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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

- 2022 – Present
Associate Professor
Department of East Asian Languages & Cultural Studies
University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)
- 2020 – Present
Affiliated Faculty, Department of Anthropology, UCSB
Affiliated Faculty, Department of Religious Studies, UCSB
- 2020 – 2022
Assistant Professor
Department of East Asian Languages & Cultural Studies, 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

- 2022 Visiting Research Fellow
University of Shizuoka, Japan
- 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); *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 89 (3); *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* 42 (1); *Nova Religio* 24 (2); *Luso-Brazilian Review* 57 (2); *Religious Studies Review* 47 (2); *Reading Religion: A Publication by the American Academy of Religion* July 2020; *Latin American Research Review* 56 (4); *Pacific Affairs* 95 (2)

Book Chapters

2022 A Historical Materialist Approach to Transnational Japanese Studies. In *Routledge Handbook of Asian Transnationalism (RHAT)*.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2021 Saudade: A Story of Japanese Brazilian Diaspora. *Anthropology and Humanism*. 46(1): 161-170.
- 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.

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

- 2021 UCSB Academic Senate Faculty Research Grant (\$6,000 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)

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 *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.

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.

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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)

- Ethnic and Social Diversity in Japan (Winter 2023)
- Death, Love, & Money in Modern Japan (Winter 2022, Winter 2023)
- Global East Asia (Fall 2020, Winter 2022)
- Japanese Diasporas (Winter 2021, Fall 2021)
- Anthropology of Japan (Spring 2023, graduate course)
- Transnational Japanese Studies (Winter 2021, graduate course)

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

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

Manuscript Workshop

2022 Advisor, Postdoctoral Fellow Manuscript Workshop, Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, January 22.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Department of East Asian Languages & Cultural Studies (EALCS), UCSB

2022 – Present

Chair, Curriculum Committee

2020 – Present

Member, Graduate Studies Committee

Campus-wide, UCSB

2021 – 2022

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Officer

STUDENT ADVISING

In Progress; Ph.D. Committee Chair

Natalya Rodriguez, EALCS, UCSB, Diaspora and Craft, Anthropology of Japan.

In Progress; Ph.D. Committee Member

Sabra Harris, EALCS, UCSB, Diaspora and Indigeneity, Anthropology of Japan.

In Progress; Ph.D. Committee Member

Rachel Serena Levine, EALCS, UCSB, Gender and Globalization, Cultural Studies.

LANGUAGES

Japanese: native

English: professional proficiency

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

Tagalog: Advanced (Certified by ACTFL as “Advanced Low” in August 2021)

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