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Current as of 9/2024

teaching:

Senior Lecturer. School of the Art Institute of Chicago. History of Manga (Undergrad Lecture) Alt-Manga: Experimental and Literary Comics in Japan (Seminar)	Fall 2021-present
Visiting Assistant Professor. Sewanee, University of the South. History of Manga (Undergrad Lecture)	Spring 2023
Visiting Lecturer. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. History of Japanese Art (Undergrad Lecture)	Spring 2020
Visiting Associate Professor. University of Tokyo. US Military Bases and Japanese Culture (Grad Seminar, In Japanese) Short-Form Art Writing: Art and Culture Since 3.11 (Undergrad/Grad Seminar) Short-Form Art Writing: Media, Society, Politics (Undergrad/Grad Seminar) Nuclear Imaginary in Transnational Perspective (Grad Seminar, In Japanese) Comics Journalism: Reportage, Documentary, Realism (Undergrad/Grad Seminar)	2017-19
Visiting Lecturer. Duke University. Contemporary Japanese Visual Culture (Undergrad Lecture) The Art of Unconventional Comics (Undergrad Seminar and Studio)	2016-17
Instructor. Art English Training, Yokohama. English-language history and theory program for young Japanese artists. Organized in conjunction with the Yokohama Triennial.	Fall 2011
Mellon Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow. University of Southern California. Contemporary Art: 1940-Present (Undergrad Lecture) Comics and Graphic Novels (Undergrad Seminar)	2009-10
Adjunct Assistant Professor. Pace University. Asian Art (Undergrad Lecture)	Spring 2009
Adjunct Assistant Professor. College of Staten Island, CUNY. Introduction to Visual Art (Undergrad Lecture)	2008-09
Visiting Assistant Professor. University of Chicago. Survey of Japanese Art (Undergrad Lecture) Word & Image in Japanese Art (Undergrad Seminar) Japanese Art since 1945 (Undergrad & Grad Seminar) Japanese Art of the 1960s (Grad Seminar)	2007-08

education:

Yale University Ph.D. History of Art (Japanese Art History) Dissertation: "Paper Megaphone: <i>Garō</i> Manga, 1964-71" Advisor: Mimi Yiengpruksawan	2007
M.A. History of Art	2001

Whitney Museum of American Art Independent Study Program, Critical Studies Fellow	2003-04
Boston University B.A. <i>summa cum laude</i> , Art History Senior Thesis: "Dragon Knows Dragon: Japanese Avant-garde Calligraphy"	1998

prizes, grants, fellowships:

Eisner Comic Industry Award Best US Edition of International Material, Asia Fujiwara Maki, <i>My Picture Diary</i> (2023)	2024
Hakuho Foundation Japanese Research Fellowship Waseda University, Department of Literature	2015-16
Eisner Comic Industry Award Best US Edition of International Material, Asia Tezuka Osamu, <i>The Mysterious Underground Men</i> (2014)	2014
Research Fellowship (6 months) Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Culture	Spring 2014
Twentieth-Century Japan Research Award, University of Maryland Research grant for Gordon W. Prange Collection	2012
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Social Science Research Council, Postdoctoral Fellowship Gakushuin University, Tokyo, Postdoctoral Fellow	2010-12
Daiwa Prize, British Association for Japanese Studies awarded to best junior scholar essay in <i>Japan Forum</i>	2010
Mellon Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowship, USC Dept of Art History	2009-10
Chino Kaori Memorial Essay Prize awarded to best graduate student essay in Japanese art history	2007
Frances Blanshard Prize for a distinguished dissertation	2007

books:

No Nukes for Dinner: How One Japanese Cartoonist and his Country Learned to Distrust the Atom. Almost-finished manuscript: History of nuclear power issues, related protest movements, and their treatment in manga, around the artist Katsumata Susumu and his anti-nuclear cartoons (65,000 words).

Gekiga: Essays on Japanese Comics (Madrid: Gallo Nero Ediciones, 2024). Spanish collection of seven of my essays on the history of the comics form known as gekiga, originally published in English at *The Comics Journal* and other venues. Translated by Jesus Jativa Fernandez.

The Translator without Talent (Richmond: Bubbles Zine Publications, 2020). 400-page collection of image-rich posts detailing my research finds, translation issues, and reportage on such issues as the cultural politics of nuclear power, social discrimination in Japanese society and art, and sexuality and misogyny within Japanese comics. Selected from my Instagram account @mangaberg. Also includes an extensive essay about my experiences and philosophy as a translator of manga.

Garo Manga: The First Decade, 1964-1973 (New York: Center for Book Arts, 2007). Exhibition catalogue accompanying an exhibition of the same name at the Center for Book Arts in New York City (12,000 words). Expanded edition planned for 2022 with Breakdown Press in London.

essays:

What was Alternative Manga? occasional series for *The Comics Journal* online. 2500-7000 words.

