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## Education

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- Ph.D.** Columbia University, History-East Asia Program 2018  
Department of East Asian Languages & Cultures  
Advisor: Carol Gluck  
Dissertation: Governing Shōnan: The Japanese Administration of  
Wartime Singapore
- M.A.** Columbia University, History-East Asia Program 2012  
Department of East Asian Languages & Cultures  
M.A. Thesis: Ideological Anchors: Monumental  
Architecture in Twentieth-Century Singapore
- B.A.** Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR 2007  
Major: International Affairs, Minors: History, Japanese  
Honors: Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa,  
Barbara Hirschi Neely Scholar

## Academic Appointments

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- Yale-NUS College** 2018–Present  
Postdoctoral Fellow  
Division of Humanities

## Affiliations

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- Waseda University** Sept. 2014–Sept. 2015  
Sponsor: Umemori Naoyuki  
Visiting Researcher, Faculty of Political Science and Economics
- National University of Singapore** Jan. 2014–June 2014  
Sponsor: Prasenjit Duara  
Visiting Scholar, Asia Research Institute
- National University of Malaysia** July 2013–Dec. 2013  
Language Student, Malay  
Institute of the Malay World and Civilization

**National University of Singapore**  
Global Public Policy Network Fellow

August 2012–Dec. 2012

**University of Wisconsin–Madison**  
Language Student, Indonesian  
Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute

June 2012–August 2012

## Awards and Honors

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**Junior Fellowship in Japan Studies** 2017–2018  
Weatherhead East Asian Institute

**Fulbright Grant** 2014–2015  
Institute of International Education

**Mellon Traveling Fellowship** 2013–2014  
Columbia University

**Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund Summer Grant** Summer 2013  
Weatherhead East Asian Institute

**Global Public Policy Network Fellowship** Fall 2012  
Columbia University

**Academic Year Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship** 2012–2013  
Columbia University

**Summer Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship** Summer 2012  
University of Wisconsin–Madison

**Faculty Fellowship** 2010–2017  
Columbia University

## Publications

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Eaton, Clay. 2016. **The last days of Syonan.** In *End of empire: 100 days in 1945 that changed Asia and the world*, eds. David P. Chandler, Robert Cribb, and Li Narangoa, 120–121. Copenhagen: NIAS Press.

Eaton, Clay. 2016. **Mabel's life goes on.** In *End of empire: 100 days in 1945 that changed Asia and the world*, eds. David P. Chandler, Robert Cribb, and Li Narangoa, 130–131. Copenhagen: NIAS Press.

- Eaton, Clay. 2015. **A cenotaph for Singapore: Contesting ceremonial space at the Straits Settlements War Memorial.** *Journal of the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society* 88, part 2, no. 309: 25–50.
- Eaton, Clay. 2014. **Communal welfare associations and the agricultural settlements of wartime Singapore.** In *Africa and Asia across disciplinary and national lines: Proceedings of papers presented at Consortium for Asian and African Studies (CAAS) 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference, Columbia University, 3–4 October 2014*, 45–50. Tokyo: Office of International Academic Strategy, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.

## Conference Papers, Workshops, Presentations

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- Eaton, Clay. **“Governing Shōnan: Communal Leaders and the Japanese Occupation State in Wartime Singapore.”** SEASIA 2017 Conference: Unity in Diversity – Transgressive Southeast Asia. Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. December 2017.
- Eaton, Clay. **“The Japanese Occupation and the End of Colonial Politics in Wartime Singapore.”** Weatherhead East Asian Institute Workshop: After Total War – Mobilization and its Aftermath in the Japanese Wartime Empire. Columbia University, New York. May 2017.
- Eaton, Clay. **“Care for the People: Medical Doctors and the Administration of Japanese Occupied Singapore.”** AAS-in-Asia Kyoto: Asia in Motion – Horizons of Hope. Doshisha University, Kyoto. June 2016.
- Eaton, Clay. **“Victory Through Good Governance: Home Ministry Bureaucrats in Wartime Singapore.”** Presentation to Department of Japanese Studies, National University of Singapore, Singapore. February 2016.
- Eaton, Clay. **“State Society Relations in Japanese Occupied Singapore.”** Presentation to Singapore National Library Board staff, Singapore. February 2016.
- Eaton, Clay. **“‘A Civic Organization to Bind Together the Many Races’: The Auxiliary Police Force in Wartime Singapore.”** Modern Japan History Workshop. Waseda University, Tokyo. September 2015.
- Eaton, Clay. **“Communal Welfare Associations and the Agricultural Settlements of Wartime Singapore.”** Consortium for African and Asian Studies Symposium. Columbia University, New York. Oct. 2014.
- Eaton, Clay. **“A Cenotaph for Singapore: Contested Space at the Straits Settlements War Memorial.”** International Institute of Asian Studies–Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre Joint Conference on Asia-Europe Encounters. Asian Civilizations Museum, Singapore. Dec. 2012.
- Eaton, Clay. **“Locating the Malayan Emergency in the Global 1950s.”** LSE-Columbia Research Seminar on International and World History: “The Global 1950s”. Columbia University, New York. Mar. 2012.
- Eaton, Clay. **“The Last Monument to Japanese-Occupied Malaya.”** 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Conference on East Asia. Columbia University, New York. Feb. 2011.

