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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Professor, Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison, September 2006-  
 Director, Center for East Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, September 2005-August 2008  
 Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison August 2003-August 2006  
 Associate Professor, Department of History, New York University January 2001 – July 2003  
 Assistant Professor, Department of History, New York University January 1995-December 2000  
 Assistant Professor, Department of History, Georgetown University September 1993 - December 1994

**EDUCATION**

Columbia University  
 Ph.D., History, Feb. 1993: dissertation awarded distinction  
 M. Phil., History, May 1988  
 M.A., History, May 1987  
 Inter-University Center of Advanced Japanese Language Study, Tokyo 1983-1984  
 University of Wisconsin-Madison  
 B.A., Political Science, May 1982

**PUBLICATIONS****Books**

Japan's Total Empire: Manchuria and the Culture of Wartime Imperialism. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998.  
 Winner of Fairbank and Arisawa prizes.  
Sôdôin teikoku: Manshû to senji teikokushugi no bunka [Total Empire: Manchuria and the Culture of Wartime Imperialism] Abridged and revised for translation into Japanese. Tokyo: Iwanami shoten, 2001.

**Articles**

- “Kindai wo uridasu: senkanki no hyakkaten, shôhibunka soshite shinchûkansô,” [“Marketing the Modern: Department Stores, Consumer Culture and the New Middle Class in Interwar Japan”], in Nichijô seikatsu no tanjô: senkanki Nihon no bunka henyô, ed., Barbara Satô. Tokyo: Kashiwa shobô, 2007
- “Ideologies of Difference and the Turn to Atrocity: Japan’s War on China,” in A World at Total War: Global Conflict and the Politics of Destruction, 1937-1945, eds., Roger Chickering, Stig Forster, and Berndt Greiner. London: Cambridge University Press, 2005
- “Japan’s Wartime Empire in China,” in The Shadows of Total War: Europe, East Asia, and the United States 1919-1939, eds., Roger Chickering and Stig Forster. Washington, D.C.: The German Historical Institute, 2003
- “Settler Colonialism and the Social Production of Space,” in Japanese Settler Colonialism and Capitalism in Japan: Advancing into Korea, Settling Down, and Returning to Japan, 1905-1950. Harvard University Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Occasional Paper in Japanese Studies, No. 2002-03, June 2002
- “Japan at War: History-writing on the Crisis of the 1930s,” in The Origins of the Second World War, Reconsidered, rev. ed., ed., Gordon Martel. London: Routledge, 1999
- “Marketing the Modern: Department Stores, Consumer Culture, and the New Middle Class in Interwar Japan.” International Labor and Working-Class History, No. 55 (Spring 1999).
- “Senkanki Nihon ni okeru shin chûkansô to shôhi bunka, soshite hyakkaten.” Sapporo no rekishi, No. 35 (August 1998)
- “Colonizing Manchuria: The Making of an Imperial Myth,” in Mirror of Modernity: Invented Traditions of Modern Japan, ed., Stephen Vlastos. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998
- “Rethinking Race for Manchukuo: Self and Other in the Colonial Context,” in The Construction of Racial Identities in China and Japan, ed., Frank Dikötter. London: Hurst; Honolulu: Hawaii University Press, 1997
- “Imagined Empire: The Cultural Construction of Manchukuo,” in The Japanese Wartime Empire, 1931-1945, ed., Ramon Myers, Mark Peattie, and Peter Duus. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1996

## **HONORS AND PRIZES**

- Winner, 1998 Hiromi Arisawa Award of the Association of American University Presses for Japan’s Total Empire
- Winner, 1998 John K. Fairbank Prize of the American Historical Association for Japan’s Total Empire
- Phi Beta Kappa, 1981

## FELLOWSHIPS

Resident Fellowship, Institute for Research in the Humanities, fall 2008  
 Vilas Associate Award, July 2007-June 2009  
 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 2006  
 UW-Madison Graduate School, Research Competition, summer 2005  
 Social Science Research Council Fellowship, 2002-2003  
 New York University, Research Challenge Fund, 2002-2003  
 Fellow, Kyoto University Institute for Research in Humanities, Fall 2000  
 Japan Foundation Publication Assistance Award, 1997-1998, for *Japan's Total Empire*  
 Fulbright IIE Research Fellowship, Japan, 1996-1997, for research in Japan  
 Social Science Research Council Fellowship, 1996-1997, for research in Japan  
 Japan Foundation Research Fellowship, 1996-1997 (declined), for research in Japan  
 Georgetown University Graduate School Summer Grant, 1994, for research in Japan  
 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University, 1992-1993, for manuscript preparation  
 Whiting Fellowship, 1990-1991, for dissertation write-up  
 Weatherhead Fellowship, 1990-1991 (declined), for dissertation write-up  
 Japan Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 1989-1990, for research in Japan  
 Fulbright IIE Dissertation Fellowship, 1989-1990 (declined), for research in Japan  
 Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Fellowship, 1989-1990 (declined), for research in Japan  
 Japanese Ministry of Education Dissertation Fellowship, 1989-1990 (declined), for research in Japan  
 V.K. Wellington Koo Fellowship, 1988, for dissertation research  
 Richard Hofstadter Fellowship, 1985-1988, for graduate study  
 Japan Foundation Language Fellowship, 1983-1984, for language training in Japan

