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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Postdoctoral Fellow, Korean Studies Institute, University of Southern California, 2015-2016
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Hawaii-Manoa, August 2013-
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Korean Studies, University of Hawaii-Manoa, January 2014-
One-Year Term Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Rhode Island College, August 2012-
July 2013

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, Brown University, May 2012

Dissertation: "The Making of the Urban Middle Class in Korea and China: Nationalism, Modernity, and New Identities"

Committee: Patrick Heller (Chair); John R. Logan; Melani Cammett; and James Mahoney

M.A. Sociology, Yonsei University, South Korea, 2003

Thesis: "Class Politics as a Ruling Strategy: Working Class Exclusion and Middle Class Inclusion during the Park Chung Hee Regime in South Korea."

B.A. Sociology and Korean Literature, Yonsei University, South Korea, 2001

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Political Sociology
Comparative Historical Methods
Comparative Development

Civil Society and Democracy
Globalization and Political Economy
East Asia

ARTICLES IN REFREED JOURNALS

“Making Narratives of Revolution: Democratic Transition and the Language of Middle-Class Identity in the Philippines and South Korea, 1970s-1987 (coauthored with Celso Villegas).” 2013. *Critical Asian Studies* 45 (3): 335-364.

“The Making of the Urban Middle Class in South Korea: Discipline, Nation-Building, and the Creation of Ideal National Subjects.” 2012. *Sociological Inquiry* 82 (3): 424-445.

“What Sustains Authoritarianism? From State-Based Hegemony to Class Based Hegemony during the Park Chung Hee Regime in South Korea.” 2006. *Working USA: The Journal of Labor and Society*, Vol. 9, Issue 4 (December 2006): 425-447.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Book Review of Judith A. Teichman, *Social Forces and States: Poverty and Distributional Outcomes in South Korea, Chile, and Mexico*. In *Journal of Asian Studies* 2013, 72 (3): 737-739.

“Class Politics as a Ruling Strategy: Working Class Exclusion and Middle Class Inclusion during the Park Chung Hee Regime in South Korea” (in Korean). *Journal of Social Development Studies*, Vol. 9 (2003): 163-191.

WORKS UNDER REVIEW

“The Rise of “Gangnam Style”: Manufacturing the Urban Middle Class Space in Seoul, 1978-1990.”
Revise and resubmit.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Making Middle Classes: Explaining Disciplinary Development in South Korea and China.”
Working paper.

“The Long Shadow of South Korea’s “Economic Miracle”: The Plight of the Self-Employed.”
Working paper.

“From Miracle to Mirage: The Making and Unmaking of the Korean Middle Class, 1960-2010.”
Book manuscript in progress.

“Varieties of Polarization? Analysis of Public Opinion Structure in South Korea (with Dong-Kyun Im).” Working paper.

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2015-16 | Korean Studies Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Southern California |
| 2014 | SSRC Korean Studies Workshop for Junior Faculty |

- 2012 International Conference Travel Grant, Office of International Affairs, Brown University
- 2011 (With Irene Pang and Derek Sheridan) Graduate International Colloquium Fund, Office of International Affairs, Brown University
- 2011 Conference Travel Grant, Department of Sociology, Brown University
- 2010 Travel Grant, XVII International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology
- 2009 SSRC Korean Studies Dissertation Workshop
- 2008-09 Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School, Brown University
- 2008 Financial Aid Award, Princeton in Beijing, Princeton University
- 2008 Beatrice and Joseph Feinberg Memorial Award for Graduate Education, Department of Sociology, Brown University
- 2008 Research Fellow, S4 GIS Institute, Brown University
- 2007 Summer Fieldwork Grant, Graduate Program in Development, Brown University
- 2006, 2007 Conference Travel Grant, Graduate School, Brown University
- 2004-05 Graduate School Fellowship, Graduate School, Brown University
- 2003 Best Thesis Award, Graduate School, Yonsei University
- 1998-2000 Merit Scholarship, Yonsei University

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Shrewd Entrepreneurs or Immoral Speculators? The Role of Middle-Class Housewives in Social Mobility in South Korea”

Center for Korean Studies, University of California, Berkeley. May 2015

“From Miracle to Mirage: The Making and Unmaking of the Korean Middle Class, 1960-2000”

SSRC Korean Studies Workshop for Junior Faculty. July 2014.

“The Rise of “Gangnam Style”: Pursuing Middle-Class Dreams in South Korea, 1972-1990”

Department of Political Science, University of Hawaii-Manoa. January 2014.

Damon Key Leong Kupchak Hastert. February 2014.

“The Making of the Urban Middle Class in South Korea and China”

Department of Political Science, University of Hawaii-Manoa. April 2013.

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Rose Hulman Institute of Technology. March 2013.

Department of Political Science, Amherst College. May 2012.

Center for Asian Democracy, University of Louisville. February 2012.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“From Miracle to Mirage: The Making and Unmaking of the Korean Middle Class, 1960-2000”

The Annual Conference of the Sociology of Development Section of the American Sociological Association. Providence, RI. March 2015.

Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. March 2015.

“The Origins of Conservative Democracy in South Korea: Nation-Building, Authoritarian Legacies, and Middle-Class Politics.”

International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology. Yokohama, Japan. July 2014.

“Cultural Construction of the Chinese Middle Class: Economic Reform, Urban Consumer Culture, and the National Desire.”

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. August 2012.

