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Curriculum Vitae: October 2018

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Diaspora, Migration, Race, Ethnicity, National Identity
- Religion, Ritual, Global Christianity, Japanese Religions
- Kinship, Aging, Care, Medicine, Science and Technology
- Japan, Brazil, The Philippines, East/Southeast Asia, Trans-Pacific World
- Psychological, Medical, and Urban/Global/Transnational Anthropology
- Religious Studies, Migration Studies, Ethnic Studies, Asian Studies

EDUCATION

2016 Ph.D. Department of Anthropology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

2010 M.A. Department of Anthropology, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

2007 B.A. Faculty of Letters, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Full-Time Positions

2018 - Present

Assistant Professor

Department of Liberal Arts, School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC)

2016 - 2018

Assistant Professor

Department of Religious Studies, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa

Temporary Positions

2017 Visiting Fellow-In-Residence

Transregional and Global Studies Platform, University of Göttingen, Germany

2012 Visiting Research Fellow

Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture, Nagoya, Japan

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Forthcoming in 2019

Jesus Loves Japan: Return Migration and Global Pentecostalism in a Brazilian Diaspora. Stanford University Press.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Revised and Resubmitted

From “Slaves” to “Agents”: Precarious Labor and Pentecostal Ethics among Brazilian Migrants in Toyota, Japan. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*.

2017 From Ethnic Religion to Generative Selves: Pentecostalism among Nikkei Brazilian Migrants in Japan. *Contemporary Japan*. 2(29): 214-229.
(Contribution to the special issue “Squared Diaspora: Representations of the Japanese Diaspora Across Time and Space.”)

2017 Accompanied Self: Debating Pentecostal Individual and Japanese Relational Selves in Transnational Japan. *Ethos: Journal of the Society for Psychological Anthropology*. 45(1): 3-23.

2017 Back to the Present: The ‘Temporal Tandem’ of Migration and Conversion among Pentecostal Nikkei Brazilians in Japan. *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology*. 82(4): 758-783.

Web-Based Publications & Educational Blog Posts

2017 “What Counts as Buddhist? Jazz, Anime, and Modernities.” Studying Religion in Culture Blog.

2016 “Why Do They Touch the Phallus? Or, Diverging Theories of Ritual.” Studying Religion in Culture Blog.

2016 “Messing Up at Starbucks, or the Ritual Order of Choice.” Studying Religion in Culture Blog.

2011 “Who’s Playing God? Analysis of the Grady Dialysis Crisis.” The Advocates for Responsible Care Website.

AWARDS & HONORS

2015 Richard G. Condon Prize, The Society for Psychological Anthropology

2015 Theodore C. Bestor Prize, Honorable Mention, The Society for East Asian Anthropology

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

1. Funding for an Ethnographic Study of Filipina Caretakers in Aging Japan: Intersection of Gender, Migration, and Politics of Care. 2017-Present.

Intramural Grants & Fellowships

- 2017 The College Academy of Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (CARSCA), College of Arts and Sciences, University of Alabama (\$5,000 approved)
- 2017 The Research Grants Committee (RGC), The Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development, University of Alabama (\$6,000 awarded)

2. Funding for an Ethnographic Study of Ethnic, National, and Religious Identities among Japanese Brazilian Migrants in Japan. 2011-Present, Final Write-Up Phase.

Extramural Grants & Fellowships

- 2018 Engaged Anthropology Grant, The Wenner-Gren Foundation (\$5,000 approved)
- 2017 Global Summer Semester Residential Fellowship, Social Science Research Council (SSRC) InterAsia Program and the University of Göttingen's Transregional and Global Studies Initiative (€8,500 awarded)
- 2013 Dissertation Research Grant, The Wenner-Gren Foundation (\$18,060 awarded)
- 2011 Kathryn Davis Fellowship for Peace, Intensive Summer Language School, Middlebury College (\$9,240 awarded)

Intramural Grants & Fellowships

- 2012 Pilot Research Funding, Department of Anthropology, Emory University
- 2010 Doctoral Study Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, Emory University

3. Other Grants and Fellowships

- 2008 Long-Term Study Abroad Funding, The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (Monkashō), Japanese Government
- 2008 Merit Scholarship, Department of Anthropology, Brandeis University
- 2003 Merit Scholarship for Undergraduate Study, The Iwakuni Foundation for Scholarship

INVITED TALKS

- 2018 *Jesus Loves Japan: Pentecostal Christianity among Nikkei “Return Migrants” from Brazil*. The Center for Japanese Studies (CJS), The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, November 1.
- 2017 *Contested Origins: Return Migration and Global Pentecostalism among Nikkei Brazilians in Japan*. Brazilian Studies Reading Group, The Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, October 26.
- 2014 *State of Latin American Pentecostalism in Japan*. Nanzan Institute of Religion and Culture, Nanzan University, Nagoya, Japan, June 20.

