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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D.** Asian Languages and Cultures [Cultural and Comparative Studies - Korea Focus] 2018  
University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA  
Dissertation Title: "From Colonial to International: American Knowledge Construction of Korean History, 1880s-1960s"  
Advisor: John Duncan
- M.A.** History Department [Modern Korean History] 2009  
Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea  
Thesis Title: "American Protestant Missionaries' Discourse of Korean Modernization in the Early Twentieth-Century – Focusing on Homer B. Hulbert (1863-1949)"  
Advisor: Dohyung Kim
- B.A.**, History Department 2006  
Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea
- Saint Olaf College, Northfield, MN 2004  
(Yonsei University Exchange Student Program)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Journal Articles*

Sang Mee Oh, "Why Korea Failed?": The American Discourse of Korea's Historical Failure at the Turn of the Twentieth Century," *The Journal of American-East Asian Relations* Vol 29, no. 4 (Dec 2022):341-364.

Sang Mee Oh, "Pukmi taehagwŏn ūi hanguksa kyoyuk kwa yŏngu: Hanguk yuhaksaeng intŏbiu rūl chungsimūro [Korean History Programs at North American Graduate Schools: Based on the Interviews with Korean Graduate Students Who Studied Abroad in North America]," *Yŏksa Pip'yŏng*, 134 (Feb 2021): 281-310.

Sang Mee Oh, "Homer B. Hulbert ūi Chosŏn munmyŏnghwaron [Homer B. Hulbert's Discussion on Korean Modernization]," *Haklim*, vol. 32 (2011):1-47.

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

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### ***Paper Presentations***

- 2023 “Carving out Korean Space Within the U.S. Academia: Korean Students’ Contribution to the American Knowledge of Korea, the 1950s-1960s.”  
*Annual Conference of Association for Asian Studies [AAS]*, Boston (March 19<sup>th</sup>)
- 2022 “Positioning the Western Missionary Writers of Korea Within the Transnational Context: Focused on Homer B. Hulbert and George M. McCune”  
*Annual Conference of Institute for Korean Christianity Culture*  
Soongsil University, Seoul Korea (March 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- 2019 “Western Missionaries’ Knowledge Construction of Korean History, 1882-1910.”  
*International Conference of Center for Modern Korean Studies, Yonsei University*  
Yonsei University, Seoul Korea (July 18-19<sup>th</sup>)
- 2018 “Defining Korean Natural Character: American Medical Missionaries’ “Scientific” Studies of Korea.”  
*Annual Conference of Association for Asian Studies [AAS]*, Washington D.C. (March 27)
- 2017 “From Colonial to International: American Knowledge Construction on Korean History, 1930-50”  
*International Conference of NextGen Korean Studies Scholars [NEKST]*  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (May 12)
- 2016 “From Colonial to International: A Study of Knowledge Construction on Korean History, 1937-1950s.”  
*Haas Junior Scholar Conference “East Asia as Method.”*  
University of California, Berkeley (October 8).
- 2016 “Colonial Knowledge on Korean History Reflected in the Postwar Textbooks in the U.S.”  
*Joint East Asian Studies Conference*,  
SOAS, University of London (September 9)
- 2016 “Producing Korea: Creation of Historical Narratives on Korea, 1882-1910.”  
*UCLA-Yonsei University Workshop*,  
University of California, Los Angeles (January 28-29)
- 2015 “Constructing American Images of Korea: American-Korean Intellectual Interactions as Reflected in American Writings of Korean History.”  
*Annual Conference of Association for Asian Studies [AAS]*, Chicago (March 28)
- 2008 “Korean People’s Recognition of “Westerners” in Korea in the Late Nineteenth Century”  
*UCLA-Yonsei University Workshop*,  
University of California, Los Angeles (Feb 8)

### ***Panel Organized***

- 2018 *Annual Conference of Association for Asian Studies [AAS]*, Washington D.C. (March 27)  
Session Organizer and Panelist for the panel titled “Objective Science? Different Ways of Appropriating Science in the Korean Context”

### ***Discussant***

- 2020 *The Association for Korean Historical Society (Hanguksa Yŏn'guhoe) Workshop*  
Seoul, Korea. (Nov 14)

2019 *Workshop on Korean History, Culture, and Society in Honor of Professor John B. Duncan*,  
UCLA, Los Angeles, California (May 24)  
2016 *Im Conference of Korean Christianity*  
UCLA, Los Angeles, California (April 22)  
2013 *Im Conference of Korean Christianity*  
UCLA, Los Angeles, California (Oct 25)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Research Professor** Aug 2021 – July 2022

“Fostering A New Wave of K-Academics Program”

*Institute for Global Korean Studies, Yonsei University at Wonju / Chair researcher: Yöng-gyo Oh*

Developing academic curriculums and producing and coordinating 50 online Korean history courses targeted at college students outside of Korea.

