

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Associate Professor

English and Black Studies

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago

Fall 2010-present

Departments of Black Studies and English

Assistant Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago

Fall 2003- 2010

Departments of African American Studies and English

EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego

Ph.D. Department of Literature, 2003

University of California, Berkeley

B.A. Department of Ethnic Studies, 1993

B.A. Department of English, 1992

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

Jun Helen Heran. Race for Citizenship: Black Orientalism and Asian Uplift from Pre-Emancipation to Neoliberal America (February 2011, New York University Press)

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES:

Jun, Helen Heran. "Alienated Subjects: Suburban Failure and Aspiration in Asian American Film" in Race and the Suburbs in American Film, ed. Merrill Schleier. (July 2021, SUNY Press)

Jun, Helen Heran. "Citizenship" in Keywords for Asian American Studies, ed. Cathy Schlund Vials. (May 2015, NYU Press)

ANTHOLOGIZED CHAPTERS:

Jun, Helen Heran. "The Press for Inclusion: 19th Century Black Citizenship and the Anti-Chinese Movement" in Strange Affinities: The Gender and Sexual Politics of Comparison, eds. G Hong, Rod Ferguson. (Aug 2011, Duke University Press)

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES:

Jun, Helen. "Black Orientalism: Nineteenth Century Narratives of Race and U.S. Citizenship," American Quarterly. 58:4 (Dec 2006): 1046-1066.

Jun, Helen Heran. "Contingent Nationalisms: Re-negotiating Borders in Korean and

Korean American Women's Oppositional Struggles," *positions: east asia cultures critique*. 5:2 (Fall 1997): 325-55.

FELLOWSHIPS

UIC Institute for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship, 2005-2006

University of California Fellowship for the Humanities, 1999

EDITORSHIPS

Souls, A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture and Society
Fall 2012
Editorial Board

Critical Mass: A Journal of Asian American Cultural Criticism, Special Issue, Producing Global Subjects: U.S. Militarization, Education, Medicalization, Fall 1998,
Co-Editor

INVITED LECTURES

“Neoliberalism and Asian American Racialization”
Annual Asian American Studies Colloquium Lecture
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, November 2013

“Race for Citizenship” and “Partly Colored”
Asian American Studies Program
NYU University, April 2011

“Globalization and the 'hood: Discourses of Black Male Obsolescence in the ‘Pacific Century’”
Beyond the Black-White Binary: Theorizing Black Studies Speaker Series
Northwestern University, April 2009

“Reading Neoliberalism and Asian American Racialization in *a.k.a. Don Bonus and Better Luck Tomorrow*”
Center for Asian American Studies Speaker Series
University of Texas, Austin, March 2009

“Atavistic Others of Globalization: Black Surplus in the Pacific Century”
Annual American Cultures Colloquium Lecture
Northwestern University, March 2008

“Black Orientalism: 19th Century Narratives of Race and U.S. Citizenship”
Emerging Scholars Series
Loyola University, March 2007

“Race for Citizenship”
Asian Pacific Heritage Month Lecture
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, March 2007

INVITED LECTURES, cont.

“Comparative Race Scholarship: Orientalism and Black Feminist Discourse of Anna Julia Cooper”

Asian American Studies Colloquium
Cornell University, October 2006

“Differential Racializations and the Politics of Inclusion”

Asian Pacific American Month Keynote Address
Washington State University, April 2006

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Enslaved: Re-Casting 21st Century Labor Exploitation and Incarceration

Association for American Studies National Conference
San Juan, November 2012

“Race for Citizenship”

Asian-African Intersections & Migrations Conference
SUNY Binghamton
Binghamton, May 2012

“Orientalism, Black Feminism, and Racial Uplift: Engaging Anna Julia Cooper”

Intersections: A Conversation Between African American and Asian American Studies
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, November 2011

“Neoliberalism and Asian American Racialization”

Neoliberalism and its Discontents
UIC, Chicago, March 2010

“Truong vs. SF Housing Authority: Asian American Civil Rights and the Politics of Racial Protectionism”

Association of Asian American Studies National Conference
Honolulu, April 2009

Comparative Race Analysis Roundtable

Association of Asian American Studies National Conference
Chicago, April 2008

“U.S. Ethnic Studies after 9/11”

International Cultural Studies Annual Conference, July 2006
University of Beyogul, Turkey

“The Refugee and the American: Black and Vietnamese Displacement & Hurricane Katrina”

Institute for the Humanities Fellow Presentation
University of Illinois, Chicago March 2006

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, cont.

“Black Deviance and Narratives of Asian American Femininity in Ronyoung Kim’s Clay Walls”

MESEA: The Society for Multiethnic Societies, Europe and the Americas Annual Conference, April 2006

University of Navarra, Spain

“9/11, Liberalism, and the New Face of U.S. Nationalism”

American Studies Association Annual Conference, Nov 2005

Washington D.C.

“The Colored Entrance and The Open Door: 19th Century Black Citizenship and the Anti-Chinese Movement”

Asian Americans and the Law Conference, Feb 2005

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

“From the Rubble of Los Angeles: Uprising, Downsizing, and the New Politics of Cultural Difference,”

American Studies Association Annual Conference, October 2003

Boston, MA

Korean/American Nationalisms: Minjung Nationalism and the Asian American Movement”

Association of Asian American Studies National Conference 1997

Seattle, Washington

“Histories of Colonialism and Imperialism: Korean/American Women Workers.”
Conference Presentation, San Diego

Association of Asian American Studies Regional Conference, 1996

San Diego, California

INVITED TALKS, FORUMS and NON-ACADEMIC CONVENTIONS

Korean Academy for Educators

Presentation on Korean American Racialization

Development Workshop for K-12 Educators in Illinois

Chicago, October 2012

Korean American Coalition National Convention

Race Relations Forum

Key Speaker

Chicago, 2006

Forum on Korean Americans and 1992 L.A. Uprisings

Key Speaker

University of Illinois, Chicago

Spring 2005

Forum on Korean Americans and the Question of North Korea
Paper Presentation
University of Illinois, Chicago
Fall 2004

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Center for Latinx Literature, 2021-2022
English Department Search Committee, Latinx Lit, 2021-2022
Black Studies External Review Committee, 2020-2021
English Department Search Committee, Latinx Poetry, 2017-2018
English Department Search Committee, Senior Hire, 2013-14
LAS Search Committee, Junior “Racialized Body” Cluster Hire, 2013-14
LAS Search Committee, Senior “Racialized Body” Cluster Hire, 2012-13
African American Studies External Review Committee, 2010-11
LAS Search Committee, Director of Asian American Studies Program, 2009-10
Asian American Studies Program Development Committee, 2003-10
LAS Search Committee, Position in Asian American Studies Social Science, 2007-08
Interdisciplinary Comparative Ph.D. Program Development Committee, 2007-08
African American Studies Search Committee, Position for Popular Culture, 2006-07
LAS Search Committee, Director of Asian American Resource Center, 2004-05
Asian Studies/Asian American Studies Planning Committee, 2004-05
Chancellor’s Committee on Status of Asian American Studies, 2003-04

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Social Justice
Globalization and U.S. Multi-ethnic Literature
Cultural Politics of Race and Incarceration
Introduction to 20th Century African American Literature
Introduction to Asian American Literature
Topics in Asian American Literature
Topics in African American Literature
Topics in American Literature: Blacks and Asians in the U.S. National Body
Graduate Seminar in Race and Multiethnic Literature
Graduate Seminar in Globalization, Race, and Culture
Graduate Proseminar: Nation-Building and National Culture
Graduate Proseminar: Critical Theory