

Curriculum Vitae

Rob Efir

**EDUCATION**

**University of Washington.** Ph.D. in Socio-cultural Anthropology (December, 2004).

**Harvard University.** M.A., Regional Studies—East Asia (June, 1994).

**Yale University.** B.A., *magna cum laude* with Distinction in the Major, Socio-cultural Anthropology (June, 1990).

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

**Professor of Anthropology and Asian Studies,** Seattle University (2017-present)

**Chair,** Department of Anthropology, Sociology and Social Work Seattle University (2013-2016)

**GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Seattle University Center for Community Engagement Community-Engaged Research Fellowship (2017)

Seattle University Center for Environmental Justice and Sustainability Fellowship (2016-17)

Seattle University Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture Faculty Research Grant (2016-17)

National Committee on U.S.-China Relations Public Intellectual Program Fellow (2014-2016)

Seattle University College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Research Fellowship (2015)

Japan Foundation Research Fellowship (2014)

Seattle University Global Research Grant (2014)

**GRANTS AND  
FELLOWSHIPS,  
CONTINUED**

Association for Asian Studies – Northeast Asian Council  
Japan Research Travel Grant (2013)

Seattle University Center for Environmental Justice and  
Sustainability Fellowship (2013-14)

Seattle University Community-based Research Fellowship  
(2012-14)

Fulbright Senior Research Scholar– China (2011-2012)

Seattle University Service Learning Faculty Fellowship (2007-  
2008)

Seattle University Summer Faculty Fellowships (2006, 2009,  
2013)

Blakemore Grant – Tsinghua University, Beijing, PRC (2006)

Seattle University College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Research  
Fellowship (2006)

SSRC Japan Studies Dissertation Workshop (2002)

Japan Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (Japan 1999-  
2001)

Pacific Cultural Foundation Grant (Academia Sinica, Taiwan  
1999)

University of Washington Jackson School China Studies  
Fellowship (1996-99)

Blakemore Foundation Fellowship (Beijing, PRC 1994-95)

Japanese Ministry of Education Fellowship (Japan 1991-93)

Graduate Tuition Waiver, Harvard University (1990-91, 1993-94)

Summer FLAS Fellowship, Yale University (1986)

National Merit Scholar (1984)

## SCHOLARSHIP

### Book

Lee, J. C.-K. and Efird, R. eds. 2014. *Schooling for Sustainable Development across the Pacific*. Dordrecht: Springer.

### Book Chapters

Efird, R. (Forthcoming 2020). "Nature for Nurture in Urban Chinese Childrearing." A. Esarey, M.A. Haddad, S. Harrell and J. Lewis, eds. *Greening East Asia: The Rise of the Eco-Developmental State*. Seattle: University of Washington Press

Efird, R. 2018. "Nature Schools and China's Environmental Education." K. Kennedy and J. C.-K. Lee, eds. *Routledge Handbook on Schooling in Asia*, 686-692. New York: Routledge

Efird, R. 2016. "Perceiving Nature's Personhood: Anthropological Enhancements to Environmental Education." In Kopnina H. and Shoreman-Ouimet E., eds. *Routledge Handbook of Environmental Anthropology*, 441-451. New York: Routledge

Efird, R. 2014. "Closing the Green Gap: Policy and Practice in Chinese Environmental Education." In Lee and Efird, eds. *Schooling for Sustainable Development across the Pacific*, 279-292. Dordrecht: Springer.

Lee, J. C.-K. and Efird, R. 2014. "Introduction: Schooling for Sustainable Development across the Pacific." In Lee and Efird, eds. *Schooling for Sustainable Development across the Pacific*, 3-35. Dordrecht: Springer.

Efird, R. 2012. "Regionalism and Ethnic Dis-integration: Li Ying's *Yasukuni* and the Co-creation(s) of East Asia." In Ben-Ari and Otmazgin, eds. *Popular Culture Co-productions in East and Southeast Asia*, 171-184. Kyoto and Singapore: Kyoto University Press and National University of Singapore Press.

Efird, R. 2011. "Japan's 'War Orphans': Identification and State Responsibility." In Caroline Rose, ed. *Sino-Japanese Relations: Critical Concepts, Vol. II*, 281-304. New York: Routledge.