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

### Beyond the Metropolis: Local Moderns in Interwar Japan.

Project funded by Fulbright, SSRC, New York University, Kyoto University, NEH and the UW-Madison for archival research in Tokyo, Kyoto, Niigata, Sapporo, Kanazawa, and Okayama; manuscript nearly completed. Beyond the Metropolis examines the social and cultural meanings of urban modernity in interwar Japan, a period of rapid industrialization and urban growth. The urban transformations of these years implied enormous physical, social, and cultural changes to which people applied the term “modern” - a communications revolution that brought streetcars, telephones and radios, urban electrification that mechanized the home and the workplace, and other modern transformations. Focusing on four mid-sized cities scattered throughout the country, this study looks at the ways that the expanding urban

population thought about and tried to shape the structures of urban modernity.

#### Discourse on the Social in Prewar Japan

A book-length project on the history of sociology in early twentieth century Japan, currently in the preliminary stages of research. By the early twentieth century, the term “society” contained within it a complex reinvention of an older Japanese concept through the lens of recently imported European and American social ideas. The term became a touchstone for a broad array of oppositional movements and political debates and the space for working out solutions to the multifront crisis of the twenties and thirties. Discourse on the Social in Prewar Japan will explore the shifting constellations of meaning surrounding the term in the years leading up to World War Two and seek to understand why “the social question” occupied such a central place in the political debates of the day.

#### **DOCUMENTARIES**

Interviewee, *The Road to Pearl Harbor*, NHK, 2002

Consultant, *Pearl Harbor, Surprise and Remembrance*, Lance Bird and Tom Johnson, 1991

#### **LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS** (most recent)

“Empire Strikes Back: Japan in Manchuria, Manchuria in Japan”, invited lecture, Oberlin College, October 5, 2007

Discussant, “Construction and Aftermath of Japan’s Wartime Empire, 1941-1950”, Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 21, 2006

“The Ideology of the Metropolis”, keynote address, Asian Studies Lecture Series, University of Minnesota, April 21, 2006

“Tokyo-centrism, the Literati, and Provincial Culture,” invited lecture, College of William and Mary, April 8, 2005

“Rethinking Empire,” roundtable presentation, College of William and Mary, April 8, 2005

“Social Reform and Class Formation in Interwar Japan,” Center for East Asian Studies Brown Bag Lecture Series, University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 22, 2004

“Tokyo-centrism, the Literati, and Provincial Culture,” invited lecture, Center for Japanese Studies Noon Lecture Series, University of Michigan, March 24, 2005

“Social Work and Class Formation in Interwar Japan”, Center for Japanese Studies Conference on *Researching Social Class in Japan*, University of Michigan, March 19-20, 2004

“Japan’s Turn to Atrocity in World War Two,” invited lecture, Center for Historical Studies Seminar on *Empires*, University of Maryland, December 8, 2003

- “Modernity and Japan: Reading Soseki’s *And Then*”, Freeman Program Outreach Workshop on Modernity in East Asia, New York University, October 18, 2003
- “Japan in Manchuria: the War at Home,” invited lecture, Center for East Asian Studies, Wesleyan University, September 26, 2003.
- “Beyond the Metropolis: Local Cities and Mass Culture in Interwar Japan,” invited lecture, University of Wisconsin-Madison, February 3, 2003
- “Beyond the Metropolis: Local Cities and Mass Culture in Interwar Japan,” invited lecture, Yale University, November 19, 2002
- “Beyond the Metropolis: Local Cities and Mass Culture in Interwar Japan,” panel presentation for Triangle East Asia Colloquium on *The City in Modern East Asia*, Duke University, November 9, 2002
- “Settlement in the Imperial Project: the Japanese Case,” Comment for Japan panel, Conference on *Settler Colonialism in the Twentieth Century*, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, October 25-26, 2002
- “Empire in the Metropolis: Japan’s Manchurian Enterprise”, invited lecture, East Asian Studies special series on *Japanese Colonialism in Historical Perspective*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 10, 2002
- Discussant, Workshop on *The Middle Class in Japan*, Reischauer Institute for Japanese Studies, Harvard University, May 17, 2002
- One-day Workshop on “Teaching Japan: Beyond Orientalism”, Hill Center for World Studies, New York, May 11, 2001
- Discussant for panel: “Staging Shanghai”, International Conference on *Shanghai Urban Culture: Comparative Perspectives*, New York, April 20-22, 2001
- “Discourse on the Social: Municipalities, Social Policy, and the Idea of Modern Society”, invited lecture, Center for Japanese Studies Colloquium Series, University of California, Berkeley, April 4, 2001
- Commentary for panel: “Punishment, Welfare, and Sex”, Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Chicago, March 23, 2001
- One-day Workshop on “New Directions in Japanese History”, Hill Center for World Studies, Amherst, February 24, 2001
- “Nihon no sôdôin teikoku” [Japan’s Total Empire], lecture, Kyoto University Institute for Research in Humanities, November 10, 2000
- “Nihon no sôdôin teikoku” [Japan’s Total Empire], lecture, Osaka University of Foreign Studies, November 15, 2000
- “Hyakkaten to shôhi bunka no tanjo” [The Department Store and the Birth of Consumer Culture], lecture, Osaka University of Commerce, November 16, 2000
- multiple lectures for “Seminar on New Directions in World History”, Hill Center for World Studies, Amherst, July 11-13, 2000
- “Japan’s Discourse on the Social,” panel presentation, International Crossroads in Cultural Studies Conference, Birmingham, UK, June 21-25, 2000
- “Discourse on the Social: Municipalities, Social Policy, and the Idea of Modern Society,” invited lecture, Japan Forum, Harvard University, April 28, 2000

