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### **EMPLOYMENT**

Professor, Department of East Asian Studies, Princeton University, 2018-present  
Associated Faculty, Department of Anthropology, Princeton University, 2004-present  
Associate Professor, Department of East Asian Studies, Princeton University, 2009-2018  
Assistant Professor, Princeton University, East Asian Studies Department, 2000-2009  
Lecturer, Princeton University, East Asian Studies 1999-00  
Lecturer, Stanford University, 1996-98  
NIH Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of California San Francisco, 1994-1996  
Medical Anthropology Program

### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Stanford University, Department of Anthropology, June 1995  
MA Stanford University, Department of Anthropology, June 1991  
BA Harvard University, Psychology, Magna cum Laude, June 1986

### **FELLOWSHIP AWARDS AND GRANTS**

National Endowment for the Humanities (together with the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission),  
Fellowship for Advanced Social Science Research on Japan, "Organ Donation and Medical  
Practices in Modern Japanese Culture," winter 2017

Asia Library Travel Grants Program, University of Michigan, Center for Japanese Studies,  
Bentley Historical Library archives, summer 2013

Japan Foundation Long-Term Research Fellowship, "Public Health as Everyday Practice in  
Japan," research in Tokyo, 2011-2012

Northeast Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies, Short-Term Travel to Japan for  
Professional Purposes, June 2011

Institute for Advanced Study, member, School of Social Sciences, 2006-2007

American Council of Learned Societies, Charles A. Ryskamp Research Fellowship, "Japan in  
American Social Thought," 2006-2007

Japan Foundation, Short-Term Research Fellowship, 2006-2007

Honorific Fellowship Supplement, Princeton University, Class of '59 Junior Faculty Fund, 2006-2007

Northeast Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies (with support of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission), Short-Term Travel to Japan for Professional Purposes, December 2005

Abe Fellowship, Social Science Research Council, sponsored by the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, "Shifting Notions of Gender, Labor, and Life Course in the New Economy" research in Tokyo, 2002-03

Social Science Research Council, Japan Program, Dissertation Write-Up Grant, 1993-94

Fulbright Graduate Fellowship, Dissertation Research Grant, 1992-93 (Tokyo)

NSF Dissertation Research Grant (supplementary), 1992-93

Stanford Center for East Asian Studies, "Women in Asia" Dissertation Research Grant, 1991  
Stanford University Mellon Graduate Fellowship, 1991-93

Stanford Institute of International Studies, Japan Fund Graduate Fellowship, 1989-91

### **AWARDS, RECOGNITION, AND GRANTS INTERNAL TO PRINCETON**

Humanities Council Old Dominion Faculty Fellowship, 2017-2018

University Center for Human Values, summer research funding, "Ethics and Informed Consent in Intra-Familial Kidney Donation in Japan," University Center for Human Values summer research funding, 2017

Princeton University Committee for Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences or Tuck Research funds for travel and research in Japan, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2011, 2010, 2008

University Center for Human Values, book manuscript workshop, four invited guests, Princeton colleagues, and graduate students, May 2016

250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund, Princeton University, new course development, "Contemporary East Asia," with Steven Chung and David Leheny, fall 2009

### **TEACHING**

*Undergraduate:*

History of Theory in Socio-Cultural Anthropology (EAS/ANT)

Mind, Body, and Bioethics in Japan (EAS/ANT)

Topics in the Anthropology of Japan (research seminar) (EAS/ANT)

Japanese Society and Culture (EAS/ANT)

*Graduate:*

The Quest for Health: Ethical Issues in Advanced Biomedicine (EAS/ANT)

Authorship of the Body: Health, Illness, and Medicine (Interdisciplinary Program in the Humanities) co-taught with Elena Fratto (2017-18) ((EAS/ANT/HUM)

Topics in Social Theory and East Asia (EAS/ANT)

Anthropology of Japan in Historical Context (EAS/ANT)

## **BOOKS**

*In Search of Social Solidarity: Japan as Laboratory in the U.S. Postwar Social Sciences*, book manuscript (under review, August 2023)

*The Too-Good Wife: Alcohol, Codependency, and the Politics of Nurturance in Postwar Japan*, University of California Press, December, 2005

## **ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS**

“The Burdens of Self-Restraint: Social Measures and the Containment of Covid-19 in Japan.” *Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus* vol. 20, issue 19, no. 2, Article ID 5759, 2022

“Introduction.” In, William LaFleur, *Biolust, Brain death, and the Battle Over Organ Transplants: America's Biotech Juggernaut and its Japanese Critics*, Edward Drott, ed. pp. 1-22, Bloomsbury Academic, 2022

“Robert Bellah as Modernization Theorist: Comments on Matteo Bortolini’s *A Joyfully Serious Man*.” *Civic Sociology* 3(1): 37710, 2022

“Dialogues between Area Studies and Social Thought: Robert Bellah’s Engagement with Japan,” *The Anthem Companion to Robert N. Bellah*, edited by Matteo Bortolini, series editor Bryan S. Turner, pp. 33-62, New York: Anthem Press, 2019

