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#### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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- 2016-           **Assistant Professor**  
Anthropology, Yale-NUS College
- 2015-2016    **Postdoctoral Fellow**  
Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University
- 2015           **Lecturer**  
Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan

#### **EDUCATION**

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- 2014           **Ph.D. in Anthropology**  
University of Michigan
- 2009           **M.A. in Anthropology**  
University of Michigan
- 2006           **B.A. in East Asian Studies**  
Stanford University  
Phi Beta Kappa, Cap and Gown (Women's Honor Society), graduated with  
distinction

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

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##### Book:

Forthcoming (February 2020). *Healing Labor: Japanese Sex Work in the Gendered Economy*.  
Stanford: Stanford University Press.

##### Peer-Reviewed Articles:

- 2016           “Producing *Iyashi*: Healing and Labor in Tokyo's Sex Industry.”  
*American Ethnologist* 43(4):704-716
- 2016           “Willing Daughters: The Moral Rhetoric of Filial Sacrifice and Financial  
Autonomy in Tokyo's Sex Industry.” *Critical Asian Studies* 48(2):215-234

#### **EXTERNAL RESEARCH AWARDS & GRANTS**

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- 2015-2016 Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies Postdoctoral Fellowship, Harvard University
- 2015-2016 Program on U.S.-Japan Relations Postdoctoral Fellowship, Harvard University (declined)
- 2010-2011 Fulbright IIE Dissertation Research Fellowship (15 months)
- 2010-2011 Japan Foundation Doctoral Fellowship (declined)
- 2010-2011 Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Short-Term Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined)
- 2010-2012 Ito Foundation for International Education Exchange Scholarship (declined)
- 2009 National Science Foundation East Asia and Pacific Summer Institute
- 2004 Bridging Scholarship, Association of Teachers of Japanese

#### **ACADEMIC AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS**

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- 2016 Faculty Startup Grant, Yale-NUS College
- 2014 Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan, Fall
- 2014 Community of Scholars Fellowship, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan, Summer
- 2014 Marshall Weinberg Dissertation Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, Winter
- 2013 Rackham Block Grant, University of Michigan, Fall
- 2013 Center for Japanese Studies Alumni Fellowship, University of Michigan, Summer
- 2012 Rackham Humanities Research Fellowship, University of Michigan, Winter and Spring/Summer
- 2010-2011 Rackham International Research Award, University of Michigan
- 2009 University of Michigan Alumni Club of Japan Fellowship, Summer
- 2009 Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, University of Michigan, Summer
- 2008 Mellon Summer Fellowship, Center for Japanese Studies, University of Michigan
- 2008 International Institute Individual Fellowship, University of Michigan, Summer
- 2008 Rackham Block Fellowship, University of Michigan, Summer
- 2007-2008 International Institute Language Fellowship, University of Michigan

#### **HONORS & PRIZES**

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- 2015 Louise Ann Williams Distinguished Dissertation Award, Anthropology Department, University of Michigan
- 2015 Dorothy McGuigan Prize for Best Essay on Women, Department of Women's Studies, University of Michigan
- 2013 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Anthropology Department, University of Michigan, *The Anthropology of Human Rights*
- 2009 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Anthropology Department, University of Michigan, *Ethnic Diversity in Japan*

- 2009 Rackham Graduate School Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, Anthropology Department **nomination**, University of Michigan
- 2002 Boothe Prize for Excellence in Writing, Finalist, Stanford University
- 2002 National Merit Scholar

**PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS (FORTHCOMING AND PAST)**

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Invited Talks:

