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# **Education\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Ph.D. East Asian Studies, University of Toronto, Canada, 2018

Dissertation: “Food for Empire: Wartime Food Politics in the Korean Homefront, 1937-1945”

M.A. East Asian Studies, University of Toronto, Canada, 2007

Thesis: “Emerging from Colonialism: The Korean Independence Problem in the 1940s”

B.A. & B.E. Korean History & Electrical Engineering, Seoul National University, Republic of Korea, 2001

# **Teaching and Research Interests\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Cultural History of Modern Korea;

Japanese Colonialism in Korea; North Korean History;

Modern East Asian History; Global History;

Food History and Culture; Agricultural History; Peasant Studies;

History of Science, Technology, Environment, and Medicine;

Historical Fascism; Socialism; Total War; Cold War;

Material Culture; Everyday Life;

Gender and Sexuality;

Digital Humanities

# **Academic Positions\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

2025 - Assistant Teaching Professor of Korean History, Department of Asian Studies, Penn State University, USA

2015 - 2025 Course Instructor, Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, York University, Canada

2023 - 2024 Korea Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow at the Department of History at the University of Wisconsin, Madison

2011 - 2014 Research Associate in the research project “Korea and the East Asia in the Global History, 1840-2000,” Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

# **Selected Honors, Awards, and Projects\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

2023 - 2024 Korea Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship

2015 Harvard Yenching Library Travel Grant

2011 - 2014 Researcher Fellowship from the Academy of Korean Studies for the Project “Korea in the Global History, 1840-2000”

2014 - 2015 University of Toronto SGS (School of Graduate Studies) Doctoral Dissertation Completion Award

2014 University of Toronto SGS Travel Grant

# **Publications\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

2021 “Managing Colonial Diets: Wartime Nutritional Science on the Korean Population, 1937-1945,” *Journal of Social History of Medicine* 34 no. 2 (May 2021), 592-610

Accepted With Derek Kramer, “‘Let’s Turn the Grass into Meat’: Animal Husbandry as Women’s Work in Cold War North Korea,” *Journal of Gender & History*

**Translations**

2019 안드레 슈미드, “북한을 역사화하기: 국가사회주의, 인구이동, 그리고 냉전사학,” 사회와역사 (*Society and History*) 124 (Dec. 2019), 165-217 (Korean Translation of Andre Schmid, “Historicizing North Korea: State Socialism, Population Mobility, and Cold War Historiography,” *American Historical Review* 123, no. 2 (Apr. 2018), 439-462)

**Book Reviews**

2025 Review on Shinyoung Kwon, *Moral Authoritarianism: Neighborhood Associations in the Three Koreas, 1931-1972* (University of Hawai’i Press, 2023), *the Journal of Asian Studies* (Forthcoming)

2021 Review on Sayaka Chatani, *Nation-Empire: Ideology and Rural Youth Mobilization in Japan and Its Colonies* (Cornell University Press, 2018), *Metamorphosis*, vol. 1 (June 2021), 329-331

2021 “노동의 시대: 전후 북한의 노동과 일상” (Review on Cheehyung Harrison Kim, *Heroes and Toilers: Work as Life in Postwar North Korea, 1953-1961* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2018)), 역사연구 (*Historical Studies*) 40 (January 2021), 367-380

# **Academic Talks and Presentations\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

2025 “Feeding the People: Collective Dining, Science, and Gendered Labor in Postwar North Korea,” 32nd AKSE (the Association of Korean Studies in Europe) Conference, Edinburgh, UK, June

2025 “Feeding the People: Collective Dining, Science, and Gendered Labor in Postwar North Korea,” Mirrored Developments: A Conference on Technoscience and Statecraft in the Two Koreas, The Center for Korean Studies at the University of Hawai’i at Manoa, May

2024 “For Socialist Banquets: Collective Feeding and Nutritional Science in Postwar North Korea,” the Annual Conference of the Association of Asian Studies, Seattle, March

2024 “The Dreams of Male Gardeners: Urban Gardens on the Korean Homefront, 1941-1945,” Invited talk at the Center for East Asian Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, March

2024 “Feeding the People: Collective Dining and Science in Postwar North Korea,” Invited talk for The Korean Studies Research Network, University of Iowa International Programs, February

2023 “For Socialist Banquets: Collective Feeding and Science in Postwar North Korea,” International Conference, “Making ‘Korea/Korean Studies’ in Postcolonial Korea: Foundations, Knowledge, and Science” at Yonsei University Mirae Campus, August

2021 “‘One-Pyong Farms’ and Masculinity in Wartime Colonial Korea,” Invited talk at Global Korean Studies Forum at Soongsil University, October (In Korean)

2021 With Derek Kramer, “Gendered Animal Farms: Husbandry and Meat Production in Cold War North Korea,” Workshop for the *Gender & History*’s special issue, “Food and Sovereignty,” June

2021 “The Dreams of Male Gardeners: Domestic Gardens on the Korean Homefront, 1941-1945,” The Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, March

2019 “Food for Empire: Wartime Food Politics on the Korean Homefront, 1937-1945,” The Academic Week of Japanese and Korean Studies Program, York University, Canada, January

2017 “Cultivating Utopia: Urban Gardening in Homefront Korea,” The Korean Studies Brown Bag Series, University of Toronto, Canada, December

2016 “Cultivating Your Food and Yourself in ‘One-Square Meter Farm’: Urban Gardening in Wartime Colonial Korea,” The East Asian Studies Graduate Student Union Workshop Series, University of Toronto, Canada, November

2015 “Will to Relief: Slash-and-burn Farmers and Colonial Elites in Wartime Colonial Korea, 1937-1945,” The 3rd International Conference of NextGen Korean Studies Scholars, University of Michigan, USA, May

2014 “Will to Relief: Slash-and-Burn Farmers and Experts in Wartime Colonial Korea, 1937-1945,” The 39th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, “Inequalities: Politics, Policy, and the Past,” Toronto, Canada, November

2011 “Colonial Modernity Debates and Remembering the Colonial Past,” The 3rd Intensive Course for Graduate Students, “History, Memory and the Politics of Memorialization in Contemporary Korea,” Leiden University, the Netherlands, October

2010 “The Total Body and *Naesŏn Ilch’e*: The Japanese Wartime Films in Late Colonial Korea,” The University of Toronto East Asian Studies Graduate Conference “Desire,” Toronto, Canada, March

# **Teaching Experience\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Teaching as an instructor**

The Postwar, Cold War and Divided Koreas (University of Toronto)

Modern Korean History (University of Toronto)

Postwar Korean Society and Culture: Seen Through Film and Literature (University of Toronto)

A Taste of Korea: Korean Foodways and Culture (York University)

Power of Image: Visual Culture of North and South Korea (York University)

Korean Immigrant Experience and Culture in Transnational Contexts (York University)

Cotemporary Korea: Identity, Society, and Culture (York University)

Understanding Korea through Korean Films (York University)

Modern and Contemporary Korean Literature in Translation (York University)

K-Pop as Cultural Phenomenon (York University)

Elementary Standard Korean (York University)

Elementary Standard Korean-Online (York University)

Intermediate Standard Korean (York University)

Advanced Standard Korean (York University)

**Courses Served as Teaching Assistant**

Modern Korean History (University of Toronto)

Modern East Asian History (University of Toronto)

Intro to East Asian Civilization (University of Toronto)

Modern Standard Korean I (University of Toronto)

Modern Standard Korean II (University of Toronto)

# **Academic Languages\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Korean (native)

English (fluent)

Japanese (reading, advanced)

Classical Chinese (reading, intermediate)