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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Boston College

2017- Director of Asian Studies

2007- Associate Professor of History

2001-2007 Assistant Professor of History

Duke University

2000-2001 Visiting Assistant Professor of History

## EDUCATION

Columbia University, New York

February 2001 Ph.D. in Japanese History

May 1994 M.Phil. in Japanese History

October 1992 M.A. in Japanese History

University of California at Berkeley

May 1991 B.A. in Asian Studies, magna cum laude.

LANGUAGES

Advanced Japanese

Native fluency in German

AWARDS

2019 Spring Frank H. Kenan Fellowship, National Humanities Center

2018 Fall Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies Visiting Research Scholar, Princeton University, on the Center’s theme “Law and Legalities”

2016 Exploratory Technology Grant (ETG), Boston College (summer)

2014 Northeast Asia Council (NEAC) of the Association for Asian Studies conference

grant for workshop on “’Juridical Arenas’ of the Allied War Crimes Trial Program”

2013-15 Multi-year grant for conferencing and GIS mapping project, Institute for the Liberal

Arts, Boston College

2012 NEH Fellowship for 12 months of research/writing

2011 ACLS Fellowship for 12 months of research/writing (6 months taken)

2010 Research Expense Grant (summer) Boston College—research trip to Japan

2009 Research Expense Grant (summer ) Boston College—research trip to Europe

2009 Clough Center Graduate Research Assistantship, Clough Center for the Study of

Constitutional Democracy, Boston College. Summer collaborative research with Rie Taniguchi, graduate student in Sociology

2009 Twentieth-Century Japan Research Award, East Asia Collection & Gordon W.

Prange Collection, University of Maryland, for use of the collections

2008 SSRC/Abe Fellowship (Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership)—12

months research & travel fellowship to Japan and Germany

2006-07 Teaching with New Media Award, Boston College

2006-07 Phi Alpha Theta Professor of the Year, History Department, Boston College

2005 Research Expense Grant (summer) Boston College

2002-03 Edwin O. Reischauer Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship, Harvard University

2002-04 Research Incentive Grant, Boston College

* 1. Dissertation Research Fellowship, German Institute for Japanese Studies, Tokyo
  2. Japan Foundation Dissertation Research Fellowship
  3. Fulbright-Hays Graduate Research Grant, declined
  4. President’s Fellowship, Columbia University
  5. Richard Hofstadter Fellowship, Columbia University

CURRENT WORK IN PROGRESS

* Monograph: Geographies of Justice: Japanese and German War Criminals in the Postwar World, 1940s-1960s

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

2021 *Civic Activism on Japanese Constitutional Revision.* Co-editedwith Helen Hardacre, Keigo

Komumura, and Tim George. Lexington Books (Rowan & Littlefied).

1. War Memory and Social Politics in Japan,1945-2005. Cambridge: Harvard University Asia

Center, 2006.

Reviews:

Louis G. Perez. [The Historian](http://find.galegroup.com.proxy.bc.edu/itx/publicationSearch.do?queryType=PH&inPS=true&type=getIssues&prodId=AONE&currentPosition=0&userGroupName=mlin_m_bostcoll&searchTerm=The+Historian&index=JX&tabID=T002&contentSet=IAC-Documents)70.3 (Fall 2008): p.571(2).

Christopher Gerteis. [The Journal of Asian Studies](http://find.galegroup.com.proxy.bc.edu/itx/publicationSearch.do?queryType=PH&inPS=true&type=getIssues&prodId=AONE&currentPosition=0&userGroupName=mlin_m_bostcoll&searchTerm=The+Journal+of+Asian+Studies&index=JX&tabID=T002&contentSet=IAC-Documents)67.3 (August 2008): p.1098-1100.

Andrew E. Barshay. [Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies](http://find.galegroup.com.proxy.bc.edu/itx/publicationSearch.do?queryType=PH&inPS=true&type=getIssues&prodId=AONE&currentPosition=0&userGroupName=mlin_m_bostcoll&searchTerm=Harvard+Journal+of+Asiatic+Studies&index=JX&tabID=T002&contentSet=IAC-Documents)68.1 (June 2008): p.169-176.

James J. Orr. [American Historical Review](http://find.galegroup.com.proxy.bc.edu/itx/publicationSearch.do?queryType=PH&inPS=true&type=getIssues&prodId=AONE&currentPosition=0&userGroupName=mlin_m_bostcoll&searchTerm=American+Historical+Review&index=JX&tabID=T002&contentSet=IAC-Documents)113.2 (April 2008): p.476(2).

Theodore F. Cook. [Pacific Affairs](http://find.galegroup.com.proxy.bc.edu/itx/publicationSearch.do?queryType=PH&inPS=true&type=getIssues&prodId=AONE&currentPosition=0&userGroupName=mlin_m_bostcoll&searchTerm=Pacific+Affairs&index=JX&tabID=T002&contentSet=IAC-Documents)81.1 (Spring 2008): p.129(2).

Bob Tadashi Wakabayashi. [The International History Review](http://find.galegroup.com.proxy.bc.edu/itx/publicationSearch.do?queryType=PH&inPS=true&type=getIssues&prodId=AONE&currentPosition=0&userGroupName=mlin_m_bostcoll&searchTerm=The+International+History+Review&index=JX&tabID=T002&contentSet=IAC-Documents)30.1 (March 2008): p.190-1

[Asian Affairs: An American Review](http://find.galegroup.com.proxy.bc.edu/itx/publicationSearch.do?queryType=PH&inPS=true&type=getIssues&prodId=AONE&currentPosition=0&userGroupName=mlin_m_bostcoll&searchTerm=Asian+Affairs%3A+An+American+Review&index=JX&tabID=T002&contentSet=IAC-Documents)34.1 (Spring 2007): p.62(2).

