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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2021– Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Loyola University Chicago
Associate Faculty, Women's Studies and Gender Studies
Director, Transnational Korea Lab, Center for Research on International Affairs
Affiliations: Institute for Racial Justice; Rule of Law Institute

VISITING POSITIONS

2025	Junior Core Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study, Central European University
2025	Visiting Faculty, Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University
2024	International Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities, Essen
2017–18	Visiting Scholar, Department of Cultural Anthropology, Yonsei University
2017	Visiting Researcher, Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University
2017	Visiting Scholar, Department of Sociology, Nanyang Technological University
2017	Human Rights and Asia Fellow, Human Rights Center, Seoul National University
2016	Global Networks Fellow, National Chiao Tung University
2016	Graduate Fellow, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore

EDUCATION

2021	Ph.D., Sociology, University of Southern California
2011	M.A., Sociology, Chung-Ang University, South Korea
2009	B.A., Sociology with Distinction (Valedictorian), Seoul National University, South Korea

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Gender and Sexuality; Political Sociology; Global and Transnational Sociology; Cultural Sociology; Social Movements; Knowledge Production; Ethnography; Theory

BOOKS

Queer Geopolitics: Making Sexuality Rights in Global Asia. Under Contract with Stanford University Press (expected 2027).

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Queer Politics of the Wounded: Reparation Work and Queer Youth Activism in South Korea.” *Journal of Asian Studies* (forthcoming in November 2027).

2025 [“Flexible Masculinities: Negotiating Gender, Sexuality, and Ethnicity in Global Asia.”](#) *Current Sociology* 73(7): 997–1017. (online first 2024)

- 2025 [“Decolonizing the Global: Contested Cosmopolitanisms in Global Queer Activism.”](#) *British Journal of Sociology* 76(4): 790–799.
- ASA Human Rights Graduate Student Paper Award (honorable mention), 2021
 - ASA Asia/Asian America Section Graduate Student Paper Award, 2020
 - ASA Global/Transnational Graduate Student Paper Award (hon. mention), 2020
 - ISA Worldwide Competition for Junior Sociologists (finalist), 2018
- 2025 [“In Plain Sight: Conversing Empires, Race, Sexuality and Gender.”](#) *Sex & Sexualities* 1(1): 66–74. (in conversation with Jyoti Puri, Sa’ed Atshan, and Zine Magubane)
- 2024 [“Rights Projects: A Relational Sociology of Rights in Globalization.”](#) *Sociological Theory* 42(3): 256–281. (featured in [ASA Podcast](#), Sep 2024)
- ASA Human Rights Best Scholarly Article Award (honorable mention), 2026
- 2024 [“Theorizing Sexuality Politics of Neoliberalism: A Queer Sociological Approach.”](#) *Sociology Compass* 18(9, e70000): 1–13.
- 2024 [“Imagining Sovereign Futures: The Marriage Equality Movement in Taiwan.”](#) *Social Movement Studies* 23(4): 462–478. (online first 2021)
- Reprint in 2026, *Feminist and LGBTQ Mobilizing in Contemporary Social Movements*, Christina Flesher Fominaya and Damon Eguiarte Flesher (eds.), 123–139, Routledge.
 - ASA Peace, War & Social Conflict Section Outstanding Article Award, 2022
- 2024 [“Queer Theory Impossible.”](#) *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies* 25(3): 517–532.
- SSSP Sexual Behavior, Politics & Communities Outstanding Article Award, 2024
- 2022 [“A Tale of Two Homosocialities: Gender, Sexuality, and Global Political Economy in Squid Game.”](#) *Communication, Culture & Critique* 15(4): 540–542 (with Jinsook Kim).
- 2022 [“Quiet Politics: Queer Organizing in Corporate Singapore.”](#) *The Sociological Review* 70(5): 863–881.
- The Sociological Review Journal Article of the Year (finalist), 2023
 - ASA Sexualities Section Graduate Student Paper Award, 2020
- 2021 [“Embracing the Nation: Strategic Deployment of Sexuality, Nation, and Citizenship in Singapore.”](#) *British Journal of Sociology* 72(5): 1229–1245.
- British Journal of Sociology Early Career Prize, 2023
- 2017 [“Precarious Seoul: Urban Inequality and Belonging of Young Adults in South Korea.”](#) *positions: asia critique* 25(4): 745–767.
- Association of Korean Sociologists in America Graduate Student Paper Award, 2018

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

- 2024 [“What Are Rights Projects?”](#) *KWI-BLOG*.
- 2023 “A Graduate Student Workshop with Minwoo Jung.” *The Taiwan Gazette*.
- Part 1: [“Conducting Multi-Sited Ethnography in Asia.”](#)
 - Part 2: [“Juggling Research, Activism, and Social Justice.”](#)