## Teaching Experience

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### **Senior Thesis Graduate Student Advisor**, Columbia University, 2016

I spent the Spring Semester of 2016 personally advising a fourth-year undergraduate student on their senior thesis about pacifism during the Russo-Japanese war. I gave research advice, including on the use of libraries outside of Columbia and approaches to different types of sources. I helped my advisee with outlining and drafting, and gave general advice on the overall argument of their thesis.

### **Teaching Assistant**, Columbia University, 2015

*Introduction to East Asian Civilizations: Japan*: This lecture course, taught by Professor David Lurie, served as an introduction for undergraduate students to the culture and history of Japan. I led discussion sections for students enrolled in the course, presented guest lectures, helped to prepare midterm and final examinations, and graded both these examinations and the students' written work.

### **Instructor**, Columbia University, 2013

*Research in East Asian Studies: History*: In this weekly course, I taught research methods to a group of six undergraduate juniors in the East Asian Languages and Cultures Department who were preparing research proposals for their senior theses. I focused on teaching research, writing, and citation skills that would assist them with their summer research plans.

### **Teaching Assistant**, Columbia University, 2012

*World War II in History and Memory*: This course, taught by Professor Carol Gluck, concerned the changing memories and histories of the Second World War. Students examined various national and local narratives of the war and analyzed instances of memory change in specific cultural settings. Students were exposed to multiple media of memory along with academic material, including graphic novels, literature, film, and video games. I led discussion sections for students enrolled in the course, presented guest lectures, and graded written work.

### **Guest Lecturer**, Columbia University, 2011

*Cultures of Empire*: I was invited to present a guest lecture to this undergraduate class on Japan's occupation of Southeast Asia and the end of colonial empires in the region during the mid-twentieth century.

### **Historical Tour Guide**, Big Onion Walking Tours, 2011–2013, 2016–present

During my time at Columbia University, excluding time spent in East Asia conducting doctoral research, I worked as a historical walking tour guide for Big Onion, a company started by Ph.D. students in the History Department at Columbia that hires graduate students in history or related fields. I led two-hour walking tours of Lower Manhattan, the Lower East Side, Tribeca, Chelsea, and Harlem. On my tours, I emphasized the complexity of New York's urban landscape and the interconnectedness between the historical past and the present.

## Service

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### **Rapporteur**, Seminar on Modern East Asia: Japan, 2015–2018

As the rapporteur for the faculty seminar on modern Japan, I worked individually and as a team with another advanced Ph.D. student to bring various scholars to Columbia to present new work in a collegial setting with academics from around the New York area under the supervision of our chair, Professor Yukiko Koga (Hunter College). I arranged travel lodging for our speakers and dinners for our members, and kept extensive minutes of seminar proceedings.

**Conference Co-organizer**, Columbia Graduate Student Conference on East Asia, 2011–2012

As a member of the six-person organizing committee for our department's twenty-first annual Graduate Student Conference on East Asia, I helped organize one of the largest and oldest East Asian studies graduate student conferences in the country. I helped to vet abstracts of paper proposals, organize panels, and invite discussants for the conference, while I also had primary responsibility for organizing food and drink for the conference, making introductory remarks to our attendees, and handling logistical issues as they arose.

**Student Co-organizer**, LSE-Columbia Seminar on International and Global History, 2012

As one of two student organizers of a joint seminar between Columbia University and the London School of Economics, I worked under Professor Charles Armstrong to collect and distribute papers while I also managed logistical concerns for this one-day event.

**Co-organizer**, Columbia University Japan Graduate Studies Group (“Benkyōkai”), 2011–2012

I was one of two student organizers of our Japanese studies graduate group, the Benkyōkai. Our group met approximately once a month, and discussed recent work in Japanese history while also holding workshops on grant writing and conference presentations for our members.

**East Asia Representative**, Columbia Graduate History Association, 2011–2012

As the East Asia Representative of the Columbia Graduate History Association (GHA), I represented the members of the History-East Asia Program, a joint program between the History and East Asian Languages & Cultures Departments. I made sure that graduate students in East Asian History were adequately represented in both departments, and helped new students adjust to life at Columbia.

**Symposium Co-organizer**, Columbia Graduate History Association Spring Symposium, 2010–2011

As a member of the organizing committee for the Columbia GHA Spring Symposium, I helped to set up our annual symposium on professionalization, which emphasized TA training, research preparation, and career options inside and outside of academia.

## Languages

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**Fluent:** English, Japanese, Indonesian/Malay

**Advanced:** Mandarin

**Reading:** Dutch, Classical Japanese