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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2024- Professor, Department of Asian American Studies and Labor Studies  
2018-24 Associate Professor, Department of Asian American Studies  
2019-24 Associate Professor, Labor Studies (0%)  
2012-18 Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto Scarborough  
2011-12 Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, The University of British Columbia  
2006-11 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023- Associate Director, Institute for Research on Labor and Employment  
2022- Chair, International Development Studies (IDS)  
2013-16 Director, Centre for the Study of Korea, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto  
2017-18 Director, Centre for the Study of Korea, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto

## EDUCATION

2006 University of California Berkeley, Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology  
1999 University of California Berkeley, Master of Arts, Sociology  
1995 Dartmouth College, Bachelor of Arts, History with Women's Studies emphasis, Senior Fellow

## BOOKS

*Against Abandonment: Refusal and Solidarity in South Korean Protest* (forthcoming, Stanford University Press, 2025), co-authored with Ju Hui Judy Han

*Organizing at the Margins: The Symbolic Politics of Labor in South Korea and the United States*. (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2009)

- ◇ Awards: 2012 Distinguished Book Award - co-winner, Race, Class and Gender section, American Sociological Association; 2011 Best Book Award – honorable mention, Labor and Labor Movements section, American Sociological Association; 2010 C. Wright Mills Award - finalist, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- ◇ Reviews: *Contemporary Sociology* (“Labor in Struggle” Critical Retrospective essay, 2012, vol. 41 no. 6); *Perspectives on Politics* (September 2011, vol. 9, no. 3); *International Sociology* (September 2011: vol. 26 no. 5); *Global Labour Journal* (2011: Vol. 1, No. 1); *Contemporary Sociology* (2011: Vol. 40, No. 1); *American Journal of Sociology* (2010: Vol. 116, No. 2); *Social Forces* (2010: Vol. 89, No. 1); *Journal of Asian Studies* (2010: Vol. 69, No. 3); *Industrial and Labor Relations Review* (2010: Vol. 63, No. 4); *Pacific Affairs* (2010: Vol. 83, No. 4); *Acta Koreana* (2010: Vol. 13, No. 1); *The Journal of Ohara Institute for Social Research* (2010: No. 619 in Japanese).

### **Edited Volumes**

- 2019 *Gendering Struggles Against Informal and Precarious Work* (Political Power and Social Theory, Volume 35). (Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing Limited), (with Rina Agarwala, eds)
- 2018 “Care Work in Transition: Transnational Circuits of Gender, Care and Migration.” *Critical Sociology* 44(7/8), 2018 (with Heidi Gottfried)
- 2014 “Gender and Politics in Korea.” *Journal of Korean Studies* 19(2) (with Ju Hui Judy Han, eds.)
- 2013 “Labour as a Democratizing Force: Lessons from South Africa and Beyond.” *Rethinking Development and Inequality* 2 (with Michelle Williams, eds).

### **JOURNAL ARTICLES**

- 2024 “Building caring cities: From disaster relief to community-based infrastructure for unauthorized and low-paid immigrant workers,” *Journal of Urban Affairs* 1-20 (with AJ Kim)
- 2023 “Confronting Servitude: Asian Immigrant Women Workers in State-Funded Homecare,” *Signs: Journal of Women and Culture in Society* 49(1): 115-140 (with Cynthia Cranford, Yang-Sook Kim and Jennifer Nazareno)
- 2022 “Protesting Precarity: South Korean Workers and the Labor of Refusal.” *Journal of Asian Studies* 81(1): 107-118
- 2020 “Building Worker Power for Day Laborers in South Korea’s Construction Industry.” *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 61(2-3): 122-140 (with Sohoon Yi)
- 2018 “Becoming Homecare Workers: Chinese Immigrant Women and the Changing Worlds of Work, Care and Unionism.” *Critical Sociology* 44:7/8: 1013-1027 (with Cynthia Cranford)
- 2018 “Care Work in Transition: Transnational Circuits of Gender, Care and Migration.” *Critical Sociology* 44:7/8: 997-1112 (with Heidi Gottfried, Heidi)
- 2016 “Building Political Agency and Movement Leadership: The Grassroots Organizing Model of Asian Immigrant Women Advocates.” *Citizenship Studies* 20(3-4): 379-395  
\* Reprinted in M. Paret and S. Gleeson, ed. *Building Citizenship from Below: Precarity, Migration, Agency* (Routledge, 2017)
- 2016 “The Affective Politics of the Precariat: Reconsidering Alternative Histories of Organizing Women, Immigrants, and Racialized Workers.” *Global Labour Journal* 7(2): 136-147
- 2016 “Organizing across Racial Divides: Union Challenges to Precarious Work in Vancouver’s Health Care Sector.” *Progress in Development Studies* 16(2): 173-188
- 2015 “Language Travels and Global Aspirations of Korean Youth.” *Positions: Journal of East Asia Critique* 23(2): 565-593 (with Ju Hui Judy Han)
- 2014 “Introduction: Gender and Politics in Contemporary Korea.” *Journal of Korean Studies* 19(2): 245-55 (with Ju Hui Judy Han)
- 2013 “Intersectionality as a Social Movement Strategy: Asian Immigrant Women Advocates.” *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 38(4): 917-40 (with George Lipsitz and Young Shin)  
\* French translation: Chun, Jennifer Jihye, George Liptitz and Young Shin 2020.  
“L’intersectionnalité, comme stratégie de mobilisation sociale: Les défenseuses des immigrées asiatiques aux états-unis.” *Travail, genre et. Sociétés* 44:69-88
- 2010 “AIWA Takes Stock of Itself: Immigrant Workers at the Center of Social Change,” *KALFOU: Journal of Comparative and Relational Ethnic Studies*, Inaugural Issue: 127-132 (with George Lipsitz and Young Shin)
- 2009 “Legal Liminality: the gender and labour politics of organizing South Korea’s Irregular Workforce.” *Third World Quarterly*. 30(3): 535-550  
\* Reprinted in M. Taylor, ed. *Renewing International Labour Studies* (Routledge, 2010)