W.D. Kinzley. [CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries](http://find.galegroup.com.proxy.bc.edu/itx/publicationSearch.do?queryType=PH&inPS=true&type=getIssues&prodId=AONE&currentPosition=0&userGroupName=mlin_m_bostcoll&searchTerm=CHOICE%3A+Current+Reviews+for+Academic+Libraries&index=JX&tabID=T002&contentSet=IAC-Documents)45.3 (Nov 2007):

p.525(2).

Sebastian Conrad, Monumenta Nipponica 62:2 (Fall 2007), p.232-235.

Christopher Goto-Jones, The Journal of Japanese Studies 37:1 (2011)

Journal Articles

2016 “Politics and Pedagogy of the Asia-Pacific War: A View from Scholars of Japan

Teaching in the United States” [in Japanese] with Jordan Sand, in *Rekishi gaku kenkyū*

(Journal of Historical Studies), No. 942 (March 2016).

2015 “The Hanaoka Massacre”—a story in woodcuts of wartime forced labor and

postwar memory in Japan, with a scholarly introduction. *The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus* Vol. 13, Issue 26, No. 3 (June 29, 2015). <http://www.japanfocus.org/-Franziska-Seraphim/4337/article.html>.

2014 “A New Social History of Occupied Japan,” Review essay in *Journal of Asian Studies* v. 73, no. 1 (Feb), pp. 187-198.

2008 with Timothy S. George, “Global Article Nine Conference to Abolish War”

Report for the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies Constitutional Revision

Research Project <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~rijs/crrp/papers/conference-reports.html>

2008 “Negotiating War Legacies and Postwar Democracy in Japan” in *Totalitarian Movements and Political Religions*, v. 9, no. 2-3, June 2008, pp. 203-224.

2007 “People’s Diplomacy: The Japan-China Friendship Association and Critical War Memory in the 1950s” in *Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus* Vol 5, Issue 8, (Aug. 1, 2007)

<http://japanfocus.org/-Franziska-Seraphim/2502>

2003 “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.

2001 “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).

Book Chapters

2023 “Locating Social Movements in Japan’s Long Twentieth Century” in *The Cambridge History of Japan*, v. 3 (20th century), edited by Laura Hein.

2022 “Foreword: Where is Heisei?” in *Japan in the Heisei Era* edited by Noriko Murai, Jeff

Kingston, and Tina Burrett. Routledge.

2020 “Spaces of Punishment“ in Kerstin v. Lingen, Viviane Dittrich, Philipp Osten, Jolana Makraiova, eds. *70 Years Later: The International War Crimes Tribunal for the Far East*. Nuremberg Academy Series. Brussels: Torkel Opsahl Academic EPublisher (TOAEP).

2017 “A Japan that Cannot Say ‘Sorry’?” in Mischa Garbowitsch, ed. *Replicating Atonement: Foreign Models in the Commemoration of Atrocities.* Palgrave Macmillan Memory Studies. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017, 25-46. <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-319-65027-2>

2016 “Carceral Geographies of Japan’s Vanishing Empire: War Criminals Prisons in Asia” in

Barak Kushner, ed. *The Dismantling of the Japanese Empire in East Asia:*

*Deimperialization, Postwar Legitimacy, and Imperial Afterlife*. Routledge, 2016, pp. 125-

145.

2016 “A ‘Penologic Program’ for Japanese and German War Criminals after World War II” in

Joanne Cho, Lee Roberts, and Christian Spang, eds. *Transnational Encounters*

*Between Germany and Japan: Perceptions of Partnership in the Nineteenth and Twentieth*

*Centuries,* Palgrave, 2016, pp. 185-206.

2015 ““People’s Diplomacy: The Japan-China Friendship Association and Critical War Memory in the 1950s”” in Mikyoung Kim, ed. *Routledge Handbook of Memory and Reconciliation in East Asia*. New York: Routledge, 2016, pp. 196-211 (published)

2014 “Chinesische Zwangsarbeiter in Japan: Der Fall Hanaoka” in Kerstin von Lingen & Klaus Gestwa, eds. *Zwangsarbeit als Kriegressource in Europa und Asien*. Schöningh Verlag.

2013 “Visual Cultures of Memory in Modern Japan: the historical uses of Japanese art collections” Chapter 5 in Joan Tumblety, ed. *Memory and History: Understanding Memory as Source and Subject* (Routledge Guides to Using Historical Sources). Routledge, UK, 2013, pp. 88-106.

2007 “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, pp. 15-46.

2003 “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.

1996 “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 Hijiya-Kirschnereit, ed.

*Überwindung der Moderne? Japan am Ende des zwanzigsten Jahrhunderts* [Overcoming

the Modern? Japan at the End of the Twentieth Century]. Frankfurt: Suhrkamp, 1996: 25-56.

Encyclopedia Entries

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

2002 “Atomic Bombings,” “Aum/Sarin Attack,” “Hanshin Earthquake,” “Heisei Era,” and “Red Purge” in Sandra Buckley, ed. *Routledge Encyclopedia of Contemporary Japanese Culture*, London: Routledge, 2002.

