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## EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy** December 2010. Department of Philosophy, University of Hawai'i. Dissertation: "The Politics of Emptiness: Alterity, Autonomy, and the Radical Subjectivity of No-Self."
- Master of Arts** August 2005. Department of Philosophy, University of Hawai'i.
- Bachelor of Liberal Arts** May 2000 (Suma Cum Laude). Department of Philosophy, Oglethorpe University.
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## SCHOLARSHIP

- Areas of Specialization** Asian and Comparative Philosophy, Critical Philosophy of Religion, Continental Philosophy, Postcolonial Theory
- Areas of Competence** Aesthetics and Philosophy of Art, Feminist Philosophy
- Languages** Textual competency in late middle Japanese and some ability with contemporary spoken Japanese, limited textual competency in classical Chinese and German
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## EMPLOYMENT

- Associate Professor** 2016 to present. Department of Philosophy and Religion. Drake University.
- Assistant Professor** 2011 to 2016. Department of Philosophy and Religion. Drake University.
- Visiting Assistant Professor** 2010–2011. Department of Philosophy and Religion. Drake University.

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## PUBLICATIONS

**Books**

- 2021 *A Practical Guide to World Philosophies: Selves, Worlds, and Ways of Knowing*. Co-authored with Monika Kirloskar-Steinbach (Bloomsbury).
- 2020 *Cross-Cultural Existentialism: On the Meaning of Life in Asian and Western Thought* (Bloomsbury).

**Edited Books**

- 2018 *Comparative Studies in Asian and Latin American Philosophies*. Co-edited with Stephanie Rivera-Berruz (Bloomsbury).
- 2017 *Ineffability: An Exercise in Comparative Philosophy of Religion*. Co-edited with Tim Knepper (Springer).
- 2014 *Buddhist Responses to Globalization*. Co-edited with James Mark Shields (Lexington Press).
- 2013 *Levinas and Asian Thought*. Co-edited with Frank Garrett and Sarah Mattice (Duquesne University Press).
- 2010 *Confucianism in Context: Classic Philosophy and Contemporary Issues, East Asia and Beyond*. Co-edited, and introduction co-written, with Wonsuk Chang. (SUNY Press).

**Journal Articles**

- 2021 "A Visit to the Local God: Reclaiming the Diversity of the Divine." *Journal of the Pacific Association for the Continental Tradition* (forthcoming).
- 2019 "Lessons from the Sanjie: Merit Economies as Catalysts for Social Change." *Studies in Chinese Religions* Vol. 5 (2): 142–150.
- 2018 "Speculation as Transformation in Chinese Philosophy: Speculative Realism, 'New' Materialism, and the Study of *Li* (理) and *Qi* (氣)." *Journal of World Philosophies* Vol. 3 (1): 17–30.
- 2017 "The Ritual Methods of Comparative Philosophy." *Philosophy East and West* Vol. 67 (2): 399–418.
- 2015 "If You Show Me Yours: Reading all 'Difference' as 'Colonial Difference' in Comparative Philosophy." *Comparative and Continental Philosophy* Vol. 7 (2): 201–213.
- "The *De* of Levinas: Cultivating the Heart-Mind of Radical Passivity." Co-written with Sarah Mattice. *Frontiers of Philosophy in China* Vol. 10 (1): 113–129.
- 2012 "Buddhism and bell hooks: Liberatory Aesthetics and the Radical Subjectivity of No-Self." *Hypatia* Vol. 27 (4): 810–827.
- "The Messiah and the Bodhisattva: Anti-Utopianism Re-Visited." *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies* Vol. 30 (4): 113–125.
- 2010 "Levinas in Japan: The Ethics of Alterity and the Philosophy of No-Self." *Continental Philosophy Review* Vol. 43 (2): 193–206.

