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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Rice University, Houston, TX  
 2022-present: Annette and Hugh Gragg Associate Professor,  
 Department of Transnational Asian Studies

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
 2020- 2021: Associate Professor, Department of History  
 2015-2020: Assistant Professor, Department of History

The University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, TN  
 2013-2015: Assistant Professor, Department of History

**PUBLICATIONS (REFEREED)****BOOK**

*The Making of Japanese Settler Colonialism: Malthusianism and Trans-Pacific Migration, 1868-1961* (Cambridge University Press, Studies of Weatherhead East Asian Institute, 2019) Winner of MSU TOME Award 2019, longlisted for ICAS Book Prize, 2021

*A Great Convergence: Japanese Migration to Brazil in the Age of Empires* (under contract with University of California Press)

**EDITED VOLUME**

*The Japanese Empire and Latin America*, coedited with Pedro Iacobelli (University of Hawai'i Press, March, 2023)

**ARTICLE**

- 2022 "A Great Convergence: The American Frontier and the Origin of Japanese Migration to Brazil," *Journal of Global History*
- 2019 "Eastward Ho! Japanese Settler Colonialism in Hokkaido and the Making of Japanese Migration to the American West, 1869-1894," *Journal of Asian Studies*, vol. 78, issue 3, 521-547
- 2017 "Japanese American Migration and the Making of Model Women for Japanese Expansion in Brazil and Manchuria, 1871- 1945," *Journal of World History*, vol. 28, no. 3&4, 437-467
- 2016 "The Shame of Empire: Japanese Overseas Prostitutes and Prostitution Abolition in Modern Japan, 1880s-1920s," *Positions: Asia Critique*, vol. 24, no. 4, 839-873
- 2016 "Colonizing Hokkaido and the Origin of Japanese Trans-Pacific Expansion, 1869-1894," *Japanese Studies*, vol. 36, no. 2, 251-274
- 2013 "Good Women For Empire: Educating the overseas female emigrants in Imperial Japan, 1900-1924,"

*Journal of Global History*, vol. 8, issue. 3, November, 436-460

#### BOOK CHAPTER

“Toward A Prototype of the Total Empire: Japanese Migration to Brazil and Japanese Colonial Expansion in Asia, 1921-1934,” *The Japanese Empire in Latin America*, edited by Pedro Iacobelli and Sidney X. Lu (University of Hawai‘i Press, 2023)

#### ACADEMIC SERVICE

##### RICE UNIVERSITY

Faculty mentor of the Fondren Fellow Project “The History of Japanese Farmers in Texas,” Fondren Library, 2022-3

Faculty Advisor of the Houston Asian American Archive, 2022-

Member of University Library Committee, 2023-5

Member of the Search Committee for the Postdoc Fellow in Transnational Asian American Studies, 2022

Faculty Associate, Lovett College, 2023-

##### EXTERNAL

Co-editor of the Book Series “Between Asias and Americas,” University of Pittsburg Press, 2023-

Academic advisor of the Japanese American Collaborative Historical Project, Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, 2022-

#### SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS (INVITED)

- 2022 Book Talk, *The Making of Japanese Settler Colonialism: Malthusianism and the Trans-Pacific Migration, 1868-1961*, Center for Asia Pacific Studies, University of San Francisco, April 27 2022
- 2022 “Settlers, Communists and Empire-Builders: A Global History of Japanese Rice Farming in Texas,” Humanities NOW, School of Humanities, Rice University, March 23
- 2021 “Roundtable: On Internationalization of Migration Studies,” Annual Meeting of the Japanese Association for Migration Studies, June 19 (in Japanese)
- 2020 “Malthusian Expansionism: Locating Japanese Emigration in Global History,” Winter Meeting of the Japanese Association for Migration Studies, December, 20
- 2019 “Japanese Migration to Brazil and Japanese Settler colonialism in Manchuria, 1923-1945,” Symposium “Japanese Diaspora: Literature, History, Identity,” Yale University, May 3-5
- 2017 “Asian Exclusion in the United States and the Making of Japanese Trans-Pacific Expansion,” Japanese Diaspora Initiative Workshop, Hoover Institute, Stanford University, November 13-15
- 2015 “Expansive Malthusianism: Japanese Colonial migration to Hokkaido and the origin of Japanese American migration, 1869-1889” in the Conference of “Living and Leaving the Japanese Empire: Law, Mobility, and Memory,” University of Chicago, November 20-21
- “Colonizing Hokkaido and the Origin of Japanese Colonial Expansion and Trans-Pacific Migration, 1869-1894” in Faculty Research Seminar on AfterWars, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, April 28
- 2014 “Diasporic Colonialism: Japan’s Trans-Pacific Migrations and the Making of the Japanese Empire,” Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies' Annual Global Forum, University of California, Los Angeles, May 9

“Japanese American Migration and the Making of the Japanese Colonial  
Empire: The History of Japanese Striving Society,” The Significance  
of “the Frontier” to Japanese History, Yale University, April 9

### **COURSES OFFERED**

FWIS 286 Minorities and Subcultures in East Asia  
ASIA/HIST 380 Asian American History  
ASIA 295 Introduction to Transnational Asian Studies  
ASIA 229 Modern East Asia  
ASIA 219 Modern Japan

### **GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING**

Member of the Dissertation Committee of Xiaorui Zhang, Department of Sociology, 2022-  
Member of the Dissertation Committee of Min Ju Kim, Department of Sociology, 2023-