

Albert L. Park is the Bank of America Associate Professor of Pacific Basin Studies at Claremont McKenna College. As a historian of modern Korea and East Asia, his current research project focuses on the roots of environmentalism in modern Korean history and its relationship to locality and local autonomy. This book project is titled *Entangled Life: Mutuality and the Birth of Environmental Movements in Modern Korea*. He is the author of *Building a Heaven on Earth: Religion, Activism and Protest in Japanese Occupied Korea* and is the co-editor of *Forces of Nature: New Perspectives on Korean Environments* and *Encountering Modernity: Christianity and East Asia*. Dr. Park is the co-founder of EnviroLab—a Henry Luce Foundation and Japan Foundation-funded initiative at Claremont McKenna and The Claremont Colleges (\$1.5 million award) that carries out research on environmental issues and the intersection between science, technology and society through a cross disciplinary lens. He is the founder and co-editor of *Environments of East Asia*—a Cornell University Press, multidisciplinary, open-access book series that covers environmental issues and questions of East Asia and supported by The Henry Luce Foundation. He also serves as an Associate Editor for the *Journal of Asian Studies* and is an Advisory Board Member of the Abe Program (Social Science Research Council and The Japan Foundation).

He is the recipient of four Fulbright Fellowships for Research, an Abe Fellowship (Social Science Research Council and Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership) and fellowships from the Korea Foundation and the Center for East Asian Studies at the University of Chicago. A native of Chicago, he received his B.A. with honors from Northwestern University, an M.A. from Columbia University and a PhD in History from the University of Chicago.

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Academic Employment

Associate Dean of the Faculty for Research, Claremont McKenna College, July 2025
to Present

Bank of America Associate Professor of Pacific Basin Studies, Claremont McKenna College
May 2018 to Present

Associate Professor, Department of History, Claremont McKenna College, May 2014 to
May 2018

Director, EnviroLab at Claremont McKenna College and The Claremont Colleges,
March 2015 to Present

Founder and Co-Editor of *Environments of East Asia*—a multi-disciplinary book
series on environmental issues in East Asia that is published by Cornell University
Press, November 2019 to Present

Extended Faculty, Department of History, Claremont Graduate University, 2010 to Present

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Claremont McKenna College, July 2007 to April 2014

Luce Visiting Instructor, East Asian Studies Program, Oberlin College, July 2006-June 2007

Education

University of Chicago, Department of History, Chicago, IL

Ph.D. History, August 2007

Dissertation Title: "Visions of the Nation: Religion and Ideology in 1920s and 1930s Rural Korea"

Dissertation Committee: Bruce Cumings (Chair), James Ketelaar, Tetsuo Najita, William Sewell

Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea

Korean Language Institute, June 1998-June 1999

Columbia University, Department of History, New York, NY

M.A. History, October 1998

Keio University, Tokyo, Japan

Japanese Language Program, September 1996-February 1997

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

B.A. History, May 1996, *Departmental Honors*

Publications

--Authored Books

Entangled Life: Mutuality and the Birth of Environmental Movements in Modern Korea,
Under Contract

Building a Heaven on Earth: Religion, Activism and Protest in Japanese Occupied Korea
(Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2015)

Paperback published in January 2020

--Edited Books

Forces of Nature: New Perspectives on Korean Environments, co-edited with David Fedman
and Eleana Kim (May 2023 and published under the series *Environments of East Asia*,
Cornell University Press)

Encountering Modernity: Christianity in East Asia and Asian America, co-edited with David
Yoo (Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, March 2014)

--Exhibitions

CiViChon: CiViChon 1.0, City in a Village, Co-Project Directors, Albert L. Park, Kyong Park and Annie Pedret, <https://scholarship.claremont.edu/envirolabasia/vol5/iss1/1/>

“Reframing the Past and Rupturing the Present through CiViChon,” in *CiViChon: ChViChon 1.0, City in a Village* (Seoul: CiViChon Collective, 2021)

--Articles in Refereed Journals

“Negotiating Power and Memory,” *Journal of Asian Studies* (Forthcoming August 2026)

“A Recycling of the Past or the Pathway to the New?—Framing the South Korean Candlelight Protest Movements,” *Journal of Asian Studies* (February 2022): 101-105

****Part of the JAS Forum—“The South Korean Candlelight Protest Movements and Its Discontents,”* Co-Organizer and Editor of the Forum

“Korean Studies in the Global Humanities: A Roundtable Discussion, Stephen Choi, Kira Donnell, Theodore Hughes, Albert L. Park, Alyssa Park, Evelyn Shih, Serk-Bae Suh, Christina Yi,” *Journal of Korean Studies* (October 2019): 393-410

“The Reshaping of Landscapes: Systems of Mediation, War and Slow Violence,” *Journal of Asian Studies* (May 2018): 365-368

