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# Academic Positions

August 2013- Associate Professor of Anthropology, Montana State University, (MSU), Bozeman, MT

August 2007 Assistant Professor of Anthropology, MSU

-July 2013

September 2004

-June 2007 Post-Doctoral Scholar, Center for East Asian Studies, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

May 2004 Visiting Scholar, Center for Japanese Studies

 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

# Higher Education

April 2004 Ph.D. in Anthropology

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Dissertation: “Feminism Fractured: an ethnography of the dissolution and textual reinvention of a Japanese feminist group”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Jennifer Robertson

December 1994 M.A. in Anthropology

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

August 1992 M.A. in Communication Studies

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

August 1992 Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

March 1990 B.A. in Communication

International Christian University, Mitaka, Tokyo, Japan

September 1988- One-year Exchange Student, University of California, Santa Barbara, June 1989 CA

# Research and Teaching Interests

Anthropology of Japan, Feminist Anthropology, Historical Anthropology, Oral History, Ethnography, Anthropological Methods and Ethics, Social Movements, Gender and Sexuality, Global Feminisms, Nationalism and Conservatism, Nuclear Weaponry and Energy, New Religions in Japan, Popular Culture and the Mass Media, Internet Culture, Race and Ethnicity, Racism, Human Rights, Local and National Politics, Education, Urban Anthropology

**Grants**

2013 “Recording and Creating the History of Feminism: the Women’s Action Group’s Publication Project and the Multiple Meanings of Past Documents.” Northeast Asia Council, the Association for Asian Studies, “Short-term Research Travel to Japan” Grant. (funded for $3,000)

2013 “Recording and Creating the History of Feminism: the Women’s Action Group’s Publication Project and the Multiple Meanings of Past Documents.” Montana State University, Faculty Excellence Grant (funded for $5,000)

2013-2015 “The Day After: Civic Engagement and Identity Reconstruction in Response to Natural Disasters in Taiwan and Japan.” Pacific Rim Research Grant, the University of California (funded for $ 35,000) under the Principal Investigator, Dr. Ming-Cheng Lo (Sociology, UC Davis)

2010-2013 Principle Investigator, “The Role of the Internet in Changing Landscape of Social Movements: the Emergence of new racism and nationalism in contemporary Japan.” Toyota Foundation Research Grant (funded for 4,200,000 yen: approx. $52,500 from October 2010-March 2013)

* 1. “The Discourse on Gender and the Grassroots Conservative Movement in Contemporary Japan.” Montana State University, Scholarship and Creativity Grant, MSU (funded for $21,350)

2009-2011 Montana State University, L&S Research Enhancement Award (for the attendance to AAS and AAA meetings)

2008-2010 Principal Investigator, “The Future of ‘Gender-free Controversy’ and ‘Gender Equality’ as Media Events” Suntory Foundation Grant for the Humanities and the Social Sciences. (funded for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010; 1,000,000 yen for each year– approx. $12,500 per year for two years-total of $25,000)

2008 Montana State University, L&S Research Enhancement Award. (support for the campus visit of Dr. Kojiro Hirose of the National Museum of Ethnology)

2007 “Ethnographic Study of Conservative Backlash Against Feminism in Contemporary Japan.” Montana State University, L&S Research and Creativity Program, Montana State University (funded for $3,000)

2007 Association for Asian Studies, Northeast Asia Council, “Japan-related Panels at National Conventions of Major Scholarly Disciplines” Grant (awarded as a panel organizer)

1997-1998 Principle Investigator, Tokyo Women’s Foundation Research Grant (200,000 yen, approx. $2,500)

## Publications

Books

October 2012 Yamaguchi, Tomomi, Saito Masami and Ogiue Chiki.

 *Social Movements at a Crossroads: Feminism's "lost years" vs. grassroots conservatism*. Tokyo: Keisō Shobō.

I am in charge of the total of five chapters out of seven, plus introduction and concluding remarks. I have two sole-authored chapters, along with two first-authored chapters among the five chapters that I was in charge.

1999 (As a member of the book writing/editing group) *Kōdō-suru Onna-tachi ga Hiraita Michi: Mexico kara New York made – [The Road Cultivated by the Women of Action: from Mexico to New York],* ed. Kodo-suru Kai Kirokushu Henshu Iinkai, Tokyo: Mirai-sha.

Refereed Journal Articles

Forthcoming Yamaguchi, Tomomi. (accepted) “(Un)making Sense of “Gender Free”: Mainstreaming and Backlash against Feminism in Contemporary Japan.” *Feminist Studies*

2013 Yamaguchi, Tomomi. Xenophobia in Action: Nationalism, Hate-speech and the Internet in Japan, *Radical History Review*, Vol. 117, Fall 2013.

2012 Yamaguchi, Tomomi and Muto Ruiko. “Muto Ruiko and the Fukushima Residents’ Movement to Pursue Criminal Charges against Tepco Executives and Government Officials,” *The Asia-Pacific Journal*, Vol 10, Issue 27, No.2, July 2.