“Between Biopolitical Governance and Care: Rethinking Health, Selfhood, and Social Welfare in East Asia” (Borovoy and Zhang), with Li Zhang, *Medical Anthropology*, 36(1): 1-5, 2017

“Japan’s Public Health Paradigm: Governmentality and the Containment of Harmful Behavior,” *Medical Anthropology*, 36(1): 32-46, 2017

“Robert Bellah’s Search for Community and Ethical Modernity in Japan Studies,” *The Journal of Asian Studies*, 75(2): 467-494, 2016

“*Nihon shakai ni okeru kazoku to seishin ikigaku no kengen* (“Family and the Purview of Psychiatry in Japanese Society),” in *The History and Anthropology of Psychiatry*, Junko Kitanaka and Akihito Suzuki, eds., second of three volumes in series, *Seishin igaku no rekishi to jinruigaku (Psychiatric Medicine, Its Philosophy and Thought)*, Koji Ishihara, ed., University of Tokyo Press, pp. 194-225, 2016

“Japanese and American Public Health Approaches to Preventing Population Weight Gain: A Role for Paternalism?” with Christina Roberto, *Social Science & Medicine*, vol. 143, 62-70, October 2015

“Metabolic Syndrome and Mass Screening: Are There Lessons We Can Learn from Japan?” In *The Applied Anthropology of Obesity: Prevention, Intervention, and Identity*, edited Chad Morris and Alexandra G. Lancey, pp. 65-78, Lexington Press (Rowman and Littlefield), 2015

“Doi Takeo and the Rehabilitation of Particularism in Postwar Japan,” *The Journal of Japanese Studies*, 38(2): 263-295, 2012

“Doi Takeo no Bunkaron (Takeo Doi’s Culture Theory),” in *Kindai no ‘Nihon Ishiki’ no Seiritsu (The Making of Modern National Consciousness)*, edited by Josef Kreiner, pp. 413-424, Tokyo: Tokyodo, 2012

“Benedikuto no Kiku to Katana: Minshushugi no Dotai to Shite no Hōkenshugi (Ruth Benedict’s *The Chrysanthemum and the Sword: Feudal Foundations of Japanese Democracy*),” in *Kindai no ‘Nihon Ishiki’ no Seiritsu (The Making of Modern National Consciousness)*, edited by Josef Kreiner, pp. 210-227, Tokyo: Tokyodo, 2012

“Decentering Agency in Feminist Theory: Recuperating the Family as a Feminist Project,” with Kristen Ghodsee, *Women’s Studies International Forum*, 35(3): 153-165, 2012

“Japan as Mirror: Neoliberalism’s Promise and Costs,” in *Ethnographies of Neoliberalism*, Carol J. Greenhouse, editor, pp. 60-74, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2010

“What Color is Your Parachute? The Post-Pedigree Society,” in *Social Class in Japan*, Hiroshi Ishida and David Slater, editors, pp. 170-194, Routledge Press, 2010

“Japan’s Hidden Youths: Mainstreaming the Emotionally Distressed in Japan,” *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry*, vol. 32, 552-576, 2008

“Managing the Unmanageable: Elderly Russian Jewish Emigrés and the Biomedical Culture of Diabetes Care,” with Janet Hine, *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, 22(1): 1-26, 2008

“The Rise of Eating Disorders in Japan: Issues of Culture and Limitations of the Model of ‘Westernization,’” with Kathleen Pike, *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry*, 28(4): 493-532, 2005

“Not a Doll’s House: Public Uses of Domesticity in Japan,” *U.S.-Japan Women’s Journal*, English Supplement Nos. 20-21, 83-124, 2001

“Recovering from Codependence in Contemporary Japan,” *American Ethnologist*, 28(1): 94-118, 2001

*Sewa Nyōbo to Sono Rinri: Jiko Gisei no Shigarami* (“The Service Wife and the Politics of Self-Sacrifice”). *U.S. Japan Women’s Journal*, (20): 56-68, 1996

“Japanese Domesticity: Women and Work as National Culture,” *The American Asian Review*, 13(2): 185-211, 1995

#### **PUBLICATIONS IN NON-REFEREED JOURNALS**

“Beyond Choice: A New Framework for Abortion?” *Dissent Magazine*, Fall 2011

*Nihon Kenkyū to Nihonjin no Jiga no Jinruigaku—Nichibei no Taiwa. Toransunashonarichii Kenkyū* (Transnationality Studies.) Osaka University, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Center of Excellence Program Humanities Research Activities 2002-2003, 42-56, translated Okamoto Yūryō.

