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EDUCATION

- 2014 – present Doctoral Student in Anthropology, University of Virginia
- 2013 M.A. in Applied Anthropology, Boston University
Thesis: “In Search of Dreams: Narratives of Japanese Gay Men on Migration to The United States”
- 2011 Certificate in Japanese Pedagogy, Portland State University
- 2009 M.A. in Cultural Anthropology, University of Tokyo
Thesis: “The Shifting Boundary of Minority Identities: The Japanese American Citizens League and Same-sex Marriage”
- 2007 B.A. in Japanese Language and Literature, University of Tokyo
Thesis: 「島崎藤村「破戒」論：当事者でないものが当事者を描くということ」 [Toson Shimazaki’s *The Broken Commandment: When A Non-Buraku Author Represents Buraku Voices*]

PUBLICATIONS

- 2014 “In Search of Dreams: Narratives of Japanese Gay Men on Migration to the United States” in *Queering Migrations Towards, From, and Beyond Asia*, Edited by Hugo Córdova Quero, Joseph N. Goh, and Michael Sepidoza Campos. Pp: 77-98. Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2011 “The Shifting Boundary of Minority Identities: The Japanese American Citizens League and Same-Sex Marriage”. 日本オーラルヒストリー研究 [*Japanese Oral History Research*]. vol. 7: 89-110.
- 2007 “How Japanese Americans saw Japan: The case from *Issei* to *Sansei* in Mainland U.S.” Contributed to the website *Discover Nikkei* as a member of the Association for Immigration Studies, 2007.
<http://www.discovernikkei.org/forum/ja/node/1970> (In English and Japanese).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2015 Grader, ANTH 2660: *The Internet is Another Country*, University of Virginia
- 2014 Teaching Assistant, ANTH 2370: *Japanese Culture*, University of Virginia
- 2014 Instructor, SL 06401 Intermediate Japanese II, Boston College
Instructor, SL 16801 Third-year Japanese II, Boston College
Instructor, JPNS 1101 Elementary Japanese 1, Northeastern University
Instructor, JPNS 1102 Elementary Japanese 2, Northeastern University
- 2011 – 2013 Instructor, CAS LJ111, 112 Beginning Japanese, Boston University
- 2007 Teaching Assistant, English I, University of Tokyo
Teaching Assistant, General Ethnography I, University of Tokyo

ACADEMIC AWARDS

- 2014 American Studies Association-Japanese Association for American Studies
Awarded \$1100 travel grant for conference participation
- 2014 University of Virginia Doctoral Student Fellowship
Awarded \$18,500 per year for five years of graduate education
- 2011 – 2013 Boston University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Scholarship
Awarded tuition exemption for two years, \$20,000 per year
- 2011 University of Tokyo Fellowship for International Academic Activities
東京大学国際学術交流活動等奨励事業 2011 年度海外派遣奨励費
Awarded 960,000 yen (approximately US\$8,000) for studying abroad
- 2008 America-Japan Society Research Grant
Awarded 350,000 yen (approximately US\$3,000) to conduct research on
Japanese-American experiences

INVITED PRESENTATION

- 2011 “Sexile to the Promised Land: Japanese Gay Migration to North America.” DIJ:
German Institute for Japanese Studies. Tokyo, Japan.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2010 グローバルな市民社会における『自分探し』—日本人男性同性愛者の北米への移動を例として—於みんぱく若手研究者奨励セミナー「国境を越える市民社会と人類学」 [In Search of “Self” in Global Civil Society: The case of Japanese gay Migrants to The United States. Seminar for Young Researchers at the National Museum of Ethnology. Osaka, Japan.]
- 2009 変化するマイノリティ・アイデンティティの境界：日系アメリカ人市民協会と同性婚の事例から於日本アメリカ史学会 [The Shifting Boundary of Minority Identities: The Japanese American Citizens League and Same-sex Marriage. The Japanese Association for American History. Annual Meeting of MA Thesis Presentation. Tokyo, Japan.]

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2009 - 2011 Full-time Researcher, Japan Center for Examination Research
- 2007 - 2008 President, Graduate Student Council of Anthropology, University of Tokyo

SOCIAL SERVICE

- 2007 - 2008 Theater Manager (Volunteer Work), Tokyo International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival

ARTICLE REVIEW

- 2013 *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Education
Migration
Gender and Sexuality
Language and Identity
Contemporary Japan and East Asia
Asian America

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association
The Japanese Association for American Studies
The Japanese Association for Migration studies
Japan Oral Historical Association