Book Reviews

2022 Dennis J. Frost, More Than Medals: A History of the Paralympics and Disability

Sports in Postwar Japan (Cornell U Press) in Journal of Japanese Studies 42:1

2021 Keith L. Camacho, Sacred Men: Law, Torture, and Retribution in Guam (Duke U. Press,

2019) in Journal of Military History, vol 85, no. 2.

2018 Edgar A. Porter and Ran Ying Porter, Japanese Reflections on World War II and the

American Occupation (Amsterdam University Press, 2017) in *Journal of*

*Japanese Studies*, vol. 44, number 2, Summer 2018.

2017 Noriko Kawamura, Emperor Hirohito and the Pacific War (University of Washington Press,

2015) in *American Historical Review* V. 122(5) Dec 2017, pp.1595-1596.

2016 Akiko Hashimoto, The Long Defeat: Cultural Trauma, Memory, and Identity in Japan

(Oxford Univ. Press, 2015) and Akiko Takenaka, Yasukuni Shrine: History, Memory, and Japan’s Unending Postwar (Univ of Hawaii Press, 2015) in *Monumenta Nipponica* v. 71:2.

2014 Daniel Chirot, Gi-Wook Shin, and Daniel Sneider, eds. Confronting Memories of

World War II: European and Asian Legacies (Univ. of Washington Press, 2014) in

*The Journal of Interdisciplinary History*

2012 Sebastian Conrad, The Quest for the Lost Nation: Writing History in Germany and Japan in

the American Century. University of California Press, 2010 in *Monumenta Nipponica* v. 66:2 (spring 2012).

2011 Simon Andrew Avenell, Making Japanese Citizens: Civil Society and the Mythology of the

Shimin in Postwar Japan. University of California Press, 2010. In *American Historical Review* v. 116:3 (June 2011) pp. 781-82.

2009 Yuma Totani, The Tokyo War Crimes Trial: The Pursuit of Justice in the Wake of World

War II. Cambridge: Harvard University Asia Center Press, 2008. In *Monumenta Nipponica*

2008 Maren Godzik, Avantgarde Männersache? Künstlerinnen im Japan der 50er und 60er

Jahre des 20. Jahrhunderts. München: Iudicium Verlag, 2006. In *Journal of Japanese Studies*, v. 35:1.

2008 Marc Gallicchio, The Unpredictability of the Past: Memories of the Asia-Pacific war in U.S.-East Asian Relations. Durham: Duke University Press, 2007 in *The Historian*, v. 71 No. 3

1. Philip A. Seaton, Japan’s Contested War Memories: The Memory Rifts in Historical

Consciousness of World War II. Routledge, 2007 in *Japan Forum* 20:1

1. Mari Yamamoto, Grassroots Pacifism in Post-War Japan: The Rebirth of a Nation. Sheffield

Centre for Japanese Studies. London and New York: RoutledgeCurzon, 2004 in *Journal of Asian Studies* (Fall 2005).

2004 Petra Buchholz, Schreiben und Erinnern: Űber Selbstzeugnisse japanischer Kriegsteilnehmer. München: Iudicium Verlag, 2003 in *Monumenta Nipponica* 54:3 (Fall 2004).

2003 Gerrit Gong, ed. Memory and History in East and Southeast Asia: Issues of Identity in International Relations (Washington, DC: Center for Strategic and International Studies, 2002) in *Journal of Asian Studies* 62:2 (May 2003).

2002 Patricia L. Maclachlan, Consumer Politics in Postwar Japan: The Institutional Boundaries of Citizen Activism (Columbia University Press, 2002) in *Business History Review* (Autumn 2002), 656-658.

1999 Book review, Jeffrey Ruoff and Kenneth Ruoff, The Emperor’s Naked Army Marches On:

Yuki yukite shingun (1998) in *Japan Forum* 11:2 (1999).

1997 Laura Hein and Mark Selden, eds. Living with the Bomb: American and Japanese Cultural Conflicts in the Nuclear Age (1997) in *Monumenta Nipponica* 52:4 (Winter 1997): 585-88.

Translations

2002 Ōnuma Yasuaki, "The Tokyo War Crimes Trial, War Responsibility, and Postwar

Responsibility." In Fei Fei Li, Robert Sabella, and David Liu, eds. *Nanking 1937: Memory*

*and Healing*. (M.E. Sharpe, 2002), 205-235. Originally published in Japanese as "Tôkyô

saiban, sensô sekinin, sengo sekinin" in Shisō no. 719 (May 1984) and reprinted in Ōnuma

Yasuaki, Tôkyô saiban kara sengo sekinin no shisô e (Toshindo, 1987, pp. 143-204).

