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PhD, University of California-Irvine, 2007

Japan, East Asia, Historical Memory

### NEW

Invited Lecture, "Making Heroes out of Losers: Creating Meiji Restoration History in Local Japan," Center for East Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, February 2008.

### IN PROGRESS

"Remembering Oguri: Creating National History in Local Japan".

### GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Monbusho (Japanese Ministry of Education, Science and Culture) Research Fellowship  
2004-2006

Humanities Center Research Grant, University of California-Irvine, 2004

Outstanding History Department Teaching Assistant Award, spring 2004

Stanford Summer Komonjo Workshop Grant, Stanford University, summer 2003

Humanities Center Research Grant, University of California, Irvine, summer 2003

Regents' Fellowship in the Humanities, University of California, Irvine, 2001-2002

### PUBLICATIONS

"Chang'an (China)"; "Soga Clan, Japan"; "Suiko, Empress of Japan"; "Three Kingdoms Period (Korea)-Koguryo, Silla, Paekche" in Mark Whitters and Jiu-Hwa Lo, eds., *The Encyclopedia of World History: Volume 18000 B.C.E to 600 C.E.* (New York: Facts on File, Inc and Golson Books, 2008)

"Japanese Martial Arts" in Huping Ling and Allan W. Austin, ed., *Asian American History and Culture: An Encyclopedia* (Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 2007)

Translation of Japanese manga (graphic novel), *Immortal Rain*, vols. 1-6 (TOKYOPOP, 2004-2005)

Translation of "Waka to comyunikeeshon," in *Rekishi wo yomu* (Tokyo: Tokyo University Press, 2004)

### OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

"Teaching Violence: East Asia and Japan," Japan and the World Conference, Wittenberg University, November 2006.

"Memorializing Martyrdom: Local Identity and a Tokugawa Loyalist in Modern Japan," Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, San Francisco, April 2006

"Getting A Head: A Tokugawa Martyr and Local Identity in Modern Japan," Modern Japan History Workshop, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, August 2005

History Instructor, Temple University Japan, fall 2005

History Instructor, Sophia University, summer 2005

University of Chicago Kuzushiji Workshop: Three-week intensive study of early modern Japanese paleography, summer 2004

Stanford Summer Komonjo Workshop: Four-week intensive study on reading early modern Japanese documents, Stanford University, summer 2003

"Peasant Swordsmen: Breaking Cultural Barriers in Nineteenth Century Japan," Midwest Conference on Asian History and Culture, Ohio State University, May 2002