

A. NAOMI PAIK
Curriculum Vitae

Department of American Studies
Center for Asian American Studies
Center for Women's and Gender Studies
Department of African and African Diaspora Studies
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EDUCATION

- 2009** **Doctor of Philosophy, American Studies, Yale University, December**
Dissertation: "Testifying to Rightlessness: Redressing the Camp
in Narratives of U.S. Culture and Law"
- 2008** **Graduate Certificate in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Yale University**
- 2007** **Master of Philosophy, American Studies, Yale University**
Exam Fields:
Theories of Empire and Imperialism (Michael Denning);
Feminism without Borders (Hazel V. Carby);
Asian American History and Literary & Cultural Studies (Sanda Mayzaw
Lwin);
Rethinking the 20th Century U.S. Literary Canon (Wai Chee Dimock)
- 2005** **Master of Arts, American Studies, Yale University**
- 2001** **Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, Women's & Gender Studies and Asian American Studies, Columbia University**

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2012 – 2013** **Early Career Postdoctoral Fellow**
Humanities Center, University of Pittsburgh
- 2010 – Present** **Assistant Professor**
Department of American Studies, Center for Asian American Studies, Center for Women's and Gender Studies, and Department of African and African Diaspora Studies, The University of Texas at Austin

2009 – 2010 **Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellow**
Asian American Studies Program, University of Illinois, Urbana-
Champaign, 2009-2010

PUBLICATIONS

Current Book Project

Rightlessness: Testimonies from the Camp in the Era of Rights Ascension
Book manuscript. Submitted and under review August 2013.

Peer Reviewed Articles

Published

2013 **“Education and Empire, Old and New: H.R. 3077 and the Resurgence of the U.S. Imperial University.”**
Cultural Dynamics, 25:1 (March 2013): 3-28.

“Carceral Quarantine at Guantánamo: Legacies of U.S. Imprisonment of Haitian Refugees, 1991-1994.”
Radical History Review, 115:1 (Winter 2013): 142-168. Special Issue on “Haitian Lives/Global Perspectives,” edited by Amy Chazkel, Melina Pappademos, and Karen Sotiropoulos.

2010 **“Testifying to Rightlessness: Haitian Refugees Speaking from Guantánamo”**
Social Text, 28:3 (Fall 2010): 39-65. Special issue on “Dislocations Across the Americas,” edited by Micol Siegel and David Sartorius.

In Progress

2013 **“‘Living in a Dying Situation’: Preserving Life at Guantánamo”**
Article in progress. Expected submission Fall 2013.

Online Working Paper

2006 **“The ‘Visible Scapegoats’ of U.S. Imperialism: HIV Positive Haitian Refugees and Carceral Quarantine at Guantánamo Bay”**
Work & Culture, 2006. (online working paper)
http://research.yale.edu/laborculture/documents/paik_visible_scapegoats_tep_oztlan.pdf

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2013 – 2012 **Warfield Center for African and African Diaspora Studies Summer Research Fellowship**, The University of Texas at Austin, Summer 2013
- 2012 – 2013 **Early Career Postdoctoral Fellowship**, Humanities Center, University of Pittsburgh
- Postdoctoral Fellowship**, The Bill and Carol Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Emory University (declined)
- Warfield Center for African and African Diaspora Studies Summer Research Fellowship**, The University of Texas at Austin, Summer 2012 (declined)
- 2011 – 2012 **Faculty Development Program Grant**, Center for Women’s and Gender Studies, The University of Texas at Austin
- Signature Course Grant**, Embrey Foundation for Women’s Human Rights Initiative, Center for Women’s and Gender Studies, The University of Texas at Austin. (For development and instruction of first-year undergraduate course, Gender, Migration, and Rights.)
- Summer Research Assignment**, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2010 – 2011 **New Americanist Working Group (member)**, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts Grant, University of Notre Dame
- 2009 – 2010 **Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellowship in Asian American Studies**, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- 2008 – 2009 **Leylan Dissertation Writing Fellowship**
- Yale University Dissertation Fellowship** (declined)
- 2004 – 2008 **Jacob K. Javits Fellowship**
- 2004 – 2005 **A. Barlett Giamatti Fellowship** (declined 2004-2005)
- 2003 – 2007 **Yale University Fellowship** (declined 2004-2007)
- 2001 **Fulbright Fellowship Finalist**, Australia

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2013 **"Producing the 'Enemy Combatant' of Guantánamo"**
Department of American Studies and Department of History, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. Part of *Curating Guantánamo* conference. March 2013.