1999 Irmela Hijiya-Kirschnereit, "On New Forms of Learning: The German Institute for Japanese

Studies Celebrates its Tenth Anniversary." German original and English translation

published in DIJ Newsletter No. 6 (February 1999).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

# Professional Service to the Field

# 2021-24 Elected member, Committee of Committees, American Historical Association

# Sep 2020- External grant application reviewer, National Humanities Center, Durham, NC

# Apr 2016-19 Elected officer, Northeast Asia Council (NEAC), Association for Asian Studies: grant

# application evaluations, liaison officer to the North American Coordinating Council on

# Japanese Library Resources (NCC), meeting at Stanford Oct 2016 and Princeton Dec 2017

Mar 2017- Editorial Board, Monumenta Nipponica

Sep 2016- Editorial Board, Palgrave Series in Asian-German Studies, Palgrave Macmillan

Mar 2015 ACLS grant-writing seminar panelist, Bentley College

Nov 2010 External reviewer of the History Department at the United States Naval Academy

Feb 2010 External reviewer of the Institute for East Asian Studies at the University of Wisconsin, Madison

# Conferences & Panels Organized

Aug 2023 “After the Abe Assassination: Religion in Public Life.” Panel proposed for the annual

conference of the European Association of Japanese Studies (EAJS), Ghent, Belgium

June 2022 “Guise and Disguise of Empire in Allied Transitional Justice after World War II.” 9th Annual

Conference of the Historical Dialogues, Justice & Memory Network, NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Amsterdam.

Mar 2018 “TimeSpace in Japan’s Long 20th Century: Approaches to the New Cambridge History of

Japan” Roundtable Panel 428 at the Association for Asian Studies Conference, Washington, DC

Sep 2015 “Contested Visions of Justice: The Allied War Crimes Trials in Global Context, 1943-1958”

at BC Ireland, Dublin, 25-27 September, in collaboration with Wolfgang Form (Marburg), Kerstin von Lingen (Heidelberg), and Barak Kushner (Cambridge), funded by the German Historical Association, D.C., et al.

Jun 2014 “’Juridical Arenas’ of the Allied War Crimes Trial Program” at Boston College, funded by the

Institute for the Liberal Arts and the Northeast Asia Council of the Association of Asian Studies

Mar 2014 workshop on GIS possibilities in mapping the war crimes trials at Boston College, funded by

the Institute for the Liberal Arts, Boston College

Feb 2007 Organizer of the Modern Japanese History Workshop at Boston College

April 2005- Co-organizer of the Harvard study group on Constitutional Revisionism in Contemporary Japan

Aug 2003 Organizer of the Japan-related panels for the Northeast Regional Association of Asian Studies Conference at Harvard University.

# Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

June 2022 “Writing a Global History of Transitional Justice Efforts after World War II.” Workshop on

Japanese history in global and comparative perspective hosted by Louise Young,

University of Wisconsin Madison

June 2022. “Criminal Justice and Legacies of Extraterritoriality in China, 1946-47.” 9th Annual

Conference of the Historical Dialogues, Justice & Memory Network, NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Amsterdam.

May 2022 “Transitional Justice, Belated Justice, and Enduring Injustices: Global Memory since the

1990s.” Paper for an international workshop on “The Structure and Dynamics of National Memories, Conflicting Values and Reconciliation in the History of East Asia” organized by Tomomi Asano at the Reischauer Institute, Harvard University

Mar 2022 Chair, "Essential yet Unrecognized: Gendered and Racialized Mobilization of Civilian Labor

in Wartime East Asia" Association of Asian Studies conference, Honolulu.

Feb 2021 “The World’s First Global Justice Network?” University of Minnesota Legal History

Workshop invited presentation

Dec 2019 “Geolegalities of Witnessing.” International Workshop on “Witnessing the Witness. After

1945: on War Crimes, Mass Murder and Genocide” The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Nov 2019 “War Crimes Trials and Geolegality” on the panel “War and Law: Global Perspectives.” American Society of Legal History Annual Conference, Boston

Mar 2019 “Heisei by Other Names” on the Panel “Heisei Becomes History” Association of Asian Studies Conference, Denver.

Nov 2018 “Geographies of Justice: Sugamo, Landsberg, and the Allied War Crimes Program”. Davis Center Seminar, Princeton University

May 2018 “Loser’s Justice.” Panel VI “Judgments and Post-Judgment Developments” at the International Nuremberg Principles Academy conference “70 Years Later: The International Military Tribunal for the Far East” in Nuremberg, Germany

Mar 2018 “Social Movements” at the Roundtable Panel 428 “TimeSpace in Japan’s Long 20th Century: Approaches to the New Cambridge History of Japan” at the Association for Asian Studies Conference, Washington, DC

Feb 2018 “Geographies of Justice: Japan, Germany, and the Allied War Crimes Program.” Program in U.S.-Japan Relations, Harvard University

Sep 2017 “The First Global Justice Network? Allied War Crimes Trials in Asia and Europe after

WW II”, Annual Willard Kniep Lecture in History, Pacific University

Oct 2016 Panel organizer and presenter, “Spatial History Pedagogy” with Joe Nugent and Paul

Vierthaler, German Historical Institute, Washington, DC conference “Creating Spatial

Historical Knowledge”

Jun 2016 “Constitutionalism and Territoriality, Then and Now.” Panel on “Current Challenges to

Japanese Constitutionalism,” AAS in Asia, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan.

Dec 2015 “’Establishment Constitutionalism’ in Postwar Japan: Regaining national

sovereignty, ‘incomplete fascism’, and democracy” presentation at First

Conference of Harvard-Keio University Collaborative Project on Constitutional

Revision in Japan: “History, Historians, and Public Issues”, Keio University, Tokyo

### Jul 2015 “Breaking Down Victims and Perpetrators: Transnational Patterns and the Question of Historical Ethics.” Understanding the Asia-Pacific War: An International Symposium in Commemoration on the 70th Anniversary of the End of the War, at the University of Edinburgh, UK.

