

“Family, Liberalism, and the Multicultural University: College and the Korean American Family”

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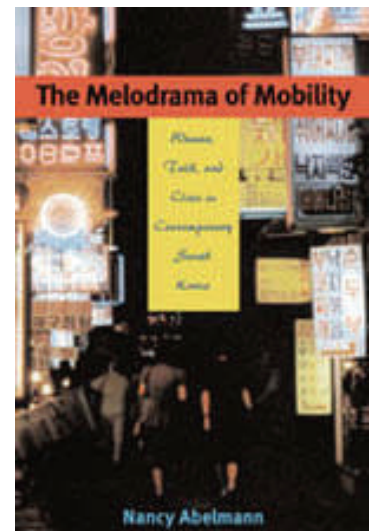
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Professor Abelman is an anthropologist committed to ethnographic methods and cultural theory. She earned her Ph.D. in Social Cultural Anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley. Her research has centered on Korea and Asian America; her theoretical questions relate to social movements, class/society mobility, education, immigration, families, gender, culture, history, memory, transnationalism, and social transformation.

Her publications include *The Melodrama of Mobility: Women, Class, and Talk in Contemporary South Korea* (Hawaii University Press); *Echoes of the Past, Epics of Dissent: A South Korean Social Movement* (University of California Press) and *Blue Dreams: Korean Americans and the Los Angeles Riots* (with John Lie; Harvard University Press).

Her current project, *Been There, Doing This: Korean American Families go to College*, is a longitudinal ethnographic study of a cohort of Korean American college students in public higher education in Illinois.

At the heart of her pedagogical life in the last few years is a project she founded in 2001 and currently co-organizes, The Ethnography of the University (EOTU, www.eotu.uiuc.edu). It is an initiative that sponsors undergraduate research on the university and archives it in web accessible form.



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