

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Certificate December, 2009. Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies.
M.A. August 2008. Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut.
B.A. March 2005 (high/department honors). Department of Sociology, California State University San Bernardino.
A.A. December 2003. Chaffey Community College, Sociology, General Education, and Liberal Arts and Sciences.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Immigration Gender
Political Sociology Race/Ethnicity

HONORS/AWARDS/RECOGNITION

2010 Department of Sociology Spring Fellowship
2009 American Sociological Association Student Travel Award.
2009 The Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship. Applied. (NOTE: I was encouraged to resubmit my application in the following year by the committee chair, since it was too early in my career as a graduate student.)
2009 Department of Sociology Summer Fellowship.
2009 Department of Sociology Spring Fellowship.
2007 Reviewer, Gender & Society.
2005 Charles McCall Award for Best Undergraduate Paper, by California State University Social Science Research and Instructional Council at 29th Annual Student Research Conference, CSU Fresno Campus.
2005 Dean's Outstanding Honors Paper Award, by College of Social and Behavioral Science, CSUSB.
2005 International Student Merit Scholarship, CSUSB.
2005 Phi Beta Delta Scholarship, CSUSB.
2004 College of Social and Behavioral Science Scholarship, CSUSB
2004 Phi Beta Delta Scholarship, CSUSB
2004 AFSSA Scholarship, CSUSB
2004 International Student Merit Scholarship, CSUSB
2003-2005 Placed on the Dean's Honor's List of the College of Social and Behavioral Science every quarter, CSUSB

2003 School of Social and Behavioral Science Student of the Year Award, Chaffey College

PUBLICATIONS

Purkayastha, B., Iwata M, Tiamzon, T., Ray, R., Majumdar, S. *Aging Asian Americans*. (under contract negotiations with Rowman & Littlefield)

Lucas, S., Purkayastha, B. & Iwata, M. Submitted. "Experiencing a Different Difference: Canadian American in the U.S. and Questions of Integration." *Journal of Refugee and Immigrant Studies*.

Iwata, M. and Purkayastha, B, "Minority Religious and Cultural Human Rights in the U.S." In *In Our Own Backyard: Human Rights, Injustice, and Resistance In The United States*, edited by William T. Armaline, Davita Silfen Glasberg, & Bandana Purkayastha. Manuscript under contract with University of Pennsylvania Press. Final manuscript submitted February 2010.

PRESENTATIONS

Iwata, M. 2009. "International 'Co-Ethnic' Marriage: A Case of Japanese and Japanese-Brazilian Marriage." Panel on Gendered Agency, Heterosexual Intermarriage, and Transnational Identities in the Age of International Migration. The National Women's Studies Association Conference, Atlanta, GA. (Note: Invited by the panel organizer, Dr. Minjeong Kim.)

Iwata, M. 2009. "The Racial Japanese State: Ethno-racialization of Japanese-Brazilians in Japan." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. (Note: one of the two regular sessions organized by the section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities.)

Iwata, M. 2009. Panel Presentation. "The Theoretical and Methodological Challenges of Intersectional Analysis." The 21st Annual University of Connecticut Women's Studies Conference on Women & Gender, Storrs, CT.

Lucas, S., Purkayastha, B. & Iwata, M.. 2008. "Experiencing a different "difference." Canadian American in the U.S. and questions of integration." Association of American Geographers Meeting.

Iwata, M. 2008. "Authentic Japanese," "Home Country/es" and questions of ethno-racialization of Japanese-Brazilian migrants in Japan. Eastern Sociological Society Conference. New York.

Iwata, M. 2008. Insider/Outsider debate revisited through "foreigner" experiences: A native with "foreigner experience" studying foreigners and a foreigner studying the racial/ethnic majority. Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2009- Asian American and Aging. Book under contract negotiation, with Bandana Purkayastha, Trisha Tiamzon, Ranita Ray, and Shweta Majumdar. In particular, I have been conducting interviews with aging (55 years old and above) Japanese residents in the U.S. and Japanese Americans in Southern California and New England areas.

2007-2008 Qualitative Research Project. "Ethnography of subsidized lunch program at a senior center." (In Progress).

2007 Master's Thesis Research Project. "Processes of Ethno-racializing and Gendering among Japanese-Brazilian Migrants in Japan."

- 2006-2007 Research Assistant for Professor Bandana Purkayastha. “Canadian Americans, Transnationalism and the Question of Difference.”
- 2005 Independent Research Project. “Effectiveness of Public and Private Assistance Programs in Alleviating Food Insecurity and Hunger in California.
- 2005 Co-author. “Status Report on Hunger.” Published by Inland Empire United Way.
- 2005 Consultation and Assistance. “The World According to Pana-Wave Laboratory: An Extreme Response to Globalization.” Dissertation by Salvador J. Murguia, University of California Santa Barbara.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2010 (spring) Instructor, Race, Class and Gender (writing intensive), Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut.
- 2009(fall) Instructor, Introduction to Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut.
- 2009(summer) Instructor, Social Problems (writing intensive), Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut.
- 2009(spring) Instructor, Social Problems, two sections, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut.
- 2008(fall) Instructor, Introduction to Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut.
- 2008(spring) Teaching Assistant for Professor Gaye Tuchman, Introduction to Sociology, leading a section of discussion session, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut.
- 2006 Teaching Assistant for Professor Maya Beasley, Prejudice and Discrimination, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1996-2001 Customer Service Representative, Sumitomo 3M Co., Ltd. Nagoya, Japan.

INVITED LECTURES

- 2007 “Methodological Issues – Insider/Outsider Experiences in the Fields and Methodological Concerns as a Foreigner.” Presented for Professor Manisha Desai’s course, Women's Studies Research Methodology, Women’s Studies Program, University of Connecticut.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2009- Recruitment and Retention of Minority Students in the Department of Sociology at UConn. Activities include, but not limited to a meeting with the Director of McNair Scholar Program at CSUSB, who distributed information package throughout the CSU campuses in Southern California, and production of my video-taped presentation of our program to be shown to new sociology majors at CSUSB at the orientation.
- 2007- Reviewer, *Gender & Society*.
- 2006-2008 Graduate Assistant for *Gender & Society*, Deputy Editor Dr. Bandana Purkayastha.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2007- 2008 Volunteer for Lunch Program at Mansfield Senior Center.

2005-2006 Volunteer as a Children's Social Worker at San Bernardino County Department of Children's Services.

2005 Volunteer as a Research Assistant at Inland Empire United Way.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association (Section: Asia and Asian America and Racial Ethnic Minorities).

Sociologists for Women in Society. (Sister to Sister Task Force Participant, International Committee participant).

National Women's Studies Association.