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**Education:**

Ph.D. History Department, University of Chicago. Anticipated Completion in 2020.

Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies, 2016.

B.A. Political Science & Asian Studies, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, 2012.

Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies Summer Program in Advanced Japanese, 2011.

**Awards, Fellowships, Honors, Grants:**

Center for East Asian Studies Pre-Dissertation Grant, 2017.

Toshizo Watanabe IUC Scholarship, The Toshizo Watanabe Foundation, 2015-2016.

Japan Foundation IUC Scholarship, The Japan Foundation, 2015-2016.

IUC Supplemental Grant, Committee on Japanese Studies, University of Chicago, 2015-2016.

Professional Training Grant, Committee on Japanese Studies, University of Chicago, 2015.

**Presentations**

*Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs Annual Meeting*

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

“Historicization and Rurality in Japan: Local Discourses of Regional History in the Yuri Region of Akita”

September 2017

*University of Wisconsin-Madison/ University of Chicago Japan Graduate Workshop*

Anderson Japanese Gardens, Rockford, IL

“Conceiving of ‘Ethnic’ Space in Japan: The Case of the Yokohama Chinatown”

May 2017

*Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs Annual Meeting*

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL

“Constructing ‘the Lock on the Northern Gate of the Empire.’ The Production of Place and Identity in Karafuto by the *Karafuto-chō*”

October 2016

## **Research Experience:**

### *Smart Museum of Art, Chicago, Il.*

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Curatorial Intern, 2016-2017

- Researched prints in the recently created Brooks McCormick, Jr. Collection of Japanese prints
- Assisted in the development of an upcoming exhibit at the Smart Museum of Art, "The Other Side: Osaka Prints from the Brooks McCormick, Jr. Collection of Japanese Prints"
- Composed part of the foreword and essays for the exhibition catalogue

### *Tōhoku University, Sendai, Japan*

Attendee of Fundamentals of Archival Research Workshop, Sept 2016

- Attended inaugural collaborative workshop between Tōhoku University and the University of Chicago
- Developed research project based on resources in the Akita Prefectural Archives focused on identity formation in the Yuri region of Akita prefecture
- Composed a Japanese presentation on initial findings of archival research

### *University of Chicago, Chicago, Il.*

Research Assistant for Professor Chelsea Foxwell, 2014-2015

- Researched several art objects from the Japanese Archipelago held by the Art Institute of Chicago
- Assisted in the course "Objects of East Asian History" which used these objects

## **Extracurricular University Service:**

### *East Asian Transregional Histories Workshop*

Coordinator, 2017-2018

- Developing Programming for 2017-2018 Workshop year

Assistant, Winter and Spring 2015

- Assisted Workshop coordinator in establishing a new symposium for MAPSS Students

## **Research Interests:**

Identity Formation in Modern Japan

Development of Urban Minority Communities in Japan

History of Majority/Minority Discourses in Japan

Material Culture

## **Languages:**

Japanese: Proficient in written and spoken language

Spanish: Fluent in spoken, Proficient in written language

Korean: Basic understanding of written and spoken language

**Professional Memberships:**

Member, Association of Asian Studies

**References:**

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