

SUSIE WOO

Assistant Professor
Department of American Studies
California State University, Fullerton

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Yale University, New Haven, CT

Ph.D. with Distinction, American Studies December 2009

Dissertation: "A New American Comes 'Home'": Race, Nation, and the Immigration
of Korean War Adoptees, GI Babies, and Brides

Dissertation Committee: Matthew Frye Jacobson and Laura Wexler, directors; Mary Lui

Graduate Qualification, Women's, Gender, Sexuality Studies May 2008

University of California, Los Angeles

M.A., Asian American Studies June 2002

University of California, Irvine

B.A. with Honors, Art History June 1995

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of American Studies, California State University Fullerton 2013-present

American Council of Learned Societies New Faculty Fellow, University of Southern California,
American Studies and Ethnicity 2011-2013

Primary Academic Advisor for undeclared freshmen, Loyola Marymount University 2010-2011

Instructor, American Cultures Studies & Asian and Pacific Studies, Loyola Marymount University 2010-2011

Instructor, Asian American Studies, University of California at Los Angeles 2010

Instructor, Ethnicity, Race, and Migration, Yale University 2005

Teaching Fellow, American Studies, Yale University 2005

Teaching Assistant, Asian American Studies, University of California at Los Angeles 2002

Teaching Assistant and Resident Advisor, Asian American Studies Program, University of California at
Los Angeles, Summer Abroad Program: Multiculturalism in Hawai'i 2001

TEACHING

Courses Taught

California State University at Fullerton

AMST 201: Introduction to American Studies Fall 2013-present

AMST 324: American Immigrant Cultures

AMST 395: California Cultures

AMST 445: Cold War and American Cultures

AMST 449: American West in Symbol and Myth

AMST 499: Interracial Intimacies

AMST 499: Asian American Immigration, Labor, and Identity

AMST 502T: Theorizing Race in American Studies

University of Southern California

Fall 2011-Spring 2013

Introduction to Asian American Literature

The Making of Asian America

Social Construction of Race and Citizenship

Race and Racism in the Americas

Loyola Marymount University

Fall 2010-Spring 2011

Introduction to Asian American Studies

Race and Gender in Cold War America

(Teaching, continued)

University of California at Los Angeles
History of Asian Americans

Summer 2010

Yale University

Racial Formation and U.S. Wars in Asia

Spring 2005

SCHOLARLY AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Articles

“Transpacific Adoption: The Korean War, U.S. Missionaries, and Cold War Liberalism,” in *Conversations on Transpacific History* eds. Lon Kurashige and Madeline Hsu (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, Forthcoming, 2016)

“Imagining Kin: Cold War Sentimentalism and the Korean Children’s Choir,” *American Quarterly* 67:1 (March 2015): 25-53.

“Online and Unplugged: Locating Korean American Teens in Cyberspace,” *Amerasia Journal* 30:1 (2004): 171–187.

Select Presentations

“Imagining Kin: Cold War Sentiment and the Korean Children’s Choir,” Graduate Student-Faculty Colloquium, CSUF October 2014

“Singing their Way into American Hearts: The Korean Children’s Choir, the Kim Sisters, and Cold War Sentiment,” Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, Annual Conference, Portland, OR August 2014

“Mixing Race and the University of Hawaii’s Social Research Laboratory,” Association of Asian American Studies, Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA April 2014

“Navigating Race: Korean-Black GI Babies in Post-War South Korea,” Mellon-Sawyer Workshop, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA February 2013

“Seeing Race: Korean War Adoptions and Legacies of U.S. Neocolonial Care,” Alliance for the Study of Adoption and Culture, International Conference, Claremont, CA March 2012

“‘Real Democracy at Work’: Multiracialism and Supplanted Narratives of Dominance in Post-World War II Hawaii,” American Studies Association, Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD October 2011

“Mixing Blood: The Problem of Race, Transfusions, and ‘GI Babies’ in Post-Korean War United States” American Studies Association, Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA October 2007

“Korean Beauties and Singing Orphans: Cultural Productions of Korea in 1950s New York” Association of Asian American Studies, Annual Conference, New York, NY April 2007

“Healing Korea: American Missionaries, Transnational Adoptees and New Visions of Family,” American Studies Association, Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. November 2005

“Managing the Human Consequences of War: Transnational Adoptees and Mixed-Race Children of the Korean War,” American Studies Association of Korea, Gyeongju, Korea October 2005

“Re-Orientalizing the East in the American West: Performing Citizenship in 1930’s San Francisco’s Chinatown,” Association for Asian American Studies, Annual Conference, Boston, MA April 2004

“Online and Unplugged: Korean American Teens and Cyberspace” Association for Asian American Studies, Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA May 2003