- 2008 “The Limits of Labor Exclusion: Redefining the Politics of Split Labor Markets under Globalization.” *Critical Sociology* 34: 433-452
- 2005 “Public Dramas and the Politics of Justice: Comparison of Janitors’ Unions Struggles in South Korea and the United States.” *Work and Occupations*. 32(4): 486-503
- 2003 “Redefining Workers: Unionizing Homecare Workers in the United States and Golf Game Assistants in South Korea.” *Economy and Society*. Published by the Korean Industrial Sociologists Association. 57 (Spring): 65-98 (translated into Korean)

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2023 “Multi-level analyses of homecare labor,” pp. 385-403. In *Research Handbook on Applied Intersectionality*, edited by Mary Romero. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing Limited (with Cynthia Cranford)
- 2019 “Feminist Entanglements with the Neoliberal Welfare State: NGOs and Domestic Worker Organizing in South Korea,” pp. 147-68. In *Gendering Struggles Against Informal and Precarious Work* (Political Power and Social Theory, Volume 35) Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing Limited (with Yang-Sook Kim)
- 2019 “Gendering Struggles Against Informal and Precarious Work,” pp. 1-28. In *Gendering Struggles Against Informal and Precarious Work* (Political Power and Social Theory, Volume 35) Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing Limited. (with Rina Agarwala)
- 2017 “Immigrant Women and Home-based Elder Care Work in Oakland, California’s Chinatown,” pp. 41-66. In *Gender, Migration and the Work of Care: A Multi-Scalar Approach to the Pacific Rim*, eds. Sonya Michel and Ito Peng. Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave MacMillan (with Cynthia Cranford)
- 2016 “Struggling against History: Migrant Farm Worker Organizing in British Columbia,” pp. 87-104. In *Unfree Labour? Struggles of migrant and immigrant workers in Canada*, eds. Aziz Choudry and Adrian Smith. Oakland, CA: PM Press (with Adriana Paz Ramirez,)
- 2016 “Global Labour Politics in Informal and Precarious Jobs,” pp. 634-650. In *Handbook of the Sociology of Work and Employment*, eds. Steve Edgell, Heidi Gottfried and Edward Granter. London: SAGE publications ltd (with Rina Agarwala)
- 2013 “Immigrant Women Workers at the Center of Social Change: Asian Immigrant Women Advocates,” pp. 207-231. In *Immigrant Women Workers in the Neoliberal Age*, eds. Anna Romina Guevarra, Nilda Flores-Gonzalez, Grace Chang, and Maura Toro-Morn. Chicago: University of Illinois Press (with Young Shin and George Lipsitz)
- 2012 “The Power of the Powerless: New Schemas and Resources for Organizing Workers in Neoliberal Times,” pp. 37-60. In *Cross-National Perspectives on Social Movement Unionism: Diversities of Labour Movement Revitalization in Japan, Korea and the United States*, ed. Akira Suzuki. Oxford: Peter Lang.
- 2011 “Legal Liminality: The Gender and Labor Politics of Organizing South Korea’s Irregular Workforce,” pp. 63-83. In *New Millennium South Korea*, ed. Jesook Song. London: Routledge.
- 2008 “The Contested Politics of Gender and Irregular Employment: the Revitalization of the South Korean Democratic Labour Movement,” pp. 23-44. In *Labour and the Challenges of Globalisation: What Prospects for Transnational Solidarity?* Eds. Andreas Bieler, Ingemar Lindberg, and Devan Pillay. London: Pluto Press.
- 2001 “Flexible Despotism: the Intensification of Insecurity and Uncertainty in the Lives of Silicon Valley’s High-Tech Assembly Workers,” pp. 127-54. In *The Critical Study of Work: Labor, Technology and Global Production*, eds. Rick Baldoz, Chuck Koeber, and Phil Kraft. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

#### Book Reviews

- Retail Worker Politics, Race and Consumption in South Africa: Shelved in the Service Economy* by Bridget Kenny. (Palgrave MacMillan, 2018). *Global Labour Journal*. 9(3):376-379, 2018

