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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Visiting Assistant Professor**, Kenyon College, Dept. of Sociology 2026-
▪ Taught Sociology 237: Borders and Border Crossings (Fall 2026)
▪ Taught Sociology 277: Sociology of Sexualities (Fall 2026)
▪ Taught Sociology 373: Qualitative Research Methods (Fall 2026)
- Instructor of Record**, Univ. of Michigan, Dept. of Sociology 2022-24
▪ Taught Introduction to Sociology (Summer 2024)
▪ Sociology of Migration (Summer 2023)
▪ Sociology of Sexualities (Summer 2021, Summer 2022))
▪ New Graduate Student Instructor Proseminar (Fall 2022, Winter 2023)
- Supervisor of Research Assistants**, Univ. of Michigan, Dept. of Sociology 2015-26
▪ Trained and supervised 8 undergraduate research assistants coding interview data
▪ Led weekly lab meetings, monitored student progress, and designed lab protocol

EDUCATION

- Univ. of Michigan**, Sociology, Ph.D. with Certificate in LGBTQ Studies 2026
▪ Dissertation Title: *Transnational Pursuit of Fuller Lives: LBTQ Migration, Family Building, and Gender Identity Affirmation in South Korea*
▪ Committee: Barbara Anderson (Co-Chair), Jaeun Kim (Co-Chair), Erin Cech, Fatma Müge Göçek, and Gayle Rubin.
- Seoul National Univ.**, Korean Studies, Graduate School of Intern'l Studies, M.A. 2014
- Univ. of Chicago**, History, Undergraduate College, B.A. (with honors) 2006

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- Gender, Sexualities, Queer Theory, Migration, Race & Ethnicity, Global & Transnational, Inequality, Human Rights, Ethnography, Qualitative Research Methods, Archival Research

PUBLICATIONS

- Jones, C. (2025). Outsider Exemption: Transgender Migrants and Gender Accountability in South Korea. *Gender & Society*, 39(3), 458-484.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/08912432251331544>
▪ **Winner**, 2025 Sexualities Section Best Graduate Student Paper, American Sociological Assoc.
- Jones, C. (2023). Jigsaw Migration: How Mixed Status LGBTQ Families (Re)Assemble their Fragmented Citizenship, *International Migration Review*, 59(1), 444-467.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/01979183231175101>
▪ **Winner**, 2023 Best Graduate Student Paper, Association of Korean Sociologists in America.

Jones, C. (2020). Balancing Safety and Visibility: Lesbian Community Building Strategies in South Korea, *Journal of Lesbian Studies*, 24:3, 272-285.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10894160.2019.1678335>

- Reprinted in *Geographies of Sexualities* (2023), edited by Emily Kazyak. Routledge.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

How Burlesque and Drag Establish Trans-Friendly Transnational Sexual Space (under review)
 U.S. Transgender and Nonbinary Family Gender Socialization Study (data collection)

SELECTED TEACHER TRAININGS & CERTIFICATES

Teaching Writing for Upper-level Writing Courses, University of Michigan	2026
Certificate in Inclusive Pedagogy, Center for Research on Teaching and Learning	2022
Preparing Future Faculty, University of Michigan	2022
Teaching and Learning in Sociology, American Sociological Association	2022
Teaching and Learning Workshop, Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society	2021

EXTRAMURAL FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & ACADEMIC HONORS

Best Graduate Student Paper, American Sociological Association Sexualities Section	2025
Best Graduate Student Paper, Association of Korean Sociologists in America	2023
Fulbright Research Grant, Seoul, South Korea, U.S. Dept. of State	2017-18
Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Grant, U.S. Dept. of Education	2015-16
Human Rights Fellowship, Social Sciences Korea Consortium	2015
Korean Government Scholar, Min. of Education, Science & Technology, Rep. of Korea	2011-14

INTRAMURAL FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & ACADEMIC HONORS

Intersectional Advocacy Award, Spectrum Center, Univ. of Michigan	2026
Rackham Merit Fellow, Rackham Graduate School, Univ. of Michigan	2014-25
Community Mentor Award, Department of Sociology, Univ. of Michigan	2024
Sweetland Dissertation Writing Institute Fellow, Univ. of Michigan	2021
Mary Malcomson Raphael Fellowship, Univ. of Michigan	2019
Community of Scholars, Inst. for Research on Women and Gender, Univ. of Michigan	2019
Center for Education of Women Scholar, Univ. of Michigan	2015

