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### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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#### **University of Colorado Boulder**, Boulder, CO

Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, Aug. 2015- present

#### **McMaster University**, Hamilton, ON

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, Aug. 2015- present

Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, Jul. 2013- Aug. 2015

#### **Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA

Advanced Research Fellow, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Sept. 2012- Jun. 2013

Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, Fall 2012

#### **University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL

Starr Prize Lectureship, Department of Anthropology, Spring 2012

Lecturer, Collegiate Division of the Social Sciences, Spring 2011

Teaching Assistant (Graduate Program), Department of Anthropology, Winter 2011

Teaching Intern (Common Core), Collegiate Division of the Social Sciences, 2007-08

### **EDUCATION**

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#### **University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL

Ph.D. in Anthropology, Aug. 2012; M.A. in Anthropology, Mar. 2008

Dissertation: "Fragile Kinships: Family Ideologies and Child Welfare in Japan"

Committee: Judith Farquhar (chair), Susan Gal, Michael Fisch, and Danilyn Rutherford  
(University of California Santa Cruz)

M.A. Thesis: "Making the Oral Contraceptive 'for Me' in Japan: Signifying Subjects with Bodies"

Bestor Prize for Outstanding Graduate Paper, Society for East Asian Anthropology,  
American Anthropological Association, 2008

#### **Rice University**, Houston, TX

B.A. *cum laude* in Anthropology and English, May 2004

B.A. Thesis: "Creating Coherency: The Use of Spoken and Written Narrative in Making Meaning Out of Trauma"

Outstanding Senior Award, Department of Anthropology, Rice University

### **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

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Kinship, interpersonal relationships

Mental health, psychological anthropology, psychiatry, neuroscience

Medical anthropology, social determinants of health, embodiment  
Anthropology of East Asia (specifically Japan)  
Semiotics, semiotic ideologies, discourse, narrative  
Anthropology of social work and social welfare  
Engaged anthropology, community-based research, public anthropology

## **BOOKS**

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In preparation: *Fragile Kinships: Relationality and Embodiment in Japanese State Care*

## **ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS**

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In preparation: "Anonymity, Ancestry, and Family Registry: Adoption Debates in Contemporary Japan."

Under review: "Parental Rights and the Temporality of Attachment: Law, Kinship, and Child Welfare in Japan." *positions: asia critique*.

2019 (in press): "Embodied relationality beyond 'nature' vs 'nurture': Materializing absent kinships in Japanese child welfare." In *The Cambridge Handbook for the Anthropology of Kinship*, ed. Sandra Bamford. Cambridge University Press.

2019 (in press): "Relationships that Matter: Embodying Absent Kinships in the Japanese Child Welfare System." In *Handbook of Medical Humanities*, ed. Alan Bleakley. Routledge.

2018 "Beyond blood ties: Intimate kinships in Japanese foster and adoptive care." In *Intimate Japan*, ed. A. Alexy and E. Cook. University of Hawaii Press.

2017 "Food, Affect, and Experiments in Care: Constituting a 'Household-like' Child Welfare Institution in Japan." In *Child's Play: Multi-sensory Histories of Children and Childhood in Japan*, ed. S. Frühstück and A. Walthall. Berkeley: University of California Press, pp243-263.

2016 "Family at the margins: State, welfare, and well-being in Japan." "Editor's introduction" for special issue. *Japanese Studies* 36(2): 151-154.

2016 "'Self-Responsibility' and the Politics of Chance: Theorizing the Experience of Japanese Child Welfare." *Japanese Studies* 36(2): 173-189.

2016 "Editor's introduction" (with Caroline Schuster) for special issue, "(De)materializing kinship: Holding together mutuality and difference." *Social Analysis* 60(2): 1-12.

2016 "'Coming to look alike': Materializing affinity in Japanese foster and adoptive care." *Social Analysis* 60(2): 47-64.

