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Education

- 2009 **Ph.D., Sociology**, UCLA
Dissertation Nation-Work: Making Tea, Making Japanese
Committee Rogers Brubaker (chair), Andreas Wimmer, Adrian Favell, Gail Kligman, Herman Ooms, Morgan Pitelka
Field Exams Comparative Ethnicity, Race, and Nationalism
International Migration
- 2006-07 Visiting Researcher, Department of Sociology, University of Tokyo, Japan
2004-05 Student, Stanford Inter-University Center for Japanese Studies, Yokohama, Japan
2003 **M.A., Sociology**, UCLA
1998 **B.S., Sociology**, Florida State University, *summa cum laude*
1998 **B.A., International Affairs**, Florida State University, *summa cum laude*
1995-96 Visiting Student, J. W. Goethe Universität, Frankfurt, Germany

Employment

- 2009-10 Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Fellow, Sainsbury Institute, SOAS, Univ. of London

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2008 Surak, Kristin. "Convergence in foreigners' rights and citizenship policy? A look at Japan." *International Migration Review* 42(3) 550 – 75.
- 2006 Surak, Kristin. "'Ethnic practices' in translation: tea in Japan and the US." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 29 (5) 828 – 54.

Other Publications

- 2010 Surak, Kristin. Review of *Diaspora Without Homeland: Being Korean in Japan*, Sonia Ryang and John Lie, editors. *Pacific Affairs* (forthcoming).
- 2009 Surak, Kristin. "Making Tea Japanese." In *Making Japanese Heritage*, Rupert Cox and Christoph Brumann, editors. London: Routledge.
- 2003 Recchi, Ettore, Damian Tambini, Emiliana Baldoni, David Williams, Kristin Surak, Adrian Favell. "Intra-EU Migration: A Socio-Demographic Overview." Working Paper No. 3. The PIONEUR Project, Universidad de Alicante.

Honors and Awards

- 2008 Frankfurt University Interdisciplinary Center for East Asian Studies Prize
2007 Graduate Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science
2001 UCLA Chancellor's Fellow

Fellowships and Grants

Dissertation Writing	UCLA Graduate Division Dissertation Year Fellowship (2008-09) Sasakawa Grant (2008)
Dissertation Research	Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Grant (2007) Japan Foundation Dissertation Research Grant (2006-07) Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies Research Grant (2006)
Other Research Grants	Hiroshi Wagatsuma Memorial Research Fellowship (2009) Sasakawa Research Grant (2005) UCLA Japan Center Grant (2004) Berkeley Center for German and European Studies Grant (2004) Sasakawa Research Grant (2003)
Language Training	Sato Foundation Fellowship (2004-05) US Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Stanford Inter-University Center for Japanese Studies, 2004-05)
Additional Fellowships	UCLA Sociology Chancellor's Fellowship (2001-06) National Merit Scholarship, Florida State University (1994-98)

Teaching Interests

Ethnicity and Race, International Migration, Nationalism, Culture and Globalization, Contemporary East Asian Societies, Ethnography, Comparative-Historical Methodology, Theory

Teaching Experience

Winter 2006	Teaching Assistant, UCLA Department of Sociology Classical Sociological Theory
Fall 2005	Teaching Assistant, UCLA Department of Global Studies Introduction to Global Studies
Spring 2004	Teaching Assistant, UCLA Department of Sociology Collective Behavior
Winter 2004	Teaching Assistant, UCLA Department of Sociology Contemporary Sociological Theory
1998 – 2001	English Teacher, Sumoto Senior High School, Sumoto, Japan

Refereed Conference Papers

2008 “Assessing Theories of Immigration Policy Convergence: A Look at Japan.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Harvard University, Boston. August.

- 2007 「日本文化」としての茶道—日本とアメリカの比較 (Tea Ceremony as “Japanese Culture”: A Comparison of Japan and the US). Japan Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Kanto Gakuin University, Tokyo, Japan. November.
- 2007 “Nationwork: Making Tea, Making Japanese.” Anthropology of Japan in Japan Annual Meeting, Temple University, Tokyo, Japan. November.
- 2007 “Convergence and Japan’s Postwar Foreigner Policies.” Asian Studies Conference Japan, Meiji Gakuin University, Tokyo, Japan. June.
- 2005 「移動する」文化：国内および海外における茶道 (Culture on the Move: Tea Ceremony In and Out of Japan). Cultural Typhoon Conference, Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan. July.
- 2004 “‘Ethnic’ Practices in Translation: Tea in Japan and the US.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, UC Berkeley, San Francisco. August.
- 2003 “Changing Meanings of ‘Japanese Heritage’ in Migration.” European Association for Japanese Studies Annual Meeting, Warsaw University, Poland. August.

Selected Presentations

- 2008 “Using Culture for Nation-Work: Making Tea, Making Japanese.” Cultural Power Asia – Producing Culture, Building Identities, Frankfurt University, Frankfurt, Germany, November.
- 2008 “The Transnational Way of Tea: Tea Ceremony in Japan, China, and the US.” J-Wave USA, California as the Gateway to Japanese Creative Industries in the West, UCLA. March.
- 2006 “Culture in the Flesh.” Transculturation and National Signifiers: “Japan” In, After, and Via Diaspora and Return Conference, UCLA. April.
- 2006 “Tea and Gender in Translation.” LA as Offshore Japan, Transnational Networks and Cultural Entrepreneurship across the Pacific Rim Conference, UCLA. May.
- 2004 “Assimilation and the State” (with Ellen Wight). Author meets critics session on *Remaking the American Mainstream*. SSRC Summer Institute on International Migration, UCLA. June.
- 2004 “Convergence in Foreigners’ Rights and Citizenship Laws? A Look at Japan.” SSRC Summer Institute on International Migration, UCLA. June.
- 2003 “Methodological Issues in Studying Japanese High-Skilled Migration.” The Human Face of Global Mobility, Center for Comparative and Global Research, UCLA. May.

Invited Lectures

- 2009 “Tea Ceremony and the Production of National Culture.” It’s a Matter of Taste: Food in World History and Cultures Lecture Series, UCLA. July.
- 2007 茶道とジェンダーとエスニシティ (Tea Ceremony, Gender, and Ethnicity) Japanese Society for Studies of Chanoyu, Tokyo Gakugei University, Tokyo, Japan. September.

2005 日本の文化とは？アメリカの文化とは？ (Japanese Culture? American Culture?)
Wakou University, Tokyo, Japan. June.

Other Research Activities

- 2008 Research Assistant on the *J-Wave USA* Project, Prof. Adrian Favell, UCLA
- 2004 Research Assistant to Prof. Rogers Brubaker, UCLA
- 2003 Research Assistant on the *PIONEUR Project*, Prof. Adrian Favell, UCLA
- 1996 Research Assistant on the state grant *Ökonomieprinzipien in der Syntax*, Dr. Prof. Günter Grewendorf, J.W. Goethe Universität, Frankfurt, Germany

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association, Society for the Study of Social Problems, International Sociological Association, Japan Sociological Society, Association for Asian Studies

Languages

Japanese fluent reading and speaking
German fluent reading and speaking
Chinese beginner reading and speaking

References

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