

# TAEJU KIM

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## EMPLOYMENT

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- 2020–Present    Affiliate Faculty/Visiting Scholar, Department of History, Brigham Young University  
Provo, Utah
- 2019            WWII Japanese American Internment and War Memory Project Officer  
Chicago Japanese American Historical Society Oral History Project Team, Japanese  
American Service Committee (Chicago, IL)

## EDUCATION

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- 2018            University of Chicago  
Ph.D., International History  
Dissertation: “The Moral Realism of the Postwar Japanese Intellectuals”
- 2004            University of Chicago  
M.A., Committee on International Relations (CIR)  
Thesis: “The Politics of International Apologies: The Deliberative Process of Collective  
Identity Formation and the Prospect for Stability and Cooperation in East Asia” (Thesis  
Advisor: Alexander Wendt)
- 2001            Utah State University (Logan, UT)  
B.A., Asian Studies, magna cum laude  
Minors in Japanese Language and Chinese Language
- 1999–2000    Kansai Gaidai University (Osaka, Japan)  
Exchange Program in East Asian Studies through the Association of International  
Education Japan Fellowship Program
- 1998–1999    Peking University (Beijing, China)  
Exchange Program in History Department
- 1993            Hanyang University (Seoul, South Korea)  
B.A., Political Science

## HONORS & RESEARCH GRANTS

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- 2016–2018    Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences (MAPSS) Preceptorship Award, Division  
of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago
- 2017            Center for East Asian Studies Conference Travel Grant, University of Chicago
- 2012–2014    AAS-SSRC Dissertation Workshop Competition Series Fellowship, Social Science  
Research Council and Association for Asian Studies (with the support from the Henry  
Luce Foundation)

2013	Australian National University Graduate Scholarship, Japan Institute: ANU College of Asia and the Pacific
2012–2013	Toyota Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Center for East Asian Studies, University of Chicago
2013	Freehling Research Travel Grant, Department of History, University of Chicago
2012–2013	Von Holst Prize Lectureship, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago
2011–2012	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Fellowship, Social Science Research Council–Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
2011	Overseas Dissertation Research Grant, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago
2010–2011	Toyota Centennial Fellowship, Center for East Asian Studies, University of Chicago
2009–2010	Foreign Student Special Fellowship for Dissertation Research, Center for East Asian Studies, University of Chicago
2009	Provost’s Summer Fellowship, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago
2009	Center for East Asian Studies Pre-dissertation Travel Grant, University of Chicago
2009	Albert Kunstadter Research Travel Grant, Department of History, University of Chicago
2006–2009	Fellowship, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago
2002–2003	Scholarship, Committee on International Relations, University of Chicago
2001	Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Utah State University
1999–2000	Fellowship, Association of International Education, Japan
1998–1999	Fellowship, Peking University
1997	“A” Pin Award and Scholarship, Utah State University

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### *Lecturer/Instructor*

2016–2018	Preceptor (History and Political Science), Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences (MAPSS), University of Chicago
2016–2018	Instructor, MAPSS 30000 Perspectives in Social Science Analysis, MAPSS, University of Chicago
2016–2018	Instructor, M.A. Thesis Proposal Workshop, MAPSS, University of Chicago

- Spring 2013 Von Holst Prize Lecturer, HIST 29512 Cold War Modern: U.S.-Japan Relations, Department of History, University of Chicago
- Spring 1997 Language Instructor, KOR 1010 Elementary Korean, Department of Language and Philosophy, Utah State University
- Teaching Assistant (all at the University of Chicago)*
- Winter 2018 HMRT 21400 Health and Human Rights (Renslow Sherer and Evan Lyon), Human Rights Program (also assisted in Winter 2016, Winter 2017 & Winter 2019)
- Spring 2016 PLSC 26100 To Hell with the Enlightenment (Bernard Silberman), Department of Political Science
- Spring 2015 PLSC 23300 Springtime for Hitler (Bernard Silberman), Department of Political Science
- Winter 2012 HMRT 27500 Human Rights in Africa: A History of Twentieth-Century Articulations (Charlotte Walker-Said), Human Rights Program
- Fall 2011 HIST 24700 Sex Trafficking and Human Rights (Charlotte Walker-Said), Human Rights Program
- Spring 2011 INST 29460/HIST 24208/HMRT 29460 *Never Again! Nunca Mas! Niemals Wieder!* The Global History of the Politics of History Since 1945 (Berthold Molden), International Studies, History, Human Rights programs
- Spring 2009 HIST 15200/EALC 10900 Civilization of East Asia: Japan (Susan Burns), Departments of History and East Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Winter 2009 HIST 15400/EALC 15400 Civilization of East Asia: Vietnam (Mark Bradley), Departments of History and East Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Spring 2008 HIST 15300/EALC 11000 Civilization of East Asia: Korea (Bruce Cumings), Departments of History and East Asian Languages and Civilizations

