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CURRENT POSITION

January 2018- Henry Luce Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow in Southeast Asian Studies, Chao Center for Asian Studies, Rice University

EDUCATION

2018 Brown University, PhD American Studies
Dissertation: *Shadow Migration and Gendered Illegality: The Temporary Labor Migration of Filipino Sex Workers in Asia*

2010 Brown University, MA American Civilization,

2005 University of Oregon, BA Ethnic Studies (with Honors) and BA International Studies (Southeast Asia focus)
Awards: Summa Cum Laude, Dean's Service Award, Phi Beta Kappa

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Migration, Feminist Theories, Gender and Sexuality, Labor, Asian/Asian American Studies

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

2018 Hwang, Maria Cecilia. "Gendered Border Regimes and Displacements: The Case of Filipina Sex Workers in Asia," *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 43(3): 516-537.

2017 Hwang, Maria Cecilia. "Offloaded: Women's Sex Work Migration Across the South China Sea and the Gendered Anti-Trafficking Emigration Policy of the Philippines," *WSQ: Women's Studies Quarterly* 45(1 & 2): 131-147.

2012 Parreñas, Rhacel Salazar; Maria Cecilia Hwang; and Heather Ruth Lee. "What is Human Trafficking?" *Signs* 37(4): 1015-1029.

2010 Hwang, Maria Cecilia and Rhacel Salazar Parreñas. "Not Every Family: Selective Reunification in Contemporary U.S. Immigration Laws," *International Labor and Working-Class History* 78: 100-109.

BOOK CHAPTERS

2018 Choi, Carolyn, Maria Cecilia Hwang, Rhacel Salazar Parreñas. "Women on the Move: Stalled Gender Revolution in Global Migration," *Handbook of the Sociology of Gender, 2nd edition*,

- eds. Barbara J. Risman, Carissa M. Froyum and William J. Scarborough. New York City: Springer. (Forthcoming)
- 2017 Hwang, Maria Cecilia and Rhacel Salazar Parreñas. "Intimate Migrations: The Case of Marriage Migrants and Sex Workers in Asia," *Routledge Handbook of Asian Migrations*, eds. Gracia Liu-Farrer and Brenda S. A. Yeoh. Routledge.
- 2014 Hwang, Maria Cecilia. "Human Trafficking - A Literature Review," *Human Trafficking Reconsidered: Rethinking the Problem, Envisioning New Solutions*, eds. Kimberly Kay Hoang and Rhacel Salazar Parreñas. New York: The International Debate Education Association.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2015-2018 Visiting Global Scholar, Institute for Research on Women, Rutgers University- New Brunswick.
- 2017 University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program (Alternate)
- 2013-2014 American Association of University Women (AAUW) Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2011, 2013 Office of International Affairs Travel Fund, Brown University
Fall 2011, Dissertation Research Fellowship, Brown University
Fall 2012
- 2012 Bucerius PhD Scholarship Program in Migration Studies (Alternate)
- 2012 (Fall) External Dissertation Fellow, Research Institute for the Humanities, Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 2012 Brown University-Chinese University of Hong Kong PhD Student Exchange Program
- 2010-2012 Graduate Fellow, Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America, Brown University
- 2011 Social Science Research Council (SSRC)-Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship
- 2010, 2011 Graduate Research Grant, Brown University
- 2009 Graduate International Colloquia Grant, Brown University
- 2009 China Initiative Fund, Brown University
- 2008-2009 Graduate Fellowship, Brown University

CONFERENCES

- 2018 "Gendered Regimes of Illegality: The State Management of Women's Migration in Asia," Regular Session on Globalization and Gender, American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA (forthcoming).
- 2018 "Transient Migration in Asia: Non-Citizenship and the Precarious Migration of Filipina Sex Workers," Spectrum of Migrant Exclusions: An Interdisciplinary Workshop, Asian Institute, Munk School of Global Affairs, Toronto, October 5-6 (invitation only, forthcoming).

- 2017 "Shadow Migrants in Global Cities: Sex Work and Unauthorized Labor Migration in Asia," in *Mobile Bodies: A Long View of the Peoples and Communities of Maritime Asia*, Binghamton University, NY, November 10-11.
- 2017 "Offloaded: Women's Sex Work Migration across Asia and the Gendered Antitrafficking Emigration Policy of the Philippines," American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, August 12-15.
- 2016 "The Making of Migrant Women Workers' 'Illegality' at the Philippine Emigration Border," *Developing the Field of Gender and Migration: Working Toward Innovative Methodologies and Analytical Techniques*. University of California-Irvine, February 26-27.
- 2016 "What Is a Feminist Global Ethnography?" Sociologists for Women in Society (Winter Meeting), Memphis, TN.
- 2015 "Insecure Freedom: The Production of Precarity in Informal Labor Migration," American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Toronto, Canada.
- 2014 "Unruly Women: Sex Work Migration, 'Contingent Legality,' and Gendered Migration Tactics," a paper for the panel "Confronting the Nation-State: A Transnational Conversation on Women's Migration, State Power, and Feminist Resistance," National Women's Studies Association Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2014 "On the Move for Work and Pleasure: 'Shadow Migrants,' Sex Work, and the Politics of Trafficking," American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, California.
- 2012 "Migrant Filipina Freelancers in Hong Kong's Nightlife Industry," International Conference on the Philippines. Lansing, Michigan.
- 2012 "Evading Rescue: Freelance Migration and the Fight Against the War on Trafficking," Asian American Studies Conference. Washington D.C.
- 2010 "Migrant Filipina Sex Industry Workers: U.S. Imperialism and the Construction of Laboring Sexual Bodies," Association of Asian American Studies Conference. Austin, Texas.

INVITED TALKS

- 2017 "Transnational Ethnography: Lessons from the Field," Political Science Graduate Student Association, Rutgers University-New Brunswick (October 12)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor (Self-designed courses)

Rutgers University-New Brunswick, American Studies

"Asian American Leaders & Communities" (Spring 2016 and Spring 2017).

"Asian American Images & Identities" (Fall 2015 and Fall 2016).

Brown University, American Studies

"Gendered Mobility: Migrant Women Workers in a Globalized Economy"
(Spring 2013).

Directed Independent Studies

Rutgers University-New Brunswick, American Studies

"Feminist and Asian American Pedagogy," with two undergraduate students (Fall 2016 and Spring 2017)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Conference Organized

2010 Beyond Trafficking: A Symposium on Migrant Women Workers and the International Sex Industry, Brown University. April 23.

Conference Panels Organized

2016 "What Is a Feminist Global Ethnography?" Sociologists for Women in Society (Winter Meeting). Memphis, TN.

2014 "Confronting the Nation-State: A Transnational Conversation on Women's Migration, State Power, and Feminist Resistance," National Women's Studies Association Conference. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

2014 "Dreaming to Travel, Travelling to Dream: Feminist Analyses of Gendered Mobility," American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, California.

Manuscript Reviewer

Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society, International Social Science Journal, Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association, Asian American Studies Association, National Women Studies Association, Sociologists for Women in Society