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Education

- Ph.D. Geography, University of Kentucky** 2020
Advised by Dr. Richard Schein Lexington, KY, United States
Dissertation: *Becoming Gentrifier/d: Aesthetics, Subjectivities, and Rhythms of Gentrification in Seoul, South Korea* (Defended in October 2020)
- M.A. Geography, Korea University** 2012
Advised by Dr. Keumsoo Hong Seoul, South Korea
Thesis: *A Critical Interpretation of Squatter Landscapes in the Era of Neoliberalism: A Case of Guryong Village in Gaepo-Dong, Gangnam-Gu, Seoul.*
- B.A. Geography Education, Korea University** 2010
Graduated with High Honor Seoul, South Korea

Research Interests

Urban and Cultural Geography, Gentrification, Historic Preservation, Urban Tourism
Poststructuralism, Qualitative Methods, Asian Studies, Korean Studies

Publications

- Ji, M. I.** (2020). "The Fantasy of Authenticity: Understanding the Paradox of Retail Gentrification in Seoul from a Lacanian Perspective." *Cultural Geographies*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1474474020914660>.
* **Won the AAG Urban Geography Specialty Group Dissertation Competition in 2020**
- Park, H. S., Na, D. S., Jang, Y. S. and **Ji, M. I.** (2014). *Creative Industries and Seoul Economy*. The Seoul Metropolitan Government. The Seoul Institution: Seoul, South Korea. (Korean)
- Park, H. S., Kim, B. S., Kim, M. H., **Ji, M. I.** and Hwang, M. Y. (2014). *Seoul Statistical Series 2: Seoul in Economic Statistics*. The Seoul Metropolitan Government. The Seoul Institution: Seoul, South Korea. (Korean)
- Ji, M. I.** (2012). "The Critical Interpretation of Guryong Village Landscape in the Context of Neoliberal Spatial Reorganization." *Journal of Cultural and Historical Geography*. 24(2): 186-207. (Korean)
- Hong, K., **Ji, M. I.** and Hwang, H. J. (2011). "Life, Landscape, and Memory of the Coal Village of Sungjoo-ri in Boryoung City." *Journal of Cultural and Historical Geography*. 23(2): 1-28. (Korean)

Publications in Progress

- Ji, M. I.** (Under Revision) "All Possible Pasts: Heritage, Simulacra, and Gentrification in Seoul." *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*.

Presentations

- Ji, M. I.** (2020). "Who Sings (Anti)Gentrification?" Annual Meeting of the Korean Geographical Society. Virtual Meeting. November 13.
- Ji, M. I.** (2020). "Doing Simulacra: Heritage, Hyperreality, and Gentrification in Seoul." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Denver, DC. April 7. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- Ji, M. I.** (2019). "The Reinvention of the Past: Historic Preservation, Symbolic Landscape, and Gentrification in Seoul." UK Asian Studies Research Forum II. Lexington, KY. December 13.
- Ji, M. I.** (2019). "Historic Preservation and Gentrification in Seoul." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Washington, DC. April 6.
- Ji, M. I.** (2018). "Landscape, Race, and Food." Graduate School Colloquium. Department of Geography, Korea University, Seoul, South Korea. April 26. (Invited talk)
- Ji, M. I.** (2017). "A Situated Whiteness: A Symbolic Landscape of Craft Beer Pubs in Seoul." Annual Meeting of the Korean Geographical Society. University of Seoul, Seoul, South Korea. November 18.
- Ji, M. I.** (2016). "Hipsters and Gentrification in Seoul." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. San Francisco, CA. April 1.
- Ji, M. I.** (2015). "Preserving Authentic Urban Neighborhoods: Modernist and Anti-modernist Urban Plans in Seoul." Annual Meeting of Korean-American Scientists and Engineer Association Kentucky Chapter. University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY. December 19.
- Ji, M. I.** (2012). "The End of Squatting in Seoul?: A Critical Interpretation of Guryong Village Landscape" Annual Meeting of Association of Korean Women Geographers. Sungshin Women's University, Seoul, South Korea. November 24. (Invited talk)