"Portrait of a Manga Scholar Offering His Arm to Shirato Sanpei" (November 2021)
Japanese translation *Ax* no. 144 (December 2021)

"Comics Against Confederates: BLM and the Battle for Graham, NC" (September 2020)

“More Corona Cartoons, Japan” (July 2020)
 “Corona Cartoons, Japan” (July 2020)
 “The Weight of Postwar Life: Tsuge Tadao vs. Takano Shinzo, 1969” (May 2018).
 “Eye Buds: Yokoyama Yūichi and Audiovisual Abstraction, Part 2” (September 2017).
 “Eye Drum: Yokoyama Yūichi and Audiovisual Abstraction in Comics” (August 2017).
 “Nuclear Literati: Nakashima Kiyoshi’s Furusato Goes to Hell” (May 2016).
 “Pro-Nuclear Manga: The Seventies and Eighties” (February 2016).
 “Singing Our Own Song: Hayashi Seiichi vs. Sasaki Maki, 1969” (January 2016).
 “A Vogue for I Don’t Get It: Hayashi Seiichi vs. Sasaki Maki” (December 2015).
 “Blood Plants: Mizuki Shigeru, Kitaro, and the Japanese Blood Industry” (May 2015).
 Spanish translation at blog Frog 2000.
 “Tatsumi Yoshihiro, 1935-2015” (March 2015).
 Italian translation in Yoshihiro Tatsumi, *Inferno* (Coconino Press, 2017).
 “The Fukui Ei’ichi Incident and the Prehistory of Komaga-Gekiga” (January 2015).
 “Proto-Gekiga: Matsumoto Masahiko’s Komaga” (October 2014).
 “Manga vs. Art History: Hayashi Seiichi at SISJAC” (August 2014).
 Reprint in *Vérité: Comix India* vol. 2 (2019).
 “Enka Gekiga: Hayashi Seiichi’s Pop Music Manga” (June 2014).
 “The Mysterious Clover: Matsumoto Katsuji and Douglas Fairbanks” (May 2014).
 “Matsumoto Katsuji and the American Roots of Kawaii” (April 2014).
 “Shinohara Ushio’s Action Cartooning” (February 2014).
 “Seduction of the Innocent, Hiroshima 1950: Occupation and Comics” (January 2014).
 “The Name Garo: Shirato Sanpei and the Indo-Manga Connection” (October 2013).
 “Filipino Komiks and Japanese Sex Tourism” (March 2013).
 “Tezuka Osamu Outwits the Phantom Blot: *New Treasure Island*” (February 2013).
 “Manga Finds Pirate Gold: The Case of *New Treasure Island*” (October 2012).
 “The Aomushi Showa Manga Library” (August 2012).
 “Tezuka Osamu and American Comics” (July 2012).
 “Sugiura Shigeru’s Sense of Humor” (June 2012).
 “Tezuka Osamu & the Rectification of Mickey” (May 2012).
 Spanish translation at blog Frog2000.
 “Guns & Butter: Manga and Too Much Western Influence” (March 2012).
 “Introduction to Akahon Manga” (January 2012).
 “Emonogatari in the Age of Comics, 1948-1957” (November 2011).
 “Manga 3.11: The Tsunami and the Japanese Publishing Industry” (September 2011).
 “Tatsumi Yoshihiro’s ‘Black Rainbow’” (July 2011).
 “Saitō Takao and the Gekiga Factory” (May 2011).
 “An Introduction to Gekiga, A.D. 6970” (March 2011).
 “Charting the Beginnings: What was Alternative Manga?” (March 2011).

Comics in India. occasional series stored under “What was Alternative Manga?” at TCJ.com.

“Dharavi Comics Epidemic: An Interview with Chaitanya Modak” (March 2015).
 “Bengal’s *Drighangchoo*: An Interview with Deeptanil Ray” (December 2013).
 “Poor Little Rich Boys: The Art of the Mumbai Circulating Library” (November 2013).
 “Inverted Calm: An Interview with Vishwajyoti Ghosh” (October 2013).
 “Indie India: An Interview with Kailash Iyer” (September 2013).
 “Leaping Windows Comics Café and the Indo-Manga Connection” (August 2013).
 “*Comix India* and the Indo-Manga Connection” (April 2013).

“The Women of Alternative Manga: The Case of *Garo*.” *Empowered: How Women Revolutionized Manga*, ed. Stephen Salel (forthcoming).

“The Best of Shirakawa Marina.” Shirakawa Marina, *UFO Mushroom Invasion* (Living the Line, 2024).

“Sugiura Shigeru’s Avant-Pop Ninja.” Sugiura Shigeru, *Ninja Sarutobi Sasuke* (New York Review Comics, 2024).

“The Art of Oneself: Tsuge Yoshiharu Settles In, 1973-74.” Tsuge Yoshiharu, *Oba Electroplating Factory* (Drawn & Quarterly, 2024).

“A Year in the Life of a Mangalogist.” *Bubbles* no. 20 (Summer 2024).

“**Igaguri-kun and the Judo Manga Revolution.**” Fukui Eiichi, *Igaguri-kun* (Bubbles, 2024).

“**Avant-Ninja: from Sarutobi Sasuke to Shirato Sanpei.**” Ronald Wimberly, *GratNin* (Beehive Books, 2023).

“**Yakyu Shonen: Collecting Baseball Manga.**” *Victory Journal* no. 20 (2023).

“**Dreams and Wanderings: The Yoshiharu Tsuge Revolution, 1968-1972.**” Tsuge Yoshiharu, *Nejishiki* (Drawn & Quarterly, 2023).

“**Fujiwara Maki: The Art of Life with Tsuge Yoshiharu.**” Fujiwara Maki, *My Picture Diary* (Drawn & Quarterly, 2023).

“**Anti-Manga: Sasaki Maki, Ishiko Junzō, and Avant-Garde Comics.**” *October* no. 183 (Winter 2023).

“**Garō Gone Fishin’.**” Tsuge Tadao, *Boat Life* vol. 1 (Floating World Comics, 2022). Italian translation in *La Mia Vita in Barca*, omnibus edition (Coconino, 2023).

“**Baby Boom and the Comics of Attraction.**” Yokoyama Yūichi, *Baby Boom* (Breakdown Press, 2022). Original version at *Comics Comics*, online (July 2010).

“**The Life and Art of Yamada Murasaki.**” Yamada Murasaki, *Talk To My Back* (Drawn & Quarterly, 2022).

“**Christian Marclay and the Oral History of Comics.**” *Christian Marclay Translating*, exh. cat. (Sayusha & Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, 2021). English and Japanese.