- 2019 “Japanese Sex Workers, Rights, and the Gendered Economy.” Invited colloquium, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Japan Politics and Society Initiative, Indiana University, November 20
- 2019 “Stigma and the Moral Economy of Tokyo’s Sex Industry.” Invited colloquium, Department of Japanese Studies, National University of Singapore, March 8
- 2019 “Care, Rights, and Sex as Social Practice in Tokyo’s Sex Industry.” Invited colloquium, Department of Anthropology, Yale University, February 4
- 2018 “Sex Work, Moral Economies, and Human Rights.” Graduate workshop, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, December 7
- 2018 “Stigma and the Moral Economy of Tokyo’s Sex Industry.” Invited colloquium, Center for Japanese Studies, University of Michigan, December 6
- 2018 “Precarious Healing: Labors of Intimacy in Tokyo’s Sex Industry.” Invited colloquium, Department of History, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, April 5
- 2016 “Precarious Healing: Labors of Intimacy in Tokyo’s Sex Industry.” Invited colloquium, Social Anthropology Seminar Series, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University, April 14
- 2016 “Producing *Iyashi*: Healing and Labor in Tokyo’s Sex Industry.” Invited colloquium, Department of Anthropology, Union College, February 29
- 2016 “Healing and Human Rights in the Japanese Sex Industry.” Invited colloquium, Yale-NUS College, Singapore, February 16
- 2016 “Producing *Iyashi*: Healing and Labor in Tokyo’s Sex Industry.” Invited colloquium, Department of Global Studies and Languages, MIT, February 4
- 2016 “The Embodied Politics of Intimate Labors in Tokyo’s Sex Industry.” Invited colloquium, Department of Anthropology, Brandeis University, January 29

- 2015 “Producing *Iyashi*: Healing and Labor in Tokyo’s Sex Industry.” Invited colloquium, Japan Forum, Harvard University, October 23
- 2015 “Producing *Iyashi*: Healing and Labor in Tokyo’s Sex Industry.” Invited colloquium, Department of Anthropology, Southern Methodist University, February 17
- 2014 “Healing and Human Rights in the Japanese Sex Industry.” Invited colloquium, Department of Anthropology, Santa Clara University, January 27

Conference Panel Organization:

- 2018 “Between Imperial Pasts and Humanoid Futures: A Session in Dialogue with Jennifer Robertson.” [Roundtable co-organized with Ann-Elise Lewallen] American Anthropological Association Meetings, San Jose, November 14-18
- 2017 “The Natures of Skill: Measuring Value in Contemporary Labor Markets.” [Co-organized with Andrea Wright] American Anthropological Association Meetings, Washington, D.C., November 29-December 3
- 2016 “Absence as Evidence: Ontologies and Epistemologies of the Unknown.” [Invited panel, Society for Cultural Anthropology; Co-organized with Kathryn E. Goldfarb] American Anthropological Association Meetings, Minneapolis, November 16-20
- 2015 “Imminent Danger: Proliferations of Violence, Risk, and Surveillance.” [Co-organized with Lamia Moghnieh] American Anthropological Association Meetings, Denver, November 18-22
- 2014 “Unwelcome Care: The Dynamics of Unwanted Interventions in Contemporary Political Life.” [Co-organized with Katherine Fultz] American Anthropological Association Meetings, Washington, D.C., December 3-7

Presentations:

- 2018 Roundtable presenter, “Between Imperial Pasts and Humanoid Futures: A Session in Dialogue with Jennifer Robertson.” American Anthropological Association Meetings, San Jose, November 17
- 2017 “Amateurs at Work: Constituting Skill and Value in Tokyo’s Sex Industry.” American Anthropological Association Meetings, Washington, D.C., December 2
- 2017 “Sexual Economies in Japan.” Elm Faculty Fellows Colloquium, Yale-NUS College, October 25
- 2016 “Recognizing the Signs: Making Absent Evidence Tangible in Anti-Human Trafficking Advocacy.” American Anthropological Association Meetings, Minneapolis, November 17

