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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Adoption Museum Project, Oakland, CA
Public History Initiative, *Consultant* May 2017-December 2019
Vision and Strategy Group

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Immigration History Research Center (IHRC), *Post-Doctoral Research Associate* March 2017-December 2018

U.S. History Scene, Princeton, NJ
Public History *Fellow* April 2018-December 2018

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Department of History, *PhD* 2017
Dissertation: "Adoption and American Empire: Migration, Race-Making, and the Child in U.S. Nation-Building, 1845-1988"

Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY
Department of History, *MA* 2006

Tufts University, Medford, MA
Program of American Studies, *BA* 2004

PUBLICATIONS

Works in Progress

"Archives, Adoption Records, and Owning Historical Memory," in [*Children and Youth as Subjects, Objects, Agents: Approaches to Research in a Global Context*](#), eds. Mary Jo Maynes, Frances Vavrus, Deborah Levison (contracted with Palgrave Macmillan, in progress)

"The Brown Babies Debate in the African American Press, and the Intersection of Race and Empire in U.S. Adoption," *Zeitgeschichte: Black Occupation Children in the Context of Post-War Societies 1945* (in progress)

Peer-Reviewed Article

"South Korea and Adoption's Ends: Reexamining the Numbers and Historicizing Market Economies," *Adoption & Culture* 6, no. 2 (2018).

Book Reviews

"Rachel Rains Winslow, *The Best Possible Immigrants: International Adoption and the American Family* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2017)," *Journal of American Ethnic History* 37, no. 4 (Summer 2018).

"Mark C. Jerng, *Claiming Others: Transracial Adoption and National Belonging* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2010)," *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 14, no. 2 (Summer 2013).

Public History and Consult

“Overseas Korean Adoption: When capitalism overrides child-welfare ethics,” *Youth Circulations*, December 16, 2019, <http://www.youthcirculations.com/blog/2019/12/5/overseas-korean-adoption-when-capitalism-overrides-child-welfare-ethics-4d3bt>.

“Racialized Borders within the United States: A History of Foster Care, Adoption, and Child Removal in African American Communities,” *U.S. History Scene*, November 9, 2018, <http://ushistoryscene.com/article/racializedborders/>.

“Migration across Global Regimes of Childhood: An Introduction,” *Society for the History of Children and Youth*, September 7, 2018, <http://www.shcy.org/features/commentaries/ihrc-symposium-commentary-on-migration-across-global-regimes-of-childhood/>.

Adoption Museum Project. 2018. *Interactive Timeline: A Prototype*. Installation. Oakland: California Adoption Conference.

Adoption Museum Project. 2017. *Arts & Advocacy: Citizenship for All Adoptees*. Public Program. San Francisco: Yerba Buena Center for the Arts.

Encyclopedia Articles

“Immigration History Research Center,” *Multicultural America: A Multimedia Encyclopedia* (Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, 2013).

“Adoption (Life cycles and migration, children and adoption),” *Encyclopedia of Global Human Migration* (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013).

CONFERENCES

Invited

“Afro-German Children at the Intersections of Race and Empire in U.S. Adoption History,” at the *Tabooed History: A Symposium on the Life Stories of Black GI Children in Europe*, University of Salzburg, Vienna, Austria, November 2017

“A Historical Analysis: South Korea and Adoption’s Ends,” at *The Ends of Adoption: A Symposium on Transnational Korean Adoption*, University of California, Irvine, CA, May 2017

“Economies of Race and the 19th Century Foundations of U.S. Transracial Adoption,” at the *American Studies Colloquium*, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN, 2013

“Book Panel Discussion: Karen Dubinsky’s *Babies Without Borders*,” at the *Social Science History Conference*, Boston, MA, 2011

“Korean Adoption History: Refugees, Migration, and Race in the 20th Century,” at the *Intercountry Adoption Summit: State of Intercountry Adoption*, Stratford, Ontario, Canada, 2010

Select Presentations

“Fighting for Reproductive Justice as We Build Families,” at the *American Studies Association*, Honolulu, HI, November 2019

