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### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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Director, Kutsche Office of Local History, Grand Valley State University, August 2016 – Present

Assistant Professor, Liberal Studies Department, Grand Valley State University, August 2014 – Present

Consortium for Faculty Diversity Postdoctoral Fellow and Lecturer in Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies, Grinnell College, August 2013 – July 2014

### EDUCATION

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2013 Ph.D., Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, The Ohio State University  
Dissertation: "The Transnational Adoption Industrial Complex: Citizenship, Nation and the Korean Diaspora"

2007 M.Sc., Gender and Social Policy, The London School of Economics  
Thesis: "Gendering Intercountry Adoption: Why Does Korea Continue Its Participation as a 'Sending Country'?"

2005 B.A., International Affairs, The George Washington University

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Works in Progress

"Examining the Past, Considering the Future: The Impact of KAAN (Korean American Adoptee Adoptive Family Network) in the Lives of Adult Adoptees and Adoptive Families"

#### Book Manuscripts and Anthologies

*Beyond Grateful: The Transnational Politics of Adoption* (Tentative title) (Advanced Contract, University of Illinois Press)

*Don't Air the Dirty Laundry: Reflections of Women of Color on Graduate School* (Edited Volume; In Progress)

#### Scholarly Articles and Edited Volume Chapters

"Let's Not Get Hysterical: Was He Even Her Father?" (Revise and Resubmit)

"From Adoptee to Trespasser: The Female Asian Adoptee as Oriental Fantasy" in *Adoption & Discourses of Multiculturalism: Europe, the Americas and the Pacific*, edited by Tobias Hübinette, Indigo Willing, and Jenny Wills (Accepted)

"Misogyny and its Responses: Moving Beyond Confucianism in Korean American Culture" in *Companion to Korean American Studies*, edited by Shelley Lee and Rachael Joo (Under Contract, Brill)

"Rewriting History: Adoptee Documentaries as a Site of Truth-telling" in *The Routledge Companion to Asian American Media*, edited by Lori K. Lopez and Vincent N. Pham (Under Contract, Routledge)

"Gendered Adoptee Identities: Performing Trans-Pacific Masculinity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" in *Gendering the*

*Trans-Pacific World*, edited by Catherine Ceniza Choy and Judy Tzu-Chun Wu (Under Contract, Brill)

“Monetary Flows and the Movements of Children: The Transnational Adoption Industrial Complex.” *Journal of Korean Studies*. [Vol. 21, No. 1 \(Spring 2016\): 137-178.](#)

“Claiming Ourselves as ‘Korean’: Accounting for Adoptees within the Korean Diaspora in the United States” in [Click and Kin: Transnational Identity and Quick Media](#), edited by May Friedman and Silvia Schulterman (University of Toronto Press, 2016), pp. 159-179.

“Real versus Fictive Kinship: Legitimizing the Adoptive Family” in [Critical Kinship Studies](#), edited by Charlotte Kroløkke, Lene Myong, Stine Wilum Adrian, and Tine Tjørnhøj-Thomse (Rowman & Littlefield International, 2015) pp. 221-236.

“Korean Adoption Studies Bibliography” in *Adoption and Culture* Vol. 4 (Invited, Spring 2014) pp. 177-183.

### **Book Reviews and Encyclopedia Entries**

Review of *Somebody’s Children: The Politics of Transracial and Transnational Adoption* by Laura Briggs (Duke University Press, 2012) and *Everybody Else: Adoption and the Politics of Domestic Diversity in Postwar America* by Sarah Potter (The University of Georgia Press, 2014) in *Journal of American Ethnic History* (Invited, Forthcoming)

“Adoption of Asian Children” in [Asian American Culture: From Anime to Tiger Moms](#), edited by Lan Dong. (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO/Greenwood, 2016)

“Asian Americans and Popular Culture” in [Asian American Culture: From Anime to Tiger Moms](#), edited by Lan Dong. (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO/Greenwood, 2016)

Review of *Dear Wonderful You, Letters to Adopted & Fostered Youth* edited by Diane René Christian and Mei-Mei Akwai Ellerman, (Portland: The An-Ya Project, 2014), in *Gazillion Strong* (Invited, February 6, 2015) <http://www.wearegazillionstrong.org/review-of-dear-wonderful-you-letters-to-adopted-fostered-youth/>

Review of *Race and the Violence of Love: Family and Nation in U.S. Adoptions from Asia* by Kit Myers, (University of California, San Diego, 2013) in *Dissertation Reviews* (Invited, January 19, 2015) <http://dissertationreviews.org/archives/10459>

Review of *A New American Comes “Home”: Korean War Adoptees and Cold War Sentiments of Race and Nation* by Susie Woo, (Yale University, 2010) in *Dissertation Reviews* (Invited, November 17, 2014) <http://dissertationreviews.org/archives/9959>

Review of *Meeting Once More: The Korean Side of Transnational Adoption* by Elise M. Prébin, (New York University Press, 2013), in *Adoption and Culture* Vol. 4 (Invited, Spring 2014)

Review of *Reframing Transracial Adoption: Adopted Koreans, White Parents, and the Politics of Kinship* by Kristi Brian, (Temple University Press, 2012), in *Adoption and Culture* Vol. 4 (Invited, Spring 2014)

Review of *Mom: The Transformation of Motherhood in Modern America*, by Rebecca Jo Plant, (Chicago University Press, 2010), *Journal of American Studies* Vol. 44, No. 4: 816 (November 2010)

### **Public Scholarship**

“Dark Skin, Light Masks: Colorism as an Adoptee in Korea.” *The Lost Daughters* (July 11, 2016) <http://www.thelostdaughters.com/2016/07/dark-skin-light-masks-colorism-as.html>