“The (Un)Making of the Urban Middle Class in South Korea: From Collective Imagination to Frustrated Aspiration.”

Korean Studies Symposium (Selected Participant). State University of New York, Binghamton, NY. May 2012.

“Making Gender and Nation? The Construction of Housewives Discourses in South Korea in the 1970s.”

Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting. Toronto, Canada. March 2012.

“Making Revolution from the Middle: Construction of Middle-Class Narratives in Democratic Movements in South Korea and the Philippines (with Celso Villegas).”

Social Science History Association Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. November 2011.

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Las Vegas, NV. August 2011.

“The Making of the Urban Middle Class in South Korea: Discipline, Nation-Building, and the Creation of Ideal National Subjects.”

International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology. Gothenburg, Sweden. July 2010.

Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. April 2010.

“The Illiberal Path to Development: The Urban Middle Class and the State in the Making of Development in South Korea (1963-1987) and China (1980-2007).”

SSRC Korean Studies Dissertation Workshop (Selected Participant). Pacific Grove, CA. July 2009.

“Democracy without Labor? The Dynamics of Labor Politics since Democratization in South Korea.”

Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. April 2008.

“Contested Politics of Economic Reform in South Korea and China.”

GPD Summer Fieldwork Workshop. Watson Institute, Brown University, Providence, RI. October 2007.

“Biopolitics of Family Planning: Disciplinary Development in South Korea in the 1960s-80s.”

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. New York, NY. August 2007.

“Family Planning in South Korea in the 1960s-80s: Power, Development, and Discipline.”

Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. March 2007.

“Class Politics as a Ruling Strategy: Working Class Exclusion and Middle Class Inclusion during the Park Chung Hee Regime in South Korea.”

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada. August 2006.

Inter-Ivy Sociology Symposium. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. April 2006.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Department of Political Science, University of Hawaii at Manoa

- Global/Comparative Politics (Fall 2013 and 2014)
- Comparative Politics of Developing Countries (Spring 2014)
- Korean Politics through Film (Spring 2015)
- Asian Politics (Fall 2014)

Department of Sociology, Rhode Island College

- Society and Social Behavior (Fall 2012)
- Minority Issues (Fall 2012)
- Crime and Criminal Justice (Fall 2012/Spring 2013)
- Global Issues (Spring 2013)
- Research Methods I (Spring 2013)

Summer Studies Program, Brown University

- Work in the Global Economy (Summer 2010-2013)
- Introduction to Sociology (Summer 2011)

Teaching Assistant

Department of Sociology, Brown University

- Globalization and Social Conflict (Spring 2012)
- American Heritage: Democracy, Inequality, and Public Policy (Fall 2010)
- Organizational Theories in Private and Public Sectors (Fall 2006 & 2009)
- Comparative Development (Spring 2008)
- Corporations and Global Cities (Fall 2007)
- Social Inequality and Exclusion (Spring 2007)
- Introductory Statistics for Social Research (Fall 2005, Spring 2006 & Spring 2010)

Department of Sociology, Yonsei University

- Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2002)
- Social Stratification (Fall 2001)
- Social Psychology (Spring 2001)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Dissertation Fieldwork Research

Seoul (The Institute of Social Development, Yonsei University) and Beijing (The Chinese Academy of Social Sciences), Aug. 2008- Aug. 2009

Collected primary data including newspapers, magazines, and political speeches; interviewed state officials, journalists, and local experts; interviewed white-collar workers, professionals, and managers; collected existing local research.

Research Assistant

“Globalization and Business Politics” (for Prof. Melani Cammett), Fall 2005.

Reviewed theories of globalization and development in East Asia for Prof. Melani Cammett’s book project (Globalization and Business Politics in Arab North Africa: A Comparative Perspective)

“The Origin of Real Estate Speculation in Korea (TV documentary),” Supervisor: MBC (Munhwa Broadcasting Corporation), Seoul, Korea, Jan. 2004- Mar. 2004

Collected data on developing Gangnam areas in Seoul during the Park regime for a TV documentary

“Impacts of Working Time Reduction in Women’s Employment, Principal Investigator: Korean Women’s Development Institute, Seoul, Korea, Summer 2003

Reviewed theories of gender and employment for the project

ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRAINING

Princeton University, Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China

Summer Coursework for Intensive Chinese Language Training (2008)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Level III Teaching Certificate: Professional Development Seminar, the Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, Brown University, 2010-11.

Level II Teaching Certificate: Classroom Tools Seminar, the Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, Brown University, 2011-12.

Bridging Knowledge and Power: GIS for Social Science Research Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences (S4) Institute, Brown University, 2008.

Level I Teaching Certificate: Sheridan Teaching Seminar, the Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, Brown University, 2006-07.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Department

- Curriculum Committee (Fall 2014)
- Award/Hiring Committee (Spring 2014)

University

- Korean Film Series Organizer (Fall 2014-)
- Scholarship Committee, Center for Korean Studies (Spring 2014)

Profession

- Best Book Award Committee, Sociology of Development Section, American Sociological Association, 2014
- Occasional Reviewer for *Sociological Perspectives*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *Dissertation Reviews*, *Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy*, *European Journal of Development Research*
- Inter-Ivy Sociology Symposium Organizer, graduate student research conference.
<http://www.brown.edu/IISS07>, 2006-7.

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association	2004-present
Association for Asian Studies	2007-present
International Sociological Association	2008-present
Social Science History Association	2011-present

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent)
Korean (Native)
Chinese (Proficient)