

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Education

Ph.D., Japanese and Chinese Religions, Columbia University, 1990
M.Phil., Japanese and Chinese Religions, Columbia University, 1986
M.T.S., History of Religion, Harvard University, 1981
B.A., Philosophy, Reed College, 1974

Positions

Professor, Brown University, East Asian Studies and Religious Studies, 2008-
Interim Chair, Brown University, East Asian Studies, fall semester, 2013
Visiting Scholar, Kyoto University Research Institute for the Humanities, Japan, spring 2010
Professor, University of Iowa, Religious Studies and International Programs, 2006-08
Associate Professor, University of Iowa, Religious Studies, 1999-2006; Int'l Programs, 2005-06
Visiting Scholar, Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture, Nagoya, Japan, 1998-99
Assistant Professor, University of Iowa, Religious Studies, 1994-99
Visiting Scholar, Kyoto Univ. Research Inst. for the Humanities, Japan, 1993-94
Assistant Professor, Grinnell College, Religious Studies, 1990-94
Visiting Scholar, Kyoto Univ. Research Inst. for the Humanities, Japan, 1986-87

Memberships

European Association for Japanese Studies (EAJS)
Association for Asian Studies (AAS)
Society for the Study of Japanese Religions (SSJR)
American Academy of Religion (AAR)
Reischauer Institute for Japanese Studies, Harvard University (RIJS)

SCHOLARSHIP

Books

Faith in Mount Fuji: The Rise of Independent Religion in Early Modern Japan. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2022. Reviewed in: *Journal of Japanese Studies*; *Asian Ethnology*; *Journal of Religion in Japan*; *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*; *Monumenta Nipponica*; *Religious Studies Review*; *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*.
Practical Pursuits: Religion, Politics, and Personal Cultivation in Nineteenth-Century Japan. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2004. 388 pp. Finalist for the John Whitney Hall Book Prize in Japanese Studies and the Susanne M. Glasscock Humanities Book Prize for Interdisciplinary Scholarship. Reviewed in: *Journal of Asian Studies*; *Monumenta Nipponica*; *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*; *History of Religions*; *Choice*; *Journal of Japanese Studies*; *Philosophy East and West*; *The Asahi Shimbun*.

Confucian Values and Popular Zen: Sekimon Shingaku in Eighteenth-Century Japan. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 1993. 256 pp. Reviewed in: *Journal of Japanese Studies*; *Journal of Asian Studies*; *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies*; *Japanese Religions*; *Religious Studies Review*; *Dialogue & Alliance*; *Journal of Central and East Asian Studies*; *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*.

Articles, book chapters, essays

"Hokusai's Devotion to Mount Fuji." In *Late Hokusai: Society, Thought, Technique, Legacy*, ed. Timothy Clark. London: The British Museum, 2023.

"Religious Culture in Transition: Mt. Fuji." In *Defining Shugendō: Critical Studies on Japanese Mountain Religion*. Ed. Andrea Castiglioni, Carina Roth, and Fabio Rambelli. London: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2020.

Ishida Baigan, "Knowledge Innate and Learned" and "Gods and Spirits"; Teshima Toan, "Against Rationalizing"; Imakita Kōsen, "True Virtue." Introductions and annotated translations. *Sourcebook of Japanese Philosophy*, ed. J. W. Heisig, T. P. Kasulis, and J. C. Maraldo. Nanzan Series/ U. Hawaii Press, 2011. 211-213; 411-415; 436-440.

"Sexual Relations as Religious Practice in the Late Tokugawa Period: Fujidō." *Journal of Japanese Studies* 32.2 (Summer 2006): 341-366.

"Ishida Baigan's Learning of the Mind and the Way of the Merchant." In *Sources of Japanese Tradition*, Second Edition, Vol. Two: 1600 to 2000. Comp. W. T. de Bary, Carol Gluck, and Arthur E. Tiedemann. New York: Columbia Univ. Press, 2005. 294-307.