“The Complexities of Transnational, Transracial Adoptee Identities.” *The Lost Daughters* (November 23, 2015) <http://www.thelostdaughters.com/2015/11/the-complexities-of-transnational.html>

“화이팅 (Fighting!): Recuperating the Knowledge of Adoptees” in *#FlipTheScript: Adult Adoptee Anthology*, edited by Diane René Christian, Amanda Transue-Woolston, and Rosita González (The An-Ya Project, 2015)

“When Murder and Adoption Meet on #HTGAWM.” *The Lost Daughters* (October 19, 2015) <http://www.thelostdaughters.com/2015/10/when-murder-and-adoption-meet-on-htgawm.html>

“#MyAsianAmericanStory and Why Adoptive Parents Should Care.” *The Lost Daughters* (August 29, 2015) <http://www.thelostdaughters.com/2015/08/myasianamericanstory-and-why-adoptive.html>

“Tracing Our Histories: Making Connections between Adoption and Ethnic Studies.” *Gazillion Voices* (December 2014) <http://gazillionvoices.com/tracing-our-histories/#.VIXWuGTF9sB>

“Controlling Our Reproductive Destiny: Rethinking Adoption as the Better Option.” *Gazillion Voices* (June 9, 2014) <http://gazillionvoices.com/controlling-our-reproductive-destiny-rethinking-adoption-as-the-better-option/#.U6GhaC-T69F>

“‘He Put Me Here’: The Multidimensional Nature of Transnational Adoption.” *Gazillion Voices* (October 9, 2013) <http://gazillionvoices.com/guest-post-he-put-me-here-the-multidimensional-nature-of-transnational-adoption/#.UIWdxLyE651>

### **Additional Publications**

“ASAC Conference Report.” *Alliance for the Study of Adoption and Culture* Newsletter (Spring/Summer 2014)

“Recognizing How Racialized Sexual Stereotypes Operate in the Lives of Adoptees.” *KAAN Meeting Place: A Magazine by the Community for the Community* (August 2013): 18-19.

“Beyond Gratefulness and Anger: The Heterogeneity of Adoptees’ Experiences” in *Proceedings of the Third International Symposium on Korean Adoption Studies*. Edited by Tobias Hübinette, Eleana Kim, Kimberly Langrehr, Lene Myong, Kim Park Nelson, Liz Raleigh, and Aino Rinhaug, (Seoul: International Korean Adoptee Associations, 2013) pp. 65-73.

“Connecting to My Story Through Adoption Community Connection.” *Adoption Today* (March 2012)

“Silence, Citizenship and Gender: The Status of Women and Intercountry Adoption in Korea” in *Proceedings of the Second International Symposium on Korean Adoption Studies*. Edited by Kim Park Nelson, Tobias Hübinette, Eleana Kim, Jennifer Kwon Dobbs, and Lena Myong, (Seoul: Korea University, 2011) pp. 1-17.

“The Hidden Roots of Feminism.” *Stop Gap: The Fawcett Society Magazine* (Spring, 2007): 12.

“The Other Sister” in *YELL-Oh Girls!: Emerging Voices Explore Culture, Identity, and Growing Up Asian*

*American*, edited by Vickie Nam. (New York: Harper Collins Publishers, 2010) pp. 142-4.

## **MEDIA**

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Lentz, Hannah. (2016, January 27) "Film screening to focus on Eastern philosophy." *The Lanthorn*. [Online] Available at: <http://www.lanthorn.com/article/2016/01/grace-lee-boggs>.

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McDonnell, Jerome with Alexandra Salomon. (2015, December 9) "International Adoptees Take on a Different Type of Immigration Fight." *WBEZ Chicago Public Radio, Worldview*. [Online] Available at: <http://www.wbez.org/programs/worldview/2015-12-09/international-adoptees-take-different-kind-immigration-fight-114115>.

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Winsor, Morgan. (2015, June 17) "Rachel Dolezal and the 'Transracial' Problem: Adoptees, Parents Speak Out on Comparison." *International Business Times* [Online] Available at: <http://www.ibtimes.com/rachel-dolezal-transracial-problem-adoptees-parents-speak-out-comparison-1971937#>.

Ford, Zack. (2015, June 17) "'Transracial' is a Thing, But it Has Nothing to Do with Rachel Dolezal or Caitlyn Jenner." *Think Progress* [Online] Available at: <http://thinkprogress.org/lgbt/2015/06/17/3670801/transracial-adoption-rachel-dolezal-caitlyn-jenner/>.

McKee, Kimberly. (2015, June 17) "Why Co-Opting Transracial in the Case of Rachel Dolezal is Problematic." *Social Work Helper* [Online] Available at: <http://www.socialworkhelper.com/2015/06/17/co-opting-transracial-case-rachel-dolezal-problematic/>.

Moyer, Justin Wm. (2015, June 17) "Rachel Dolezal draws ire of transracial adoptees." *The Washington Post* [Online] Available at: [https://medium.com/@Andy\\_Marra/an-open-letter-why-co-opting-transracial-in-the-case-of-rachel-dolezal-is-problematic-249f79f6d83c](https://medium.com/@Andy_Marra/an-open-letter-why-co-opting-transracial-in-the-case-of-rachel-dolezal-is-problematic-249f79f6d83c).

McKee, Kimberly, et. al. (2015, June 16) "An Open Letter: Why Co-Opting 'Transracial' in the Case of Rachel Dolezal is Problematic." *Medium* [Online] Available at: [https://medium.com/@Andy\\_Marra/an-open-letter-why-co-opting-transracial-in-the-case-of-rachel-dolezal-is-problematic-249f79f6d83c](https://medium.com/@Andy_Marra/an-open-letter-why-co-opting-transracial-in-the-case-of-rachel-dolezal-is-problematic-249f79f6d83c).