Teaching Experience

Primary Instructor, University of Kentucky

GEO222: Cities of the World (about 40 students each)	Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2020
GEO172: Human Geography (Online)	Summer 2020
GEO160: Lands and Peoples of the Non-Western World (Online)	Summer 2019, Winter 2019

Teaching Assistant, Recitation Leader, University of Kentucky

GEO162: Global Environmental Issues, PI: Nari Senanayake	Spring 2019
GEO162: Global Environmental Issues, PI: Carolyn Finney	Fall 2016, Spring 2017
GEO162: Global Environmental Issues, PI: Tad Mutersbaugh	Spring 2016

Teaching Assistant, Grader, University of Kentucky

ENS201: Environment and Sustainability Studies, PI: Theodore Schatzki	Fall 2020
GEO316: Environment and Development, PI: Nari Senanayake	Fall 2020
GEO222: Cities of the World, PI: Lynn Phillips	Fall 2014, Fall 2015

Teaching Assistant, Grader, Korea University

GEHI068: Territory and Life History of Korean, Primary Instructor: Keumsoo Hong	Fall 2010
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Teaching Practice, Yentai Korean School in ChinaTaught geography and history to 7th and 9th grade students

Fall 2009

Professional Experience

Researcher, The Seoul Institute

2013 – 2014

Supervised by Dr. Hee Seok Park, Director of Seoul Economy Research Center Seoul, South Korea
 Participated in research projects of the Seoul Metropolitan Government: *Thematic Maps of Seoul*,
Seoul Statistical Series, and *Creative Industries and Seoul Economy*

Research Assistant, Northeast Asian History Foundation

2012

Supervised by Dr. Sang Gyun Yi, Research Fellow Seoul, South Korea
 Participated in research projects regarding territory and place-name of *Dokdo* and *Donghae*

Assistant, Sundo Soft (GIS and Mapping Service Company)

2009

Involved in collecting data and building data-base Seoul, South Korea

Grants & Awards

AAG Urban Geography Specialty Group Dissertation Award

April 2020

American Association of Geographers

KAGES Student Paper Award

April 2020

Korean-America Association for Geospatial and Environmental Sciences

AAG Urban Geography Specialty Group Travel Award

April 2019

American Association of Geographers

Graduate Student Congress Travel Award

April 2019

Graduate Student Congress, University of Kentucky

Barnhardt and Withington Research Funds

Fall 2017

Department of Geography, University of Kentucky

Conference Travel Grant

April 2016, April 2019

Graduate School, University of Kentucky

Outstanding Presentation Award

December 2015

Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association Kentucky Chapter

Semester High Honors

Spring 2008 – Spring 2010

Korea University

Scholarships

Teaching Assistant Scholarship

Fall 2014 – Fall 2020

University of Kentucky

Research Assistant Scholarship

Spring 2011 – Spring 2012

Korea University

Core Curriculum Assistant Scholarship

Fall 2010

Korea University

Semester High Honors Scholarship

Korea University

Spring 2010

Venture Internship Program Scholarship

Ministry of Education, South Korea

Fall 2009

Certifications

Teacher's License in Geography, Issued by the Ministry of Education, South Korea

August 2010

Academic Service

Professional Development Committee, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky

2015 – 2017

Assistant Administrator, Korean Cultural and Historical Geographers

2010 – 2012

Student Vice-president, Geography Education Department, Korea University

2007

Professional Affiliation

Member of the American Association of Geographers

2015 – Present

Member of the Korean-America Association for Geospatial and Environmental Sciences

2015 – Present

Member of the Korean Geographical Society

2020 – Present

Member of the Association of Korean Women Geographers

2010 – 2014

Member of the Association of Korean Cultural and Historical Geographers

2010 – 2014

References

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