### May 2015 with Wolfgang Form, Marburg Univ., “The Allied War Crimes Trial Program as the First ‘Global Justice Network’” Conference on War and Geography, CUNY Graduate Center

Mar 2015 “Geographies of Justice: On the Spatial Architecture of the Allied War Crimes Trial Program after World War II” APSI, Duke University

### Nov 2014 “Geographies of Justice: Mapping the Allied War Crimes Trial Program, 1943-1958” The Oldenborg Luncheon Colloquium, Pomona College

“Japan’s Memory Conundrum: Thinking with History” Department of History, Pomona College

### Sep 2014 “Mimicking the Empire’s Expanse: A Network of war Criminals’ Prisons in Asia”. Paper presented at the “Breakdown of Empire” Conference at the University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK.

### Jun 2014 Introduction to the workshop “Juridical Arenas of the Allied War Crimes Trial Program”, Boston College.

### Sep 2013 Participant and Presenter in the 12th Berlin Colloquium on Contemporary History: “Dead Soldiers Fighting: War Monuments and Memorials beyond Memory and Representation.” Berlin, Germany.

Oct 2013 “Rescuing the Axis Alliance from History: Nazi Diplomats in Asia Making Sense of Postwar Japan.” Panel 188 “ German-Japanese Relations,” German Studies Association Convention, Denver.

Mar 2012 “Saving Face: U.S. Clemency and Parole Boards and the End of the War Crimes Trial Program in Japan and Germany, 1950-1958.” Panel 36 “The Release and Rehabilitation of Japanese Class B/C War Criminals, 1951-1958,” Association of Asian Studies Convention, Toronto.

Sep 2011 “Chinesische Zwangsarbeiter, Massaker und Erinnerung in Hanaoka, 1945-1955.” Symposium: Zwangsarbeit als Kriegswaffe [Forced Labor as a Weapon of War] Jahrestagung des Arbeitskreises Militärgeschichte (AKM) Universities of Heidelberg and Tübingen. Freudenstadt, Germany.

Jun 2011 “A Japan that Cannot Say Sorry?” Symposium: Translating Atonement: Can Countries Learn from Each Other? Einstein Forum Potsdam, Germany

Apr 2011 “War Criminals and the Memory Question: The Politics of Trials” in the series Wars’ Ends and Wars’ Aftermaths.” The History Center at the University of South Carolina

Nov 2010 “Historical Memory and East Asian Integration.” Faculty Presentation, Salzburg

Global Seminar, Session 476: “The Future of Asian Integration and Security in the 21st Century: Sharing Experience on Multilateralism and Institution-Building from Europe.”

Oct 2010 “Nazi War Criminals and Other “Obnoxious Germans” in China: The Ehrhardt Trial, 1946-47.” Panel 94 “Asian-German Studies (2): The Nuremberg Paradigm and War Crimes Trials in Asia” German Studies Association Annual Convention, Oakland, CA.

May 2010 “Teaching War and Its Legacies—Comparatively.” Symposium to Honor John W. Dower at his retirement from MIT

Feb 2010 “Hanaoka monogatari and Chinese-Japanese Reconciliation in the 1950s.” Presenter, Harvard Project on Asian and International Relations (HPAIR)

Oct 2009 “The Social Meanings of the Allied War crimes Program: War Criminals in Post-Occupation Japan.” Public talk, Modern Japanese History lecture series, Columbia University.

“Sugamo and Landsberg in Comparison: The treatment of war criminals in postwar Japan and Germany.” Conference paper, Panel 7 on Asian-German Studies “Prisons, Trials, Spies, and Textbooks,” German Studies Association Annual Convention, Washington, D.C.

Sep 2009 “The Social Meanings of the Allied War Crimes Program: War Criminals in Post-Occupation Japan.” Symposium presentation and public program discussant, The Tokyo Trial: Legacy and Reassessment, The Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University.

April 2009 “War Criminals Prisons in Postwar Japan and Germany.” Public Talk, History Department lecture series, Boston University.

Feb 2009 “After the Trials: War Criminals and Social Integration in 1950s Japan and Germany.” Joint Center for East Asian Studies Spring 2009 Symposium, Washington University. “The Tokyo Trial and After: New Interpretations, New Lives”

Jan 2009 “Rehabilitating War Criminals in 1950s Japan and Germany.” Panel 111

“Globalizing Japanese Historiography: Japan in Comparative Perspective”

American Historical Association Annual Convention, New York.

Oct 2008 “After the Trials—War Criminals and Social Reconstruction in 1950s Japan and Germany: A Comparative and Transnational Research Agenda.” German Institute for Japanese Studies, Tokyo.

Sep 2008 “The Nagoya High Court Ruling in Comparative Perspective.” Conference on

constitutional revisionism in Japan, Oberlin College.

Nov 2007 “Managing Generational Change in Japan: War Bereaved Organizations and the Transmission of War Memories in the Second Postwar Decade, Conference on “Generational Memory and World War II: An International Perspective,” Center for the Study of History and Memory, Indiana University

“The Problem of War Criminals in the 1950s.” Conference on “The Tokyo War Crimes Trial: Legacies and Reassessments at Sixty,” Sigur Center for Asian Studies, George Washington University

Nov 2006 “Remembering the Hanaoka Massacre” on the Panel “Scars: The Asia-Pacific War in the early 1950s.” New England Association of Asian Studies, University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth.