- “Japan’s Wartime Empire in China,” paper presentation, International Conference on *The Shadows of Total War*, Bern, Switzerland, August 25-28, 1999
- “Discourse on the Social: Municipalities, Social Policy, and the Idea of Modern Society,” paper presentation, Conference on *Modernity and Everyday Life*, Seikei University, Tokyo, July 18-21, 1999
- “Tokyo in the Urban Imaginary,” invited lecture, Princeton University, April 21, 1999
- “Hybrid Modernism and Cultural Space in 1920s Tokyo,” panel presentation, Sawyer Seminar on *Cities, Modernism, and the Problem of National Culture*, New York University, April 15, 1999

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### **Graduate**

Historiography of Modern Japan  
 History and Theory  
 Interwar and Wartime Japan in Film and Literature  
 Issues and Literature in East Asian History  
 Japan and World War Two in Asia  
 Japanese Imperialism  
 Japanese Modernism  
 The Modern Transformation in Japan and Russia since 1850  
 Time, History, Japan

### **Undergraduate**

#### Lectures:

Empire and Independence  
 History of Modern Japan  
 Japan from Ancient to Modern Times  
 World Cultures: Modernity and Japan  
 World Cultures: Japanese Cultural History

#### Seminars:

Culture and Imperialism  
 Fascism and Militarism in Japan  
 Imperialism in Twentieth Century Asia  
 Japanese Modernism in Film and Literature  
 Japan and World War Two in Asia  
 Senior Thesis/Honors Colloquium

## **CHRONOLOGY OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS (since tenure)**

### **New York University**

Graduate Admissions and Fellowships (00-02)  
 Chair, Modern Korean Studies Search (02-03)  
 Coordinator, Hill Center for World Studies Outreach Program (02-04)

Dissertation Committees:

Primary reader: Wendy Matsumura, George Tomlinson, Wei-chi Chen

Secondary reader: Katsuhiko Endo, Ken Kawashima, Alexandra Munroe,  
Bill Mihalopoulos, Kayoko Teramoto, Dan Inouye, Osamu  
Nakano, Takashi Yoshida, Mark Jones

## **University of Wisconsin**

### **History Department**

As the senior faculty member in the East Asian History program, I have led efforts to rebuild this program at the UW-Madison, expanding from a three faculty to a five-faculty program.

Undergraduate Council (03-04)  
Chair, Japanese History Search Committee (04-05)  
Liaison, Japanese Literature Search Committee (04-05)  
Faculty Council (04-06, 08-10)  
Co-Chair, Assistant Faculty Review Committee (05-06)  
Chair, Sarah Thal Tenure Committee (06-07)  
Liaison, Anne Enke Review Committee (05-06)  
Liaison, Cindy Chen Review Committee (05-06)  
Budget Committee (06-07)  
World History Curriculum Committee (06-07)  
Chair, VAP Chinese History Search Committee (spring 06, spring 07)  
Chair, Korean History Search Committee (07-08)  
Chair, Chinese History Search Committee (08-09)

### **Center for East Asian Studies**

During my term as Director of the Center for East Asian Studies the Center successfully won a \$1 million Title 6 grant and engaged in a major reorganization of the office, conducting national searches to hire a new Associate and Assistant Director. We have also engaged in an aggressive fund-raising program, with separate initiatives targeting Japan, China, and Korea. We raised a \$750,000 grant from the Korea Foundation to endow a new chair in Korean History.

Development Committee, Chair (07-08)  
FLAS Committee (04-07), Chair (05-08)  
Library Committee (04-08), Chair (05-08)  
Steering Committee (04-09); Chair (05-08)

### **Campus**

Committee on Graduate Student Stipends (06)  
Chair, International Institute Advisory Committee (06-09)

### **Dissertation Committees:**

Reader: Hiroshi Kitamura, Shu-chin Wu, Kiyoko Fujisaki, Takeo Fujikura

**Graduate Advisees:**

Anne Giblin, Jennifer Miller, Rebecca Shearier