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EDUCATION

PhD Anthropology, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 1996
MA Anthropology, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 1992
BA *summa cum laude* Japanese Language and Literature/Asian Studies,
University of Michigan

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founder, The Professor Is In (www.theprofessorisin.com). 2011-present.
McNair Program Advisor, McNair Scholars Program, Teaching and Learning
Center, University of Oregon. 2010-2012.
Department Head, East Asian Languages and Cultures, University of
Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. 2004-2009.
Associate Professor, Anthropology and East Asian Languages and Cultures,
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. 2003-2010
Associate Professor, Anthropology, University of Oregon. 2002-2003.
Assistant Professor, Anthropology, University of Oregon. 1996-2002.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2015 *The Professor Is In: The Essential Guide to Turning Your Ph.D. Into a Job*.
Random House/Crown Publishing. reviewed in Kirkus Reviews, Booklist.

2001 *Women on the Verge: Japanese Women, Western Dreams*. Durham, NC: Duke
University Press; reviewed in *American Ethnologist*, *American Anthropologist*,
American Quarterly, *Intersections: East Asian Cultures*, *History of Education
Quarterly*, *Monumenta Nipponica*

Current Writing

[My regular advice column on the Chronicle of Higher Education's Vitae site.](#) 2013-present.

[Why They Want to Reject You.](#) *Academic Workplace 2015 (Chronicle of Higher Education)*. 7/19/15

[Got Skills?](#) *Contexts* 14(2) Spring 2015.

Numerous articles in Chronicle of Higher Education, Insider Higher Education, 2011-present.

[Graduate School Is a Means to a Job.](#) *Chronicle of Higher Education*. 3/27/12

[The Be-Yourself Myth.](#) *Insider Higher Ed*. 1/30/12

[To Professors, Re: Your Advisees.](#) *Chronicle of Higher Education*. 9/28/11

Weekly blogger, The Professor Is In, 2010-present.

In the Media

On Job-Hunting in the Wretched Academic Job Market

[What to Expect When Job Hunting.](#) (Beryl Benderley.) *AAAS Science Careers* 6/22/15

[Negotiated Out of a Job.](#) (Coleen Flaherty). *Inside Higher Ed*. 3/13/14

[Can't Get Tenure? Then Get a Real Job.](#) (Megan McArdle) *Bloomberg News* 1/3/14

[Ph.D.'s Spend Big Bucks Hunting For a Job in Academe, With No Guaranteed Results.](#) (Stacey Patton). *Chronicle of Higher Education*. 3/11/13

[The Ph.D. Now Comes With Food Stamps.](#) (Stacey Patton). *Chronicle of Higher Education* 5/6/12

On Ph.D. Debt:

Forthcoming piece on student debt. *AFT On Campus (American Federation of Teachers)*. 8/15

[The Professor and the Pauper: A Ph.D. May Cause You a Lifetime of Debt.](#) (Katey Troutman). *CheatSheet*. 11/20/14

[#StudentLoanDebt is Trending.](#) (Honey Smith). *TheStreet.com*. 2/6/14

[Interview with Kai Ryssdal on NPR Marketplace.](#) 1/27/14

[Even Ph.D.s Who Have Full Funding Have Huge Amounts of Debt.](#) (Rebecca Schuman) *Slate* 1/15/14 ("Karen Kelsky is to the academic job market what [the Wolf](#) was to organized crime in [Pulp Fiction](#)")

[Ph.D. Programs Have a Dirty Secret: Student Debt.](#) (Jordan Weissmann) *Atlantic*. 1/16/14.

[Read This Before You Apply to Grad School](#) (Megan McArdle). *Bloomberg News*. 1/17/14

[The Cost of a Ph.D.](#) (Audrey Williams June). *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

1/16/14

[When Full Funding Isn't Full.](#) (Colleen Flaherty) *Inside Higher Ed*. 2/18/14

On Various Academic Topics

[Getting Into Grad School.](#) Interview with Thomas Frank of College Info Geek.

CollegeInfoGeek.com 8/9/15

[The Paradoxical Success of The Professor Is In](#) (Sarah Kendzior). *Chronicle*

Vitae 7/19/15

[Productivity Cliff](#) (Colleen Flaherty). *Inside Higher Ed*. 11/20/14

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, THE PROFESSOR IS IN

Job Market/Advising/Interview Workshops:

2016

University of Zurich May 13, 2016

Warwick University May 10, 2016

Oxford University May 8, 2016

Cambridge University May 6 2016

Kings College London May 3, 2016

London School of Economics May 4, 2016

University of Aberdeen April 25, 2016

University of St. Andrews April 27, 2016

University of Edinburgh April 29, 2016

Harvard University March 21, 2016

Brown University March 18, 2016

Washington State University Feb. 6, 2016

University of Oregon

Duke University (Virtual)

