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## **CURRENT POSITION**

Sept. 2015- Assistant Professor, Global Studies, Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY

## **EDUCATION**

PhD        University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Socio-cultural Anthropology, Advisor: Nancy Abelmann, 2011  
MA        Yonsei University, Culture and Gender Studies, Advisor: Cho Hae-Joang, 2003  
BA        Carleton University, Journalism and Women's Studies, 1994

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### Books

n.d.        *The Luxury of Love: South Korean Gay Men and the Internet* (in preparation)  
1997       Editor, *Rice: Explorations into Asian Gay Culture + Politics*. Toronto: Queer Press

### Referred Articles and Book Chapters

n.d.        "The Three Faces of South Korea's Homosexuality: *Bogal*, *Eban*, and *Gei*." Chapter in volume *Remembering Queer Korea*, edited by Todd Henry at UCSD (in preparation)  
n.d.        "Deferred Gay Futures: Diverse Imaginaries of Gay Retirement in New Queer Asia." Article for a special issue on "Queer Asia as Critique" in *Culture, Theory, and Critique*, edited by Howard Chiang and Alvin Wong (submitted)  
n.d.        "Post-IMF Affects: The Luxury of Love and The Retreat and Retirement of Single Gay Men in South Korea." *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies* (forthcoming)  
2012       "Global Fatigue: Transnational Markets, Linguistic Capital, and the Return Migration of Korean-American Male English Teachers to Seoul." *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 16 (2): 218-237  
2010       "The Korean Gay and Lesbian Movement 1993-2008: From 'Identity' and 'Community' to 'Human Rights,'" coauthored with Hyun-young Kwon Kim, in *South Korean Social Movements: From Democracy to Civil Society*, eds. Gi-wook Shin and Paul Chang (New York: Routledge), 206-223  
2009       "The Wedding Banquet Revisited: Contract Marriages Between Korean Gays and Lesbians." *Anthropological Quarterly* 82(2): 401-422

### Translations (Korean to English)

- 2009 "The Politics of the Body in Contemporary Korea," Kim Eun-shil, *Korea Journal* 49(3): 5-14
- 2005 "Reading the 'Korean Wave' as a Sign of Global Shift," Cho Hae-joang, *Korea Journal* 45(4): 147-182
- 2004 "Beyond the FIFA's World Cup: An Ethnography of the 'Local' in South Korea Around the 2002 World Cup," Cho Hae-joang. *Inter-Cultural Studies* 5(1): 8-25

### Reviews

- 2015 Review of *Unexpected Alliances: Independent Filmmakers, The State, and the Film Industry in Postauthoritarian South Korea*. Young-a Park. 2014. *The Journal of Asian Studies*.
- 2006 Review of *Mobile Cultures: New Media in Queer Asia*. C. Berry, F. Martin, and A. Yue, eds. 2003. *Intersections* online journal.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

### Study, Research, and Postdoctoral Fellowships

- 2015 Korean Studies Workshop for Junior Faculty, Social Science Research Council
- 2013 Soon Young Kim Postdoctoral Fellow, Korea Institute, Harvard University
- 2012 Social Science Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship for Transregional Research
- 2012 Scholar-in-Residence, Beatrice Bain Critical Feminist Research Group, UC Berkeley (declined)
- 2012 Affiliated Scholar, Beatrice Bain Critical Feminist Research Group, UC Berkeley
- 2011 Korea Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, The Center for Korean Studies, UC Berkeley
- 2010 George L. Beslow Award for Dissertation Writing, Anthro Dept., UIUC
- 2009 Korea Foundation Fellowship for Graduate Studies
- 2007 Korea Foundation Fellowship for Dissertation Field Research
- 2006 Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory's Fellowship for Cornell University's School of Criticism and Theory, UIUC
- 2006 Summer Research Grant, Graduate College, UIUC
- 2004 Feminist Scholarship, The Gender & Women's Studies Center, UIUC

### Best Paper Awards

- 2010 Demitri B. Shimkin Award for Outstanding Graduate Paper, Anthro Dept., UIUC
- 2007 Theodore Bestor Prize for Outstanding Graduate Paper, Society for East Asian Anthropology, American Anthropological Association
- 2007 Kenneth W. Payne Student Prize for Best Graduate Paper, Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists, American Anthropological Association