“**Ichiro and Manga: Japanese Athletes and Baseball Manga.**” *Bubbles* no. 12 (December 2021).

“**Bat Kid: Inoue Kazuo and the Origins of Baseball Manga.**” Inoue Kazuo, *Bat Kid* (Bubbles, 2021).

“**The Demon Ball: Sports Manga, Visual Dynamism, and the Makyū.**” *Vamos Nippon!* exh. pamphlet (Belfast: Naughton Gallery, 2021).

“**A New Kind of Literature: The Awakening of Yoshiharu Tsuge, 1967-68.**” Yoshiharu Tsuge, *Red Flowers* (Drawn & Quarterly, 2021). Co-authored with Asakawa Mitsuhiro.

“**So Let the Nightmare for Japan Begin: Fukushima, the Islamic State, and Imai Arata’s Para-Comics Journalism.**” Imai Arata, *F* (Glacier Bay Books, 2021).

“**The Face Eater, and Other Japanese I Have Learned from Kondoh Akino**” (Japanese). *Eureka* (March 2021). English version in *Bubbles* no. 11 (August 2021).

“**Tezuka Osamu’s Ten Cents.**” *Bubbles* no. 9 (February 2021).

“**The Durham Protest Murals: Black Lives Matter, Cartoons, and Anime.**” *Bubbles* no. 8 (November 2020).

“**Rearmed and Dismembered: The Samurai in Postwar Visual Culture.**” *Samurai Transformed: Warrior, Culture, Class, Commodity*, exh. cat. (Art Gallery of South Australia, 2020).

“**The Life and Art of Kuniko Tsurita.**” Kuniko Tsurita, *The Sky is Blue with a Single Cloud*, trans. Ryan Holmberg (Drawn & Quarterly, 2020). Co-authored with Asakawa Mitsuhiro.

“**Where is Yoshiharu Tsuge?**” Yoshiharu Tsuge, *The Man Without Talent*, trans. Ryan Holmberg (New York Review Comics, 2020). German translation in *Der Nutzlose Mann* (Reprodukt, 2020).

“**Damn All Gamblers to the Pits of Hell.**” Ebisu Yoshikazu, *The Pits of Hell*, trans. Ryan Holmberg (London: Breakdown Press, 2019).

“**Hirata Hiroshi and the Buraku Question: Understanding *Bloody Stumps Samurai*.**” Hirata Hiroshi, *Bloody Stumps Samurai*, trans. Ryan Holmberg (Washington, DC: Retrofit / Big Planet Comics, 2019).

“***Garō Magazine and Alternative Manga.***” *Manga*, exh. cat., ed. Nicole Rousmaniere and Matsuba Ryoko (The British Museum, 2019).

“**Matsumoto Katsuji: Modern Tomboys and Early Shōjo Manga.**” *Women’s Manga in Asia and Beyond*, eds. Fusami Ogi, Rebecca Suter, et. al. (Palgrave MacMillan, 2019). Book nominated for Eisner Award, Best Academic/Scholarly Work, 2020.

“**Fukushima Devil Fish: A Nuclear Pastoral.**” *The New York Review* online (August 2018).

“**Baron Yoshimoto’s Comics Gekiga.**” Baron Yoshimoto, *The Troublemakers*, ed. and trans. Ryan Holmberg (Washington, DC: Retrofit / Big Planet Comics, 2018).

“**The Vagabond Zone: Ruins and Postwar Japan’s Marginalized Men.**” Tadao Tsuge, *Slum Wolf*, ed. and trans. Ryan Holmberg (New York Review Comics, 2018).

“**Seiichi Hayashi’s Nouvelle Vague.**” Seiichi Hayashi, *Red Colored Elegy*, trans. Taro Nettleton, paperback edition (Drawn & Quarterly, 2018).

“**Shambhavi Kaul’s Haunted Nursery.**” *X-TRA: Contemporary Art Quarterly* 20:1 (Fall 2017). Reprinted in pamphlet for *Hijacked* (Rubinstein Arts Center, Duke University, 2018).

“**Anti-Manga: Sasaki Maki, Ishiko Junzō, and the Image.**” *Anti-Museum: An Anthology*, eds. Mathieu Copeland and Balthazar Lovay (Fribourg Fri Art Kunsthalle & Koenig Books, 2017).

“**Hayashi Seiichi’s Pop.**” Hayashi Seiichi, *Red Red Rock and Other Stories, 1967-1970*, ed. and trans. Ryan Holmberg (Breakdown Press, 2016).

“**Atomic Modernism: Indian Abstraction at TIFR, Mumbai.**” *Art in America* (March 2016).

“**When Manga was Pop.**” *Art in America* (January 2016).

“**Nuclear Gypsies: Art, Manga, and Nuclear Plant Labor.**” *Art in America* (December 2015).

“**After Aparanta: Goan Art and Landscape in the Age of Development.**” *The Caravan* (June 2015).

“**Portrait of the Artist as a Working Man.**” Tadao Tsuge, *Trash Market*, ed. and trans. Ryan Holmberg (Drawn & Quarterly, 2015). Italian translation in *Trash Market* (Oblomov Books, 2017).

“**Haraguchi Noriyuki’s Model Parts.**” *Haraguchi Noriyuki: Yokosuka, 1963-1972* (New York: Fergus McCaffrey Fine Art, 2015).

“**Odes and Inquisitions: Sino-Indian Connections in Recent Indian Art.**” *Yishu: Journal of Contemporary Chinese Art* 14:1 (January/February 2015).