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

Univ. of Michigan, Graduate Dean's Office, Graduate Student Staff Assistant	2023-25
▪ Program Assistant to Dean's graduate student mentoring and faculty training initiative ▪ Analyzed participant data to identify program strengths and areas for improvement ▪ Drafted literature reviews on topics related to the mentoring of graduate students ▪ Facilitated workshops bringing together mentors with their mentees	

SELECTED DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION TRAININGS

Teaching Race in Sociology Workshop, Intergroup Relations, Univ. of Michigan	2026
Racial Justice Reading Circle, Center for Racial Justice, Univ. of Michigan	2025

Neurodivergent Inclusive Academic Practices , American Sociological Association	2024
Equity-Focused Facilitation , Center for Research on Teaching and Learning	2023
Teaching for Accessibility , Center for Research on Teaching and Learning	2023
Equity-Focused Teaching , Center for Research on Teaching and Learning	2023
Disability Awareness and Inclusion , Rackham Graduate School	2023
Equity-Focused Assessment , Center for Research on Teaching and Learning	2023
LGBTQ Legal Advocacy in the Current Crisis , Rackham Graduate School	2023
Demonstrating Your Commitment to Diversity , Rackham Graduate School	2022
Principles of Anti-Racist Pedagogy , Center for Research on Teaching and Learning	2021
Building Your Toolbox as an Anti-Racist Advocate in Higher Ed , Rackham	2021
Anti-Racist Community Engagement , Rackham Graduate School	2021
Diversity at Liberal Arts Colleges , Center for Research on Teaching and Learning	2021
Applying Anti-Racist Pedagogies , Center for Research on Teaching and Learning	2021
5-part Diversity and Inclusive Teaching , Center for Research on Teaching and Learning	2019

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Refereed)

“Drag and Burlesque as Drivers of Transnational Queer Space in Korea” Panelist, Queer & Trans Research Symposium, Univ. of Michigan Spectrum Center	03/2026
“Gender Accountability and Managing Visibility in Korean Lesbian Spaces” Panelist, Black Queer and Trans Migrants and Racism in Windsor-Essex County	03/2026
“Understanding Narratives in Queer and Trans Experiences Panel” Panelist, Sexuality Scholars Virtual Symposium	09/2024
“Gender through Social Performance and Relations” Panelist, American Sociological Association Annual Conference	08/2024
“Race/Ethnicity, Migration, and Nationalism in Transpacific Entanglements” Plenary Panelist, Association of Korean Sociologists Annual Conference	08/2023
“Jigsaw Migration: How Mixed Status LGBTQ Families (Re)Assemble their Fragmented Citizenship”, Panelist, Sexual Political Margins, American Sociological Association	08/2022
“Trans(national) Migrant Strategies for ‘Doing Gender’ in South Korea. Panelist, Chicago Ethnography Incubator, Univ. Wisconsin-Madison	03/2022
“Jigsaw Migration: How Mixed Status LGBTQ Families (Re)Assemble their Fragmented Citizenship,” Panelist, Korean Studies Young Scholars Conference, Univ. Pennsylvania	03/2022
“How Mixed Citizenship Queer Families Recoup Fragmented Citizenship through Migration to South Korea,” Panelist, Law and Society Annual Conference (virtual)	05/2021
“Transgender Skilled Laborers’ ‘Jigsaw’ Migration to South Korea” Panelist, National Women’s Studies Association, Minneapolis (COVID19 cancellation)	11/2020
“Queering Work: How Trans People Resist and Negotiate Power and Inequality in Work” Panelist & Thematic Panel Organizer, American Sociological Association, (Remote)	08/2020
“Transnational Sexualities within Global Social Systems: LGBTQ Migration to Korea” Panelist, Society for Studies of Social Problems Conference, New York, NY	08/2019

