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## **EDUCATION**

- 2024      Ph.D. in History, Northwestern University  
Dissertation: “A History of Air Pollution and Anti-Smoke Campaigns in Modern Japan, 1880s to 1990s,” Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Laura E. Hein
- 2023      Visiting Researcher, Osaka Metropolitan University
- 2018      M.A. in History, Montana State University  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Brett L. Walker
- 2013      B.A. Liberal Arts, Soka University of America  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Dongyoun Hwang

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2024-2025      Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Nicholas D. Chabraja Center for Historical Studies, Northwestern University  
Course to Teach: “Energy and Environments: A Global History” – Spring 2025
- 2024              Adjunct Instructor, Northeastern Illinois University  
Course to Teach: “History of Japan” – Fall 2024
- 2019-2022      Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Northwestern University  
Global Korean Diasporas  
Chinese Civilization (from 2000 BCE to 1600 CE)  
Global Asians (Asian American Studies, History of Asian Migrations)  
Diseases and Biomedicine in World History  
American Environmental History
- 2016-2018      Teaching Assistant, Department of History and Philosophy, Montana State University  
History of the United States after 1860  
Philosophy of the World

## **PUBLICATION**

“Air Pollution Lawsuit and ‘Community Development for Environmental Regeneration’: The Case of Mizushima District in Kurashiki City, Okayama Prefecture,” co-authored with

Miho Hayashi and Masafumi Yokemoto, in Masafumi Yokemoto et al., ed.,  
*Environmental Pollution and Community Rebuilding in Modern Japan* (Springer, 2023):  
63-78.

### **TRANSLATION**

Asano section of “Japan and Its Margins: Okinawa, Hokkaido, Korea, and Taiwan from the Meiji to the Postwar Period,” in Laura Hein ed., *The New Cambridge History of Japan: Volume III* (Cambridge University Press, 2023): 87-137.

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- 2021 The Henry Binford Prize for Best Teaching Team, Northwestern University
- 2021 2021-2022 Japanese Studies Doctoral Fellowship (12 months), Japan Foundation
- 2018 Best MA Research Paper, Montana State University Burlingame Annual Award
- 2018 Outstanding Teaching Assistant, Montana State University Burlingame Annual Award

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Visualizing Air Pollution in 1910s Osaka, Japan: The Photograph, Graph, and Statistical Table.”  
History of Science Society Annual Meeting. Merida, Mexico. November 10, 2024.

“Asahi Shimbun’s Air Pollution Incident, 1886-1888.” Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs.  
Champaign, IL. September 30, 2023.

“Mantetsu-led Anti-Smoke Campaign in 1930s Dalian.” Conference of East Asian  
Environmental History. Daejeon, South Korea. June 29, 2023.

“Taikiosensoshogo niokeru Kyodo no Machizukuri – Okayama ken Kurashiki shi Mizushima  
chiku wo Jirei toshite” (Air Pollution Lawsuit and Community Development for  
Environmental Regeneration: The Case of Mizushima District in Kurashiki City,  
Okayama Prefecture). Co-presented with Yokemoto Masafumi and Hayashi Miho in  
Japanese language. Society for Environmental Economics and Policy Studies Conference.  
Online hosted by Meijo University (Nagoya, Japan). October 1, 2022.

Discussant for Eunike Setiadarma’s “Cultivating *Pembangunan*: Rice and the Intellectual  
History of Agricultural Development in Indonesia, 1945-65.” Northwestern University  
Arryman Fellows Annual Symposium. Evanston, IL. May 11, 2019.

“Creating the White City: The Coal Smoke Abatement of Interwar Osaka.” American Society for  
Environmental History Conference. Columbus, OH. April 13, 2019.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Association for Asian Studies (AAS)

American Society for Environmental History (ASEH)

Asian Association for Environmental History (AAEH)

Society for History of Technology (SHOT)

Modern Japan History Association (MJHA)

History of Science Society (HSS)

## **LANGUAGES**

Japanese: Native

English: Fluent

Mandarin Chinese: Conversational

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Participant, National Institute of Japanese Literature/European Association of Japanese Resource Specialists Kuzushiji Workshop, April 19-21, 2023

Graduate advisory committee member, Northwestern University Alice Kaplan Institute's Environmental Humanities Research Workshop, 2021-2024

Participant, the University of Pennsylvania's Dream Lab 2021 course: *Digital Humanities & East Asian Studies*, June 14-17, 2021