### Chapters in Books

- 2021 “Loyalty and the Reception of Buddhism in East Asia.” In *Loyalty*. Edited by Troy Jollimore (Oxford, under contract).
- “Qi Cosmology.” In *What Paths—What Summits: A Multi-Entry Approach to Philosophy of Religion*. Edited by Timothy Knepper, Gereon Kopf, and Nathan Loewen (Bloomsbury, under contract).
- “Roots and Branches: Self-Cultivation as Political Transformation in Neo-Confucian Thought.” In *The Chinese Ideology*. Edited by Shiping Hua (Routledge, under contract).
- “Self-Cultivation and Political Power in Feminism and Chinese Philosophy.” In *Intercultural Concepts in Philosophical Education: A Transformative Toolkit*. Edited by Sarah Flavel and Chiara Robbiano (Bloomsbury, under contract).
- “Theory and Method in the Philosophy of Religion in China’s Song Dynasty.” In *Global-Critical Philosophy of Religion: Critical Methods and Theories*. Edited by Nathan Loewen and Tim Knepper (Bloomsbury, under contract).
- 2020 “Raichō: Zen and the Female Body in the Development of Japanese Feminist Philosophy.” Co-written with Michiko Yusa. In *The Oxford Handbook of Japanese Philosophy*. Edited by Bret Davis (Oxford University Press).
- “The East in the West: Chinese, Japanese, and Indian Philosophy in the 20th Century.” Co-written with Laura Guerrero and Sarah Mattice. In *Cambridge History of Philosophy, 1945–2015*. Edited by Kelly Becker and Iain D. Thomson. (Cambridge University Press).
- 2019 “Whiteness and the Construction of Buddhist Philosophy in Meiji Japan.” In *Buddhism and Whiteness*. Edited by Emily McRae and George Yancy (Lexington).
- 2018 “Like You Mean It: Buddhist Teachings on Selflessness, Sincerity, and the Performative Practice of Liberation.” In *Self/No-Self: Claremont Studies in Philosophy of Religion*. Edited by Ingolf Dalferth and Marelene Block (Mohr Siebeck).
- 2017 “Dharma and Dao: Key Terms in the Comparative Philosophy of Religion.” In *Ineffability: An Exercise in Comparative Philosophy of Religion*. Co-edited with Tim Knepper (Springer).
- “Pure Land Ecology: Taking the Supernatural Seriously in Environmental Philosophy.” In *Japanese Environmental Philosophy*. Edited J. Baird Callicott and James McRae (Oxford University Press).
- “Commentary on Giving.” In *A Commentary on Dōgen’s Shushōgi: The Meaning of Practice and Verification*. Edited by Jason Wirth, Kosho Itagaki, Bret Davis, and Brian Schroeder (Wisdom Publications).
- 2014 “An Inexhaustible Storehouse for an Insurmountable Debt: A Buddhist Reading of Reparations.” In *Buddhist Responses to Globalization*. Edited by Leah Kalmanson and James Mark Shields (Lexington Press).
- 2009 “The Ethics of Emptiness: A Comparative Study of Watsuji Tetsurō and Emmanuel Levinas.” In *Comparative Philosophy Today and Tomorrow*. Edited by Sarah Mattice, et al. (Cambridge Scholars’ Press).

### Review Articles and Author-Meets-Reader Features

- 2021 “Philosophy as ‘Commentary’: Ruminating on Buddhas Old and New.” Contribution to a review feature on *Nietzsche and Other Buddhas: Philosophy after Comparative Philosophy* by Jason Wirth. *Philosophy East and West* (forthcoming).
- 2020 “The Personal, the Political: Zen Practice and Feminist Critique.” Contribution to an author-meets-reader feature on *Reflections of a Zen Buddhist Nun* by Jin Y. Park. *Journal of World Philosophies* Vol. 5 (2): 161–165.
- 2017 “Decolonizing the Department: Peter K. J. Park and the Profession of Philosophy.” Contribution to an author-meets-reader feature on *Africa, Asia, and the History of Philosophy* by Peter K.Y. Park. *Journal of World Philosophies* Vol. 2 (2): 60–65.
- 2015 “Have We Got a Method for You! Recent Developments in Comparative and Cross-Cultural Methodologies.” *Confluence: Online Journal of World Philosophies* Issue 3.
- 2013 “‘The Bottomless Brightness of the Open Expanse’: Reflections on *Japanese and Continental Philosophy*.” *Comparative and Continental Philosophy* Vol. 4, No. 2: 283–293.

