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EDUCATION

- Expected 2026 Ph.D. Department of East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies,
University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2021 M.A. Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures,
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2013 B.A. Department of Modern and Classical Languages
Wheaton College, IL

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023 Summer Research Grant, Graduate Student Association, University of California,
Santa Barbara
- 2021 Doctoral Scholars Fellowship, The Graduate Division, University of California,
Santa Barbara
- 2021 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Center for East Asian and Pacific
Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Declined)
- 2020 Graduate Research Fellowship, Department of East Asian Languages & Cultures,
University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
- 2019 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Center for East Asian and Pacific
Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2019 Graduate College Fellowship, The Graduate College, University of Illinois at
Urbana-Champaign
- 2009 Presidential Scholarship, Wheaton College, IL
- 2009 Robert Byrd Scholarship, Wheaton College, IL

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2020 Ralph Tyler Award: Best Japanese Language Student, Department of East Asian
Languages and Cultures, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

GUEST LECTURES

- 2022 “Kimono on the Global Stage.” Guest lecture in “Anthropology of Japan,”
Westmont College, CA, October 4.
- 2022 “Kimono on the Global Stage.” Guest lecture in “East Asian Traditions: Modern,”
University of California, Santa Barbara, September 7.
- 2022 “Kimono’s Global Influence.” Guest lecture in “Popular Culture of Japan,”
University of California, Santa Barbara, July 14.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Santa Barbara

- TA, First-Year Japanese Language (Fall 2022, Winter 2023, Spring 2023)
TA, East Asian Traditions: Modern (Summer 2022)
TA, Asian American Gender and Sexuality (Spring 2022)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- TA, Pop Cultures of East Asia (Fall 2020)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- 2021 Research Assistant, Community-Engaged Ethnography Initiative, Department of Anthropology
- 2020 Research Assistant, Digital & Public Humanities Project *Yellow Peril Redux: From Coolies to Cars, Trade Wars, and Coronavirus*, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures

WORK EXPERIENCE

Consulate-General of Japan, Chicago, IL

- 2018-2019 Second Assistant to the Consul-General
- 2016-2019 Coordinator in General Affairs

Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program, Imabari City, Ehime Prefecture, Japan

- 2013-2016 Assistant Language Teacher

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of California, Santa Barbara

September 2022-August 2023

Convener, Graduate East Asian Research Society, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

August 2020-May 2021

Graduate Student Representative, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures

March 2020-May 2021

Board Member, Society of East Asian Studies—Urbana-Champaign

October 2019-May 2020

Founding Member, UIUC Japanese Film Club

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 2022 “Kimono’s Global Influence.” Talk at Casa Con Digital Conference, December 16.
- 2021 “Yellow Peril Redux: Reflections and Actions.” Panelist at the Society of Heart’s Delight (Yuyuanshe) Fireside Talk, CA, May 2.

LANGUAGES

- English: Native
- Japanese: Advanced Professional Proficiency (JLPT N1 Certificate, July 2016)
- Spanish: General Professional Proficiency (reading, writing, listening)
Limited Working Proficiency (speaking)
- Korean: Limited Working Proficiency
- Chinese: Elementary Proficiency