Apr 2006 “The Social Politics of the Past in Japan: Negotiating War Legacies and Postwar Democracy.” Mosse Conference on “Reckoning with the Past: Perpetrators, Accomplices and Victims in Post-Totalitarian Narratives and Politics” University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Oct 2005 “The Political Landscape of War Memory in Japan” Center for Japanese Studies, Portland State University.

“The Political Landscape of War Memory in Japan” Department of History, University of Oregon in Eugene.

Sep 2005 “The Political Dynamics of War Memory in Japan” Center for East Asian Studies, Columbia University.

May 2005 “The Political Topography of War Memory in Japan, 1945-2000.” Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University.

Mar 2005 “The Changing Geography of War Memory in Japan.” Center for Japanese Studies, University of California at Berkeley.

Jan 2005 “Ten Legacies of the Asia-Pacific War Relevant Today” Asian History Lecture Series at Boston College, introductory lecture

Nov 2004 “Surviving under MacArthur: Civic Political Activism and the Question of War

Responsibility in Occupied Japan” Department of History and Center for East Asian Studies, Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

Apr 2003 “The Politics of Comparison: War Memory in Japan and Germany” Department of History, Rice University.

Nov 2002 “Confronting Silences: The Chorus Project The Devil’s Gluttony (Akuma no hôshoku)” Modern Japanese History Workshop, Brown University.

Oct 2002 “Participatory Democracy in Postwar Japan” on the panel “Japanese Democracy, Past and Present” at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

“Memory of World War II in Japan” Annual Symposium of the Edwin O. Reischauer Institute, Harvard University.

Apr 2002 “Global Cultures of Memory.” The New England Historical Association Spring Conference, Buzzards Bay, MA, on the panel: “Asian Perspectives on Global Problems: Religion, Ethnicity, Memory, and Translation”

Mar 2001 “The Shôwa Hall and Conservative ‘Reactionism’ in Contemporary Japan.”

Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago. Panel: “Contemporary

Japanese Nationalism” chaired by Charles Nuckolls.

Mar 2001 “Negotiating the Post-War: Politics and Memory in Japan, 1945-1995.”

Reischauer Institute for Japanese Studies, Harvard University.

Apr 2000 "Relocating Okinawa in Asia: The Debate About Reversion, 1967-73."

Southern Japan Seminar, The University of Florida

Mar 2000 "Kriegsverbrecherprozesse und Erinnerungskulturen in Asien." [War Crimes

Trials and Cultures of Memory in Asia.] Symposium "Diktaturen und Kriege im kollektiven Gedächtnis. Italien, Japan und Deutschland nach dem Zweiten Weltkrieg" [Collective Memory of Dictatorships and Wars: Italy, Japan, and Germany after World War II.] Werner Reimers Stiftung, Bad Homburg, Germany.

Sep 1999 “War Memory, Organized Special Interests, Changing Publics.” Asia-Pacific Institute, Duke University.

Mar 1998 “Between the Dead and the Innocent: Associations of the War Bereaved and the Uses of ‘Generation’ in Japanese Memory of World War II.” Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. Panel: “Vectors of Memory in Postwar Japan: A Comparative Perspective” chaired by Laura Hein.

Dec 1996 “Ima, aratamete heiwa o tou” [Probing Peace Anew Today]. Panel Discussant, Sasami Women’s University, Tokyo.

Apr 1996 “Remembering Lessons of World War II.” Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii.Panel: “Citizen Activism in Postwar Japanese History” chaired by Andrew Gordon.

Aug 1995 "The Uses of 'Germany' in the Japanese Discourse on War Responsibility."

International Symposium on "Fifty Years Later: The Second World War and Japanese Historical Memory," organized by Takashi Inoguchi and Miklos Sukosd, United Nations University, Tokyo, Japan.

May 1995 “Der zweite Weltkrieg im öffentlichen Gedächtnis Japans: Die Debatte zum fünfzigsten Jahrestag der Kapitulation.” [Public Memory of World War II in Japan: The Debate Accompanying the Fiftieth Anniversary of Defeat.] University Lecture, Free University Berlin, Germany.

Feb 1993 “The Debate About War Responsibility in Early Postwar Japan.” Panel, “War and Aftermath.” Second Annual Graduate Student Conference, Columbia University

Chair/Discussant/Roundtable Member

Mar 2021 Chair, Panel “Human Rights and the Specter of History: the ‘Postwar’ as a Transnational

Space” *Association of Asian Studies*, online

Jan 2019 Chair, Panel 188 “Cultures of Creativity in Wartime Japan” *American Historical Association*

*Conference*, Chicago.

Oct 2016 Roundtable discussant, “Multiple Postwars” Institute of East Asian studies, Columbia

University

Jul 2016 Discussant, “Making ‘We, the People,’ in South Korea and Japan.” Second

Conference of Harvard-Keio University Collaborative Project on Constitutional

Revision in Japan, Keio University, Tokyo

Dec 2015 Discussant on Panel “Domestic Conditions and Foreign Policies in Japan and the US and Future Outlooks,” 3rd Japan-US Kanazawa Conference, Japan Institute of International Affairs, Kanazawa

Oct 2015 Invited discussant of Ran Zwigenberg, Hiroshima: The Origins of Global Memory Culture (Cambridge, 2014), Pennsylvania State University New Book Symposium

Aug 2015 Roundtable discussion participant, JSPS Asia-Pacific War Research and Education Program on the 70th Anniversary of the End of World War II, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo

### Jul 2015 Respondent to Toyomi Asano’s talk “Seeking Historical Reconciliation: The U.S. Role in Fostering Relations Between Japan and South Korea” Woodrow Wilson Center, DC.