2011 Yamaguchi, Tomomi. “The Kaminoseki Nuclear Power Plant Controversy, Community Conflict, and the Poverty.” *The Asia Pacific Journal*, Vol 9, Issue 41, No. 3, October 10, 2011

2010 Yamaguchi, Tomomi. “The Pen and the Sword: Ethical Issues Surrounding Research on Pro-war Right-wingers in Japan.” *Critical Asian Studies*, Volume 42, Number 3, August 2010

2007 Yamaguchi, Tomomi. “Impartial Observation and Partial Participation: Feminist Ethnography in Politically Charged Japan.” *Critical Asian Studies*, Volume 39, Number 4, December 2007

2007 Yamaguchi, Tomomi and Norma Field. “Gendered Labor Justice and the Law of Peace: Nakajima Michiko and the 15-woman lawsuit opposing dispatch of Japanese self-defense forces to Iraq*.” The Asia-Pacific Journal*, Oct 20, 2007.

Book Chapters

2009 “Impartial Observation and Partial Participation” in Jennifer Robertson ed. *Ethics and Anthropology*. Routledge 2009 (only slight modification from 2007 *Critical Asian Studies* article under the same title).

2006 (in Japanese) “Gender-free Ronso to Feminizumu no Ushinarawareta Juunen” [“The Debate over “Gender-Free” and the Lost Decade of Feminism”] in *Backlash!: Naze Gender-free wa tatakaretanoka? [Why was “gender-free” attacked?]* Tokyo: Sofusha, 2006

2005 “Feminism, Timelines and History-Making” in Jennifer Robertson ed. *A* *Companion to the Anthropology of Japan*, London: Blackwell Publishers 2005

2004&2005 (in Japanese) “Gender-free wo Meguru Konran no Kongen [1] & [2]” [The Roots of the Confusion over “Gender-free” [1] & [2]], *We*, November 2004 and January 2005

2004 (in Japanese) “’Kekkon’ no Teigi wo Meguru Tatakai: America Massachusetts-shû no Dôseikon Hanketsu” [“Fight about the Definition of ‘Marriage’: the Massachusetts gay marriage case”] in *Onna-tachi no 21-seiki*, No. 27, February 2004

Non-refereed Journal Articles and Book Reviews

Forthcoming Book Review for Ian Condry, *The Soul of Anime: Collaborative Creativity and Japan’s Media Success Story*. *American Anthropologist.*

Forthcoming (in Japanese) “Kodo-suru Kai wo Josei Undo-shi ni Ichizukeru.” (“Situating Kodo-suru Kai in the History of Women’s Movement.”) *Kodo-suru Onna-tachi no Kai Shiryo*. Suirensha.

2013 (in Japanese) “Feminizumu no Shiten kara Mita Kodo-hoshu Undo to Ianfu Mondai.” (“The Action Conservative Movement and the “Comfort Women” Issue From a Feminist Perspective”). *Journalism*. Asahi Shimbun-sha. November: 81-91.

2012 (in Japanese) Book review for Yasuda, Koichi. *Netto to Aikoku* (*The Internet and Patriotism*). *Migrant Network*. July-August 2012.

2011 “The Fukushima Daiichi Accident and Conservatives’ Discourse about Nuclear Energy and Weapons in Japan”. *Anthropology News.* October 2011

2011 “SEAA Panels at New Orleans”. *Anthropology News*. January 2011

2010 (in Japanese) “The "fiction" surrounding feminism and its analysis of backlash: the "gender-free controversy" and five years later”. *αSynodos* e-journal. Vol. 61. October 1, 2010.

2006 “’Loser Dogs’ and ‘Demon Hags’: Single Women in Japan and the Low Birth Rate” *Social Science Japan Journal*: Issue 9-1, April 2006

2006 (in Japanese) “Kansei ‘Gender’ ga Orite Kita!: ‘Gender,’’gender-free’ no teigi wo meguru tôsô to gyôsei, joseigaku, josei undo.” [“The Government-manufactured Notion of ‘Gender’ Came Down to Us!: the struggle over the definitions of ‘gender’ and ‘gender-free,’ and the government, women’s studies and the women’s movement.”] *Gendai Seikyoiku Kenkyu Geppô* (*Monthly Report Sex Education Today)*, The Japanese Association for Sex Education, January 2006

1998 (in Japanese) “Nichibei Josei Jôhô Jijô” [“Women’s access to information in Japan and the U.S.”], *Nihon Fujin Mondai Konwakai Kaihô,* No.57.