- 2015 “Public Safety, Urban Danger: The ‘Clean Up’ of Tokyo’s Sex Industry Districts.” American Anthropological Association Meetings, Denver, November 20
- 2014 “Empowerment as Care: The Politics of NGO Interventions in Tokyo’s Sex Industry.” American Anthropological Association Meetings, Washington, D.C., December 5
- 2014 “For the Sake of the Company: Healing and Labor in Tokyo’s Sex Industry.” Community of Scholars Symposium, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan, November 14
- 2014 “Caretaker, Worker, or Laborer?: The Politics of Women’s Labor in the Japanese Sex Industry.” Misfit Politics Conference, University of Michigan, April 11
- 2013 “First-Timers Welcome!: High Income and Short-Term Labor in the Sex Industry.” Anthropology-History Reading Group, Program in Anthropology and History, University of Michigan, November 7
- 2012 “Producing *Iyashi*: Commercial Sex as ‘Healing.’” American Anthropological Association Meetings, San Francisco, November 15
- 2012 “Getting Beyond ‘You Brought This on Yourself’?: Legal Justice for Female Japanese Sex Workers.” Sex and Justice Conference, University of Michigan, October 5
- 2010 Participant in the Illinois/Indiana (IL/IN) Dissertation Workshop on Gender and Sexuality in Modern East Asia. Bloomington, Indiana, June 2-3

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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##### Yale-NUS College

*Comparative Social Inquiry*  
*The Anthropological Imagination*  
*Gender Perspectives in Anthropology*  
*Sexual Economies*  
*The Anthropology of Human Rights*

##### University of Michigan

*Kinship, Social Organization, and Society*  
*The Anthropology of Human Rights*

##### Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan

*Medical Anthropology*

*Introduction to Anthropology* [four-field]  
*Ethnic Diversity in Japan*  
*Childbirth and Culture*

Additional Teaching Experience:

**U-M Graduate Teacher Certificate**, Rackham School of Graduate Studies and the Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, University of Michigan

Participation in month-long **Preparing Future Faculty Seminar**, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, University of Michigan, May 2012

**LANGUAGES**

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Japanese (speaking, reading, writing) – high fluency

German (speaking, reading, writing) – high fluency

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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Yale-NUS College:

2017-2019 Gender Research Cluster, Co-Coordinator  
2018 Faculty Sexual Misconduct Taskforce  
2017-2018 Research Ethics Committee for Senior Capstones  
2017 Anthropology Faculty Representative, Experience Yale-NUS Weekend

University of Michigan:

2014-2015 Anthropology Undergraduate Honors Research Poster Symposium, Judge  
2012-2013 Japanese Studies Interdisciplinary Colloquium, Co-Coordinator  
2012-2013 New Graduate Student Instructor Orientation, Anthropology Department, Student Representative

**MEDIA RELATIONS**

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2014 E-mail interview with Jonathan DeHart, Vice.com (international news e-magazine), “How Ashley Madison Pulled Back the Curtain on Japan’s ‘Infidelity Economy,’” June 16

**RESEARCH & WORK EXPERIENCES IN JAPAN**

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2016-2017 One month follow-up ethnographic research, Tokyo  
2013 One month follow-up ethnographic and archival research, Tokyo  
2011 Six-month internship at an anti-human trafficking non-governmental organization (NGO), Tokyo  
2010-2011 Fifteen months of ethnographic and archival research, Tokyo  
2009 Three months of preliminary dissertation research, Tokyo

- 2009 Two months of volunteer work at an emergency shelter for foreign migrant women, Tokyo
- 2008 Two months of preliminary dissertation research, Tokyo
- 2006-2007 Twelve months working as Coordinator for International Relations, Unnan City Hall, Shimane through the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program
- 2005 Two-month internship as an opinions columnist at the Iwate Nippo Newspaper, Morioka, Iwate

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Anthropological Association  
American Ethnological Society  
Society for Cultural Anthropology  
Society for East Asian Anthropology  
Association for Feminist Anthropology  
Association for Political and Legal Anthropology  
Society for the Anthropology of Work