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2016 *Borders of Self: Return Migration and Global Pentecostalism among Nikkei Brazilians in Japan*. The Department of Anthropology at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Oct 31.
- 2015 *Pentecostalism Across Borders: Religion, Migration, and Conversion In and Beyond Brazil*. Panel with Dario Paulo Barrera Rivera, Universidade Metodista de São Paulo. Forum for the Ethnographic Study of Religion and Emory Graduate Division of Religion, Atlanta, November 4.

EXHIBITIONS & FILM SCREENINGS

- 2016 Film Screening and Discussion with Filmmaker: *In Leila’s Room: Identities among Nikkei Brazilian Migrants in Japan*. Society for Visual Anthropology (SVA) Film & Media Festival, Minneapolis, MN, November 16-20.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Panels Organized

- 2018 *Morality of Mobility: Situating Ethics and Freedom in the Politics of Transnational Migration*. American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA, November 14-18.
- 2018 *The Boundaries of Global Asia: Transnational Approach to China, Japan, Korea, and Beyond*. The Association of Asian Studies, Washington D.C., March 22-25.
- 2017 *Troubling the Kin: Race, Kinship and Affect in Psychological Anthropology*. The Society for Psychological Anthropology, New Orleans, LA, March 9-12.
- 2016 *Envisioning the Future In, Through, and Against “Japan”: Interdisciplinary and Heterolingual Approach to Hope*. AAS-In-Asia Conference. The Association for Asian Studies, Kyoto, Japan, June 24-27.

- 2015 The Strange Self: Exploration of Mind through Buddhism and Christianity. The Society of Psychological Anthropology, Invited Panel. American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO, November 18-22.
- 2015 Morality of Movement: Migration, Pilgrimage, Diaspora, and Return. The Society for the Anthropology of Religion, San Diego, CA, April 16-19.

Papers

- 2018 Weber in Toyota? Ethnographic Inquiry into the Pentecostal Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism among Brazilian Migrant Workers in Japan. American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA, November 14-18.
- 2018 Of Two Bloods: Return Migration and Global Pentecostalism among Nikkei Brazilian Migrants in Contemporary Japan. The Association of Asian Studies, Washington D.C., March 22-25.
- 2017 Becoming Latino in Japan: Race, Religion, and Mobility among Japanese Brazilian Migrants in Japan. The Society for Psychological Anthropology, New Orleans, LA, March 9-12.
- 2016 Futures Lost, Futures Found: Pentecostal Conversion as the Making of New Future, or Why Nikkei Brazilian Migrants Convert in Japan. Association for Asian Studies, Kyoto, Japan, June 24-27.
- 2016 The Future of Return Migration in East Asia: Nation, Kinship, and Religion among Nikkei Brazilians in Japan. The Society for East Asian Anthropology, Hong Kong, China, June 19-22.
- 2015 “Non-Religious” Selves: Brazilian Pentecostalism Meets Japanese Syncretic Religions in Japan. American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO, November 18-22.
- 2015 Temporal Return of Migrant Pilgrims: Japanese-Brazilian Pentecostal Converts in Japan. The Society for the Anthropology of Religion, San Diego, CA, April 16-19.
- 2015 Jesus Loves Japan: On “Love” Among Japanese-Brazilian Pentecostals in Japan. The Society for Psychological Anthropology, Boston, MA, April 9-12.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC)

Myth, Ritual, and Magic (Fall 2018)

Culture in Mind: Psychological Anthropology (Fall 2018)

Buddhism (Spring 2019, Scheduled)

Global East Asia (Spring 2019, Scheduled)

University of Alabama

Buddhism (Spring 2018)

Global Christianity (Fall 2017)

Introduction to Religious Studies (Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018)

Myth, Ritual, and Magic: Theories of Ritual (Spring 2017)

Religions of the World (Fall 2016)

Emory University

Religion, Health, and Healing (Fall 2015)

Ritual: Its Nature and Culture (Spring 2015)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2018 Pilot fieldwork on aging, care, and migration with a focus on Filipina women and eldercare technology, Nagoya & Tokyo, Japan (2 months)

2012 - 2014

Fieldwork on Japanese-Brazilians and their migratory and religious movements, São Paulo, Brazil (2 months) and Toyota, Japan (14 months)

2008 - 2009

Fieldwork on Japanese women with mental health issues who participate in self-help movements, Sapporo, Japan

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscript Peer Review

2018 *Religions, Transcultural Psychiatry*

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2018 – Present

IRB Committee, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

2017 - 2018

Faculty Advisor, Religious Studies Student Association, University of Alabama

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2013 - 2014

Japanese Instructor for Children from Brazilian Migrant Families at NGO/NPO
Torcida, Toyota, Japan

2010 - 2011

Volunteer in Management and Research: Advocates for Responsible Care, Atlanta

LANGUAGES

Japanese: native

English: professional proficiency

Brazilian Portuguese: fluent in reading and speaking, good in writing

French: good in reading (DELF B2)

Tagalog: Basic (Language Training in Progress)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association

American Academy of Religion

Association for Asian Studies

Society for Psychological Anthropology

Society for the Anthropology of Religion

Society for Medical Anthropology

Society for Urban, National, and Transnational/Global Anthropology