"The Confucian Linguistic Community in Late Tokugawa Japan." In *Confucian Spirituality*, Vol. II. Ed. Tu Wei-ming and Mary Evelyn Tucker. *World Spirituality: An Encyclopedic History of the Religious Quest*, 11B. New York: Crossroad Publishing Co., 2004. 270-288.

"Tokugawa Religious History: Studies in Western Languages." *Early Modern Japan* 10.1 (Spring 2002): 39-64.

"The Shingaku of Nakazawa Dōni." In *Religions of Japan in Practice*. Ed. George Tanabe. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1999.

"Political Waves in the Zen Sea: The Engakuji Circle in Early Meiji Japan." *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies* 25.1-2 (Spring 1998): 117-150.

"Mind and Morality in Nineteenth-Century Japanese Religions: Misogi-kyō and Maruyama-kyō." *Philosophy East and West* 48.1 (Spring 1998): 108-141.

"Religious Conflict in Bakumatsu Japan: Zen Master Imakita Kōsen and Confucian Scholar Higashi Takusha." *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies* 21.2-3 (June-Sept. 1994): 211-230. Trans. into Japanese by O. Klautau, under the title "Bakumatsu ni okeru shūkyōteki tairitsu—Zenshi Imakita Kōsen to jusha Higashi Takusha—," *Nihon shisōshi kenkyū* 41 (March 2009): 138-158. Reprinted in *Critical Readings in the Intellectual History of Early Modern Japan*, comp. Willem Boot (Leiden: Brill, 2012), 817-838. Reprinted in *Buddhism and Religious Diversity*, ed. Perry Schmidt-Leukel (Routledge, 2012).

"'No Eye: A Word to the Wise': Teshima Toan's Commentary on Ikkyū's *Mizu kagami*." *The Eastern Buddhist*, n.s., 24.2 (Autumn 1991): 98-122.

"Socio-Political Dimensions in Korean Eschatologies." In *Religion in the Pacific Era*. Ed. Frank K. Flinn and Tyler Hendricks. New York: Paragon House, 1985. 111-137.

Reviews

- James McMullen. *The Worship of Confucius in Japan*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Asia Center, 2019. *The Journal of Asian Studies* 81.3 (2022): 599–602.
- Paul Swanson and Clark Chilson, eds. *The Nanzan Guide to Japanese Religions* (Honolulu: Univ. of Hawai'i, 2006). *Supplement to the Bulletin of the Society for the Study of Japanese Religions*, 2006. <http://www.ssir.unc.edu/supplement.html>
- Richard Bowring, *The Religious Traditions of Japan, 500-1600*. (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge Univ. Press, 2005). *Supplement to the Bulletin of the Society for the Study of Japanese Religions*, 2006. <http://www.ssir.unc.edu/supplement.html>
- Helen Hardacre. *Religion and Society in Nineteenth-Century Japan: A Study of the Southern Kantō Region, Using Late Edo and Early Meiji Gazetteers*. (Ann Arbor, MI: Center for Japanese Studies, University of Michigan, 2002). *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies* 31.1 (2004): 217-221.
- James Edward Ketelaar. *Of Heretics and Martyrs in Meiji Japan: Buddhism and Its Persecution*. *Journal of Asian Studies* 50.2 (May 1991): 414-15.

Other publications

- “Teaching Japanese Religions” (sample materials for teaching). *Supplement to the Bulletin of the Society for the Study of Japanese Religions*. Posted Dec. 1, 2014. SSJR website.
- “Mt. Fuji Ritual Texts.” *Supplement to the Bulletin of the Society for the Study of Japanese Religions*. 2011. Transcript of SSJR panel presentation.
- “Bibliography: Religion and Thought in Early Modern Japan.” In consultation with I. James McMullen. *Early Modern Japan* 10.1 (Spring 2002): 72-85.
- “New Research on Tokugawa Religion.” *Supplement to the Bulletin of the Society for the Study of Japanese Religions*, 1990. Transcript of SSJR panel presentation.

