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Assistant Professor of Japanese History

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Japanese History, Columbia University, New York, 2001
B.A. in Asian Studies, University of California at Berkeley, 1991
Abitur, Maximiliansgymnasium Munich, Germany, 1986

AWARDS

2002-03	Edwin O. Reischauer Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship, Harvard University
2002-04	Research Incentive Grant, Boston College
1996-97	Dissertation Research Fellowship, German Institute for Japanese Studies, Tokyo
1994-95	Japan Foundation Dissertation Research Fellowship
1994-96	President's Fellowship, Columbia University
1991-94	Richard Hofstadter Fellowship, Columbia University

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

War Memory and Social Politics in Japan, 1945-2005. Cambridge: Harvard University Asia Center, 2006 (October).

"Relocating War Memory at Century's End: Japan's Postwar Responsibility and Global Public Culture" in Sheila Miyoshi Jager and Rana Mitter, eds. *Ruptured Histories: War and Memory in Post-Cold War Asia*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2007 (forthcoming).

"Participatory Democracy and Public Memory in Postwar Japan" in *Special Reports of the Asia Program* at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, No. 109 (March 2003), 13-17.

"Japan" in *Encyclopedia of Genocide and Crimes against Humanity*. 3000 words. Macmillan Reference USA, 2004.

"Kriegsverbrecherprozesse und Erinnerungskulturen in Asien" [War Crimes Trials and Cultures of Memory in Asia] in Wolfgang Schwentker et al., eds. *Erinnerungskulturen: Deutschland, Italien und Japan seit 1945*. [Cultures of Memory: Germany, Italy, and Japan since 1945] Frankfurt: Fischer Verlag, 2003.

"Im Dialog mit den Kriegstoten: Erinnerungspolitik zwischen Nationalismus und Pazifismus." [Dialogue with the War Dead: The Politics of Memory between Nationalism and Pacifism] in *Periplus: Jahrbuch für außereuropäische Geschichte* (2001).

"Der zweite Weltkrieg im öffentlichen Gedächtnis Japans: Die Debatte zum fünfzigsten Jahrestag der Kapitulation" [World War II in Japanese Public Memory: The Debate Accompanying the Fiftieth Anniversary of Defeat] in Irmela Hijjiya-Kirschner, ed. *Überwindung der Moderne? Japan am Ende des zwanzigsten Jahrhunderts* [Overcoming the Modern? Japan at the End of the Twentieth Century]. Frankfurt a. M.: Suhrkamp, 1996: 25-56.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Public Education

September 2005 **Radio Interview:** Dimensionen, Österreichischer Rundfunk (ORF), Austrian Broadcasting, Vienna, on *War Memory and Social Politics in Japan*.

- April 2005 **Radio Interview:** NPR Talk of the Nation, on Chinese protests against Japan and Japan's problems with war memory.
- July 2002 **"Listen to the Voices from the Sea': War Memory and the Postwar Peace Movement."** Workshop lecture for high school teachers in the residential summer program "Starting Over: Japan's Occupation Years," Teaching East Asia Summer Institute 2002 at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Series on Japanese History through the Humanities.

Boston College Campus Activities

- Spring 2005 Organizer, Asian History Lecture Series, "**The Asia-Pacific War (1931-1945): Perspectives at the 60th Anniversary of the War's End**" at Boston College
- Winter 2003 "Battle-scarred: Fifty-eight years later, factions in Japan are still fighting the war, says BC historian Franziska Seraphim." An interview by Dennis Hale in *Boston College Magazine* (Winter 2003).

AFFILIATIONS

- Association of Asian Studies
- American Historical Association
- European Association of Japanese Studies

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Boston College

- 2001- **Assistant Professor**, Department of History

Duke University

- 2000-2001 **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of History

Columbia University

- 1994 **Teaching Assistant**, Historiography of East Asia
Assisted Professor Carol Gluck in upper-level undergraduate seminar.
Taught writing sessions, advised senior theses, graded assignments.
- 1993 **Teaching Assistant**, Japanese Civilization
Assisted Professor Paul Varley in introductory survey course.
Conducted discussion sections, graded papers and exams.

COURSE OFFERINGS

- HS 045 Modern History Core: Asia in the World
- HS 300.85 Study and Writing of History: The Allied Occupation of Japan (seminar)
- HS 300.88 Study and Writing of History: Hiroshima in History and Memory (seminar)
- HS 308 Early Modern Japan, 1600-1890 (upper division elective)
- HS 309 Modern Japan, 1890-2000 (upper division elective)
- HS 310 Public Culture in Postwar Japan (upper division elective)
- HS 347 The Asia-Pacific War: An International History (upper division elective)
- HS 680 History and Memory in the 20th Century (senior seminar)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Japanese social, cultural, and political history in the 20th century

- Discourses of war and postwar responsibility
- Civic political activism, social movements, citizen protest
- Constitutional revisionism
- Japan in Asia
- Comparative history, Japan and Germany