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### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

#### Department of History, University of Colorado Boulder

Associate Professor

Fall 2019--present

Assistant Professor

Fall 2012--Spring 2019

**Kyujanggak Fellow** [during sabbatical, AY 2019-20]

March – August 2020

International Center for Korean Studies, Kyujanggak Institute, Seoul National University

**The Korea Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow**

Fall 2012--Spring 2013

The UCLA Center for Korean Studies

**Department of History, University of Colorado Boulder**

Lecturer

Fall 2010--Spring 2012

### EDUCATION AND DEGREES

**University of California, Berkeley**

Ph.D., History, 2011

**Seoul National University**

M.A., Aesthetics, 2001

**Seoul National University**

B.A., Aesthetics, 1999

### PUBLICATIONS

#### BOOK

*Rules of the House: Family Law and Domestic Disputes in Colonial Korea* (University of California Press, 2019). (<https://www.luminosoa.org/site/books/10.1525/luminos.60/>)

#### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Disputes over Burial Mountains: The Modern Property Regime and Lineage Property Rights in Colonial Korea (1910-1945),” *Journal of Asian Studies*. 83.2, May 2024, pp. 258-278.

“Adopting in the Shadows: False Registry as a Method of Adoption in Postcolonial Korea.” In “Productive Encounters: Kinship, Gender, and Family Law in East Asia,” edited by Seung-kyung Kim and Sara Lizbeth Friedman. Special issue. *positions: asia critique*. 29. 3. August 2021, pp. 495-521.

“Defying Claims of Incompetence: Women’s Lawsuits over Separate Property Rights in Colonial Korea” in *Rights Claiming in South Korea*, edited by Patricia Goedde and Celeste Arrington, Cambridge University Press, 2021, pp. 43-62.

“Affection and Assimilation: Concubinage and the Ideal of Conjugal Love in Colonial Korea, 1922–1938,” *Gender and History*, vol. 28, no. 2 (2016), pp. 461–479.

“Women on the Loose: Household System and Family Anxiety in Colonial Korea,” in Wen-hsin Yeh, ed., *Mobile Subjects: Boundaries and Identities in the Modern Korean Diaspora* (Berkeley: Institute of East Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2013), pp. 61–87.

## OTHER PUBLISHED ARTICLES

“Singan sogae: Nae chaegeul malhanda (New book introduction: about my book),” *Yeoseong gwa yeoksa* (Women and History), December 2020.

“Historicizing Women’s History in Korea: Beyond Developmental Nationalism.” (6985 words) Co-authored with Ji Young Jung. For the UNESCO World Humanities Report (Project head: Ping-Chen Hsiung). [forthcoming]

“Shokuminchi Chōsen ni okeru josei no hōteki kenri—josei no zaisanken ni kansuru kōtō hōin hanrei ni tsuite” (“Women’s Legal Rights in Colonial Korea—On High Court of Colonial Korea Decisions on Women’s Property Cases”), *Chōsenshi kenkyūkai kaihō* (*Association of Korean Historical Research Bulletin*) No. 170, March 1, 2008 (conference proceedings; non peer-reviewed).

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

### Extramural fellowships

Kyujanggak Fellowship (International Center for Korean Studies, Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies, Seoul National University, Korea)	Spring 2020
The Korea Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship	2012–2013
The Korea Foundation Graduate Studies Fellowships (three separate awards)	2007–2010
The Japan Foundation Doctoral Research Fellowship	2006–2007

### Internal fellowships [selection]

Center for Humanities and the Arts Faculty Fellowship (University of Colorado Boulder)	2015–2016
The Quinn Fellowship for Dissertation Write-up (University of California, Berkeley)	2009–2010
Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship (University of California, Berkeley)	Spring 2008
Foreign Languages and Area Studies Fellowship for Japanese	2005–2006
Institute of East Asian Studies Fellowship (University of California, Berkeley)	2004–2005
Foreign Languages and Area Studies Fellowship for Chinese	Summer 2002

## RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS [selection, 2020-24]

### 2024

“Suppressing Son-Preference: Debate over Family Law Reforms in 1970s South Korea,” American Society for Legal Historians Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, October 25, 2024.

### 2023

“What Should I Do?”: Family Problems and Legal Conundrums in Postcolonial Korea,” Institute for Korean Studies, Indiana University, March 24, 2023.

### 2021

“Buried Ancestors and Lineal Heirs: Disputes over Burial Sites and Lineage Property in Korea during Colonial Transition”, Center for Korean Studies, University of California, Berkeley, April 15, 2021.

“Rules of the House: Family Law and Domestic Disputes in Colonial Korea” invited book talk at Korean Studies graduate student workshop, UC Berkeley, April 16, 2021.

