th Century,”
Lingnan University Distinguished Speaker Series
History, Lingnan University, Hong Kong February 2023
- “Roundtable: New Directions in Asian American Studies”
Southeast Conference on Asian American Studies
Duke University/UNC, NC September 2022
* unable to attend due to a COVID-19 positive test
- “Teaching Asian American History in Georgia, K-12”
Asian American Voices for Education (AAVED) & Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAAJ)
Atlanta May 2021
- “How Did We Get Here? Anti-Asian Sentiment in the US”
Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America (TIAA) April 2021

INVITED TALKS (EMORY)

- The Allure of Empire* Book Symposium
(Respondent: Beth Lew-Williams, Princeton University)
Department of History, ECAS February 2024
- The Allure of Empire* Book Symposium
(Respondents: Nami Kim, Spelman College & Helen Jin Kim, Emory University) January 2024

Candler School of Theology

"Asia, Asian America, and Emory: The American South in the Transpacific World" James Weldon Johnson Institute for the Study of Race and Difference (JWJI) & ECAS	November 2023
"The First Class" Office of Undergraduate Education (OUE)	August 2023
"Understanding Racial Trauma within Asian Community" Rollins School of Public Health	April 2023
"Taking about Race in the United States" International Scholars and Students Services (ISSS)	February 2022
"Black-Asian Solidarity," James Weldon Johnson Institute for the Study of Race and Difference (JWJI)	February 2022
"Unraveling Common Threads," Asian Student Organization (ASO) & Asian Student Center (ASC)	February 2022
"Introduction to the Race & Ethnicity GER Category" Office of Undergraduate Education (OUE)	August 2021
"The Invisibility of Anti-Asian American and Pacific Islander Racism" Emory School of Medicine	May 2021
"Asian American Studies Then and Now" Emory Office for Racial and Cultural Engagement (RACE)	April 2021
Keynote Address, Korean Culture Night Korean Undergraduate Student Association (KUSA) and Korean International Students at Emory (KISEM)	March 2021
"AAPI Communities, Race, and Policing" Emory Alumni Association	July 2020
"Conversations about Race and Anti-Blackness in America" Emory Student Government Association (SGA)	July 2020
"Alternatives to Policing" APIDAA & Students for Prison Education, Activism, and Resistance (SPEAR)	June 2020
"Asian Americans in Medicine" Emory Chapter of the Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association (APAMSA)	April 2020
Lecture on South Korea, Goizueta Seminars for Global Citizenship (SGC) Goizueta Business School	January 2020

INVITED PODCASTS

Episode: ["The Allure of Empire"](#) July 2023
The Gilded Age and Progressive Era

- Episode: "[The Allure of Empire](#)" June 2023
New Books in Asian American Studies, New Books Network
- Episode: "[Asian Americans & #NCed](#)" August 2022
The Way Out is Back Through- Lessons on Place, Context, and School Leadership

INTERVIEWS AND MENTIONS IN EMORY NEWS ---

- ["October teach-in to highlight the stories and voices of Emory's AAPI community,"](#) September 18, 2023
- ["Emory College historian Chris Suh wins prestigious national award for early-career professors,"](#) July 6, 2023
- ["Faculty and staff honored for excellence in teaching, mentoring and more,"](#) May 12, 2022
- ["Emory senior Annie Li selected as a Marshall Scholar for study in U.K.,"](#) December 13, 2021
- ["Biana to spotlight rethinking resilience as Emory College class orator,"](#) May 7, 2021
- ["The Way Forward: Bridging the Divides,"](#) April 26, 2021
- Office of the Senior Vice President for Research, "[Race, Equity, Resilience, and Social Justice Research at Emory University,](#)" February 26, 2021

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS ---

- "Between Korea and America: Korean Americans and U.S. Occupation of South Korea, 1945-1948" 2023
 Annual Conference of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)
- "Asian American Studies and the Public Sphere" (plenary panel) 2022
 Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) Annual Meeting
- "Social Engineering across the Pacific: The Institute of Pacific Relations, Land Utilization Surveys, and the Quest for Peace" 2021
 Organization of American Historians (OAH) Annual Meeting
- "Teaching Asian American History in the American South" 2021
 Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) Annual Meeting
- "In Defense of Japanese Immigrants and Japanese Empire: Rethinking Liberal American Protestant Missionaries in the Age of American Exclusion" 2021
 American Historical Association (AHA) Annual Meeting*
- "Yun Ch'i-ho's Diary and Asian-American Encounters in the American South, 1888-1893" 2020
 American Contact: Intercultural Encounter & The History of the Book Conference, Princeton University
- "To Prevent the 'Hawaiinization' of America: Immigration Restriction as Foreign Policy Imperative in the Pacific during the Progressive Era," 2020
 Annual Conference of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)*
- "My Oriental Husbands': The Public Lives of White American Women" 2019

and Elite Asian Men in the Age of Denaturalization and Anti-Miscegenation Laws” Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) Annual Meeting	
“Before Cold War Civil Rights: Carey McWilliams and the International Implications of Japanese Persecution in the United States,” Organization of American Historians (OAH) Annual Meeting	2019
“Reconsidering the Asian Exclusion Movement after the Transnational Turn: California Progressives and the Korean Independence Movement, 1919-1924,” Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) Annual Meeting	2018
“From Perilous to Possible: An Asian American Publishing Roundtable,” Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) Annual Meeting	2015
“What Yun Chi-ho Knew: American Missionary Enterprise, Jim Crow Racism, and the Impossibility of a Wilsonian World, 1919,” Organization of American Historians (OAH) Annual Meeting	2014
“East Goes West, and Back to East: Koreans, Korean Americans, and Transnational Receptions of Younghill Kang’s <i>The Grass Roof</i> ,” Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) Annual Conference	2014
*Conferences cancelled due to the pandemic	