In Progress

- “A Single Wave in the Ocean of Zen” (*Zenkai ichiran*) by Imakita Kōsen (1816-1892). Introduction and annotated translation from the Sino-Japanese.
- “A Chronological Biography of Imakita Kōsen (1816-1892).” Translation from the Chinese (*kanbun*) of *Sōryōkutsu nenpu*, comp. Hōjō Tokiyuki and Shaku Sōen (1895 blockprint).

Presentations (abbreviated)

- “Daidōsha in Context: Political Activism and Moral Quest.” European Association for the Study of Religion (EASR). Panel on “Building on (Buddha)-Nature: The Daidōsha and the Establishment of Buddhist Political Communities.” Gothenburg, Sweden, August 20, 2024.
- “*Minshū Bukkyō* and *minshū shūkyō*” [Popular Buddhism and Popular Religions]. Conference on “Thinking through *minshū Bukkyō*: Popular Buddhism and the Study of Premodern Japan.” Princeton University, September 22, 2023.
- “Mount Fuji’s Lakes—An Ascetic Itinerary.” Research presentation. EAJS International Conference. Ghent, Belgium, August 18, 2023.
- “Mapping the Ascetic Mount Fuji.” Research presentation. Buddhist Geo-Aesthetics Conference. May 3, 2019. Brown University.
- “Defending the Dharma by Construing Confucius: *Zenkai ichiran*.” Research paper. Panel on “Defending the Dharma in Nineteenth-Century Japan.” EAJS International Conference.

- Lisbon, Portugal, August 31, 2017.
- “Mt. Fuji Religious Culture in Transition.” International Conference on “Repositioning Shugendō: New Research Directions on Japanese Mountain Religions.” University of California, Santa Barbara, June 19, 2017. Research paper.
- “Thought.” Symposium on “Late Hokusai: Thought, Technique, Society,” British Museum, May 26, 2017. Panel presentation.
- “The Ritualization of Mt. Fuji in Early Edo Japan.” Colloquium on “Vernacular Religion in Japan,” Johns Hopkins University, April 28, 2017. Research paper.
- “Late Hokusai: Thought, Technique, Society.” Workshop. British Museum. May 5-6, 2016. Prepared commentary.
- “Toward Restoration? Japanese Religion during the Edo-Meiji Transition.” AAS Annual Meeting, Seattle, April 2, 2016. Panel response. In absentia.
- “Ritual Confinement and Suicide on Mt. Fuji in the Edo Period.” Research presentation. Donald Keene Center of Japanese Culture, Columbia University, New York City. October 8, 2015.” Invited.
- “The People's Religion and Fujikō.” Research presentation. Cogut Center for the Humanities, Brown University. March 10, 2015. Invited.
- “Teaching Japanese Religions.” SSJR/AAR Roundtable, San Diego, November 23, 2014.
- “The Historiography of People's Religion (*minshū shūkyō*).” Research presentation. EAJIS International Conference. Ljubljana, Slovenia, August 28, 2014. Refereed.
- “Prayer and Economy in Tokugawa Japan: Mt. Fuji Religion.” Research presentation. Japan Forum, RIJS, Harvard University. April 20, 2012. Invited.
- “Mt. Fuji Religion: The Debate over Prayer Practices.” Research presentation. Dept. of Religion and Program in East Asian Studies. Princeton University. May 3, 2012. Invited.
- “Healing Talismans in Early Modern Japan: Uses in Mt. Fuji Devotionalism.” Research paper. EAJIS International Conference. Tallinn, Estonia, Aug. 26, 2011. Refereed.
- “Mt. Fuji Ritual Texts.” Panel presentation. SSJR/ AAS/International Convention of Asia Scholars, Honolulu, Hawai'i, April 2, 2011. Refereed.
- “Telling Lives: The Role of the Individual in Modern Japanese Religions,” AAS Annual Meeting panel, Honolulu, March 25, 2010. Panel response.
- “What is Early Modern Japanese Buddhism?” “Tracing the Study of Japanese Buddhism,” International Conference at Center for Japanese Studies, University of California, Berkeley, September 25, 2009. Invited presentation.
- “The Buddhist Fringe and the Approach to the Modern.” Seventh Annual Japan at Chicago Conference: “Buddhist and Japan's Modern.” Paper delivered at the University of Chicago, October, 30, 2008. Invited.
- “Jikigyō Miroku's Last Performance.” Research paper. EAJIS International Conference. Lecce, Italy, September 23, 2008. Refereed.
- “Magic Mountain: The Power of Fuji Images in Early Modern Japanese Religion.” Research presentation. Amherst College, April 10, 2008. Invited.
- ““Civilization and Enlightenment” from the Perspective of Mt. Fuji Devotionalism: Maruyamakyō.” Research presentation. Symposium on “Promoting and Resisting Westernization in Meiji Japan.” Scripps College, September 15-17, 2006. Invited.
- “Early Japanese Values and Shinto.” Invited lecture for the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia, University of Iowa, Feb. 4, 2006.
- “Richard Bowring's *The Religious Traditions of Japan, 500-1600* and *The Nanzan Guide to*

