

## **JOEL LEGASSIE**

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### **OBJECTIVE**

I intend to secure a teaching and research position in Japanese and World History.

### **EDUCATION**

#### **University of Victoria, Victoria, BC**

Doctor of Philosophy, Japanese History (2014)

In April 2011 I completed my candidacy exams in Japanese History (major field), World History and Digital History (minor fields). My dissertation explores cross-cultural exchange in the process of Japan's colonization of Hokkaido in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

#### **Carleton University, Ottawa, ON**

Master of Arts – Public History (2005)

#### **University of King's College, Halifax, NS**

Bachelor of Journalism (2003)

#### **Carleton University, Ottawa, ON**

Bachelor of Arts - History, Honours (2002)

### **SELECTED EXPERIENCE**

#### **Teaching Assistant, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Sept. 2009 – Present**

I prepare teaching materials, lead seminars and give lectures in a variety of courses in Japanese, Chinese and World History.

#### **Knowledge Mobilization Coordinator, Canadian CED Network, Sept. 2008 – Sept. 2009**

As a Knowledge Mobilization Coordinator, I participated in every aspect of the day-to-day and strategic communications of this national non-profit organization. I wrote and edited news releases and other documents. I maintained and updated the Network's website, and built websites for various projects, while contributing to the development of the network's overall communications and branding strategy.

#### **Freelance Website Developer, Victoria, BC, Jan. 2006 – Present**

Websites I have developed include: [www.jamesbay.org](http://www.jamesbay.org), [www.jamesbaybeacon.ca](http://www.jamesbaybeacon.ca), [www.socialeconomyhub.ca](http://www.socialeconomyhub.ca), [www.siberianexpedition.ca](http://www.siberianexpedition.ca) and [www.asiancanadianstudies.ca](http://www.asiancanadianstudies.ca).

#### **Assistant English Teacher, Kita High School, Asahikawa, Hokkaido, Japan, July 2005 – Aug. 2007**

As a JET Programme participant I taught up to fourteen classes a week, on my own, and as part of a team with a Japanese teacher. I took a leading role in designing teaching materials, writing lesson plans and developing courses.

**Freelance Researcher, March 2005 - Present**

I conduct archival research at archives in Japan, Ontario, Nova Scotia and British Columbia for various publications and research projects.

**Research Intern, Canada Museum of Science and Technology, Ottawa, ON, June – Sept. 2004**

I conducted research and wrote a research guide for the museum's collection of nearly 1,000,000 photographs created by the Canadian National Railway Company.

**RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS**

"The Prosperity of Canada: Japanese-Canadian Photography in Trans-Pacific Discourse 1918-1921," Conference Presentation, Qualicum History Conference, Parksville, BC, 2010.

"Balancing Imperatives: A Comparison of Christian Missionary Society Missions in British Columbia and Hokkaido Japan, 1862-1941" CAPI Student Symposium, Victoria, BC, March 11, 2011.

"Images, Sound Recordings and Video," in John Price, ed. *Pacific and Asian Materials Research Guide*, (Victoria: BC Archives, 2011).

"Image Search: Towards an Open Digital Image Archive," Conference Presentation, Digital Humanities Summer Institute Graduate Student Colloquium, Victoria, BC, June 2011

"Balancing Imperatives: A Comparison of Christian Missionary Society Missions in British Columbia and Hokkaido Japan, 1862-1941" Conference Presentation, World History Association Annual Conference, Beijing, China, July 2011.

"Ainu Military Resistance," in Louis G. Perez, ed. *Japan at War: An Encyclopedia*, (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, Forthcoming, 2012).

**AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Department of History PhD Fellowship, University of Victoria, Sept. 2009 – Aug. 2011 - \$26,000

World History Association Scholarship, University of Victoria, March 2011 - \$1,000

Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives Student Fellowship, University of Victoria, March 2011 - \$2,500

SSHRC Doctoral Scholarship, Sept. 2011 – Aug. 2013 - \$40,000

President's Award, University of Victoria, Sept. 2011 – Aug. 2013 - \$8,000