“Introduction to a Forum on War and Environment on the Korean Peninsula, 1598-1965,” *Journal of Asian Studies* (May 2018): 315-318

****Both part of the JAS Forum “War and Environment in the Korean Peninsula, 1598-1965,”* Organizer and Editor of the Forum

“Social Renewal through the Rural: Agricultural Cooperatives in South Korea as a form of Critiquing Capitalism,” *Global Environment* 9-1 (2016): 126-155

“Reclaiming the Rural: Modern Danish Cooperative Living in Colonial Korea, 1925-1937,” *Journal of Korean Studies* 19-1 (Spring 2014): 115-151

--Articles in Books

“The Construction of Water: Culture, Value and Power in Modern Korea,” in *Water and Culture in Eurasian History*, University of Pittsburgh Press, 351-375 (copyedited submitted to publisher, forthcoming)

“On Environmental Ethnographies and Systems of Mediation” (co-author with Eleana Kim) in *Forces of Nature: New Perspectives on Korean Environments*, May 2023, 178-190 and published under the series *Environments of East Asia*, Cornell University Press

“The Korean Peninsula: A Brief Biography in Maps” (co-author with Marc Los Huertos) in *Forces of Nature: New Perspectives on Korean Environments*, May 2023, 15-32 and published under the series *Environments of East Asia*, Cornell University Press

“The Parallax Visions of Economic Democracy—A Critique” in *Polarization in Divided Societies: Korea in a Global Context*, Palgrave (2018), 197-216

“Religion: 1876-1910” in *The Routledge Handbook of Modern Korean History*, edited by Michael J. Seth (2016), 118-132

“Introduction: Modernity and the Materiality of Religion (co-authored with David Yoo)” in *Encountering Modernity: Christianity in East Asia and Asian America* (2014), 1-18

“A Sacred Economy of Value and Production: Capitalism and Protestantism in Early Modern Korea (1885-1919)” in *Encountering Modernity: Christianity in East Asia and Asian American* (2014), 36-62

--Published Essays

“Olympic Do-Over: How Olympic Redevelopment Erased South Korea’s Past, Twice,” *Edge Effects* (published by the Center for Culture, History, and Environment (CHE) at the University of Wisconsin, February 15, 2018 (published online), <https://edgeeffects.net/pyeongchang-olympics/>

“The Politics of Designing Agrarian Affairs in South Korea,” *On Korea 2013* (Published by Korea Economic Institute), Volume 6, 115-134 (online version published January 2013), http://keia.org/sites/default/files/publications/aps_albertpark_final.pdf

“What We Need to Understand in Order to Design Inclusive Rural Development,” *Policy Context Briefs*. Published by the Pacific Basin Research Center, Soka University, <https://soka.app.box.com/s/kivz9c2yyalpy3tppb3a362i1ku0ussn>

--Dictionary Entries

Contributing author for Korean and East Asian history section in *Cambridge Dictionary of Modern World History* Edited by John Stevenson and Chris Cook (2017)

--Book Reviews:

Review of “The Individual in Colonial Korea: A Review of *From Domestic Women to Sensitive Men: Translating the Individual in Early Colonial Korea* and *Rules of the House: Family Law and Domestic Disputes in Colonial Korea*,” *Cross-Currents* (Fall 2020): 200-205

Review of *The Making of Korean Christianity: Encounter of Protestantism with Korean Religions, 1876-1915*, *Journal of Korean Studies* (Fall 2015): 281-284

Review of *Kyōngju Things: Assembling Place* by Robert Oppenheim, *Journal of Asian Studies*, (February 2010): 294-296

Critical Review of *Kingdom of Beauty: Mingei and the Politics of Folk Art in Imperial Japan* by Kim Brandt, *CAA.Reviews* (College Art Association) (December 2008): 27-29

Review of *Korea: Division, Reunification, & U.S. Foreign Policy*, by Martin Hart-Landsberg, *International Journal of Korean History* 2 (December 2001): 371-378

Works in Progress

Entangled Life: Mutuality and the Birth of Environmental Movements in Modern Korea, a book on the origins of environmental movements and thought in Modern Korean history with a special focus on the intersection of environmentalism, local rule and democracy

“Noticing Nature in Colonial Korea: Integrative Mapping and Energy Extraction through Agricultural Science,” a drafted article on the rise of agricultural science and integrative mapping in Colonial Korea. Portions of the essays have been presented at Harvard University, History of Science Society Annual Conference and Northwestern University and will be shared at Wellesley College, Arizona State, Rutgers University and the Shelby Cullom Davis Center Seminar Series at Princeton University in 2023. Expect to submit to a journal in fall 2026

