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Bio

BIO

I joined the department in 2006 after I completed my dissertation on the last phase of Korean reformist movements and the Japanese colonization of Korea between 1896 and 1910. In my dissertation, I revisited the identity of the pro-Japanese collaborators, called the Ilchinhoe, and highlighted the tensions between their populist orientation and the state-centered approach of the Japanese colonizers. Examining the Ilchinhoe's reformist orientation and their dissolution by the Japanese authority led me to question what it meant to be collaborators during the period and what their tragic history tells us about empire as a political entity. I am currently working on a book manuscript centered on the theme of collaboration and empire, notably in relation to the recent revisionist assessments of empire. My next research will extend to the colonial period of Korea after the annexation and will examine what constituted colonial modernity in people's everyday lives and whether the particulars of modernity were different in colonial and non-colonial situations. To explore these questions, I plan to look at the history of movie theaters in East Asia between 1890 and 1945, a subject which will allow me to study the interactions between the colonial authority, capitalists and consumers, as well as to look at the circulation of movies as consumed texts.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor, History
- Associate Professor (By courtesy), East Asian Languages and Cultures

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor, Modern Korean History, Stanford University, (2007- present)
- Lecturer in Modem Korean History and Society, Seoul National University, (2006-2006)
- Lecturer in Korean History, Ajou University, Suwon, South Korea, (2005-2005)
- Teaching Fellow, Sophomore Tutorial in East Asian Studies, Harvard University, (2003-2003)
- Visiting Fellow, Harvard-Yenching Institute, Harvard University, (1998-1999)
- Administrative Assistant, Department of International Relations, Seoul National University, South Korea, (1997-1998)
- Researcher, Korean Women's Development Institute, South Korea, (1996-1997)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Scholarship for Visiting Fellows, Harvard-Yenching Institute (1998-1999)
- Scholarship for Doctoral Studies, Harvard-Yenching Institute (1999-2002)
- Acting Assistant Professorship for Research, Stanford University (2006-2007)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Member, Graduate Fellowships Committee, Center for East Asian Studies M.A. Program, Stanford University (2013 - 2013)

- Member, Korean Studies Faculty Search Committee, FSI and the Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University (2012 - 2013)
- Member, University of Hawai'i Press (2012 - 2013)
- Member, University of Hawai'i Press (2011 - 2012)
- Member, University of Washington Press (2007 - 2008)
- Member, Association for Asian Studies
- Member, American Historical Association
- Member, Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of History, Stanford University (2012 - 2013)
- Member, Faculty Appointments Committee, Department of History, Stanford University (2010 - 2011)
- Member, Graduate Fellowships Committee, Center for East Asian Studies, M.A. Program, Stanford University (2011 - 2011)
- Organizer, The Korean Studies Program Luncheon Colloquium, Stanford University (2011 - 2011)
- Organizer, The Korean Studies Program Lecture Series, Stanford University (2010 - 2010)
- Member, Internship Selection Committee, Bing Overseas Studies Program, Stanford University (2009 - 2009)
- Member, Korean Studies Faculty Search Committee, FSI and the Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University (2009 - 2010)
- Member, Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of History, Stanford University (2009 - 2010)
- Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of History, Stanford University (2008 - 2009)
- Discussant, "From Democracy to Civil Society: The Evolution of Korean Social Movements" Conference, Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University (2008 - 2008)
- Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of History, Stanford University (2007 - 2008)
- Member, Graduate Admission Committee, Center for East Asian Studies, M.A. Program, Stanford University (2008 - 2008)
- Discussant in the "Divided Memories: History Textbooks and the War in Asia" Conference, Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University (2008 - 2008)
- Member, Internship Selection Committee, Bing Overseas Studies Program, Stanford University (2008 - 2008)
- Member, The Search Committee for the Bill Perry Chair Professor in Korean Studies, School of Humanities and Sciences, and the Stanford Institute for International Studies, Stanford University (2007 - 2007)
- Member, Korean Studies Faculty Search Committee, Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University (2009 - 2010)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Harvard University , History and East Asian Languages (2005)
- Ph.D., Seoul National University , coursework in Political Science and International Relations (1997)
- M.A., Seoul National University , Political Science and International Relations (1994)
- B.A., Seoul National University , Political Science and International Relations (1990)

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Culture and Religions in Korean History: HISTORY 292F, HISTORY 392F (Win)
- Modern Korea: HISTORY 392G (Spr)
- Modern Korean History: HISTORY 195 (Win)
- Modern Korean History: HISTORY 95 (Win)
- World War II in Asia: HISTORY 96N (Spr)