“How Migrants Negotiate Belonging, Safety and Visibility in Korean Lesbian Spaces” Chapter Session, NextGen Korea Studies International Conference, Ann Arbor, MI	05/2019
“Sexual Orientation and Gender Identities: Fluency for School and Society” Panelist, KOTESOL International Conference, Seoul, Korea	10/2018
“Feminist Movement Discourses in Korean Courts: Who Gets to Claim Human Rights?” Panelist, Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Toronto	3/2017
“Korean Courts on Sex Trade Law: Conflicting Movements & Contested Meanings” Panel Chair, Organizer & Panelist, Law and Society Conference, New Orleans, LA	6/2016
“South Korea's Sex Trade Law: Conflicting Movements & Contested Interpretation” Roundtable, Human Rights Section, American Sociological Association, Chicago	8/2015
“Identities and Social Change: Transnational Movements, Law and Sex Workers” Poster, Feminist Research Group Annual Conference, Univ. of Windsor, Canada	3/2015
"South Korean Supreme Court Cases and Changing Rhetoric about Prostitution" Poster, Alliance for Graduate Education & Professoriate Conference, Michigan State Univ.	9/2014
“The 2004 Sex Trafficking Prevention Act: International Norms & Local Legal Rhetoric” Panelist, International Studies Joint Symposium, Yonsei Univ., Seoul, Korea	5/2014
"Re-defining Gender in the Law: Korean Courts on Sex Traffick and Sex Work" Panelist, Postgraduate Forum on Asian Anthropology, Chinese Univ. Hong Kong	1/2014
“Korea-US Free Trade Agreement Protests & Anti-Americanism in South Korea” Panelist, American Studies Association of Korea, Seoul Korea	9/2012

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

Research Assistant to Prof. S. Levitsky & E. Armstrong, Univ. Michigan ▪ Led data collection of Title IX sexual assault preventative education programs. ▪ Supervised 8 undergraduate research assistants as they coded data.	2015-16
Research Assistant to Prof. K. Eun, Seoul Nat'l Univ., Korea ▪ Reviewed literature on comparative studies of fertility decline and aging population. ▪ Organized an international conference on gender & time-use for demographers.	2011-12

ACADEMIC SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

Peer Reviewer , Sociology Compass, Wiley	2025
Member , Graduate Student Advisory Committee, Univ. of Michigan	2024-25
Mentor , Sociology Opportunity for Undergraduate Leadership, Univ. of Michigan	2024-25
Mentor , First Gen and Working-Class Sociologists, American Sociological Association	2024-25
Mentor and Organizer , First Gen Affinity Group, Univ. of Michigan	2023-24
Communications Committee , Korean Studies Conference, Univ. of Michigan	2022-23
Representative – Social Sciences Division , Student Government, Univ. of Michigan	2022-23

Mentor , Sociology Opportunities for Undergraduate Leaders Program, Univ. of Michigan	2021-22
Mentor , Student Opportunities for AIDS/HIV Research, Univ. of Michigan IRWG	2021-22
Professionalization Committee , Korean Studies Conference, Univ. of Michigan	2021-22
Coordinator , Gender & Sexuality Workshop, Univ. of Michigan Sociology Dept.	2020-21
Anti-Racist Pedagogies Subcommittee , Sociology Dept., Univ. of Michigan	2020-21
Emerging Diversity Scholars Network , National Center for Institutional Diversity	2018-20
Mentor , MICHHERS Emerging Research Scholars Program, Univ. of Michigan	2020
Peer Reviewer , Journal of Homosexuality, Taylor and Francis	2020
Transnational Initiatives Committee , Society for Studies of Social Problems (SSSP)	2019-21
Co-Founder & Organizer , Sociology LGBTQ Student Affinity Group, Univ. of Michigan	2015-22
Scholar Advisory Board , Center for the Education of Women, Univ. of Michigan	2016-18
Graduate Admissions Committee , Dept. of Sociology, Univ. of Michigan	2016-17
Founder , First Gen & Lower SES Grad Student Peer Community, Univ. of Michigan	2015-17
Student Advisory Board Member , Graduate Student Success, Univ. of Michigan	2014-17
Mentor - OUTlist , Spectrum Center for LGBTQ Students, Univ. of Michigan	2014-17
Alumni Mentor , Fulbright Program in Korea, US Dept. of State	2007-17
Grad School & Beyond Program Organizer , Dept. of Sociology, Univ. of Michigan	2015-16
Discussion Facilitator , Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Forum, Univ. of Michigan	2/2016
Professionalization Panel Organizer , Ctr. for Korean Studies, Univ. of Michigan	2015-16