“Re-evaluating the Normal in Japan: The Case of Alcoholic Codependency,” *Columbia University East Asian Institute Reports*, March 2001

## **BOOK AND DVD REVIEWS**

“Nicolas Sternsdorff-Cisterna, *Food Safety after Fukushima: Scientific Citizenship and the Politics of Risk* (University of Hawai’i Press),” *Journal of Japanese Studies*, 79(4): 1025-1027, 2020

“Mari Armstrong-Hough, *Biomedicalization and the Practice of Culture: Globalization and Type 2 Diabetes in the United States and Japan* (University of North Carolina Press), *Japan Review*, number 35, 2020

“Kaori Okano and Yoshio Sugimoto, *Rethinking Japanese Studies: Eurocentrism and the Asia Pacific Region* (Routledge Contemporary Japan Series),” *Journal of Japanese Studies*, 45(2): 372-377, 2019

“Francesca Di Marco, *Suicide in Twentieth Century* (Routledge Studies in the Modern History of Asia),” *Monumenta Nipponica*, 73(2): 296-301, 2019

“Andrea Gevurtz Arai,” *The Strange Child: Education and the Psychology of Patriotism in Recessionary Japan* (Stanford University Press),” *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, 24(2): 390-391, 2018

“Jason Danelly, *Aging and Loss: Mourning and Maturity in Contemporary Japan* (Rutgers University Press),” *American Ethnologist*, 43(4): 777-779, 2016

“Karen Nakamura, *A Disability of the Soul: An Ethnography of Schizophrenia and Mental Illness in Contemporary Japan* (Cornell University Press),” *Journal of Japanese Studies*, 41(1): 178-183, 2015

“Anne Allison, *Precarious Japan* (Duke University Press),” *American Ethnologist*, 41(4): 793–794, 2014

“Saitō Tamaki, *Hikikomori: Adolescence without End* [translation of *Shakaiteki Hikikomori*, 1998] (University of Minnesota Press),” *Mechademia*, 12/2013

“Katsunori Kondo, *Health Inequalities in Japan: An Empirical Study of Older People* (TransPacific Press),” *Journal of Japanese Studies*, 38(2): 502-507, 2012

“David Plath, director. *Can’t Go Native?* (DVD), Media Production Group, Asian Educational Media Service,” *American Anthropologist*, 114(1): 152-153, 2012

“Kazuhiro Soda, director. *Seishin (Mental) (DVD), Laboratory X*,” *Japanese Studies* 31(1): 135-136, 2011

“Akiko Hashimoto and John W. Traphagan, eds. *Imagined Families, Lived Families: Culture and Kinship in Contemporary Japan* (State University of New York Press),” *Pacific Affairs*, 83(3): 604, 2010

“Sabine Frühstück, *Uneasy Warriors: Gender, Memory, and Popular Culture in the Japanese Army* (University of California Press),” *Journal of Japanese Studies*, 35(2): 455-460, 2009

“Miyako Inoue, *Vicarious Language: Gender and Linguistic Modernity in Japan* (University of California Press),” *American Ethnologist* 36(2): 410-412, 2009

“Gail Lee Bernstein, *Isami’s House: Three Centuries of a Japanese Family* (University of California Press),” *Journal of Asian History* 41(2): 207-208, 2007

“Emiko Ohnuki-Tierney, *Kamikaze Diaries: Reflections of Japanese Student Soldiers* (University of Chicago Press),” *American Anthropologist* 109(4): 774-775, 2007

“Takie Sugiyama Lebra, *The Japanese Self in Cultural Logic* (University of Hawai’i Press),” *Anthropological Quarterly* 78(4): 1017-1023, 2005

“Merry Isaacs White, *Perfectly Japanese: Making Families in an Era of Upheaval* (University of California Press),” *Monumenta Nipponica* 58(2): 198-200, 2003

“Daniel Touro Linger, *No One Home: Brazilian Selves Remade in Japan* (Stanford University Press),” *American Anthropologist* 105(1): 198-200, 2003

“Karen Kelsky, *Women on the Verge: Japanese Women, Western Dreams* (Duke University Press),” *American Ethnologist* 29(4): 1035-1037, 2002

## **INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES**

Mansfield Fellowship Program monthly seminar, (sends 10 U.S. government employees to live and work in Japan for one year), Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, “Governance and the Covid-19 Pandemic,” April 13, 2023

University of Manchester, Social Anthropology Seminar, joint with Japanese Studies, Amy Borovoy, “Covid-19 Containment Measures in Japan and the Role of Society,” March 14, 2023

University of Haifa, Anthropology Forum, “Containing Technology: Japan’s Demographic Crisis, Organ Transplant, and the Limits of Care,” December 8, 2022

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Asia Studies Faculty Seminar Series, Department of Asian Studies and Louis Frieberg Center for East Asian Studies, “Beyond Modernization: Imagining the Social in the Postwar American Social Science of Japan,” December 7, 2022

Tel Aviv University, East Asian Studies Departmental Seminar, “Japan’s Demographic Crisis, Organ Transplant, and the Limits of Care, December 6, 2022

University of California, Berkeley, Institute of East Asian Studies and Center for Japanese Studies Colloquium/Webinar, The Legacy of Ezra Vogel’s Work: Sixty Years after “Japan’s New Middle Class,” “*Japan’s New Middle Class* in Postwar Social Thought...and Its Continuing