Other

2008 Report on the Workshop at Japan Mass Communication Studies Association Meeting: “How does Backlash Occur?: The Interrelationship between the mass media and the public discourse on the web” *Center for Gender Studies (CGS) Newsletter*, International Christian University

2007 (in Japanese) “Backlash kara Knagaeru Feminism no Yukue” (*Backlash!* and the Future of Feminism in Japan) Roundtable discussion with Emi Koyama and Masami Saito. Ogiue, Chiki ed. *Natsukare!,* 2007

## Translations

2007 Seyama, Noriko, Woolala, Satoko and Yamagami, Chieko. Documentary Film: *The U.S. Tour of 30 Years of Sisterhood*, 2007 (script translation and subtitle writing)

2006 Martin, Jane and Houston, Barbara. “Gender wo Kangaeru: Jane Martin, Barbara Houston interview (kikite Tomomi Yamaguchi).” [Thinking about Gender: interview with Jane Martin and Barbara Houston, interviewer Tomomi Yamaguchi.] and Houston, Barbara, “Gender-free Gainen ni Kansuru Mijikai Komento.” [A Short Comment on the notion of ‘Gender-Free.”] in *Backlash!: Naze Gender-free wa tatakaretanoka? [Why was gender-equality attacked?]* Tokyo: Sofusha, 2006

2004 Yamagami, Chieko and Seyama, Noriko. Documentary Film: *30 Years of Sisterhood: Women in the 1970s Women’s Liberation Movement in Japan*, 2004 (script translation and subtitle writing)

1995 Document 2: The Citizen’s Movement Committee on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the End of the War – “A Petition to Oppose the ‘Diet Resolution of Remorse and Apology’ that Condemns Our Country’s War in a One-sided Fashion,” and Document 3: Editorial from *Sankei Shimbun*, June 7, 1995 – “A compromised proposal that lacks wisdom: We cannot judge history based on the resolution in the House of Representatives,” in John W. Dower, “Japan Addresses its War Responsibility” *ii: The Journal of the International Institute*, Fall 1995, Vol.3, No.1.

## Works in Progress

Book Manuscript, *Feminism fractured: dissolution and textual reinvention of a Japanese feminist group*.

Co-edited with Haeng-ja Chung. *Ethnographies of “New” Grassroots Racism and Xenophobia in Japan*. (edited volume; plan to submit the proposal to Routledge in June 2013.)

 (research in progress with Dr. Masami Saito) “Tajima Yoko and Feminism in Japan” Conducting in-depth interviews with feminist scholar Tajima Yoko and people surrounding her

 (research in progress with Dr. Ming-cheng Lo and Dr. Yun Fan) “The Day After: Civic Engagement and Identity Reconstruction in Response to Natural Disasters in Taiwan and Japan” The Taiwan phase of the project has started, and the Japan phase will start from September 2014.

 (research in progress) Field-research on social movements supporting and against nuclear power plants (especially on the promoters of the Kaminoseki Nuclear Power Plant in Yamaguchi Prefecture.)

(research in progress) Research on ultranationalism in Japan. Conducting field-based research on conservative activism in contemporary Japan

(submission to a peer-reviewed journal planned) “Clean Bathrooms, Beautiful Japan: The Bathroom Cleaning Movement and the Rise of Grassroots Nationalism.”

**Presentations**

Invited Lectures

March 2013 “Rubble, Radiation and the ‘Secret’: Anti-nuclear Movements and the Police in Post-3.11 Japan.” Invited Lecture for the “Japan in Disaster” Lecture Series at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK.

October 2013 “The Mainstreaming of Feminism and the Politics of Backlash in the 21st Century Japan.” Invited Lecture at Carolina Asia Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC.

July 2011 “Listening to the Voices of the Promoters of Nuclear Power Plants: The Construction of Kaminoseki Nuclear Power Plant and the Community Divisions.” The Politics of Connection Symposium. Otsuma Women’s University, Tokyo, Japan.

May 2011 Panelist and Chair for a roundtable in “The Atomic Age: From Hiroshima to the Present” Invited Panelist, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

## Conference Presentations

November 2013 Roundtable presenter in “Narrating the Nuclear: Anthropologists and Others Engage with the Atomic Era, Part II: Nuclear Energy.” American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, November 2013, Chicago, IL. (selected as an invited session from the Society for East Asian Anthropology.)

May 2013 “The Mainstreaming of Feminism and the Politics of Backlash in the 21st Century Japan.” Sex, Gender, and Society: Rethinking Modern Japanese Feminisms conference, Emory University

November 2012 Roundtable presenter in “Debating the Future of Feminist Anthropologies: A Global Conversation Session.” American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, November 2012, San Francisco, CA. (refereed, selected as an invited session from the Association for Feminist Anthropology.)

March 2012 “Tracing the  “Conservatives in Action”: Activism, the Internet and the Spread of Xenophobia” in “Ethnographies of “New” Grassroots Racism and Xenophobia in Japan” panel, Association for Asian Studies, Annual Meeting, March 2012, Toronto, Canada. (refereed)

November 2011 “Xenophobia in Action: Anti-Korean Activism, Hate-speech and the Internet” in “Privileged Minorities, Innocent Victims, or National Heroes?: Anti-Korean Activism and the Lingering Legacies of Japanese Imperialism” panel, American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, November 2011, Montreal, Canada. (refereed)

November 2010 “Images of “Backlash” Circulated: Feminism and its Fight against Anti-feminist Backlash in Twenty-first Century Japan” in “Feminisms in Global and Local Circulation: The Case of Japan, 1970s–Present” panel, American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, November 2010, New Orleans, LA (refereed)