2024-25

- Modern Korean History: HISTORY 195 (Spr)
- Modern Korean History: HISTORY 95 (Spr)
- Movies and Empire in East Asia: HISTORY 290E, HISTORY 390E (Spr)
- North Korea in a Historical and Cultural Perspective: HISTORY 290, HISTORY 390, KOREA 190X, KOREA 290X (Win)
- World War II in Asia: HISTORY 96N (Win)

2023-24

- Modern Korea Research Seminar: HISTORY 491A (Aut)
- Modern Korea Research Seminar: HISTORY 491B (Win)
- Modern Korean History: HISTORY 195 (Win)
- Modern Korean History: HISTORY 95 (Win)
- North Korea in a Historical and Cultural Perspective: HISTORY 290, HISTORY 390, KOREA 190X, KOREA 290X (Spr)
- World War II in Asia: HISTORY 96N (Spr)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Yi-Ting Chung

Orals Evaluator

Yeseul Byeon, Yi-Ting Chung, Zoe Gioja, Alek Sigley

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Zoe Gioja

Doctoral (Program)

Yeseul Byeon, Zoe Gioja

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Empire of Refugees: North Caucasian Muslims and the Late Ottoman State. (Book Review)** *PERSPECTIVES ON POLITICS*
  Book Review Authored by: Moon, Y.
  2026; 24 (1)
- **Response to Vladimir Hamed-Troyansky's Review of Cold War Refugees: Connected Histories of Displacement and Migration across Postcolonial Asia** *PERSPECTIVES ON POLITICS*
  Moon, Y.
  2026; 24 (1)
- **A Fractured Liberation: Korea under US Occupation (Book Review)** *PERSPECTIVES ON POLITICS*
  Book Review Authored by: Moon, Y.
  2025
- **COLD WAR REFUGEES Connected Histories of Displacement and Migration across Postcolonial Asia INTRODUCTION** *COLD WAR REFUGEES*
  Moon, Y.
  edited by Moon, Y.
  2025: 1-+

- **NORTHERN REFUGEES AND THE RISE OF COLD WAR NATIONALISM IN SOUTH KOREA, 1945-1950** *COLD WAR REFUGEES*
  Moon, Y.
  edited by Moon, Y.
  2025: 74-109
- **Traffic in Asian Women (Book Review)** *JOURNAL OF KOREAN STUDIES*
  Book Review Authored by: Moon, Y.
  2023; 28 (1): 200-203
- **Traffic in Asian Women (Book Review)** *JOURNAL OF KOREAN STUDIES*
  Book Review Authored by: Moon, Y.
  2023; 28 (1)
- **In the Rear of Japan's 'Holy' War Death, Mobilization, and Everyday Life in Wartime Korea, 1937-1945** *NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE GLOBAL SECOND WORLD WAR*
  Moon, Y.
  edited by Jackson, A.
  2023: 91-115
- **Immoral Rights: Korean Populist Collaborators and the Japanese Colonization of Korea, 1904-1910** *AMERICAN HISTORICAL REVIEW*
  Moon, Y.
  2013; 118 (1): 20-44
- **Modern Utopia or Animal Society: American Imaginaries in Wartime Colonial Korea, 1931 - 1945** *Korean Histories*
  Moon, Y.
  2013; 3 (2): 16-33
- **Populist Collaborators: The Ilchinhoe and the Japanese Colonization of Korea 1896-1910**
  Moon, Y.
  Cornell University Press.2013
- **Minkwon kwa Cheguk: Kukwon Sangsilgi Minkwon Kaenyom ui Yongpop kwa Pyonhwa,1896 -1910 [Rights and Empire: The Concept of Popular Rights and Its Changes during the Period of the Great Korean Empire, 1896-1910]** *Kundae Han 'guk ui Sahoe Kwahak Kaenyom Hyongsongsa [The History of Social Science Concepts in Modern Korea] (In Korean)*
  Moon, Y.
  edited by Yong-son, H., Yol, S.
  Ch'angjak kwa Pi 'yongsa.2012: 269–306
- **From Periphery to a Transnational Frontier: Popular Movements in the Northwestern Provinces, 1896-1904** *The Northern Region, Identity, and Culture in Korea*
  Moon, Y.
  edited by Kim, S. J.
  University of Washington Press.2010: 181–215