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### **Education:**

- Ph.D. University of Texas at Austin, Sociology, expected May 2013
  - Dissertation: "The Social Consequences of the Fall of Communism:
    A Sociological Analysis of the Health Crisis in Eastern European Countries"
  - Committee: Robert A. Hummer (chair), Mark D. Hayward, Daniel A. Powers, Catherine E. Ross, and Yasuhiko Saito (Nihon University)
  - Comprehensive examinations: Health (sub-specialization: adult mortality), pass with honors, April 2011
- M.A. Harvard University, Regional Studies in Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia, 2008
  - Concentration: Government (advisor: Timothy J. Colton)
- B.A. Sophia University, Foreign Studies and Russian Language, 2004

### **Research Interests:**

Medical sociology, Social demography, Aging, Socio-economic transition from communism in East Central Europe and the former Soviet Union

#### **Publications:**

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

**Yuka Minagawa**. "The Social Consequences of Post-Communist Structural Change: An Analysis of Suicide Trends in Eastern Europe." Forthcoming in *Social Forces*.

**Yuka Minagawa**. "Gender Differences in Alcohol Choice among Russians: Evidence from Quantitative Study." Forthcoming in *European Addiction Research*.

Cynthia J. Buckley, Erin T. Hofmann, and **Yuka Minagawa**. 2011. "Does Nativity Matter? Correlates of Health by Immigrant Generation in the Russian Federation." *Demographic Research* 24(32): 801-824.

### **Book** chapters:

Yong, Vanessa, **Yuka Minagawa**, and Yasuhiko Saito. "Policy and Program Measures for Successful Aging in Japan." In Sheng-Tak Cheng (Ed.), *Successful Aging in Asia*. New York: Springer. (forthcoming)

## **Manuscripts under Review:**

**Yuka Minagawa** and Robert A. Hummer. "The Long Shadow of Communism: New Cross-National Evidence for the European Health Divide."

Arthur Sakamoto and **Yuka Minagawa**. "A U.S.- Japan Comparison of the Effects of Absolute and Relative Income Differentials on Happiness."

#### **Academic Conference Presentations:**

**Yuka Minagawa**. "Sociological Approach toward Aging: Implications from Japan." To be presented at Asia Future Conference. Shanghai, China. March, 2013.

**Yuka Minagawa** and Yasuhiko Saito. "Depression in Modern Times: Effects of Modern Communication Technology on Depressive Symptoms among the Japanese Elderly." To be presented at the Annual Meeting of Gerontological Society of America. San Diego, CA. November, 2012.

**Yuka Minagawa** and Yasuhiko Saito. "Group Membership and Mortality Risk among the Japanese Elderly: New Evidence from a National Sample." To be presented at the Annual Meeting of Gerontological Society of America. San Diego, CA. November, 2012.

Arthur Sakamoto and **Yuka Minagawa**. "A U.S.- Japan Comparison of the Effects of Absolute and Relative Income Differentials on Happiness." To be presented at Symposium on Asian Perspectives on Social Stratification and Inequality. Sendai, Japan. October, 2012.

Yasuhiko Saito and **Yuka Minagawa**. "The Power of the Mind: Emotional Well-Being and Mortality Risk among Older Men and Women in Japan." Presented at European Population Conference. Stockholm, Sweden. June 16, 2012.

**Yuka Minagawa** and Robert A. Hummer. "The Long Shadow of Communism: New Cross-National Evidence for the European Health Divide." Presented at European Population Conference. Stockholm, Sweden. June 15, 2012.

**Yuka Minagawa** and Yasuhiko Saito. "The Association between Positive Psychological Affects and the Risk of Mortality among the Japanese Elderly." Presented at the Annual Meeting of Population Association of Japan. Tokyo, Japan. June 2, 2012.

**Yuka Minagawa** and Yasuhiko Saito. "An Analysis of Trends in Healthy Life Expectancy: Evidence from the Russian Federation." Presented at the Annual Meeting of REVES. Taichung, Taiwan. May 24, 2012.

**Yuka Minagawa**. "The Social Consequences of Post-Communist Structural Change: An Analysis of Suicide Trends in East Central European and Former Soviet Countries." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Las Vegas, NV. August 23, 2011.

**Yuka Minagawa**. "Gender Differences in Drinking Behavior: An Analysis of a Major Cause of the Mortality Crisis in Contemporary Russia." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Washington, D.C. April 1, 2011.

**Yuka Minagawa** and Tetyana Pudrovska. "Why Do Russian Men Drink? A Psychosocial Mechanism of Vodka Consumption in Contemporary Russia." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA. August 14, 2010.

Cynthia J. Buckley, Erin T. Hofmann, and **Yuka Minagawa**. "Does Nativity Matter? Correlates of Health by Immigrant Generation in the Russian Federation." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Dallas, TX. April 16, 2010.

### **Honors and Awards:**

Graduate Fellowship, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin
Mitsubishi Graduate Research Fellowship, Mitsubishi Caterpillar Forklift America Inc.
Professional Development Award, University of Texas at Austin
Honjo International Scholarship, Honjo International Scholarship Foundation
Bruton Fellowship, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin
Graduate Dean's Prestigious Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin
Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship, World Bank
Graduate Student Research Fellowship, Harvard Ukrainian Institute
Fulbright Scholarship, Fulbright Association
Harbin College Scholarship Award, Sophia University
First Prize in the 31 <sup>st</sup> All Japan Russian Speech Contest, Japan-Eurasia Society

## **Teaching Experience:**

2012	Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Social Statistics (Dr. Daniel A. Powers),
	University of Texas at Austin

Teaching Assistant for *Social Context of Public Health* (Dr. Robert A. Hummer), University of Texas at Austin

## **Research Experience:**

Present Research Fellow, Nihon University, Advanced Research Institute for the Sciences and Humanities, Tokyo Japan

### **Invited Lectures:**

"A Sociological Analysis of Health Differentials in Europe." National Institute of Population and Social Security Research. Tokyo, Japan. July 20, 2012.

"Health Lifestyles and Mortality among Russians." University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX. March 8, 2010.

## **Professional Membership:**

American Sociological Association (ASA) Population Association of America (PAA) Gerontological Society of America (GSA) European Association for Population Studies (EAPS) Population Association of Japan (PAOJ)

## **Employment:**

2008-2009 Country officer, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA),

Tokyo, Japan

2004-2006 Researcher, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Tokyo, Japan

#### **References:**

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