June 2010 Organizer and Chair, “Re-questioning the Issue of Temporary, Part-time and Volunteered labor at Feminist Academic and Activist Organizations” roundtable. Women’s Studies Association of Japan, Annual Meeting, June 2010. Osaka, Japan. (refereed)

March 2010 Chair, organizer and discussant in the roundtable, “The Atomic Bomb at 65: Teaching the Costs of the Bomb in US Classrooms and Communities”. Association for Asian Studies, Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA (refereed)

December 2009 “Clean Bathrooms, Beautiful Japan: the bathroom cleaning movement and the rise of grassroots nationalism” in the panel, “Anthropology in Troubled Times: Political Mobilization and Grassroots Activism in Recessionary Japan”. American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (refereed)

June 2009 “Re-examining ‘Gender-free Controversy’ and Women’s Studies“ in the panel, “Re-thinking ‘Gender-free’ and ‘Backlash’” (Co-organizer, Chair and Presenter), Women’s Studies Association of Japan, Annual Meeting, Ochanomizu Women’s University, Tokyo, Japan. (refereed)

June 2009 Panelist: “Re-thinking ‘Gender-free’ and ‘Backlash’” (Organizer, Chair and Discussant). Women’s Studies Association of Japan, Research Meeting, Tokyo Women’s Plaza, Tokyo, Japan. (refereed)

March 2009 “(Un)making Sense of “Gender-free” and “Backlash” in a panel, “Gender-free backlash on the internet and beyond: national politics and feminism in the 21st century Japan” Association for Asian Studies, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (refereed)

November 2008 “Fight the Femi-Nazi!: anti-feminist backlash and “grass-roots” conservatism**“** in the invited session from the Society for East Asian Anthropology, “Unpacking Japanese Conservatism: ethnographic engagement and the social, political, and emotional worlds of the Right” American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (invited)

October 2008 Discussant, Japan’s Natural Legacies Conference, Big Sky, Montana.

March 2008 “Debating ‘Gender-Free’: the Gender Mixed Roll Call Controversy and Anti-feminist Backlash in the 21st Century Japan” in the panel, “Negotiating New Demands and New Divisions in Japan: Women and the Neo-Liberal/Conservative Turn”) Association for Asian Studies, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (refereed)

December 2007 “Writing against Resistance: Fighting for Feminism at Home and Abroad” in the panel, “Locating Anthropology in Japan, and Japan in Anthropology”, American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, Washington DC (refereed)

June 2007 “Gender-free and the rise of Japanese Right-wing” in the panel, “Tangled Threads of Backlash against Feminism in Contemporary Japan”, National Women’s Studies Association, Annual Meeting, St. Charles, IL (refereed)

November 2006 “Impartial Observation and Partial Participation: Feminist Ethnography in Politically Charged Areas,” in the panel, “Politics and Pitfalls of Japan Ethnography: Reflexivity, Responsibility and Anthropological Ethics”, American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA (refereed)

April 2006 “‘Backlash’ on Trial: Contestation over Feminism and Nationalism in Contemporary Japan” in the panel, “Nationalism Contested in Contemporary Japan” The Association for Asian Studies, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (refereed)

June 2004 “Roundtable: The Uses of Ethnographic Cultural Study: Can Ethnography Respond to the Crises of Legitimacy and Representation?” Crossroads in Cultural Studies, Fifth International Conference, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. (refereed)

June 2004 “The Meaning of ‘Telling the History of *Ribu*’ and Today’s *Ribu*/Feminism,” The Women’s Studies Association of Japan Annual Conference, Mirai Chûshin Rinsai Women’s Center, Tottori, Japan. (refereed)

April 2004 “The Emperor’s New Clothes: tailoring history by a Japanese feminist group,” The Pacific Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco. (refereed)

March 2003 “Feminism as Chronology: the place of timelines (*nenpyô*) in women’s history,” The Association for Asian Studies, Annual Meeting, New York. (refereed)

June 2000 “Teaching Introductory Women’s Studies: Examples from Toyama University, Aichi Shukutoku University and the University of Michigan,” The Women’s Studies Association of Japan Spring Conference, University of Tokyo, Japan. (refereed)

April 2000 “Fighting Words: Japanese feminist activists and media protests,” Harvard Graduate Student Conference in Japanese Studies, Harvard University. (refereed)

July 1999 Panelist, Symposium, “What is Women’s Studies for?” Annual Women’s Studies Symposium by Nihon Joseigaku Kenkyûkai, Kyoto, Japan. (invited)

October 1997 “Is Naomi Campbell Japanese? The Construction of the Ideal Body in Japanese Aesthetic Salons,” Rackham Graduate Student Conference, “Genders, Bodies, Borders,” University of Michigan. (refereed)

May 1997 “Nichi-bei Josei Joho Jijô” (“Women’s access to information in Japan and the U.S.”). in a symposium “Women and the Future of Information” by *Nihon* *Fujin Mondai Konwa-kai (Japan Women’s Forum).* (invited)

June 1996 “Japanese women as commodities: the images of Japanese women in the American mass media,” The Women’s Studies Association of Japan Spring Conference, Tokyo, Japan. (referred)

April 1995 “Television as a site of cultural struggle: an ethnographic study of Japanese television viewers in the U.S.,” Graduate Student Conference, “Popular Culture: Mass, Lived, Contested,” Cornell University. (referred)

Other Presentations

February 2014 Panelist in “Diversity and Engaged Outreach” panel, Letters and Science, Fellows in Engagement Panel, Montana State University.