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The An-Ya Project. (2015, March 16) "Introducing DWY #FlipTheScript #4TheNextGen: Video Series." *YouTube.com* [Online] Available at: <https://youtu.be/c2jwtaAafkc>.

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Lee, Robert. (2010, August 5) "Adoptees seek more than roots." *Korea Herald*. [Online] Available at: <http://www.koreaherald.com/national/Detail.jsp?newsMLId=20100804000775>

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Grand Valley State University**

*Human Traffic and Trafficking* (LIB 319/HIS 319/HRT 319), Liberal Studies Department, History Department, and Human Rights Program, Autumn 2016

*Meaning* (LIB 311), Liberal Studies Department, Autumn 2015, Winter 2016

*Visionary Thinkers: Yuri Kochiyama and Grace Lee Boggs* (LIB 401, Online), Liberal Studies Department, Spring/Summer 2015, Winter 2016, Spring/Summer 2016

*Perceptions of Asian American Women (The Hypersexual Female Asian Body)* (IDS 180), Liberal Studies Department, Autumn 2015

*Diversity in the United States* (LIB 201, Hybrid), Liberal Studies Department, Autumn 2015

*Diversity in the United States* (LIB 201), Liberal Studies Department, Autumn 2014, Winter 2015

*Introduction to Intercultural Competence and Communication* (ITC 100), Intercultural Training Certificate Program, Autumn 2014, Winter 2015, Autumn 2015, Winter 2016

### **Grinnell College**

*Introduction to Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies* (GWS 111), Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies Program, Spring 2014

*Racialized Masculinities in the United States* (GWS 395), Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies Program, Autumn 2013

### **The Ohio State University**

Graduate Teaching Associate, *Rethinking the American Family* (WGSS 3320), Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Spring 2013

Guest Instructor, *Asian American Women: Race, Sex and Representations* (HIS 3612/WGSS 4401) (Dr. Judy Tzu-Chun Wu), Department of History and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Spring 2013

Graduate Teaching Associate, *Gender, Race and Sexuality in Popular Culture* (WGSS 2230), Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Winter 2012, Spring 2012, Autumn 2012

Graduate Teaching Associate, *U.S. Women's Writers: Text and Context* (WGSS 3367), Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Winter 2011, Spring 2011, Autumn 2011

### **Invited Guest Lectures**

"Adoption from Asia." *Introduction to Asian American Studies* (CS 2321) (Dr. Lynn Itagaki), Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, The Ohio State University, October 21, 2013.

"Angry and Angrier: Adoptees Speak Back Online." *Representing Multiracial Feminisms: The Aesthetics and Ethics of Digital/Visual/Print Cultures* (WGSS 8840) (Dr. Lynn Itagaki), Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, The Ohio State University, October 21, 2013.

"The Legacies of the Lotus Blossom and Charlie Chan: Contemporary Representations of Asian Americans in Popular Culture." *Asian American History* (HIS 2079) (Adrienne Winans), Department of History, The Ohio State University, March 8, 2013.

"Creating the Korean Adoptee Diaspora: The Rise of the Transnational Adoption Industrial Complex." *Modern Korean History* (HIS 3436) (Dr. Deborah Solomon), Department of History, The Ohio State University, November 27, 2012.

"One Adoptee's Roots and Routes: Understanding the Position of the Adoptee as Scholar." *Transracial Adoption in American Literature and Culture* (ENG 581) (Dr. Cynthia Callahan), Department of English, The Ohio State University - Mansfield, May 9, 2012.

"Korean American Adoptees: Examining *The Language of Blood*." *Introduction to Asian American Studies* (CS 2321) (Dr. Martin Joseph Ponce), Department of Comparative Studies, The Ohio State University, February 24, 2011.

### **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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2015 - 2016	Early Career Stipend for Research and Creative Expression, Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence, Grand Valley State University (\$3,000)
2015	Association for Asian American Studies/East of California Junior Faculty Workshop
2015	Digital Humanities Summer Institute Scholarship, University of Victoria
2014	Women of Color Leadership Project, National Women's Studies Association
2013 - 2014	Consortium for Diversity at Liberal Arts Colleges Postdoctoral Fellowship
2013 - 2014	National Center for Institutional Diversity Emerging Diversity Scholar Citation, The University of Michigan
2013	Diversity Enhancement Award, The Ohio State University Multicultural Center
2012	Korean Studies Dissertation Workshop, Social Science Research Council
2012	Global Society of Korea and American Dissertation Scholarship, The Research Center for Korean Community at Queens College of CUNY (\$3,000)

- 2012 Elizabeth D. Gee Research Grant, Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, The Ohio State University (\$1,200)
- 2012 Louise Zung-nyi Loh Memorial Scholarship, East Asian Studies Center, The Ohio State University (\$500)
- 2012 Humanities – First Place, The Ohio State University, Council of Graduate Students, Edward F. Hayes Graduate Research Forum
- 2012 Asian American Trailblazer, The Ohio State University Multicultural Center
- 2011/12 Graduate Associate Teaching Award nominee, The Ohio State University
- 2011 Critical Language Scholarship, The Language Center of Chonbuk National University, Jeonju City, Republic of Korea, The United States Department of State
- 2011 Chin Hua Hsieh and Yun Mei Lee Hsieh Graduate Prize, The Ohio State University Asian American Studies Program