- Japanese Religions.*" Panel presentation, SSJR/AAS, San Francisco, April 8, 2006. Invited.
- "Physical Disciplines in Late Tokugawa Religion." Research paper. Panel on "Varieties of Tokugawa Religion," World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions, Tokyo, March 28, 2005. Refereed.
- "Religion in Early Modern Japan." Invited lecture series. The Japan Society. New York City, March 2007.
- "Divination as Cultivation." Research paper. Panel on "The Early Modern Characteristics of Tokugawa Religion," AAR, Toronto, Nov. 24, 2002. Refereed.
- "'Shinto' in Relation to Other Interpretive Traditions in Tokugawa Japan." Research presentation. Symposium on "New Perspectives in the Study of Shinto," Columbia University, New York, Oct. 3, 2002. Invited.
- "The Beauty of Impermanence: A Fundamental Buddhist Idea and Its Japanese Interpretation." Marycrest International University, Davenport, Iowa, May 1, 2001. Invited lecture.
- "Religion and Intellectual History of Early Modern Japan." The "State of the Field Conference on Early Modern Japanese Studies," Ohio State University, April 22, 2000. Invited.
- "The Religious Cultivation of Gender Equilibrium in Nineteenth-Century Japan." Research presentation. RISJ, Harvard University, Nov. 19, 1999. Invited.
- "The Rhetoric of Practice in Early Meiji Rinzai Zen." Research paper. The International Association of Buddhist Studies. Lausanne, Switzerland, Aug. 27, 1999. Refereed.
- "Gender Relations in Fujidō Discourse." Research presentation. Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture, Nagoya, Japan, June 30, 1999. Invited.
- "The Confucian Linguistic Community in Late Tokugawa Japan." Research paper. "Conference on Confucian Spirituality," Harvard-Yenching Institute for East Asian Studies, Harvard University, Aug. 3, 1997. Invited.
- "Lay and Monastic Boundaries in Early Meiji Rinzai Zen." Research presentation. Ctr. for East Asian Studies, Stanford University, May 5, 1997. Invited.
- "Confucian Traditions and Japanese Religious Movements." Research paper. Fifth Annual Japan Foundation Symposium of the Institute of Buddhist Studies, co-sponsored by the Ctr. for Japanese Studies, Univ. of California, Berkeley, April 6, 1996. Invited.
- "Political Waves in the Zen Sea: Imakita Kōsen and the Engakuji Circle." Research paper. Panel, Japanese Religions Group, AAR. Philadelphia, Nov. 19, 1995. Refereed.
- "Teaching the Introductory Course in Japanese Religions." Panel presentation. SSJR/AAS, April 8, 1995, Washington, D.C. Invited.
- "Imakita Kōsen and the Beginnings of Lay Zen in Japan." Research presentation. The Japan Foundation, Kyoto, Japan, May 24, 1994. Invited.
- "A Buddhist Apologist in Bakumatsu Japan." Department of Asian Studies, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, CA, January, 1994. Invited lecture.
- "Imakita Kōsen: Confucian Buddhist." Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR, January, 1994. Invited lecture.
- "Confucian-Buddhist Polemics in Nineteenth-Century Japan." University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, January, 1994. Invited lecture.
- "Lay Spirituality in Late Tokugawa: Shingaku and Zen." Research paper. Conference on Japanese Spirituality, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, January 13-18, 1992. Invited.
- "Religious Education in Early Modern Japan." Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, November, 1992. Invited lecture.