“Black Children and Child Placement: Histories of Welfare, Labor and Family in the Construction of American Freedom and Childhood,” at the *Society for the History of Childhood and Youth*, Sydney, Australia, June 2019

“Children and Youth as Subjects, Objects and Agents: Approaches to Research in a Global Contest—A Book Project Preview,” at the *Society for the History of Childhood and Youth*, Sydney, Australia, June 2019

“Apprenticeship Laws and Orphans’ Courts: Black Children and Child Placement in Late Nineteenth-Century Maryland,” at the *Migration Across Global Regimes of Childhood Symposium*, Immigration History Research Center, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN, September 2018

“Decolonizing to Depathologize: Adoptee Mental Health,” at the *Korean American Adoptee Adoptive Family Network Conference*, Minneapolis, MN, June 2018

“American Missionaries, Chinese Girls, and U.S. Foreign Policy: The Politics of U.S. Transracial, Transnational Asian Adoption in the Late Nineteenth Century,” at the *International Studies Association Conference*, San Francisco, CA, April 2018

“Nineteenth Century and Progressive Era Inroads to U.S.-Asia International Adoption,” at the *Social Science History Conference*, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 2017

“U.S. International Adoption History: Race, Religion, Immigration and Foreign Policy,” at the *Global Race, Ethnicity, Migration Symposium*, Immigration History Center, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN, 2017

“Korean Adoption and U.S. National Belonging: Model Minority Migration, Race, and Whiteness, 1953-1978,” at the *European Social Science History Conference*, Glasgow, Scotland, UK, 2012

“Placing Children and Consolidating the American Nation,” at the *Alliance for the Study of Adoption of Culture Conference*, Claremont, CA, 2012

“Placing Children, Constructing Racial Hierarchy, and Securing Labor in the Modern American Bid for Empire, 1845-1929,” at *Global Race, Ethnicity, Migration Symposium*, Immigration History Center, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN, 2012

“The Foundations of the Korea-U.S. Transracial, Transnational Adoption Industry: Refugees, Migration, Race-making, and the Child in Twentieth Century U.S. Nation-Building,” *Research Poster Symposium*, Community of Scholars Program, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN, 2010

“Familial Legacies: Rethinking Transnational Asian Adoption in the 21st Century,” at the *American Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Oakland, CA, 2006

“Sites of Loss and Unbelonging: The Racial Identity Development of Asian American Adoptees,” at the *Association of Asian American Studies Conference*, Los Angeles, CA, 2005

Select Chair, Discussant, Organizer

Organizer, [*Migration Across Global Regimes of Childhood*](#), Immigration History Research Center, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN, September 2018

Chair, Discussant, “Children Across Borders: Processes and Justifications for Child Placement and Child Migration,” at the *Social Science History Conference*, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, November 2017

Chair, Discussant, “Policies and Processes of Assimilation and Integration,” at the *Social Science History Conference*, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, November 2017

Chair, “Germany’s Brown Babies, Their Media Representations, and Their Community Formation as Adults,” at the *Alliance for the Study of Adoption of Culture Conference*, Minneapolis, MN, 2016

Planning Committee, *International Collaboration and Digitizing Letters of Migration*, Vienna, Austria 2012

Planning Committee, Roundtable Facilitator at the *UMN Childhood Symposium*, Minneapolis, MN, 2011

Planning Committee, Coordinator at the *UMN Asian American Studies Showcase*, Minneapolis, MN, 2011

HONORS

Select Grants and Awards

American Studies Association Solidarity Fund Travel Grant	Fall 2019
Society for the History of Children and Youth Outreach Grant	Fall 2018
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost Imagine Fund Special Events Grant	Spring 2018
College of Liberal Arts Travel Award	Spring 2012
Audrey Christensen Library Acquisition Fund Library Award	Fall 2011
Asian American Studies Program Graduate Student Travel Award	Summer 2011
Center for Writing and Graduate School Dissertation Writing Retreat Award	Summer 2011
Council of Graduate Students Travel Award	Summer 2011
Community of Scholars Program Travel Grant	Summer 2010
College of Liberal Arts Travel Award	Summer 2010
Asian American Studies Graduate Student Travel Award	Summer 2010
Social Sciences Historical Association Graduate Student Travel Award	Fall 2011