### Nov 2014 Roundtable discussant, “Japan’s Constitution” BC Law School lunch talk series

### Aug 2014 Discussant, “Globalizing Fascism: Ideological Transfer between Japan, Italy, and

### Germany” Session 8, European Association for Japanese Studies (EAJS), Ljubljana, Slovenia

### Oct 2014 Chair, Session 3 “Case Studies from East Asia” Conference: Rethinking Justice?

### Decolonization, Cold War, and Asian War Crimes Trials after 1945. Cluster of Excellence Asia and Europe in Global Context, Heidelberg University, Germany

### May 2014 Participant in the Track 2 Dialogue “Wartime History Issues in Asia: Pathways to Reconciliation,” Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University

### Apr 2014 Participant and discussant, “The Significance of ‘The Frontier’ to Japanese History,” Council on East Asian studies, Yale University.

### Mar 2014 Discussant, Panel 251: “Japan from 1945: Post-fascist Political Culture” Association of Asian studies Annual Convention, Philadelphia.

### Oct 2013 Discussant, Panel 68 “Asian-German Studies: Global Approaches to German History in the Long Nineteenth Century.” German Studies Association Convention, Denver.

### Mar 2013 Chair and discussant, Panel 122 “Rethinking Affluence in Postwar Japan.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Convention, San Diego.

### Jan 2013 Chair and discussant, Panel 234. Politics of Remembrance and Oblivion: Memories of War in Postwar Japan. American Historical Association Annual Convention, New Orleans.

### Oct 2012 Panel Discussant at the workshop Border-Crossing: Citizenship, Race, Gender, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

### Jun 2011 Panel Discussant, “Paths to Reconciliation.” Conference: Colonialism, Collaboration and Criminality: How Europe and East Asia Confront the Memory and Legacy of World War II.” The Walter H. Schorenstein Asia–Pacific Research Center, Stanford University

### Dec 2010 Roundtable discussant, “Korea’s Rediscovered Colonial Films: History, Culture, and Legacy.” Korea Institute, Harvard University

### Oct 2010 Panel Moderator and Commentator, Panel 67 “Asian-German Studies (1): German Conceptualizations of Asia and their Impact.” German Studies Association Annual Convention, Oakland, CA.

Feb 2010 Presenter, “Remembering the Hanaoka Massacre and Chinese-Japanese Reconciliation,” Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations (HPAIR)

April 2007 Chair, Roundtable Panel 199 “Constitutional Revisionism in Japan Today: Documentation and Analysis.” Association of Asian Studies Annual Convention, Boston

Feb 2007 Organizer and chair, Modern Japanese History Workshop, Boston College.

Apr 2006 Panel “Nationalism Contested in Contemporary Japan.” Association of Asian Studies Annual Convention, San Francisco.

Mar 2006 Moderator of Panel “War Guilt and Postwar Reconciliation in Europe and Asia” in the Special Series on International Relations in East Asia, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Harvard University

Sep 2005 Panel “Shifting Memories, Past and Future.” 11th International Conference of the European Association of Japanese Studies, Vienna.

Jun 2005 `Workshop on “Memory, Reconciliation and Confidence-building in East Asia”

George Washington University

May 2005 Symposium on Affect, Emotion, and Public Culture in East Asia, Fairbank Center, Harvard University

Apr 2005 Roundtable panel: “2005/1945: Hot War/Cold War Anniversaries for Japan, Korea, and the United States.” Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, Chicago.

Mar 2005 Symposium on Conservative Historiographies, Leiden University and Harvard University

Apr 2004 Symposium on Manchuria under Japanese Occupation, Fairbank Center, Harvard University.

Mar 2004 Panel on “The Asia-Pacific War as Transnational Encounter: Experience, Representation, and Memory” Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, San Diego.

Oct 2003 Panel on “Representations of War in the Media” at the Northeast Regional Association of Asian Studies Conference at Harvard University.

Feb 2002 “Visions of Empire, Memories of War.” Discussant. “Oceans Connect” Ford Foundation Symposium, Center for International Studies, Duke University.

# Manuscript/Tenure Reviews

Jan 2022 Book manuscript symposium, Keyao Pan, Reischauer Institute, Harvard University

Oct 2021 Book manuscript symposium, Alex Finn Macartney, Yale University

Jul 2019 Promotion review for Rutgers University, History Department

Jul 2017 Promotion review for Carnegie Mellon University, History Department

Jul 2017 Book manuscript review for University of Wisconsin Press

Nov 2016 Book manuscript review for University of Toronto Press

Nov 2016 Book manuscript review/jacket blurb for Columbia University Press

Aug 2016 Promotion Case Review, College of William and Mary, History Department

Apr 2016 Book manuscript review for Cornell University Press

Oct 2015 Book manuscript review (edited volume) for Cambridge University Press

Mar 2015 Book manuscript conference with author, Dartmouth College

Book manuscript review for Columbia University Press

Dec 2014 Book proposal review “Transnational Japan as History: Empire, Migration, and

Social Movements.” Bloomsbury Publishers

Dec 2013 Book manuscript review Harvard University Press

Jul 2013 Book manuscript review for Alabama University Press

Jun/Nov 2013 Book manuscript review for Oxford University Press

May 2013 Book manuscript review for Harvard University Press

Aug 2012 Book manuscript review for the Weatherhead Center, Columbia University Press

