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Title of Research	Good for You: Food and Local Public Health in Canada and Japan	
<b>【Home Organization】</b> School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Toronto (Postdoctoral Fellow)		
<b>【Invitation Period】</b> July 1, 2009 ~ February 28, 2010		
<b>【Counterpart at Kyoto University】</b> Prof. Toshimitu Shinkawa (Graduate School of Law)		
<b>【Lectures/Seminars Attended】</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 9, 2009 – by Dr. Anjali Bhatia (lecture series, 4<sup>th</sup> lecture)</li> <li>• July 24-25, 2009 – International Symposium on East Asian Sociology between Kyoto University and National Taiwan University</li> <li>• September 14, 2009 – “Women and the Public Sphere on Twentieth Century Britain” by Prof. Pat Thane (GCOE visiting lecturer from University of London)</li> <li>• October 1, 2009 – International Workshop on Food Safety and Public Health (School of Agriculture) – invited participant</li> <li>• October 7, 2009 – “Assessment, Innovation and Evidence – Science Policy in Britain” by Prof. David Cope (GCOE visiting lecturer from UK Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology, Houses of Parliament)</li> <li>• November 21-23, 2009 – GCOE 2<sup>nd</sup> Next-Generation Global Workshop and Conference</li> <li>• November 9 and 16, 2009 – GCOE Presenting in English Workshop – workshop facilitator</li> <li>• December 12, 2009 – Agricultural Ethics Workshop (portion)</li> <li>• December 14, 2009 – Presenting in English (Department of Sociology) – invited lecture</li> <li>• February 25, 2010 – “Governing Food and Public Health in Contemporary Japan” – lecturer</li> </ul>		
<b>【Results/Achievements】</b> During my time in Kyoto, I engaged in a series of fieldwork and writing activities. In terms of data collection, I conducted a series of policy document analyses and in-depth interviews with local academic experts, decision-makers in local (Kyoto) and national (Tokyo) government and nongovernmental organizations, and health care providers in nutrition programs in Kyoto. I visited ward public health centres ( <i>hokenjou</i> ) in Kamigyo-ku, Sakyo-ku, Kita-ku, and Minami-ku. I also gained an appreciation and better understanding of the ethical and practical considerations related to social scientific/public policy fieldwork in Japan.		

The GCOE was a very rewarding environment for working on publications and other linkage and exchange activities, including those stemming from my prior research work in Canada (e.g. publications from my recently defended doctoral thesis).

The multidisciplinary and comparative emphases of the GCOE provided opportunities to develop valuable relationships with a wide range of researchers, in health, technology assessment, sociology, political science, agriculture, and economic fields, from countries across Asia, the US, and the EU. My work in Kyoto has fostered a continuing research collaboration with the School of Agriculture at Kyoto University.

Over the course of my research associateship, I also attended and/or presented at a number of academic colloquia related to my work, including the GCOE 2<sup>nd</sup> Next-Generation Global Workshop in November 2009. I was also invited to participate as a guest lecturer on a few occasions, including facilitating a two-session workshop on Presenting in English for GCOE colleagues in preparation for the Next-Generation workshop.

## **Research Activities and Outcomes**

### **RESEARCH**

- Japanese translations; policy document analyses
- 11 unstructured in-depth interviews; 9 semi-structured in-depth interviews
- Visits/observations at local/national policy organizations and public health centres

### **LINKAGE AND EXCHANGE**

*Copies of publications and presentations available upon request*

### **Publications (6)**

- Article accepted to *Healthcare Policy*
- Article under revision for *American Journal of Public Health*
- Article under review for *Journal of Sociology* special issue on food and nutrition
- Co-author on article for collaborative project under review for *Healthcare Policy*
- Co-editing *Case Studies in Canadian Health Policy* (University of Toronto Press)
- Working paper in GCOE 2<sup>nd</sup> Next-Generation Global Workshop Proceedings

### **Presentations (4)**

- GCOE seminars, Kyoto, October 2009 and February 2010
- International Workshop on Food Safety and Public Health, Kyoto, October 2009
- GCOE 2<sup>nd</sup> Next-Generation Global Workshop, Kyoto, November 2009

## TEACHING AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

- Article for GCOE Newsletter No. 4
- Peer review for *Public Health Ethics*
- Peer review for Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR) and Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) 2010 conferences
- Facilitated 2-session GCOE workshop on Presenting in English, November 2009
- Session Chair for GCOE 2<sup>nd</sup> Next-Generation Global Workshop, November 2009
- Presenting in English, Department of Sociology, Kyoto University, December 2009

## FORTHCOMING

- Oral presentation, CAHSPR annual conference, May 2010, Toronto, Canada
- Oral presentation, Canadian Association for Food Studies annual conference, May 2010, Montreal, Canada
- Poster presentation, CPHA 2010 annual conference, June 2010, Toronto, Canada

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