

Curriculum Vitae
KIRSTEN YOUNGHEE SONG

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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2019-
current Teaching Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology,
West Virginia University
- 2015-2019 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology,
West Virginia University

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 2015 Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, Sociology.
M.A. 2011 Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, Sociology.
M.A. 2008 Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, Gerontology.
B.A. 2005 Dongguk University, Seoul, South Korea, Sociology.
Dongguk University, Seoul, South Korea, Public Administration.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Migration, Transnationalism, Education, Adulthood Transition, Asian/Asian American Culture

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Sociology (Face-to-Face, Asynchronous online)
Sociological Theory (Face-to-Face, Asynchronous online)
Social Problems (Asynchronous online)
Death and Dying (Asynchronous online)
Sociology of Globalization (Face-to-Face)
Social Gerontology (Face-to-Face)
Social Research Methods (Face-to-Face)

BOOK CONTRACT

Book manuscript, titled "Navigating Big Waters: South Korean Educational Migrants' Coming of Age in the U.S." under contract with Temple University Press, April 2023

PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 Song, Kirsten Y. and Hae-Jung Kim. "The influence of Immigration Regulations on Career Outcome Expectations among International Students." *International Journal for Educational and Vocational Guidance*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10775-023-09606-x>

- 2022 Song, Kirsten Y. and Hae-Jung Kim. "Measuring Perceived Influences of Immigration Rules on Career Exploration among International Students." *Journal of College Student Development*, 63(5): 572-87.
- 2020 Song, Kirsten Y. and Victoria Velding. "'Transnational Masculinity' in the Eyes of Local Beholders?: Young Americans' Perception of K-Pop Masculinities." *Journal of Men's Studies*. 28(1):3-21.
- 2018 Song, Kirsten Y. "Lost in the 'Big World': Korean Transnational Migrants' Transition to Adulthood." Invited book chapter for *Critical Gerontology Comes of Age: Advances in Research and Theory for a New Century*, edited by Chris Wellin and Brooke Hollister. New York: Routledge.
- 2016 Song, Kirsten Y. "Emotion Culture as a Resource of Sensemaking: Transforming an Arson Case of a Korean National Heritage to Citizens' Responsibility." *Poetics – a Journal of Empirical Research on Culture, the Media, and the Arts* 55: 46-59.
- 2015 Song, Kirsten Y. "Between Global Dreams and National Duties: the Dilemma of Conscription Duty in the Transnational Lives of Young Korean Males." *Global Networks: A Journal of Transnational Affairs* 15(1): 60-77.
- 2014 Song, Kirsten Y. and Glenn Muschert. "Opening the Contemplative Mind in the Sociology Classroom." *Humanity and Society* 38(3):314-38.
- 2013 Song, Kirsten Y. and Glenn Muschert. 2013. "Generation Effects on Collective Memories in an International Migration Context: Koreans' Collective Memories in South Korea and the U.S." *Sociological Spectrum* 33(1): 16–35.

MANUSCRIPT UNDER REVIEW

Song, Kirsten Younghee and Haejung Kim. "The Influence of Immigration Regulations on Career Outcome Expectations among International Students." Revised and Resubmitted for publication to *International Journal of Education and Vocational Guidance* (March, 2023).

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Song, Kirsten Y. "American College Students' Perception of Kpop Male Celebrities' Masculinity and Sexuality." Article in preparation for a peer reviewed journal publication.

MEMBERSHIP

- 2021-present Member of WVU Faculty Justice Network
2022 Member of American Sociological Association

2022. Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society

AWARDS

International

2006 Fulbright Graduate Study Fellowship (2006-2008).

National

2011 American Sociological Association.
Sociology of Emotions section, Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award for “Mourning for a National Monument: News Media Representation of the Loss of the Korean National Treasure Number 1.”

2010 Society for the Study of Social Problems.
Youth, Aging, and the Life Course Division, Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award for “Living in the Age of Indeterminacy: Korean Youths’ Transnational Migration Experience in the U.S.”

University/ Department

2020 SOCA Excellence in Research Fund (\$\$9,865), Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University.

2014 Matilda White Riley Published Article Award, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University.

2013 Research Grant. Department of Sociology, Rutgers University.

2012 Research Grant. Department of Sociology, Rutgers University.

2010 Teaching Assistantship, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University (2010-2014).

2008 Graduate Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University (2008-2010).

2006 Graduate Fellowship, Department Sociology and Gerontology, Miami University (2006-2008).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2020 “International Students' Career Outcome Expectations: Cultural Difficulties, Social Support, and Institutional Constrains on Immigration Policy,” Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington D.C. Feb.