## 2020

“Adopting in the Shadows: False Registration as a Method of Adoption in Postcolonial South Korea,” Keynote speech for the Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference, CU Boulder, October 2, 2020.

“Jongson gwa seonsan bangmae: Jongjung jaesan bunjaeng eul tonghae bon ilje sidae jaesan’gwon eui hyeongseong.” [Burial Mountains for Sale: Disputes over Lineage Property in Colonial Korea.] Kyujanggak Colloquium Series, Kyujanggak Institute of Korean Studies, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea, August 10, 2020.

“Sogajok eui hyeongseong: iljesidae minsasosong girok eul tonghaeseo bon gajok jedo eui byeonhwa.” (Emergence of Small Families: Transformation of Family System in Colonial Period Through Civil Case Records.) Invited book talk at the Kyujanggak Institute of Korean Studies, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea, June 26, 2020.

“How Did Wives Without Full Legal Capacity Exercise Separate Property Rights? Examination of Civil Case Records from Colonial Korea,” invited lecture for JSPS Grant B group (“Grammatology of Literature and Law: Japanese Language Literary Genres, Japanese Law and Their Cross-border Receptions”), Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, Japan, February 1, 2020.

## Guest Lectures and Miscellaneous Presentations

Panel member, “Essential Work: A Panel Discussion among Directors of Graduate Studies,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA., January 4-7, 2024.

“Book talk on *Rules of the House*” Department of History, University of California, Davis, March 2021.

“Preparing Your Book Proposal,” with Allison Alexy and Stephanie Chun, AAS Digital Dialogues Series, August 5, 2020.

“Making Koreans into Japanese?: Assimilation Policy and War Mobilization,” Taegu National University (Taegu, South Korea), Nov. 12, 2019.

“Recent publications in the U.S. on women in early modern to modern transition period in East Asia,” Research group on Early-modern to Modern Transition in East Asia (PI: Hangseob Bae, Ph.D.), Sungkyunkwan University, Nov. 7, 2019.

## TEACHING

### Courses Taught

HIST 1438: Introduction to Korean History (Spring 2015, Fall 2017, Fall 2020, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024 University of Colorado Boulder)

HIST 4619/W MST 4619: Women in East Asian History (Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024, University of Colorado Boulder)

HIST 4728: History of Modern Japan (Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2022, Fall 2024 University of Colorado Boulder)

HIST 1708: Introduction to Japanese History (Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2016, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2021, Fall 2023, University of Colorado Boulder)

HIST 3110: Honors Seminar (Fall 2021, Fall 2018, University of Colorado Boulder)

HIST 5129: Asia Colloquium (Spring 2017, University of Colorado Boulder)

HIST 3109: Seminar in Asian History: Law and Imperialism (Spring 2017, Spring 2021, University of Colorado Boulder)

HIST 6109: Readings in World Areas: The Japanese Empire (Fall 2015, Fall 2022, University of Colorado Boulder)

HIST 2220: War and Society: Korea Through Wars and State Violence (new course in the curriculum) (Spring 2014, University of Colorado Boulder)

HIST 103F: Women and the Nation in Modern Korea (Fall 2008, University of California, Berkeley)

### **Graduate Student Advising**

Cho, Jeanne, advisor, University of Colorado Boulder, Spring 2024. Ph.D. Portfolio Committee.

Lee, Clara Hwayeon, Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado Boulder, Spring 2022. Ph.D. Prospectus Committee.

Willetts, James, committee member, University of Colorado Boulder, Spring 2023. Ph.D. Portfolio Committee.

Hahm, Jooyeon. "Family Matters: Concubines and Illegitimate Children in the Japanese Empire, 1868-1945," Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, 2019. Ph.D. Dissertation Committee.

Blaine, Anna. University of Colorado Boulder, Spring 2019. M.A. portfolio committee (main advisor).

Hill, Christian Michael. University of Colorado Boulder, Spring 2018. M.A. portfolio committee.

Carney, Daniel. University of Colorado Boulder, Spring 2017. M.A. portfolio committee.

Helpfenbein, Patricia A. "A Reexamination of Kim Ok-kyun: A Study of a Korean Intellectual and the Possibilities for a Regional History of Modernity." University of Colorado Boulder, Spring 2016. M.A. portfolio and thesis committee.

Lee, Sooyoung. "Three Essays on Intrafirm Trade." Department of Economics, University of Colorado Boulder, Spring 2015. Ph.D. Dissertation Committee.