- Leverage of the Weak: Labor and Environmental Movements in Taiwan and South Korea*, by Hwa-Jen Liu. (University of Minnesota Press, 2015). *Labour/Le Travail*. 78: 378-380, 2016
- Protest Dialectics: State Repression and South Korea's Democracy Movement, 1970-1979*, by Paul Y. Chang. (Stanford University Press, 2015). *Contemporary Sociology* 45(5): 584-586, 2016
- Inequality in the Workplace: Labor Market Reform in Japan and Korea* by Jiyeon Song (Cornell University Press, 2014). *American Journal of Sociology* 121(4): 1292-1294, 2016
- One Alliance, Two Lenses: U.S.-Korea Relations in a New Era* by Gi-wook Shin (Stanford University Press, 2010). *Journal of Asian Studies* 71(4): 1168-1171, 2012
- The Managed Hand: Race, Gender and the Body in Beauty Service Work* by Miliann Kang (University of California Press, 2010). *Women's Review of Books*. Jan/Feb:8-9, 2011
- Protest and Labor Solidarity in Korea: White-Collar Labor Movements after Democratization (1987-1995)* by Doowon Suh (Routledge, 2008). *Pacific Affairs* 83(3): 1168-1171, 2011
- Gender and Labour in Korea and Japan: Sexing class* edited by Ruth Barraclough and Elyssa Faison (London and New York: Routledge, 2009). *Journal of Asian Studies* 69(2): 615-617

### **Others—Art Catalogs, Literary and Cultural Journals, Encyclopedia Entries, Working Papers, etc.**

- “Community-led Disaster Relief for Excluded Immigrant Workers: Addressing Policy Gaps and Strengthening Community Infrastructure.” Research brief. Asian American and Pacific Islander Policy Initiative. Asian American Studies Center. UCLA (with AJ Kim), 2022
- “Asian Immigrant Women Advocates (AIWA),” pp. 108-11. In *Asian Americans: An Encyclopedia of Social, Cultural, Economic and Political History*, eds. Xiaojian Zhao and Edward J.W. Park. Santa Barbara: Greenwood, 2014.
- “South Korea,” pp. 816-21. In *Sociology of Work: An Encyclopedia*, ed. Vicki Smith. 2 volumes. Los Angeles: SAGE reference, 2013.
- “The Struggles of Irregularly-Employed Workers in South Korea.” Working Paper, Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, UCLA. Los Angeles, CA, 2013.
- “Revaluating Immigrant Women’s Labour in Vancouver’s Low-Paid Health Care Sector: Case Study of the Hospital Employees Union (HEU).” *Metropolis British Columbia Working Paper Series*. 12-01. Vancouver, British Columbia, 2012.
- “Waterscapes: Working Notes on Globalization.” *The Capilano Review*. 3.16 (Winter, 2012): 36-41 (with Gu Xiong and Chris Lee)
- “Immigrants and Low-Paid Work: Persistent Problems, Enduring Consequences.” *Metropolis British Columbia Working Paper Series*. 11-20. Vancouver, British Columbia, 2011 (with Amanda Cheong)
- “Re-Imagining the Politics of Place and Migration,” in *Waterscapes*, pp. 36-41. Richmond Art Gallery. Richmond, BC, 2010

### **AWARDS AND RESEARCH GRANTS (selected)**

- Research Excellence Award, Center for the Study of Women, UCLA, 2021-22
- Chancellor’s Award for Community-Engaged Scholars, UCLA, 2020-21
- Research Excellence Faculty Scholar, UTSC, 2017-20
- Principal Investigator (PI), “Protesting Publics in South Korea,” Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Insight Grant (No. 435-2015-0838), 2015-19
- Academy of Korean Studies, Korean Studies Promotion Grant, Project Director, 2016-17
- University of Toronto Excellence Award, Social Sciences, “Cultures of Protest in South Korea,” 2016
- South Korea country coordinator, “Informal Construction and Domestic Work: Collaborative Research on Institutional Influences on Job Quality,” Ford Foundation, 2015-17
- University of Toronto Excellence Award, Social Sciences, “Organizing Workers in Informal and Precarious Work: Building a Global Network,” 2015

Vice-Principal Research Competitiveness Fund, “Asia as Mega-Production Zone: Regional and Comparative Perspectives on Labour Unrest,” UTSC, 2013-14

UBC Hampton Fund Partnership Development Grant, “Building Immigrant Women Workers’ Leadership: Cross-national study of Homecare Worker Organizing in the San Francisco Bay Area and Vancouver and BC’s Lower Mainland,” 2012-13

Principal Investigator (PI), “Neighborhood Cafes on the Costs and Consequences of Low-Paid Work for Immigrants and their Families in the Greater Vancouver Area,” Metropolis British Columbia Research Dissemination Grant, 2010-11

Principal Investigator (PI), “Overcoming Exclusion, Organizing for Change: Labor Unions, Community Organizations and the New Immigrant Workforce,” Social Sciences and Humanities Research Grant (SSHRC) Standard Research Grant, 2008-11

Early Career Scholar, Peter Wall Institute, UBC, 2008

### INVITED LECTURES

“Conjuring Solidarity: The Affective Politics of Precarity in South Korean Women’s Labor Protests,” Mellon Sawyer Seminar for Korea, University of California Santa Barbara, Feb. 23, 2022

“Confronting Servitude: Asian Immigrant Women Workers in California’s Publicly-funded Homecare System,” Center for Global Workers Rights (CGWR) speaker series, Penn State University, Feb. 9, 2022.