#### **RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING**

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- 2016 Travel and Tuition Subsidy, Office of the Provost and Dean of Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies, Grand Valley State University, June. (*Humanities Intensive Learning and Teaching*. Indianapolis, IN)
- 2016 Professional Development Grant, The Division of Inclusion & Equity, Grand Valley State University, April. (*Keeping Our Faculty of Color Symposium*. Minneapolis, MN)
- 2015 - 2016 Catalyst Grant for Research and Creativity, Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence, Grand Valley State University (\$3,000)
- 2015 Scholarly Dissemination Grant, Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence, Grand Valley State University, November. (*American Studies Association*. Toronto, Canada) (\$250)
- 2015 Engaging Undergraduate Students in Scholarship: Supplementary Startup Funds for New Faculty, Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship and Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies, Grand Valley State University (\$1,000)
- 2015 Scholarly Dissemination Grant, Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence, Grand Valley State University, September. (*The International American Studies Association 7<sup>th</sup> World Congress* and *The American Studies Association of Korea 50<sup>th</sup> International Conference*. Seoul, South Korea) (\$750)
- 2015 Mini-Grant, Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence, Grand Valley State University, June. (\$400)
- 2015 Travel and Tuition Subsidy, Dean of Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies, Grand Valley State University, June. (*Digital Humanities Summer Institute*. Victoria, British Columbia, Canada)

- 2015 Conference Travel Grant, Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center, Grand Valley State University, April. (*Association for Asian American Studies Conference*. Evanston, IL) (\$600)
- 2014 Scholarly Dissemination Grant, Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence, Grand Valley State University, November. (*National Women's Studies Association Conference*. San Juan, Puerto Rico) (\$250)
- 2014 Scholarly Dissemination Grant, Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence, Grand Valley State University, September. (*American Studies Association Korea Conference*. Pyeongtaek, South Korea) (\$750)
- 2014 The Committee on Support of Faculty Scholarship, Dean of the College Office, Grinnell College, March. (*ASAC: Alliance for the Study of Adoption and Culture Conference*. Tallahassee, FL)
- 2013 International Travel Grant, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, The Ohio State University, July. (*Third International Korean Adoption Studies Symposium*. Seoul, South Korea)
- 2013 G. Micheal Riley International Academic Fund, College of Arts & Sciences, The Ohio State University, July. (*Third International Korean Adoption Studies Symposium*. Seoul, South Korea) (\$1,000)
- 2013 International Graduate Student Travel Grant, Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, The Ohio State University, July. (*Third International Korean Adoption Studies Symposium*. Seoul, South Korea) (\$1,200)
- 2013 Ray Travel Award, Council of Graduate Students, The Ohio State University, April. (*Association for Asian American Studies Conference*. Seattle, WA) (\$750)
- 2013 Career Development Grant, Council of Graduate Students, The Ohio State University, April. (*Association for Asian American Studies Conference*. Seattle, WA) \$250)
- 2013 Diversity and Identity Studies Collective Interdisciplinary Programs Travel Grant, The Ohio State University, March. (*American College Personnel Association Conference*. Las Vegas, NV) (\$300)
- 2013 Research Grant, Asian American Studies Program, The Ohio State University, March. (*American College Personnel Association Conference*. Las Vegas, NV) (\$250)
- 2013 Arts and Humanities Graduate Research Small Grants Award, The Ohio State University, March. (*American College Personnel Association Conference*. Las Vegas, NV) (\$300)
- 2012 Graduate Travel Award, Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, The Ohio State University, October. (*The Seventh Biennial Adoption Conference through the Adoption Initiative at St. John's University*. New York, NY) (\$400)
- 2012 Research Grant, Asian American Studies Program, The Ohio State University, April.

(*Association of Asian American Studies Conference: Expanding the Political: Power, Poetics, Practices.* Washington D.C.) (\$200)

- 2012 Arts and Humanities Graduate Research Small Grants Award, The Ohio State University, March. (*ASAC: Alliance for the Study of Adoption and Culture Conference.* Claremont, CA) (\$350)
- 2012 Graduate Travel Award, Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, The Ohio State University, March. (*ASAC: Alliance for the Study of Adoption and Culture Conference.* Claremont, CA) (\$350)
- 2012 Career Development Grant, Council of Graduate Students, The Ohio State University, March. (*ASAC: Alliance for the Study of Adoption and Culture Conference.* Claremont, CA) (\$250)
- 2011 Research Grant, Asian American Studies Program, The Ohio State University, May. (*Association of Asian American Studies Conference: Consuming Asian America.* New Orleans, LA) (\$200)
- 2011 Graduate Travel Award, Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, The Ohio State University, May. (*Association of Asian American Studies Conference: Consuming Asian America.* New Orleans, LA) (\$350)
- 2010 Career Development Grant, Council of Graduate Students, The Ohio State University, September. (*Intercountry Adoption Summit, University of Waterloo, Stratford, Ontario, Canada*) (\$250)

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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- 2016 (Upcoming) "To be at 'Home': The Pursuit of Community by Adoptees and their Families," **Presenter.** *American Studies Association.* Denver, CO, November 17-20.
- 2016 (Upcoming) "Performing Failure: Unsettling Academic Narratives of Merit and Success," **Roundtable Participant.** *National Women's Studies Association.* Montréal, Quebec, Canada, November 10-13.
- 2016 (Upcoming) "Adoption Pedagogy: An Interdisciplinary Discussion of Challenges, Implications, and Practices," **Roundtable Participant.** *ASAC: Alliance for the Study of Adoption and Culture Conference.* Minneapolis, MN, October 27-29.
- 2016 (Upcoming) "If Only the Grateful May Go Home: Where do Adoptee Killjoys Go?," **Presenter.** *American Studies Association Korea.* Yongin, South Korea, September 30-October 1.
- 2016 "The 2016 Presidential Election, Race, and Microaggressions within the Family." *The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Korean American Adoptee Adoptive Family Network Conference.* Pittsburgh, PA, June 24-26.
- 2016 "Arriving East of California: Gateways to Community and Mentorship," **Roundtable Participant.** *Association for Asian American Studies.* Miami, FL, April 28-May 1.