The Cambridge History of Modern Korea, co-editor with Bruce Cumings and Namhee Lee and author of an essay on Christianity and environmentalism in the volume, including a chapter on Christianity in Korea and its relationship to environmentalism

Futurology—A book project looking at modeling and predicting the future within the East Asian context and globally

“Beyond the Visual: Posthuman Sensoria in Contemporary South Korean Art and Media,” a *Journal of Asian Studies* forum. Overseeing and contributing to the forum that also features scholars in art history, visual studies and film studies

Editor for organizing the writings of Aaron Moore for book publication

Sustainable Futures: Overcoming Disparities—a Japan Foundation supported project to explore the relationship between Globalization, demographics, rural and elderly and elder care and technology in Japan, U.S.A., and Asia

Collaboration with the museum, Exploratorium (San Francisco), on designing a new science museum in East Asia

Fellowships, Grants and Honors

Japan Foundation—Japan-U.S. Global Partnership—a \$200,000 grant (July 2023-June 2025)

- to support a multi-disciplinary project on the relationship between Globalization, demographics, rural and elderly and elder care and technology in Japan, U.S.A., and Asia. Grant supports research, fieldwork, conferences and workshops and partnerships between universities, colleges and NGOS in the U.S.A, Japan, South Korea and China (Project Director and Co-PI)
- Association for Asian Studies NEAC Grant for Small Scholarly Conferences on Japanese Studies—a \$5000 grant to support the conference “Archiving the Nonhuman,” Spring 2025
- Gould Center grant for conference support—a \$11,000 grant to support the conference “Archiving the Nonhuman,” Spring 2025
- Claremont McKenna College—a \$130,000 grant to support EnviroLab’s work on the relationship between society, the environment, science and technology, April 2022-Present
- The Henry Luce Foundation Grant to Support an EnviroLab-Sponsored Book Series
\$240,000 Grant to support *Environments of East Asia*—a book series published by Cornell University Press and co-created and co-edited by Albert L Park, Feb 2021 to Present
- Gould Center Faculty Publication Subvention, 2021
- Gould Center Faculty Research Grant, Claremont McKenna College, 2020-2021
- Abe Fellowship (Social Science Research Council (SSRC) and the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership), 2017-2022, Visiting Scholar, Dept. of Economics, Doshisha University
- Senior Fulbright Research Fellowship to South Korea (Fulbright U.S. Scholar Grant, CIES), 2018-2019, Visiting Scholar Yonsei School of Business
- Luce Initiative on Asian Studies and the Environment (LIASE, Henry Luce Foundation)
\$1.4 million Implementation Grant for EnviroLab Asia, Co-Principal Investigator, Claremont Colleges (Claremont McKenna Lead College), March 2017 to Present
- Luce Initiative on Asian Studies and the Environment (LIASE, Henry Luce Foundation),
\$100,000 Exploration Grant for EnviroLab, Co-Principal Investigator, Claremont Colleges (Claremont McKenna Lead College), March 2015 to August 2016
- Berger Institute for Family, Work, and Children Summer Research Fellowship, Claremont McKenna College, Summer 2014
- Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Faculty Research Grant, Claremont McKenna College, Spring 2014

Association for Asian Studies Short Term Research Grant to Korea, Spring 2014

Fulbright Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship (FRA), Institute for State Governance Studies, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea, 2010-2011

Korea Foundation Fellowship for Field Research, 2010-2011(Awarded)

Dean of Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, Claremont McKenna College, July 2008.

Korea Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, August 2006 (Awarded)

Center for East Asian Studies Korea Committee Teaching Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2005-2006

Center for East Asian Studies Dissertation Writing Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2004-2005

Association for Asian Studies Short Term Research Grant to Korea, Spring 2004

Kunstadter Research Travel Grant, Department of History, University of Chicago, Spring 2004 (Awarded) and Winter 2002

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Award, 2002-2003

Fulbright IIE Award (South Korea), 2002-2003 (Awarded)

Korea Foundation Fellowship for Field Research, Spring 2002 (Awarded)

Center for East Asian Studies Travel Grant for conference participation, University of Chicago, Spring 2001

Association for Asian Studies/Korea Foundation Korean Studies Graduate Scholarship Program, 2001-2002

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for study at the Institute for Korean Language Education, Sogang University, Seoul, Korea, Summer 2000

High Pass, Korean Language Translation Exam, Department of History, University of Chicago, December 1999

Century Fellowship for four years of graduate study, University of Chicago, 1999-2004

Korea Foundation Fellowship for Korean language training, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea, Spring 1999

Korea Foundation Korean Studies Fellowship for Graduate Studies, Columbia University, 1997-1998

Departmental Honors, Department of History, Northwestern University, June 1996

Research Travel Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, Northwestern University, Spring 1996