## PUBLICATIONS

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- With Hongchun Lee, “Gendered Politics of Memory and Power: Making Sense of Japan’s Peace Constitution and the Comfort Women in East Asian International Relations,” *Analyses & Alternatives* 4, no. 2 (September 2020): 163-202.
- “North East Asia’s Undercurrents of Conflict,” *International Crisis Group Asia Report*, no. 108 (December 2005). I contributed to the report as a research associate and revised the final draft.
- “The Cold War and the Japanese American Assembly: Rethinking the Liberal Modernity and the National Security State” (in progress).
- “Japan’s Postwar Constitution and National Security Strategies: The Prospect for Constitutional Revision” (in progress).
- “The Politics of International Apologies: The Deliberative Process of Collective Identity Formation in

East Asia” (in progress).

“Japan’s Total War and the February 26 Incident of 1936” (in progress).

## PRESENTATIONS

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| 2021 | “The Peace Constitution as Conservative Ideology in the 1960s,” Panel Title: Japan’s “Peace Constitution”: Utilization, Appropriation and Reinterpretation, Association for Asian Studies Virtual Annual Conference, March 21—26 (I organized this panel)                                                                                                        |
| 2020 | Roundtable Discussion: “U.S.-East Asia Relations in the Era of President Joe Biden,” Korea Institute for Defense Analyses, Seoul, South Korea, November 12                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2020 | “Japan’s New Prime Minister Suga Yoshihide and the Prospect for Cooperation Between Korea and Japan,” Invited Talk, Institute for Euro-African Studies, Hanyang University, Seoul, South Korea, November 3                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2019 | “Military Violence, War and Society,” Invited Talk, Institute of Japanese Studies, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, November 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2019 | “Japan’s Peace Constitution: The Prospect for Revision from a Historical Perspective,” East Asia Workshop: Politics, Economy, and Society, University of Chicago, January 16                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 2018 | “Japan at War: Hiroshima and Nagasaki,” Invited Talk, Department of History, DePauw University, Indiana, May 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2017 | “Japan’s Development of Southeast Asia Through Anti-American Liberal Nationalism,” Panel Title: United States in Asia: Representations and Discourses in the Media, 1945–1970, Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada, March 16–19                                                                                                     |
| 2015 | “International Security and Business Environment in Northeast Asia,” Invited Talk, Chicago Lions Club, November 14                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 2015 | “Anti-Nuclear Logic in Postwar Japan: Developing Southeast Asia and Integrating the Frontier,” East Asia: Transregional Histories Workshop, University of Chicago, November 25                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2014 | “Security State, ‘Moral’ Realism, and Post-Conflict Resolution: The Politics of Memory and Apologies in Japan” (Research Results Presented) AAS-SSRC Dissertation Workshop Series II on Rewriting History: Nationalism, Identity, and the Politics of the Past in Asia, Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Philadelphia, the USA, March 27–April 3 |
| 2013 | “Cold War Modernity and the Transnational Politics of Memory,” Panel Title: The Political Utility of War Memory: Deconstructing Politics-History Nexus in Postwar Japanese Civil Society, Japanese Studies Association of Australia Biennial Conference, Canberra, Australia, July 8–11                                                                          |
| 2013 | “Inter-state Apologies as a Remedial Discourse,” Rethinking Amity: A Symposium in Honor of Michael Geyer, University of Chicago, April 19–21                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