Select Fellowships

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Immigration History Research Center Batinich Fellowship	Fall 2011-Fall 2013
Institute of Global Studies: Consortium for the Study of the Asias Foreign Language and Areas Studies Fellowship	Fall 2010-Spring 2011
College of Liberal Arts Graduate Research Partnership Program Fellowship	Summer 2010
Institute of Global Studies: Consortium for the Study of the Asias Foreign Language and Areas Studies Fellowship	Summer 2008, Fall 2009-Spring 2010
Social Welfare History Archives Clarke Chambers Travel Fellowship	Spring 2007

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Immigration History Research Center, *Graduate Research Assistant* September 2011-December 2013

Researched and synthesized scholarly materials, and obtained images, for IHRC Director Erika Lee's *The Making of Asian America: A History* (New York: Simon & Schuster, 2015). Assisted with research, programming, public history engagement, and visiting scholars during IHRC Director Donna R. Gabaccia's tenure. This work included coordinating a transnational survey and knowledge exchange with more than 120 archivists and researchers working on letter-writing in the context of international migration, 1840-1970; co-organizing the IHRC-University of Vienna *International Collaboration and Digitizing Letters of Migration* one-day workshop in June 2012; highlighting the history of Asian immigration to the United States through public presentations; and supporting the IHRC's events focused on the transnational intersections of race, ethnicity, and migration.

College of Liberal Arts (CLA), *Research Assistant, Administrative Fellow* September 2010-September 2011

Performed quantitative research and administrative support for CLA, the Associate Dean and Office of Research and Graduate Programs.

Department of History, *Research Assistant*

January 2008-May 2008

Assisted the research of Erika Lee and Judy Yung's *Angel Island: Immigrant Gateway to America* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2010).

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Adoption Studies

African American History

American Studies

Asian Studies

Asian American Studies

Childhood and Youth Studies

European Studies

Modern U.S. in Global Perspective

Native American/Indigenous Studies

Race and Ethnicity

Transnational Migration Studies

Transnational United States History

Twentieth Century United States History

U.S. and the World

U.S. Immigration and Refugee History

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Department of History

Instructor, Summer 2012

HIST 1302W: Global America: 1865-Present

Instructed writing intensive seminar on U.S. and the world history, for intermediate and advanced majors and non-majors. Designed syllabus grounded in the themes of transnational migration, race, and ethnicity. Lectured; facilitated small group discussions and activities; guided critical readings of historical primary documents and scholarly works; provided in-depth writing mentorship.

Teaching Assistant

HIST 1302W: Global America: 1865-Present, Spring 2009

HIST 1307: Authority and Rebellion: American History to 1865, Fall 2008

Led two class sections for two survey courses on United States history: modern U.S. and the world history, and early American history, for first-years, intermediates, and advanced majors and non-majors. Facilitated discussion activities; guided critical readings of primary and secondary works; led review sessions; graded assignments; held office hours; guided students' historical writing. Immigration and international migration were central themes.

Department of Geography

Guest Lecturer, Spring 2012

GEOG 3381W: Population in an Interacting World

Lectured on twentieth century refugee migration and international adoption in U.S. (im)migration history.

Department of History and Asian Languages & Literatures

Reader Grader, Fall 2008

HIST/ALL 3471: Modern Japan: Meiji to the Present (1868-2000)

Assisted with grading of advanced survey course on Japanese history.

Department of History and East Asian Studies

Teaching Assistant, Spring 2008

HIST/EAS 3462: Introduction to East Asia: 1500-Present

Nominated for Paul Murphy Teaching Award.

Led two class sections for advanced survey course on East Asian History. Lectured on East Asian family structures and gender relations. Mentored several students whose English was their second language. Incorporated transnational migration history and Asian American studies into pedagogy.

Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY

Department of History

Teaching Assistant, Fall 2006

HIS 230: Britain since 1945: Postcolonial Disruptions

Helped facilitate and grade intermediate survey course on postwar British history. Utilized global race, ethnicity, and migration frameworks in conceptualization and pedagogy.

HIS 104: U.S. History since 1919, Spring 2005

Assisted with instruction and grading in introductory survey course on American history. Gave lecture on World War II American culture, society, and politics. Immigration and international migration were central themes.

HIS 101: European Colonialism and Imperialism, Fall 2005

Supported instruction and grading of introductory survey course on European imperial history. Expanded teaching frameworks to include transnational U.S. and global migration lenses.

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Department of History

Founder, Mentor, Spring 2008, Spring 2009

Graduate Student-Undergraduate Senior Major Papers Mentorship Program

Created and coordinated graduate student mentorship program, to advise advanced majors on their final senior major papers research and project development.

Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY

Community Outreach

Tutor, Fall 2006

American History

Participated in tutoring program for recently immigrated and ESL high school students.

Tufts University, Medford, MA

Experimental College

Student Teacher and Academic Advisor, Fall 2003-Spring 2004

Asian Americans in the Media

Co-designed syllabus and co-instructed seminar of first-year non-majors on Asian American history and popular culture. Mentored and advised students through the first year of college.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Adoption Studies

Asian American Studies

Childhood and Youth Studies

Modern U.S. in Global Perspective

Race and Ethnicity

Transnational and Global Migration Studies

Transnational United States History

Twentieth Century United States History

U.S. and the World

U.S. Immigration and Refugee History

SERVICE, OUTREACH, & PUBLIC EDUCATION

Organizer

Network Representative, Migration/Immigration Network, *Social Science History Association*, November 2017-Present

Co-author and co-organizer, "Declaration Calling for an Immediate End to the Industrial International Adoption System from South Korea," submitted to South Korean President Moon Jae In on July 12, 2017,

<https://koreanadoptiondeclaration.wordpress.com/>

Organizer, Visiting Adoption Studies Scholar Talk, *Adopted Korean Connection, Inc.*, Minneapolis, MN, 2012

Graduate Committee, *Childhood Studies Initiative*, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN, 2011-2012

Planning Committee, AK Connection's 50th Anniversary Gala, *Adopted Korean Connection, Inc.*, Minneapolis, MN, 2011

Recruitment Weekend Coordinator, *History Department*, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN, 2009

Initiator/Facilitator, "Graduate Student Life and Professional Development Series: Diversity" Workshop, *History Department*, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN, 2008

Initiator/Facilitator, "Resources, Opportunities, Outlook for Diversity in Inter-disciplinary/departmental Research, Recruitment, and Support" Workshop, *History Department*, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN, 2008

Invited

Facilitator, New Fiction Adoptee Book Club Series, *Network of Politicized Adoptees*, Minneapolis, MN, 2019
Speaker, *Adopted Korean Connection Symposium and International Korean Adoptee Association Fundraiser*, Minneapolis, MN, 2013

Presenter

Graduate Student In-Service, *History Department*, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN, 2013
Public History Representative, “Chinese Heritage,” *Immigration History Center*, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN, 2012
Public History Representative, “Rally for the U,” *Immigration History Center*, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN, 2012

Volunteer

Gazillion Voices Kickstarter Campaign, *Land of Gazillion Adoptees*, Minneapolis, MN, 2013
Graduate Committee, *Legal History Workshop*, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN, 2011-2012
Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, Minneapolis, MN, 2008
Queer Motions: 1st Biennial Twin Cities Conference on Global/Local Sexualities, Minneapolis, MN, 2008

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Alliance for the Study of Adoption and Culture
American Historical Association
American Studies Association
Association for Asian American Studies
Immigration and Ethnic History Society
International Studies Association
Organization of American Historians
Social Science History Association
Society for the History of Children and Youth
Subjects, Objects, Agents: Young People’s Lives and Livelihoods in the Global South

References available upon request