### Book Reviews

- 2020 *Three Streams: Confucian Reflections on Learning and the Moral Heart-Mind in China, Korea, and Japan*. By Philip J. Ivanhoe. *Philosophy East and West* Vol. 70 (2): 1–4.
- 2019 *Buddhist Spiritual Practices: Thinking with Pierre Hadot on Buddhism, Philosophy, and the Path*. Edited by David V. Fiordalis. *Buddhist-Christian Studies* 39 (1): 331–335.
- Engaging Japanese Philosophy: A Short History*. By Thomas P. Kasulis. *Philosophy East and West* Vol. 69 (1): 1–4
- 2018 *Ru Meditation: Gao Panlong (1562–1626)*. By Bin Song. *Philosophy East and West* Vol. 68 (4): 1–5.
- 2016 *Encounters of Mind: Luminosity and Personhood in Indian and Chinese Thought*. By Douglas L. Berger. *Journal of Buddhist Ethics* Vol. 23.
- Asian and Feminist Philosophies in Dialogue: Liberating Traditions*. Edited Ashby Butnor and Jen McWeeney. *Hypatia Reviews Online*.
- 2015 *Collecting Objects/Excluding People: Chinese Subjects and American Visual Culture, 1890–1900*. By Lenore Metrick-Chen. *Comparative and Continental Philosophy* Vol. 7, (1).
- 2013 *Facing Nature: Levinas and Environmental Thought*. Edited by William Edelglass, James Hatley, and Christian Diehm. *Environmental Ethics* Vol. 35.
- Ethics Embodied: Rethinking Selfhood through Continental, Japanese, and Feminist Philosophies*. By Erin McCarthy. *Journal of Japanese Philosophy* Vol. 1 (1).
- 2011 *Nishida and Western Philosophy*. By Robert Wilkinson. *Sophia: International Journal for Philosophy of Religion, Metaphysical Theology and Ethics* Vol. 50 (3): 505–507.
- 2005 *The Pristine Dao: Metaphysics in Early Daoist Discourse*. By Thomas Michael. *China Review International* Vol. 12 (2): 520–524.

**Guest-Edited Journal Issues**

- 2016 Guest Editor with Sarah Mattice. Special Issue on Teaching Comparative Philosophy. *ASIANetwork Exchange: A Journal for Asian Studies in the Liberal Arts* Vol. 23, No. 2 (Spring).
- 2014 Guest Editor. *APA Newsletter on Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies* 13, No. 2 (Spring).

**Non-Refereed Publications and Unpublished Manuscripts**

- 2020 Foreword. *Philosophy's Big Questions: Comparing Buddhist and Western Approaches*. Edited by Steven M. Emmanuel. Columbia University Press, forthcoming.
- 2019 Book note on *The Bloomsbury Research Handbook of Contemporary Japanese Philosophy*. Edited by Michiko Yusa. *Religious Studies Review* Vol. 45 (2): 242–243.
- 2018 Book note on *Emerson and Neo-Confucianism: Crossing Paths over the Pacific*. By Yoshio Takanashi. *Religious Studies Review* Vol. 44 (1): 123.
- 2016 “Introduction: The Rewards and Challenges of Comparative Philosophy in the Undergraduate Classroom.” With Sarah Mattice. *ASIANetwork Exchange: A Journal for Asian Studies in the Liberal Arts* Vol. 23 (2): 83–90.
- 2014 “The CAAAPP Year in Review: New Trends in Asian Philosophy and Postcolonial Theory.” *APA Newsletter on Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies* 13 (2): 1–3.
- 2010 Translation of Kuki Shuzō, *The Philosophy of Heidegger* [ハイデガーの哲学]. Unpublished manuscript.
- Translation of Kuki Shuzō, “Regarding Japanese Character” [日本的性格について]. Unpublished manuscript.

