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Biography

Dr. Aaron Hames is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Anthropology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. He received his PhD in sociocultural anthropology from Washington University in St. Louis. His dissertation, titled “Finding Peace: Aging, Solidarity, and Min-Iren,” examines elderly life and cooperative medical institutions in Japan. He also received an MA in Regional Studies—East Asia from Harvard University, focusing on classical Japanese poetry and translation.

He place his research in a holistic vein of ethnography, intertwining theoretical analysis with depictions of life in Japan. Thematically, he focus on the domains of aging, health, and the cultural effects of demographic change, exploring how Japan’s older residents adjust to new conditions. His research interests focuses on Ethnography, aging, kinship, demographic change, loneliness, cooperative organizations, medical anthropology; political ecology, Japan, Hong Kong and East Asia.

Dr. Hames publications including ヘイムス アーロン. 2022. “医療人類学からみた医療機関と共同組織.” *保健の科学*, no. 64 (March): 176–80, *The Energetic Brain Club in Life and Death* (2021, Anthropology and Humanism) and *Ageing and the Case of Democratic Medicine in Japan* (2020, Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology).