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Education

May/2002	BA in East Asian Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, Brandeis University
March/2010	MA in International Relations, Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University
January/2014	PhD Candidate in Cultural Anthropology, Amsterdam Institute of Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam

Employment Experience

June/2002- July/2003	ESPN Television Production Assistant, ESPN
July/2003- July/2006	Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program English Instructor, Yamagata City Board of Education
August/2006- March/2008	Shizuoka City English Instructor, Shizuoka City Board of Education
March/2010- March/2012	Japanese – English Interpreter, New York Mets (Major League Baseball)
April/2012- current	Special English Lecturer, University of Shizuoka
September/2020- current	Part-time Lecturer, Shizuoka Eiwa Gakuin University

Professional Research Associations and Societies

American Anthropological Association (AAA)
European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)
Society for East Asian Anthropology (SEAA)
International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES)

Research Publications/Academic Conferences/Apearances in Media

I. Published symposium and conference works

1. 「“Migration Flows of Baseball Players from Japan to North America.”」 (International Conference on Japanese and Canadian Immigration and Foreign Workers, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., Canada, November/2009)
2. 「“Advanced Students in Beginner Classes.”」 (Joint Address with Bailey, B. & J. Huang. JALT National Conference, Hamamatsu, Japan, November/2012)
3. 「“Dependence, Obligation and Improving Livelihoods: the Importance of Remittances for Kenyan Migrant Athletes in Japan.”」 Part of panel: Transnational Sport Migrants and Human Futures (European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) 14th Biennial Conference, University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy, July/2016)
4. 「“Coping with Uncertainty: Kenyan Migrant Athletes in Japan.”」 Part of panel: Gambling with Uncertainty: Transnational Mobility and the Global Sport Industries (American Anthropological Association (AAA) 115th Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota USA, November/2016)

5. 「“Kenyan Runners in Japan: Understanding the Interplay between *Maendeleo*, Migration, and Success.”」 (GLOBALSPORT Conference, Prague, Czech Republic, June/2017)
6. 「“Transnational Investments in Friendship, Progress, and the Good Life: Kenyan Runners in Japan.”」 Part of Panel: Migration, Identities, and Outcomes (Society for East Asian Anthropology Regional Conference 2019 – Tokyo, Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS) of Waseda University, August/2019)
7. 「“Detours along the Journey to a Better Life: Mobility Prospects of Kenyan Female Distance Runners in Japan.”」 Part of Panel: Embodied Experiences and Ontology of Mobilities (2021 Global Mobility Humanities Conference, Academy of Mobility Humanities of Konkuk University, Seoul, Korea, [Online] October/2021)

II. Articles

1. ‘Being a Good Friend: Practices of Borrowing and Lending Money among Kenyan Runners in Japan.’ (GLOBALSPORT)
<http://global-sport.eu/practices-of-borrowing-and-lending-money-among-kenyan-runners-in-japan>, July 2015.
2. ‘Running, Spending, and Saving in Japan.’ (*Anthropology News* 57(7-8): 3-4. 2016)
3. ‘Conformity and the Safeguarding of Respectability: The Experiences of Kenyan Female Distance Runners in Japan.’ (*International Journal of Diaspora & Cultural Criticism* 12(1): 103-131. 2022)

III. Chapters in Edited Volume

1. ‘Friendship, Respect, and Success: Kenyan Runners in Japan.’ In *Sport, Migration, and Gender in the Neoliberal Age*. Edited by Niko Besnier, Domenica Gisella Calabrò, and Daniel Guinness. London: Routledge, 2020.

IV. Books

1. Edited work “中学英単語α-最初の555語[Vocabulary for Junior High School Students: The first 555 words you should know]” (アスク出版, April/2015) 英文校閲者[English editor], Authored by: Akio Furukawa and Izumi Miyashita

V. Appearances in Media

1. The Wall Street Journal: Headline: “Life of a Baseball Interpreter,” featured on page A17 and A23 in the print and online edition on Thursday August 18, 2011 by Brian Costa.
2. The Star Ledger: Headline: “Mets’ Ryota Igarashi forges a bond with interpreter Michael Peters,” featured in Section 5 on page 5 in the print and online edition on Sunday August 21, 2011 by Mike Vorkunov.
3. The New York Times: Headline: “Translating Reality: If He Goes, So Do You,” featured on page B15 in the print and online edition on Tuesday October 10, 2011 by Ken Belson.
4. The New York Times: Headline: “Focus Back on the Field,” Title: “With Spring Training Near, Japan Awaits the Yankees” featured on page B13 in the print edition on Wednesday February 5, 2014 by David Waldstein (online title: America’s Team May Be Japan’s Team Instead).
5. Aftenposten’s A-magasinet (Oslo) #37: “Nasjonens helter: Maraton er Japans nasjonalidrett,” September 16, 2016 by: Frode Saugestad (in Norwegian in both print and online issues).