Relevance," with comments by Merry White (Boston University) and Allison Alexy (University of Michigan), (via Zoom) November 9, 2021

University of Southern California, U.S.-Japan China Institute and Japan Society New York Modern East Asia Program, professional development course for educators in LA areas, "Japan and the Gender Problem: How the Division of Labor Shapes Japanese Society," (via Zoom) October 23, 2021

Harvard University, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, "Public Health Campaigns and Experiential Learning in Japan." On panel, "Public Health and Wellness in the COVID-19 Era: Japan in Global Context," (via Zoom), panelists: Karen Thornber, Amy Borovoy, Andrew Gordon, moderated by Christina Davis, March 29, 2021

U.S. Japan Bridging Foundation, "Social Media and Rapid Change in Japan Today," with Kimberly Hassel, November 24, 2020

Japan Forum for Innovation and Technology Webinar, U.C. San Diego, School of Global Policy and Strategy, "Ruth Benedict and the Study of Japanese Culture," (moderated by Ulrike Schaede), August 25, 2020

University of Pennsylvania, Wolf Center for the Humanities, Forging Kinships Symposium, "Containing Modernity: Gender and Labor in Japan's Public Sphere," February 21, 2020

Keio University, 15<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Bridging Humanities, Social Sciences and Medicine, "Some Questions Regarding Aging, Kidney Dialysis and Transplantation in Japan," January 22, 2020

National University of Singapore, Asian Research Institute, "Japan as Terrain for American Self-Reflection in the Late 20th Century," January 15, 2020

Keio University, Tokyo, Dept. of Human Sciences, "Medicalization of the Life-Course: The Case of Kidney Dialysis and Transplant in Japan." Symposium: Medicalization of the Life-Course; comments, Urushihara Hisami, Pharmacology, January 17, 2019

University of Leiden, Gravensteen International Lecture Series on Globalism and Modernity, "A Living Laboratory: Japan in American Social Thought," November 2, 2018

Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO), "The Exhaustion of the Body after Economic Growth: Kidney Failure, Replacement, and Transplant in Japan," Paris, June 26, 2018

University of Chicago, East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Transregional Histories Workshop, "Japan Studies in the Postwar Era: Reflections on Modernity and Society in American Social Thought," April 27, 2017

Princeton University, Global Health Colloquium, “Japanese and American Approaches to Preventing Population Weight Gain: Culture, Public Health, and Behavioral Economics,” with Christina Roberto, October 7, 2016

University of Oxford, Nissan Institute of Japanese Studies, “Ruth Benedict’s Cultural Relativism: Imagining Democracy in Japan during World War II,” March 11, 2016

University of Chicago, Anthropology Department Colloquium Series, “Japan’s Unexpected Emergence as an Alternative Modernity,” October 27, 2014

University of California at Berkeley, Center for Japanese Studies Colloquium, “Japanese ‘Village Studies’: Occupation-Era Anthropology and the Problem of Modernity,” April 10, 2014

University of California at Berkeley, Japanese Studies Proseminar, “Japanese Studies: Past, Present...and Future,” April 10, 2014

University of California, San Francisco, Department of Anthropology, History, and Social Medicine Culpeper Seminar Series, “Japan’s Metabolic Syndrome Screening Program: Japanese and U.S. Approaches to Obesity and Population Health,” April 9, 2014

Tokyo University, Institute for Social Research, Contemporary Japan Group, “Robert Bellah’s Organic Community,” November 24, 2011

International Christian University, Institute of Asian Cultural Studies Asia Forum, “Robert Bellah’s Organic Community,” October 18, 2011

Columbia University, Modern Japan Seminar, “In Memoriam: Doi Takeo and the Problem of Communalism in Postwar Japan,” March 4, 2010

University of Texas at Austin Center for Asian Studies, Japan Seminar, “The Limits of Liberalism: Japan’s Relevance to American Self-Reflection,” February 15, 2010

Keiō University, School of Social Science, Center of Excellence Program, *The Front Lines of Medical Anthropology: Family, Medicine, and Policy (Iryō Jinruigaku no Saizensen III: Kazoku, Iryō, Seisaku)*, “What is a Good Society? Managing Difference and Disability in Japan,” Tokyo, June 24, 2009

Yale University, Japan Anthropology Colloquium, “Japan in American Social Thought: A Question of Community,” February 22, 2008

Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies Japan Forum, Harvard University. “Japan in American Social Thought: A Question of Community,” February 15, 2008

American Council of Learned Societies Annual Meetings, invited report from Charles Ryskamp Fellows, “Back to Culture! Anthropology in the Wake of Said, Clifford, and Anti-Relativism,” Montreal May 10-12, 2007

Columbia University, Donald Keene Center. “Japan Studies and the Critique of American Individualism,” April 12, 2007

Mount Holyoke College. “Japan Studies and the Critique of American Individualism,” March 2, 2007



Five College Center for East Asian Studies, Faculty Seminar Series. "Doi Takeo and the Return to Community in Postwar Japanese Liberalism." March 1, 2007