“**Heirs of Gottfredson: Osamu Tezuka.**” *Walt Disney’s Mickey Mouse*, vol. 5: *Outwits the Phantom Blot* (Seattle: Fantagraphics, 2014). Japanese translation in *Biranji* no. 34 (September 2014).

“**The Eye and the Storm: Speed Lines and Gekiga FX.**” *International Journal of Comic Art* 15:2 (Fall 2013). French translation in *La Crypte Tonique*, no. 9 (Summer 2013). German translation in *Text+Kritik* (Fall 2017). English reprint in *Vérité: Comix India* vol. 1 (2018).

“**Osamu Tezuka and the First Story Manga.**” Osamu Tezuka, *The Mysterious Underground Men*, ed. and trans. Ryan Holmberg (New York: PictureBox, 2013). Japanese translation in *Biranji* no. 43 (January 2019).

“**Momoko and Manga: Seiichi Hayashi’s Maternal Roots.**” Seiichi Hayashi, *Gold Pollen and Other Stories*, ed. and trans. Ryan Holmberg (New York: PictureBox, 2013).

“**Shigeru Sugiura and His Mohicans.**” Shigeru Sugiura, *The Last of the Mohicans*, ed. and trans. Ryan Holmberg (New York: PictureBox, 2013).

“**Manga Shōnen: Katō Ken’ichi and the Manga Boys.**” *Mechademia*, vol. 8 (2013).

“**The Name Garo.**” *Secret Prison*, no. 7 (September 2012).

Garo Manga: The First Decade, 1964-1973. exh. cat. New York: The Center for Book Arts, 2010.

“**The Manga of Garo, 1964-1973.**” *Orientalism* 41:4 (May 2010).

“**The Snake and the Duck: Huang Yong Ping.**” *Yishu: Journal of Contemporary Chinese Art* 8:5 (September/October 2009).

“**Hear No, Speak No: Sasaki Maki Manga and Nansensu, circa 1970.**” *Japan Forum* (British Association for Japanese Studies) 21:1 (March 2009).

“**The Pseudography of Hidai Nankoku.**” *Yale University Art Gallery Bulletin* (2008).

“**I draw with two hands: two-handed drawing and the typedrawing machine.**” (article manuscript).

“**For your words, I shall rip out your tongue: Shirato Sanpei and the Talking Head of Manga.**” *International Journal of Comic Art* 8:1 (Spring/Summer 2006).

“**1950 nendai, sho to chūshō kaiga no sōgo eikyō no umu o megutte: Furanzu Kurain o chushin toshite [On the mutual influences between 1950s calligraphy and abstract painting: The case of Franz Kline].**” *Sho no bi* (Summer 1999).

translations:

The following volumes of translated manga range in length from 30 to 300 pages. Most of them contain a historical essay by me (listed above in the essays section) and/or important biographical and critical essays translated from Japanese. I served not only as translator and essayist for most of the volumes, but also as editor and agent.

Koga Shinichi, *Mansect*, Smudge vol. 3 (Living the Line, 2025).

Hanawa Kazuichi, *Red Night* (Breakdown Press, 2025).

Maruo Suehiro, *Beautiful Monster* (Bubbles, 2024).

Imai Arata, *Flash Point* (Glacier Bay Books, 2024).

Shirakawa Marina, *UFO Mushroom Invasion*, Smudge vol. 2 (Living the Line, 2024).

Nominated for Best New Edition of Classic Manga, American Manga Awards, 2024

Sugiura Shigeru, *Ninja Sarutobi Sasuke* (New York Review Comics, 2024).

Tsuge Yoshiharu, *Oba Electroplating Factory: Collected Mature Tsuge* vol. 4 (Drawn & Quarterly, 2024).

Yamada Murasaki, *Second Hand Love* (Drawn & Quarterly, 2024).

Fukui Eiichi, *Igaguri: Young Judo Master* (Bubbles, 2024).

Kawashima Norikazu, *Her Frankenstein*, Smudge vol. 1 (Living the Line, 2024).

Ebisu Yoshikazu, *I Wish I Was an Idiot* (Breakdown Press, 2023).

Tsuge Yoshiharu, *Nejishiki: Collected Mature Tsuge* vol. 3 (Drawn & Quarterly, 2023).

Fujiwara Maki, *My Picture Diary* (Drawn & Quarterly, 2023).

Recipient of 2024 Eisner Award, Best US Edition of International Material, Asia

Tsuge Tadao, *Boat Life* vol. 1 (Floating World Comics, 2022).

Yokoyama Yūichi, *Baby Boom* (Breakdown Press, 2022).

Yokoyama Yūichi, *Plaza* (Living the Line, 2022).

Yamada Murasaki, *Talk To My Back* (Drawn & Quarterly, 2022).

Nominated for Eisner Award, Best US Edition of International Material, Asia, 2023.

LA Times Book Prize Finalist, Graphic Novels, 2022.

Inoue Kazuo, *Bat Kid* (Bubbles, 2021).

Imai Arata, *F* (Glacier Bay Books, 2021).

Tsuge Yoshiharu, *Red Flowers: Collected Mature Tsuge* vol. 2 (Drawn & Quarterly, 2021).
 Nominated for Best Manga, Harvey Awards, 2022.

Tsurita Kuniko, *The Sky Is Blue with a Single Cloud* (Drawn & Quarterly, 2020).
 Excerpted online at Paris Review, reviewed by *the Atlantic*, *Hyperallergic*, etc

Tsuge Yoshiharu, *The Swamp: Collected Mature Tsuge* vol. 1 (Drawn & Quarterly, 2020).
 Excerpted online at Paris Review

Tsuge Yoshiharu, *The Man Without Talent* (New York Review Comics, 2020).
 Nominated for Best Manga, Harvey Awards, 2020.

Ebisu Yoshikazu, *The Pits of Hell* (Breakdown Press, 2019).

