

Curriculum Vitae  
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**POSITION**

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

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, Sociology.  
2015 *Dissertation*: Becoming an Adult in the 'Big World': Korean Transnational Migrants' Navigating Futures (Committee: Arlene Stein (chair), Judith Gerson, Ann Mische, Phaedra Daipha, Christopher Wellin).

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**

Transnational migration, International students, Immigrant Youths, Culture, Citizenship, Identity, Life Course, Korean studies, Media, Qualitative Research.

**TEACHING INTERESTS**

Immigration/Migration, Global Sociology, Sociology of Culture, Social Gerontology, Sociological Theories, Research Methods.

**PUBLICATIONS**

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.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Song, Kirsten Y. "Lost in the 'Big World': Korean Transnational Migrants' Transition to Adulthood." Invited book chapter for *Critical Gerontology Comes of Age: Essays in Honor of Carroll L. Estes*, edited by Chris Wellin and Brooke Hollister. California: Left Coast Press. Submitted on 01/05/2016.

Song, Kirsten Y. "Korean Educational Migrants' Making a Transition to Adulthood: Developing 'Toolkits' through Peer Socialization." Article in preparation for a peer reviewed journal publication.

Song, Kirsten Y. "'Blessing or Curse?': U.S. Colleges' International Student Recruitment." Article in preparation for a peer reviewed journal publication.

Song, Kirsten Y. and Oh-Jung Kwon. "Contextualizing Discrimination Against Immigrants in South Korea." Article in preparation for a peer reviewed journal publication.

## 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**

- 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**

- 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.

## COURSES TAUGHT

### West Virginia University

- 2016 Sociology of Death and Dying (Online, Summer).  
Introduction to Sociology, Social Problems (Spring, Fall).  
Social Problems (Online, Spring, Summer, Fall).
- 2015 Introduction to Sociology (Fall).

### Rutgers University

Course Instructor

- 2015 Sociological Analysis of Social Problems (Summer, hybrid course, Lower division).  
2014 Social Science Research Method (Summer, Upper division).  
2012 Sociology of Gerontology (Fall, Upper division).  
2011 Social Science Research Method (Summer, Upper division).

Teaching Assistant (independently designed and led recitations)

- 2013 Introduction to Social Science Research Methods (Spring).  
2011 Contemporary Sociological Theories (Fall).

Teaching Assistant (facilitated recitations and graded)

- 2014 Introduction to Sociology (Spring).  
2013 Introduction to Sociology (Fall).  
2012 Introduction to Sociology (Spring).  
2011 Introduction to Social Science Research Methods (Spring).  
2010 Introduction to Sociology (Fall).

### Miami University

Teaching Assistant (assisted for class preparations)

- 2008 Self and Society (Spring).

## RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

### Research Assistantship

- Dean Jacquelyn Litt, Interview data analysis, Library research (2014).

Prof. Arlene Stein and Jodi O'Brien, Compiling the *Contexts Reader on Gender, Sexuality, and Intimacy* (forthcoming in 2015) (2014-2015).

### **Manuscript Reviewer**

*YOUNG-Nordic Journal of Youth Research* (2015).

*Contexts* (2012).

*Rutgers Journal of Sociology* (2011-2012).

Society for the Study of Social Problems (2011). Youth, Aging, and the Life Course

Division Student Paper Competitions.

*Sociological Forum* (2010).

### **Graduate Field Practicum**

St. Barnabas Multi-purpose Senior Center, Los Angeles, CA. (Faculty Practicum Advisor: Dr. Chris Wellin) (2009).

### **SERVICE**

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.

### **REFERENCES**

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