- 2016 “‘Is There Anybody Out There?’: Exploring Korean Adoption’s Contradictions in *akaDan* (2014),” **Presenter.** *Association for Asian American Studies.* Miami, FL, April 28-May 1.
- 2016 “Black in America: A Life Sentence,” **Presenter.** *Teach In: Power, Privilege and Difficult Dialogues,* University Academic Senate and Student Senate, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI, Jan. 21.
- 2015 “‘But I thought you were white’: Racial Microaggressions in the Classroom,” **Presenter.** *National Women’s Studies Association.* Milwaukee, WI, November 12-14.
- 2015 “Kinship and Precarity,” **Roundtable Participant.** *National Women’s Studies Association.* Milwaukee, WI, November 12-14.
- 2015 “Oriental Sexual Transgression: The Defective Female Adoptee Body,” **Presenter.** *National Women’s Studies Association.* Milwaukee, WI, November 12-14.
- 2015 “The Female Adoptee as Sexual Deviant: Reimagining Soon Yi Previn,” **Presenter.** *American Studies Association.* Toronto, Ontario, Canada, October 8-11.
- 2015 “The Adoptee as Asian American, The Adoptee as Korean: Negotiating Identity in *akaDan* (2014),” **Presenter.** *The International American Studies Association 7<sup>th</sup> World Congress and The American Studies Association of Korea 50<sup>th</sup> International Conference.* Seoul, South Korea, August 17-19.
- 2015 “From Geisha to Miss Saigon: Locating the Origins of Yellow Fever,” **Presenter.** *The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Korean American Adoptee Adoptive Family Network Conference.* St. Louis, MO, June 27.
- 2015 “The Adoptee as Lolita?: Reimagining Soon Yi Previn,” **Presenter.** *Association for Asian American Studies.* Evanston, IL, April 23-25.
- 2015 “Un/Sentimental Journeys: Time Travel and Other Unconventional Border Crossings in Asian American Novels,” **Chair.** *Association for Asian American Studies.* Evanston, IL, April 23-25.
- 2015 “Beyond Black and White: Teaching Fifty Shades of Grey in Race, Racialization, and Race Relations,” **Presenter.** *Teach In: Power, Privilege and Difficult Dialogues,* University Academic Senate and Student Senate, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI, April 2.
- 2014 “The Experiences of Women of Color in WGSS Graduate Programs: An Open Discussion,” **Roundtable Participant** with Dr. Judy Tzu-Chun Wu, Sierra Austin, Krista Benson, Denise Delgado, and Tay Glover. *National Women’s Studies Association.* San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 13-16.
- 2014 “The Contingency of the American Dream: Korean Adoptees as Exceptional Migrants,” **Presenter.** *American Studies Association Korea.* Pyeongtaek, South Korea, September 26-27.

- 2014 “Perspectives from the Inside: Adoptee Scholars and Adoption Research,” **Roundtable Participant** with Kelly Condit-Shrestha, JaeRan Kim, Dr. Oh Myo Kim, and Dr. Liz Raleigh. *The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Korean American Adoptee Adoptive Family Network Conference: Time is Now*. Minneapolis, MN, June 28.
- 2014 “The Exceptional Exception: Adoptees as Involuntary Immigrants,” **Presenter**. *Association for Asian American Studies Conference*. San Francisco, CA, April 17.
- 2014 “Let’s Not Get Hysterical: Was He Ever Her Father?,” **Presenter**. *ASAC: Alliance for the Study of Adoption and Culture Conference*. Tallahassee, FL, March 27-30.
- 2013 “Feminist Media Studies,” **Moderator**. *National Women’s Studies Association Conference*. Cincinnati, OH, November 9.
- 2013 “1970s, Neoliberalism, and the Futures of Feminism,” **Moderator**. *National Women’s Studies Association Conference*. Cincinnati, OH, November 8.
- 2013 “Adoption: The Elephant in the Family,” **Panelist**. *The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Korean American Adoptee Adoptive Family Network Conference: Working Together*. Grand Rapids, MI, August 3.
- 2013 “Discussing Microaggressions as a Family,” **Presenter**. *The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Korean American Adoptee Adoptive Family Network Conference: Working Together*. Grand Rapids, MI, August 3.
- 2013 “Bridging the Divide,” **Panelist**. *The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Korean American Adoptee Adoptive Family Network Conference: Working Together*. Grand Rapids, MI, August 3.
- 2013 “Beyond Gratefulness and Anger: The Heterogeneity of Adoptees’ Experiences,” **Presenter**. *Third International Korean Adoption Studies Symposium*. Seoul, Republic of Korea, July 30.
- 2013 “Digital teaching and learning in Asian American Studies,” **Roundtable Participant** with Dr. Josephine Lee, Dr. Judy Wu, and Lawrence-Minh Bùi Davis. *Association for Asian American Studies Conference*. Seattle, WA, April 20.
- 2013 “The Production of Children: Tracing the Origins of Transnational Adoption,” **Presenter**. *Association for Asian American Studies Conference*. Seattle, WA, April 18.
- 2013 “Understanding and Advancing API/APIA/APIDA Communities Institute: Supporting and Cultivating APIDA/Asian Student Critical Consciousness through Institutional Collaboration,” **Co-Presenter** with Dr. Mitsu Narui and Annabelle Estera. *American College Personnel Association Conference*. Las Vegas, NV, March 6.
- 2012 “Media, Celebrity, and Beauty: the Visuals of Mixed Race,” **Chair**. *Critical Mixed Race Studies Conference*. Chicago, IL, November 2.
- 2012 “Misrecognition: Adoptees as Asian Americans,” **Presenter**. *Critical Mixed Race Studies Conference*. Chicago, IL, November 2.
- 2012 “The Roots of the Transnational Adoption Industrial Complex,” **Presenter**. *The Seventh*

*Biennial Adoption Conference through the Adoption Initiative at St. John's University.* New York, NY, October 20.

