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EDUCATION

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

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

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

PUBLICATIONS

Articles and Book Chapter

- "Archives, Adoption Records, and Owning Historical Memory," in [*Children and Youth as Subjects, Objects, Agents: Innovative Approaches to Research Across Space and Time*](#), eds. Deborah Levison, Mary Jo Maynes, Frances Vavrus (Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021).
- "American Fathers, German Mothers, and 'Brown Babies': The Intersection of Race, Empire, and Kinship in U.S. Transnational Adoption," [*zeitgeschichte: Black GI Children in Post-World War II Europe* 48, no. 1](#) (2021).
- "South Korea and Adoption's Ends: Reexamining the Numbers and Historicizing Market Economies," [*Adoption & Culture: The Ends of Korean Adoption* 6, no. 2](#) (2018).

Book Reviews and Essays

- "Race and Ethnicity in *Living on the Edge*: Teaching about a White American Generation's Journey through the Twentieth Century," *Social Science History* 46, no. 4 (Winter 2022).
- "Susie Woo, *Framed by War: Korean Children and Women at the Crossroads of US Empire* (New York: New York University Press, 2019)," *Journal of American History* 108, no. 4 (March 2022).
- "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).

Select Media, Public History, Consults

- "After hate incident, the Edina community took matters into its own hands," [*KARE 11*](#), 4:17, December 1, 2022.
- "Ep. 22: Children and Youth as Subjects, Objects, Agents," [*Critical Childhoods and Youth Studies Collective*](#), Podcast audio, July 22, 2021.
- "Nice to Meet You, Mom. Now Let's Go Into Quarantine," [*New York Times*](#), November 23, 2020.
- "Overseas Korean Adoption: When capitalism overrides child-welfare ethics," [*Youth Circulations*](#), December 16, 2019.
- "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.
- "Migration across Global Regimes of Childhood: An Introduction," [*Society for the History of Children and Youth*](#), September 7, 2018.
- "Interactive Timeline: A Prototype," [*Adoption Museum Project*](#), Installation, Oakland, CA: California Adoption Conference, March 24, 2018.
- "Arts & Advocacy: Citizenship for All Adoptees," [*Adoption Museum Project*](#), Public Program, San Francisco, CA: Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, September 24, 2017.

CONFERENCES

Select Invited

- “U.S. Immigration, German-Jewish Refugees, and the ‘Priceless Child,’” *In Search of the Migrant Child: Entangled Histories of Childhood Across Borders*, University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, California, September 2022
- “At the Intersections of North and South?: Reconceptualizing transnational frameworks of critical childhood and adoption studies,” *Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change*, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN, April 2022
- “Reframing Child-migrant Agency: Centering ‘Sovereignty’ as a Central Discursive Logic,” at *In Search of the Migrant Child: Pieces and Bits from the Past: Children’s Agency in Migration*, Hannah Arendt Institute for Totalitarian Studies, HAIT, the German Historical Institute in Washington/Pacific Regional Office (PRO) at the University of Berkeley, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, December 2021
- “Black GI Children in Post-World War II Europe,” *All Black Lives Matter Speaker Series*, Rutgers University-Camden, Camden, New Jersey, June 2021
- “Internationally Adopted Youth: Intersecting Transatlantic and Transpacific Histories of Postwar Child Migrants,” at *In Search of the Migrant Child: ‘Extra’-ordinary Sources of Child Migrants’ Past Lives*, Hannah Arendt Institute for Totalitarian Studies, HAIT, the German Historical Institute in Washington/Pacific Regional Office (PRO) at the University of Berkeley, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, May 2021
- “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, November 2013
- “Book Panel Discussion: Karen Dubinsky’s *Babies Without Borders*,” at the *Social Science History Conference*, Boston, MA, November 2011
- “Korean Adoption History: Refugees, Migration, and Race in the 20th Century,” at the *Intercountry Adoption Summit: State of Intercountry Adoption*, Stratford, Ontario, Canada, September 2010

