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Education Ph.D., English, University of Washington, 2012-present
Inter-university Center for Japanese Language Studies (Yokohama, Japan), 2017-18.
M.A., Cultural Studies, University of Washington - Bothell, 2008-10.
B.A., Evergreen State College, 2004-6.

Research interests

Critical race studies, queer and feminist studies, 20th-century American and Asian American studies and literature, transpacific studies, US/Japan relations, new media, (past research: religion studies)

Publications

Refereed articles

"Rethinking Yaoi on the Regional and Global Scale." *Intersections: Gender and Sexuality in Asia and the Pacific* no. 37 (2015).

"Mormon and Queer at the Crossroads." *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 44 no. 1 (Spring 2011): 53-84.

Book chapters

"Raping Apollo: Sexual Difference and the Yaoi Phenomenon," in *Boys' Love Manga: Essays on the Sexual Ambiguity and Cross-Cultural Fandom of the Genre*, eds. Antonia Levi, Mark McHarry and Dru Pagliassotti, 221-231. Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 2010.

Selected web-based scholarship

"The Curious Case of Mormons and LGBT Rights." *Religion Dispatches* (Mar 26, 2013)

Creative

Ockham's Razor: a novel. Self-published, 2009. ISBN: 1439235279.

Presentations

"Queering the Transpacific: Inter-imperial Relations in Lonny Kaneko's 'The Shoyu Kid' and Oshima Nagisa's 'Merry Christmas, Mr. Lawrence.'" Association for Asian American Studies Conference. Portland, OR, Apr 2017.

"US/Japan: The Transpacific Partnership is a Same-sex Marriage." In the panel "Queer Asia and Homonationalism" (organizer). Association for Asian Studies Conference (AAS-in-Asia). Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan, June 2016.

"Fostering Afro-Asian Connections at the University of Washington." Praxis Conference on

Multilingual Learning: "Creating Global Communities: Engaging Students in Diverse Classrooms." University of Washington, Seattle, WA, May 2015.

"The Curious Case of Mormons and LGBT Rights (plus update to 'Mormon and Queer at the Crossroads')." Compassionate Cause Symposium 2013: Deepening the Conversation of Gays in the Church. University of Washington, Seattle, WA, Aug 2013.

"Two Paradigms for 'Gay.'" In the panel "The Gay Mormon Literature Project." Sunstone Symposium, Salt Lake City, UT, Aug 2010.

"Mormon and Queer at the Crossroads." MA Cultural Studies Graduate Research Conference, University of Washington, Bothell, WA, Jun 2010.

"BL Research: Beyond the Ivory Tower." In a panel for the book *Boys' Love Manga: Essays on the Sexual Ambiguity and Cross-Cultural Fandom of the Genre*. Yaoi-Con, San Francisco, CA, Oct 2009.

Awards and Grants

Travel award, UW Graduate and Professional Student Senate, 2016.

Travel award, ANA Essay Contest, Japan-America Society of the State of Washington, for winning essay "[Japan Can Halt the Threat of Sino-US \(Cold\) War](#)," Apr 2016.

Low-income graduate grant, UW, 2012-16

"New Voices: Awards for New Writers," *Dialogue: Journal of Mormon Thought*, 2011.

Travel grant, UW-Bothell Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, 2009.

Teaching

At the University of Washington:

English 111 – Composition: Literature (critical race theory through Asian American literature) (2016-17)

English 242 – Reading Prose Fiction: [Afro Asia and US Multiculturalism](#) (Aut 2015, Win 2016)

English 131 – Expository Composition (2014-15, Spr 2016)

Editorial experience

Assistant Editor for [Blind Eye Books](#) (queer SF/fantasy novels and anthologies), Bellingham, WA, 2011-present.

Languages Japanese (intermediate); German (intermediate)

Social work & service

Residential Counselor at the "The 1811 Eastlake Project," Downtown Emergency Service Center, Seattle WA. Worked with previously homeless residents with chronic alcohol use, providing basic

services, resolving conflicts, counseling and intervening in crises when necessary. (2007–2012)

Chemical Dependency Aide at both Detox and Sobering Centers, Metropolitan Development Council, Tacoma WA. Assisted nurses with admission/discharge paperwork, orderly environment of office and facility for a clientele detoxing from alcohol, stimulants and/or opiates. Maintained alone a separate unit of about 5-10 clientele deemed “chronic public inebriates,” checking vitals, charting, resolving conflicts, counseling as needed. (2005-2007)

Caregiver at Kitsap Home Care Services, Bremerton, WA. Assisted seniors with tasks of daily living. Also provided respite for parents with children with disabilities. (2002-2004)