- 2012 “When Your Daughter Makes Adoption Her Work: One Adoptee’s Routes and Roots,” **Presenter.** *The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Korean American Adoptee Adoptive Family Network Conference: Journeys...* Albany, NY, July 27.
- 2012 “Negotiating the “Real”: Locating the Korean Adoptee in Heteronormative Kinship,” **Presenter.** *Association of Asian American Studies Conference: Expanding the Political: Power, Poetics, Practices.* Washington D.C., April 13.
- 2012 “The Positionality of Adoptee Scholars in Adoption Research,” **Roundtable Participant.** *ASAC: Alliance for the Study of Adoption and Culture Conference.* Claremont, CA, March 24.
- 2012 “Asserting Koreanness: Performing Identity Online,” **Presenter.** *ASAC: Alliance for the Study of Adoption and Culture Conference.* Claremont, CA, March 25.
- 2011 “The Politics of Identity,” **Video Presenter.** *The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Korean American Adoptee Adoptive Family Network Conference: We Have a Dream...* Atlanta, GA, July 29-31.
- 2011 “Economies of Transnational Korean Adoption: Birth/Unwed Mother Labor and Orphan Production,” **Chair.** *Association of Asian American Studies Conference: Consuming Asian American.* New Orleans, LA, May 18-21.
- 2011 “Consuming ‘Koreanness’: Adopted Koreans Online Identity Construction,” **Presenter.** *Association of Asian American Studies Conference: Consuming Asian America.* New Orleans, LA, May 18-21.
- 2011 “Locating Adoptee Scholars within Korean Adoption Studies,” **Panelist.** *Also-Known-As Inc. 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.* New York, NY: April 30.
- 2011 “This is What a Feminist Looks Like: The Relevance of Asian Pacific Islander American Feminism in the Twenty-First Century,” **Presenter.** *Midwest Asian American Studies Union Conference: Love: Empower Ourselves, Empower Others.* Minneapolis, MN, April 9.
- 2011 “Examining Korean Intercountry Adoption: The Socioeconomic Status of Women and Adoption Participation Implications,” **Presenter.** *The Middle Tennessee State University’s Interdisciplinary Conference: Global Discourses in Women’s and Gender Studies.* Murfreesboro, TN, March 25.
- 2010 “Silence, Citizenship and Gender: The Status of Women and Intercountry Adoption in Korea,” **Presenter.** *Second International Symposium on Korean Adoption Studies.* Seoul, Republic of Korea, August 3.
- 2010 “White, Yellow, Other: Locating Korean American Adoptees in Asian America,” **Presenter.** *The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Korean American Adoptee Adoptive Family Network Conference: The Road Ahead.* Harrisburg, PA, July 25.
- 2010 “Constructing a Sense of Self: Adoptee Subjectivity,” **Presenter.** *60 years of overseas*

*Korean adoption and the Korean adoption issue.* Cambridge, United Kingdom, February 20.

- 2009 “Gendering Intercountry Adoption: Why Does Korea Still Participate as a “Sending Country?”” **Presenter.** *2009 International Korean Adoptee Association Conference.* Amsterdam, the Netherlands, August 8.
- 2008 “What Does it Mean to be “Asian”: Navigating the Transracial Adoptee Experience,” **Presenter.** *CUNY Conference on Asian American Women.* New York, NY, May 16.

### **Invited Presentations/Conferences**

- 2016 “Asian Americans as Social Justice Activists.” **Presenter.** RICE Conference, Asian Student Union, Grand Valley State University. Grand Rapids, MI, March 19.
- 2015 “#BlackLivesMatter and Its Significance to Adoptive Families,” **Plenary Moderator.** *The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Korean American Adoptee Adoptive Family Network Conference.* St. Louis, MO, June 27.
- 2015 “Working Paper: Organizing without an Anchor: Race-making, Space-making, and the Many Trajectories of Korean Adoptee Politicization,” **Discussant.** *Association for Asian American Studies.* Evanston, IL, April 23-25.
- 2015 “Negotiating Adoptee Identity in the 21st Century: The Impact of Digital Technologies on Deterritorialized Communities.” **Presenter.** RICE Conference, Asian Student Union, Grand Valley State University. Grand Rapids, MI, March 21.
- 2015 “The Celebrated ‘China Doll’: Troubling Asian Adoption in Television.” **Presenter.** Office of Multicultural Affairs, Grand Valley State University. Grand Rapids, MI, February 11.
- 2014 “The Legible Citizen-Adoptee as an E-Raced Person.” **Presenter.** Reed College American Studies Program. Portland, OR, April 9.
- 2014 “*Somewhere Between* Screening and Discussion.” **Commentator.** The Ohio State University Multicultural Center, Asian American Studies program, and Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority. Columbus, OH, January 27.
- 2013 “From *Yell-OH Girls!* to Korean Adoption Studies.” **Presenter.** Korean Focus Cincinnati. Cincinnati, OH, November 8.
- 2013 “Challenging Eurocentric Beauty Standards: Towards a Polycentric Vision of Self-Love.” **Panelist.** Feminist Action Coalition, Grinnell College. Grinnell, IA, November 5.
- 2013 “Locating Adoptees within the Korean Diaspora.” **Presenter.** Oberlin Korean Students' Association. Oberlin, OH, April 14.
- 2013 “Asian American Feminists: Challenging Stereotypes and Advocating for Social Justice,” **Presenter.** *Intercollegiate Taiwanese American Studies Association Conference.* Columbus, OH, April 13.
- 2012 “National and Cultural Belonging: Adult Korean Adoptees’ Articulation of Self,”