“Where Protesters Sleep: Building Spaces of Care in South Korean Labor Protests,” Culture, Power, and Social Change Colloquium Series, Department of Anthropology, UCLA, Apr. 22, 2021

“Protesting Precarity in South Korea: Space, Infrastructure and the Politics of the Body”

- Year of Korea keynote speaker, CUNY Oswego, May 3, 2019
- Celebration of Research Excellence Lecture Series, UTSC, Mar. 20, 2019
- School of Labour Studies, McMaster University, Mar. 19, 2019
- Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University, Mar. 30, 2018.
- Centre for Korean Studies, University of California Berkeley, Mar. 15, 2018.
- New Frontiers Seminar, University of Toronto Scarborough, Feb. 15, 2018.
- Department of Asian Studies, Dartmouth College, Sep. 19, 2017

“Protest Cultures and Labor Precarity in South Korea”

- Department of Sociology, ChoongAng University, May 31, 2017
- BK Colloquium, Department of Sociology, Yonsei University, Nov. 21, 2016.
- Labor Relations and International Comparative Labor Depts, Cornell University, Apr. 26, 2016.

“Becoming Homecare workers: Chinese immigrant women and home-based elder care,” Korean Women’s Development Institute, Sep. 8, 2016.

“The Emotion Work of Union Organizing: Challenging Privatization, Precarity and Racial-Ethnic Divides,” Department of Sociology, Brooklyn College, Mar. 12, 2015.

“Asian Immigrant Women Workers and the Micro-Politics of Social Movements”

- 43rd Social Movement Unionism Research Meeting of Labor Now, Tokyo, Japan, Jul. 19, 2014.
- Sociology department colloquium series, University at Buffalo, Apr. 8, 2013.
- Women’s and Gender Studies Institute, University of Toronto, Jan. 16, 2013.

“Rebuilding Worker Power in the Neoliberal Era,” Berkeley-Sun Yat Sen University Joint Center for Labor Research, Sun Yat Sen University, Dec. 30, 2012.

“The Contentious Politics of South Korea’s Irregular Workforce,” Peking University-HK Polytechnic University, Dec. 27, 2012.

“Waterscapes: Mapping Migration along the Fraser and Yangtze Rivers,” (with Gu Xiong and Chris Lee), Capilano College, Feb. 7, 2012.

“Mobilizing the Pain of Others: Revaluing Immigrant Women’s Labour in Low-Paid Subcontracted Work,” Development Research Seminar Series, Precarious Work and Livelihoods,” International Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University Rotterdam (ISS), The Hague, Nov. 21, 2011.

“Immigration: Does the Path of Opportunity Lead Toward or Away from Canada?” UBC Dialogues, Nov. 15, 2011.

“What do changes in Labour mean for politics today,” Wolpe Dialogue, Department of Sociology, Wits University, Sep. 27, 2011.

“The Symbolic Leverage of Labor in South Korea and the United States”

- University of Washington, co-sponsored by the Harry Bridges Labor Center and the Center for Korea Studies, Seattle, WA, Nov. 5, 2010.
- Department of Sociology, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, Oct. 25, 2010

“Racializing Economic Injustice? The Emotionally-Charged Climate of Organizing Immigrant Women Workers in Low-Wage Work,” Law and Society speaker series, UBC, Jan. 13, 2009

“Organizing Irregularly-Employed Women Workers in South Korea”

- Centre for Korean Research, UBC, Mar. 27, 2008
- Centre for Women’s and Gender Studies, UBC, Feb. 9, 2007
- Critical Korean Studies Workshop, University of Toronto, Sep. 14, 2007

## CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SYMPOSIA

### *Invited*

“Community-led Disaster Relief for Excluded Immigrant Workers: Addressing Policy Gaps and Strengthening Community Infrastructure,” AAPI Policy Summit: Building Solutions for an Equitable Future. Asian American and Pacific Islander Policy Initiative, UCLA, Feb. 10, 2023.

“Protesting Seoul: Mega-protest events and place-making in the global city,” 2022 Korea Update, Australia National University, Canberra, Australia, Nov. 22, 2022.

“Care Work and Caring Labor,” Regular session organizer, ASA, Los Angeles, CA, August 8, 2022.

“Precarious Work, Citizenship Rights and Labor Struggle,” ASA Thematic Session (zoom), Aug. 9, 2020. ASA Book Salon Session organizer, *The Specter of Global China: Politics, Labor and Foreign Investment in Africa* (University of Chicago Press, 2018) by Ching Kwan Lee, Aug. 9, 2020.

“Precarious Workers, Social Movements and Shifting Protest Repertoires in South Korea,” presented at Special Session on Labor Organizing, American Sociological Association (ASA), New York, August 11, 2019.

Labor Organizing Roundtable Session, “Power to the People”: 50 Years of Bridging Research with Community. Asian American Studies Center, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA Nov. 2, 2019.

“Precarious Workers, Social Movements and Shifting Protest Repertoires in South Korea,” Labor Organizing special session, American Sociological Association, New York, Aug. 11, 2019.

“Religion, Ritual and Spaces of Worker Protest,” Rethinking Class and Labour through the Works of Hagen Koo symposium, Centre for the Study of Korea, University of Toronto, Jul. 16, 2018.

“Spaces of Citizenship,” 2017 Perspectives on Contemporary Korea conference, Center for Korean Studies, University of Michigan, Nov. 18, 2017.