### Travel Grants

- 2010 The National Center for Supercomputing Applications Grant to UC Irvine's Experimental Critical Theory Seminar in Hawaii, UIUC
- 2005 Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, UIUC 2005 Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies, UIUC 2004 Graduate College, UIUC

### Dissertation Workshop Fellowships

2008 Social Science Research Council-Korea Foundation Fellowship for Dissertation Workshop,  
Monterey, CA

2008 Association for Asian Studies, Dissertation Workshop Fellowship, Atlanta, GA 2007 University of  
Toronto's Asian Institute, Dissertation Workshop Fellowship, Toronto, Canada

### Workshop Grants

2005 Grant for "Globalizing China" Working Group, Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies, UIUC, IL

2005 Grant for "Globalizing China" Working Group, Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities,  
UIUC, IL

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### Boston University, Visiting Lecturer, Modern Languages & Comparative Literature

Contemporary Korean Society Through the Lens of Literature, Media, and Ethnography (Spring  
2015)

### Brown University, Visiting Lecturer, East Asian Studies

Global Korea: Modernity, Nation, and Belonging (Fall 2014)

Transnational Koreas: Gender, Sexuality, and Family (Spring 2015)

### Harvard University, Visiting Lecturer, Anthropology

Global Korea: Modernity, Nation, and Belonging (Fall 2013)

### UC Berkeley, Visiting Lecturer, Asian Studies

Contemporary Korean Society: Focusing on Family, Gender, and Sexuality (Fall 2012)

### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Teaching Assistant, Anthropology

Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology

Latino/a Cultures (Fall 2010)

Sociocultural Anthropology

Anthropology in a Changing World

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL

Fall 2005      Research Assistant to Prof. Nancy Abelmann in preparation of Wenner-Gren Foundation  
book project, *Fragile Cosmopolitans, Sketches from South Korean Youth*

### Yonsei University, South Korea

Spring 2003      Research Assistant to Prof. Chen Kuan-tsing, Tsing Hua University, Taiwan

## **RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS**

Summer 2013      Visiting Scholar, The Center for the Study of Sexualities, National Central University,  
Taipei, Taiwan

2012-2013      Visiting Scholar, Beatrice Bain Critical Feminist Research Group, UC  
Berkeley, CA

2007-2009      Visiting Scholar, Department of Culture and Gender Studies, Yonsei University, Seoul,

## South Korea

### INVITED LECTURES

“South Korean Queer Cyberculture”

April 7, 2015 New York University, Class in “Gender, Globalization, and the Politics of K-Pop”

“The Three Faces of South Korea’s Homosexuality: *Bogal*, *Eban*, and *Gei*”

Nov. 13-15, 2014 University of California San Diego, Program in Transnational Korean Studies

“Refusing Exile From Kinship? Married Homosexual Men and the Queering of the South Korean Family”

Nov. 6, 2014 Boston University, Center for the Study of Asia.

“Hooking Up ‘Gangnam Style?’ The Internet as a Vector of Gay Class Conflict and Moral Anxiety in Post-IMF South Korea”

April 9, 2013 University of California Berkeley, “Digital Society in Context” New Media Research Workshop

“The Luxury of Love: The Retreat/Retirement of Single Gay Men and Rise of ‘Bats’ in Post-IMF South Korea”

March 13, 2014 Harvard University, Korea Institute

April 2, 2013 University of California Los Angeles, Asia Institute

April 1, 2013 Claremont McKenna College, “Korea Speaker’s Series: 2012-13”

April 6, 2012 University of California Berkeley, Center for Korean Studies

“Intimate Confrontation: Negotiating Gay Desire in Post-IMF South Korea” Book Project

March 17, 2013 Indiana University, Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies, “Korean Book Workshop” (60-90 minute video conference, Chapters 4, 5, 6 from book manuscript)

“Post-IMF Anxieties: The Luxury of Love and the Retreat/Retirement of Single Gay Men”

