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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. (2019 to present) University of Pittsburgh, Department of Sociology, Doctoral Program
- M.A. Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Master of Public Administration, 2012
- B.A. Nihon University, Tokyo Japan, Bachelor of Science with Honors, Agricultural and Biological Chemistry, 2000

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social movements, civic leadership, social control, gender issues, East Asian societies

PUBLICATION

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2018 Kamata, Kanoko. "Civic Lawmaking: The Case of the Domestic Violence Movement in Japan," *Asia Pacific Journal*. Volume 16, issue 21. <https://apjif.org/2018/21/Kamata.html>

Articles in Preparation

Shaw, Vivian and Kamata, Kanoko. "Sexual Violence and the Challenges of Intersectionality: Cases in Japan."

Book

- 2020 Kamata, Kanoko. "Community Organizing: five steps to create the future we want." (Komyuniti Ōganaizingu: Hoshii mirai wo minna de tsukuru 5tsu no steppu) Eiji Press. Tokyo

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2021 International Studies Fund, University of Pittsburgh (\$1000)
- 2021 The World History Center Mini Grant, University of Pittsburgh (\$750)
- 2020 Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program (tuition, health insurance, living expense for two years AY 2021 and 2022)
- 2020 Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Science Graduate Summer Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh (\$3,000)
- 2020 Keith and Ruth Brown Endowment Fund for Graduate Student Research, University of Pittsburgh (\$3,000)
- 2019 Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Science Graduate Summer Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh (\$3,000)
- 2019 Social Movement Fellowship, Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pittsburgh (\$23,490)

- 2015 Selected for 100 Change Makers of the World by Nikkei Business
- 2011 Roy and Lila Ash Fellowship in Democracy, Harvard Kennedy School (full tuition of Kennedy School, \$50,000)
- 2011 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship (\$26,000)

PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 "Uncontentious Contention: A Study of Anti-Sexual Violence Movement in Japan." Collective Behavior regular session on Individual motivators, broader structures, and the politics of the moment. American Sociological Association.
- 2020 "Community Organizing and the Reform of Japan's Sex Crime Law in 2017", Public seminar for the Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. October.
- 2020 "Partial Intersectionality Social Movements and the Challenges of Intersectionality: Cases in Japan." Presented with Dr. Vivian Shaw. Section on Sociology of Body and Embodiment / Intersectional Bodies. American Sociological Association.
- 2019 "Civic Lawmaking: Why Sex Crime Reform Campaign in Japan was successful?", Public seminar for the Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. April.
- 2019 "Social Movements in Japan." Dr. Hilary Holbrow's course, Inequality in Japan, Department of Sociology, Harvard University. March.
- 2018 "Social Movements in Japan: The Case of the Domestic Violence Movement." Public seminar for the Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. April.
- 2018 "Organizing Women in Japan." Prof. Mary Brinton's course, Inequality in Japan, Department of Sociology, Harvard University. February.
- 2017 Panel, "Ash Community Speaker Series -- A Framework for Change: Community Organizing in Japan and Jordan." Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School. February.
- 2018 "Community Organizing and Social Movements in Japan." Prof. Paul Chang's course, Democracy and Social Movements in East Asia, Department of Sociology, Harvard University. January.
- 2018 and 2017 "Civil Society in Japan." Prof. Susan Pharr's course, Japan and the World, Department of Government. October.
- 2016 Panel, "Learning Community Organizing in Japan and China." Asia Center, Harvard University. November.
- 2015 Panel, "Leading Change: Leadership, Organizing and Advocacy in Japan, Serbia and Jordan." Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School. November.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2018–2019 Harvard University, Sociology Department, Fellow in Sociology

2017–2019 Harvard University, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Associate, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations

2017–2018 Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Ash Center Research Fellow

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013–2017 Community Organizing Japan (COJ), Tokyo, Japan, Executive Director, Co-Founder

2012–2013 Center for Popular Democracy (CPD), New York, USA, Fellow, Organizing and Development

2004–2011 Environmental Resources Management (ERM) Japan, Ltd., Yokohama, Japan, Senior Consultant, Compliance and Risk Management Team

2000–2003 Nihon Siber Hegner K.K., Sales representative for the Pharmaceutical Raw Materials Business Unit

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

2014–2017 Keio University, Tokyo, Japan: Visiting Research Fellow at Global Security Research Institute.

2014 Harvard University Executive Education Program: Teaching Fellow.

BOARD AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

2017–Present Board member, and co-founder of Community Organizing Japan (a leadership educational institution).

2017–Present Board member, and co-founder of Chabudai Gaeshi Joshi Action (a gender equality and women's organization).

2017–Present Board member of Spring (a sexual violence survivors' advocacy group).

2016–2017 Board member of Leading Change Network (a global network organization of organizers, educators, and researchers)

2011 Class Representative for Harvard Kennedy School Student Government.

MEDIA COVERAGE (selected)

Featured in Masami Ito, "[Shifting attitudes toward sexual violence in Japan](#)" [article], Japan Times (January 6, 2018).

Featured in "[Women of Vision. Reforming Japan's Sex Crime Laws](#)" [video], NHK World (August 30, 2018).

Profiled in Lisa Goldman, "[Bringing grassroots community organising to Japan: Meet Kanoko Kamata](#)" [article], Mobilisation Lab (November 27, 2017).

REFERENCES

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