Select Presentations/Roundtables

- “Comparative Geographies: U.S. Militarism, Empire, and International Adoption,” at the *Social Science History Association*, Chicago, IL, November 2022
- “Moving Beyond Rescue and Orphanhood: The Complexities of Ethical Representation of Birth Parent and Adoptee Subjecthood,” at the *National Women’s Studies Association*, Minneapolis, MN, November 2022
- “The Intersections of Critical Adoption Studies and Critical Refugee Studies,” at the *American Studies Association*, New Orleans, LA, November 2022
- “Post-WWII Regimes: The Separation and Placements of West German, Japanese, and Korean Children,” at the *Alliance for the Study of Adoption & Culture*, October 2021
- “Black Child Placement and Feminist Resistance: At the Intersections of White Supremacy, Reproductive Justice, and Transnational Feminisms,” at the *National Women’s Studies Association*, October 2021
- “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, November 2017

SELECT HONORS AND AWARDS

Spark Leadership Microgrant, <i>Coalition of Asian American Leaders</i>	Spring 2022
Solidarity Fund Travel Grant, <i>American Studies Association</i> ,	Fall 2019
Outreach Grant, <i>Society for the History of Children and Youth</i>	Fall 2018
Imagine Fund Special Events Grant, <i>Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost</i> , UMN	Spring 2018
Batinich Fellowship, <i>Immigration History Research Center</i> , UMN	Fall 2011-Fall 2013
Travel Award, <i>College of Liberal Arts</i> , UMN	Summer 2010, Spring 2012
Graduate Student Travel Award, <i>Social Sciences Historical Association</i>	Fall 2011
Library Award, <i>Audrey Christensen Library Acquisition Fund</i> , UMN	Fall 2011
Graduate Student Travel Award, <i>Asian American Studies Program</i> , UMN	Summer 2010, Summer 2011
Dissertation Writing Retreat Award, <i>Center for Writing and Graduate School</i> , UMN	Summer 2011
Travel Award, <i>Council of Graduate Students</i> , UMN	Summer 2011
Foreign Language and Areas Studies Fellowship (FLAS), <i>Institute of Global Studies</i> , UMN	Fall 2010-Spring 2011
Travel Grant, <i>Community of Scholars Program</i> , UMN	Summer 2010
Graduate Research Partnership Program Fellowship, <i>College of Liberal Arts</i> , UMN	Summer 2010
FLAS, <i>Institute of Global Studies</i> , UMN	Summer 2008, Fall 2009-Spring 2010
Clarke Chambers Travel Fellowship, <i>Social Welfare History Archives</i> , UMN	Spring 2007

SELECT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Consultant, Public History Initiative, <i>Adoption Museum Project</i> , Oakland, CA	May 2017-December 2019
Lead historian in Vision and Strategy Group of AMP's public history initiative. Provided expertise in the creation of multiple exhibits aimed to situate U.S. adoption history within a social justice framework.	
Post-Doctoral Research Associate, <i>Immigration History Research Center</i> , UMN	March 2017-December 2018
Conceptualized <i>Migration Across Global Regimes of Child</i> research symposium. Advanced the IHRC's research program and partnerships; supported programming; engaged in grant writing and public scholarly presentations.	
Public History Fellow, <i>U.S. History Scene</i> , Princeton, NJ	April 2018-December 2018
Received public history training, produced one public history article: "Racialized Borders within the United States," and initiated intellectual partnership between U.S. History Scene and Social Welfare History Archives at the University of Minnesota Libraries.	
Graduate Research Assistant, <i>Immigration History Research Center</i> , UMN	September 2011-December 2013
Researched and synthesized scholarly materials for IHRC Director Erika Lee's <i>The Making of Asian America: A History</i> (New York: Simon & Schuster, 2015). Assisted research, programming, public history engagement, and visiting scholars during IHRC Director Donna R. Gabaccia's tenure.	
Research Assistant, Administrative Fellow, <i>College of Liberal Arts</i> , UMN	September 2010-September 2011
Performed quantitative research and administrative support for CLA, the Associate Dean, and Office of Research and Graduate Programs.	
Research Assistant, <i>Department of History</i> , UMN	January 2008-May 2008
Assisted the research of Erika Lee and Judy Yung's <i>Angel Island: Immigrant Gateway to America</i> (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

SELECT TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN

Visiting Instructor and Affiliated Scholar, Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change (ICGC)

DSSC 8310: Global Childhoods: History, Politics, and Contemporary Discourses Spring 2022

Facilitated graduate seminar and accompanying speaker series focused on the historic and contemporary understandings of children and childhood across time and space, for multidisciplinary Ph.D. students.

Instructor, *HIST 1302W: Global America: 1865-Present*, Department of History Summer 2012

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.