“Protesting Precarity in South Korea,” Militarism(s), Then and Now international conference, De Lasalle University, Feb. 21, 2017.

“Globalizing the Grassroots: Domestic Care Worker Organizing and the Transformation of 21<sup>st</sup> Labor Politics,” presented at “Transnational Immigrant Movements” thematic session, ASA, Aug. 20, 2016.

“Organizing Domestic Workers in South Korea: Feminist and Ethnic Entanglements with Neoliberalism and Nationalism,” Gender, Precarious Work, and Labor Organizing exploratory workshop, Radcliff Institute for Advanced Study, Feb. 24-25, 2016.

Roundtable participant, “The Evolution of Asian Studies in the United States,” presented at AAS in Africa conference, Africa-Asia: A New Axis of Knowledge, University of Ghana Legon, September 25, 2015.

“Dramatizing Precarity: Cultures of Protest in the South Korean Labour Movement,” (with Ju Hui Judy Han), Geopolitical Economies of Development and Democratization in East Asia, Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies, University of British Columbia, May 26-29, 2015.

- “Protest Cultures in South Korea” (with Ju Hui Judy Han), Contentious Politics on the Korean Peninsula: A Workshop for Koreanists, Comparative Politics Student Group Conference, University of Toronto, Mar. 8, 2015.
- “Asian Immigrant Women Workers and the Micro-politics of Social Movement Organizing,” Breaking Barriers, Building Community: 35 Years of Training Social Change Scholars conference, Institute for the Study of Societal Issues, University of California, Berkeley. May 2, 2014.
- “Grassroots Leadership of Asian Immigrant Women Workers,” FRANK 2014 Conference for Social Change Communication, University of Florida, Feb. 27, 2014.
- “Labour Militancy and Civil Society in South Korea,” The Role of Organized Labor in Civil Society in East Asia: A Comparison between Korea, Taiwan and Japan, Ohara Institute for Social Research, Hosei University, Jun. 15, 2013.
- “Grassroots Leaders, Grassroots Experts: Asian Immigrant Women Advocates,” Annual Meeting of United Association of Labor Educators (UALE), Toronto, Apr. 18, 2013.
- “Asian Immigrant Women Workers and the Micro-Politics of Social Movements,” Global Workers’ Rights: Patterns of Exclusion, Possibilities for Change Conference, Penn State University, Mar. 22, 2013.
- “Living Outside the Cup: The Grassroots Leadership of Asian Immigrant Women Workers,” Center for New Racial Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, May 12, 2012.
- “The Mobile Aspirations of Korean Youth: Living and Working as Temporary Sojourners,” The American University Meets the Pacific Century, University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, Mar. 10, 2012.
- “Gender, Labour and Trade Unionism” National Union of Metalworkers in South Africa (NUMSA) course, Wits University, Oct. 11, 2011.
- “Community-based Research,” National Metropolis\_Conference, Vancouver BC, Mar. 23, 2011.
- “The Power of the Powerless: The Limits and Possibilities of Labor Organizing in Neoliberal Times,” presented at the Cross-National Comparison of Labor Movement Revitalization conference, Ohara Institute for Social Research, Hosei University, Dec. 18, 2010.
- “Immigrant Women Workers at the Center of Social Change,” Research and Activism in the Neoliberal Age: Building Partnerships and Coalitions for Social Justice workshop (with Young Shin), University of Illinois at Chicago, May 13-14, 2010.
- “Asian Immigrant Women Workers in the Global Economy,” Korean Studies Symposium, University of California, Berkeley, Apr. 30, 2010.
- “Symbolic Leverage of the Margins,” Migration, Work and Citizenship: Toward Decent Work and Secure Citizenship workshop, York University, Oct. 2, 2009.
- “The Contentious Politics of the South Korean Labor Movement: Rethinking Gender and State-Society Relations,” Labour Struggles in Asia and the Diaspora, Institute of Asia Pacific Studies (IAPS), University of Nottingham, Jun. 22-23, 2009.
- “Organizing the Low-wage Immigrant Workforce: A Case Study of the Vancouver Living Wage Campaign,” Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of BC, Simon Fraser University, Jun. 10, 2009.
- “Grassroots Immigrant Women Workers’ Leadership: Case Study of Asian Immigrant Women Advocates in the California Bay Area,” Low-Wage Work, Gender and Migration conference, University of Illinois at Chicago, Mar. 14, 2009.
- “Gender and Global Unions,” Global Unions workshop, UBC Okanagan, Aug. 10, 2008.
- “Gender, Labour and Neoliberalism in South Korea,” Neoliberalism in South Korean workshop, University of Toronto, Feb. 2, 2008.
- “Gender Politics of Labor Unionism: Organizing Irregular Workers in South Korea,” Labor Unions and Democracy in East Asia Conference, State University New York Binghamton, Oct. 6, 2007.
- “The Contested Politics of Irregular Employment: Gender and the Revitalization of the South Korean Democratic Labor Movement,” World Social Forum, Nairobi, Kenya, Jan. 23, 2007.
- “The Limits of Labor Exclusion: Redefining the Politics of Split Labor Markets in Today’s Global Economy,” Inter-Faculty Initiative on Migration Studies Colloquium Series, UBC, Nov. 2, 2006.
- “The Politics of Scale in South Korean Workers’ Movements,” Korea Institute, Harvard University, Apr. 18, 2004.