### **Undergraduate Thesis Advising**

Valerie A. Lombogia. "Shifting Towards Optimism: Redefining the 1980s South Korean Democracy Movement Through Cinema." Undergraduate honors thesis, Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, Spring 2024

Vang, Zesha Jolie. "The Appeal of K-pop: International Appeal and Online Fan Behavior." Undergraduate thesis, Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, 2016.

Kim, Shelly Yun. "A New Kind of Nationalism: A Study in the Comparison of Separated Families and Comfort Women in South Korea." Undergraduate thesis, Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, 2016.

Wolff, Jessica Lynn. "Nationalist Archaeologies of Korea and Applying Multivocal Interpretations." Undergraduate thesis, Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, 2015.

Ryan, Dan. "Anti-Americanism in Korean Films." Undergraduate thesis, Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, 2012.

Cragg, Tobias. "Proto-Industrial Growth in the Tokugawa Era: How Policies Intended to confine Farmers Inadvertently Created Entrepreneurs." Undergraduate thesis, Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, 2011.

### **Teaching Workshops Attended (University of Colorado Boulder)**

FTEP Workshop: "Inclusive Classroom: From Theory to Practice," November 15, 2017.

GTP Workshop: "Struggling Undergraduates," October 13, 2017.  
 CLAC (Culture and Language Development across the Curriculum) Workshop, Center for Asian Studies, September 29, 2017.  
 History Department Pedagogy Workshop, "Inclusivity and Diversity," April 13, 2017.  
 History Department Pedagogy Workshop, "Inclusive Teaching," March 15, 2017.  
 History Department Pedagogy Workshop, "Inclusivity and Diversity," February 23, 2017.  
 History Department Pedagogy Workshop, "Research Paper," November 3, 2016.  
 History Department Pedagogy Workshop, "International Students," September 30, 2016.  
 FTEP Workshop: "Well Argued? Well Written!" October 2015 (meetings over three weeks).  
 History Dept. Pedagogy Workshop, "Powerpoint: Best Practices," December 12, 2014.  
 FTEP Workshop: "What do you want them to learn today? Learning goals and formative assessment" December 3, 2014.  
 FTEP Workshop: "Clickers for Humanities"  
 FTEP Workshop: "Fun First Day," August 21, 2013.  
 FTEP Workshop: "Clickers," August 14, 2013.

#### **Other Teaching-related Activities (University of Colorado Boulder)**

Presentation, "Facebook as a Teaching Tool," Graduate Teaching Program, February 16, 2019.

## **SERVICE**

#### **Service to the History Department (University of Colorado Boulder) [selection]**

Director of Graduate Studies, Fall 2022-Spring 2025.  
 Honors Program Director, Fall 2021-Spring 2022; Fall 2018-Spring 2019.  
 Executive Committee, Fall 2020-Spring 2021, Fall 2016-Spring 2017.  
 Undergraduate Studies Committee, Spring 2015, Fall 2017-Spring 2018.  
 History Teaching and Learning Project (HTLP) Working Group, Fall 2017-Spring 2018.  
 Faculty judge, Best Paper Award, Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference, hosted by the Department of History Graduate Student Association, October 2017.  
 Graduate Studies Committee, Fall 2013-Spring 2014, Fall 2015.

#### **Service to Campus and the College of Arts and Sciences (University of Colorado Boulder)**

Member, Events and Speakers Committee, Center for Asian Studies, Fall 2024-Spring 2025; Fall 2016-Spring 2018  
 Chair, Events and Speakers Committee, Center for Asian Studies, Fall 2018-Spring 2019  
 Member, Executive Committee, Center for Asian Studies, Fall 2016-Spring 2019  
 Member, PUEC for the reappointment of Colleen Berry, Instructor and Associate Director of the Asian Studies Program, Fall 2017-Spring 2018

#### **Service to the Profession**

##### **1) Published Book Reviews**

Review of Su Yun Kim, *Imperial Romance: Fictions of Colonial Intimacy in Korea, 1905-1945*, Cornell University Press, 2020. In *American Historical Review*, Vol. 128, Issue 2, June 2023: 1056-1057.

Review of Sayaka Chatani, *Nation-Empire: Ideology and Rural Youth Mobilization in Japan and Its Colonies*, Cornell University Press, 2018. In *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*. Vol. 80, Issue 2. December 2020 (appeared in print in October 2021): 506-512.

Review of Marie Seong-Hak Kim, *Constitutional Transition and the Travail of Judges: The Courts of South Korea*, Cambridge University Press, 2019. In *The Journal of Asian Studies*, August 2021: 746-747.

Review of Hyaeweol Choi, *Gender Politics at Home and Abroad*, Cambridge University Press, 2020. In *H-Diplo*, <https://hdiplo.org/to/E360>. July 21, 2021.

