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Research and Teaching Interests

Application of Close Reading and Macroanalytic Approaches to Multi-Ethnic American Literature; Digital Archives & Cultural Analytics; Digital Humanities; Bibliometric and Network Analysis of Literary Canons; Cultural Geographies & Information Infrastructures

Education

- April 2025 Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), Ph.D. in Literary and Cultural Studies
(Expected) Dissertation: “Urban Elsewhere: Diasporic Imagination and Narratives of Transnationalism”
Committee: Richard Purcell (chair), Marian Aguiar, Andreea Ritivoi
- August 2019 Ewha Womans University, M.A. in English Literature
Thesis: “‘Running Across the Unobserved Borders of the City’: Practicing Drifting Against Displacement in Dionne Brand’s *What We All Long For*”
Committee: Min-Jung Kim (chair), Joongul Paek, Hyung-Sook Lee
- February 2017 Ewha Womans University, B.A. in English Language & Literature
Honors Thesis: “Is Everything, Really Determined?: Overcoming Determinism through Literature and Emotion in *Arcadia*.”
B.S. in Statistics
- 2015 Universidad de Málaga, Spain, Exchange Student in Mathematics (Fall semester)

Academic Positions

- 2023–Present Teaching Consultant Fellow, Eberly Center for Teaching Excellence, CMU
- 2020–Present Graduate Student Instructor of Record, Department of English & First-Year Writing Program, CMU
- 2017 Trans-Humanities Journal Editorial Assistant

Awards

- 2025 [Dietrich College Teaching Award](#), CMU
- 2024 Schaffer Dissertation Award, Literary and Cultural Studies Program, CMU
- 2024 Teaching Award, English Department, CMU
- 2019 Fulbright Graduate Student Award
- 2017–2019 BrainKorea21 Plus Project Scholarship, Ewha Womans University
- 2017 Thesis Excellence Award, College of Humanities, Ewha Womans University
“Is Everything, Really Determined?: Overcoming Determinism Through Literature and Emotion in *Arcadia*.”

Research Grants

- 2024 Generative Artificial Intelligence Teaching As Research (GAITAR) @Scale initiative
- 2023 Research Project Grant, English Department, CMU – “Diaspora Voices in Translation: Building a Digital Archive of Translated Works post-9/11” DH Project (Spring)
- 2023 Research Project Grant, English Department, CMU – “Diaspora Voices in Translation: Building a Digital Archive of Translated Works post-9/11” DH Project (Fall)

Digital Scholarship & Computational Humanities

- 2023–Present [“Diaspora Voices in Translation: Building a Digital Archive of Translated Works post-9/11”](#)
- 2024 Generative Artificial Intelligence Teaching As Research Project, Eberly Center, CMU
- 2024 Generative Artificial Intelligence Teaching Pilot Testing
Pilot-tested GenAI instructional modules in a paid research position, evaluating their effectiveness for integration into pedagogy.
- 2024 Digital Humanities Literacy Workshop, CMU
- 2019–2020 Research Assistant for Professor Chris Warren, Digital Humanities and Book History Project, CMU

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Jo, Eunji. “Zainichi (在日) Koreans and Inland (内地): Colonial Modernity and Min Jin Lee’s *Pachinko* (2017).” *MELUS*. Under Review.
- Jo, Eunji. “The Face of the Zombie: Ethical Awakening and Redefining Humanity in East Asian Cinema.” *Film Quarterly*. Under Review.
- Jo, Eunji. [“Tactics of \(Un\)Belonging: Drifting Black Bodies in Dionne Brand’s *In Another Place, Not Here*.”](#) *New Korean Journal of English Language and Literature*, vol. 60, no. 4, 2018, pp. 163–82.

Chapter in Edited Collection

- Jo, Eunji. “When Exceptionalism Meets Exception: Canadian Black(less)ness in Elamin Abdelmahmoud’s *Son of Elsewhere*.” *Making Exceptions, Taking Refuge: Canadian and American Border Crossings*, edited by Jennifer Andrews. Under review at *McGill-Queen’s University Press*. Solicited.

Book Review

- Jo, Eunji. *Review of Dear Science and Other Stories*, by Katherine McKittrick. *The Comparatist*, forthcoming in vol. 49, 2025.

Works In Progress

- “A Macroanalytic Study of Defining ‘Diasporic Literature’: Canons and Knowledge (Re)Production”
(Target journal: *Digital Creativity*)
- “Translating Diaspora: Marketing and Genre Adaptation of American Novels for South Korean Readers”
(Target journal: *ACM Journal on Computing and Cultural Heritage*)
- “Conversing in Silence: Sound as an Affective Medium in Barry Jenkins’s *Moonlight* (2016)”
(Target journal: *Quarterly Review of Film and Video*)

Teaching Appointments

Since the fall of 2020, I have served as the instructor of record for 16 courses, including 13 seven-week courses and three full-semester courses, spanning first-year writing, upper-level seminars, and interdisciplinary subjects. For syllabi, key assignments, and course materials, please visit my academic website: <https://enji.github.io/teaching/>

Instructor of Record - CMU

Fall 2024	Interpretation and Argument (First-Year Writing) – Hello World: Texts & Tech (Course Designed)
Summer 2024	Books You Should Have Read By Now: Asian American Literature (Upper-level Seminar, Course Designed)
Spring 2024	DiverCities: Multiculturalism and North American Cities (Upper-level Seminar, Course Designed)
2022–2023	Writing about Data (First-Year Writing)
2021–2022	Writing about Art, Literature, and Culture (First-Year Writing) – Diasporic Literature: Home and (Be)Longing (Course Designed)
Fall 2020	Writing about Art, Literature, and Culture (First-Year Writing) – Graphic Literature