TEACHING

AMST/EAS/HIST 228: Asian American History (lecture)	2020 (x2), 2021, 2023
HIST 495A: Introduction to Historical Interpretation I (seminar)	2023
HIST 597R Transnational Histories of South Asian America (graduate independent study)	2023
AMST/EAS/HIST 385: Asia in the American Imagination (lecture)	2021, 2022, 2024
HIST 185: The Model Minority in Historical Perspective (seminar)	2022
HIST 488RW: Transpacific Lives (seminar)	2019, 2021 (x2), 2024
HIST 585: Race and the United States in the Pacific (seminar)	2020
AMST/HIST 385: Sounds of the Century: Understanding 20 th Century American History through Popular Music (lecture)	2019
TATT 600 Graduate School Workshop (microteaching session instructor)	2020-2023

STUDENT SUPERVISION

PhD Dissertation Committee Member

Zoë Gioja, Department of History, Stanford University (external member)	2023-present
Kristin Buhrow, Department of Anthropology	2022-present
Yeongju Lee, '23 Department of Spanish and Portuguese	2020-2023

PhD Qualifying Exam/Portfolio Exam Committee Member

Emily Cunning, Department of History	2024
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Andrew Aldridge, Department of History	2023
Promise Xu, Department of History	2023
Kristin Buhrow, Department of Anthropology	2022

Undergraduate Theses

AY 2023-2024

Emily Jang, Anthropology (Reader)

AY 2022-2023 [while on leave]

Gabi Kim, History (Primary Advisor)

Chris Lee, History (Reader)

Danielle Mangabat, Anthropology (Reader)

Kate Margiotta, History (Reader)

Hazel Oh, English (Reader)

Kheyal Roy-Meighoo, Department of Film and Media (Reader)

AY 2021-2022

Annie Li, History (Primary Advisor)

Bethany Scheel, History (Primary Advisor)

Jane Wang, History (Primary Advisor)

Virginia Qian, History (Reader)

AY 2020-2021

Sunwoo Park, History (Primary Advisor)

Alyson Lo, Media Studies (Reader)

Rachel Silver, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (Reader)

Piper Spooner, East Asian Studies (Reader)

AY 2019-2020

Connor Innes, East Asian Studies (Reader)

Cynthia Yang, English (Reader)

SERVICE

Emory University

University-Wide AAPI Teach-In Planning Committee	2023
Vice Provost for Diversity and Inclusion & Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs	
Fellowship Review and Selection Committee	2020-2022, 2023-2024
Halle Institute for Global Research	
Woodruff Fellowship Selection Committee	2023, 2024
Laney Graduate School	
Fellowship Review and Selection Committee (ECAS Humanities Subdivision)	2023
University Search Committee (URC)	
ACLS Emerging Voices Fellowship Selection Committee	2021
Laney Graduate School	

Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Activists (APIDAA) at Emory Primary Faculty Advisor for the undergraduate student group Emory College of Arts and Sciences (ECAS)	2019 - present
Preparing for Military Leave Program (for South Korean students) Office of Undergraduate Education, Emory College of Arts and Sciences	2020-2022
Marshall Finalists Practice Interview Committee National Scholarships and Fellowships Office	2021
Committee on Developing First-Year Seminars on “Student Flourishing” Emory College of Arts and Sciences	2021
Asian American Literature Search Committee Emory College of Arts and Sciences/Department of English	2020-2021
Woodruff Dean’s Achievement Scholarship (DAS) Selection Committee Emory College of Arts and Sciences	2020

History Department

Undergraduate Committee	2023-2024
East Asian History Search Committee	2021-2022
Graduate Admissions Committee (US Field)	2020-2021
Undergraduate Committee	2019-2020
Phi Alpha Theta (History Honors Society) Co-Advisor	2019-2020

Profession

Editorial Board Pacific Historical Review (PHR)	2024-2027
Annual Meeting Program Committee Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS)	2021
Dorothy Ross Article Prize Committee Society for US Intellectual History (S-USIH)	2021 & 2022* *chair
Manuscript Referee for	
<i>Amerasia Journal</i>	2020
<i>Journal of American History</i>	2021
<i>Journal of Gilded Age and Progressive Era</i>	2022, 2023 (x 2)
<i>Pacific Historical Review</i>	2021, 2022, 2023
University of Hong Kong Press	2021

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association (AHA)

Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS)
Immigration and Ethnic History Society (IEHS)
Organization of American Historians (OAH)
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)
Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (SHGAPE)
Society for US Intellectual History (S-USIH)