**CONFERENCES AND LECTURES****Keynotes and Plenaries**

- 2018 “Ruism and the Problem of Eurocentrism in Academic Philosophy” (opening plenary). Rectifying the Name of Confucianism. Boston University Confucian Association. September 28–30.
- 2015 “What is *Tetsugaku*?: Japanese Negotiations with Western Colonialism” (plenary panel). Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy. Monterey, California. October 1–4.
- “The Question of Methodology in Comparative Philosophy” (plenary panel). Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy. Monterey, California. October 1–4.
- 2014 “If You Show Me Yours: Reading all ‘Difference’ as ‘Colonial Difference’ in Comparative Philosophy” (plenary panel). Comparative and Continental Philosophy Circle. Santa Barbara, California. March 20–23.
- 2013 “There’s No Getting Beyond: Buddhism, Bataille, and the Economics of Decline” (plenary address). Ninth Annual Religion, Literature, and the Arts Conference. University of Iowa. September 27.

“Levinas by Any Other Name: Translation, Dialogue, and the Invention of Religion in East Asia” (keynote). Eighth Annual Conference and Meeting of the North American Levinas Society. Duquesne University. July 28.

### Refereed Conference Presentations

- 2019 “Philosophizing ‘Religion’ through Qi-Cosmology.” Global-Critical Philosophy of Religion Seminar. American Academy of Religion. San Diego, California. November 23–26.
- “Shinran’s Concept of the Pure Land as Framed by the Problem of Practice.” Buddhist Philosophy Unit. American Academy of Religion. San Diego, California. November 23–26.
- “Speculative Philosophy and the Extension of Knowledge (*zhizhi* 致知): Engaging Steven Shaviro's Aesthetics.” Comparative and Continental Philosophy Circle. Universiteit Leiden. May 23–25.
- 2018 “On ‘Speculative Aesthetics’: Reading Steven Shaviro through a Qi-Based Philosophy.” Society sessions of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy. World Congress of Philosophy, Beijing, China. August 19.
- “What Does It Really Mean to ‘Diversify’ Philosophy? A Call for Structural Change.” The Comparative and Continental Philosophy Circle. Bath Spa University, United Kingdom. April 5–7.
- “What Does It Mean to ‘Do’ Philosophy? Using Literati (Ru 儒) Methodologies in Undergraduate Coursework.” Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association. Savannah, Georgia. January 3–6.
- 2017 “The (Non-)Practice of Not-Directing Merit: Levinas, Shinran, and the Impossibility of Doing Good.” American Academy of Religion. Boston, Maryland. November 18–21.
- “Decolonizing the Department: Structural Changes at the Curricular Level.” Central Division of the American Philosophical Association. Kansas City, Missouri. March 1–4.
- “Merit and Money: Shinran, Levinas, and the Circulation of Compassion.” Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association. Baltimore, Maryland. January 4–7.
- 2016 “Qi-Cosmology and the Feminist Sage: The Limits and Powers of Agency.” Iowa Philosophical Society. Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa.
- “Technologies of the Relational Self: Foucault, Qi-Cosmology, and the Transformative Power of Recitation.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. Salt Lake City, Utah. October 20–22.
- “Interrogating *Deusu* (デウス): Arai Hakuseki and the Comparative Philosophy of Religion.” International Association of Japanese Philosophy. Fukuoka, Japan. October 7–9.
- “The Dharma and the Dao: Imagining New Categories in the Philosophy of Religion.” Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy. Honolulu, Hawai‘i. June 3–5.
- “Be the Change that You Want to See in the World? Qi-Cosmology and Structural Change.” East-West Philosophers’ Conference. Honolulu, Hawai‘i. May 23–June 2.
- “Feminism, Qi-Cosmology, and Structural Change.” Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association. Washington, D.C. January 4–7.