Sophia University, Institute of Comparative Culture Lecture Series. "Comparative Perspectives on Culture, Illness, and Family," with Yūko Kawanishi, December 15, 2006

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Midwest Networks. "Book Discussion with Author: *The Too-Good Wife: Alcohol, Codependency, and the Politics of Nurturance in Postwar Japan*." Discussants: David Plath, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and Elise Edwards, Butler University, October 27, 2006

University of Michigan, Center for Japanese Studies, Noon Lecture Series. "Japan and the Critique of American Individualism in Anthropology," October 26, 2006

University of Chicago, Committee on Human Development, Clinical Ethnography Workshop. "Doi Takeo's Engagement with Freud and Modernity," October 5, 2006

Wesleyan University, Center for the Humanities Lecture Series. "The Other Self: Japan and the Critique of American Individualism in Anthropology," September 25, 2006

University of Pennsylvania, Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations. "The Relational Self: Japan's Counter-Modernity in Anthropology," April 18, 2006

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Japan-Korea Workshop. "Education and Paths to Upward Mobility in Post-Pedigree Japan," April 8, 2005

Yale University, Council on East Asian Relations and Department of Anthropology. "Recovering from Co-dependence in Postwar Japan," October 21, 2004

Osaka University, Center of Excellence (COE) Transnationality Project. "The Japanese Self in American Anthropology: Japan-U.S. Interactions," (*Nihon Kenkyū To 'Nihonjin no Jiga' no Jinruigaku—Nichibei Taiwa*), June 2003

Southeast and Washington Japan Seminar, Washington D.C. "Gender and Nurturance in Postwar National Identity," March 2002

Nichibunken-sponsored joint U.S.-Japan conference on "History and Anthropology," Princeton University. "Historicizing the Concept of the Japanese Self in American Anthropology," November 2001

Columbia University, Modern Japan Seminar. "Japan Studies and the Anthropology of the Self: Dialogues between Area Studies and Social Theory," November 2001

CUNY Graduate Center Anthropology Seminar. "Japan Studies and the Interpretive Project of Anthropology," March 2001

Columbia University East Asian Institute. "Recovering from Co-dependence in Contemporary Japan," November 2000

Duke University. "Dependence/Codependence: Recovery in Contemporary Japan," April 1999

The Center for the Pacific Rim, University of San Francisco, "Strange Intimacies: Constructions of Japanese Difference through the U.S. Lens," June 1997

"Substance Abuse, Codependence, and Contemporary Reflections on Japanese Cultural Identity." *New Directions in Japan Anthropology: A Conference in Honor of Harumi Befu*,

Stanford University, March 1996

Graduate Seminar: New Writing on Subjectivity, Self, Life Course, and Old Age

U.C.S.F./U.C. Berkeley, "A Critique of 'the Japanese Self,'" November 1995

The Senri Symposium, National Museum of Ethnology, Osaka, 1993 (presented in Japanese).

*Sewa Nyôbo to Sono Rinri: Jiko Gisei no Shigarami.* ("The 'Service Wife' and the Politics of Self-sacrifice.")

## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

*The Rise of Community Psychiatry and Alternative Therapies for Mental Health*, double panel discussant's comments, organized with Junko Kitanaka, Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meetings, April 6-10, 2021

"Dialysis Nation: Life (Almost) Without Transplant in Japan's Super-Aging Society," presented on panel, *Time in Place*, at *Chronic Living: Quality, Vitality, and Health in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, University of Copenhagen (via Zoom), March 4-6, 2021

Book Manuscript Workshop, "*Anxious Intimacy: Relational Aging among Japanese Silver Backpackers in Malaysia*" by Shiori Shakuto, National University of Singapore, Asian Research Institute, January 14, 2020

"A Puzzle Regarding Aging, Kidney Disease, and Transplantation in Japan," at *Bridging the Methodological Divide*, University of Michigan, Center for Japanese Studies, October 21-November 2, 2019

"A Living Laboratory: Japan in American Social Thought," presented at *The Changing Landscape of Japan Studies: Implications for Cultural Criticism, History, and Higher Education*" mini-conference organized with Louise Young, funded by the University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, May 19-20, 2019

"Dreams of Community: The End of Ideology and the Search for New Utopias in Late Twentieth Century American Japan Studies," presented at *Histories of the Present: Postimperial Asia in the World*. University of Wisconsin, Madison, organized by Louise Young and Kim Brandt. April 5-6, 2019

*Remaking the Social: Mapping Mental Health Care in East Asia*, round table session, Annual Meetings for the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA, November 14-18, 2018

*Character Performance, Alternate Worlds and Affective Communities in Contemporary Japan*, panel chair, Annual Meetings for the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA, November 14-18, 2018

Comments in honor of Sharon Kaufman, presented at, *And a Time to Celebrate: Honoring Sharon Kaufman's Contributions to Medical Anthropology*, special event at the Annual Meetings for the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA, November 14-18, 2018