- “The Shingaku Movement in Tokugawa Japan: Openness to More than One Religious World.”
Research paper. Columbia University Seminar on Neo-Confucian Studies, New York City,
March 30, 1990. Invited.
- “New Research on Tokugawa Religion.” Research paper. SSJR/AAS, Chicago, April 6, 1990.
Invited.
- “Faith in Inter-Traditional Equivalence: The Case of Shingaku.” Research paper. Conference on
God: The Contemporary Discussion VII, Assisi, Italy, May 4, 1990. Refereed.
- “Shingaku Religious Education.” The Japan Foundation, Kyoto, Japan, May 1987. Invited lecture.

Research travel/fieldwork

Japan: 2024; 2023; 2019. 2014; 2013; 2010; 2007; 2002; 1998-99; 1996; 1993-94; 1992; 1986-87
Italy: 2022; 2018; 2014; 2011; 2008; 2007; 2004; 2003

Languages

Classical: Japanese, Chinese

Modern: Japanese, Italian, Spanish, French

Past study: modern Chinese, Russian, Korean

GRANTS AND AWARDS

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|---------------|---|
| 2023-24 | American Council of Learned Societies and Robert H.N. Ho Family Foundation
Translation Grant in Buddhist Studies |
| 2023 | 2022 Association for the Study of Japanese Mountain Religion Book Award (日本
山岳修験学会賞) for <i>Defining Shugendō: Critical Studies on Japanese Mountain
Religion</i> , a volume edited by A. Castiglioni, C. Roth, and F. Rambelli (Bloomsbury,
2020) that includes the essay “Religious Culture in Transition: Mt. Fuji.” |
| 2015 | Brown University Cogut Center for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship |
| 2010 | AAS/Northeast Asia Council Japan Travel Grant |
| 2007-08 | University of Iowa Arts and Humanities Initiative Award |
| 2007 | UI International Studies Curricular Development Grant |
| 2005 | UI International Programs [IP] Travel Grant |
| 2003-05 | Global Scholar Award |
| 2003 | National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar |
| 2002 | UI Center for Asian and Pacific Studies [CAPS]/IP Travel Grant |
| 2001-02 | UI Arts and Humanities Initiative Award |
| 1998-99 | Social Science Research Council/Japan Society for the Promotion of Science |
| 1998-99 | UI Support Programs in the Arts and Humanities Award |
| 1996 | University of Iowa CAPS/IP Travel Grant |
| 1995 | University of Iowa Old Gold Award |
| 1993-94 | Japan Foundation Fellowship |
| 1992 | Associated Colleges of the Midwest Travel Grant |
| 1989-90 | Whiting Dissertation Fellowship |
| 1986-87 | Japan Foundation Fellowship |
| 1986-87 | Japanese Ministry of Education Fellowship (declined) |
| 1986-87 | Fulbright-Hays Fellowship (declined) |
| 1986; 1982-84 | Columbia University President’s Fellowships |
| 1985-86 | Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship |

SERVICE [abbreviated]

Brown University

Chair, RS tenure and promotion committee, 2023

RS sr. faculty search committee, South Asian Studies, 2022-23

Graduate advisor, Asian Religious Traditions, 2009-2013; spr 2017; 2017-18; 2020-2023

EAS sr. faculty search committee, East Asian Studies, 2019~20

EAS jr. faculty search committee, Japanese Literature, 2019~20

EAS jr. faculty review committees: (chair) 2013, 2012; (member) 2010; 2018; 2019; 2020; 2021; 2022; 2023; 2024.

