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academic appointments

- 2015-present Assistant Professor, University of Kansas, Department of American Studies
2013-2015 UC President's Postdoctoral Fellow, University of California-Irvine, Department of Asian American Studies

education

- Ph.D. University of California-San Diego, Department of Literature, 2013
C.Phil. University of California-San Diego, Department of Literature, 2010
M.A. University of Illinois-Chicago, Department of English, 2006
B.A. University of Kansas, Department of English, 2003

academic honors, awards, and fellowships

- 2017 American Philosophical Society, Franklin Research Grant
Center for American Literary Studies, First Book Institute, Pennsylvania State University
KU Center for East Asian Studies, Faculty Travel Award
2016 KU Office of Research, New Faculty General Research Award
Center for Migration Research, Award for "Trans/forming Activist Media in the Americas"
The Commons Starter Grant, KU Interdisciplinary Research Grant
2015 UC President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, Postdoctoral Fellowship (2013-15)
ADVANCE Program, University of California-Irvine, Career Development Award
Humanities Dean's Office, University of California-Irvine, Faculty Success Program Grant
2014 American Studies Association, Comparative Ethnic Studies Prize
Center for Asian Studies, University of California-Irvine, Research Grant
2012 Ford Foundation Fellowship Program, Dissertation Fellowship (2012-13)
Department of Literature, UC San Diego, Year Dissertation Fellowship (2012-13)
2011 Department of Literature, UC San Diego, Quarter Dissertation Fellowship
Center for Global California Studies, UC San Diego, Graduate Student Fellowship
2003 Dean's Scholars Program, University of Kansas, Research Grant

publications: refereed journal articles

- 2017 "Training Guatemalan Campesinos to Work Like Korean Peasants': Taxonomies and Temporalities of East Asian Labor Management in Latin America." *Verge: Studies in Global Asias* (3:2).

- 2016 “Declining Misery: Rural Florida’s Hmong and Korean Farmers.” *south: a scholarly journal* 49:1 (2016): 25-37.
- 2014 “Sleuth Cities: East L.A., Seoul, and Military Mysteries in Martin Limón’s *Slicky Boys* and *The Wandering Ghost*.” *Journal of Asian American Studies* 17:2 (2014): 199-228.
- RR “Reanimating Tours of Empire in U.S. Multiethnic Graphic Novels.” *MELUS* (revising to resubmit).

publications: refereed book chapters

- 2011 “Trailing in Jonathan Harker’s Shadow: Bella as Modern-Day Ethnographer in Meyer’s *Twilight* Novels,” with Giselle Liza Anatol. In *Bringing Light to Twilight: Perspectives on the Pop Culture Phenomenon*, edited by Giselle Liza Anatol. New York: Palgrave Macmillan (2011): 191-205.

publications: book reviews

- 2017 Review of *Cold War Friendships: Korea, Vietnam, and Asian American Literature*, Josephine Nock-Hee Park, *American Literary History Online Review* (Series XII). Solicited.
- 2017 Review of *Bayonets in Paradise: Martial Law in Hawai’i During World War II*, Harry N. Scheiber and Jane L. Scheiber, *The Hawaiian Journal of History* (51). Solicited.

invited lectures

- 2018 “Amidst Citrus Empires: Asian American Farmers in Florida.” Asian American Speaker Series, California State University, Fresno. Spring.
- 2017 “Reunification Dreams: 1970s North Korea and Speculations of Kinship in Chicano Fiction.” Latina/Latino Studies Program, UMKC. Fall.
- 2016 “Loving in the Segregated Years.” Created Equal, National Endowment for the Humanities, Fort Scott, Kansas. February 6.
- 2015 “Militarized Chicano Diasporas in Global Asia.” Global Asia Group, UC Merced. March 9.
- 2014 “‘My Oriental eyes look out’: On Blood, War, and Sex in Rudolfo Anaya’s *A Chicano in China* and Mario Acevedo’s *Killing the Cobra: Chinatown Trollop*.” Undisciplined Encounters Series: “Chicana/o Cultures in Transit: An Experimental Dialogue,” with Mary Pat Brady and Nick Mitchell. UC Riverside. October 27.
- 2012 “Gender, Race and Class in *The Hunger Games* and *Twilight*.” Women’s and Gender Studies, Amherst College. October 16.

papers and presentations

- 2017 “The Factory is My University: Unruly Discipline from the Transpacific Maquiladora to North Korean Magazines.” Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association. Chicago, IL. November 8-11.
- 2017 “Managing Anxieties: East Asian and Latin American Orbitals of Labor Management.” Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Conference. Seoul, Republic of Korea. July 28-30.
- 2017 “Reunification Dreams: 1970s North Korea and Speculations of Kinship in Chicano Fiction.”