"Institutionalizing Insecurity and Dismantling Labor Militancy: Another Era of Repressive Labor Laws in South Korea," International Conference on Labour Law and Social Security, Beijing University, Oct. 1998.

*Refereed*

- "Embodying Domestic Workers Rights," Public Dialogue on Rethinking Informality for Domestic Workers, *Third Global Care Work Summit*, University of Costa Rica, San Jose, Costa Rica, June 9, 2023.
- "Negotiating Care and the Boundaries of Unionism: Chinese and Korean Immigrant Home Care Workers in California," presented by co-author, Cynthia Cranford, RC02 Economy and Society, XIX World Congress of Sociology, International Sociology Association (ISA), Toronto, Canada, July 18, 2018.
- "Gendering the Study of Informal Worker Organizing: Case Study of Domestic and Construction Workers in South Korea," ISA Forum of Sociology in Vienna, Austria, July 14, 2016.
- "Protesting Publics and Labour Precarity in South Korea," "Resisting Neoliberalism in South Korea, Remaking the Practices of Protest," Association for Asian Studies (AAS), Seattle, WA, April 1, 2016.
- "The Emotional Politics of Unionism: Crossing Racial and Gender Divides," "The Future of Unions" thematic session, ASA, San Francisco, CA, August 19, 2014.
- "The Affective Politics of the Precariat," XVIII ISA World Congress, RC44 Labour Movements, Yokohama, Japan, July 14, 2014.
- "Protest Cultures as Expressive Cultures: Reconceptualizing the Struggles of Informally-Employed Workers in South Korea," ISA World Congress, RC44 Labour Movements, Yokohama, Japan, July 14, 2014.
- "Asian Immigrant Women Workers and the Micro-Politics of Social Movements," presented at the Mini-Conference, "Labor and Global Solidarity," ASA Labor and Labor Movements Section, CUNY Murphy Institute for Labor Studies, August 12, 2013.
- "Language Travels: Korean Temporary Residents in Vancouver and the Global Political Economy of English," American Anthropological Association, "Legacies, Transitions, and Futures of Hope in Trans/National Korea," San Francisco, CA, November 3, 2012.
- "The Politics of Extreme Labour Contention in South Korea," Global Labour University Annual Conference, Johannesburg, South Africa, October 29, 2011.
- "Rethinking Contentious Politics in Post-Authoritarian South Africa and South Korea," (with Karl Von Holdt, ISA XVII World Congress of Sociology, Labour Movements, Gothenburg, Sweden, July 14, 2010.
- "Immigrant Women Workers at the Center of Social Change: Case Study of Asian Immigrant Women Workers," ISA XVII World Congress of Sociology, RC32 Women in Society, Gothenburg, Sweden, July 10, 2010.
- "Interdisciplinary Explorations of Water and Migration: Notes on Translocal Relations and Sedimented Migration," Canadian Asian Studies Conference, Vancouver, BC, October 9, 2009.
- "Organizing the Low-Wage Immigrant Workforce in Vancouver," paper presented on the panel, "NGO-Government Relations and Community Development to Civic Engagement," 11th National Metropolis Conference, Calgary, March 21, 2009.
- "Reconceptualizing Labour Militancy: the Gender and Labor politics of Irregular Employment in South Korea," ISA Forum of Sociology, Sociological Research & Public Debate, Program of Research Committee 44: Labor Movements, Barcelona, Spain, September 6, 2008.
- "Dilemmas of Organizing Workers at the Margins," ASA, Boston, MA, August 3, 2008.
- "Building Grassroots Leadership for Social Change: Case Study of Asian Immigrant Women Advocates," Association for Asian American Studies, Chicago, IL, April 18, 2008.
- "Grassroots Immigrant Women Workers Leadership and the Changing Worlds of Work," presented at Jobs and Justice: Strategies and Solutions for Economic Security, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives and Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, March 31, 2007.
- "Transforming the Political Field of Unionism," ISA XVI World Congress of Sociology, RC44 Labour Movements, Durban, South Africa, July 25, 2005.
- "Revisiting the Split Labor Market: The Global Dynamics of Service Sector Unionism in South Korea and the United States" ASA Mini-Conference on Global Labor, Philadelphia, PA, August 12, 2005.
- "The Gendered Politics of Non-Standard Employment in the South Korean Labor Movement," Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, IL, March 2005.



- “Public Dramas and the Politics of Justice: Comparison of Janitors’ Union Struggles in South Korea and the United States,” ASA, San Francisco, CA, August 2004.
- “Redefining Workers: Unionizing Homecare Workers in the United States and Golf Game Assistants in South Korea,” ASA, Atlanta, GA, August 19, 2003;
- “What is a ‘Worker?’ Unionizing Homecare Workers in the United States and Golf Game Assistants in South Korea,” ISA XV World Congress of Sociology, RC44 Labour Movements, Brisbane, Australia, July 2002.
- “The Politics of Ethnography: Dilemmas of Subjectivity, Sexuality and the Self for a Korean American Feminist Researcher,” Association of Asian American Studies, Honolulu, Hawaii, June 1998.
- “Flexible Despotism: the Intensification of Insecurity and Uncertainty in the Lives of Silicon Valley’s High-Tech Assembly Workers,” 20 years after Harry Braverman: Work, Difference and Social Change Conference, State University of New York, Binghamton, May 1998
- “Flexible Despotism: the Intensification of Insecurity and Uncertainty in the Lives of Silicon Valley’s High-Tech Assembly Workers,” Pacific Sociological Association, San Francisco, California, April 2008 and the UC-Berkeley Sociology Department Graduate Student Conference, April 1998.
- “The Production of Cultural Discourses: Disciplining Third World Women’s Labor,” Asian American Studies, Seattle, Washington, April 1997.

