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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2010-present Harvard University, Chair of Department of Sociology
2003-present Harvard University, Reischauer Institute Professor of Sociology
1998-2002 Cornell University, Professor of Sociology
1986-1998 University of Chicago, Assistant to Associate Professor of Sociology

EDUCATION

1975 Stanford University, B.A. in Linguistics
1977 University of Washington, M.A. in Japan Area Studies
1980 University of Washington, M.A. in Sociology
1986 University of Washington, Ph.D. in Sociology

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Gender stratification, labor markets, social inequality, contemporary Japanese society and economy, economic sociology, comparative social stratification, education.

SELECTED RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2011-2013 National Science Foundation Grant, “Explaining Low Fertility in Postindustrial Societies”

2010 Research Incubation Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs

2009 Center for Global Partnership, International Exchange Program Grant, “Globalization, Employment Protection, and Inequality: Japan in the Context of Other Post-Industrial Economies”

2009 Faculty Research Fellowship, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University

2005-2006 Center for Global Partnership, writing award for preparation of book manuscript: *Youth, Jobs, and Instability in Postindustrial Japan*

2004-2007 Spencer Foundation Research Grant, “The High School-Work Transition in Japan: Its Transformation and Consequences”

2005 Fulbright Research Fellowship (Japan)

- 1999-2000 Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University
- 1999-2000 Grant from the Pacific Basin Research Center, Soka University of America, for project on “Social Capital in the Japanese and American Youth Labor Markets”
- 1996-1998 National Science Foundation, Principal Investigator on Grant #SBR-9515143, “Explaining Cross-Cultural Variation in Work and Society”
- 1997 Advanced Research Grant in Japanese Studies, administered by the Social Science Research Council
- 1995-1996 Social Science Research Council, Abe Fellowship, “The School-Work Transition: A Comparative Study of Three Industrial Societies”
- 1994-1996 Spencer Foundation, Mentor Network Award

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (SINCE 1993)

Brinton, Mary C. 2011. *Lost in Transition: Youth, Work, and Instability in Postindustrial Japan*. Cambridge University Press.

Brinton, Mary C. (with Toshio Yamagishi). 2010. *Risk ni Se o Mukeru Nihonjin* (The Japan That Turns Its Back on Risk). Tokyo: Kodansha (in Japanese).

Brinton, Mary C., and Zun Tang. 2010. “School-Work Systems in Postindustrial Societies: Evidence from Japan.” *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*.

Brinton, Mary C., and Yoko Yamamoto. 2010. “Cultural Capital in East Asian Educational Systems: The Case of Japan.” *Sociology of Education* 83, 1: 67-83.

Brinton, Mary C. 2009. “Microclass Mobility: Social Reproduction in Four Countries” (with Jan O. Jonsson, David B. Grusky, Matthew Di Carlo, and Reinhard Pollak). *American Journal of Sociology*, 114: 977-1036.

Brinton, Mary C. 2009. “Social Class and Economic Life Chances in Postindustrial Japan: The ‘Lost Generation.’” In *Social Class in Japan*, edited by David Slater and Hiroshi Ishida. Routledge.

Brinton, Mary C. 2009. “*Nihon no Rōdō Shijō no Nijū Kōzō o Anwa suru Tame ni Hitsuyō na Koto*” (Measures Required to Lessen the Dual Structure of the Japanese Labor Market). Business Labor Trends 4 (April), Special Issue on Stabilizing Irregular Employment. (In Japanese).

Brinton, Mary C. 2008. *Ushinawareta Ba o Sagashite: ‘Lost Generation’ no Shakaigaku* (Searching for the Lost Place: The Sociology of the ‘Lost Generation’). Tokyo: NTT Press (in Japanese).

Brinton, Mary C. 2007. “Gendered Offices: A Comparative-Historical Examination of Clerical Work in Japan and the U.S.” In *The Political Economy of Low Fertility: Japan in Comparative Perspective*, edited by Frances McCall Rosenbluth. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Blau, Francine D., Mary C. Brinton, and David Grusky, eds. 2006. *The Declining Significance of Gender?* New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Brinton, Mary C. and Moonkyung Choi. 2006. "Women's Incorporation into the Urban Economy of South Korea." In *Towards Modernity: Transformations in Twentieth Century Korea*, edited by Yunshik Chang and Steven Lee. Routledge-Curzon.

Brinton, Mary C. 2005. "Education and the Economy." in *The Handbook of Economic Sociology*, edited by Neil Smelser and Richard Swedberg. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Brinton, Mary C. 2005. "Trouble in Paradise: The Youth Labor Market and School-Work Institutions in Japan's Economy." in *The New Economic Sociology of Capitalism*, edited by Richard Swedberg and Victor Nee. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Brinton, Mary C. 2005. "Education and the Economy." in *The Handbook of Economic Sociology*, edited by Neil Smelser and Richard Swedberg. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Brinton, Mary C. 2003. "Fact-Rich, Data-Poor: Japan as Sociologists' Heaven and Hell." In Doing Fieldwork in Japan, edited by Patricia Steinhoff, Theodore Bestor, and Victoria Lyon Bestor. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.