- Latina/o Literary Theory and Criticism. NYC. April 14-5.
- 2017 “Nuclear Dreams: Chicano Fiction and Speculations of Kinship in North Korea.” Annual Meeting of the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies. Irvine, CA. March.
- 2016 “‘Training Guatemalan *Campesinos* to Work Like Korean Peasants’: Taxonomies and Temporalities of Labor Management.” Latina/o Studies Association Conference. Pasadena, CA. July 7-9.
- 2016 “Made in Guatemala, Made in L.A.: Unraveling Korean-Owned Garment Industries in Fiction and Film.” Annual Meeting of the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies. Denver, CO. April 6-9.
- 2016 “Going After Iraq: Fragmented Disasters in U.S. Multiethnic Graphic Novels.” American University of Beirut, 6th International Conference of the Center for American Studies and Research. Beirut, Lebanon. January 13-16.
- 2015 “Declining Misery: Remaking the Southern Gothic with Rural Florida’s Hmong and Korean Farmers.” Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association. Toronto, Canada. October.
- 2015 “Amidst Citrus Empires: Hmong and Korean Farmers in Rural Florida.” Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian American Studies. Chicago/Evanston, IL. April 23-25.
- 2014 “‘My Oriental eyes look out’: Revisioning Orientalisms in Rudolfo Anaya’s Journals and Mario Acevedo’s Comics.” Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association. Los Angeles, CA. November 6-9.
- 2014 “‘My Oriental eyes look out’: Revisioning Orientalisms in Rudolfo Anaya’s *A Chicano in China* and Mario Acevedo’s *Killing the Cobra: Chinatown Trollop*.” Conference on Rudolfo Anaya: Tradition, Modernity, and the Literatures of the U.S. Southwest. Los Angeles, CA. May 2-3.
- 2014 “Carceral Kinships of the Korean War in Leavenworth Penitentiary’s *The New Era*.” Annual Academic Retreat of the UC President’s and Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Programs. Lake Arrowhead, CA. April 11-13.
- 2014 “Sleuth Cities: East L.A., Seoul, and Military Mysteries in Martin Limón’s *Slicky Boys*.” Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian American Studies. San Francisco, CA. April 16-20.
- 2014 “Sleuth Cities: East L.A., Seoul, and Military Mysteries in Martin Limón’s *Slicky Boys*.” Annual Meeting of the American Comparative Literature Association. New York City, NY. March 20-23.
- 2012 “‘Americans, your own flesh and blood’: Kinships of the Korean War.” Annual Conference of Ford Fellows. Irvine, CA. September 21-22.
- 2012 “‘Americans, your own flesh and blood’: Kinships of the Korean War.” Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian American Studies. Washington D.C. April 11-14.
- 2012 “‘Americans, your own flesh and blood’: Kinships of the Korean War.” 4th International Conference on Adoption and Culture. Claremont, CA. March 22-25.

workshops and seminars

- 2017 “Senses of Partition.” University of California-Berkeley, ASAP/9: The Arts of the Present. Seminar participant. October 26-28.

- 2016 “Trans/forming Activist Media in the Americas.” KU, The Commons, Starter Grant Project Symposium. Principal investigator and moderator. October 24-27.
- 2016 “Confederacy in Korea: Archiving the United Daughters in Susan Choi’s *The Foreign Student*.” KU, Conflict and International Change, Hall Center for the Humanities Seminar. Seminar presenter. October 7.
- 2016 Association for Asian American Studies and the University of Connecticut, Storrs Asian & Asian American Studies Institute, Junior Faculty Workshop. Miami, FL, Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian American Studies. Workshop participant. April 27.
- 2016 “Reanimating Tours of Empire in U.S. Multiethnic Graphic Novels.” KU, The Urban Experience, Hall Center for the Humanities Seminar. Seminar presenter. March 10.
- 2015 “Calling Maquilas on Their Bull: Korean-Owned Garment Industries in Fiction and Film.” KU, Latin America and Its Diasporas, Hall Center for the Humanities Seminar. Seminar presenter. November 23.
- 2014 “Transitioning to the Next Phase of Your Career: Balancing Writing Your Dissertation and Finding a Postdoc Position.” UCI, ADVANCE Program and Graduate Division. Panelist. November 20.
- 2014 “UC President’s and UCI Chancellor’s ADVANCE Postdoctoral Fellowship Program Workshop.” UCI, ADVANCE Program and Graduate Division. Panelist. October 7.
- 2011 “Pedagogy in Required Courses – Dimensions of Culture for the 21st Century.” UCSD, Teaching Diversity Conference. Panelist. January 27.