Jun 2012 Book proposal review for Palgrave

Sep 2011 Article manuscript review for Journal of Women's History

Sep 2011 Article manuscript review for Journal of Contemporary History

Aug 2011 Promotion Case Review, Boston University

Jun 2011 Article manuscript review for Positions

Mar 2011 Article manuscript review for Modern Asian Studies

Sep 2010 Article manuscript review for Journal of Contemporary History

Jul 2010 Promotion case review, Georgia State University

Jun 2010 Article manuscript review, original and resubmission, for Japan Forum

Book manuscript review for the Weatherhead Center, Columbia University Press

Multiple articles manuscript review for online journal Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan

Focus

Feb 2010 Book proposal review for Hackett Publishing

Jan 2010 Book proposal review for University of California Press

Dec 2009 Article manuscript review for Journal of Contemporary History

Sep 2009 Book manuscript review for Cambridge University Press

Aug 2009 Article manuscript review for Journal of Contemporary History

Dec 2008 Grant application review for Social Science Research Grant Canada

Apr 2008 Book manuscript review for Hawaii University Press

Jan 2008 Book manuscript review for Cambridge University Press

Aug 2007 Promotion case review at Loyola Marymount University

Jul 2006 Book manuscript review for Cornell University Press

Dec 2005 Article manuscript review for the Journal of Contemporary History.

Feb 2003 Book proposal review for Routledge Curzon Press.

Public Education

Jan 2018 Introductory Lecture and Curation of the exhibit “Making History Public: Righting Historical Wrongs at the Turn of the Millennium” at John Bapst School, Bangor, Maine

Sep 2005 Radio Interview: Dimensionen, Oesterreichischer Rundfunk (ORF), Austrian

Broadcasting, Vienna, on my forthcoming book.

Apr 2005 Radio Interview: NPR Talk of the Nation, on Chinese protests against Japan and

Japan’s problems with war memory.

Jul 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

Jun 2017- Director of Asian Studies

2018-21 EPA member

Feb 2018 Co-organizer, Campus visit and public talk by former Secretary General of the United

Nations Ban Ki-moon on global citizenship

Jan-Aug 2017 Co-curator of the exhibit “Making History Public: Righting Historical Wrongs at the Turn of

the Millennium.” Digital mapping and other visualizations based on quantitative and

qualitative research on historical justice movements on a global scale, History Department

Sep 2016 Organizer and host, Distinguished Lecture Series in Asian Studies: Eiji Oguma, Keio University, Tokyo: “Tell the Prime Minister,” a film screening and panel discussion with Boston College professors from 3 departments

Sep 2015- International Studies board member, member of the IS renewal curriculum task force on

new History/Sociology Core course

Sep 2016 Fulbright interviewer

Summer 2016 participated informally in O’Neill Library searches for digital librarian and History liaison

Librarian

May 2016 co-authored (with Ellen Sullivan) of a Korea Foundation grant for a visiting Korean Studies

position to be housed in History and International studies and/or Economics, which was successful which was successful

Sep 2015 organized the inaugural lecture in the Daniel Morrissey and Chanannait Paisansathan Distinguished Lecture Series in Asian Studies: Karen Wigen, Stanford University, “Entering Asia: The Cartographic Imagination of the Early Modern World” and introduced the speaker

Jul 2014 Co-applicant of Title VI federal grant to boost Asian studies at Boston College

Oct 2012- Fulbright grant interviewer for Asia-related proposals on campus

2011-14 Educational Policy Committee, History representative

2007 Director, Global History Archive Project

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).

COURSE OFFERINGS

INTL 2500 Where in the World…? (Introduction to International Studies)

HIST 1006 Asia in the World II (Core)

HIST 2020 Japanese Cultural Icons through Modern Times (introductory survey)

HIST 3031 Study and Writing of History: Historical Memory in the Global 1990s (seminar)

HIST 4003 Public Culture in Postwar Japan (upper division elective)

HIST 4005 The Asia-Pacific War (upper division elective)

HIST 4007 Global Japan Since the 1970s (upper division elective)

HIST 5504 Making History Public: Righting Historical Wrongs at the Turn of the Millennium (exhibit)

HIST 5053 Making History Public: Righting Historical Wrongs at the Turn of the Millennium

HS 300.85 Study and Writing of History: The Military Occupations of Japan and Germany (seminar)

HS 300.88 Study and Writing of History: Hiroshima in History and Memory (seminar)

HS 300.56 Study and Writing of History: From Hiroshima to Fukushima: Environmental Disaster in

the Nuclear Age (seminar)

HS 308 Early Modern Japan, 1600-1890 (upper division elective)

HS 309 Modern Japan, 1890-2000 (upper division elective)

HS 625 Remembering Hiroshima (senior seminar)

HS 680 History and Memory in the 20th Century (senior seminar)

HS 5005 Senior Capstone Colloquium: The U.S. Occupations of Japan and Germany

HS 822 Graduate Colloquium: History and Memory in Theory and Politics

HS 923 Graduate Seminar: Transnational/Comparative History

RESEARCH INTERESTS

* Japanese social, cultural, and political history in the 20th century
* Politics of social reconstruction and citizenship in postwar Japan
* Discourses of war memory
* Civic political activism, social movements, citizen protest
* Transitional justice
* Comparative history, especially Japan-Germany
* Historical geography and digital mapping
* Constitutional revisionism

AFFILIATIONS

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