Conference/Workshop Presentations and Organizing

“Revolutionary Landscapes: Vernacular Ecology in East Asia”

Peace and Reconciliation in East Asia III, Soka University, April 2026

“Materializing the Future: The Technological Imaginary and Ecological Renewal in Contemporary Korean Architecture”

Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Vancouver, March 2026

“Environmental Studies of Korea”

2025 KF-USC Korean Studies Forum, University of Southern California, October 2025

“There is No Future”

Workshop “Speculative Storytelling and Speculative Technologies, University of Southern California, September 2025

“Twisted Environmentalism—The 1970s Movement to Protect Nature”

Academy of Korean Studies Europe Conference, June 2025

“Archiving for the Nonhuman”

Claremont McKenna College, March 2025, **Co-Organizer and Presenter**

“2025 SSRC-JFNY Japan Global Workshop: Harbinger Japan”

Claremont McKenna College, February 2025, **Co-Organizer**

“Noticing Nature in Colonial Korea: Integrative Mapping, Energy Extraction and Converting Matter through Agricultural Science”

New Horizons for Korean History, UCLA and Korea University at UCLA, April 2024

“The Ecology of Authority: Agricultural Science and Integrative Mapping in Modern Korea”

American Society of Environmental History, Annual Conference (online), March 2024

“Rural Futures—Workshop for Japan Foundation Project on Sustainable Futures

Claremont McKenna College, January 2024, **Organizer**

“2024 SSRC-JFNY Japan Global Workshop: Alternative Economics for a Sustainable Future”

Claremont McKenna College, January 2024, **Co-Organizer and Co-Facilitator**

“Energy in Asia—a Multidisciplinary Conference on the Study of Energy”

EnviroLab at the Claremont Colleges and UCLA Center for Korean Studies,
<https://www.international.ucla.edu/cks/event/15988>, UCLA, February 2023,

Co-Organizer

“Boundary Pushing in Asian Studies”

A Journal of Asian Studies workshop to give feedback and direction on essays for journal submission to early career scholars, online, February 2023, **Co-Organizer and Mentor Reviewer**

“The Ecology of Authority: Agricultural Science and Destruction in Modern Korea”

History of Science Society Annual Meetings, Chicago, November 2022

“Revolutionary Landscapes: Writing an Ecological History of Modern Korea”

Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Denver, March 2019

“Korea at Nature’s Edge: Environment and Society on the Korean Peninsula”

EnviroLab Asia at the Claremont Colleges and the Center for Critical Korean Studies at University of California at Irvine, UC Irvine, April 2018, **Co-Organizer**

“Environmental Anarchism: Agriculture, Environmentalism and Social Renewal in Modern Korea”

Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Washington D.C., March 2018

“The Construction of Water: Culture, Value and Power in Modern Korea”

Water, Culture, and Society in Global Historical Perspective II, The Ohio State University, June 2017

“The Thorns of History and Potential for New Beginnings in East Asia”

East Asian Issues and the Naming of the Sea Between Korea and Japan, University of Minnesota, September 2016

“Subverting the Standard: Agrarian Modernism through Spatial Reconstruction in Colonial Korea”

Transnational Humanities in Korean Studies, Australia National University, May 2016

“Rupturing the Present: Imagining New Futures in Post-Civil War Korea”

IV Encuentro de Estudios Coreanos en Columbia, Universidad Nacional de Columbia, Bogotá, Columbia, September-October 2015

“Reclaiming the Rural: Contemporary Social Critique and Reconstruction through the Country, Agriculture and the Pastoral”

The Country and the City: Connecting People and Their Places in Environmental History, Rachel Carson Center (LMU Munich) and Renmin University, Beijing, China, June 2014

“Crisis and Reconstruction: Agriculture, Cooperative Labor and Democracy in Contemporary South Korea”

New Forms of Agriculture: Ordinary Practices, Public Debate and Social Critique,
INRA and MSH Dijon, France, November 2013

“Ending the Korean War”

Ending the Korean War: A Conference, University of California-Los Angeles, May
2013

“Korea and U.S. Presidential Elections and their Impact on the Korean American Community”

2nd Korean American Political Conference and the Next Generation Leadership Forum,
Los Angeles, Oct 2012

“Society, Space and Modernity: The Role of Architects in the Construction of the Public in Modern South Korea”

Political Popular: Intersection of Democracy and Popular Culture in South Korea
Conference, University of California-Irvine, Sept 2012

“Society, Space and Modernity: The Role of Architects in the Construction of the Public in Modern South Korea”

Conference on the Comparative Perspectives: The Politics of Public Space in Korea,
University of Pennsylvania, Nov 2011

“Modernity at the Crossroads: Religion, Culture and the Creation of a New Korea, 1925-1937”