- Part 3: “[Between Western Theories and Asian Contexts.](#)”

2019 “Challenges and Opportunities in East Asia: South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Japan.” In [State-Sponsored Homophobia 2019](#), edited by Lucas Ramon Mendos, 129–131, Geneva: ILGA.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

External Fellowships

2025 Junior Core Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Study at CEU, Budapest
 2024–25 Hunt Postdoctoral Fellowship, The Wenner-Gren Foundation
 2023–24 International Fellowship, Das Kulturwissenschaftliche Institut (KWI) Essen
 2023–24 IIAS Fellowship, International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden (declined)
 2021–22 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship (declined)
 2019 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (finalist)
 2017–18 Junior Fellowship, SNU International Center for Korean Studies (declined)
 2017–18 SSRC Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship
 2016 SSRC Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship
 2016 Asian Graduate Student Fellowship, NUS Asia Research Institute, Singapore

External Research Grants

2022 Social Actions Initiative Award Grant, Sociologists for Women in Society
 2022 Faculty Research Grant, Midwest Sociological Society
 2020 Short-term Research Travel Grant, AAS China and Inner Asia Council
 2020 Early Career Researcher Support Grant, The Sociological Review Foundation

Loyola University Chicago

2023 Summer Research Stipend Award, LUC Office of the Provost
 2022 LROLI Scholar Grant, LUC Rule of Law Institute
 2022 Research Support Grant, LUC Office of Research Services

HONORS AND AWARDS

2026 Early Career Scholarship Award, Midwest Sociological Society
 2026 CLAGS Fellowship (honorable mention), CUNY Center for LGBTQ Studies
 2025 Sujack Family Master Researcher Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Loyola Chicago
 2023 IACS Dissertation Prize (shortlisted), Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Society
 2022 Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Dissertation Award, ASA CBSM Section
 2022 Ken Sherrill Prize for Best Dissertation, APSA Sexuality and Politics Section
 2020 Martin P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Award, ASA Sexualities Section

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

2025–26 “Queer Entanglements in Geopolitics.”

- Trinity College Dublin, Department of Sociology, May 2026 (virtual)
- Indiana U Bloomington, Department of Sociology, Bloomington, Apr 2026
- University of Montenegro, Institute for Advanced Studies, Podgorica, Nov 2025
- Central European University, Institute for Advanced Study, Budapest, Oct 2025
- University of Chicago, Department of Sociology, Chicago, Feb 2025
- Wash U in St. Louis, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, St. Louis, Jan 2025

2026 “Geopolitics of Diversity.”

- Northwestern, Department of Sociology, Ethnography Workshop, Evanston, Apr 2026

2026 “Under the Shadow of K-Democracy.”

- University of Hawai‘i, Mānoa, Center for Korean Studies, Honolulu, Feb 2026

2025 “Queer Politics of the Wounded.”

- Seoul National University, Institute for Contemporary Korean Studies, Seoul, Sep 2025
- National Taiwan University, Department of Sociology, Taipei, Sep 2025

2023–24 “Flexible Masculinities.”

- Universität Tübingen, Department of Korean Studies, Tübingen, Jul 2024
- Technische U Berlin, Research Center “Re-Figuration of Spaces,” Berlin, Jul 2024
- Das Kulturwissenschaftliche Institut Essen, Essen, Jun 2024
- Rutgers University, Department of Sociology, Mar 2024 (virtual)
- Yonsei University, Graduate School of Communication and Arts, Jan 2024 (virtual)
- Boston University, Department of Sociology, Boston, Nov 2023
- Tufts University, Department of Sociology, Medford, Oct 2023
- University of Iowa, Korean Studies Research Network, Sep 2023 (virtual)

2023–24 “Maneuvering Queer Asia.”

- University of Pennsylvania, Asian American Studies Program, Philadelphia, Mar 2024
- San Diego State University, Center for Asian & Pacific Studies, San Diego, Oct 2023

2023 “Queer Geopolitics: Rights Making in Contested Asia.”

- U of Toronto, Centre for the Study of Korea at the Asian Institute, Toronto, Oct 2023

2023 “Transnational Engagement with the Sociological Imagination.”

- The Sociological Review Summer Webinar Programme, Aug 2023 (virtual)

2023 “Roundtable: The Future of Sexual Politics.”

- Northwestern University, Sexualities Project (SPAN) Workshop, Evanston, Apr 2023

2022–23 “Queering Authoritarianism.”