2015 "Developmental logics: Brain science, child welfare, and the ethics of engagement in Japan." *Social Science & Medicine* 143:271-278.

2013 "Japan." In *Child Protection and Child Welfare: A Global Appraisal of Cultures, Policy and Practice*. Penelope Welbourne and John Dixon, eds. London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 144-169.

- 2011 “‘Katei-teki yōgo’ ka ‘katei de no yōgo’ ka: Nihon no satooya seido ni okeru bunkateki sokumen ni tsuite” (‘Household-style care’ or ‘Care in a household’? Cultural factors shaping the Japanese foster care system), *Satooya dayori* 89. [In Japanese]
- 2010 “Making the oral contraceptive ‘for me’ in Japan: Managing the semiotics of reproductive health in virtual space.” In *Liberalizing, Feminizing and Popularizing Health Communications in Asia*. K. K. Liew, ed. Farnham, England: Ashgate, 129-48.

#### ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

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- 2017 *Plasticity and Pathology: On the Formation of the Neural Subject*. David Bates Nima Bassiri, New York: Fordham University Press, 2016, 368pp. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, 31(1): NA. doi:10.1111/maq.12318
- 2016 “Futures Past: Absent Kinships and the Japanese Child Welfare System.” Blog post for Anthropology of Children and Youth and Anthropology of Aging collaborative research network on life course, Apr. 27:  
<http://anthropologyandgerontology.com/futures-past/>
- 2015 *The Japanese Family: Touch, Intimacy and Feeling*. *Social Science Japan Journal*. (Book review.) doi: 10.1093/ssjj/jyv023
- 2014 “Anne Allison’s *Precarious Japan*.” Somatosphere.net, May 29. (Book review.)
- 2010 Translation from Japanese of Shirai, Chiaki, “Reproductive technologies and parent-child relationships: Japan’s past and present examined through the lens of donor insemination.” *International Journal of Japanese Sociology*, 19(1): 19-35.
- 2010 “The violence of blood relationships: Lost and found kinship in Japan.” *Japan Anthropology Workshop Newsletter* 54: 51-54.
- 2009 Abstract, “Making the oral contraceptive ‘for me’ in Japan: Managing the semiotics of reproductive health in virtual space.” *Anthropology News* 50(3): 53.

#### RESEARCH FUNDING

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- 2016 Northeast Asia Council and Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission research travel award, “Interpersonal Trauma & Psychiatric Expertise: Experiencing Transnational Knowledge in Japan,” University of Colorado Boulder
- 2016 Center to Advance Research in the Social Sciences Faculty Research Award, “Interpersonal Trauma & Psychiatric Expertise: Experiencing Transnational Knowledge in Japan,” University of Colorado Boulder
- 2015 Alternate, Abe Fellowship, “Interpersonal Trauma & Psychiatric Expertise: Experiencing Transnational Knowledge in Japan,” University of Colorado Boulder
- 2014 Arts Research Board seed funding, “Interpersonal Trauma & Psychiatric Expertise: Experiencing Transnational Knowledge in Japan,” McMaster University
- 2014 Forward with Integrity Faculty Development Grant (with matching funds from Dean of Social Sciences, McMaster University), “Collaborative Community-Based Research: Applying Lessons from ‘Applied Anthropology’”
- 2012 Postdoctoral Award for Professional Development, Harvard University

- 2011 Social Science Division Small Research Grant, University of Chicago  
2009 Wenner-Gren Foundation, “National-Cultural Ideologies and Medical-Legal Practices: Infertility, Adoption, and Japanese Public Policy”  
2009 Fulbright IIE Dissertation Research Fellowship, “Family Ideology and Medical-Legal Practice: Infertility, Adoption, and Japan's Low Birthrate,” (affiliated with Waseda University Institute for Asia-Pacific Studies, Tokyo, Japan)  
2009 Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Research Fellowship (declined)  
2009 Japan Foundation Dissertation Research Fellowship (declined)  
2007 Leiffer Fellowship for summer pre-field research in Japan, University of Chicago  
2007 Center for East Asian Studies Summer Fellowship, University of Chicago