**Book Chapters,  
continued**

Efir, R. 2011. "Learning By Heart: An Anthropological Perspective on Environmental Learning in Lijiang." In Kopnina and Ouimet, eds. *Environmental Anthropology Today*, 253-266. New York: Routledge.

Efir, R. 2001. "Rock in a Hard Place: Music and the Market in Nineties Beijing." In N. Chen, C. Clark, S. Gottschang and L. Jeffery, eds. *China Urban: Ethnographies of Contemporary Culture*, 67-86. Durham: Duke University Press.

**Peer-reviewed  
journal articles**

Efir, R. 2015. "Learning Places and 'Little Volunteers': an Assessment of Place- and Community-based Education in China." *Environmental Education Research*. Vol. 21, No. 8: 1143-1154

Efir, R. 2012. "Learning the Land beneath Our Feet: The Place of NGO-led Environmental Education in Yunnan Province." *Journal of Contemporary China*, Vol. 21, No. 76: 569-583.

Efir, R. 2010. "Distant Kin: Japan's War Orphans and the Limits of Ethnicity." *Anthropological Quarterly*, Vol. 83, No. 4: 805-834.

Efir, R. 2008. "Japan's 'War Orphans': Identification and State Responsibility." *Journal of Japanese Studies*, Vol. 34, No. 2: 363-388.

**Book Reviews**

Efir, R. 2008. Review of Ian Condry, *Hip-Hop Japan*. *American Ethnologist*, Volume 35, Issue 2.

Efir, R. 2004. Review of Hirabayashi et al., eds. *New Worlds, New Lives* and Jeffery Lesser, ed. *Searching for Home Abroad*. *Pacific Affairs*, Fall 2004 (Volume 77, Number 3)

**Other scholarly  
writing**

Efir, R. 2016. *Guowai zenme kan woguo de huanjing jiaoyu*. (A foreign perspective on China's environmental education). *Huanjing Jiaoyu* (Environmental Education), No. 192: 74-75

**Other scholarly writing, continued**

Efir, R. 2010. "Guest Editor's Introduction: NGOs and Institutions of Higher Education in China's Environmental Learning." *Chinese Education and Society*, Vol. 43, No. 2: 3-5.

Efir, R. 2007. "Japanese Environmental NGOs in China." *China Development Brief*, January 2007 (Volume XI, Number 1)

**Selected scholarly presentations**

"*Minzu zhiwuyuan zuowei huanjing jiaoyu/ziran jiaoyu de pingtai.*" (Ethnobotanical gardens as platforms for environmental and nature education.) National Taiwan Normal University. Taipei, Taiwan. (January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

"*Minzu zhiwuyuan yu shengwu duoyangxing jiaoyu.*" (Ethnobotanical gardens and biodiversity education.) 6<sup>th</sup> National Nature Education Forum. Wuhan, China. (November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019)

"Nature for Nurture: Environmental Education, Nature Experience and the Healthy Chinese Child." Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University. Cambridge, MA. (September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018)

"The Development of Chinese Nature Schools (*ziran xuexiao*)". 9<sup>th</sup> World Environmental Education Conference. Vancouver, BC. (September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017)

"*Zhongguo de huanjing jiaoyu: yiwei guowai yanjiuzhe de shijiao.*" (China's environmental education: a foreign researcher's perspective.) Keynote presentation for the Inaugural Luosuojiang Science Education Forum. Chinese Academy of Sciences, Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden. Menglun, China. (August 12, 2016)

"Nature Schools and Chinese Environmental Education." Invited presentation for Northwest China Forum, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. (May 1, 2016).

**Selected scholarly  
presentations,  
continued**

“Perceiving Nature’s Personhood: Anthropological Enhancements to Environmental Education.” Invited talk for the Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Vancouver, BC (April 1, 2016)

“Environmental Learning in Japan and the United States: What are the lessons for XTBG?” Invited talk at Chinese Academy of Sciences, Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden, Menglun, China. (July 28, 2015)

“Neighbors Across a Narrow Belt of Water: Migration and Contemporary Sino-Japanese Relations.” Invited lecture for National Committee on U.S.-China Relations China Town Hall, Washington State University, Pullman, WA (October 16, 2014)

“Enhancing China’s Environmental Education: Identifying Obstacles, Exploring Opportunities.” Invited presentation at 25<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the Japanese Society for Environmental Education. Tokyo, Japan.(August 3, 2014)