November 2013 “The Mainstreaming of Feminism and the Politics of Backlash in the 21st Century Japan.” Women’s and Gender Studies Speaker Series, Montana State University.

October 2013 Panelist in “Women Uniting to End Violence Against Women and Girls”, Sack Lunch Seminar. Montana State University.

April 2011 Panelist in “The Atomic Age Forum” at Montana State University.

March 2011 “Feminism, Backlash and the Rise of New Right-Wing in Contemporary Japan.” Sack Lunch Seminar. Montana State University.

December 2009 “The history of Feminist Movement’s Use of the Media: from *minikomi* to the internet” Glocal Feminism Research Group Meeting, Tokyo Women’s Plaza, Tokyo, Japan.

June 2009 “Backlash and the Internet” in “Examining Feminism and the Internet” Research Meeting, Feminism and the Internet Research Group, Bentencho Citizens’ Study Center, Osaka, Japan.

February 2007 “Conservative Religious Groups and Feminism: Current backlash in Japan,” Wednesday Community Luncheons, Divinity School, University of Chicago (invited presentation)

February 2006 “The Women’s Liberation Movement in Japan” in The Japanese Law Society, University of Chicago, Lunch Lecture (invited presentation)

December 2005 “Backlash against feminism and our strategy to fight against it” in “Gender and Representation” Research Group, 7th Meeting, Ferris Women’s College, Yokohama, Japan (invited presentation)

December 2004 “What is ‘Gender Free’?” in “Thinking about the relationship among academic Women’s Studies, the government and the women’s movement via the notion of “Gender Free.” Gender Colloquium, University of Tokyo, Japan. (organizer and panelist)

December 2004 Guest lecture on feminist anthropology (for an introductory sociology course taught by Prof. Yuki Senda), Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan. (invited presentation)

November 2004 Guest lecture on “Post-war Japanese feminism,” (for the course “Gender and Japanese History,” taught by Prof. Susan Burns), Department of History, University of Chicago. (invited presentation)

November 2004 “Japanese Feminism and the Politics of History-making,” Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop, University of Chicago.

September 2002 “Pioneers of the Women’s Movement: The United States,” “Feminism in the World” lecture series, STEP Toyonaka Gender Equality Center, Osaka, Japan. (invited presentation)

March 2001 “Fighting Words: Japanese feminist activists and media protests,” “Gender in China, Korea and Japan,” Workshop for K-12 teachers, Center for Japanese Studies, University of Michigan.

August 1999 Facilitator, Workshop on feminist activism and academic feminism, Gender and Women’s Studies Forum at the National Women’s Education Center, Ranzan-chô, Saitama, Japan.

## Conference and Symposium Translations

May 2012 Translator for “The Atomic Age II: Fukushima” Symposium at the University of Chicago.

March 2012 Translator for Professor Tetsuya Takahashi of the University of Tokyo for his speech at “What 3.11 Means to Me: Symposium in Honor of Norma Field” at the University of Chicago.

March-May 2007 Translator for The Japan At Chicago Lecture Series: Celebrating Protest at the University of Chicago.

February 2006 Translator for panel discussions for the U.S. Screening Tour of a documentary film, *30 Years of Sisterhood* (at the University of Chicago, University of Iowa, Grinnell College, Yale University, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and Washington University in St. Louis.)

## Research Experience

2010-current Field Research and in-depth interviews on activism for and against nuclear energy. Interviewed the supporter of the construction of Kaminoseki Nuclear Power Plant in Yamaguchi, Japan, and individuals based in Tokyo and Fukushima, who are against nuclear energy.

2010-current Field Research on Conservative Activism in Tokyo, Saitama, Kyoto, Osaka and Tokushima, Japan, particularly on so-called “Conservatives in Action” movement.

 Conducted archival and field research on conservative groups and individuals; conducted participant observation and in-depth interviews; followed court cases involving the groups and individuals closely; conducted research on archival and online resources by and about them.

2009-2011 Field Research on the Association to Beautify Japan (Groups to Learn from Cleaning) on its bathroom cleaning movement and its relation to conservative activism in Japan.

Conducted participant observation of street and bathroom cleaning sessions and in-depth interviews of the group’s leaders and members in Tokyo, Kanagawa, Aichi and New York City.

2008-2011 Field Research and Discourse Analysis of the Internet and Media Use by Japanese Feminist and Conservative groups.

 Conducted detailed analyses on on-line discussion on the web and listserv of a feminist group; organized a research group on the on-line debates on gender equality in Japan.

2004-2011 Archival and Field Research in Tokyo, Chiba, Osaka, Yamaguchi, Fukui, and Miyazaki, Japan, as well as Boston, MA.