Teaching Assistant - CMU

Spring 2023	94-783: Technology, Humanity, and Social Justice: Education (Dr. Korryn Mozisek)
Fall 2022	94-875: Technology, Humanity, and Social Justice: Environment (Dr. Korryn Mozisek)
Spring 2022	94-853: Technology, Humanity, and Social Justice: Governance (Dr. Korryn Mozisek)
Fall 2020	76-106: Writing about Literature: Graphic Literature (Prof. Kevin Haworth)

Teaching Consultant Fellow - CMU

2023–Present	Eberly Center for Teaching Excellence
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Teaching Assistant - Ewha Womans University

Summer 2018	Speaking Master Program (Dr. Soyoung Lee)
2017–2018	Graduate Teaching Assistant (Dr. Hisup Shin)

Tutor - Ewha Womans University

2017–2019	Writing Consultant at English Writing Clinic
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Presentations

Invited Talks

Oct 2024	“When Exceptionalism Meets Exception.” <i>Making Exceptions, Taking Refuge Conference</i> , Dalhousie University, Canada.
Aug 2021	“Bringing ‘polyphonic murmuring’ into our classrooms,” Translingual Teaching Panel, CMU.

Panels Organized

Apr 2023	Colloquium Chair, Bridges and Borders Annual Conference, themed “Laboring for Community.”
Apr 2022	“Panel 2: Resilience, Illness, and Borders.” Organizer and facilitator. <i>Bridges and Borders Graduate Conference</i> . Pittsburgh, PA.
Apr 2022	“Panel 6: Biopolitics, Epistemology, and Affect.” Organizer and facilitator. <i>Bridges and Borders Graduate Conference</i> . Pittsburgh, PA.

Conference Presentations

- Dec 2024 “Diaspora Voices in Translation: Building a Digital Archive of Translated Works post-9/11,” The English Language and Literature Association of Korea (ELLAK), Seoul National University, South Korea. (*Accepted but Declined*)
- May 2023 “‘The Gift of Freedom’: Neoliberal Multiculturalism in *Open City* and *Son of Elsewhere*,” 2023 Congress (ACCUTE), York University, Canada.
- June 2022 “‘History has failed us, but no matter’: Dealing with the Ambivalence of Risk in Lee Min Jin’s *Pachinko*,” ACLA Conference, virtual.
- Apr 2022 “‘Homo sapiens, the most complex animal’: Plasticity and Transcendence in Yaa Gyasi’s *Transcendent Kingdom*,” Bridges and Borders Conference. Carnegie Mellon University, PA.
- Mar 2022 “Telepathy, Speech, and Power in Octavia Butler’s *Mind of My Mind*,” NeMLA Conference. Baltimore, MD.
- Nov 2021 “Alienation, Affect, and Intersecting Paths in Dionne Brand’s *Love Enough*,” PAMLA Conference. Los Angeles, CA.
- Nov 2019 “‘Running Across the Unobserved Borders of the City’: Racial Embodiment in Dionne Brand’s *What We All Long For*,” MMLA Conference. Chicago, IL.
- Jan 2018 “From the Endemic to the Pandemic Zombies: Ambiguity of ‘New Zombies’ in Films,” Cross-Cultural Communication Conference, Spain.
- Dec 2017 “Without Time Logic: Framing *Mulholland Drive* Through Quadratic Graph,” ELLAK Conference, Seoul National University, South Korea.
- Nov 2017 “‘Is distance. If she could know it’: Distance in Myung Mi Kim’s *Under Flag*,” Re-locating the Local International Conference. Ewha Womans University, Korea.

Professional and Academic Service

- 2022–2024 Summer English Exam Assessment/Placement Reader
- Fall 2023 CMU Interdisciplinary Dissertation Writing Group Organizer
- Spring 2023 Graduate Mentor for the Literary and Cultural Studies Program
- 2022–2023 Colloquium Chair for the Bridges and Borders Conference
- 2020–2022 Colloquium Committee for the Bridges and Borders Conference
- 2021–2022 Graduate Student Social Representative, English Department

Selected Community Service/Participation

- Reading Group on Masculinity of Korean Men in Their 20s and 30s (2025–Present)
- United Black Book Clubs of Pittsburgh (2024–Present)
- Korean Language Class Instructor, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (2020–Present)
- President of Korean Graduate Student Assembly’s Climbing Team (2022–2023)
- Race & Transnational Working Group (2022)

Research Languages

Programming Languages & Technical Skills

R: Statistical analysis and visualization

Python: Data analysis (Pandas) and visualization (Matplotlib, Plotly, ggplot)

HTML: Web content structuring

Other tools: Gephi, Tableau, Excel, OpenRefine, VOSviewer, ArcGIS, Jekyll, and other content management systems

Modern Languages

Korean: Native speaker

Spanish: Intermediate speaking, reading, and writing

Japanese: Intermediate speaking, reading, and writing

Memberships

American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA)

Association of Canadian College and University Teachers of English (ACCUTE)

Modern Language Association (MLA)

English Language and Literature Association of Korea (ELLAK)

Explorers Club of Pittsburgh (ECP)

CMU Climbing Club