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**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**

- 2020 – Present  
Assistant Professor, Department of East Asian Languages & Cultural Studies  
Affiliated Faculty, Department of Anthropology  
Affiliated Faculty, Department of Religious Studies  
University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)
- 2018 – 2020  
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**

- 2019 *Jesus Loves Japan: Return Migration and Global Pentecostalism in a Brazilian Diaspora*. Stanford University Press.  
Winner of the 2020 Hsu Book Prize from the Society for East Asian Anthropology  
Winner of the 2020 Geertz Book Prize from the Society for the Anthropology of Religion  
Reviewed by *The Journal of Asian Studies* 97 (1); *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* 42 (1); *Reading Religion: A Publication by the American Academy of Religion* July 2020; *Nova Religio* 24 (2); *Luso-Brazilian Review* 57 (2)

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

- Revise & Resubmit  
Jus Familia: From Mimicry of Blood to Technology for Mobility. *positions: asia critique*.

- 2021 Saudade: A Story of Japanese Brazilian Diaspora. *Anthropology and Humanism*. Early Online View, pp. 1-10. DOI: 10.1111/anh.12317.
- 2019 From Slaves to Agents: Pentecostal Ethic and Precarious Labor among Brazilian Migrants in Toyota, Japan. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. 87(3): 791-823.
- 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 From Ethnic Religion to Generative Selves: Pentecostalism among Nikkei Brazilian Migrants in Japan. *Contemporary Japan*. 2(29): 214-229.
- 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.

### **Invited Book Chapters**

In Preparation (Under Contract)

Directions in Transnational Japanese Studies. *Routledge Handbook of Asian Transnationalism (RHAT)*.

### **Invited Book Reviews**

- 2021 Review of *Intimate Disconnections: Divorce and the Romance of Independence in Contemporary Japan*. (2020 University of Chicago Press), Written by Allison Alexy. *Journal of Asian Studies*. 80(2): 477-479.
- 2021 Review of *Japanese Brazilian Saudades: Diasporic Identities and Cultural Production* (2019 University Press of Colorado), Written by Ignacio López-Calvo. *The Hispanic Review*. 89(1): 121-124.
- 2020 Review of *Living Transnationally Between Japan and Brazil: Routes Beyond Roots* (2020 Rowman & Littlefield), Written by Sarah LeBaron von Baeyer. *Contemporary Japan*. DOI: 10.1080/18692729.2020.1795793
- 2020 Review of *Asian Migrants and Religious Experience: From Missionary Journeys to Labor Mobility* (2018 Amsterdam University Press) Edited by Bernardo Brown & Brenda Yeoh. *International Journal of Asian Studies*. 17(1): 80-82.

### **AWARDS & HONORS**

- 2020 Winner, Clifford Geertz Book Prize, The Society for the Anthropology of Religion, The American Anthropological Association (AAA)
- 2020 Winner, Francis L. K. Hsu Book Prize, The Society for East Asian Anthropology, AAA
- 2015 Winner, Richard G. Condon Prize for Outstanding Graduate Paper, The Society for Psychological Anthropology, AAA
- 2015 Honorable Mention, Outstanding Graduate Paper Prize, The Society for East Asian Anthropology, AAA

## GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

### **Funding for an Ethnographic Study of Filipina Caregivers and Other Care Options in Aging Japan: Gender, Technology, and Politics of Kinship. 2017-Present.**

#### *Extramural Grants & Fellowships*

- 2019 Cultural Anthropology Program Senior Research Awards, National Science Foundation (NSF) (\$75,000 approved)

#### *Intramural Grants & Fellowships*

- 2020 The Faculty Enrichment Program, University of California, Santa Barbara (\$25,000 approved)
- 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)

### **Funding for an Ethnographic Study of Ethnic, National, and Religious Identities among Japanese Brazilian Migrants in Japan. 2011-2019, Complete.**

#### *Extramural Grants & Fellowships*

- 2018 Engaged Anthropology Grant, The Wenner-Gren Foundation (\$5,000 awarded)
- 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

### **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

- 2021 *Morality of Mobility: Through the Case Study of Nikkei Brazilian Christians in Japan.* Keynote Lecture at the Conference "Mobility: Moral Affordances and Social Change." Max Planck-Cambridge Centre for Ethics, Economy and Social Change, March 5 [Online due to the COVID-19 pandemic].
- 2021 *Taking Religion Seriously: Nikkei Pentecostal Christians and Their Quest for New Origin Stories.* Workshop on Nikkei Brazilians in Japan. Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, January 27. [Online due to the COVID-19 pandemic].