## TEACHING

### *Undergraduate courses*

- Culture, Power and Development (IDS 110): 2020W, 2021W, 2022W
- Protest and Development (IDS 191), 2021S
- Protest and Social Change in East Asia (IAS 190): 2019W
- Global Korea: The Art of Protest and Social Change (AAS 190): 2019W
- Other undergraduate courses: Political Sociology; Social Movements: Global Perspectives; Global Transformations: Politics, Economy and Society; Ethnicity, Race and Migration; Sociology of Development and Underdevelopment; Migration and Transnationalism
- Other undergraduate courses: Political Sociology; Social Movements: Global Perspectives; Global Transformations: Politics, Economy and Society; Ethnicity, Race and Migration; Sociology of Development and Underdevelopment; Migration and Transnationalism

### *Community-engaged teaching*

- Asian American and Pacific Islander Labor Issues (AAS/LS M119): 2019W, 2022S, 2023S (UCLA)
- Immigrant Vancouver: 2009 Winter Term I SOCI 460A (UBC)
- Global Research Field School: 2017 Summer SOCD55, “Labor, Migration and Capitalism in Contemporary Korea” (international field course in Seoul, South Korea) (UTSC)
- Immigrant Vancouver Ethnographic Field School (co-taught with Alexia Bloch): 2010 Summer Term I SOCI 495/ANTH 409, 2011 Summer Term I SOCI 495/ANTH 409 (UBC)

### *Graduate courses*

- Critical Approaches to Emerging Issues in Asian and Pacific Islander American Studies: 2021 Winter, AAS 200B (UCLA)
- Doctoral Research Practicum: 2015-16 SOC6711 Y (full-year course) (UofT)
- Sociology of Work II (Global Labour): 2012 Fall SOC 6112H, 2013 Fall SOC 6112H (UofT)
- Advanced Topics in Research Methods / Global Ethnographies: 2009 Fall SOCI 590A (UBC)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

*Editorial: Global Labour Journal*, Advisory Board, 2015-; *Asian Labour Review* Editorial Board; *Social Problems*, Advisory editor, 2014-18; *Contemporary Sociology*, Editorial Board, 2016-18

### *Associations*

Association for Asian Studies (AAS)

- Northeast Asia Council, Distinguished Speakers Bureau, April 2016-19
- Northeast Asia Council, Palais Prize Committee chair, 2017-18; member, 2016-17

#### American Sociological Association (ASA)

- Best book award committee, Asia and Asian American Section, 2015-16
- Best book award committee, Labor and Labor Movements Section, 2008-09, 2012-13
- Best article award committee, Labor and Labor Movements Section, 2009-10
- Council member, Labor and Labor Movements Section, 2007-10

#### International Sociological Association (ISA)

- President, RC44 Labour Movements Research Committee, 2010-14
- RC44 Vice-President, 2006-10

#### *Review activities*

- Journals: *Antipode*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *British Journal of Industrial Relations*, *Canadian Review of Sociology*, *Critical Sociology*, *Current Sociology*, *Feminist Studies*, *Gender, Place and Culture*, *International Sociology*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Journal of International Development*, *Journal of Korean Studies*, *Pacific Affairs*, *Positions*, *Political Studies*, *Social Politics*, *Social Problems*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Sociological Theory*, *South African Review of Sociology*
- Book publishers: *Cornell University Press*, *Stanford University Press*, *Oxford University Press*
- Funding Agencies: *National Science Foundation* (US), *National Research Foundation* (South Africa)

## **SUPERVISION**

### *Postdoctoral Fellows*

- Dr. Sungsook Lim, Korea Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Toronto (2016-17)
- Dr. Elizabeth Hanna Rubio, Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellowship, UCLA (2021-2023)
- Dr. Carolyn Choi, Korea Foundation Postdoctoral Scholar, UCLA (2022-23)

### *Doctoral Students - Supervision*

- (Aida) Geraldina Polanco-Sorto, "Behind the Counter: Migration, Labour Policy and Temporary Work in a Global Fast Food Chain," UBC Sociology, PhD supervisor (2007-2013)
- Seonok Lee, "The Making of Race: Migrants and Race in South Korea," UBC Sociology, PhD co-supervisor, with Wendy Roth (2009-2019)
- Evelyn Encalada Grez, "Organizing Love and Work among Mexican Migrant Farmworker Women across rural Canada and Mexico," PhD co-supervisor, UT/OISE (2014-2018)
- Yang-sook Kim, "Politics of Care: Women Workers in South Korean Care Market, PhD co-supervisor, with Cynthia Cranford, UT Sociology (2015-2020)
- Da In Choi, "Itinerant Narratives: UCLA Gender Studies, PhD co-supervisor with Ju Hui Judy Han (2023-)