**OTHER FELLOWSHIPS AND ACADEMIC HONORS**

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- 2018 CU Engage Faculty Course Development Institute, for the development of Practicing Anthropology course, University of Colorado Boulder  
2017 President’s Fund for the Humanities grant, for the visit of Dr. Jason de Leon (Sept. 29-30), University of Colorado Boulder  
2015 Center for Asian Studies Seminar Series funding, for the visit of Dr. Noriko Manabe (Mar. 4, 2016), University of Colorado Boulder  
2015 Center for Asian Studies Seminar Series funding, for the visit of Dr. Chika Watanabe (Jan. 22, 2016), University of Colorado Boulder  
2014 Arts Research Board Conference & Representational Activities grant, for attending the 5th World Congress of Asian Psychiatry, Fukuoka, Japan, Mar. 2015, McMaster University  
2012 Graduate Student Paper Award, Council on the Anthropology of Reproduction, American Anthropological Association, for “Replacement and Remediation: Loss and the Pleasures of the Genealogical”  
2012 Starr Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago Department of Anthropology  
2011 Toyota Dissertation Writing Fellowship, University of Chicago Center for East Asian Studies  
2010 International Chapter P.E.O. Sisterhood Fellowship for dissertation writing  
2008 Bestor Prize for Outstanding Graduate Paper, Society for East Asian Anthropology, American Anthropological Association, for “Making the oral contraceptive ‘for me’ in Japan: Managing the semiotics of reproductive health in virtual space”  
2008 University of Chicago Japan Committee Fellowship for study at Stanford Inter-University Center for Advanced Japanese Language Studies, Yokohama, Japan, “National-Cultural Ideologies and Medical-Legal Practice: Infertility, Adoption, and Japan’s Low Birthrate”  
2008 U.S. Department of Education Tuition Fellowship for study at Stanford Inter-University Center for Advanced Japanese Language Studies, Yokohama, Japan  
2008 University of Chicago Provost Summer Fellowship for dissertation proposal writing  
2007 FLAS Title VI Fellowship for summer study at Hokkaido International Foundation for Japanese Language Studies, Hakodate, Japan  
2006-07 FLAS Title VI Fellowship for academic year  
2006 FLAS Title VI Fellowship for summer study at Middlebury College Japanese Language School, VT  
2006 Department and University nominee, Liebmann Fellowship (honorable mention in national competition)

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2005	University of Chicago Division of the Social Sciences fellowship (four years)
2005	Finalist, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
2005	Finalist, Andrew Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies
2004	Goliard Travel Scholarship, “ <i>Yama asobi</i> : Mountain play”
2003-04	Rice Undergraduate Scholars Program
2003-04	Rice University Academic Fellow
2001-04	Rice University President’s Honor Roll
2000-04	National Merit Scholar
2002	IES Tokyo Merit Scholarship for study at Kanda University of International Studies, Tokyo, Japan
2002	AIEJ Scholarship, Kanda University of International Studies, Tokyo, Japan

**COLLABORATIVE AND INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH**

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2014	Co-Principal Investigator, community-based research project on well-being of LGBTQ+ people in Hamilton, ON, “Looking Back, Moving Forward.”
2014	Investigator on McMaster University Health Sciences interdisciplinary research project, “The Experience of Power in Clinical Learning Environments.”

**GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISING**

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PhD	Clara Lee, University of Colorado Boulder, Aug. 2018- present
PhD	Kevin Darcy, University of Colorado Boulder, Apr. 2017- present
PhD	Kelly Graves, University of Colorado Boulder, Oct. 2015- present
PhD	Daina Stanley, McMaster University Anthropology, Jan. 2014- present
MA	Stephanie Mayell, McMaster University Anthropology, Sept. 2014- Jun. 2016

**UNDERGRADUATE HONORS THESIS SUPERVISING**

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Amy Martinez, University of Colorado Boulder, Oct. 2018- present
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**GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

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PhD	Irina Wagner, University of Colorado Boulder (Linguistics), Oct. 2018- present
PhD	Bailey Duhe, University of Colorado Boulder, Sept. 2018- present
PhD	Morgan Seamont, University of Colorado Boulder, Aug. 2017- Oct. 2018
MA	Lauren Barrett, University of Colorado Boulder, Jan. 2018- present
PhD	Ayden Parish, University of Colorado Boulder (Linguistics), Oct. 2016- present
PhD	Arielle Milkman, University of Colorado Boulder, Mar. 2016- present
MA	Kelly O’Toole, University of Colorado Boulder, Apr. 2016- Dec 2016
MA	Alison Hanson, University of Colorado Boulder, Mar. 2016- Apr. 2016

PhD Tian Yang, McMaster University Anthropology, 2014-2015

**COURSES TAUGHT**

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- Spring 2019 “Kinship: Being and Belonging,” Anthropology Department, University of Colorado Boulder. Upper-level undergraduate/ graduate seminar.
- Fall 2018 “Ethnographic Approaches to Language and Storytelling,” Anthropology Department, University of Colorado Boulder. Graduate seminar.
- Fall 2018 “Practicing Anthropology,” Anthropology Department, University of Colorado Boulder. Upper-level undergraduate/ graduate seminar.
- Spring 2018 “Introduction to Cultural Anthropology,” Anthropology Department, University of Colorado Boulder. Large undergraduate lecture.
- Spring 2017 “Introduction to Cultural Anthropology,” Anthropology Department, University of Colorado Boulder. Large undergraduate lecture.
- Spring 2017 “Mental Health and Embodiment,” Anthropology Department, University of Colorado Boulder. Graduate seminar.
- Spring 2016 “Introduction to Cultural Anthropology,” Anthropology Department, University of Colorado Boulder. Large undergraduate lecture.
- Spring 2016 “Kinship: Being and Belonging,” Anthropology Department, University of Colorado Boulder. Upper-level undergraduate/ graduate seminar.
- Fall 2015 “Introduction to Non-western Cultures: Japan,” Anthropology Department, University of Colorado Boulder. Undergraduate lecture.
- Fall 2015 “Anthropology of Neuroscience,” Anthropology Department, University of Colorado Boulder. Upper-level undergraduate/ graduate seminar.
- Winter 2015 “Applied Anthropology,” Anthropology Department, McMaster University. Fourth-year undergraduate seminar involving community-based field placements.
- Fall 2014 “Being and Belonging: Family in Global Perspective,” Department of Anthropology, McMaster University. Graduate seminar.
- Fall 2014 “Anthropology of Health, Illness, and Healing,” Department of Anthropology, McMaster University. Third-year undergraduate lecture.
- Winter 2014 “Applied Anthropology,” Anthropology Department, McMaster University. Fourth-year undergraduate seminar involving community-based field placements.
- Winter 2014 “Neuro: The Anthropology of Brain Science,” Anthropology Department, McMaster University. Fourth-year undergraduate seminar.

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- Fall 2013 “Anthropology of Health, Illness, and Healing,” Anthropology Department, McMaster University. Third-year undergraduate lecture.
- Fall 2012 “Anthropology of Relatedness in East Asia,” Department of Anthropology, Harvard University. Graduate seminar.
- Spring 2012 “Reading Ethnographies: Embodied Experience,” Starr Prize Lectureship, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago. Upper-level undergraduate seminar.
- Spring 2011 “Power, Identity and Resistance: Politics and Violence,” Collegiate Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago. Political theory seminar (Common Core) for first- and second-year undergraduates.
- Winter 2011 “Anthropological Methods,” teaching assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago. Ethnographic methods course for second-year Ph.D. students in anthropology.
- 2007-08 “Power, Identity and Resistance,” teaching intern, Collegiate Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago.

**ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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- 2019 Organizer for visiting lecture from Dr. Danilyn Rutherford of Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Feb. 8
- 2018 Organizer for visiting lecture from Dr. Whitney Duncan of University of Northern Colorado, University of Colorado Boulder, Nov. 2
- 2018 Organizer for visiting lecture from Dr. Eli Thorkelson of Stellenbosch University, University of Colorado Boulder, Sept. 7
- 2018-present Boulder Faculty Association Representative, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2018-present Center for Asian Studies Executive Committee member, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2018-present Anthropology Department Honors Council Representative for Cultural Anthropology, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2018-present Anthropology Department Ethnography Certificate committee member, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2017 Co-organizer for visiting lecture from Dr. Karen Barad of UC Santa Cruz, University of Colorado Boulder, Apr. 7
- 2017-present American Anthropological Association Rapid Response Network for Academic Freedom, member
- 2016-present Ethnography in Progress writing workshop faculty organizer, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2016-present Center for Asian Studies Curriculum Committee member, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2016-present Anthropology Department Graduate Student Conference organizing committee member, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2016 Anthropology Department Climate Survey committee member, University of Colorado Boulder

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- 2016 Organizer for visiting lecture from Dr. Noriko Manabe of Princeton University, University of Colorado Boulder, Mar. 4
- 2016 Organizer for visiting lecture from Dr. Chika Watanabe of Manchester University, University of Colorado Boulder, Jan. 22
- 2014-15 Undergraduate Committee, Department of Anthropology, McMaster University
- 2013-15 Community Engaged Research Consultative Group, McMaster University
- 2013-15 Community Engaged Research Consultative Group, Ethics Group Sub-Committee, McMaster University
- 2013-15 Core Member, Asia Research Working Group, McMaster University
- 2007-08 Student Coordinator, Medicine, Body, and Practice Interdisciplinary Workshop, University of Chicago
- 2006-07 Research Assistant for Prof. George Stocking, University of Chicago
- 2005-06 Research Assistant for Prof. Judith Farquhar, University of Chicago
- 2003-04 Writing Consultant, RiceOwl Writing Service, Rice University

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND OUTREACH**

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- 2017 “Talk Back” at Boedecker Theater for film, *After the Storm*, Mar. 29
- 2014 Undergraduate Poster Competition Chair, Asia-Canada: Transnational Collaborative Research Conference, Hamilton, ON, Apr. 4
- 2013 Translator, International Foster Care Organization youth program, Osaka, Japan, Sept. 13-16
- 2012 Judge, Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Symposium, Chicago, IL, Mar. 3
- 2011 Volunteer editor for online content and government reports of the Kenya Network of Care Leavers (Nairobi-based NGO for youth who aged out of child welfare institutions)
- 2011 Research presentation, Jewish Home for the Aging, Los Angeles, CA, Sept. 11
- 2011 Research presentation, Scott Elementary, Greeley, CO, Sept. 1
- 2011 Research presentation, P.E.O. Chapter EG meeting, Kansas City, MO, Feb. 7
- 2010 Research presentation, Scott Elementary, Greeley, CO, Mar. 15
- 2009 Research presentation (in Japanese), Yokohama International Student House, Yokohama, Japan, Jun. 12

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS**

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- 2019 “Knowledge and Narration: Material Mnemonics and Embodied Memory in Japanese Child Welfare.” Presented at Keio University’s Medicine and Social Sciences Bridge-Building Workshop, Jan. 17
- 2018 “Materializing relationships: Embodying absent kinships in Japanese child welfare.” Presented at Hokkaido University, Jul. 13
- 2016 “(De)Materializing Kinship: Holding Together Mutuality and Difference.” Graduate student master class, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia. Dec. 9
- 2016 “Beyond Blood Ties: Intimate Kinships in Japanese Foster and Adoptive Care.” Presented at Hokkaido University, Jul. 7