*Mapping an Anthropology of Affect in Japan*, discussant, Annual Meetings for the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November 29-December 3, 2017

*Family and Mental Illness in China and Japan*, discussant, Association of Asian Studies Annual Meetings, Toronto, Canada, March 16-19, 2017

*Mental Health/Illness in Contemporary Japan: Addiction and Self-Help Groups*, discussant, Asian Studies Japan Conference, International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan, July 3, 2016

“Japan’s Public Health Paradigm,” presented at conference, *Changing Practices of Health and Family*, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, organized Lynne Nakano, June 17-18, 2016

*Civil Religion, Past, Present, and Future: A Comparative Discussion of the Theories and Practices of Civil Religion in China, Japan, and the United States*, roundtable, Chair, Richard Madsen, Association of Asian Studies, Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, March 30-April 3, 2016

*Familiarizing and Estranging Eating Disorders: Critical Global Perspectives*, discussant, Annual Meetings for the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November 19-22, 2015

“Reflections on Hikikomori: Family Welfare and the Resistance to Medicalizing Mental Distress in Japan,” presented at conference, *Mental Health in Japan*, University of Pittsburgh, organized by Clark Chilson van Doren, March 6-7, 2015

“Japan’s Public Health Paradigm,” on panel, *The Morality of Cosmopolitan Bodies in East Asia*, Annual Meetings for the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., December 3-7, 2014

“Weighing the Ethics of Paternalism in Public Health: The Japanese Metabolic Screening Program,” presented at symposium on *Medicine, Science, and Technology: Dialogues between Anthropology and the Human Sciences*, Keio University, Tokyo, July 12, 2014

“Robert Bellah’s Search for an Ethical Modernity,” on panel *Belief, Spiritualism, and Ghosts in the Formulation of Modernity: Dialogues between Western and Japanese Intellectuals*, Annual Meetings for the Association of Asian Studies, Philadelphia, March 27-30, 2014

“Japan Studies and the Critique of Utilitarianism in Modern Social Life,” *New Directions in Social Studies of Medicine, Science, and Ethics: A Conference in Honor of Margaret Lock*, Princeton University (organized Amy Borovoy), March 13-14, 2014

“Japanese ‘Village Studies’: Occupation-Era Anthropology and the Problem of Modernity,” *Fudan-Princeton-Tokyo University International Conference on Contested World Histories: Global History in the Eyes of China, Japan, and the U.S.*, Princeton University, December 16-19, 2013

“Technologies of Behavioral Modification: Obesity in Japan and the U.S.,” on panel, *Technologies of the Self: Negotiating Individual Desires, Emotions, and the Public Good*,

(organized by Amy Borovoy and Li Zhang), Annual Meetings for the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL, November 21-24, 2013

“Robert Bellah’s Search for an Ethical Modernity: The National Body as Community,” Princeton University, Center for the Study of Religion, an inter-disciplinary workshop, Mark Larrimore, Jason Josephson, and Jeff Stout, discussants, and Stephen Teiser, facilitator, March 29, 2013

“‘Enlightenment of the People’: Japan’s Platform for Controlling Obesity and Chronic Illness Prevention,” on panel, *Structural Competence: New Medicine for the Institutional Inequalities That Make Us Sick*,” Chair, Jonathan Metzl, Annual Meetings for the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA, November 14-18, 2012

Japanese Ethnological Studies from Prewar to the 1960s and 70s, “Doi Takeo no Bunkaron (Takeo Doi’s Cultural Theory),” Hōsei University, International Institute for Japan Studies, Tokyo, June 10th-11th, (presented in Japanese), 2011

Japanese Ethnological Studies in the First Half of the Shōwa Period, “*Minshushugi no Dotai to Shite no Hōkenshugi* (Ruth Benedict and the Feudal Foundations of Japanese Democracy),” Hōsei University, International Institute for Japan Studies, Tokyo, December 11th-12th, 2010 (presented in Japanese)

International Congress of Behavioral Medicine, “Mental Health Care and Education in Japan as Cultural Contexts for Exploring the Phenomenon of Hikikomori.” Symposium, *Exploring the Nature, Causes, and Consequences of Hikikomori (Social Withdrawal): Recent Advances in Epidemiology and Qualitative Research*. Washington D.C. August 4-7, 2010

Japan Anthropology Workshop, “We Will Support You! Reducing Health Care Costs through Behavioral Management in Japan,” University of Texas at Austin, March 13-15, 2010

Annual Meetings for the American Anthropological Association, “Approaching Illiberalism in Japan,” on panel, *Cultural Relativism Now: Liberalism, Secularism, and the Role of Relativism in Anthropology*, Philadelphia, November, 2009

Annual Meetings for the American Anthropological Association, discussant, *Disordered Intimacies*, organized by Sarah Pinto, Philadelphia, November, 2009

Comparative Political Thought in a Multipolar World, Princeton University Politics Department, response to panel, *Comparative Political Thought, Cosmopolitan Theory, and Liberal Universalism Reconsidered*, October 16-17, 2009