## **2) Book Prize Committee**

The James Palais Book Prize Committee, Association for Asian Studies, 2023-2025.

## **3) Reviewer of book and article manuscripts and book proposals for publication**

Reviewed article and book manuscripts for *Gender and History*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, Cambridge University Press, *Korea Journal*, Northeast Asian History Foundation (*Tongbuga yŏksa chaedan*), University of California Press, *Asian Women*, Columbia University Press, *Polity*, Cambridge University Press, Cognella, Inc., *Acta Koreana*, *Cross-currents: East Asian History and Culture Review*, *Asian Journal of Women's Studies*

## **4) Reviewer of funding applications**

Reviewed proposals, "World History and Culture" section, NEH Media Projects program, Oct. 20, 2020.

## **5) Panel Chair/Discussant (selection, 2019-2023)**

Discussant, panel "Revisiting Feminist Movements and Literature in Cold War South Korea amid the Era of Antifeminist Backlash," Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, March 2025.

Discussant, "Local Conflicts and Global Peace: Asian Experiences," ENIUGH (European Network in Universal and Global History) Congress 2023 ("Conflict and Inequity, Peace and Justice: Local, Regional and International Perspectives") The Hague, Netherlands, July 1, 2023. [delivered indirectly, due to panel schedule change]

Chair, "Mother, Wife, Consumer: Frictions of Womanhood and Consumer Capitalism," Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, July 1, 2023.

Co-organizer and Panel Chair, "Breaking Through the Old Paradigm: Expanding the Landscape of the 'Comfort Women' Issue" (sponsored by the Northeast Asia Council of AAS), co-organized with Sayaka Chatani (NUS), Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, March 2022.

Discussant, "Beyond Colonial Modernity: New Approaches to State-Society Relations in Japanese-Occupied Korea," Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Boston, M.A., March 2020. [conference cancelled due to COVID-19 outbreak]

Discussant, National Historical Association (of Korea) Annual Meeting – Women's History Division, October 26, 2019.

## **6) Program Committee**

2023 Berkshire Conference of Women Historians Program Committee

## **7) Mentorship**

Mentor, Committee on Korean Studies Mentoring Program, Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, March 23, 2019 (Mentee, Young Sun Park)

### **Service to the Community**

Lecturer, TEA (Teaching East Asia)-NCTA (National Consortium for Teaching Asia) 2024 Summer Institute (“Women in Modern East Asia: Understanding their Challenges and Successes”), 3 lectures, July 7-12, 2024.

Lecturer, TEA-NCTA 2023 Summer Institute (“Women in Premodern East Asia: De-marginalizing Their Lives and Voices”), 3 lectures, July 16-21, 2023.

Lecturer, “Women and Confucianism in East Asia,” Program for Teaching East Asia, Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, February 10, 2022.

Lecturer and principal faculty, “Women in East Asia” (3 lectures), October 21, November 4, November 18, 2021.

Lecturer, “Confucianism and Family in Early Modern East Asia,” Program for Teaching East Asia, Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, July 11, 2019.

Lecturer, “Two Koreas: Past and Present,” Teachers’ Workshop on Korea, Program for Teaching East Asia, Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, September 29, 2018.

Principal faculty and lecturer, “Teaching Korea in the Globalizing World,” Teachers’ Workshop on Korea, Program for Teaching East Asia, Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, September 23, 2017.

Principal faculty and lecturer, “Korea’s Journey into the 21st Century: Historical Context, Contemporary Issues,” Summer Institute on Korea, Program for Teaching East Asia, Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, July 25–28, 2016.

Principal faculty and lecturer, “Korea’s Journey into the 21st Century: Historical Context, Contemporary Issues,” Summer Institute on Korea, Program for Teaching East Asia, Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, July 13–17, 2015.

Lecturer, “Korea in Historical Context in the Globalizing American Classrooms,” Colorado Association for Korean Schools, Asian Pacific Development Center, Aurora, CO, November 1, 2014.

Lecturer, “The Korean War: Origins and Memories,” Korea Institute at the Program for Teaching East Asia, Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, February 26, 2011.

## **RESEARCH LANGUAGES**

English, Korean (native), Japanese (fluent), Chinese (advanced), Classical Chinese (advanced), German (advanced/ reading)

### **LANGUAGE STUDY PROGRAMS**

**Inter-University Center (IUC)** (Yokohama, Japan)

Summer 2005

Intensive Japanese language course, advanced graduate level

**Inter-University Program (IUP)** at Tsinghua University (Beijing, China)

Summer 2002

Intensive Chinese language course, advanced graduate level

## **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Historical Association

Association for Asian Studies

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