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EDUCATION

Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

M.A., Regional Studies East Asia (RSEA) Program

Expected May 2025

- Thesis: “Gendered Agents: When Frontline Social Workers in South Korea Go Beyond What the State Dictates”
- Advisor: Professor Jocelyn Viterna, Department of Sociology

The University of Tokyo

Tokyo, Japan

M.A., Advanced Social and International Studies

Mar 2019

- Thesis: “Kada Tetsuji’s Concept of East Asian Community (Kada Tetsuji no Tōa Kyōdōtairon)”
- Advisors: Professor Tetsuya Sakai and Professor Masaru Tonomura

The University of Tokyo

Tokyo, Japan

B.A., Asian Area Studies

Mar 2016

University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, CA

Visiting Student (Summer Session)

May – Jul 2019

- Courses taken: (1) Gender and Women’s Studies, (2) Philosophy of Race, Ethnicity, and Citizenship

RESEARCH INTERESTS

gender; international migration; family; the state; political sociology; global and transnational sociology

PUBLICATIONS

Lee, Jiyeon and Mary S. Craig. “Family History Matters: Immigration Stories Moderate Policy Opinions in the U.S.” In Preparation.

Narihara, Satoshi and Jiyeon Lee. “Wokeism in Japan: Tensions Around Social Minorities and Navigating Human Rights” in Botz Bornstein, Thorsten ed., *Tracking Global Wokeism*. Leiden: Brill. Forthcoming in 2024.

PRESENTATIONS

“Gendered Agents: When Frontline Social Workers in South Korea Go Beyond What the State Dictates.” Accepted for presentation at the 5th International Sociological Association (ISA) Forum, Université Mohammed V, Rabat, Morocco. (To be presented in July 2025)

“Fixing Families: How Street-Level Bureaucrats Deal with Relational Citizenship of Marriage Migrants in South Korea.” Presented at the 3rd International Conference on Sociology of Korea (I-CSK), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. (October 18, 2024)

“Fixing Families: How Street-Level Bureaucrats Deal with Relational Citizenship of Marriage Migrants in South Korea.” Presented at Harvard Migration and Immigrant Incorporation (MII) Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. (October 1, 2024)

“Formulating Migrant Women’s Social Citizenship in the Population Crisis: Accounts from South Korea’s Frontline Welfare Agencies.” Presented at Harvard Politics & Social Change (PSC) Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. (March 28, 2024)

“What Social Trust Can and Cannot Do: Analyzing the Varied Impacts on Japanese Attitudes Toward Immigrants Using the Japanese General Social Survey (JGSS).” Presented at the 27th Annual Harvard East Asia Society (HEAS) Conference, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. (February 16, 2024)

“Renegotiating Sex Work: The Discourse Behind South Korea’s Prostitution Reform.” Presented at the 2nd Graduate Student Conference on Genders and Sexualities in East Asian Cultures, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ. (January 12, 2024)

“Patriarchy in East Asia.” Presented at the 8th Asian Future Political Leader Association, Culture Division, Peking University, Beijing, China. (August, 2014)

“Rethinking the Role of Media in Japan-Korea Relations: Impact on Youth and Historical Issues.” Presented at the Joint Panel Discussion between Seoul National University and the University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan. (August, 2013)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Korea Institute Graduate Summer Research Grant	2024
Korea Institute Graduate Conference Grant	2024
Friends of UTokyo, Inc. Global Leadership Award for attending summer session at UC Berkeley	2019
University of Tokyo Go Global Award for attending summer session at UC Berkeley	2019
Center for German and European Studies Grant	2015
German Academic Exchange Service Grant	2015

FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Harvard-Yenching Institute (HYI) Two-Year Fellowship (full tuition and stipend)	2023 – 2025
Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship for Graduate Students (full tuition and stipend)	2016 – 2018
Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship for Undergraduate Students (full tuition and stipend)	2011 – 2016

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research assistant for Prof. Paul Y. Chang (Harvard University)	2023 – 2024
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TEACHING, TUTORING, ACADEMIC SERVICES

Harvard University

Co-Organizer of Community Building Workshop in “Regional Studies East Asia: Proseminar”	Sep 2024
• Workshop Theme: “Navigating Academic Community and Career”	
Moderator & Co-organizer of Academic Workshop in “Regional Studies East Asia: Proseminar”	Oct 2023
• Workshop Theme: “Family Change in South Korea,” Invited Speaker: Prof. Paul Y. Chang	

University of Tokyo

Tutor for International Students in the University of Tokyo Student Tutorial Program	2014 – 2015
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LivEQuality HUB	Tokyo, Japan
• Research Associate	2022 – 2023
PwC Japan	Tokyo, Japan
• Data Analyst	2021 – 2023
Accenture Japan	Tokyo, Japan
• Business Analyst	2019 – 2021

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association (ASA)
International Sociological Association (ISA)
The Institute for Quantitative Social Science (IQSS)

SKILLS

Data Analytical Skills

- R (intermediate), Python (basic)

Other Language Skills

- Korean (native), Japanese (native), Mandarin Chinese (basic)

REFERENCES

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