Medical Anthropology at the Intersections: Celebrating 50 Years of Interdisciplinarity, “What is A Good Society: Managing Difference and Disability in Japan,” on panel, *Naming, Identity, and the Politics of Disability in the Welfare State*, Yale University, September 24-27, 2009

Youth and Work in Contemporary Japan, discussant, *Therapy, Rehabilitation, and Training*, Temple University Japan, Tokyo, June 27-28, 2009

Society for Psychological Anthropology Annual Meetings, Roundtable session, “The History of Psychological Anthropology: From Sapir and Hallowell to the Japanese Self,” Asilomar, CA, March 2009

Annual Meetings for the American Anthropological Association, “Secularism and Spiritualism in Postwar Japanese Capitalism” on panel *Re-reading Ethnographies of Japan and Korea*,” organized by Amy Borovoy and Robert Oppenheim, San Francisco, November, 2008

Crazy in Japan: Ethnographic Perspectives on Psychiatry and Mental Illness, “Japan’s Hidden Youths: Mainstreaming the Emotionally Distressed in Japan,” Yale University Department of Anthropology, organized by Karen Nakamura, November 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Annual Meetings for the Association of Asian Studies, discussant, *Youth in Japan*, organized by Mary Brinton, Atlanta, March, 2008

Annual Meetings for the American Anthropological Association, “Mainstreaming and Mental Health Awareness in Japan,” on panel The Social in the Individual, and the Individual in the Social: Pluralistic Approaches to Mental Illness, Suicide, and Suffering in Japan, organized by Chikako Osawa-de Silva, Washington D.C., 2007

Annual Meetings for the Association of Asian Studies, discussant, *Individualism in Modern Japan*, organized by Peter Cave, Boston, 2007

Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, “The Hidden: Sheltering and Rehabilitating the Emotionally Distressed in Japan,” on panel, *Critical Therapeutics*, organized by Rebecca Lester and Amy Borovoy, San Jose, CA, 2006

Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, discussant, *Critical Intersections of Neoliberalism in Japan*, San Jose, CA, 2006

Annual Meetings for the Association for Asian Studies, “The Post-Credential Society,” on panel, *Japanese Youth Confront Postwar Institutions*, organized by Gerald LeTendre, April 2006

Annual Meetings for the American Anthropological Association, “Between Childhood and Motherhood: Confronting Maternalism in Girls’ Popular Culture in Japan,” Washington D.C., December, 2005

Researching Social Class in Japan, Ann Arbor, MI, organized by Hiroshi Ishida and David Slater. “What Color is Your Parachute? The Post-Pedigree Society,” October 21-22, 2005

Neoliberalism and Ethnographic Practice, Princeton University, organized by Carol J. Greenhouse. “Japan as Mirror,” October 15, 2005 (second meeting)

Neoliberalism and Ethnographic Practice, Princeton University, Department of Anthropology organized by Carol J. Greenhouse. “Japan’s Neoliberalism,” March 24, 2005

Annual Meetings for the American Association of Anthropology, discussant, “Perspectives on New Religious Movements in East Asia.” Atlanta, December 2004

Annual meetings for the American Anthropological Association, “The Changing Landscape of Adolescence in Japan,” on panel, *The Political Economy of Childhood and Adolescence*. Chicago, November 2003

Anthropology of Japan in Japan, Sophia University, “Research Strategies in the Field of Japanese Adolescence,” round table discussion, November 2002

Annual Meetings for the American Anthropological Association, “Traveling Psychology: American Popular Psychology in Japan,” chair of panel, *Traveling Science: Medicine and Rationality in Alternative Modernities*, Chicago, November 1999

Annual Meetings for the American Anthropological Association, “The Place of Japan in the Anthropology of the Self,” on panel, *Culture, Self, and Subjectivity: Current Approaches*, Philadelphia, 1998

Annual Meetings of the Association of Asian Studies, *The Chrysanthemum and the Sword at Fifty* (Round Table), organized by Ted Bestor and Harumi Befu, Washington D.C., 1996

Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, “Household, Neighborhood, Nation: Japanese Domesticity and Local Social Control,” organizer/chair of panel, *Domesticity and Regulation: Women’s Work in Changing Political Economies*. Washington D.C., 1995

Annual Meetings of the Association of Asian Studies, “Domesticity and Desire: New Regimes of Japanese Consumption in a Global Economy.,” on panel, *Constructing Women in Contemporary Japan*, Washington D.C., 1995

Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, “The Japanese Mother Complex: ‘Growing Up’ in a Post-Bubble Economy,” organizer/chair of panel: *Nationalisms, Gender, and the Tropes of Kinship*, Atlanta, 1994

Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, “Slow Blood, Heavy Bodies, Sticky Teeth: Japanese Physiologies of Restraint.” Washington D.C., 1993

Annual Meetings of the Association of Asian Studies on the Pacific (ASPAC), “Slamming the Door of a Doll’s House: Feminism or Folly?” organizer and chair of panel: *Bad Wives and Mad Daughters: Alternative Constructions of the Feminine Self in Contemporary Japan*, San Luis Obispo, 1992