"Producing the 'Enemy Combatant' at Guantánamo: Rightlessness and the Politics of Testimony"

Department of Asian American Studies, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, February 2013.

"Producing the 'Enemy Combatant' at Guantánamo: Performances of Justice and Counter-Performances of Rightlessness"

Humanities Center, University of Pittsburgh, Seminar, January 2013.

- 2012 **"'Just to Stay Alive': Haitian Refugees Testify to Living Death at Guantánamo"**

Humanities Center, University of Pittsburgh, October 2012.

"Redressing Rightlessness: The Politics of Testimony in Japanese American Internment"

Department of History and Committee on Degrees in History and Literature, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, February 2012.

- 2011 **"Rightlessness, Enemy Combatants, and the Politics of Testimony at Guantánamo"**

Department of Social and Cultural Analysis and Program in Asian/Pacific/American Studies, New York University, December 2011.

"'Just to Stay Alive': HIV Positive Haitian Refugees and Living Death at Guantánamo"

Center for Women's and Gender Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, November 2011.

- 2010 **"'Nothing More than an HIV Prison Camp': Haitian Refugees and Carceral Quarantine at Guantánamo Bay"**

Asian American Studies Program. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, April 2010.

- 2009 **"'You Don't Have the Right to Have Rights': Testimonial Representations of 'Enemy Combatants' at Guantánamo"**

Asian American Studies Program. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, October 2009.

Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity, Connecticut College, New London, March 2009.

Department of American Studies and Center for Asian American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, February 2009.

Department of Ethnic Studies, University of California, Berkeley, February 2009.

Department of Asian American Studies, University of California, Davis, February 2009.

- 2008 **"Representing Rightlessness in *Guantánamo*: 'Honor Bound to Defend Freedom'"**
Department of Law, Jurisprudence, and Social Thought, Amherst College, Amherst, MA, November 2008.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2013 **"Living in a Dying Situation": Preserving Life at Guantánamo**
Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational History of the Americas. Tepoztlán, Mexico, July 2013.
- "Performing Justice at Guantánamo"**
Association of Asian American Studies Conference. Seattle, WA, April 2013.
- 2012 **"Preserving Life at Guantánamo" in "The Violence of Life Itself: Progress, Design, Beauty, Humanitarianism"**
American Studies Association Annual Meeting. San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 2012.
- "U.S. Imperialism and Carceral Quarantine: Guantánamo and HIV Positive Haitian Refugees."**
Latin American Studies Association Annual Congress. San Francisco, CA, May 2012.
- 2011 **"Witnessing, Radical Violence, and the (Im)Possibilities of Reparations"**
American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD, November 2011.
- "After Camp?: Postmemorial Hauntings and the Afterlife of Internment"**
Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational History of the Americas. Tepoztlán, Mexico, July 2011.
- "Negative Freedom and the Politics of Self-Harm in Guantánamo's Prison Camps"**
Association of Asian American Studies Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA, May 2011.
- "Refining Racial Statecraft through the Redress of Japanese American Internment"**
Critical Ethnic Studies and The Future of Genocide Conference. University of California, Riverside, March 2011.

- 2010 **"Testimony's Multidirectional Links and the Redress of Japanese American Internment"**
American Studies Association Annual Meeting. San Antonio, TX, November 2010.
- "Political Horizons and Definitions of the Human: Closing Remarks"**
Bios: Life, Death, Politics Conference. Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. April 2010.
- "Closing Guantánamo?"**
Association of Asian American Studies Annual Meeting. Austin, TX, April 2010.
- 2009 **"The Unfinished Business of Redress and the Afterlife of Internment"**
American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., November 2009.
- 2008 **"The Unexceptional Present" in "Engaging Exception: Interdisciplinarity, Intervention, and 'States of Exception' in U.S. Imperial Pasts and Presents."**
American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Albuquerque, NM, October 2008.
- "Testifying to Rightlessness: Haitian Refugees Speaking from Guantánamo"**
Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational Study of the Americas. Tepoztlán, Mexico, July 2008.
- 2007 **"Rights and the Human as Mere Body"**
American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA, October 2007.
- "Sounds of Torture"**
Remapping America Conference. Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, April 2007. Presented as part of the collaborative keynote address, *Audiopolitics: Measures of Global Soundscapes*.
- 2006 **"Katrina's Refugees"**
When the Levees Broke: Screening and Symposium. Yale University, New Haven, CT, December 2006.
- "Inside/Outside: The State of Exception and Stateless Persons at Guantánamo Bay"**
American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Oakland, CA, October 2006.
Ethnicity, Race, and Migration Lecture Series. Yale University, New Haven, CT, October 2006.
- "The 'Visible Scapegoats' of U.S. Imperialism: HIV Positive Haitian Refugees and Carceral Quarantine at Guantánamo Bay"**
Tepoztlán Institute on the Transnational History of the Americas. Tepoztlán, Mexico, July 2006.