“Diversifying Environmental Education in Asia: Empowering Students with Community-based Local Learning in Kunming, China.” Invited presentation for annual meeting of ASIANetwork. Springfield, IL. (2014)

“Transplanting Environmental Education: Cultivating Health and Sustainability in the City.” Invited lecture at Chinese Academy of Sciences’ Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden Research Institute, Menglun, China. (July 9, 2013)

“*Renshi women jiaoxia de tudi! Tansuo Yunnan Kunming diqu yi difang wei jichu de huanjing jiaoyu.*” (Know the land beneath our feet! Exploring place-based environmental education in Kunming, Yunnan). Invited lecture at Yunnan Nationalities University, Kunming, China. (21 June, 2013)

**Selected scholarly presentations, continued**

“Know the Land beneath Our Feet!” Chinese Experiments with Place- and Community-Based Education.” Invited lecture at University of British Columbia, Institute of Asian Research. Vancouver, B.C. (September 27, 2012)

“Environmental Education and Museums: A Kunming Case Study and its Lessons for XTBG.” Invited lecture at Chinese Academy of Sciences’ Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden Research Institute, Menglun, China. (July 2012)

*“Renshi women jiaoxia de tudi! Tansuo Yunnan Kunming diqu yi difang wei jichu de huanjing jiaoyu.”* (Know the land beneath our feet! Exploring place-based environmental education in Kunming, Yunnan) Invited lecture at Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China. (April 16, 2012)(Also given as invited lectures at National Taiwan Normal University in March, 2012 and Yunnan Normal University in May, 2012)

“The Role of Botanical Gardens in Environmental Education.” Invited lecture at Chinese Academy of Sciences’ Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden Research Institute, Menglun, China. (February 2012)

“Tradition and Transnation: NGOs and Environmental Learning in China’s Yunnan Province.” Invited presentation for the workshop sponsored by the Centre for Korean Research-Academy of Korean Studies Research Program at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C. (June 5, 2010)

“Learning the Land beneath Our Feet: NGOs and Place-Based Learning in Southwest China.” Invited panel presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies (April 22, 2010)

“Fictive Kin: Japan’s War Orphans and the Limits of Ethnicity.” Invited paper presentation at "Migration and Identities in Asia" workshop at Yonsei University in Seoul (May, 2009)

**Selected scholarly presentations, continued**

“Creating an Ethnobotanical Garden website.” Curriculum for the Bioregion – Works in Progress Conference. University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA (2009)

“Li Ying’s *Yasukuni* and the Co-production(s) of East Asia.” Invited paper presentation at the workshop “Popular Culture Co-productions and Collaborations in East and Southeast Asia” at the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan. (December, 2008)

“Resonance and Dissonance: Chinese Debates over Japanese Popular Culture.” Invited presentation at “Transcultural Circulations: Popular Cultures in East Asia” workshop at University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC. (May, 2008)

“Japanese Environmental NGOs in China.” Invited lecture in Environmental Anthropology Lecture Series, University of Washington Department of Anthropology. (November, 2007)  
“*Riben huanbao* NGO zai *Zhongguo*” (Japanese Environmental NGOs in China). Invited lecture at Tsinghua University’s NGO Research Institute. Beijing, China. (June 16, 2007)

“Japan’s War Orphans: Repatriation and State Responsibility.” Invited lecture at the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. (April, 2007)

“*Nihon no ‘shinkakyō.’*” (Japan’s ‘New Overseas Chinese’). Invited lecture in Japanese for Kanagawa University’s *Kokusai Shinpojiumu: Gaikokuseki jūmin to no kyōsei shakai no sōzō* (International Symposium: Creating a society of coexistence with foreign residents). Yokohama, Japan. (March, 2005)

“Japan’s ‘New Overseas Chinese.’” Invited lecture at the Institute of Asian Research, University of British Columbia. (February, 2005)



**Selected scholarly  
presentations,  
continued**

“Salish Efflorescence: The Creation of an Ethnobotanical Garden at Seattle University.” Paper presented at the 40<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Salish and Neighboring Languages, Vancouver, B.C. (2005)

“The Multicultural Co-existence of Chinese Returnees in Japan: History, Family, and Linguistic Identity.” Nissan Institute Seminar Speaker, Oxford University, Oxford, UK. (May, 2000)