- 2012 “Cold War Modernity, Security State, and Transnationalism,” International History Workshop, University of Chicago, October 18
- 2012 “Security State, ‘Moral’ Realism, and Post-Conflict Resolution: The Politics of Memory and Apologies in Japan” (dissertation proposal presented), AAS–SSRC Dissertation Workshop Series I on Rewriting History: Nationalism, Identity, and the Politics of the Past in Asia, Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada, March 12–15
- 2011 “Postwar Moral Realism and Japan’s Cold War Ambivalence,” East Asia: Transregional Histories Workshop, University of Chicago, October 19
- 2007 “Japan’s Total War and the February 26 Incident of 1936,” History Department Annual Seminar Paper Symposium, University of Chicago, March 23

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2014–2015 Research Assistant for Professor Bernard Silberman, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago. Conducted research for project on Japanese political economy, electoral politics, and social change.
- 2014 Research Assistant for Professor Michael Geyer, Department of History, University of Chicago. Conducted research for *The Cambridge History of the Second World War*, vol. 3, ed. Michael Geyer and Adam Tooze (Cambridge, 2015). Negotiated with museums, art institutes, and private collectors to purchase images of photographs, paintings, and other artworks related to Japanese and Korean memories of WWII.
- 2012 Researcher. Interviewed scholars affiliated with the Japan Center for International Exchanges and conducted research at the Diplomatic Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Research supported by a Social Science Research Council–Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Fellowship
- 2012 Research Assistant for Professor Susan Burns, Department of History, University of Chicago. Translated Korean documents.
- 2011–2012 Research Collaborator with Associate Professor Cheol-Sung Lee, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago. Conducted research for an article on nationalism and postwar economic modernization in China, Japan, and South Korea.
- 2009–2010 Visiting Researcher, Department of Law and Politics, Keio University. Conducted dissertation field research.
- 2006 Research Assistant for Professor Prasenjit Duara, Department of History, University of Chicago. Conducted research for conference and book, *The Global and Regional in China’s Nation-Formation* (Routledge, 2009); provided commentary and feedback.
- 2005 Research Associate, International Crisis Group, Seoul office. Located Japanese journals and political statements and translated them into English; organized and conducted formal and informal interviews; prepared research summary notes, comments, and practical policy recommendations for the governments of the U.S., Japan, South Korea, and PRC China; and prepared revisions for ICG publications.

2001 Book Project Programmer, UCLA Asia Pacific Center. Served as a language editor for book manuscript *Rethinking Confucianism: Past and Present in China, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam*, ed. Benjamin A. Elman, John B. Duncan, and Herman Ooms (UCLA Asia Pacific Monograph Series, 2002).

## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2015 Japanese-to-English Interpreter, Testuo Najita Distinguished Lecture Series in Japanese Studies, University of Chicago, March 30. Translated Professor Ryūichi Narita's lecture, "The Various Paths of Postwar Japanese Intellectuals: Perspectives on WWII and the World."

2012–2013 Conference Organizer, "Cold War and East Asia," University of Chicago

1999 Associate Correspondent and Translator (Chinese, English, and Korean), *Frankfurter Rundschau*, Beijing office. Prepared special reports on North Korean refugees and the food problems in Northern China.

1999 Associate Correspondent and Translator (Chinese and English, *Der Spiegel*, Beijing office). Organized interviews at Peking University for the tenth anniversary of the Tiananmen Square Incident.

1998–1999 Consultant and Translator (Chinese and Korean translator), Ehsu Industry. Negotiated with Sino-Chem Corporation China in Tianjin and Beijing.

## LANGUAGES

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Korean: Native speaker

English: Fluent (intensive English program at Rice University; undergraduate and graduate degrees from U.S. institutions)

Japanese: Fluent (university-level education in Japanese; minor in Japanese language and intensive Japanese program, Kansai Gaidai University)

Chinese: Fluent (university-level education in Chinese; minor in Chinese language and intensive Chinese programs, Beijing Foreign Studies University and Peking University)

French: Intermediate (prepared Korean Foreign Service Exam with French as a second foreign language: highest level of reading; intermediate level of writing; and elementary level of speaking)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Historical Association  
 American Political Science Association  
 Asian Politics and History Association  
 Association for Asian Studies  
 Japanese Studies Association of Australia  
 Midwest Political Science Association  
 World History Association