- Presenter.** *Korean American Experiences: History and Contemporary Trends.* The Research Center for the Korean Community, City University of New York – Queens. Flushing, NY, November 29.
- 2012 “A Crossing Borders Luncheon Dialogue with Devorah Goldstein – Being Asian and Jewish: Adoption and Identity.” **Facilitator.** The Ohio State University (OSU) Melton Center for Jewish Studies, OSU Hillel, the Asian American Studies Program, the Multicultural Center, and the Honors and Scholars Pressey Course Enhancement Grant. Columbus, OH, November 13.
- 2012 “Transnational Adoption as a Global Marketplace,” **Presenter.** Denison University Global Studies Seminar Series. Granville, OH, November 12.
- 2012 “The Politics of Community and Coalition Building,” **Keynote Speaker.** *The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Korean American Adoptive Family Network Conference: Journeys...* Albany, NY, July 28.
- 2012 “Racial Crossings,” **Chair.** *Queer Places, Practices, and Lives: A Symposium in Honor of Sam Steward.* Columbus, OH, May 19.
- 2012 “Adoption and Digital Media,” **Chair.** *ASAC: Alliance for the Study of Adoption and Culture Conference.* Claremont, CA, March 24.
- 2011 “What is Asian American Studies? (And Why Should You Care?),” **Panelist.** The Ohio State University Asian American Studies Program. Columbus, OH, November 30.
- 2011 “One Adoptee’s Roots and Routes,” **Presenter.** The Ohio State University Asian American Studies Program, Buckeye Adopted Student Organization, the Hapa Student Association, and Korean Student Association. Columbus, OH, November 14.
- 2011 “*Anomaly: a documentary film about multiracial identity* Film Screening,” **Facilitator.** The Ohio State University Asian American Studies Program, Hapa Student Association and SHADES Buckeye Chapter. Columbus, OH, November 2.
- 2011 “*Never Perfect* Film Screening,” **Panelist.** The Ohio State University Asian American Studies Program, Diversity and Identity Studies Collective (DISCO), Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, and Unplugging Society. Columbus, OH, May 26.
- 2011 “I Am Korean American: Adoptees Assertion of Koreanness on the Internet,” **Presenter.** The Ohio State University Asian American Studies Program. Columbus, OH, May 7.
- 2011 “What Does it Mean to be Asian in American?,” **Panelist.** The Ohio State University Kappa Phi Lambda and Unplugging Society: A Woman of Color Think Tank. Columbus, OH, April 15.
- 2011 “*Operation Babylift* Film Screening,” **Commentator.** The Ohio State University Hapa and Vietnamese Student Organizations. Columbus, OH. March 31.
- 2010 “Understanding Your Identity,” **Facilitator.** The Ohio State University Buck-I-Serv Training. Columbus, OH, November 14.

## Graduate Showcases and Conferences

- 2012 “The Disruption of *Real Kinship*,” **Presenter**. *The Ohio State University Council of Graduate Students’ Edward F. Hayes Graduate Research Forum*. Columbus, OH, February 24.
- 2011 “Re-Reading Korean International Adoption,” **Presenter**. *The Inaugural Ohio State University Graduate Showcase in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality History*. Columbus, OH, February 25.
- 2011 “White, Yellow, Other: Exploring Korean Adoptees Transraciality,” **Presenter**. *Pennsylvania State University Women’s Studies Graduate Organization Conference: Inviting Intersection: Interdisciplinary Dialogues of Feminism and Feminist Concerns*. State College, PA, February 19.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2014 – Present **Examining the Past, Considering the Future: The Impact of KAAN (Korean American Adoptee Adoptive Family Network) in the Lives of Adult Adoptees and Adoptive Families**, Grand Valley State University  
Deploys a mixed-methodological approach, drawing upon survey data of adult adoptees and adoptive parents who attend the annual KAAN conference, oral histories, internal KAAN documents, and KAAN reports/documents available for public consumption.
- 2012 – 2013 **Dissertation Field Research**, The Ohio State University  
Interviewed thirteen adult Korean adoptees (23 – 52 years old) across the U.S. to document their understandings of family, national belonging, and the adult adoptee community; Conducted archival research at the University of Minnesota Social Welfare History archives.
- 2012 – 2013 **Research Assistant**, The Ohio State University  
Assisted Dr. Devin Fergus with manuscript preparation on his research concerning the impact of economic and financial policies on low-income households.