Yeongwŏl Yonsei Forum, Yeongwŏl, Korea, May 2011

“Overcoming the Rage of Modernity”

Symposium on Modern Korean History, University of California-Berkeley, Feb 2011

“Building Heavenly Kingdoms on Earth: Reimagining Time and Space under Modernity in Colonial Korea”

Rising Stars of Korean Studies, University of Southern California, Oct 2010

“A Sacred Economy of Value and Production: Capitalism and Protestantism in Early Modern Korea, 1885-1910”

Negotiating the Global with the Local: Translating Christianity in Modern East Asia,
Claremont McKenna College, Feb 2010 (**Organizer and Presenter**)

This conference seeks to critically understand how Protestant Christianity was negotiated and interpreted by individuals in Korea, China (with a brief look at Taiwan) and Japan as all three countries came to be incorporated within the global economy and the international nation-state system anchored by the West starting in the nineteenth century. In particular, this conference aims to understand how the local interacted with global forces through Christianity, especially as political, cultural and economic elements of modernity caused mass changes in these three countries

“Korean Studies at a Crossroads—A Liberal College Perspective”

Reflections on Teaching Korean History in English—Joint Workshop Sponsored by Robinson College, University of Cambridge and Institute for the Study of Korean Modernity, Yonsei University, Robinson College, University of Cambridge, July 2009

“A Vision of Modernity: The Gospel of Wealth and Protestantism in Early Modern Korea (1885-1919)”

2009 Im Conference of Korean Christianity, University of California-Los Angeles, April 2009

“Internal Development Theory and the Rise of Protestant Christianity in Modern Korea”

Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 2008

“Religion and Modernity in 1920s and 1930s Colonial Korea: The Theology of Hong Pyong-son and the YMCA Rural Movement”

Conference on Everyday Life in Korea under Japanese Rule, Cornell University, February 2006

“Religion and Modernity in 1920s and 1930s Colonial Korea”

Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago IL, April 2005

“Religious Movements and their Drive to Reconstruct Rural Chosŏn, 1920s to 1930s”

Workshop on Korean Studies, Claremont-McKenna College, May 2003

“Visions of the Nation: The Theological and Political Thoughts of Shin Hŭng-u”

Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 2001

Symposium on Protestantism in Korean and Korean American Histories, University of California-Los Angeles, March 2001

American Academy of Religion’s Western Region Conference, Claremont School of Theology, March 2001

Invited Lectures and Presentations

“Reimagining Environmentalism in the Age of Authoritarianism”

51st Annual Freeman Lecture, Wesleyan University, March 2026

“Dominating Nature: Agricultural Science and Japanese Colonialism in Korea”

Soka University, October 2025

“Colonial Korea”

Sejong Korea Scholars Program, Stanford University, March 2025

“North and South Korea: Where We Are At”

East Asia Resource Center and the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia,
University of Washington, January 2026, September 2024, September 2023, September
2022 and November 2021

“Noticing Nature in Colonial Korea: Integrative Mapping and Energy Extraction through
Agricultural Science”

Wellesley College (March 2023) and the Shelby Cullom Davis Center Seminar Series
at Princeton University (April 2023)

“Managing Flows: Techno-Utopianism in the Age of Empire”

Inaugural Aaron Moore Lecture at Arizona State University (April 2023)

“Noticing Nature in Colonial Korea: Integrative Mapping and Potential Energy through
Agricultural Science”

Northwestern University, January 2023

“Cooperative Economics: Building New Networks Between the Rural and Urban in Korea and
Japan”

Doshisha University, July 2022

“The Ecology of Authority: Agricultural Science and Destruction in Modern Korea,”

Harvard University, April 2022

“CiViChon: A City in a Village,”

Penn State, April 2022

“A Recycling of the Past or the Pathway to the New?—Framing the South Korean Candlelight
Protest Movements”

Part of a roundtable discussion on the past, present and future of social movements in
South Korea—organized by EnviroLab and sponsored by EnviroLab, UCLA and York
University, February 2022

“What Now?—Convocation Address for Claremont McKenna College”

Claremont McKenna College, September 2021

“Decay, Death and Life: The Quest for Assemblages in the Environmental History of
Modern Korea,” UC San Diego, April 2021

“The Destruction of Soil: Reading Ecology and Power in Modern Korea”

Indiana University, February 2021

“Everyday Ecology: Reading the Korean Environment of Modern Korea”

University of British Columbia, October 2020

“Korea: A Brief Overview”

The Henry Luce Foundation (for the Henry Luce Scholars), June 2020 and

June 2021

“Everyday Ecology: Writing an Environmental History of Modern Korea”
University of Zurich and ETH Zurich, November 2019

“Everyday Ecology: Writing an Environmental History of Modern Korea”
University of Southern California (USC), October 2019

