

**JIN AENG CHOI**

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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Asian Languages and Cultures, 2023  
University of California, Los Angeles

Master of Arts, Hispanic Languages and Literatures, 2015  
State University of New York - Stony Brook

Master of Arts, Spanish Language and Literature, 2013  
Korea University, Seoul, South Korea

Bachelor of Arts, Spanish Language and Literature, 2011  
Korea University, Seoul, South Korea

Bachelor of Journalism, Media and Communication, 2011  
Korea University, Seoul, South Korea

**APPOINTMENTS**

Assistant Professor; Department of Modern and Classical Languages  
University of Houston, Houston 2023 – Present

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Instructor of Record, University of California, Los Angeles 2020, 2021, 2022  
College-level Courses: Topics in Korean Cinema; Korean Popular Culture

Teaching Apprentice, University of California, Los Angeles 2016 – Present  
College-level Courses: Modern Korean Fiction; Topics in Korean Cinema;  
Korean Popular Culture and the Korean Wave; History of Korean Civilization;  
Japanese Anime; Elementary Korean 1-3

Language Instructor, State University of New York - Stony Brook 2013 – 2015  
College-level Courses: Elementary Spanish 101; Elementary Spanish 102

Teaching Assistant, Korea University 2012 – 2013  
College-level Courses: Latin American Colonial Literature;  
Topics in Latin American Cultural Study; Latin American Modernism

## **GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

Korea Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellowship Emory University	2023-2025 (Declined)
Summer Graduate Research Fellowship Center for Korean Studies, UCLA	2022
Dissertation Fieldwork Fellowship UCLA International Institute	2021
Korean Studies Graduate Fellowship Center for Korean Studies, UCLA	2015 – 2019
Lenart Graduate Fieldwork Fellowship UCLA Humanities Division	2018
Graduate Summer Mentorship Fellowship UCLA Graduate Division	2017, 2018
Hiroshi Wagatsuma Fellowship Asia Pacific Center, UCLA	2017
Sasakawa Graduate Research Fellowship Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies, UCLA	2017
Graduate Research Fellowship Dept. of Asian Languages and Cultures, UCLA	2016, 2017
Kawahara Graduate Studies Fellowship Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies, UCLA	2016

## **CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS**

### *Presentations and Panels*

“Rethinking Migrant Narratives: Hyphenated Writers and *Los Andes Munhak*,” Panel: The Korean Diaspora and Imagining “Home” through Arts, 8th International Conference of NextGen Korean Studies Scholars, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, May 10-14, 2021.

“*Cultura Tropical (Yölda Munhwa)* and Korean – Brazilian Literary Community in São Paulo,” Panel: “Exophony” and Other Challenges to Thinking National Literatures, Modern Language Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, Jan 9-12, 2020.

“Rethinking Community and Literature: *Yölda Munhwa/Cultura Tropical*,” Session: Crossing-borders: Korean Latin American Connections, Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, CDMX, Mexico, October 18-19, 2019.

“Unravelling the threads: The Korean Diaspora in Argentina,” Seminar: The Rhetoric of Displacement in Hispanic-Asian Studies, American Comparative Literature Association Annual Conference, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, March 29-April 1, 2018.

“Seizing the Moment: The Korean Diaspora in Argentina and *La Peonía y su Sombra*,” Panel: Transborder Literature and Literary History, Transnational Borders and Transcultural Boundaries - Korean and Beyond Conference, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, November 10, 2017.

“Transnational-ness and Its Shadow: Short stories of Korean-Argentines,” Panel: Re-configuring Borders in Korean Literature,” Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies-in-ASIA, Seoul, South Korea, June 23-25, 2017.

“Manifesting the Equaliberty: Korean Diaspora in Argentina,” Panel: Modern Korean Literature: Films, Translations, and Comparative Literature, Korea University Graduate Student in Asian Studies Conference, Korea university, Seoul, South Korea, June 23, 2017.

“Nowhere and now Here: 109 District and Korean Diaspora in Argentina,” 68th Annual Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, Lexington, KY, April 23-25, 2015.

#### *Sessions organized*

“Empire of Others” (symposium coordinator)  
UCLA Department of Asian Languages and Cultures & Yanai Initiative for Japanese Humanities, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, March 20-22, 2017.

“Re-configuring Borders in Korean Literature” (panel organizer)  
Association for Asian Studies-in-ASIA Conference, Seoul, South Korea, June 23-25, 2017.

“Narrative and Violence - Violent Narrative” (conference organizer)  
Stony Brook Latin American & Caribbean Studies Center Graduate Conference, Stony Brook Manhattan, New York, NY, September 14, 2015.

“Rethinking Socio-Economic Transformation in Latin America” (conference organizer)  
Latin American Studies Association of Korea & Institute of Hispanic Studies, Korea University, Seoul, South Korea, December 10, 2011.

“Globalization and Inequality: Enrique Dussel” (symposium coordinator)  
Kumho Asiana Humanities Symposium, Institute of Hispanic Studies & Institute of Philosophical Studies & Institute of Social Research, Korea University, Seoul, South Korea, June 1-3, 2011.

#### *Workshops (invited participant)*

“*Borders, Migration, and Transnational Flows*” (second round), Association for Asian Studies – Social Science Research Council Dissertation Workshop, March 22-24, Honolulu, HI, 2022.

“*Borders, Migration, and Transnational Flows*” (first round), Association for Asian Studies – Social Science Research Council Dissertation Workshop (virtual due to Covid), March 29-April 1, Boston, MA, 2021.

“Korea on the Rise,” CEA - Korean Studies International Workshop (El Centro de Estudios Asiáticos), Autonomous University of Nueva León, CDMX, Mexico, May 17-18, 2017.

### **RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE**

Dual Language Education Specialist Department of Multilingual & Multicultural Education Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles	2022
Graduate Student Researcher Diversity Initiative Steering Committee University of California, Los Angeles	2019
Graduate Student Researcher Department of Hispanic Languages and Cultures State University of New York, Stony Brook	2014
Editorial Assistant Institute of Hispanic & Latin American Area Studies Korea University, Seoul, Korea	2012 – 2013
Research Assistant Korean Association of Baroque Studies, Seoul, Korea	2011 – 2012

### **SERVICE**

Climate Committee, member Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, UCLA	2022 – 2023
Korean Language Program, member Korean Cultural Center, Los Angeles	2020 – Present
Humanities Council, elected member Graduate Student Association, UCLA	2016 – 2017
TOPIK Educator Program, mentor Korean Language Center, Korea University, Seoul, Korea	2013
Graduate Student Association, Council member Korea University Graduate School, Seoul, Korea	2012

### **LANGUAGES**

Korean (native)  
English (native competence)  
Spanish (fluent)  
Portuguese (reading)

Japanese (reading)  
German (reading)

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA)  
Association of Asian Studies (AAS)  
Modern Language Association (MLA)  
Latin American Studies Association of Korea (LASAK)