Abe Shin'ichi, *That Miyoko Asagaya Feeling* (Black Hook Press, 2019).
 Nominated for Eisner Award, Best Archival/Collection/Project, 2020.

Hirata Hiroshi, *Bloody Stumps Samurai* (Retrofit / Big Planet Comics, 2019).

Yokoyama Yūichi, *Outdoors* (Breakdown Press, 2018).

Tsuge Tadao, *Slum Wolf* (New York Review Comics, 2018).
 Excerpted online at Granta, Paris Review, CrimeReads, and New York Review Daily

Baron Yoshimoto, *The Troublemakers* (Retrofit / Big Planet Comics, 2018).

Katsumata Susumu, *Fukushima Devil Fish* (Breakdown Press, 2018).

Tsuge Tadao, *Sabu the Bruiser* (Black Hook Press, 2017).

Yokoyama Yūichi, *Iceland* (Retrofit / Big Planet Comics, 2017).
 LA Times Book Prize Finalist, Graphic Novels, 2017.

Hayashi Seiichi, *Red Red Rock and other stories, 1967-1970* (Breakdown Press, 2016).

Tsuge Tadao, *Trash Market* (Drawn & Quarterly, 2015)

Sasaki Maki, *Ding Dong Circus and other stories, 1967-1974* (Breakdown Press, 2015).

Matsumoto Masahiko, *The Man Next Door* (Breakdown Press, 2015).

Hayashi Seiichi, *Flowering Harbour* (Breakdown Press, 2015). Rpt. in *Vérité: Comix India* vol. 2 (2019).

Kondoh Akino, *Nothing Whatsoever All Out in the Open* (Retrofit / Big Planet Comics, 2014).

Hayashi Seiichi, *Gold Pollen and Other Stories* (PictureBox Inc., 2013).

Tezuka Osamu, *The Mysterious Underground Men* (PictureBox, Inc., 2013).
 Recipient of 2014 Eisner Award, Best US Edition of International Material, Asia

Sugiura Shigeru, *The Last of the Mohicans* (PictureBox, Inc., 2013).

Yokoyama Yūichi, *World Map Room* (PictureBox, Inc., 2013).

Yokoyama Yūichi, *Color Engineering* (PictureBox, Inc. & Nanzuka Underground, 2011).

Select non-manga translations (does not include critical and autobiographical essays in the above books):

Kazama Sachiko, exh. pamphlet (TOKAS, Tokyo, 2021).

Curators roundtable in *In Time You'll Be Heard: Yokohama Paratriennale* (2020).

Once More Unto the Breach: Samurai Warriors and Heroes in Ukiyo-e Masterpieces (Pie International, 2019).

No Nukes Asia Forum, *No Nukes Asia: People Against Nuclear Power*, with Ann-Elise Lewallen (Yoda Press, 2019).

Essays in Yokoo Tadanori, *Pop It All* (Towada Art Center, 2017).

Kanazawa Kodama, "Our Time, in Line: The Art of Yokoyama Yūichi." (Kawasaki City Museum, 2012).

Tsurumi Shunsuke, "The Idea of Liminal Art." *From Postwar to Postmodern, Art in Japan, 1945-1989: Primary Documents* (MoMA, 2012).

Tanaka Masao, "Beggars Photography." (same as above).

Domon Ken, Kimura Ihee, et. al., "Art and Photography." (same as above).

reviews and other occasional writings: (*1500 words; **2500 words plus)

"Koizumi Meiro" at Mujin-to Production, Tokyo. *Frieze* (October 2019).

"Nara Yoshitomo" at Taka Ishii Photography / Film, Tokyo. *Afterimage* 45:6 (January 2019).

***"Ghost Ink: Hasumura Yasuko and Kajioka Toshiyuki" *Sumi: Japanese Ink Painting from Post-War to the Present* (Seizan Gallery New York, 2019). Rpt. in *Japanese and Korean Art, including the Collection of David and Nayda Utterberg* (Christie's, March 2022).

"Sachiko Kazama" at Maruki Museum, Saitama. *Artforum* (September 2018).

"Tsubasa Kato" at Mujin-to Production, Tokyo. *Artforum* (April 2018).