### **PRINCETON TALKS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

The Center for Health and Wellbeing, spring semester mini-conference (informal gathering during which five Princeton faculty speakers share their health-related research), “Containing Covid-19 in Japan: Messaging, Contact-Tracing, and Self-Restraint,” February 24, 2023

Princeton University Department of Anthropology Graduate Conference, *Ethical and Political Materialities*, “Representation: In, On, and Beyond the Material Body” (discussant’s comments), December 8, 2017

Council for the Humanities and McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning, “Ethics in the Humanities Classroom,” a panel cosponsored by the October 19, 2017

*Interdisciplinary Conversations in Religion, Anthropology, and Sociology*, panel organized by Princeton graduate students, “The Ethics and Politics of Ethnography: Ethnography of Health Care,” February 10, 2014

Friends of the Princeton Public Library, a conversation with Merry White, author of *The Japanese Educational Challenge*, *Perfectly Japanese*, and *Coffee Life in Japan*, January 23, 2013

West Windsor Film Festival, comments on screening of *Departures (Okuribito)*, dir. Yōjirō Takita, January 11, 2013

New Jersey Teachers Association (NJTA), workshops for high school teachers to prepare course materials on Asia, Princeton University, “Gender and Demographic Change in Japan,” November 14, 2015

New Jersey Teachers Association, Princeton University, “Hikikomori as a Window into Psychiatry and Social Welfare in Japan,” November 15, 2014 (other presentations for NJTA: 2013, 2012, 2010, 2009)

### **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

External Review Committee, Academic Program Review, University of California Santa Barbara, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies, February 27-March 1, 2023 (report filed March 17, 2023)

Northeast Asia Council (NEAC), Association of Asian Studies, board member, 2015-2018

NEH Fellowships for Advanced Social Science Research on Japan, advisory committee, 2015

Theodore C. Bestor Prize for Outstanding Graduate Essay committee, American Anthropological Association, Society for East Asian Anthropology, 2013

American Association of Anthropology, Society of East Asian Anthropology (SEAA), Secretary, 2012-2014

Social Science Research Council, Japan Advisory Board 2009-2011

*Journal of Japanese Studies*, Editorial Advisory Board, 2011-2020

*Frontiers in Cultural Psychology*, editorial board 2011-2015

### **ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES AT PRINCETON**

University Committee on Conference and Faculty Appeal, 2023-24

East Asian Studies Department Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2021-2022

University Committee on Conference and Faculty Appeal, 2014-2017

East Asian Studies Department, Director of Graduate Studies, 2014-2016

Executive Committee of the East Asian Studies Program, 2009-present

East Asian Studies Department, Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2004-2006

### **FACULTY AFFILIATIONS AND ACADEMIC SERVICE AT PRINCETON**

Global Japan Lab, Faculty, 2022-present

Center for Health and Wellbeing, Faculty Affiliate, 2021-present

Global Health Program, Executive Committee, 2018-present

University Center for Human Values, Faculty Associate, 2017-present

Global Health Program, Faculty Affiliate, 2017-present

Program in Ethnographic Studies, Executive Committee, July 2015-2019

Steering Committee on Undergraduate Women’s Leadership, chaired by Nannerl Keohane, reporting to President Shirley Tilghman, 2009-2011

## **JAPAN EXPERIENCE**

Japan Foundation Research Fellow and Visiting Scholar, Hitotsubashi University, Center for Economic Institutions, and International Christian University, Institute of Asian Cultural Studies, Tokyo, 2011-2012

Abe Fellow and Visiting Scholar, Sophia University, Institute of Comparative Culture, Tokyo, 2002-03

Preliminary research on youth and family in the new economy. Interviews with health care and education professionals, Tokyo, summer, 2000

Dissertation follow-up research, Tokyo, summer, 1998

Dissertation research on the management of women's issues in health care. Interviews and participant observation in community mental health care clinics and women's counseling centers, Tokyo, 1992-93

Preliminary dissertation research. Interviews with leaders of grassroots social and consciousness-raising organizations, summer 1991

Waseda University Language Center (*Gogaku Kenkyū Centaa*), 1988-1989 (one year program in advanced reading and writing)

Living, studying, and working in Japan (Tokyo, Kanagawa, Hokkaidō), 1986-89

## **REFEREEING**

Current Anthropology

American Ethnologist

American Anthropologist

Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute

Anthropological Quarterly

Journal of Japanese Studies

Journal of Asian Studies

U.S.-Japan Women's Journal

Japanese Studies

Japan Forum (U.K.)

positions: east asia cultures critique

Medical Anthropology

Medical Anthropology Quarterly

Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry

Political and Legal Anthropology Review

Culture, Health, and Sexuality (U.K.)

Transcultural Psychiatry

Princeton University Press

Rutgers University Press



**LANGUAGES**

Fluency in Japanese

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Anthropological Association

American Ethnological Society

Association of Asian Studies

Society for Medical Anthropology