Guest Lecturer, *GEOG 3381W: Population in an Interacting World*, Department of Geography Spring 2012

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

Teaching Assistant, *HIST 1302W: Global America: 1865-Present*, Department of History Spring 2009

Led two class sections for survey course on modern U.S. and the world 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.

Founder, *Graduate Student-Undergraduate Senior Major Papers Mentorship Program* Spring 2008, Spring 2009

Created, coordinated, and served on Department of History graduate student mentorship program to advise advanced majors on their final senior major paper research and project development.

Teaching Assistant, *HIST/EAS 3462: Introduction to East Asia: 1500-Present*, Department of History Spring 2008

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 ESL students.

Incorporated transnational migration history and Asian American studies into pedagogy.

Reader Grader, *HIST/ALL 3471: Modern Japan: Meiji to the Present (1868-2000)*, Department of History Fall 2008

Assisted with grading of advanced survey course on Japanese history.

Teaching Assistant, *HIST 1307: Authority and Rebellion: American History to 1865*, Department of History Fall 2008

Led two class sections for survey course 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.

Ohio State University, Columbus, OHGuest Lecturer, *HIST 2275: Children & Childhood in the Western World*, Department of History Spring 2022

Lectured on late-nineteenth through mid-twentieth century U.S. adoption history through the lenses of childhood, migration, and global geopolitics.

Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NYTeaching Assistant, *HIS 230: Britain since 1945: Postcolonial Disruptions*, Department of History Fall 2006

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

Tutor, Community Outreach, *American History* Fall 2006

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

Teaching Assistant, *HIS 104: U.S. History since 1919*, Department of History 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.

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

SELECT SERVICE, OUTREACH, & PUBLIC EDUCATION

Leadership

Parent Representative, Edina Public Schools Parent Leadership Council (PLC)	September 2022-Present
Volunteer Coordinator, Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), Creek Valley Elementary School	August 2022-Present
Parent Representative, District Equity Advisory Committee (DEAC), Edina Public Schools (EPS)	May 2022-Present
Founder, Lead Board Member, Edina Asian American Alliance (EAAA)	April 2022-Present
Network Leader, Coalition of Asian American Leaders (CAAL)	April 2022-Present
Founder, Administrator, Edina Asian Parents Group (EAPG)	November 2021-Present
Parent Leader, CAAL's Asian Parents for Educational Equity (CAPEE)	August 2021-July 2022

Organizer

Network Representative, Migration/Immigration Network, <i>Social Science History Association</i>	Nov 2017-Nov. 2022
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	May-July 2017
Organizer, Visiting Adoption Studies Scholar Talk, <i>Adopted Korean Connection, Inc.</i> , Minneapolis, MN	July 2012
Graduate Committee, <i>Childhood Studies Initiative</i> , UMN	September 2011-May 2012
Planning Committee, 50 th Anniversary Gala, <i>Adopted Korean Connection, Inc.</i> , Minneapolis, MN	Jan.-December 2011
Recruitment Weekend Coordinator, <i>History Department</i> , UMN	January-May 2009
Initiator/Facilitator, "Graduate Student Life and Professional Development Series: Diversity" Workshop, <i>History Department</i> , UMN	October 2008
Initiator/Facilitator, "Resources, Opportunities, Outlook for Diversity in Inter-disciplinary/departmental Research, Recruitment, and Support" Workshop, <i>History Department</i> , UMN	March 2008

Invited

Facilitator, New Fiction Adoptee Book Club Series, <i>Network of Politicized Adoptees</i> , Minneapolis, MN	July 2019
Speaker, <i>Adopted Korean Connection Symposium and International Korean Adoptee Association Fundraiser</i> , Minneapolis, MN	February 2013

Presenter

Graduate Student In-Service, <i>History Department</i> , UMN	August 2013
Public History Representative, "Chinese Heritage," <i>Immigration History Center</i> , UMN	April 2012
Public History Representative, "Rally for the U," <i>Immigration History Center</i> , UMN	March 2012

Volunteer

<i>Gazillion Voices</i> Kickstarter Campaign, <i>Land of Gazillion Adoptees</i> , Minneapolis, MN	June 2013
Graduate Committee, <i>Legal History Workshop</i> , UMN	September 2011-December 2012
<i>Berkshire Conference of Women Historians</i> , Minneapolis, MN	June 2008
<i>Queer Motions: 1st Biennial Twin Cities Conference on Global/Local Sexualities</i> , Minneapolis, MN	April 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
 National Women's 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