**Research Assistant** Sep 2006 – Feb 2009

“Oral History of Koreans in Manchuria during Japanese Occupation, 1910-1945”

*Institute of Korean Studies at Yonsei University / Principal investigator: Dr. Dohyung Kim*

Worked as an interviewer and transcriber, collected primary sources for the sourcebook, research was published a five-volume book in 2009 titled, *The Life and Memorial History of Koreans in Manchuria during Colonial Korea*.

**Research Assistant** Sep 2007 – June 2008

“Building a Database on Korean Independent Movement Activists in Early Twentieth Century”

*Institute of Korean Studies at Yonsei University / Principal investigator: Dr. Dohyung Kim*

Collected primary sources and organized a sourcebook, research published as a book in 2008.

**Research Assistant** June 2005 – Feb 2006

“Translation of Korean Classic Literature from 17-19c”

*Institute of Korean Studies at Yonsei University / Principal investigator: Dr. Hohun Cheong*

Translated documents from Classical Chinese to Korean.

## AWARDS

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2021 Outstanding Achievement Award for Lecturers, Yonsei University

2020 Outstanding Achievement Award for Lecturers, Yonsei University

2016 Collegium of University Teaching Fellows Award, UCLA

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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2023 Faculty Research and Development Award, George Mason University Korea

2017-2018 Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA

2016-2017 Departmental Research Fellowship, UCLA

2016-2017 Graduate Division Travel Grant, UCLA  
2013-2014 Mellon Pre-dissertation Fellowship, Mellon Foundation  
2011-2012 Pauline Yu Fellowship, UCLA  
2010-2011 Hi Seoul City Fellowship, Seoul Scholarship Foundation  
2006-2009 Departmental Research/Teaching Assistant Fellowship, Yonsei University  
2006-2008 Future Korean Humanity Fellowship, National Research Foundation of Korea

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Assistant Professor**, George Mason University Korea, Songdo, Korea.

*Global Korean History* (Fall 2022 – Spring 2023)

*Korean Proficiency Through Drama* (Spring 2023)

*Korean Cultural Practice* (Fall 2022)

*Advanced Korean* (Spring 2023)

*Intermediate Korean* (Fall 2022 – Spring 2023)

**Lecturer**, Yonsei University Underwood International College, Songdo, Korea

*World History: Korea in the World* (Spring 2020 – Spring 2022)

**Lecturer**, Seoul National University of Science and Technology, Seoul Korea

*New Interpretation of Korean History* (Fall 2019)

**Lecturer**, Claremont McKenna College, California, United States.

*The New Asia: China, Japan, and Korea in the Modern Era* (Spring 2019)

*Modern Korean History* (Spring 2019)

**Lecturer**, University of California, Los Angeles, California, United States.

*Historical Controversies in East Asia* (Spring 2017) – Course offered with the CUTF Award

**Teaching Fellow**, University of California Los Angeles, California, United States

*Korean Civilization* (Winter 2017)

*Korean Wave: Globalization of South Korean Pop Culture* (Fall 2016)

*Topics in Korean Cinema* (Spring 2016)

*Korean Folklore* (Winter 2016)

*History of Korea, through 1259* (Fall 2015)

**Teaching Associate**, University of California Los Angeles, California, United States

*Women of Pre-Modern Korea* (Fall 2014)

*Elementary Modern Korean 3* (Spring 2015)

*Elementary Modern Korean 2* (Winter 2015)

**Teaching Assistant**, University of California Los Angeles, California, United States.

*Korean Civilization* (Fall 2013)

*Elementary Modern Korean 3* (Spring 2013, Spring 2014)

*Elementary Modern Korean 2* (Winter 2013, Winter 2014)

*Elementary Modern Korean 1* (Fall 2012)

**Lecturer,** Gachon University, Seoul Korea  
*Historical Figures and History* (Spring 2011)  
*Sketches of Korean History* (Spring 2011)

**Lecturer,** Myongji College, Seoul Korea  
*Korean History and Culture* (Fall 2010 - Spring 2011)