"Hiding in the American Dream: Hauntings of the Unspeakable in *The Kite Runner*"

Multi-Ethnic Studies: Europe and the Americas Conference. University of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain, May 2006.

"Global Spaces, Stateless Spaces: Guantánamo, 'Enemy Combatants,' and Haitian Refugees"

The Biopolitics of Global Subjectivity Symposium, sponsored by The Working Group on Globalization and Culture. Yale University, New Haven, CT, March 2006.

2005 **"Education and Empire, Old and New."**

Bouchet Conference on Diversity in Graduate Education. Yale University, New Haven, CT, April 2005. *Awarded best graduate student paper in the humanities.*

The Left Forum. Graduate Center of the City University of New York, New York, NY, April 2005.

"H.R. 3077: Defending Intellectual Freedom after 9/11"

World Social Forum. Porto Alegre, Brazil, January 2005. Presented as part of the series, "Breaking Down the Ivory Tower: The University in the Creation of Another World."

2001 **"Beyond the Bloodline: *Eat a Bowl of Tea*, Queer Space, and the Reproduction of the Family."**

New England Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference. Williams College, Williamstown, CT, October 2001.

CONFERENCES AND PANELS ORGANIZED

2013 **Roundtable Panel Organizer**, "Indebted Practice: Collaborative Research and Intellectual Debts." American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., November 2013.

Panel Organizer, "Empire's Debts: Freedom, Refuge, Reparations." American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., November 2013.

2012 **Roundtable Panel Organizer**, "The Violence of Life Itself: Progress, Design, Beauty, Humanitarianism." American Studies Association Annual Meeting. San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 2012.

2011 **Roundtable Panel Organizer**, "Witnessing, Radical Violence, and the (Im)Possibilities of Reparations: A Roundtable." American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD, November 2011.

- 2010 **Panel Organizer**, "Stories that Don't End." American Studies Association Annual Meeting. San Antonio, TX, November 2010.
- Panel Organizer**, "Military Bases and Asian American Confrontations with U.S. Imperialism from World War II to the Present." Association for Asian American Studies Annual Meeting. Austin, TX, April 2010.
- 2008 **Roundtable Panel Organizer**, "Engaging Exception: Interdisciplinarity, Intervention, and 'States of Exception' in U.S. Imperial Past and Present." American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Albuquerque, NM, October 2008.
- Conference Organizer**, From the Plantation to the Prison: Imprisonment and U.S. Culture. Yale University, New Haven, CT, April 2008.
- 2007 **Panel Organizer**, "If America is Over There, Where is Here?: Appealing for Rights and Representation in the Context of U.S. Imperialism." American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA, October 2007.
- 2006 **Conference Co-Organizer**, The Biopolitics of Global Subjectivity Symposium. The Working Group on Globalization and Culture. Yale University, New Haven, CT, March 2006.

CONFERENCE PANEL CHAIR, DISCUSSANT, MODERATOR

- 2013 **Discussant**, panel, "Cabaret Político Transnacional/Transnational Political Cabaret." Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational History of the Americas. Tepoztlán, Mexico, July 2013.
- 2012 **Respondent**, colloquium, Hoang Tan Nguyen and "The Politics of Starch: Gay Asian Documentary and the Re-Education of Desire." Humanities Center, University of Pittsburgh. November 2012.
- Discussant**, panel, "Linsanity and Afro-Asian America." The Warfield Center for African and African Diaspora Studies, the University of Texas at Austin. March 2012.
- 2011 **Moderator**, panel, "Ley/Law." Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational History of the Americas. Tepoztlán, Mexico, July 2011.
- Discussant**, panel, "Violencia/Violence." Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational History of the Americas. Tepoztlán, Mexico, July 2011.
- 2010 **Chair and Moderator**, "Literature and Citizenship." Faultlines: Graduate Student Conference. Department of American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX, October 2010.

Discussant, panel, "Teaching Crisis: A Roundtable." Faultlines: A Graduate Student Conference. Department of American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX, October 2010.

2008 **Discussant**, panel, "Post-Colonial Babel: Security and Culture at the Global Crossroads." Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational Study of the Americas. Tepoztlán, Mexico, July 2008.

Discussant, panel, "Dylan Rodriguez's 'Death was Swiftly Running After Us:' Disaster, Evil, and Radical Possibility." From the Plantation to the Prison: Imprisonment and U.S. Culture. Yale University, New Haven, CT, April 2008.