“Upheaval: Toward an Environmental History of Korea, 1945-1953”
Underwood College, Yonsei University, April 2019

“Everyday Ecology: Writing an Environmental History of Modern Korea”
Council on East Asian Studies, Yale University, March 2019

“Revolutionary Landscapes: Ecology, Power, and Anarchism in Modern Korea”
Nam Center for Korean Studies, University of Michigan, September 2018

“The Environmental History of Korea”
Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, June 2018

“The Roots of Environmentalism in Modern Korea: A Vehicle for Social Renewal”
University of Southern California (USC), November 2017

“Seminar on the Korean Peninsula, Environment and Sustainability”
Oberlin College, October 2017

“Environmental Anarchism: Agriculture, Cooperatives and Social Renewal in Modern Korea”
University of British Columbia, March 2017

“Environmental Anarchism: Agriculture, Cooperatives and Social Renewal in Modern Korea”
University of Toronto, December 2016

“The Thorns of History and the Potential for New Beginnings in East Asia”
Lectures for the East Sea Society at the University of Minnesota and the Hilton Northbrook (Illinois), September 2016

“Agrarian Modernism: Desiring Denmark in the Social Imagination of Koreans during Colonial Korea”
Yonsei University, August 2016

“Sentiments of Mutual Affection for Social Renewal: Confronting Growth and Development Through Cooperative Economics in Contemporary South Korea”
SOAS (School of Oriental and Asian Studies), University of London, May 2016

“Decentering the Urban: Reclaiming Rural Space for Modern Living in Colonial Korea and After”

Tubingen University, May 2016

“Desiring Denmark: Danish Living in the Social Imagination of Koreans during Colonial Korea”

University of Copenhagen, May 2016

“Decentering the Urban: Reclaiming Rural Space for Modern Living in Colonial Korea and After”

Robinson College, Cambridge University, April 2016

“Decentering the Urban: Reclaiming Rural Space for Modern Living in Colonial Korea and After”

Nissan Institute, Oxford University, April 2016

“How the Church is Merging Faith and Culture in New and Powerful Ways”

Online lecture for the General Commission on Religion and Race, United Methodist Church, April 2016

“Decentering the Urban: Reclaiming Rural Space for Modern Living in Colonial Korea and After”

Center for East Asian Studies, The University of Chicago, February 2016

“Reconstructing the Present: Agriculture and Food as Vehicles for Social Critique and Transformation in Contemporary Korea”

Center for Korean Studies, University of Washington, June 2015

“Decentering the Urban: Reclaiming Rural Space for Modern Living in Colonial Korea and After”

Korea Institute, Harvard University, April 2015

“Modern Korean History: Creation, Emergence, Transformation”

Universidad Sergio Arboleda (Bogotá, Columbia), March 2015

“Religions in Korea”

Sejong Korean Scholars Program, Stanford University, February 2014

“The Political Economy of Space: Redesigning Agency and Society through Architecture in Modern Korea”

Center for East Asian Studies, University of Texas-Austin, Dec 2012

“South Korea in the World: Negotiating Globalization through Culture”

Henry Luce Foundation, New York, June 2012

“Modernity’s Rage: Youth Culture, Religion and Rural Reconstruction in Colonial Korea”

Sponsored by the Department of History, Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies, Asia Institute, Asian Languages and Cultures and Asian American Studies Center, University of California-Los Angeles, May 2012

“Economic History of Korea”

Guest Lecturer for the class “East Asia and Latin America,” Department of History, University of California-Los Angeles, May 2012

“Religion and Modernity in Colonial Korea: Danish Cooperative Living in 1920s and 1930s Colonial Korea”

International Association for Historical Studies, Seoul, Korea, June 2011

“Specters of the Past: Modernity in the Present”

Chonnam National University, Kwangju, Korea, June 2011

“The Rage of Modernity”

Guest Lecture, Modern Korean History Class, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea, April 2011

“Presentation on Korean Politics, History, Economics and Culture”

Board of Trustees Retreat, Claremont McKenna College, March 2010

“The Practice of History: Cooperatives in Korea in the Past and Present”

Meeting of Korean Studies Scholars of Southern California, University of California-Irvine, May 2009

“Overcoming Capitalism: Protestant Christianity and Cooperative Living in Colonial Korea”

University of California-Los Angeles, Feb 2009

“Overcoming the Rage of Modernity: Space, Trust and Danish Cooperative Living in 1920s and 1930s Colonial Korea”

Department of History Colloquium, Claremont McKenna College, December 2008

“The Rage of Modernity: Youth Culture, Religion and Christian Rural Revitalization Movements in 1920s and 1930s Colonial Korea”

University of Southern California, Korea Institute, March 2008
University of Michigan, Center for Korean Studies, April 2007