- Lancaster University, Centre for Gender Studies, Mar 2023 (virtual)
- University of Minnesota, Department of Sociology, Minneapolis, Feb 2023
- Northwestern University, Department of Sociology, Evanston, Feb 2023
- National Taiwan University, Department of Sociology, Taipei, Dec 2022
- U of Toronto, Centre for the Study of Korea at the Asian Institute, Toronto, Oct 2022

2022 “Transnational Affective Resonance.”

- UCLA, Asia Pacific Center, Taiwan in the World Lecture Series, Apr 2022 (virtual)

2022 “Decolonizing Sociology from a Global Perspective.”

- Chung-Ang U, Research Institute of Gender and Sexuality in Korea, Jan 2022 (virtual)

2021–22 “Capitalizing Diversity.”

- Korea University, Department of Sociology, Apr 2022 (virtual)
- Northwestern University, Ethnography Workshop, Evanston, Nov 2021
- UC Irvine, Irvine Comparative Sociology Workshop, Apr 2021 (virtual)
- LSE, Department of Sociology, Mar 2021 (virtual)
- Loyola University Chicago, Department of Sociology, Feb 2021 (virtual)

2018 “Purchase of Rights: The Emergence of Corporate Citizenship in Asia.”

- Yonsei University, Department of Cultural Anthropology, Seoul, May 2018
- National Taiwan University, Global Asia Research Center, Taipei, Apr 2018

2016 “Mobilizing International Human Rights in South Korean LGBT Activism.”

- SOAS University of London, Centre of Korean Studies, London, Oct 2016

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Loyola University Chicago, Chicago

WSGS 101: Introduction to Women’s Studies & Gender Studies

SOCL 171: Sociology of Sex and Gender (core course)

SOCL 252: Global Inequalities

SOCL 265: Globalization and Society (engaged learning course)

WSGS 375/475: Masculinity Studies (advanced undergraduate & graduate seminar)

SOCL 406: Modern Social Theory (graduate seminar)

SOCL 426: Sociology of Gender (graduate seminar)

SOCL 520: Gender and Sexuality in Global Perspectives (graduate seminar)

SOCL 520: Gender, Sexuality, and Social Movements (graduate seminar)

SOCL 491: Professional Writing for Publication (graduate seminar)

National Taiwan University, Taipei

Transnational Korea (advanced undergraduate & graduate seminar), Fall 2025

Yonsei University, Seoul

Qualitative Methods (professional training), Winter 2018

Teaching Awards and Honors (Loyola University Chicago)

2026 Adolfo Nicholas SJ Excellence in Engaged Learning and Teaching Award

2023 Transformative Educator Award

2023 Peter Hans Kolvenbach Award for Engaged Teaching (top finalist)

Dissertation Completed

2026 Seong-Jo Jeong, Ph.D. (Chung-Ang, South Korea, External Committee Member)

2025 Fatema Zohara, Ph.D. (Loyola Chicago, Committee Member)

Dissertation Committee

2025– Yunmyung Cho (Indiana-Bloomington, External Committee Member)

2025– Eyyup Yilmaz (Loyola Chicago, Committee Member)

2023– Kajal Patel (Loyola Chicago, Co-chair)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

American Sociological Association (ASA)

2024–27 ASA Collective Behavior & Social Movements (CBSM) Section Council (elected)

2024–25 ASA Sex & Gender Section Nominations Committee

2023–26 ASA Global & Transnational Sociology (GATS) Section Council (elected)

2023–26 ASA Human Rights Section Council (elected)

2023–25 ASA Annual Meeting Travel Fund Award Selection Committee

2023–24 ASA Human Rights Section Nominations Committee

2022–25	ASA Sex & Gender Section Council (elected)
2022–25	ASA Sexualities Section Council (elected)
2022–24	ASA Committee on the Status of LGBTQ People
2020–22	ASA Sexualities Section Program Committee
2020–21	ASA Sexualities Section Student Representative (elected)
2019–21	ASA Sex & Gender Section Membership Committee
2019–21	ASA Human Rights Section Membership Committee

