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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Academy Scholar (Postdoctoral Fellow), The Harvard Academy 2026–2028

EDUCATION

Harvard University Cambridge, MA
Ph.D., History & East Asian Languages May 2026

Dissertation: “Upwellings of Oceanic Decolonization: Coastal Governance in Korea and Japan, 1894–1958.”

Harvard University Cambridge, MA
A.M., Regional Studies–East Asia May 2020

Yonsei University, Graduate School of International Studies Seoul, South Korea
Masters in Global Affairs & Policy February 2018

Yale University New Haven, CT
B.A., History May 2014

PUBLICATIONS

“Fixing Post-colonial Sovereignty at Sea: South Korean Maritime Boundaries from Liberation to War.”
Accepted at *Journal of Korean Studies*.

“Yukchi wa haeyang ūi kwan’kye rūl chungjaehagi: Hamgyōngdo myōngt’ae ōōp nodong kwa haeyang yōngt’ohwa [Mediating land and sea: labor in the Hamgyōng Province pollock fishery and oceanic territorialization],” *Yōksa pip’yōng*, Vol. 146, Spring 2024 (in Korean).

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Grant (Japan)	2024
Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies Junior Fellowship, Seoul National University	2023
Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University	2025–26
Korea Institute Graduate Summer Research Travel Grant, Harvard	2025, 2022
Reischauer Institute Supplementary Dissertation Research Grant, Harvard	2025
Japan Studies Graduate Student Travel Grant, Association for Asian Studies	2025
Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies Research Grant, Harvard	2022
Mark O’Friel Fund (Asia Center Winter Grant), Harvard	2022

Pacific Century Institute Junior Fellow	2022, 2017
Reischauer Institute, Graduate Summer Language Grant, Harvard	2021, 2019
NCR Corporation Fund for East Asian Studies	2019
Satoh-Tsuchiya Merit Scholarship, Harvard	2019
GPAS Fellowship (for research in Tokyo on Korea-Japan relations), Yonsei University	2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harvard University

Teaching Assistant, *Economic Governance in East Asia* (Daniel Koss) Spring 2024

Senior Thesis Tutor to A.B. student in History & East Asian Studies 2023–24
 “Legitimacy of History: Collective Memories of the March First Movement and National Identity in South Korea, 1945–1960.” (Winner of Hoopes Prize)

Teaching Assistant, *Japan in Asia and the World* (Andrew Gordon & David Howell) Fall 2022

GUEST LECTURES

“Militarized industrialization and South Korea’s developmental state.” *Economic Governance in East Asia* (Daniel Koss). Lecture and seminar discussion. February 13, 2024.

“Armies and Embassies: Resituating Japan in Asia.” *Japan in Asia and the World* (Andrew Gordon and David Howell). Lecture. September 22, 2024.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL, RESEARCH, AND SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Harvard University

Research assistant to Prof. Andrew Gordon on “Modern Memories” book project 2022–26
 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Graduate Student Associate 2025–26
 Korea Institute, Graduate Student Associate & Student Assistant 2021–23
 Korean Studies Working Group, Co-organizer 2020–21

Yonsei University Center on Oceania Studies Inaugural Senior Fellow 2021–23

BORI Collective History consultant for project on Cheju Island *haenyŏ* diving women 2021–22

New York County District Attorney’s Office Appeals Division Paralegal 2014–15

Yale University Research Assistant, medieval legal history project (*Decretum Gratiani*) 2012–15

SELECTED CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

“An Anatomy of Precarity: Fishery Rights and Coastal Territorialization in Colonial Korea,” [The Limits and Possibilities of the Natural in Korea](#), UC Irvine, Environmental Studies of Korea Conference, June 4–5, 2026.

“Japan and the King Crab: An International History,” Modern Japan from the Margins: An International Conference in Honor of Andrew D. Gordon, May 8, 2026.

“Oceanic Militarization in Postliberation South Korea,” 18th Worldwide Consortium for Korean Studies Centers, Korea University, Seoul, Korea, August 11, 2025.

“Democratization at Sea: U.S. Occupation Policy and Postwar Japanese Fisheries,” American Society for Environmental History, Pittsburgh, PA, April 12, 2025.

“Before and After Pelagic Empire: Fisheries Disputes in the Making of Korea-Japan Relations,” panel co-organizer, “Post-empire dislocations in Japan and Korea,” Association of Asian Studies, Columbus, OH, March 13, 2025.

Comment on Tamara Fernando (Stony Brook University), “Beyond Commodity History? Pearling Knowledge, Labor, and Environments, 1880-1925,” Harvard International and Global History Seminar, Harvard University, February 5, 2025.

“Oceanic Japan: The Archipelago in Pacific and Global History,” Discussant, Zoom event for *Oceanic Japan* book launch hosted by Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, October 15, 2024.

“Rome 1955: Japan, Korea, and the Rise of Coastal States’ Rights,” Waseda University, Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Tokyo, Japan, June 28, 2024.

“A view of the Korean War from the sea: the U.S. in the making of energy and environmental seascapes,” Kyujanggak International Symposium, Seoul, Korea, November 3, 2023.

“Suketōdara-ryō no kanten kara mita Chōsen to Nihon Teikoku no rekishi [A pollock history of Chosŏn Korea and Japanese Empire],” Toyama University, March 17, 2023 (in Japanese).

“Pollock and the Making of a Terraqueous Korea,” Panel on “Food Circuits and the Making of Modern Economies,” Association for Asian Studies(AAS)-in-Asia, Daegu, Korea, June 24-27, 2023.

“Fishing Among the Mountains: Labor in Hamgyōng Province from Late Chosŏn to Colonial Korea,” 9th International Conference of NextGen Korean Studies Scholars, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, May 13-14, 2022.