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Profile

An analyst of East Asian affairs with experience in interview and archival research and with expertise in issues of economic development, social policy, and regional politics, I aim to improve understandings of social problems in my writing for general and specialist audiences.

Language Abilities

- Chinese: fluent reading, speaking (Mandarin)
- Korean: proficient reading, speaking

Research Positions

- Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellow, Princeton, NJ. 2005-06.
- Academy of Korean Studies Pre-doctoral Fellow, Bundang, South Korea. June to Aug., 2005.
- Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation Fellow, Hong Kong and Chengdu, China. 2004-05.
- Researcher, Northeast China History Research Institute, Dalian University, Dalian, China, 2003.

Research Experience

- Two years of research in China and South Korea. Assessed impact of government programs on low-income groups.
- Conducted in-depth interviews with rural migrants to Chinese cities.
- Gathered and analyzed fragmentary archival material from collections in China and South Korea.

Publications and Presentations

- “Politics of Cityward Migration: An Overview of China in International Perspective.” *Habitat International*, forthcoming in special issue on Chinese cities.
- Review of *Discipline and Development: Middle Classes and Prosperity in East Asia and Latin America* by Diane E. Davis. *Korean Studies*, Vol. 29, 2005.
- Presented at 6 scholarly conferences in United States, Hong Kong, Japan, and South Korea. Topics included internal migration, labor, social reform, and family organization in Chinese and Korean societies.

Teaching and Management Experience

- Supervised classes of 12 to 15 students. Led discussions, prepared synopses of core concepts, and evaluated student work.
- As writing tutor, assisted peers with presentation skills, ran workshops on writing, and compiled writing manual.
- Organized panel for Association for Asian Studies annual conference.

Education

- Doctoral Candidate, in Politics, Princeton University. Degree expected spring, 2006. Dissertation title: “Internal Migration and Urban Conflict in Developing East Asia.”
- Master of Arts, in Politics, Princeton University. 2003.
- Bachelor of Arts, in Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies and Political Science, with Distinction, University of Washington. 2000.