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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### Grand Valley State University

#### *University*

- Advisory Board, Intercultural Training Certificate Program, 2016 – Present
- Frederik Meijer Honors College Senior Thesis Advisor
  - Samantha Tonks, “Single Mothers’ Rights in South Korea,” 2015 – Present
  - Meredith Eis, “Kidnapping and Trafficking in Inter-country Adoption,” 2016 – Present
- Digital Studies Minor Task Force, 2015 – Present
- Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies Representative, General Education Committee, 2015 – Present
- Mentor, McNair Scholars Program, 2015 – 2016
  - Dionna Cheatham, “The Evolution of the Devaluation of Black Mothers: Contextualizing the Intersections of Disabled Black Mothers in Culture and Policy”
- Mentor, NIARA, GVSU Women’s Center, 2015 – 2016
- “Interdisciplining Digital Humanities: Boundary Work in an Emerging Field” Teaching Circle

Facilitator, Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center, Winter 2016

- Digital Studies Committee, 2015
- Transitions New Student Orientation Faculty Volunteer, 2015
- “What do we mean by Digital Studies?” Teaching Circle Facilitator, Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center, Fall 2015
- “The Confidence Code: The Science and Art of Self-Assurance – What Women Should Know” Teaching Circle Co-Facilitator, Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center, Fall 2015
- Asian Faculty and Staff Association, 2014 – Present
  - Secretary, 2015 – Present
  - Undergraduate Mentor, 2015 – Present
- Event Planning Committee, Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Celebration, 2014 – Present

#### *Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies*

- Task Force Member, East Asian Studies Program, 2015 – Present

#### *Department of Liberal Studies*

- Strategic Planning Sub-Committee, 2016 – Present
- Assistant Professor Search Committee (Leadership for Community Engagement and Social Innovation), 2015 – 2016
- Personnel Committee, 2014 – Present
  - Unit Level Personnel Guidelines Sub-Committee, 2015 – 2016
- Awards Committee, 2014 – Present
- Diversity Working Group, 2014 – 2015

#### **Grinnell College**

- Mentor, Asian/Asian American Association, 2013 – 2014
- Faculty of Color Caucus, 2013 – 2014
- Panelist, “Professor Panel: The Asian American Experience,” Asian/Asian American Association, May 2014
- Debrief facilitator and report author, “Association of Black Cultural Centers Annual Conference – December 2013” and “PossePlus Retreat – March 2014” on behalf of the Office of Intercultural Engagement and Leadership, 2013 – 2014
- Panelist, “Historicizing the Representations of Women in the U.S.: 1950 to Present,” Feminist Action Coalition and Office of Intercultural Engagement and Leadership, March 2014
- Panelist, “#OneGrinnell Solidarity,” Office of Intercultural Engagement and Leadership, December 2013
- Reviewer, 2014 Young Innovator for Social Justice Prize, 2013 – 2014

#### **The Ohio State University**

- Preparing Future Faculty Program, 2012 – 2013
  - Mentor: Dr. Taku Suzuki, Department of International Studies, Denison University
  - Participant, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Future Faculty Retreat, September 2012
- Advisory Board, Institute of Korean Studies, 2012-2013
- Co-founder and president, Graduate Pan-Asian Caucus, 2012-2013
- Co founder, Diversity and Identity Studies Collective (DISCO) Grad Caucus, 2011 – 2013
  - Volunteer, *Queer Places, Practices, and Lives: A Symposium in Honor of Sam Steward*, May 19, 2012

- Treasurer, 2011-2012
- Organizing Committee, *Academics and Activism Symposium*, February 23-24, 2012
- Organizer, Intersectionality Reading Group, April 2011
- Asian American Studies Program, 2010-2013
  - Maintained the Asian American Studies program social media presence on Facebook
  - Organizing Committee, A Crossing Borders Luncheon Dialogue with Devorah Goldstein – Being Asian and Jewish: November 12, 2012
  - Organizing Committee, Racism and Violence After 9/11: Oak Creek Shootings in Perspective, September 11, 2012
  - Organizing Committee, Dr. Erika Lee, Distinguished Lecture in Asian American Studies, May 3, 2012
- Intersections (formerly The Ohio State University’s Women’s Studies Graduate Association), 2010-2013
  - Professional Development Subcommittee Chair, 2012-2013
  - Undergraduate Studies Committee Chair, 2012-2013
  - Speakers and Events Committee Chair, 2011-2012
  - First Year Cohort Representative, 2010-2011
- Women of Color Caucus – Department of Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies, 2010-2013

## **PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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- Assistant Director/Secretary, KAAAN: the Korean American Adoptee Adoptive Family Network, 2014 – Present
  - Advisory Council, 2011 – Present
  - KAAAN Conference Local/Regional Coordinator, Minneapolis, MN, 2014
  - Annual Conference Proposal Review Committee, 2013 – Present
- Reviewer, *Children’s Literature Association Quarterly*, 2014 – Present
- Reviewer, *Social and Cultural Geography*, 2014 – Present
- Scholarship Committee Member, Grand Rapids Community Foundation, 2014 – Present
- Contributor, *The Lost Daughters*, 2015 – Present
- Mentor, Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc. Pi Chapter Alumnae Mentoring Program, 2015
- Mentor, National Women’s Studies Association Mentoring Project, 2015
- Speaker, “The Importance of Peer Mentors for Graduate Students and Junior Faculty from Underrepresented Populations,” National Women’s Studies Association Graduate Student Reception, 2015
- Co-Organizer, The Fourth International Korean Adoption Studies Symposium, Seoul, South Korea, 2015 – 2016
- Cultural Advisor, “Many Stories – One Heritage,” Troy Historic Society, 2015
- Contributor, *Gazillion Voices*, 2014 – 2015
- Central Ohio Families with Children from China, 2011-2013
  - Co-Host, Spring Festival (Lunar New Year), February 5, 2012.
  - Speaker, Jane Brown, LSW Workshop: Teen Adoption Shop, April 17, 2011
- Alumni Admissions Interviewer, The George Washington University, 2007-2013

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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- Alliance for the Study of Adoption and Culture
- Association for Asian American Studies
- National Women’s Studies Association
- American Studies Association