March 30, 2012 Northwestern University, Sexualities Project, “Libidinal Investments: Emerging Scholarships on Sexualities and the Social” Workshop

“Faceless Things: South Korean Gay Men, Internet, and Sexual Citizenship”

March 4, 2011 University of California San Diego, “Modern (Sub-) Empires and Transnational Korea Speakers and Performers Series: 2010-11”

“South Korea: LGBT Politics and Technology (1995-2008)”

April 30, 2010 City University of New York, The Center for Gay and Lesbian Studies and International Resource Network, “Transnational LGBT Organizing in the World and on the Web Symposium”

“The Wedding Banquet Revisited: ‘Contract Marriages’ Between Korean Gays and Lesbians”

Oct. 23, 2009 Wellesley College, Department of Women’s and Gender Studies, “Envisioning Global Korea from the Margins: Gender, Sexuality, and Social Transformation” Symposium

March 25, 2009 Georgia State University, Institute for Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, “Speaker’s Series”

- April 4, 2009 Association for Asian Studies, Northeast Asia Council, Sponsored Session of  
 “Queer Approaches to Sexuality Studies in Japan and Korea”
- “The History of the Korean Gay and Lesbian Movement: 1994-2008”  
 2008 Stanford University, Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, “Korea  
 Democracy and Civil Society Book Project”
- “Gay as Local, Global, or Hybrid?”  
 Oct. 19, 2005 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of East Asian  
 Languages and Cultures, Comparative Queer Studies Workshop, “1<sup>st</sup> Asia Pacific  
 Queer Conference: Impressions From Bangkok”

## CONFERENCES

### Presenter

- 2015 “Refusing Exile From Kinship? Married Homosexual Men and the Queering of the South Korean  
 Family,” The Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, IL
- 2013 “The Internet as a Vector of Gay Class Conflict and Moral Anxiety in Post-IMF South Korea,”  
 American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- 2012 “Post-IMF Anxieties: The Luxury of Love and the Retreat/Retirement of Single Gay Men,” Queer  
 (In)Security Conference, UC Davis
- 2010 “From Analog to Digital: Korean Gay Men and the Internet,” Korea Popular Culture Workshop,  
 UC Irvine
- 2010 “‘Cool’ Meetings and the ‘Cold Internet’: The Mutual Marketing of Korean Gay Men in *Ivancity*’s  
 Java Chat,” Korea Workshop, UIUC
- 2010 “Educating Desire: The Market Imaginary of Korean Gay Men as Sexual Consumers and  
 Commodities in *Ivancity*,” American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting San Francisco,
- 2008 “The Wedding Banquet Revisited: Contract Marriages Between Korean Gays and Lesbians,” Inter-  
 Asia Cultural Studies Summer Camp
- 2007 “The Wedding Banquet Revisited: Contract Marriages Between Korean Gays and Lesbians,”  
 Anthropological Society, Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada
- 2005 “Playing in the Dark: Korean Gay Men and Gay Bathhouses,” First International Conference on  
 Queer Asian Studies, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2005 “The Touristic Practices of Korean Gay Men,” Canadian Anthropological Society, Annual  
 Meeting, Merida, Mexico
- 2004 “Playing in the Dark: Korean “Gay” Men and “Gay” Bathhouses,” American Anthropological  
 Association, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA

### Organizer, Chair, and Discussant

- 2015 Discussant, “Cultures of Difference: The Everyday Makings of Heteronormativity,” The Annual  
 Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Denver, CO
- 2015 Faculty Advisor, “A Dialogue On Modern Korea: Sewol Ferry Disaster,” Gaongil: Harvard  
 Undergraduate Modern Korean Studies Society, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 2015 Discussant, “Gender, Culture, Cosmopolitanism,” 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvard East Asia Society (HEAS)  
 Graduate Student Conference, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 2015 Organizer, “Refusing Exile from Kinship: Queerness and Family in East Asia,” The Annual  
 Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, IL
- 2015 Chair and Discussant, “Gender, Culture, and Cosmopolitanism,” The Harvard East Asia Society  
 Conference,” Cambridge, MA