“Moon & Jeon” at Scai the Bathhouse, Tokyo. *Artforum* (February 2018).
“Iwasaki Takahiro” at Urano, Tokyo. *Artforum* (January 2018).
****“Fukushima From Within”** on Kazuto Tatsuta’s *Ichi-F*. *NYR Daily* (August 2017).
“Nina Chanel Abney” at Nasher Museum, Durham. *Art in America* (May 2017).
“Leo Twiggs” at Mint Museum, Charlotte. *Art in America* (March 2017).
“Takamatsu Jirō” at Fergus McCaffrey Gallery, NYC. *Art in America* (March 2017).
“Aida Makoto” at Mizuma Art Gallery, Tokyo. *Art in America* (October 2016).
“Yamaguchi Keisuke” at Toyota Municipal Museum of Art. *Art in America* (June/July 2016).
***“In the Aftermath: Rias Ark Museum, Seo Natsumi, Tanaka Koki.”** *Art in America* (May 2016).
“Sorayama Hajime” at Nanzuka Underground, Tokyo. *Art in America* (April 2016).
“Kawaguchi Kazuyuki: Okinawa Phantasmagoria” at Photographers’ Gallery, Tokyo. *Art in America* (February 2016).
“Don’t Follow the Wind: Non-Visitor Center” at Watarium, Tokyo. *Art in America* (Jan 2016).
“Rupali Patil” at Clark House Initiative, Mumbai. *Artforum* (April 2015).
“Kochi-Mizuris Biennale” in India. *Art in America* (March 2015).
“Shambhavi Singh” at Talwar Gallery, Delhi. *Artforum* (March 2015).
***“Chewing Gum and Chocolate”** on the photography of Tōmatsu Shōmei. *Art in America* (February 2015).
“Shambhavi Kaul” at Jhaveri Contemporary, Mumbai. *Artforum* (February 2015).
“Gagan Singh” at Chatterjee & Lal, Mumbai, *Artforum* (January 2015).
“Desire Machine Collective” at Project 88, Mumbai. *Artforum* (December 2014).
“Amol K Patil” at Clark House Initiative, Mumbai. *Art in America* (March 2014).
“Roshan Chhabria” at Gallery Maskara, Mumbai. *Artforum* (February 2014).
“Asim Waqif” at Nature Morte, Delhi. *Artforum* (January 2014).
“Madhuban Mitra & Manas Bhattacharya” at Mumbai Art Room. *Artforum* (December 2013).
“Border Floss” at the Guild Gallery, Mumbai. *Artforum* (November 2013).
“Vasudha Thozhur & Himmat” at Project 88 and Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai. *Art in America* (November 2013).
“Ali Kazim” at Jhaveri Contemporary, Mumbai. *Art in America* (May 2013).
“Kiran Subbaiah” at Chatterjee & Lal, Mumbai. *Art in America* (March 2013).
****“A Chinese Life”** on the graphic novel by Li Kunwu, *Yishu: Journal of Contemporary Chinese Art* (January/February 2013). Chinese translation published in the same magazine in Fall 2013.
“Ushio Shinohara” at SUNY New Paltz. *Artforum* (December 2012).

“**Abstract Comics**” on the anthology by Andrei Molotiu. *Hooded Utilitarian* online (August 2012).

“**A Drifting Life**” on the graphic novel by Tatsumi Yoshihiro. *Mechademia* online (December 2011).

“Black Blizzard**” on the graphic novel by Tatsumi Yoshihiro. *The Comics Journal*, no. 301 (2011).

** “**Know Your Enemy: Linda Hoaglund’s ANPO Documentary.**” *Art in America* (January 2011).

“The Third Mind**” at the Guggenheim Museum, New York. *Impressions* 31 (2010).

“Yang Fudong**” at Asia Society in New York. *Art in America* (September 2009).
Letter exchange (December 2009).

“**Toshio Shibata**” at the Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography. *Afterimage* (May-June 2009).

“**Miyako Ishiuchi**” at the Meguro Museum of Art, Tokyo. *Art in America* (May 2009).

“Tetsumi Kudo**” at the Walker Art Center. *Art in America* (March 2009).

“**A Drawing Romance: Red Colored Elegy**” on the graphic novel by Hayashi Seiichi. *Art on Paper* (November/December 2008).

“**Miao Xiaochun**” at Walsh Gallery, Chicago. *Art in America* (May 2008).

“**Takashi Murakami**” at Gagosian Gallery. *Art in America* (November 2007).

“**H in the inking**” exhibition catalogue entry on the work of Hiroki Ōtsuka. Eric C. Shiner and Reiko Tomii, *Making a Home: Japanese Contemporary Artists in New York*. New York: Japan Society, 2007.

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“**Routes of Influence**” at Art Projects International, New York. *Third Text* 64 (September 2003).

“**Multitude**” at Artists Space, New York. *Zing Magazine* 18 (Summer 2003).
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“**History Lessons**” at White Box, New York. *Zing Magazine* 17 (Winter 2002).
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other writings and artistic projects:

“**Manga 4.5: Building Comics with Mats and Stones**” mixed historical manga exhibition and experimental print installation, in collaboration with printmaker Bill Fick. Rubenstein Arts Center, Duke University (Spring 2020-ongoing).

“**Kanto Loam Stories: Looking for 3.11 in Tokyo Today**” photo-essay exhibition with students of my course “Short-Form Art Writing: Art and Disaster” at University of Tokyo. Not So Bad, Tokyo (January 2019). Online version at *The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus* 17:8 (April 2019).

“**The Nuclear South**” visual essay and collaboration with Shambhavi Kaul around the former Manhattan Project site at Oak Ridge, TN (2016-ongoing).

“**Adversary: A Misleading Introduction**” semi-fictional introduction to Indian artist Sahej Rahal’s work. Online at the website of Chatterjee & Lal Gallery, Mumbai (January 2016).

“**Sugiura Shigeru’s Nonsense**” visual essay on the early work of Sugiura Shigeru. *Sankakuboshi*, no. 1 (Summer 2012). Reprinted at *The Comics Journal* online (June 2012).

“**The Asakusa Eardrum**” images and text for an art historical counterfactual. *Dis Magazine* (January 2012). <http://dismagazine.com/dystopia/27615/the-asakusa-eardrum/>

Biographies for 33 manga artists. *Ax: Alternative Manga*, eds. Sean Michael Wilson and Mitsuhiro Asakawa (Top Shelf Productions, 2010). French edition, *Ax: Anthologie*, vol. 1 (Le Léopard Noir, 2011).

“**The First Person**” experimental prose poetry on war and violence. *Rethinking Marxism* 21:1 (January 2009).

“**The Imperial Typewriter**” drawings and text for an art historical counterfactual archive. *Skipping the Page*. Exhibition catalog. New York: The Center for Book Arts, 2008. Rpt. in *Dot Dot Dot* 19 (Spring 2010); *Dis Magazine* online (February 2014).

“**Circus Bare Maximus**” a ribald prose fiction supplement to Rey Akdogan’s Kurdistan Speedway project. *FeedBack 4: Ideas that Inform, Construct and Concern the Production of Exhibitions and Events*. OpenMute, 2007.