“Modernity and the Transformation of Religion in 1920s and 1930s Colonial Korea: The Beliefs of Yi Ton-hwa”

East Asia: Trans-Regional Histories Workshop, University of Chicago, March 2006

“Religion in Korea”

Guest Lecture, “East Asian Civilizations-Korea,” University of Chicago, Spring 2004

Invited Conference Discussant, Mentor, Reviewer, Commentator and Rapporteur

Korea Institute at Indiana University Book Manuscript Workshop
Book manuscript discussant, September 2025

Historical Legacies of Christianity in East Asia with Boston College and University of Hong Kong, Mentor and Discussant, University of Hong Kong, December 2024

Korean Studies Workshop with Yonsei University, Tubingen University and UCLA
Discussant, UCLA, January 2024

Korean Literature Association Annual Conference
Discussant and Closing Speaker, University of Southern California, November 2023

“Nature, Technology, and Things: New Materialism in Korean Studies”
Discussant, University of Pennsylvania, April 2023

“Forgotten Memories: Development, Its Discontents, and the Politics of the Environment in South Korea during the 1960s and 1970s”
Chair and Discussant, Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, March 2023

“Book Manuscript Review for Holly Stephens”
Reviewer, George Washington University, September 2022

“Mentorship for Junior Scholars”
Mentor, Committee of Korean Studies, March 2022 and 2021

“Reclaiming the City”
Discussant, University of Michigan, November 2021

“8th International Conference of NextGen Korean Studies Scholars (NEKST 2021)”
Discussant, University of Michigan, May 2021

“Populism, Alternative Truths, and the Voices from the Fringe in Korea”
Discussant, University of Pennsylvania, April 2018

“Professionalization Panel”
Panelist, 6th Annual Graduate Student Symposium 2018, USC, January 2018

“Techniques of Power: Knowledge, Authority, and the State in Twentieth-Century Korea”
Discussant, World Congress of Korean Studies, Academy of Korean Studies and the University of Pennsylvania, October 2016

“War and Environment in the Korean Peninsula, 1598-1965”
Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, March-April 2016

“Manuscript Proposal Review for Hannah Lim”

Reviewer and Discussant, Korea Institute, USC, March 2016

“The Affects of Korea’s Soft Power Workshop”

Discussant, Korea Institute, USC, February 2016

“East Sea/Sea of Japan Workshop”

Discussant, US-Korea Institute at SAIS and The Society for East Sea, Washington, DC, July 2015

“The Impact of Christianity on Social and Political Change in Korea”

Moderator and Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Philadelphia, March 2014

“South Korean Social Movements and Civil Society”

Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Toronto, Canada, March 2012

“Working Group 4: Bridging Theories and Policy”

Rapporteur, 2011 Korea Foundation Assembly, July 2011

“Working Group V, Teaching and Research: Curricular Challenges and Innovations”

Rapporteur, The Luce Fund for Asian Studies Capstone Conference, October 2007

Invited Interviews

“Environmental Activism and Sustainability”

Claremont McKenna College Conversations Podcast, November 2025

Interviewed for “Why is Everyone Talking about Dalgona Candy?”

The New York Times, October 5, 2021

“The History and Politics of Agrarian Life”

Korea Now Podcast, Dec 2020

“The Rise of Christianity in Modern Korea”

Korea Now Podcast, July 2019

“Interview on Japanese History and Shinzo Abe”

This Morning, tbs eFM (Seoul, Korea), May 9, 2015

“Interview on *Building a Heaven on Earth: Religion, Activism and Protest in Japanese Occupied Korea*”

New Books in Christian Studies and New Books in East Asian Studies (podcast), April 24, 2015

“Interview on *Encountering Modernity: Christianity in East Asia and Asian America*”
New Book in Christian Studies and New Books in East Asian Studies (podcast),
September 10, 2014

Graduate Students

Wonik Son, Korean History, Yale University
Will Sacks, Korean and East Asian History, Harvard University
Eun-Jeong Kim, Architectural History, Cornell University Press, graduated 2025
Lindsay Jolivet, Korea and East Asian Film and Media Studies, University of Southern
California, graduated 2024
Hye-Ok Park, Korean History, Claremont Graduate University, graduated 2019
Hannah Roh, Divinity and Philosophy, University of Chicago, graduate 2018

Work Experiences and Internships

Associate Dean of the Faculty of Research, Claremont McKenna College, July 2025-Present

Co-Principal Investigator and Lead Director EnviroLab, Claremont Colleges, March 2015-Present

Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, Doshisha University, July-October 2019 and July 2022

Visiting Scholar, School of Business, Yonsei University, February 2019-July 2019

Active Faculty of the Claremont Colleges, Claremont Graduate University, 2010-Present