- 2016 “Lost in the Big World?": Adulthood Transition of Korean Transnational Migrants.” American Sociological Association annual meeting. Seattle, WA. August.
- “Challenges in the Adulthood Transition among Korean International Students in the U.S.” Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting. Seattle, WA. August.
- “Contextualizing Discrimination Against Immigrants in South Korea” (with Oh-Jung Kwon). Mahidol Migration Center Regional Conference. Bangkok. June.
- “Young Migrants, Making a Transition to Adulthood: Developing "Toolkits" through Age-Peer Socialization.” North Central Sociological Association annual meeting. Chicago. March.
- 2014 “Between Global Dreams and National Duties: the Dilemma of Conscription Duty in the Transnational Lives of Young Korean Males.” Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting. San Francisco, CA. August.
- 2013 “Temporal and Spatial Inflexibility of Transnational Lives: South Korean Young Male Migrants between Global Dreams and a National Conscription Duty.” American Sociological Association annual meeting. New York City, NY. August.
- “Construction of National Solidarity in News Media: Un-innocent Victims and the Loss of the Korean National Treasure Number 1.” American Sociological Association annual meeting. New York City, NY. August.
- “Age-peer Socialization as Strategy Seeking Practices for Transnational Life: “Poking,” and “Modeling” among Young South Koreans in the U.S.” Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting. New York City, NY. August.
- “News Narrative Construction through Emotional Practices: Introspective Solidarity and the Loss of the Korean National Treasure Number 1.” Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting. New York City, NY. August.
- 2012 “Born, Living, Studying, and Visiting: Internal Distinctions within “Us” and the Relational Ethnic Identity.” American Sociological Association annual meeting. Denver, CO. August.
- “Compulsory Returning to the Homeland: Male Only Military Conscription and its Life-long Effects on Migratory Trajectories of South Korean Young

Men in the U.S.” Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting. Denver, CO. August.

- 2011 “Mourning for a National Monument: News Media Representation of the Loss of the Korea National Treasure Number 1.” American Sociological Association annual meeting. Las Vegas, NV. August.
- “Opening the Contemplative Mind in the Sociology Classroom” (with Glenn W. Muschert). Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting. Las Vegas, NV. August.
- “Reconceptualizing Transnational Migration with a Temporality Lens: Korean Youths’ Everyday Border Crossings in the U.S.” Association of Asian American Studies annual meeting. New Orleans, LA. May.
- “Everyday Border Crossings of Young Koreans in the U.S: Time, Space, and Identity in a Transnational Community.” Knowledge at the Intersection Mini Conference of Sociology Department at Rutgers University. April.
- 2010 “Reconstructing Collective Memories through Destruction of the Korea National Treasure Number 1.” American Sociological Association annual meeting. Atlanta, GA. August.
- “Living in the Age of Indeterminacy: Korean Youths’ Transnational Migration Experiences in the U.S.” American Sociological Association annual meeting. Atlanta, GA. August.
- “Exploring the Migration Effect on Collective Memories: A Comparative Study of Koreans in Seoul and Los Angeles” (with Glenn W. Muschert). Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting. Atlanta, GA. August.
- 2009 “Collective Memories of Korean History: A Comparative Study of Koreans in Seoul and Los Angeles” (with Glenn W. Muschert). American Sociological Association annual meeting. San Francisco, CA. August.
- 2007 “Village Visit Hospital for Rural Residents in South Korea.” Gerontological Society of America annual meeting. Dallas, TX. November.

INVITED TALK

- 2016 “Living with a National Conscription Duty in Transnational Spaces: through South Korean Males’ Experience in the U.S.” July. CSMR Hanyang University, Seoul, Korea.

“Opening the Contemplative Mind in the Sociology Classroom.” Mindfulness and Contemplative Inquiry Center, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. March.

SERVICE

- 2022-present Asian/Asian American Minor program development committee.
Faculty Advisor for Sociology Club.
Faculty Advisor for Korean Culture Club.
AKD Sociology Honor Society faculty representative.
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- 2021 Faculty Advisor for SACA.
- 2017-2020 Assessment Committee, Division of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University.
- 2016 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Division of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University.
- 2015 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Division of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University.
- 2013 Multi-Generation-Mentoring program, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University (Mentoring undergraduate students pursuing graduate studies in sociology).
- 2012 Graduate Program Committee Representative, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University.

LANGUAGE

Korean, English.