### *Masters Students (supervision)*

- Adriana Paz Ramirez, "Embodying and Resisting Labour Apartheid: Racism and Mexican Farm Workers in Canada's Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program," UBC Sociology, supervisor (2011-13)
- Emily Truong Cheong, "The stress and loneliness of the cosmopolitan pursuit: Lower middle class Koreans in Vancouver, B.C." MRP, University of Toronto, (2016)
- Alex Nguyen, "Unlocking Data's Potential: The Role of Data Sovereignty in Public Health Community-Based Participatory Research in Asian American & Pacific Islander Communities," UCLA Asian American Studies, 2019-20.
- Kelly Zhao, "Ethnic Studies and Community Colleges," UCLA Asian American Studies, 2020-22.
- Estie Sebin Kim

*Doctoral Students – PhD Member*

- UBC: Joanna Robinson, UBC Sociology (2008-2010); Elizabeth Bruch, UBC Sociology (2009-12); Shelly Ketchell, UBC Sociology (2007-2012); Karl Wu, UBC Sociology (2009-12); H.V. Bonar Buffam, UBC Sociology, (2008-13); Sanjeev Routray, UBC Sociology, (2009-14); Sungsook Lim, UBC Anthropology (2007-2016); Sarah Zell, UBC Geography, (2007-2014)
- UofT: Louise Birdsell Bauer, Sociology (2012-18); Chris Webb, Geography (2014-18);
- UCLA: Yewon Andrea Lee, Sociology (2016-19); Preeti Sharma, Gender Studies (2019), Yurim Lee (2023-)

*External Examiner, Ph.D. Defenses*

- UBC: William Flynn, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia, June 29, 2011; Marie-Eve Carrier-Moisán, Department of Anthropology, University of British Columbia, March 7, 2012; Robert Marc Russo, Graduate Program of Law, University of British Columbia, June 28, 2012
- UofT: Sungjo Kim, Department of East Asian Studies, August 20, 2015; Laura Kwak, “Asian Conservatives in Canadian Parliament: A Study in Race and Governmentality,” University of Toronto, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), June 27, 2016.
- University of Victoria: Chong Su Kim, “Collective Identities and Democratization: Democratic, Labour and Women’s Movements in South Korea and Taiwan,” Department of Political Science, August 16, 2017.

*Masters Students (committee member)*

- UBC: L. Benjamin Cushing, UBC Sociology (2006-07); Jane Lee, UBC Women’s and Gender Studies (2007-2014)
- UCLA: Alex Nguyen, Asian American Studies (2019-20); Joseph Tsuboi, UCLA Asian American Studies (2021-22)

*Undergraduate Students (honors thesis supervision):*

- UBC: Eve Wilensky (2008-09); Esther Wong (2008-09); Jasmine Luk (2009-10); Emmanuel Fung (2010-11); Amanda Cheong (2011-12); Bard Suen (2011-12); Irene Chang (2012-13)
- UCLA: Ngoc Nguyen, Asian American Studies (2020-21); Maya Ebrahimpour, International Development Studies (2020-21); Cheyenne Pence, UCLA International Development Studies, (2020-21); Mahina Martinson, UCLA Global Studies (2020-21), Riya Sivavand, UCLA International Development Studies (2023-24), Eva Kwatowski, UCLA International Development Studies (2023-24), Melodie Ahn, UCLA International Development Studies (2023-24),

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE**

*UCLA*

- UC Press Editorial Committee, Academic Senate appointment, 2023-
- Equity Advisor, International Institute, 2021-
- Social Sciences Division, Working Group on Community Engaged Scholarship, 2022-
- Faculty Advisory Committees
  - Asian American Studies Center, 2018-
  - International Development Studies, 2018-
  - Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, 2018-
  - Labor Studies, 2019-
  - American Institute for Cultures, 2019-
  - International Institute, 2019-
  - Center for the Study of Women, 2020-

*University of Toronto*

- Asian Institute, Executive Committee, 2013-18
- Search Committee member, Korea Foundation Chair Job Candidate, University of Toronto, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015; Search Committee member, Migration Ethnic Diversity, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto Scarborough, 2014, 2015
- Graduate Curriculum Committee, University of Toronto, 2013-16.
- UTSC Subcommittee on Standing, 2012-2014.
- UTSC Research Advisory Board, 2012-2014.

*University of British Columbia*

- Global and Transnational Research Network, Liu Institute for Global Issues, 2010-12.
- Faculty of Arts CSL/CBR Working Group, 2011-12.
- Special Events and Seminars Committee, UBC Sociology Department, 2008-10.
- Faculty Management Committee, UBC Centre for Korean Research, 2006-12.
- Faculty Associate: UBC Women's and Gender Studies Program, 2007-2012; UBC Pacific Migration and Asian Canadian Research Initiative, 2007-2012.
- Faculty Associate, Metropolis British Columbia, 2008-2011.
- Executive Committee member, UBC Sociology Department, 2006-2008.

*Community*

- Advisory Committee Member, Global Labour Research Centre, York University, 2013-18.
- Strategy and New Initiatives Committee Member, GYOPO Los Angeles, 2020-

*International*

- Advisory Member, International Centre for Development and Decent Work (ICDD), Kassel University, 2014-2018.