

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

Ph.D. University of Chicago 2004 (sociology)

M.A. Hitotsubashi University 1997 (sociology)

B.A. Tsuda College 1991 (international relations)

Dissertation

2004. "Unmediating Community: the Non-Diffusion of the Internet in Japan, 1985-2002." Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Chicago. 260 pages.

The dissertation examines the ways in which the Japanese adopted the Internet during the first decade of its mass expansion in order to understand how members of a specific culture interpret and negotiate new communicative possibilities and challenges offered by new information and communication technologies. Quantitative as well as qualitative methods were employed for analysis.

Employment

2004-Present. Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities, Senshu University.

2003-2004 Lecturer, Department of Humanities, Senshu University.

2003 Instructor, Illinois Institute of Technology.

2002 Teaching Assistant for Professor Saskia Sassen, University of Chicago, "Globalization: Theoretical and Empirical Elements."

Extra-Academic Employment

1991-1994 Systems Engineer, NTT Data Corporation.

Refereed Publications

2002. "Regional Civic Network before the Internet: Japan in the mid 1990s." in Mel Collier and Linda Banwell (eds.) *Human Aspects of the Information Society: an International Collection of Papers*. New Castle, UK: the Information Management Research Institute, Northumbria University.

(With Junya Tsutsui). 2001. "Prospects for the New Form of the Public: Interactionist Analysis of the Public Sphere on the Net" *Shakaigaku Hyoron* 51(4):398-411. (in Japanese)

2000. "Mediated Communication and Feeling Rules." *Shakaigaku Hyoron* 51(2):204-18. (in Japanese)

Non-refereed Publications

2005. "Three Models Explaining Job Change: Market, Socio-economic Characteristics, and Social Dilemma." *Senshu Sociology* 17: 1-12. (in Japanese)

1997. "Community Networks in the Age of the Internet." Shujiro Yazawa (ed). *Kankyo Kaihatsu Mondai to Chiiki Shakai no Shojouken nikansuru Jisshoteki Kenkyu*. Hitotsubashi University. (in Japanese)

Unpublished Papers

(with Hiroshi Ono) 2005. "Digital Inequality and the Social Shaping of the Internet in Japan."

2004. "Unmediating Community: the Non-Diffusion of the Internet in Japan, 1985-2002." Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Chicago.

Invited Presentations

2005. "The Internet for the Masses?" Workshop on Streaming Media. Tokyo University.

2005. "The Diffusion of the Internet in Japan: An Overview." Hyper Network 2005. Institute for Hyper Network Society.

2004. "Digital Divide in Japan." Workshop on Smart Mobile Society. Glocom. Roppongi Hills.

Courses Taught

Undergraduate Courses: B.A thesis seminar, Introduction to communication studies, Research methods, Reading and research in sociology.

Graduate Courses: Introduction to quantitative research methods.

Professional Service

2002. Book Review Editorial Board, *American Journal of Sociology*.

2001-present Occasional Reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*.

2004. Occasional Reviewer for *Sociological Theory*.

2005. Occasional Reviewer for *Social Science Quarterly*.

2005. Steering Committee, Information and Communications Policy Conference.

Research Grants and Awards

2005. CITASA Mini-conference Junior Researcher Grant.

2005-2006. JSPS Junior Researcher Grant.

2005-2006. Senshu Research Grant.

2002-2003 Research Grant, Matsushita International Foundation.

1998. Visiting Scholar Fellowship to Northwestern University, Committee on Institutional Cooperation.

1997-2001 Century Scholarship, University of Chicago.