The same story the crow told me, it’s the only one he knows. Text for a comics collaboration with Michael Baers. Sapporo: S-Air, 2007.

“**Paper Language**” an experimental prose piece on the relationship between speech and writing. *Dot Dot Dot* 12 (Summer 2006).

lectures, conferences, workshops:

“**Tsuge Yoshiharu, Manga, and the Avant-Garde, circa 1968.**”

Sparta Kunstakademie Düsseldorf. November 2023.

“**Black Lives Matter, Confederate Monuments, and the Battle for Graham, NC.**”

Cultural Resources Society, Tokyo. March 2021. (In Japanese)

Boone Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, NC. November 2020.

“**Manga 4.5: Building Comics with Mats and Stone.**”

NY Comics & Picture-story Symposium, the New School. April 2021.

Duke University. February 2020.

“**Yoshitoshi and Manga.**”

Lafayette College, PA. November 2019.

Philadelphia Museum of Art. July 2019. (paired with a talk by Ronald Wimberly)

“**Garō and the Sixties.**”

Shizuoka Prefectural Museum of Art. February 2019. (In Japanese)

“**Big Book: The Total Manga of Yokoyama Yuichi**”

Gosh! Comics, London. February 2019.

International Comic Art Forum. Art Institute of Chicago. October 2009.

“**Gekiga and Comics: Public Discussion with Baron Yoshimoto.**”

Comic Art Tokyo. November 2018. (In Japanese)

- “Gekiga à la Mode: Baron Yoshimoto, Comics, and Japanese Men’s Fashion.”**
 SPX Small Press Expo. Bethesda, MD. September 2018.
 University of Tokyo. January 2018. (In Japanese)
- “Butter-Stinking Manga: The American Influence on Early Japanese Comics.”**
 Honolulu Museum of Art. November 2017.
 Viborg Animation Festival, Denmark. September 2017.
- “Fukushima Devil Fish: The Antinuclear Manga of Katsumata Susumu.”**
 Lafayette College, PA. November 2019.
 Lakeland University Japan, Tokyo. May 2019.
 Temple University Japan, Tokyo. October 2018.
 Sophia University, Tokyo. December 2017.
 University of Hawaii at Manoa. November 2017.
 Japan Society, London. September 2017.
 Sainsbury Institute for Japanese Arts and Culture, Norwich. September 2017.
 SPX Small Press Expo. Bethesda, MD. September 2017.
 Baruch College, New York. April 2017.
 Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum. Ohio State University. March 2017.
 Duke University. November 2016.
- “Atomu’s Jungle: Post-Nuclear Power Manga of the 1970s.”**
 The Nuclear Imaginary in Transnational Perspective. Duke University. February 2017.
- “Manga East and West: Public Discussion with Hayashi Seiichi.”**
 Comic Art Tokyo. July 2016. (In Japanese)
- “Typographic Voice Acting: Thoughts on Translating Manga.”**
 Zine Machine Fest, Durham, NC. October 2019.
 Manga/Comics and Translation Symposium. Baruch College, New York. April 2017.
 Japan Society for Studies in Cartoons and Comics, Tokyo. July 2016. (In Japanese)
- “Manga Before Fukushima: Atoms for Peace and its Fallout.”**
 Project 88, Mumbai. March 2015.
- “Sex Tourism, Filipina Brides, and Japanese Comics.”**
 15th Int’l Conference on Japanese Studies & 6th Women’s Manga Conference
 Ateneo de Manila University, Manila. January 2015.
- “Hayashi Seiichi: Avant-Garde Manga and the Tokyo Counterculture.”**
 A series of three public discussions between the artist and myself, sponsored by the
 Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Culture, held at the Japan
 Foundation (London), Gosh Comics (London), and SISJAC (Norwich). July 2014.
- “Garo and the Birth of Alternative Manga.”**
 Honolulu Museum of Art School. November 2017.
 Delhi Anime Convention. October 2014.
 SOAS, London. February 2014.
 Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Culture, Norwich. February 2014.
- “A Crash History of Manga: Before Tezuka”**
 Delhi Anime Convention. September 2013.
- “Tezuka Osamu & Disney Comics: The Case of *New Treasure Island*.”**
 SPX Small Press Expo. Bethesda, MD. September 2012.
 Gakushūin University. Tokyo. July 2012. (In Japanese)
- “Manga Since 3.11.”**
 Delhi Anime Convention. September 2013.
 Sophia University. Tokyo. May 2012.
- “Manga and American Comics: A Response to Oguma Eiji.”**