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP & INTERVIEWS

- Yim, H. (2018/7/15). LGBT People Share what Pride Means. *Korea Herald Newspaper*.
<http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20180715000256>
- Jones, C. (2014/02/11). “*The Gender Equity Gap and Sexual Harassment in South Korea* [Radio broadcast].” TBS Radio eFM. www. <http://tbs.seoul.kr/tv/index.do>
- Kim, T. (2013/12/16). “Baekmarago Bureuji mara” gilgeori seongjuhaeng, gukjaedaeung. [“Don’t call me a White Horse” Hollaback! Korea an International Response to Street Sexual Harassment], *JoongAng Daily Newspaper*. <https://news.joins.com/article/13403226>

INVITED TALKS, LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

- “Brainer’s Queer Kinship and Family Change in Taiwan” 02/2020
Discussant, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Ann Arbor, MI
- “LesBiTrans Migration to South Korea: Economic Mobility and Rights” 10/2018
Lecture, Korean-American Educational Commission, Seoul, Korea
- “Sexual Violence Prevention and Allyship Training for University Teachers” 7/2018

Lecture, University Human Rights Center, Seoul, Korea	
“LesBiTrans Migrant Life in South Korea”	5/2018
Lecture, Royal Asiatic Society, Seoul, Korea	
“Students’ Struggles & Society: LesBiTrans Migration, Academic and Employment”	5/2018
Workshop, Gwangju-Jeollanamdo KOTSOL Chapter Meeting, Gwangju, Korea	
“Women’s Studies: Human Rights Discourse & Sex Workers”	7/2016
Presentation, Seoul National University Korean Studies Workshop, Seoul, Korea	
"Human Rights Discourses and Sexual Minority Movements in South Korea"	6/2016
Lecture, World History and Literature Initiative Workshop, Univ. of Michigan	
“South Korean Courts, Movements and Discourse on Sex Work”	3/2016
Presentation, Symposium on Area Studies and Violence, Univ. of Puerto Rico	
“Sexual Violence, Social Change and Sexual Harassment Prevention”	06/2015
Lecture, International Center Lecture Series, Gwangju	
“Identities and Social Change: Transnational Movements, Law and Sex Workers”	3/2015
Poster, Feminist Research Group Annual Conference, Univ. of Windsor	
"South Korean Supreme Court Cases and Changing Rhetoric about Prostitution"	9/2014
Poster, Alliance for Graduate Education & Professoriate (AGEP), Michigan State Univ.	
“Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence Support Resources in South Korea”	12/2013
Workshop & Presentation, Hollaback! Korea, Seoul, Korea	

SKILLS

Korean Language , Sogang Univ., Seoul National Univ. & Univ. of Michigan	
▪ Level 5 (Advanced), Sogang Univ., Korean Language Education Center	05/2018
▪ Intermediate High Speaker (Level 6 of 10), ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview	10/2015
▪ Intermediate Level 3 Certification, Test of Proficiency in Korean (TOPIK Exam)	07/2011
Elementary Statistical Analysis , Inter-Univ. Consortium for Political & Social Research	2014-15

REFERENCES

Jaeun Kim, Associate Professor of Sociology (Professor of Law by Courtesy), University of Michigan, jaceunk@umich.edu, Dissertation Co-Chair

Barbara Anderson, Professor of Sociology, University of Michigan, barba@umich.edu, Dissertation Co-Chair

Fatma Müge Göçek, Professor of Sociology, University of Michigan, gocek@umich.edu, Dissertation Committee Member

Erin Cech, Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Michigan, eccech@umich.edu, Dissertation Committee Member

Gayle Rubin, Professor of Anthropology, University of Michigan, grubin@umich.edu, Dissertation Committee Member

PJ McGann, Sociology Instructor, University of Michigan, pjmcgann@umich.edu, Teaching Mentor