Visiting Fellow, Institute for State Governance Studies, Yonsei University, 2009-2010

Assistant, Associate Professor of History, Bank of America Associate Professor of Pacific Basin Studies, Claremont McKenna College, 2007-Present

Classes Taught: “EnviroLab Asia: Research Methodologies,” “Civilization of East Asia to 1800,” “Modern Korean History,” “Japan in the World: 1868 to the Present,” “Japanese Empire,” “Colonialism and Korea: Power, Culture and Modernity, 1910-1945,” “Utopianism and Political Imagination in East Asia,” “Nature, Environment and The Human Imagination in Asia” and Design Activism

Luce Visiting Instructor of East Asian Studies and History, Oberlin College, 2006-2007

Classes Taught: “Creation, Emergence, Transformation in Korean History,” “Korean Thought and Religion,” “Colonialism and Korea: Power, Culture and Modernity, 1910-1945,” “Religion, Social Movements and the Creation of Modern Korea, 1875-Present” and “Utopianism and Political Imagination in East Asia”

Instructor, University of Chicago

Classes Taught: “Colonialism and Korea: Power, Culture and Modernity, 1910-1945,”
Winter 2006

Designed and taught a history course examining the events and developments of the Japanese colonial period in Korea (1910-1945), including topics such as the Cultural and Leftist Movements, women and gender, religion, literature and collaboration

“Religion, Social Movements and the Creation of Modern Korea, 1875-Present,”
Spring 2004

Designed and taught a history course using Korean-language primary sources and English-language secondary sources

Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago

“Asian Wars in the 20th Century,” Spring 2002

“East Asian Civilizations-Korea,” Spring 2001 and Spring 2000

Research Assistant, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Washington, D.C.

Worked with Professor Nancy Tucker and the Asia Program, Summer 1995

Research Assistant, The National Museum of American History—Smithsonian Institute,
Washington, D.C.

Researched for the exhibit *Science in American Life*, Summer 1994

Service to the College

Associate Dean of the Faculty of Research, 2025-Present

Faculty Research Committee, 2024-Present

Administration Committee, elected for three-year position, 2021-2024

Board of Trustee Campus Planning and Facilities Committee, 2021-2023

Board of Trustee Advancement Committee, 2020-2021

HIVE (Center for Collaborative Activity) Steering Committee, 2016-2018, 2020 to Present

Diversity Committee, 2017-2018

CMC-Yonsei University Summer Program Working Group, 2017-Present (Taught Summer 2018)

Study Abroad Committee, 2017-2018

PSR for Campus Climate, 2016-2017

Internal Communication Work Group, 2016

Kravis Leadership Institute Director Search Committee Member, 2015-2016

Student Recruitment Committee (History Department Representative), 2013-2014

Fulbright U.S. Student Program Application Interview Committee, 2015. 2012, 2011, 2008, 2015

Administration Committee, 2012-2014, 2009-2010

Environmental Concerns Committee, 2011-2014

Freshman Orientation Advisor, 2011, 2008

Religious Affairs Committee, 2011-2012, 2009-2010

Admissions Committee, 2008-2009
Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, 2023-Present
Research Committee, 2024-Present

Service to the Academic Community

Abe Program Advisory Board (Social Science Research Council and Japan Foundation), 2023-Present
Trustee, McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL, 2021-2024
Founder and Co-Editor for *Environments of East Asia*—a book series with Cornell University Press
Committee Member for the Northeast Asia Council (Association for Asian Studies), Elected Three Year Term, 2016-2019
Vice-Chair, 2017-18
Chair, 2018-19
Board of Directors, Association for Asian Studies, 2018-2019
Subcommittee for Sexual Harassment Policy, 2018-2019
Associate Editor for the Journal of Asian Studies (JAS), 2016-Present
Critical Asian Studies Editorial Board Member, 2021-2024
Award Selection Committee Member for John K. Fairbank Prize in East Asian History, American Historical Association, 2015-2017
Associate Editor, *Journal of Asian Politics and History*, November 2012-November 2015
Editorial Board Member, *Critical Asian Studies*
Steering Committee Member, *Alliance of Scholars Concerned about Korea (ASCK)*, May 2012 to Present
Reviewer of manuscripts and proposals for the University of California Press, the University of Toronto Press, Stanford University Press, University of Washington Press, and Routledge Press

Research and Teaching Interests

Primary: Modern Korean intellectual, economic, social and environmental history
Secondary: Comparative intellectual, environmental and religious histories (globally and Asia)
Modern Japanese history
History of Design and Architecture
Critical Theory and Cultural Studies

Languages

Fluent in Korean. Basic reading knowledge of Japanese.

Professional Organizations

American Society for Environmental History

Association of Asian Studies
History of Science Society
Society for the Social Studies of Science