



## Karen Wigen

Frances and Charles Field Professor of History

### Bio

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#### BIO

Kären Wigen teaches Japanese history and the history of cartography at Stanford. A geographer by training, she earned her doctorate at the University of California at Berkeley. Her first book, *The Making of a Japanese Periphery, 1750-1920* (1995), mapped the economic transformation of southern Nagano Prefecture during the heyday of the silk industry. Her second book, *A Malleable Map: Geographies of Restoration in Central Japan, 1600-1912* (2010), returned to the ground of that study, exploring the roles of cartography, chorography, and regionalism in the making of modern Shinano.

An abiding interest in world history led her to co-author *The Myth of Continents* (1997) with Martin Lewis, and to co-direct the "Oceans Connect" project at Duke University. She also introduced a forum on oceans in history for the *American Historical Review* and co-edited *Seascapes: Maritime Histories, Littoral Cultures, and Transoceanic Exchanges* (2007) with Jerry Bentley and Renate Bridenthal. Her latest project is another collaboration, *Cartographic Japan: A History in Maps*, with co-editors Sugimoto Fumiko and Cary Karacas (University of Chicago Press, forthcoming 2016).

#### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, History

#### ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Chair, History Department, (2011-2014)
- Director, Center for East Asian Studies, (2009-2011)

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

- Award for Advanced Research in the Social Sciences on Japan, National Endowment for the Humanities (2006)
- Faculty Fellowship, Stanford Humanities Center (2006)
- Research Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies (2006)
- Bass Fellow (Jack H. Neely Associate Professor), Duke University (1999-2003)
- Research Fellowship, National Humanities Center (1999)
- "Oceans Connect," Duke University (co-PI with Martin Lewis), Ford Foundation (1997-2002)
- Research Fellowship, Japan Foundation (1996)
- Arisawa Award, American Association of University Presses (1995)
- Fairbank Prize, American Historical Association (1995)
- Andrew W. Mellon Assistant Professor of History, Duke University (1992)
- Doctoral Fellowship, Social Science Research Council (1988)

## **BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- Advisory Editor, Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History (2015 - present)
- Chair, Bentley Prize Committee, American Historical Association (2015 - present)
- Nominating Committee, American Historical Association (2015 - present)
- Editorial Board member, Cross-Currents: East Asian History and Culture Review (2012 - present)
- Editorial Board member, Journal of Historical Geography (2009 - 2012)
- Board of Trustees, Journal of Japanese Studies (2008 - 2014)
- Program Committee Co-chair, American Historical Association (2006 - 2007)
- Advisory Board, Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies (2004 - 2007)
- Editorial Board member, American Historical Review (2001 - 2004)
- Series Editor for "Asia: Local Studies/Global Themes", University of California Press (1998 - present)

## **PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS**

- Center for East Asian Studies

## **Teaching**

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### **COURSES**

#### **2021-22**

- Approaches to History: HISTORY 304 (Aut)
- Maps in the Early Modern World: HISTORY 209F, HISTORY 309F (Aut)
- Maps in the Modern World: HISTORY 95N (Spr)
- World History Pedagogy Workshop: HISTORY 306K (Spr)
- World History: Graduate Colloquium: HISTORY 306D (Spr)

#### **2019-20**

- Approaches to History: HISTORY 304 (Aut)
- Global History: The Early Modern World, 1300 to 1800: HISTORY 1B (Win)
- Maps in the Modern World: HISTORY 95N (Aut)
- Readings in Early Modern Japanese History: HISTORY 395B (Win)
- World History Pedagogy Workshop: HISTORY 306K (Spr)
- World History: Graduate Colloquium: HISTORY 306D (Spr)

#### **2018-19**

- Approaches to History: HISTORY 304 (Aut)
- Global History: The Early Modern World, 1300 to 1800: HISTORY 1B (Win)
- Maps in the Modern World: HISTORY 95N (Aut)

## **STANFORD ADVISEES**

### **Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)**

Riley Brett-Roche, Peter Hick

### **Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)**

Yuki Hoshino

**Orals Evaluator**

Charlotte Thun-Hohenstein

**Doctoral Dissertation Co-Advisor (AC)**

Narusa Yamato

**Publications**

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**PUBLICATIONS**

- **Cartographic Japan: A History in Maps. Co-editor with Fumiko Sugimoto and Cary Karacas**  
edited by Wigen, K., Sugimoto, F., Karacas, C.  
University of Chicago Press.2016
- **Japanese Imperial Maps as Sources for East Asian History: The Past and Future of the Gaihozu** *CROSS-CURRENTS-EAST ASIAN HISTORY AND CULTURE REVIEW*  
Wigen, K.  
2012
- **Malleable Map: Geographies of Restoration in Central Japan, 1600-1912**  
Wigen, K.  
University of California Press.2010
- **Seascapes: Maritime Histories, Littoral Cultures, and Trans-Oceanic Exchanges**  
edited by Bentley, J. H., Bridenthal, R., Wigen, K.  
2007
- **AHR Forum - Oceans of history - Introduction** *AMERICAN HISTORICAL REVIEW*  
Wigen, K.  
2006; 111 (3): 717-721
- **Discovering the Japanese Alps: Meiji mountaineering and the quest for geographical enlightenment** *JOURNAL OF JAPANESE STUDIES*  
Wigen, K.  
2005; 31 (1): 1-26
- **Myth of Continents: A Critique of Metageography**  
Lewis, M. W., Wigen, K.  
University of California Press.1997