Brinton, Mary C. 2001. Editor, *Women's Working Lives in East Asia*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Brinton, Mary C. and Sunhwa Lee. 2001. "Women's Education and the Labor Market in Japan and South Korea." *Women's Working Lives in East Asia*, edited by Mary C. Brinton. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Brinton, Mary C. 1995. "Married Women's Employment in Rapidly Industrializing Societies: Examples from East Asia" (with Yean-Ju Lee and William Parish). American Journal of Sociology 100, 5: 1099-1130.

Brinton, Mary C. 1993. Women and the Economic Miracle: Gender and Work in Postwar Japan. Berkeley: University of California Press.

WORKING PAPERS

"Workplace Matters: The Use of Maternity and Childcare Leave Policies in Japan" (with Eunmi Mun)

"The Paradox of 'Family Values' in Lowest-Low Fertility Societies" (with Dong Ju Lee)

BOOK REVIEWS

Susan D. Holloway. *Women and Family in Contemporary Japan*. Journal of Japanese Studies, Summer 2011.

Emiko Ochiai and Barbara Molony. *Asia's New Mothers: Crafting Gender Roles and Childcare Networks in East and Southeast Asian Societies*. International Journal of Japanese Studies, 2010.

Genda Yūji, *Job Kurieishon* (Job Creation in Japan). Social Science Japan, 2008.

Kenji Hashimoto, *Class Structure in Contemporary Japan*. Melbourne: Trans Pacific Press. The Journal of Japanese Studies, 2005.

Gerald K. LeTendre, *Learning to be Adolescent: Growing Up in U.S. and Japanese Middle Schools*. New Haven: Yale University Press. Contemporary Sociology. February 2004.

Myra Strober and Kaneko Chan, *The Road Winds Uphill All the Way*. The Journal of Economic Literature, June 2000.

Robin L. LeBlanc, *Bicycle Citizens: The Political World of the Japanese Housewife*. The Journal of Japanese Studies, Summer 2000.

Kumiko Fujimura-Fanselow and Atsuko Kameda, *Japanese Women: New Feminist Perspectives on the Past, Present, and Future*. The Journal of Japanese Studies, 1998.

John C. and Martha N. Beck, *The Change of a Lifetime: Employment Patterns among Japan's Managerial Elite*. The Journal of Japanese Studies, Summer 1995 (Vol. 21, No. 2).

Glenda Roberts, *Staying on the Line: Blue-Collar Women in Contemporary Japan*. Monumenta Nipponica, Fall 1994.

Sumiko Iwao, *The Japanese Woman: Traditional Myth and Changing Reality*. Contemporary Sociology, January 1994.

Alice Lam, *Women and Japanese Management*. Monumenta Nipponica, Winter 1993.

Dorinne Kondo, *Crafting Selves: Power, Gender, and Discourses of Identity in a Japanese Workplace*, and Matthews Masayuki Hamabata, *Crested Kimono: Power and Love in the Japanese Business Family*. Contemporary Sociology, March 1992.

Mary Saso, *Women in the Japanese Workplace*. Journal of Asian Studies, February 1992.

James J. Shields, Jr., *Japanese Schooling: Patterns of Socialization, Equality, and Political Control*. Contemporary Sociology, 1991.

Estelle James and Gail Benjamin, *Public Policy and Private Education in Japan*. American Journal of Education 1990, Vol. 98.

David E. Apter and Nagayo Sawa, *Against the State: Politics and Social Protest in Japan*. Journal of Political and Military Sociology 1988, Vol. 16.

Clair Brown and Joseph A. Pechman, *Gender in the Workplace*. Ethics 1988, Vol. 99.

Anne Imamura, Urban Japanese Housewives. American Journal of Sociology 1988, Vol. 93.

Harold Stevenson, Hiroshi Azuma, and Kenji Hakuta, Child Development and Education in Japan, and Mamoru Iga, The Thorn in the Chrysanthemum: Suicide and Economic Success in Modern Japan. Contemporary Sociology 1988, Vol. 17.