courses taught at the university of kansas

AMS 260: America’s Latinos and Latinas (cross-listed as SOC 260)

AMS 260: America’s Latinos and Latinas (online)

AMS 344: North Korea in the US Imagination (cross-listed as CEAS 500 and ENGL 340)

AMS 344: Latino/a Soldiers in Asia

AMS 344: Race/Gender/Work/Globalization

AMS 696: Race/Gender/Work/Globalization

AMS 696: Race & the Korean War

AMS 998: Race/Gender/Work/Globalization (graduate, cross-listed as CEAS 500)

AMS 998: Race & the Korean War (graduate)

service to professional associations

2016 **Latina/o Studies Association**

Organizer – “Unruly Labors and Speculations of Dissent.” Pasadena, CA. July 7-9

2016 **Mid-America American Studies Association**

Conference Committee Member – “Battleground Midwest.” Lawrence, KS. March 4-5

Plenary Co-Moderator – “Battleground Midwest.” Lawrence, KS. March 4

2016 **Association for Asian American Studies**

Discussant – “Mapping Globalization & Genre in Asian America.” Miami, FL. April

2015 **Cultural Studies Association**

- Seminar Director – “Desiring, Writing, Thinking, Recording: The University in the Asian American Literary Imagination.” Riverside, CA. May 22
- 2014 **Association for Asian American Studies**
Chair & Organizer – “Long and Wayward Genealogies in Asian American Studies.” San Francisco, CA. April 19
- 2012 **Cultural Studies Association**
Planning Committee Member. San Diego, CA. March 28-April 1
Chair & Organizer – “Grilling the ‘Greatest Generation’: Questioning Militarized San Diego.” San Diego, CA. March 31
- 2011 **Korea Journal**
Consulting Editor, 2011-13

university service

University of Kansas

- Faculty Advisor, Asian American Student Union, 2016-17
Faculty Advisor, Political Activism for Education and Youth in America, 2017
Ambassador, Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE), 2017
Member, Graduate Committee, Department of American Studies, 2016-17
Faculty Host, Asian American Leadership Symposium, Office of Admissions, 2016
Faculty Reviewer, University Scholars Program, University Honors Program, 2016
Faculty Host, Asian Leadership Summit - [De]sexualization of Asian Men & Women, 2016
Faculty Mentor, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty Mentoring Initiative, 2016-17
Faculty Reviewer, Research Awards, Center for Undergraduate Research, 2016
Participant, Destination KU 1st Gen and Student of Color Undergraduate Recruitment, 2016
Reviewer, Andrew Debicki and Jim Martin Travel Awards, Hall Center for Humanities, 2015
Panelist, Job Market Proseminar, Department of American Studies, 2015
Member, Latinx Studies Faculty Advisory Committee, 2015-present

Keimyung University - Daegu, South Korea

- Manuscript Review, *Acta Koreana*, 2013, 2014
Consulting Editor, International Women’s Studies Conference Proceedings, Women’s Studies, 2012

UCSD

- Elected Representative, Graduate Student Council, Literature, 2008-2009, 2009-2010
Organizer – “Where is Class in the Academy?” UCSD, First Generation Graduate Student Network. 2009

public service

- 2015 **Kansas City Korean Journal**
Contributor. Kansas City metropolitan region.
- 2007 **Leadership Center for Asian Pacific Americans**
Participant, Community Leadership Project. Chicago, IL.

2006 **Korean American Women in Need**

Community and Legal Advocate. Chicago, IL. 2006 -2007

memberships and affiliations

American Studies Association

Association of Asian American Studies

Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Association

Latino Studies Association

Mid-America American Studies Association

Modern Language Association

National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies

references

Dr. Robert Warrior, University of Kansas, Departments of American Studies and English
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