- 2016 “Anonymity, Ancestry, and Family Registry: Adoption Debates in Contemporary Japan.” Presented at the workshop, “Changing Practices of Health and Family in Japan,” Chinese University of Hong Kong, Jun. 17-18
- 2015 “*Ketsuen wo koete: Nihon no satooya yōiku, yōshiengumi katei ni okeru shinmitsu na kazoku kankei*” (Beyond blood ties: Intimate kinships in Japanese foster and adoptive care) (in Japanese). Research lecture presented at *Shyakaiteki yōgo to yōshiengumi: Sekai to nihon* (Foster care and adoption: The world and Japan) symposium. Japan Women’s University, Tokyo, Japan, Mar. 8
- 2015 “Receiving care in order to give: Social reproduction in a Japanese ‘household-like’ children’s home.” Presented at “Child’s Play: Multi-sensory histories of Children and Childhoods in Japan and Beyond,” UCSB-JSPS Joint Symposium at the University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA, Feb. 28
- 2013 “Relationships that ‘matter’: Childhood trauma and uncanny semiotics in Japan.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting as part of an invited panel (Society for Medical Anthropology), Chicago, IL, Nov. 21
- 2013 “‘Coming to look alike’: Materializing affinity in Japanese foster and adoptive care.” University of Toronto Anthropology Colloquium Series, Toronto, ON, Nov. 8
- 2013 “Developing a modern body politic: Japanese child welfare, advocacy, and the politics of the normal.” History of Medicine Research Group, Tokyo University, Tokyo, Japan, Jan. 15
- 2012 “Loss and the pleasures of the ‘normal’: Constituting family in Japan.” Korean Family in Comparative Perspective Workshop Series, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL, Sept. 28
- 2012 “Developing a modern body politic: Japanese child welfare and the politics of the normal.” Harvard University Department of Anthropology Monday Colloquium, Cambridge, MA, Sept. 17
- 2009 “Reproducing the body politic: Infertility, adoption, and Japanese public policy.” History of Medicine Research Group, Keio University, Tokyo, Japan, Jun. 24

**CONFERENCE AND MEETING PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2018 “Approximating a ‘household’: Material semiotics in Japanese institutional care.” Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA, Nov. 14
- 2016 “Biologies beyond the nature/nurture divide: Materializing absent kinships in Japanese child welfare.” Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, Nov. 17. *Panel co-organizer.*
- 2016 “Welcoming a diversity of care: Particularizing the “right” to a family in Japan.” LGBTQ+ and EMAC Symposium Intersections: Race, Gender and Sexuality in Research and Teaching, University of Colorado at Boulder. Nov. 11

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- 2016 “Anonymity, Ancestry, and Family Registry: Adoption Debates in Contemporary Japan.” The Association for Asian Studies Conference, Seattle, WA, Apr. 2
- 2015 “Loss and the pleasures of the ‘normal’: Constituting family in Japan.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, Nov. 20
- 2015 “Beyond blood ties: Intimate kinships in Japanese foster and adoptive care.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, Mar. 29
- 2015 “Everyday therapy: Communicating traumatic pasts in Japanese child welfare institutions.” 5th World Congress of Asian Psychiatry, Fukuoka, Japan, Mar. 4
- 2014 “Welcoming a diversity of care: Particularizing the ‘right’ to a family in Japanese child welfare.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., Dec. 5
- 2013 “A time and space for waiting: Child welfare placement decisions in Japan.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, Mar. 22. *Panel co-organizer*
- 2013 “Theorizing experience: Politics of chance in Japanese state care.” Japan Anthropology Workshop, University of Pittsburgh, PA, Mar. 7
- 2013 “What the body remembers: Japanese child welfare and the feminist politics of care.” Feminism, Science & Materialism Conference, Graduate Center, City University of New York, Feb. 14
- 2012 “‘Coming to look alike’: Materializing affinity in Japanese foster and adoptive care.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Nov. 14. *Panel co-organizer*
- 2012 “The nature of nurture: Tracing care in Japan.” Rise of Child Science and Psy-Expertise Workshop, Brunel University, London, U.K., May 30
- 2012 “Former child in a world of adults: Troubled transformations in a Tokyo self-support group.” Society for Cultural Anthropology Conference, Providence, RI, May 11
- 2012 “Trust in change: temporality and affective relationships among Graduates of Japanese Children’s Homes.” Association of Asian Studies Conference, Toronto, ON, Mar. 17. *Panel co-organizer*
- 2011 “The state is a cold parent: Archaeologies of care in Japan.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QB, Nov. 19
- 2011 “Household-style care or care in a household? Cultural factors shaping the Japanese foster care system.” International Foster Care Organization Conference, Victoria, BC, Jul. 11