Select Invited Lectures

“Korean Immigration,” Camp Conifer (Grades 3-12), Running Springs, CA	August 2015 & August 2014
“Korean American Issues,” Korea Academy for Educators, USC	July 2015 & July 2014
“An interview with students,” ASAM 308: Asian American Women, Sharon Sekhon, CSUF	October 2014
“Korean Americans, Past and Present,” Korean Studies Institute Web Lecture Series, USC https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8yuOdGX13Bc	January 2014
“Troubling the Disciplines,” Interdisciplinary Americas: The Legacies of African American Studies, American Studies, and History at Yale, Alumni Conference, Yale University	November 2013
“New Paradigms in Ethnic Studies,” American Studies and Ethnicity, USC	October 2012
“Asian American Studies,” East Asian Societies, USC	April 2012
“History of Korean Adoptees in the U.S.,” History of Asian Americans, UCLA	February 2010
“Visibility and Erasure: Contradictions of the Korean War Orphan in U.S. Imagination,” Department of English Language & Literature Lecture Series, Ewha Womans University, Seoul, Korea	September 2005
“Exceptionalism and American Studies,” American Studies Lecture Series, Yale University	November 2004
“Consonance or Dissonance? Ethnic Studies and American Studies,” American Studies Lecture Series, Yale University	March 2003
“Race and Ethnic Communities in Cyberspace,” Contemporary Issues in Asian American Studies, UCLA	March 2002
“Ethnic Studies and Student Activism,” Investigative Journalism in African- and Asian-American Studies, University of California at Santa Barbara	November 2001

Book Reviews

Richard Lentz and Karla K. Gower, *The Opinions of Mankind: Racial Issues, Press, and Propaganda in the Cold War* (Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Press, 2010), in *Journal of American Ethnic History* 34:2 (Winter 2015), 125-127.

Cindy I-Fen Cheng, *Citizens of Asian America: Democracy and Race during the Cold War* (New York: New York University press, 2013), in *The Journal of American History* 101:1 (June 2014), 330-331.

Encyclopedia Entries

“Korean Americans in the Cold War,” in *Asian American Encyclopedia Project*, ABC-CLIO, 2014.

AWARDS

Faculty Enhancement and Instructional Development Award, CSUF	Summer 2015
Junior Intramural Grant, CSUF	Fall 2014
American Council of Learned Societies New Faculty Fellow, American Studies and Ethnicity, USC	2011-2013
Woodrow Wilson Foundation Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship	2007-2008
Yale University Dissertation Fellowship	2006-2007
Council on Library and Information Resources Mellon Dissertation Fellowship	2005-2006
Yale Center for International and Area Studies Dissertation Research Grant	Fall 2005
Yale Council on East Asian Studies Dissertation Research Grant	Fall 2005
John F. Enders Travel Research Grant, Yale University	Summer 2005
Yale Council on East Asian Studies Language Grant	Summer 2003
Institute of American Cultures Research Grant and Graduate Fellowship, UCLA	2001-2002

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Board Member, Young Oak Kim Oral Histories Project, UC Riverside	2015-present
Selection Committee, American Council of Learned Societies Postdoctoral Partnership Initiative	2015
Committee Member, California American Studies Association Annual Conference, CSUF	2015
Participant, GE Pathways, Ethics and Leadership, CSUF	2014-present
Faculty Advisor, American Studies Student Association, CSUF	2014-present
Editorial Board Member, <i>American Studies: Eurasian Perspectives</i> (refereed journal)	2014-present
Moderator, Student Town Hall, American Democracy Project	2014
Committee Member, Southeast Asian Legacies Conference, CSUF	2014
Member, Asian American Studies Program Council, CSUF	2013-present
Selection Committee, Council on Library and Information Resources Mellon Fellowship	2012-2013
National Council Member, Students' Committee, American Studies Association	2004-2008
Member, Committee on Ethnic Studies, American Studies Association	2005-2007
Participant, Seminar in Experimental Critical Theory, "Present Tense Empires, Race, Bio-Politics," University of California Humanities Research Institute, UCI	2005
Fellow, Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity, Yale University	2004-2005
Organizer, Asian & Pacific American Graduate Student Organization, Yale University	2002-2005
Organizing Committee, American Studies Lecture Series, Yale University	2002-2003
Organizing Committee, Asian American Studies Graduate Student Association, UCLA	2000-2002
Co-Organizer, "Ten Years After the 1992 Civil Unrest," Conference, UCLA	2002
Organizing Committee, "Diaspora, Descent and Dissent," Conference, UCLA	2002
Admissions Committee, Asian American Studies Master's Program, UCLA	2002
Research Assistant to Professor Valerie Matsumoto, Asian American Studies Program, UCLA, History of Asian American Youth Cultures	2002
Education Coordinator & Curriculum Developer, Evenings for Educators Program, Los Angeles County Museum of Art	1999-2000
Instructor and Curriculum Developer, Artists of the Maya World Program, LACMA	1997-1999
Co-Coordinator, Inner-City High School Internship Program, LACMA	1998
Program Coordinator, Barrier Free Program for Disabled Visitors, LACMA	1995-1997

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Studies Association
Organization of American Historians

LANGUAGE

Proficiency in Korean