

EDUCATION

09/2020–Present	University of Washington, PhD, Sociocultural Anthropology GPA 3.88
09/2020–06/2022	University of Washington, M.A., Sociocultural Anthropology Graduated with a 3.89/4.00 GPA
08/2016–05/2018	University of Houston, B.A., Anthropology, Asian American Studies Minor Graduated Summa Cum Laude with a 3.93/4.00 GPA
02/2018–07/2018	CIEE 150-Hour TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) Certification
06/2017–07/2017	Sophia University, Study Abroad

RELEVANT AWARDS AND CERTIFICATIONS

FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT STUDY/RESEARCH AWARD RECIPIENT

- Awarded a Fulbright research grant during the 2023-2024 application cycle.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES (FLAS) FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT

- Awarded a FLAS fellowship for the 2020-2021 academic year by the East Asia Center at University of Washington.
- Awarded a FLAS fellowship for the 2021-2022 academic year by the Global Studies Center at University of Washington.
- Awarded a FLAS fellowship for the 2022-2023 academic year by the East Asia Center at University of Washington.

CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

- Received a CLS award for Japanese Language study during the summer of 2021. The CLS is a nationally competitive scholarship.

BENJAMIN A. GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

- I received a Gilman scholarship which I utilized to participate in a 5-week study abroad program in Tokyo at Sophia University. The Gilman scholarship is a highly competitive national scholarship.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

- Awarded multiple competitive scholarships based on my academic merit. These include the Ayako Betty Murakami Scholarship for Japan Studies, and the Brett Baldwin Endowment Scholarship.

ACTFL OPI INTERMEDIATE-HIGH CERTIFICATION

- Received a rating of “Intermediate-High” on my American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) Japanese language examination.

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

09/2022-Current	University of Washington, Teaching Assistant I worked as a teaching assistant for the course ANTH 203: Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology and am currently working as a TA for ANTH 322: Comparative Study of Death. My duties included independently conducting a class lecture once weekly, as well as grading assignments, and holding office hours to assist students.
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09/2023-08/2025	University of Washington, Course Instructor I worked as a teacher for the course ENGL 299: Intermediate Interdisciplinary Writing and ANTH 360: Anthropology of Popular Culture. My duties included independently organizing and conducting the course, grading assignments, and holding office hours to assist students.
09/2021-12/2024	University of Washington, Graduate Housing Community Assistant I worked as a community assistant for the on-campus graduate housing at University of Washington. As a community assistant my tasks include helping residents with housing related issues, serving as a peer advisor, putting on regular social events for residents, and helping foster a safe and inclusive living environment for all residents. University of Washington's on campus housing has a particularly large foreign resident population.
09/2018-08/2020	Topia English Academy, Teacher - I worked as an English teacher in South Korea for 2 years. I taught language lessons to a wide range of students, primarily elementary school aged children. - My responsibilities as a teacher included independently conducting lessons, as well as preparing materials for lessons, correcting and grading the work of students, and assessing the performance of hundreds of students. In conjunction with learning how to conduct classes, working as a teacher also provided me with a chance to refine other general skills. For example, my public speaking and leadership skills are well developed as I conducted multiple large classes of students daily, frequently rotating between new groups. Furthermore, being responsive to the needs of hundreds of individual students required me to cultivate strong organizational skills, and helped me develop the ability to manage a high volume of varied tasks simultaneously as I balanced the needs of large groups while still providing individual, personalized attention and help

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

12/2023-06/2025	Dissertation Research in Japan I conducted 1.5 years of dissertation research through the Fulbright grant I received.
12/2022-01/2023	Pilot Research in Japan I was granted pilot research funds by the UW anthropology department and conducted a 3.5 week excursion to Japan to refine aspects of my research proposal, build further rapport with my established collaborators, and make additional contacts.
09/2018-09/2020	Teaching in South Korea I worked as an English language teacher in the cities of Seoul and Cheonan in South Korea for a total of 2 years.
07/2022	Independent Travel to South Korea I returned to South Korea for personal travel for 3 weeks this summer.
01/2019	Independent Travel to Japan I returned to Japan for personal travel for 2 weeks.
07/2017-08/2017	Study Abroad in Japan I participated in a study abroad program taking place primarily at Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan. At the university I took anthropological courses on Japanese popular culture as well as a Japanese language course. During the 5-week duration of the program I also visited multiple other locations such as Nikko and Yokohama.
05/2017	Independent Travel to Vietnam I traveled to Vietnam for approximately 3 weeks, where I visited friends and a college professor in Ho Chi Minh City.
2023-2025	Independent Travel to Various other Countries Canada, Greece, Italy, Peru, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

10/2020-06/2021

HOUSTON ARTS ALLIANCE GRANT APPLICATION REVIEWER

- As a grant application reviewer for the Houston Arts Alliance I collaborated with a panel from diverse backgrounds to give grants of up to \$15,000 to Houston artists and project producers focused on enhancing Houston art cultures and communities.

10/2020-06/2021

UW ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT DIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEMBER

- As a member of the anthropology diversity committee, I participated in the creation, development and organization of activities and strategies which helped promote diversity, understanding and inclusion within the department, as well as helped identify and link internal and external resources for the recruitment, retention and development of diverse faculty, students, and staff.

08/2017-05/2018

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LEARNING ABROAD OFFICE PEER ADVISOR

- Titled as a “Global Guide”, I volunteered as a peer advisor for the University of Houston Learning Abroad Office for one year. During this time, I helped students with their study abroad applications, informed them of scholarship opportunities, held regular events around campus to help students learn about study abroad opportunities, and assisted in carrying out the bi-annual study abroad fair.