Conducted archival and field research on grass-roots right wing organizations, religious groups and moral-education groups; conducted in-depth interviews with the conservative activists and reporters, as well feminist scholars and activists; conducted background research on a lawsuit brought by a feminist director of a women’s center in Osaka regarding right wing attacks against her and the center, Conducted research on archival and internet resources on backlash against feminism.

1. Research Assistant, Center for Japanese Studies, University of

Michigan (UM)

Translated articles by Prof. Shinobu Ikeda on the gendered representation in Japanese paintings in the Heian period, and on the reconstruction project of *Dejima* in the city of Nagasaki

2004 Transcriber, Medical School, UM

Transcribed in-depth interview tapes for Prof. Michael Fetters’ study, regarding Japanese doctors and the national elderly care insurance system

2003-2004 Research Assistant, Department of Anthropology, UM

 Assisted Prof. Jennifer Robertson with research on the history of eugenics in modern Japan, translated popular articles on eugenics of the pre-war period from Japanese to English, translated Prof. Robertson’s article into Japanese.

2002 Research Assistant, Women’s Studies Program, UM

Assisted Prof. Sidonie Smith with research on wartime sex slaves (“comfort women”) of the Japanese military, reviewed available literature and films on wartime “comfort women,” obtained information on current activism on the issue.

1996-1999 Dissertation Field Research in Tokyo, Japan

Conducted participant observation, in-depth interviews and archival research on feminist activism in Japan from the 1970s to the present.

1991-1994 Research Assistant, Center for Japanese Studies and Women’s Studies Program, UM

Assisted research of Prof. Andrea Press on sociology of Japanese and American women, reviewed bicultural relationships of Japanese and American women, translated Japanese documents into English.

## Teaching

Courses Taught:

*Montana State University (2007-current)*

* Undergraduate:
	+ ANTY101: Anthropology and the Human Experience: Fall 2008, Fall 2010 and Fall 2013
	+ ANTY 223 Anthropology, Pop Culture and Everyday Life: Spring 2014.
	+ ANTY 225 Culture, Language and Society (previously “Culture and Society”): Fall 2007, Fall 2009, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2013 and Spring 2014.
	+ ANTY 242 Contemporary Japan (previously “Social Issues in Contemporary Japan”): Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2011 and Fall 2012 (blended online/face-to-face)
	+ ANTY 337 Sex, Gender and Sexuality in Japan: Spring 2008, Spring 2009, Spring 2010 and Spring 2012
	+ ANTY 343 Popular Culture In/Out of Japan: Spring 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2010, Spring 2012, Summer 2013 (Online) and Fall 2013
	+ ANTY427 Anthropology of Gender: Spring 2013
	+ ANTY 441 Social Movements in Japan: Spring 2010 and Fall 2012.

*University of Chicago (2004-2007)*

* Undergraduate
	+ Popular Culture In/Out of Japan: Spring 2007
* Undergraduate/Graduate
	+ Social Movements in Postwar Japan (co-taught with Professor Norma Field): Spring 2007
	+ Feminist Struggles in Japan I (co-taught with Professor Norma Field): Winter 2006
	+ Reading Gender in the Anthropology of Japan: Winter 2006
* Graduate
	+ Feminist Struggles in Japan II (co-taught with Professor Norma Field): Spring 2006
* Undergraduate (teaching assistant)
	+ East Asian Civilizations-Japan: Winter 2005 and Winter 2006

*University of Michigan (1993-2004: as a Graduate Student Instructor)*

* Undergraduate
* Ethnic Diversity in Japan
* Introduction to Women’s Studies
* Japanese Culture and Society
* Mass Communication in Contemporary Society
* Women in Popular Film and Television
* Introduction to Anthropology

*Japan College of Foreign Languages, Tokyo, Japan (1998-1999)*

* Undergraduate-level vocational courses
* *Translation Skills*
* *Comparative Cultures*
* *TOEIC Exam Preparation*

*Pan Nations Consulting Group, Tokyo, Japan (1997-1998)*

* Corporate Workers: Business English

*Waseda Juku, Ichishin Yobiko and Soyu Gakuin, Tokyo (1996-1998)*

* Junior High and High School Students: English and Japanese

*University of California, Santa Barbara (1998-1999: as a teaching assistant)*

* Undergraduate
* *Third-year Japanese*

Professional Development regarding Teaching:

* 2012 Completed “Teaching Online: A Short Course,” Montana State University
* 2012 Certificate of Completion, Teaching Online Program, Montana State University
* 2010 Teaching and Learning Committee Workshops, Montana State University
* 2009 Desire to Learn Training Sessions at Montana State University
* 2003 Preparing for Future Faculty Workshop, University of Michigan

##### Other Professional Employment

2002-2003 Translator and Mentor, School of Education, UM

Translated English web pages into Japanese. Helped develop a web-based educational project on the world’s rivers.

1998-1999 Media Editor, Women’s Solidarity Foundation, Tokyo, Japan.

Edited newsletters, created web pages, organized conferences and workshops, administered a grant program, wrote project proposals, and set up a new office.