2006 **Discussant**, panel, "Theorizing Globalization and Resistance." Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational History of the Americas. Tepoztlán, Mexico, July 2006.

Moderator, panel, "Translatinidades: Why Shakira's Hips Don't Lie." Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational History of the Americas. Tepoztlán, Mexico, July 2006.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The University of Texas at Austin

Undergraduate Courses:

Introduction to Asian American Studies

Race, Immigration, and Culture

Gender, Migration, and Rights

Race, Memory, and Violence

Borders of Asian American Studies

Graduate Course:

Introductory Readings in American Studies

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Undergraduate Course:

Race, Immigration, Rights and Culture

Yale University

Teaching Fellow for Undergraduate Courses:

Senior Essay Seminar, Ethnicity, Race, and Migration; Professor Alicia Schmitt Camacho.

The Formation of American Culture, American Studies, Professor Matthew Frye Jacobson.

STUDENT ADVISING AND MENTORING

Dissertation Co-Chair (with Barbara Harlow, English)

Jennifer Kelly, Department of American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin

“Beyond the Tourist Gaze: Justice Tourism in Palestine and Israel”

Dissertation Committee Member

Eric Covey, Department of American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin

“The Road from Alexandria: US Mercenary Violence in Africa, 1805-1882”

Undergraduate Thesis Second Reader

David Donatti, Plan II Honors Thesis, The University of Texas at Austin

“*Otonashii*: Identifying the Origins of Japanese American Internment”

TEACHING INTERESTS

Transnational American Studies

Comparative Ethnic Studies

Asian American Studies

Im/migration

(Transnational) Gender Studies, Feminist Theory, and Women of Color Feminisms

Postcolonial Studies and Theories of Imperialism

Twentieth Century and Contemporary U.S. History and Literature

NATIONAL SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2012 – 2013 **Programming Committee**, 2013 Annual Meeting, American Studies Association

2011 – **Board Member**, Freedom University Georgia

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2013 – 2014 Faculty Council, Committee on Recruitment and Retention, The University of Texas at Austin

2010 – Executive Committee, Center for Asian American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin

2012 Coordinator, Faculty Development Workshop, Center for Asian American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin

- 2011 – 2012 Programming Committee, Center for Asian American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin
- Faculty Development Program, Center for Women’s and Gender Studies, The University of Texas at Austin
- Visioning Committee, Center for Women’s and Gender Studies, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2011 Summer Research Fellowship Selection Committee, Department of American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin

EXTRACURRICULAR UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2004 – 2009 Member, Working Group on Globalization and Culture. Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 2004 – 2009 Coordinator, Working Group on Marxist and Cultural Theory. Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 2007 – 2009 Affiliate, Initiative on Race, Gender, and Globalization. Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 2006 Member, Ethnic Studies Affiliate Program. Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 2003 – 2009 Member, Photo/Memory Reading Group. Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 2008 Guest Lecture Co-Organizer, Achille Mbembe. Yale University, New Haven, CT, April
- 2007 Guest Lecture Organizer, Vijay Prashad and *The Darker Nations: A People’s History of the Third World*. Yale University, New Haven, CT, October.
- 2005 Guest Lecture Co-organizer, Michael Hardt and *Multitude*. Yale University, New Haven, CT, October
- 2004 – 2005 Coordinator, Keywords of American Studies Colloquia Series. Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 2004 – 2005 Graduate Liaison, American Studies Program. Yale University, New Haven, CT

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Studies Association
Association of Asian American Studies
Latin American Studies Association

DEPARTMENTAL AND CENTER AFFILIATIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Department of American Studies
Center for Asian American Studies
Center for Women's and Gender Studies
Department of African and African Diaspora Studies
The Warfield Center of African and African Diaspora Studies
The Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice

REFERENCES

Michael Denning, William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of American Studies; Director, Initiative on Labor and Culture. Yale University, New Haven, CT.

Hazel V. Carby, Charles C. and Dorothea S. Dilley Professor of African American Studies; Professor of American Studies; Director, Initiative on Race, Gender, and Globalization. Yale University, New Haven, CT.

Dylan Rodriguez, Professor and Departmental Chair of Ethnic Studies. University of California, Riverside.

Martin F. Manalansan IV, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Asian American Studies. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Alicia Schmidt Camacho, Sarai Ribicoff Professor of American Studies and Ethnicity, Race at Migration; Associate Master, Ezra Stiles College. Yale University, New Haven, CT.

Wai Chee Dimock, William Lampson Professor of English and American Studies. Yale University, New Haven, CT.