- International Convention of Media Arts, Culture Ministry. Tokyo. March 2012.
- “Manga 3.11: Food Contamination and Food Tourism after Fukushima.”**
Sophia University. Tokyo. January 2012.
- “From *Garo* to *Ax*: The Tradition of Alternative Manga.”**
Yodakin Bookstore. New Delhi. September 2010.
The Alternative Manga Revolution. San Diego Comi-Con. July 2010.
- “Deep Road to the Narrow South: The Erotopia of Tsuge Yoshiharu Manga, 1966-70”**
Say No to Say Yes: Art and Culture in 1960s Japan. University of Michigan. April 2010.
- “Wordless Comics”**
Visual Studies Colloquium. University of Southern California. November 2009.
- “The Ninja Martial Arts: from Shirato Sanpei to Ōshima Nagisa”**
UChi-Con Anime Convention. University of Chicago. February 2008.
- “Nansensu: The practice of a word, circa 1970 Japan”**
The Second PoNJA-Genkon Symposium. UCLA. April 2007.
- “Japan, a country with guns: Manga and Armament in the 1960s”**
International Comic Art Fair. Washington DC. October 2006.
- “I draw with two hands: two-handed drawing and the typedrawing machine”**
Lecture at the *Scorched Earth* exhibition space. New York. April 2006.
- “Silence is the blood whose flesh is singing: Tsuge Yoshiharu Manga”**
Museum of Cartoon and Comic Art. New York. October 2005.
International Comic Art Fair. Washington DC. October 2005.
- “For your words I shall rip out your tongue: Shirato Sanpei Manga”**
Claims to Authority: Workshop on Modern and Contemporary Art in East Asia.
Institute of Fine Arts. New York. May 2005.
Japanese Art since 1945: The First PoNJA-GenKon Symposium. Yale University. April 2005.
- “The Paper People Eater: Reproduction and Manga”**
Reproduction in Japan. Yale University. October 2004.
- “I Speak Publish: Two Sasaki Maki Manga”**
International Comic Art Fair. Washington DC. September 2004.
Critical Studies Symposium. Whitney Museum of American Art. May 2004.
- “The Vietnam Debate: Sasaki Maki Manga”**
New England Regional Conference of the Association of Asian Studies. Harvard University. November 2003.
- “Fukuhara Shinzō and the Nature of Photography”**
Annual Graduate Student Conference on East Asia. Columbia University. February 2003.
New England Regional Conference of the Association of Asian Studies. Colby College. November 2002.
- “Line, Action, and Avant-garde Calligraphy”**
Annual Symposium, University Art Association of Canada. Winnipeg. November 2000.
- “1950 nendai, sho to chusho kaiga no sogo eikyo no umu o megutte: Furanzu Kurain o chushin toshite [On the mutual influences between 1950s calligraphy and abstract painting: The case of Franz Kline]”**
Presented in Japanese at the tenth anniversary symposium of *Sho no bi*. Nishinomiya, Japan. November 1998. (In Japanese)

other:

Empowered: How Women Revolutionized Manga

Exhibition at Honolulu Museum of Art, curated by Stephen Salel. I am serving as special advisor for this exhibition, helping to facilitate meetings with artists and translations to be timed with the exhibition. I am also writing an essay for the exhibition catalogue. Tentatively planned for 2022.

Translation Editor, Kodansha USA.

Translation editor and miscellany editorial tasks for various popular manga series from Kodansha USA and subsidiary Square Enix, including *Fire Force*, *Yuzu the Pet Vet*, *Cells at Work! Code Black*, *Magus of the Library*, and *My Isekai Life*.

Kanto Loam Stories: Looking for 3.11 in Tokyo Today

Collaborative exhibition my students at University of Tokyo, comprising photo-essays they composed as the final project for my course “Short-Form Art Writing: Art and Culture Since 3.11” (Autumn-Winter 2018). The exhibition and presentations were held at Not So Bad, a non-profit art space in Tokyo in January 2019. Their essays and my introduction were subsequently published online as “Kanto Loam Stories: Looking for 3.11 in Tokyo Today,” *The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus* 17:8 (April 15, 2019).

Vérité: Comix India

Annual comics anthology mixing Indian and Japanese content, edited by artist Bharath Murthy in Mumbai. I serve as editorial advisor, co-funder, essayist, and sometimes translator. 2018-present.

Disasters of Peace: Social Content in the Work of Tsuge Tadao and Katsumata Susumu

Exhibition at Honolulu Museum of Art, curated by Stephen Salel. I served as special advisor on this exhibition, which was inspired by my research and translations. During the exhibition’s opening week, I delivered a series of talks related to the exhibition and the history of manga. December 2017-April 2018.

The Nuclear South

Collaboration with visual artist Shambhavi Kaul, exploring nuclear histories and ecologies in the American South, primarily around Manhattan Project site Oak Ridge (Tennessee) and the former nuclear weapons plant at the Savannah River Site (South Carolina). 2016-Ongoing.

The Nuclear Imaginary in Transnational Perspective

Symposium Organizer (with Jieun Cho)
Duke University. February 2017.

Published Interviews

- “The Durham Protest Murals: Black Lives Matter, Cartoons, and Anime.” *Bubbles* no. 8 (November 2020).
- “Hayashi Seiichi at SISJAC.” *The Comics Journal* online (August 2014).
- “Bengal’s Drighangchoo: Deeptanil Ray.” *The Comics Journal* online (December 2013).
- “Inverted Calm: Vishwajyoti Ghosh.” *The Comics Journal* online (October 2013).
- “Indie India: Kailash Iyer.” *The Comics Journal* online (September 2013).
- “Leaping Windows Comics Café.” *The Comics Journal* online (August 2013).
- “Comix India: Bharath Murthy.” *The Comics Journal* online (April 2013).
- “Let we go: Hiroki Ōtsuka.” *International Journal of Comic Art* 10:1 (Spring/Summer 2008).

Garo Manga: The First Decade, 1964-1973

Exhibition curator and catalogue author.
The Center for Book Arts, New York. April-June, 2010.

Japanese Art since 1945: The First PoNJA-GenKon Symposium

Symposium Organizer (with Miwako Tezuka and Reiko Tomii).
Yale University. April 22-23, 2005.
Paper abstracts and related documents: *Review of Japanese Culture and Society*, vol. 17 (December 2005).

See Hear: A Symposium on Sound, Art, and Modernity

Symposium Organizer (with Jess Atwood-Gibson).
Yale University. April 8-12, 2003.

languages:

Japanese

Fluency in speaking and reading: born in Japan, 13 years residence, 2 years experience teaching in Japanese at the university level.

Functional fluency in writing.

Mandarin Chinese

One-year study at Yale University

Intermediate Mandarin at Princeton in Beijing, Richard Light Fellow. Summer 2000.

Advanced Mandarin at CET Nanjing, Richard Light Fellow. Summer 2002.