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill (Virtual)

Syracuse University

2015

CUNY Graduate Center

UCLA

UC Riverside

Moffitt Cancer Center

Oregon State University

Colorado College

Purdue University

University of Nebraska Medical Center

2014
CUNY Graduate Center
UCLA
Brandeis
Duke

2013
University of Oregon
Brandeis

Keynote Addresses

University of New Mexico Careers Conference Feb 17, 2016
UC Riverside Career Development Day October 2015
UCLA Careers Conference May 2015

Conference Workshops

American Astronomical Society Conference, Kissimmee FL Jan 5-8 2016
American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC Nov 15-18 2014
American Anthropological Association, Chicago IL Dec. 1-3 2013
Modern Language Association, Chicago IL Jan 4-7 2013

PREVIOUS SCHOLARLY RECORD

Publications

2001 *Women on the Verge: Japanese Women, Western Dreams*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press; reviewed in *American Ethnologist*, *American Anthropologist*, *American Quarterly*, *Intersections: East Asian Cultures*, *History of Education Quarterly*, *Monumenta Nipponica*

2006 *Gender, Modernity, and Erotic Internationalism in Japan*. David Willis and Stephen Murphy-Shigematsu, eds., *Being Others in Japan: Multicultural Experiences in Japanese Society*. NY: Routledge;

2001 Who Sleeps with Whom, or, How (not) to Love the West in Japan. In *Coming to Terms: Reinventing Rapport in Critical Ethnography*, @ a Special Issue of *Qualitative Inquiry*, eds. Charles Springwood and Richard King. 7 (4): 418-435;

2000 *Japanese Women's Diaspora: An Interview*. *Intersections: Gender, History and Culture in the Asian Context*, (a refereed on-line journal); <http://www.sshe.murdoch.edu.au/intersections/issue4> 4 (September);

- 1999 Gender, Modernity, and Erotic Internationalism in Japan. In Cultural Anthropology 14(2):229-255;2002
- 1999 Teaching Japan Diasporically. In Proceedings of the Asia-Pacific Conference on Higher Education, Portland: Portland State University;
- 1996 The Gender Politics of Women's Internationalism in Japan. In International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society 10(1):29-50;
- 1996 Flirting With the Foreign: Interracial Sex in Japan's "International" Age. In Rob Wilson and Wimal Dissanayake, eds. Global/Local: Cultural Production and the Transnational Imaginary (Duke University Press);

(Reprinted 1998, Rainer Ganahl, ed. Imported: A Reading Seminar. New York: Semiotext(e))
- 1994 Intimate Ideologies: Transnational Theory and Japan's "Yellow Cabs." Public Culture 6,3 Spring: 1-14;
- 1994 Postcards from the Edge: The Office Ladies of Tokyo. The U.S.-Japan Women's Journal English Supplement 6 (January):1-21;

Scholarly Grants and Awards

- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for University Teachers, 1998-1999
 Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1998-1999
 Ford Foundation Languages Across the Social Sciences Course Development Grant, 1999
 Japan Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1993-1994
 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1990-1995
 East-West Center Graduate Degree Scholarship, 1990-1992

University Administrative Activities

- Head, East Asian Languages and Cultures, UIUC 2004-2009
 Anthropology Department Diversity committee, UIUC, 2004-2010
 Search Committee Chair, Modern Japanese Literature Search (UIUC EALC), 2004-2005
 Foreign Language Building Executive Officer Committee (UIUC), 2004-2009
 LAS Humanities Council Chair, UIUC, 2004-2005
 Anthropology Department Latino/a Action Plan Working Group, UIUC, 2003-2004

Search Committee Member, Japanese History search (UIUC EALC), 2003-2004
Committee Member, UO Asian Studies Committee, 1996 -
Participating Faculty, UO Program in Comparative Literature, 1997 – 2003
Participating Faculty, UO Program in Women’s Studies, 1997 - 2003
Committee Member, UO Women’s Studies Program Committee, 1997 - 1998
Board Member, UO Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, 1998 - 2002

University Service

Treasurer, Society for Lesbian and Gay Anthropology, American Anthropological Association, 2006- 2007
Manuscript Reviewer: Duke University Press, University of California Press, Routledge, Rutgers University Press Signs, positions, American Ethnologist, American Anthropologist, Cultural Anthropology, Identities, Cultural Anthropology , Current Anthropology, Gender and Space
Board Member, UO Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, 1998- 2002
Committee Member, UO Women’s Studies Program Committee, 1997 - 2002
Committee Member, UO Asian Studies Committee, 1996 - 2002
Oregon University System Japan-Korea Executive Board
Consultant, National Geographic Films (Japan)