1993-1994 Translator, Center for Japanese Studies, UM

Translated English documents into Japanese.

1990 Editor, Foreign Language Dictionary Section, Sanseido Company, Ltd., Tokyo, Japan

Edited Japanese-English and English-Japanese dictionaries.

## Professional Memberships

 American Anthropological Association

 Society for East Asian Anthropology

 Association for Feminist Anthropology

 American Ethnological Society

 Association for Cultural Anthropology

 Association for Asian Studies

 National Women’s Studies Association

 Women’s Studies Association of Japan

## Fellowships, Awards and Honors

2013-2014 College of Letters and Science, Fellow in Engagement

2004-2007 Post-doctoral Fellowship, Center for East Asian Studies, University of Chicago

1. One-term Dissertation Grant, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan (UM)

2003 Michigan Teaching Fellow, Rackham Graduate School and Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, UM

2001 Rackham Block Grant, UM

1998 Goodman Fund, Center for Japanese Studies, UM

1997-1998 Dissertation Grant, Department of Anthropology, UM

1996 Endowment Award, Center for Japanese Studies, UM

1996 Summer Research Grant, Department of Anthropology, UM

1994-1995 Barbour Scholarship, UM

1992 Honorable Mention, Dorothy Guies McGuigan Prize, Women's Studies Program, UM

1. Membership, Kappa Tau Alpha (National Honor Society in Journalism and Mass Communication)

# Service

Service to the Profession

2013 Organizer, “Narrating the Nuclear: Anthropologists and Others Engage with the Atomic Era, Part I: Nuclear Weaponry, Part II: Nuclear Energy.” American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, November 2013, Chicago, IL. (Part I was selected as an Exectuvie Session and Part II was selected as an invited session from the Society for East Asian Anthropology.)

2012 Organizer, Atomic Age II: Fukushima Symposium, The University of Chicago

2012 Panel Organizer, “Ethnographies of “New” Grassroots Racism and Xenophobia in Japan” panel, Association for Asian Studies, Annual Meeting, March 2012, Toronto, Canada.

2011 Panel Organizer “Privileged Minorities, Innocent Victims, or National Heroes?: Anti-Korean Activism and the Lingering Legacies of Japanese Imperialism” panel, American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, November 2011, Montreal, Canada. (refereed)

2011 Organizer, Lecture by Professor Myungsoo Kim (Kwansei Gakuin University), The Internet and Citizens’ Movements Research Group, Tokyo Women’s Plaza, Tokyo, Japan.

2011 Organizer, Study Group Meeting with Mr. Koichi Yasuda (Freelance Journalist) on the “Conservatives in Action” movement, Tokyo Women’s Plaza, Tokyo, Japan.

2010-2012 Organizer, the Atomic Age Symposium, The University of Chicago.

2009-2011 AAA Meeting Program Editors’ Committee, Society for East Asian Anthropology, American Anthropological Association

2009-2010 Chair, AAA Meeting Program Editors’ Committee, Society for East Asian Anthropology, American Anthropological Association

2008-2011 Councilor, Society for East Asian Anthropology, American Anthropological Association

November 2010 Panel Organizer, “Feminisms in Global and Local Circulation: The Case of Japan, 1970s–Present” panel at AAA 2010 Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.

June 2010 Roundtable Organizer and Chair, “Re-questioning the Issue of Temporary, Part-time and Volunteered labor at Feminist Academic and Activist Organizations”. Women’s Studies Association of Japan, Annual Meeting, June 2010. Osaka, Japan.

March 2010 Roundtable Organizer, “The Atomic Bomb at 65: Teaching the Costs of the Bomb in US Classrooms and Communities”, Association for Asian Studies, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

December 2009 Panel Co-organizer, “Anthropology in Troubled Times: Political Mobilization and Grassroots Activism in Recessionary Japan”. American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

June 2009 Panel Co-organizer and Chair, “Re-thinking ‘Gender-free’ and ‘Backlash’” (Co-organizer, Chair and Presenter), Women’s Studies Association of Japan, Annual Meeting, Ochanomizu Women’s University, Tokyo, Japan.

March 2009 Panel Organizer, “Gender-free Backlash on the Internet and Beyond”. Association for Asian Studies, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

November 2008 Panel Co-organizer for the invited session from the Society for East Asian Anthropology, “Unpacking Japanese Conservatism: ethnographic engagement and the social, political, and emotional worlds of the Right” American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA

March 2008 Panel Co-organizer, “Negotiating New Demands and New Divisions in Japan: Women and the Neo-Liberal/Conservative Turn”) Association for Asian Studies, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA

December 2007 Panel Co-organizer, “Locating Anthropology in Japan, and Japan in Anthropology” American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, Washington DC

June 2007 Panel Organizer, “Tangled Threads of Backlash against Feminism in Contemporary Japan” National Women’s Studies Association, Annual Meeting, St. Charles, IL

June 2007 Discussant to the panel, “How does Backlash Occur?: The Interrelationship between the mass media and the public discourse on the web” Japan Mass Communication Studies Association, Spring Meeting, Kumamoto Gakuen University, Japan