- 2020 *Transnational Kinship in the Margins of Citizenship: The Case of Nikkei Brazilians in Japan*. Webinar Series for the Europe-Japan Research Center, Oxford Brookes University, October 14 [Online due to the COVID-19 pandemic].
- 2020 *How to Study Global Boundaries: A View from Transnational Japanese Studies*. Plenary Talk at the Symposium “Boundaries, Crossings, and Creative Spaces in the Contemporary World.” The Graduate Program on Global Society, The University of Tokyo, Japan, February 23.
- 2019 *Pentecostalism among the Brazilian Migrants in Japan* [In Portuguese]. Colloquium of the International Migrations Observatory/DATAMIGRA, The University of Brasília, Brazil, August 22.
- 2019 *Jesus Loves Japan: Global Pentecostalism in the Dekassegui Phenomenon among Nikkeis* [In Portuguese]. The Federal University of São Carlos, Brazil, August 21.
- 2019 *Pentecostal Christianity among Nikkei Brazilian Migrants in Japan* [In Portuguese]. The Federal University of São Paulo, Guarulhos, Brazil, August 20.
- 2019 *Pilgrims in the Strange Homeland: Brazilian Pentecostalism in the Dekassegui Phenomenon* [In Portuguese]. The University of São Paulo, Brazil, August 19.
- 2019 *Writing, Creating, and Teaching at the Intersection of Art and Anthropology* [In Japanese]. Panel Discussion with Commentators Dr. Itsushi Kawase and Dr. Tomohisa Satō. Kyoto City University of Arts, Japan, July 9.
- 2019 *Nikkei Brazilians and Pentecostalism: From the Perspectives of Transnationalism Studies and the Anthropology of Christianity* [In Japanese]. Nanzan Institute of Religion and Culture, Nanzan University, Nagoya, Japan, June 28.
- 2019 *Brazilian Birth, Japanese Blood, and Transnational God: Race and Religion in the Transpacific Diasporic Circuits*. Global Christianity Conference, The University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL, May 2.
- 2019 *Jesus Loves Japan: Precarious Labor and Pentecostal Ethic among Japanese Brazilian “Return Migrants” in Toyota, Japan*. The Center for East Asian Studies, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, January 17.
- 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* [In Japanese]. Nanzan Institute of Religion and Culture, Nanzan University, Nagoya, Japan, June 20.

## CAMPUS TALKS

- 2019 *Perfect Stranger: At Home in Diaspora*. DiAAASSpora: Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Dinner. Asian and Asian American Students at SAIC (AAASS), School of the Art Institute of Chicago, May 3.
- 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.

## **EXIBITIONS & 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**

- 2019 Edges of Transnational Citizenship: Gender, Kinship, and Moral Registers of Mobility in and from Asia. American Anthropological Association, Vancouver, Canada, November 20-24.
- 2018 Morality of Mobility: Situating Ethics and Freedom in the Politics of Transnational Migration (with Sarah LeBaron von Baeyer). 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 (with Casey Golomski). 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**

- 2019 Jesus Loves Japan: Global Pentecostalism and Brazilian Diaspora in the Transpacific Contact Zones. American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, November 23-26.
- 2019 Blood, Citizenship, and Moral Economy of Care: Filipinos and Brazilians in Japan. American Anthropological Association, Vancouver, Canada, November 20-24.
- 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**

### **University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)**

- Global East Asia (Fall 2020, Winter 2022 scheduled)
- Japanese Diasporas (Winter 2021, Fall 2021 scheduled)
- Advanced Japanese Reading (Winter 2022 scheduled)
- Transnational Japanese Studies (Winter 2021, graduate course)

### **School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC)**

- Medical Anthropology: FYS (Spring 2020)
- Buddhism (Spring 2019, Spring 2020)
- Culture in Mind: Psychological Anthropology (Fall 2018, Spring 2020)
- Religion, Migration, and Diaspora (Fall 2019)
- Myth, Ritual, and Magic (Fall 2018, Fall 2019)
- Global East Asia (Spring 2019)

### **University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa**

- Introduction to Religious Studies (Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018)
- Buddhism (Spring 2018)
- Global Christianity (Fall 2017)
- 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**

- 2022 *[Originally scheduled in 2020; postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic]*  
Fieldwork about the eldercare options in Japan with a focus on Filipino caregivers and eldercare technology, Nagoya & Tokyo, Japan (8 months)
- 2018 – 2019  
Pilot fieldworks on aging, care, and migration with a focus on Filipina women and eldercare technology, Nagoya & Tokyo, Japan (4 months in total)
- 2012 – 2014  
Fieldwork on Japanese-Brazilians and their migratory and religious movements, São Paulo, Brazil (2 months) and Toyota, Japan (14 months)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Manuscript Peer Review**

- 2019 *Japan Forum, Japanese Religions*
- 2018 *Religions, Transcultural Psychiatry*

### **Committee Work**

- 2021 Selection Committee Member, Francis L. K. Hsu Book Prize, The Society for East Asian Anthropology
- 2019 Selection Committee Member, Outstanding Graduate Paper, The Society for East Asian Anthropology

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- 2021 Member, Taiwan Studies Temporary Lecturer Search Committee, Department of East Asian Languages & Cultural Studies, UCSB
- 2020 – Present  
Member, Diversity & Inclusion Committee, Department of East Asian Languages & Cultural Studies, UCSB  
Member, Graduate Studies Committee, Department of East Asian Languages & Cultural Studies, UCSB  
Faculty Legislature Representative, UCSB
- 2019 – 2020  
Faculty Advisor of Student Organization: Hapa, Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islanders (HAAAPI) at SAIC  
Member, Faculty Senate School Climate Committee, SAIC  
Member, Search Committee, Environmental Chemistry, Liberal Arts, SAIC
- 2018 – 2020  
Member, IRB Committee, SAIC
- 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: Intermediate (Language Training in Progress)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Anthropological Association

Association for Asian Studies

American Academy of Religion

Society for East Asian Anthropology

Society for Humanistic Anthropology

Society for Psychological Anthropology

Society for the Anthropology of Religion

Society for Urban, National, and Transnational/Global Anthropology

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