Retirement Committee, 2016~19

Director, East Asia Colloquium, fall 2017; fall 2019

Organizer, Japanese Buddhism public lecture series, fall 2011; spr. 2014 spr 2018; fall 2019; spring 2022; fall 2024

RS Director of Graduate Studies, 2015~2018

EAS departmental review, fall 2017

RS tenure review committee, 2017

Chair, Chinese Buddhism faculty search committee, 2015-16

Sophomore Advisor, 2016~17; 2021-22

First-year Advisor, 2015-16; 2020-21

Chair, EAS tenure review committee, 2014

Chinese literature search committee (ad hoc member), fall 2014

Korean lecturer search committee, 2013-14

Advisor, East Asia Graduate Students at Brown, 2013-14

East Asia interdepartmental initiative (ad hoc), 2011-15

EAS Interim Chair, fall 2013

EAS Advisor to sophomores, 2012-13

German Studies internal review committee, spring 2013

EAS Self-study committee, 2012-13

Chinese literature and culture search committee, 2011-2012

EAS Hiring plan committee, spring 2012

EAS classroom observations: 2012, 2009, 2021

RS classroom observations: 2018, 2019

RS McVickar senior thesis prize committee, 2009; 2013; 2021

South Asian religions faculty search committee, 2011-2012

Chair, South Asian religions search committee, 2010-2011

RS advisor to seniors, 2008-2009; fall 2009

EAS departmental planning committee, fall 2009

RS Chair, sr. faculty promotion committee, fall 2009

RS Co-Chair, Asian religions graduate area committee, 2008-09

EAS graduate program planning committee, 2008-2009

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Chair, panel on “New Regards on Japanese Rinzai Zen Buddhism.” AAS, Columbus, OH, March 15, 2025.

Chair, panel on “Transnational Pathways through Religion and Landscape in Modern Japan.”

EAJS International Conference. Ghent, Belgium. August 19, 2023.

Organizer, panel on “Defending the Dharma in Nineteenth-Century Japan.” EAJS International Conference. Lisbon, Portugal, August 31, 2017.

Chair, panel on “Making Sense of Ambivalence: Women in Early Modern and Contemporary Japanese Buddhism,” AAR, Chicago, Nov. 17, 2012

Chair, AAS New England Conference panel, Brown University, 2009.

Workshop on Buddhist materials, *Sourcebook of Japanese Philosophy*, Chicago, 2007. Invited.

Workshop on Confucian materials, *Sourcebook of Japanese Philosophy*, Chicago, 2006. Invited.

President, Society for the Study of Japanese Religions, Meeting-in-Conjunction with the Association for Asian Studies, 1999-2005 [2 elected terms].

NEH Summer Seminar on “New Perspectives on Italy in the Age of the Risorgimento,” Rome, Italy, 2003. Selected participant.

American Council of Learned Societies, Conversation with Recently Tenured Faculty, New York City, Jan. 13, 2001. Selected participant.

Co-chair, panel on “Japanese Buddhism since the 17th Century: The Quest for Sectarian Identity,” International Assoc. for Buddhist Studies, Lausanne, Switzerland, Aug. 1999.

Steering committee, East Asian Religions Consultation, AAR, 1992-97

Chair, “Buddhism and Imperialism,” Japanese Religions Group and Buddhism Section, AAR, San Francisco, Nov. 1997

Chair, “The Body and Beyond: Confucian, Taoist, and Buddhist Views,” East Asian Religions Consultation, AAR, New Orleans, Nov. 1996.

Panel organizer, “Identity in a Sea of Change: Zen Buddhism from Tokugawa to Meiji,” Japanese Religions Group and Buddhism Section, AAR, Philadelphia, Nov. 1995.