- 2011 “*Nakama* beyond family: Relational space for cultural critique.” Asian Studies Conference Japan, International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan, Jun. 26
- 2010 “‘Their lips are lonely’: Rituals of exchange in a Japanese children’s home.” Asian Studies Conference Japan, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, Jun. 19. *Panel organizer and chair*
- 2007 “Making ‘OC for me’: Signifying a knowledge community in Japan.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 28
- 2007 “Making ‘OC for me’: The semiotics of a pharmaceutical and its virtual knowledge community.” Michigan Conference, University of Michigan, Apr. 27
- 2004 “Ethics of the Dialectical Narrative.” Psychoanalysis and Narrative Medicine Conference, University of Florida, Feb. 20

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2018 “Materializing relationships: Embodying absent kinships in Japanese child welfare.” Presented at Institute for Social Science, University of Tokyo, Jul. 26
- 2018 “Relationships that Matter: Embodying Absent Kinships in the Japanese Child Welfare System.” Ethnography in Progress workshop, University of Colorado Boulder, Mar. 16
- 2017 “Anonymity, Ancestry, and Family Registry: Adoption Debates in Contemporary Japan.” Rethinking East Asian Families and Family Laws: Critical Legal, Gender, and Ethnographic Perspectives. Workshop at Indiana University, May 11
- 2016 “Knowledge and Narration: Material Mnemonics in Japanese Child Welfare.” Ethnography in Progress workshop, University of Colorado Boulder, Sept. 21
- 2016 “Biologies beyond the nature/nurture divide: Materializing absent kinships in Japanese child welfare.” Research presentation at Keio University, Jul. 21
- 2016 Research presentation (Japanese). *Yoiku wo Kangaeru Kai*, Yokohama, Japan, Jul. 11
- 2016 “Beyond blood ties: Becoming Family in Japan.” Modern Japanese Studies Program Workshop at Hokkaido University, Jul. 9
- 2016 “Anonymity, Ancestry, and Family Registry: Adoption Debates in Contemporary Japan.” Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, Apr. 21
- 2015 “Beyond blood ties: Intimate kinships in Japanese foster and adoptive care.” McMaster Anthropology Conference, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Mar. 17
- 2012 “Theorizing experience: Politics of chance in Japanese state care.” Program on U.S.-Japan Relations Seminar, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, Nov. 27

- 2012 “Law, blood, and other non-durables: Theorizing the temporality of attachment in Japanese child welfare placements.” Law, Culture, and Society Workshop, University of Chicago, May 16
- 2012 “The nature of nurture: Tracing care in Japan.” Human Development and Clinical Ethnographies Workshop, University of Chicago, Feb. 7
- 2011 “Between state and family: Child welfare in contemporary Japan.” Human Rights Workshop, University of Chicago, Nov. 2
- 2011 “Fragile kinships: Blood ideologies and child welfare in Japan.” P.E.O. Sisterhood Missouri State Conference, Jun. 18
- 2011 “The state is a cold parent: Archaeologies of care in Japan.” Medicine, Body, and Practice Workshop, University of Chicago, Mar. 10
- 2008 “Making the oral contraceptive ‘for me’ in Japan: Signifying subjects with bodies.” Medicine, Body, and Practice Workshop, University of Chicago, Jan. 18
- 2007 “*Fuinchiryō kara, oyako kankei to shakai mondai made*” (From infertility treatment to parent-child relationships and social pathologies). Presentation of research, Hokkaido International Foundation, Aug. 6 (in Japanese)
- 2006 “Tracing discourses of sexual regulation: Legalizing the Pill and Viagra in Japan.” Medicine, Body, and Practice Workshop, University of Chicago, Nov. 30

**DISCUSSANT ROLES**

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- 2018 Discussant for the panel, “Rethinking East Asian Families and Family Laws: Critical Legal, Historical, and Ethnographic Perspectives.” Presented at the Association for Asian Studies Conference, Washington, D.C., Mar 25
- 2016 Discussant for the panel, “Mental Health/Illness in Contemporary Japan.” Presented at the Asian Studies Conference Japan, Tokyo, Jul. 2
- 2016 Miriam Kingsberg, “Cultural Nation.” University of Colorado Boulder Department of History faculty workshop, Apr 8
- 2015 Discussant for the panel, “Deconstructing familiar communities: Engaging contested representations in undergraduate anthropology.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, Nov. 21
- 2015 Discussant for the panel, “Situating the Ethnographer.” University of Colorado Boulder Department of Anthropology Graduate Student Conference, Sept 25
- 2012 Amy Leia McLachlan, “Stranger kinship: gendered alterity and generative power in Amazonia,” Semiotics Workshop, University of Chicago, Feb 16

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- 2011 Marianna Staroselsky, "Imagining a transnational *Quilombo*: A study of potential psychological benefits of Capoeira for at-risk boys," Clinical Ethnography Workshop, University of Chicago, Oct. 25
- 2011 Yvonne Smith, "Agency in crisis: Stories of agency in therapeutic crisis intervention training and practice," U.S. Locations Workshop, University of Chicago, Apr. 26
- 2010 Nicholas Harkness, "Clean voice, Christian voice," Medicine, Body, and Practice Workshop, University of Chicago, Mar. 3
- 2008 Lara Braff, "'Somos muchos' ('we are many'): Population politics and moral discourses in Mexican fertility clinics," Medicine, Body, and Practice Workshop, University of Chicago, May 14
- 2008 Nelly Samoukova, "Heal thyself!" Anthropology of Europe Workshop, University of Chicago, Apr. 17
- 2008 Averill Leslie, "Kinship and Kallikaks: Henry Goddard's contextual constitution of families," Workshop on U.S. Locations, University of Chicago, Apr. 8
- 2008 Kathleen McDougall, "Isolated population? Afrikaner genealogy in post-Apartheid South Africa," African Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, Feb. 12
- 2007 Roscoe Nicholson, "Vegan perceptions and rhetoric surrounding nutrition and the case of vitamin B-12," Medicine, Body, and Practice Workshop, University of Chicago, Jan.

**PEER REVIEWS**

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*Asian Studies Review*  
*Cambridge Journal of Anthropology*  
*Social Science & Medicine*  
*Research in Economic Anthropology*  
*Journal of the Royal Anthropological Society*  
*Anthropology Southern Africa Journal*  
*Suomen Antropologi: Journal of the Finnish Anthropological Society*  
*Cambridge Encyclopedia of Anthropology*  
*Medical Anthropology*  
Routledge  
Rutgers University Press

**LANGUAGES**

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Japanese: Advanced written and spoken  
French: Beginner written and spoken

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Anthropological Association  
Society for Psychological Anthropology  
Society for Cultural Anthropology

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Association for Feminist Anthropology  
Society for Linguistic Anthropology  
Association for Asian Studies  
Anthropology of Mental Health Interest Group  
Anthropology of Children and Youth Interest Group