ASA Award Committees

2026	ASA GATS Best Article (by an International Scholar) Award Committee (chair)
2026	ASA CBSM Charles Tilly Contribution to Scholarship Book Award Committee
2026	ASA Comparative & Historical Theda Skocpol Dissertation Award Committee
2026	ASA Sexualities Martin P. Levine Dissertation Fellowship Award Committee
2025	ASA Human Rights Section Book Award Committee (chair)
2025	ASA Sexualities Section Distinguished Book Award Committee
2025	ASA Global & Transnational Section Best Scholarly Book Award Committee
2025	ASA Sex & Gender Section Feminist Scholar-Activist Award Committee (chair)
2025	ASA Collective Behavior & Social Movements Student Paper Award Committee
2025	ASA Asia & Asian American Section Asia/Transnational Book Award Committee
2024	ASA Sex & Gender Section Distinguished Article Award Committee (chair)
2024	ASA Sexualities Section Graduate Student Paper Award Committee (chair)
2023	ASA Human Rights Section Best Scholarly Article Award Committee (chair)
2023	ASA Collective Behavior & Social Movements Dissertation Award Committee
2023	ASA Peace, War & Social Conflict Section Outstanding Article Award Committee
2023	ASA Sexualities Section Graduate Student Paper Award Committee
2022	ASA Human Rights Section Book Award Committee
2022	ASA Asia & Asian America Section Research Paper Award Committee
2022	ASA Political Sociology Section Graduate Student Paper Award Committee
2022	ASA Sex & Gender Section Distinguished Article Award Committee
2021	ASA Sexualities Section Graduate Student Paper Award Committee
2019	ASA Sexualities Section Distinguished Article Award Committee

Other Professional Service

2026–27	SSSP Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award Committee
2026–27	SSSP Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship Committee
2026	BSA <i>Sociology</i> Sage Prize Judging Committee
2026	The Sociological Review Journal Article of the Year 2025 Prize Selection Panel
2026	AAAS Social Science Caucus Outstanding Faculty Research Award Committee
2025	AAAS Social Science Caucus Graduate Student Research Paper Award Committee
2024–26	The Sociological Review Monographs Series Selection Panel
2023	APSA Ken Sherrill Prize for Best Dissertation Selection Committee

Conference/Academic Event Planning

2024–25	Organizing Committee, ASA Comparative-Historical Sociology Mini-Conference
2023	Co-organizer, Gender, Power, and Theory Workshop
2023	Faculty Co-coordinator, Chicago Ethnography Conference

Editorial Board

2026–	Editorial Board Member, <i>Sociology Compass</i> (Original Article Section)
2025–28	Editorial Board Member, <i>Sociology</i> (elected)
2025–28	Editorial Board Member, <i>Sex & Sexualities</i>

2025–28 Editorial Board Member, *Men & Masculinities*
 2024–29 Editorial Board Member, *The Sociological Review* (elected)
 2024–28 Editorial Board Member, *The Sociological Quarterly*
 2023– Editorial Board Member, [*Gendering Asian Society, Politics, and Development*](#) Series, Amsterdam University Press

Grant/Fellowship Award Reviewer

2026 Core Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Study, Central European University
 2024 Insight Grants, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada
 2022 Wellcome Early Career Award, Wellcome Trust, UK

Book Manuscript Reviewer

MIT Press

Journal Reviewer

Advances in Gender Research; American Journal of Sociology; American Sociological Review; Australian Journal of Asian Law; British Journal of Sociology; Constellations; Continuum; Critical Sociology; Culture, Health and Sexuality; Current Sociology; Ethnic & Racial Studies; Feminist Formations; Gender & Society; Globalizations; International Political Sociology; International Review of Sociology; International Sociology; Journal of Contemporary Asia; Journal of Homosexuality; Journal of Gender Studies; Journal of Korean Studies; Men and Masculinities; positions: asia critique; Qualitative Sociology; Sex and Sexualities; Sexualities; Signs; Social Forces; Social Identities; Social Movement Studies; Social Politics; Social Problems; Sociological Perspectives; Sociological Theory; Sociology; Sociology Compass; Sociology Lens; Theory & Social Inquiry; The Sociological Quarterly; The Sociological Review; TRaNS: Trans-Regional and -National Studies of Southeast Asia

Media Coverage and Commentary

2025 Expert Interview, *CONNECTED on Taiwan Plus*.
 • Part 1: “[How Anti-Woke Politics and Rainbow Capitalism Coexist.](#)”
 • Part 2: “[The Power of the Pink Economy in Asia.](#)”
 2018 Expert Interview, “[Pride House Opens at the Winter Olympics.](#)” *Washington Blade*.
 2017 Expert Interview, “[Asian Queers’ Hope for Change.](#)” *Kristeligt Dagblad* (in Danish).
 2017 Expert Interview, “[Seoul Pride and LGBT Rights in South Korea.](#)” *Queercast Singapore*.

Consultant

2025 Expert Consultation, Gender Equality Committee, Parliament of Montenegro
 2022 Expert Witness, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
 British Sociological Association
 International Sociological Association
 Society for the Study of Social Problems
 Association for Asian Studies
 Association for Asian American Studies