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EMPLOYMENT

Emory University

Associate Professor of History 2024 - present

Assistant Professor of History 2019-2024

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)

*Honorable Mention, Stuart L. Bernath Book Prize (SHAFR)

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 Stuart Rollo. *Terminus: Westward Expansion, China, and the End of American Empire* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2023), *International Affairs*, Forthcoming.

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

Honorable Mention, Stuart L. Bernath Prize for Best First Book Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)	2024
Dorothy Ross Prize for Best Article Society for US Intellectual History (S-USIH)	2020
W. Turrentine Jackson Prize for Best Article American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch (AHA-PCB)	2020
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

Emory University

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

Stanford University

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

Brown University

Prize for Best Undergraduate Thesis Department of American Studies	2010
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Karen T. Romer Undergraduate Teaching & Research Award (UTRA)
Office of the Dean of the College

2008

INVITED TALKS

- “Confronting the Problem of Empire’s Allure” October 2024
Rethinking Korea Lecture Series, Northeastern University
- “Home is Here: Defeating the New Alien Land Laws” September 2024
Stop AAPI Hate & Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta
- “Teaching the History of Asian Americans in the 1950s” September 2024
Social Studies Division, Gwinnett County Public Schools
- The Allure of Empire* Book Talk September 2024
Center for Transimperial History, Leipzig University & Doshisha University
- “Asian American History: A View from the Southeast” April 2024
Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Political Alliance (APIDAPA), University of Georgia
- The Allure of Empire* Book Talk March 2024
Global Asias Initiative, Rutgers University -New Brunswick
- The Allure of Empire* Book Talk March 2024
Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute, Southern Methodist University
- “Between the ‘American Century’ and the ‘Asian Century’:
Toward a New Paradigm for Understanding Racial Inequality” March 2024
English, Brandeis University
- Asian Americans and the Problem of Empire’s Allure February 2024
Asian American & Diaspora Studies Program, Duke University
- “Reimagining US-Japan-Korea Relations through Photography, 1904-1905” November 2023
Research and Academic Program, Clark Art Institute
- “Transpacific Histories in the Age of the US ‘Pivot to Asia’” October 2023
History, Brown University
- “The Color Line Reconsidered:
Race and Transpacific Migration in the Age of Inter-Imperial Collaboration,” September 2023
Efron Center for the Study of America, Princeton University
- The Allure of Empire* Book Talk May 2023
American Studies, CCSRE, East Asian Studies, and History, Stanford University
- “Encounters Unbound:
A Conversation on the History of Korea-US Relations and Cultural Exchange”* April 2023
Korean Cultural Center New York
[*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” April 2023
History and Asian Studies, University of Georgia

- “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)
Candler School of Theology January 2024
- "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 2022, 2023, 2024
- “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” April 2021

Emory Office for Racial and Cultural Engagement (RACE)	
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 ” <i>The Gilded Age and Progressive Era</i>	July 2023
Episode: “ The Allure of Empire ” <i>New Books in Asian American Studies, New Books Network</i>	June 2023
Episode: “ Asian Americans & #NCed ” <i>The Way Out is Back Through- Lessons on Place, Context, and School Leadership</i>	August 2022

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

“Asian American Veterans for Peace: Japanese American and Korean American Radical Activism during the Korean War, 1950-1953”	2024
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Organization of American Historians (OAH) Annual Meeting	
“The Pasts and Futures of Ethnic and Area Studies” American Historical Association (AHA) Annual Meeting	2024
“Between Korea and America: Korean Americans and U.S. Occupation of South Korea, 1945–1948” Annual Conference of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)	2023
“Asian American Studies and the Public Sphere” (plenary panel) Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) Annual Meeting	2022
“Social Engineering across the Pacific: The Institute of Pacific Relations, Land Utilization Surveys, and the Quest for Peace” Organization of American Historians (OAH) Annual Meeting	2021
“Teaching Asian American History in the American South” Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) Annual Meeting	2021
“In Defense of Japanese Immigrants and Japanese Empire: Rethinking Liberal American Protestant Missionaries in the Age of American Exclusion” American Historical Association (AHA) Annual Meeting*	2021
“Yun Ch’i-ho’s Diary and Asian-American Encounters in the American South, 1888-1893” American Contact: Intercultural Encounter & The History of the Book Conference, Princeton University	2020
“To Prevent the ‘Hawaiinization’ of America: Immigration Restriction as Foreign Policy Imperative in the Pacific during the Progressive Era,” Annual Conference of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)*	2020
“‘My Oriental Husbands’: The Public Lives of White American Women and Elite Asian Men in the Age of Denaturalization and Anti-Miscegenation Laws” Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) Annual Meeting	2019
“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

Promise Xu, Department of History	2024-present
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

Shromona Mandal, Department of Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies	2024
Emily Cuning, Department of History	2024
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 2019 - present
 Primary Faculty Advisor for the undergraduate student group

Emory College of Arts and Sciences (ECAS)

Founder & Coordinator, Asian American & Asian Diaspora Studies Initiative 2024-present
 Emory College of Arts and Sciences & James Weldon Johnson Institute

Preparing for Military Leave Program (for South Korean students) 2020-2022
 Office of Undergraduate Education, Emory College of Arts and Sciences

Marshall Finalists Practice Interview Committee 2021
 National Scholarships and Fellowships Office

Committee on Developing First-Year Seminars on "Student Flourishing" 2021
 Emory College of Arts and Sciences

Asian American Literature Search Committee 2020-2021
 Emory College of Arts and Sciences/Department of English

Woodruff Dean's Achievement Scholarship (DAS) Selection Committee 2020
Emory College of Arts and Sciences

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