Alice S. Rossi, Editor, Gender and the Life Course. American Journal of Sociology 1986, Vol. 91.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, Journal of Japanese Studies (2012-)

Member, Advisory Board for Korean Family in Comparative Perspective Project (2011-)

Member, Committee for Prize for Best Book, Organizations and Occupations Section, American Sociological Association, 2009-2010

Member, editorial board, Annual Review of Sociology, 2001-2005

Member, American Advisory Committee, Japan Foundation, 1998-2005

Section officer, Sociology of Education section, American Sociological Association, 2000-2003

Member, Nominations Committee, Economic Sociology section, American Sociological Association, 2001

Member, Willard Waller prize for best article in the sociology of education, Sociology of Education section, American Sociological Association, 2001-2002

Member, Nominations Committee, American Sociological Association, 1999-2000

Associate Editor, Rationality and Society, July 1998-present

Editor, Rationality and Society, March 1995-June 1998

Member, editorial board, Sociology of Education, August 1995-1998

Member of Board of Directors, Association for Asian Studies, May 1997-April 1998

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

Association of Asian Studies

Population Association of America

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS (SINCE 2000)

“Workplace Matters: The Use of Maternity and Childcare Leave Policies in Japan” (with Eunmi Mun). Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, August 2011.

Invited lecture, Conference on Youth in Crisis, Paris, March 2011.

“Lost in Transition: Young Japanese Men’s Winding Path through the Labor Market.” Southern Japan Seminar, Florida International University, March 2011.

“Dynamics of Human Capital Formation in 21st-Century Japan”. International conference for Human Capital, Ministry of Finance, Tokyo, Japan; February 2011.

“Lowest-Low Fertility: A Theory of Normative Rigidity and Economic Context” (with Dong Ju Lee). Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, April 2010.

Invited lecture, Tohoku University, June 2009.

Invited plenary speaker, conference on “Youth Work in Contemporary Japan,” June 27-28, 2009, Temple University, Japan.

Distinguished Visiting Lecturer, Haverford College, February 2009.

Invited lecture, Hokkaido University, December 2008.

“Japanese Youth and the Transformation of the Labor Market.” Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C., February 2008.

“The Road from *Atarimae* to *Wakaranai*: Disrupted Identities among Japanese Youth.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Atlanta, April 2008.

Invited lecture, Tohoku University, Fall 2007.

Invited lecture, Columbia University, Fall 2007.

“School-Work Systems in Postindustrial Economies: Evidence from Japan” (with Zun Tang). Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, New York, August 2007.

“Cultural Capital, Shadow Education, and Educational Attainment in Japan” (with Yoko Yamamoto). Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, New York, August 2007.

Presenter, Japan Political Studies group: Roundtable on Gender and Politics in Japan, Association for Asian Studies, Boston, April 2007.

Discussant, Panel on Japanese Women: Crisis, Continuity, and Change, Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Boston, April 2007.

“Japanese Youth and the Labor Market.” Paper presented at the Harvard University Law School, February 2007.

“Analyzing Choices and Preferences during Rapid Institutional Change: Young People in the Japanese Labor Market.” Paper presented at the Symposium on Cultural and Adaptive Bases of Human Sociality, International House, Tokyo, Japan, September 2006.

Discussant, panel on Japanese adolescents and postwar institutions in Japan, Association for Asian Studies, San Francisco, April 2006.

Participant, Roundtable on Gender and Politics in Japan, Association for Asian Studies, San Francisco, April 2006.

Conference on Social Class in Japan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, November 2005.

Organizer, panel on youth employment and unemployment, Population Association of America Annual Meetings, Minneapolis, May 2003.

Discussant, panel on gender and health, Population Association of America Annual Meetings, Minneapolis, May 2003.

“Network Embeddedness and Stratification in a Japanese Labor Market” (with Zun Tang), presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, August 2002.

Discussant, panel on comparative systems of schooling, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, August 2002.

“Gendered Offices: A Comparative-Historical Examination of the Clerical Sector,” presented at the Workshop on “The Political Economy of Childcare in Japan,” Yale University, July 2002.

“Networks of Competition: Institutionalized Job-Matching in the Japanese Economy,” prepared for the meetings of the International Society for New Institutional Economics, Berkeley, September 2001.

“Schools and Firms in Japan,” Conference on the Economic Sociology of Capitalism, Cornell University, September 2001.

Discussant, panel on rational choice, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Anaheim, California, August 2001.

“Trouble in Paradise: The Youth Labor Market and School-Work Institutions in Japan’s Economy,” presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Washington D.C., August 2000.

Chair, session on Economists’ and Sociologists’ Views on Economic Sociology (sponsored by the Rational Choice Section), American Sociological Association, Washington D.C., August 2000.

“Stresses and Strains in Japan’s Youth Labor Market,” presented at the Mini-Conference on Labor in Japan, East Asia Center, University of California-Berkeley (April 2000)

Chair, Japan Sociologists’ Network meeting, Association for Asian Studies Annual Meetings, San Diego, March 2000.

OTHER HARVARD AFFILIATIONS

2010-	Steering Committee, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs
2010-	Steering Committee, Asia Center
2009-	Faculty Affiliate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs
2009-	Faculty Affiliate, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations
2003	Executive Committee, Reischauer Institute for Japanese Studies