- 2015 Organizer, “‘Refusing Exile from Kinship?’ Queerness, Hybridity, and Family in East Asia,” Panel at the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, IL
- 2014 Co-organizer, “Affect and Infrastructure: Interrogating New Media in South Korea,” Panel at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
- 2014 Co-organizer, “Korean Cinematheque: Media, Erotics, and Transnational Koreas Film Series,” Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 2014 Chair, “New Generations, New Ideas in Korean Studies,” The 10th Worldwide Consortium of Korean Studies Centers Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 2013 Chair, “Mediated (Counter-)Publics and Emergent Regionalist Imaginaries in East and Southeast Asia.” American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- 2011 Co-organizer, “Queer Feminist Futures: Temporalities of Gender, Sexuality, and Justice in An Age of Neoliberal Risk and (In)Security,” Invited double session at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada
- 2010 Co-organizer, “Circuits of Body, Affect, and Commodity in Transnational East Asia,” Panel at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
- 2009 Organizer and Leader, “Fieldwork Methods for Marginal Groups,” Workshop at the “Envisioning Global Korea from the Margins: Gender, Sexuality, and Social Transformation” Symposium at Wellesley College, MA
- 2009 Organizer, “South Korean and Western Interactions with North Koreans with a Focus on Selfhood and Authenticity,” Talk by Hyang-jin Jung (Seoul National University), Korea Workshop, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL
- 2008 Co-organizer, “Intimate State(s): Engaging with the ‘Family’ of Neoliberalism,” Panel at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
- 2008 Respondent, Joo-hyun Woo (York U.), “Making Family: England’s Civil Partnership Act,” The Annual Meeting of the Korean Association of Women’s Studies, Seoul, South Korea
- 2007 Co-organizer, “Cosmopolitan Longings, Indigenous Struggles in East Asia,” Panel at the Canadian Anthropological Society Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada
- 2006 Co-organizer, “Queering Asia,” Invited session at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
- 2006 Respondent, “The Two Koreas and the Great Powers,” Talk by Samuel Kim (Columbia University) at Korea Workshop, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL
- 2005 Graduate Student Panelist, Panel at the Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, Fetishizing the Free Market: The Cultural Politics of Neoliberalism Symposium, UIUC, IL
- 2005 Organizer and Respondent, “Comparison and Imperial Nationalism,” Talk by Naoki Sakai (Cornell University), Korea Workshop, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL
- 2005 Respondent, “A Futuristic Present: Migrant Workers as the Social Minority,” Talk by Hyun-ok Park (New York University), Korea Workshop, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL
- 2005 Respondent, “Colonial Complicity in the Colonial Era Anthropology of Japan and Korea,” Talk by Robert Oppenheim (UT Austin), Korea Workshop, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL,
- 2004 Co-organizer, “Consuming Sex,” Panel at the First International Conference on Queer Asian Studies, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2004 Co-organizer of “Queering Asia,” Panel at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting Washington, DC
- 2003 Co-respondent, “Popularizing Purity: Gender, Sexuality and Nationalism in AIDS Prevention for South Korean Youths,” Talk by Sealing Cheng (Wellesley College), Korea Workshop, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

“Taking Apart K-Pop’s Hype Machine”  
 June 23, 2015      Hopes & Fears Online Magazine.

(<http://www.hopesandfears.com/hopes/culture/music/214523-k-pop-big-bang-girls-generation-crayon-super-junior>)

“First Public Gay Wedding in South Korea”  
Sept. 24, 2013 CNN International

(<http://www.cnn.com/video/data/2.0/video/world/2013/09/25/nr-john-cho-gay-rights-korea.cnn.html>)

“The Wedding Banquet Revisited: Contract Marriages Between Korean Gays and Lesbians”

C. S. Stevens and J. Hubbert, eds. Section News of Society for East Asian Anthropology, *Anthropology News*, 49(3): 52

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Article Referee

*International Feminist Journal of Politics, Journal of Homosexuality, Journal of Middle East Women's Studies, Journal of Sport and Social Issues, Pacific Affairs*

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The Association for Asian Studies  
American Anthropological Association  
Canadian Anthropological Society

## LANGUAGES

Korean (Advanced)  
French (Basic)

## REFERENCES

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Asian American Studies  
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