November 2006 Panel Co-Organizer, “Politics and Pitfalls of Japan Ethnography: Reflexivity, Responsibility and Anthropological Ethics”, American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA

April 2006 Panel Organizer, “Nationalism Contested in Contemporary Japan” The Association for Asian Studies, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA

Ad hoc Reviewer for Journals

 *Critical Asian Studies* 2010

*U.S.-Japan Women’s Journal* 2009

*Anthropological Quarterly* 2006

*The Communication Review* 2004

Service to the Department (MSU)

2007-2011 Departmental P&T Committee

2010 Annual Review Revision Committee, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

2009-2010 Organizer, Departmental Brown Bag Series (with Dr. Jack Fisher)

2008 Organizer, Visit and a departmental brown bag talk by Professor Kojiro Hirose of the National Museum of Ethnology

2007- Undergraduate Advisor

Service to the College/University (MSU)

2012-present College Curriculum Committee, College of Letters and Science

2012-present Faculty Advisor, TransMSU Club

2012 Search Committee (Asian History Position, Department of History and Philosophy)

2011-present Executive Committee, Women’s and Gender Studies

2011-present Core 2.0 Diversity Steering Committee

2011 Supervisor, LEAP Internship Program (with Leslie Crismond)

2010 ADVANCE Project, the Initiative Generation Subcommittee

2010-present Japan Studies/Asian Studies Major/Minor Planning Committee

2010-current Faculty Advisor, Anthropology Club

2008-current Member, Women’s and Gender Studies Committee

2008-present Faculty Advisor, Anime Club

2008 Search Committee (Japanese Literature Position, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures)

2008 Organizer, Hiroshima-Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Commemorative Experience. Organized photo exhibitions at Bozeman Public Library and Renne Library at MSU; testimonial speeches by an A-bomb survivor and a chair of Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation at Bozeman Public Library, classes at MSU and other local schools. Coordinated a film series, “Scars and Legacies: Hiroshima Nagasaki, Apocalypse.” Developed a website on the project.

Service to Other Academic Institutions

2007 Organizer, Japan at Chicago Lecture Series: Celebrating Protest, University of Chicago, March-May 2007

 Also coordinated a three-city tour (Chicago, Urbana-Champaign and New York) of *Rubber Tit* performance by a Japanese performance artist Tari Ito and jazz saxophonist MASA.

2006 Organizer, A Feminist Documentary Film, *Thirty Years of Sisterhood* U.S. Screening Tour (Feb 2006)

Coordinated screenings and panel discussions at the University of Chicago, University of Iowa, Grinnell College, Yale University, Boston College, LGBT Community Center in NYC, Bluestocking Books in NYC, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and Washington University in St. Louis.

2005 Organizer, Winter Quarter Friday Noon Film Series “Contemporary Ethnographic and Documentary Films on Japan” Center for East Asian Studies, University of Chicago

1. Workshop Leader, Workshop for First-time Graduate Student Instructors, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, UM

1999-2001 Graduate Student Representative to the Executive Committee, Women’s Studies Program, UM

1994-1995 Chair, International Graduate Student Instructor Committee, Departmental Steward and Steering Committee, Graduate Employees Organization, UM

Service to the Community

2011 Helped and advised on students’ fundraising activities of Japan’s earthquake and tsunami victims. Organized media reporting of the activities. Montana State University, MT.

2008-2010 Speaker on the Ethics of A-bomb, Manhattan Christian School, Manhattan MT

2009 Discussion Leader, Montana International Visitors

2009 Speaker on Hiroshima, Nagasaki and the World Peace, Bozeman United Methodist Church, Bozeman MT

2008 Session on folding paper cranes, Children’s Room, Bozeman Public Library

2007 Expert Statement to Osaka District Court for the lawsuit brought by a feminist activist, Mitsui Mariko, on her termination of employment as the director of a local women’s center.

1998-2005 Board Member, Women’s Solidarity Foundation, Tokyo, Japan

1999 Facilitator, Workshop on feminist activism and academic feminism, Gender and Women’s Studies Forum at the National Women’s Education Center, Ranzan-chô, Saitama, Japan. (referred)

1998 Representative from *Gender to Hyogen no Kai* (The Gender and Expression Group), *Nihon Josei Kaigi* (Japan Women’s Convention) in Amagasaki, Hyogo, Japan, 1998

Web-based Service

2010-current “The Atomic Age” website, facebook page and twitter development and renewals (in English and Japanese)

1. “Thinking about Feminism and the Internet” (in Japanese)

2010-current “The Internet and Citizens’ Movements Research Group” website development

2008-current “Histories and Theories of Feminism” website development (in Japanese)

2008 “Hiroshima-Nagasaki Commemorative Experience” website development (with Extended University, MSU)

2007-current Member of Celebrating Protest Website-Making Group, University of Chicago. Developing and Creating a website based on the Celebrating Protest Lecture Series held in Spring 2007. The site consists of the translated writings by various Japanese activists and scholars, podcasts, and other relevant information on the topic of contemporary social movements in Japan.