- “The Personal, the Political: Zen Practice and Feminist Critique.” Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association. Washington, D.C. January 4–7.
- 2014 “The Power of Giving: Sanjie and Sōtō Teachings on *Dāna* and the Ethical Efficacy of Ritual.” International Association of Buddhist Studies. Vienna, Austria. August 18–23.
- “Health, Human Rights, and Care Ethics.” Law and Society Association. Minneapolis, Minnesota. May 29–June 1.
- 2013 “Reflections on Womanist-Buddhist Dialogue and the Future of Comparative Philosophy.” Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association. Baltimore, Maryland. December 27–30.
- 2012 “Now I Get It!: Thinking Slowly about Sudden Enlightenment for Ethics Today.” Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion. Chicago. November 18.
- “Restorative Justice and the Question of Ritual Efficacy: Buddhist Perspectives.” Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy. Southern Illinois University. October 11–13.
- “Ritual Enlightenment: Judith Butler, *Zazen*, and the Performance of Liberation.” Comparative and Continental Philosophy Circle. University of San Diego. March 8–10.
- 2011 “Systemic Suffering: Buddhism, Global Power, and the Question of Reparations.” Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association. Washington, D.C. December 27–31.
- “Unsayings the Said: Dōgen and the Question of Original Enlightenment.” Annual conference of the American Academy of Religion. San Francisco. November 19–22.
- 2010 “The Bodhisattva Paradox: A Buddhist Argument for Levinas’s Anti-Utopianism.” International Conference of the Société internationale des recherches Emmanuel Lévinas and the North American Levinas Society. Toulouse, France. July 4–9.
- “Buddhism and bell hooks: Liberatory Aesthetics and the Radical Subjectivity of No-Self.” Comparative and Continental Philosophy Circle. Tokai University, Honolulu. April 8–10.
- 2009 “Identity Politics and the Relationally Constituted Self.” Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association. New York City. December 27–30.
- “Levinas and Buddhism: The ‘Other’ Philosophy.” North American Levinas Society. University of Toronto. June 28–30.
- 2008 “The Ethics of Emptiness: A Comparative Study of Watsuji Tetsurō and Emmanuel Levinas.” Comparative and Continental Philosophy Circle. East-West Center, Honolulu. April 12.
- 2007 “The Ethics of Emptiness: A Comparative Study of Watsuji Tetsurō and Emmanuel Levinas.” Fortieth Anniversary Conference of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy. Pacific Grove, California. June 10–13.

#### **Invited Lectures (Academic)**

- 2020 “Democracy and Daily Renewal: Chinese Contemplative Practice for Political Health.” China-Themed Lecture Series. Kirkwood Community College. Cedar Rapids, Iowa. March 3.
- 2019 “Why Nothing Matters: Rethinking Existentialism through East Asian Philosophies.” Wesleyan University. Middletown, Connecticut. October 30.

“Arai Hakuseki: A Comparative Philosopher in Tokugawa Japan?” Philosophy Department Colloquium Series. University of Hawai‘i. October 11.

“So You Want to Diversify Philosophy.” Columbia University Society for Comparative Philosophy. New York City, New York. April 26.

“How to Think: Eurocentrism and the Practice(s) of Philosophy.” Morgan State University. Baltimore, Maryland. February 28.

2018 “Zhu Xi on the Ethics of Reading: Or, Philosophy as a Study Guide for Self-Transformation.” Annual Ethics Keynote. Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado at Denver. November 15.

2015 “Philosophizing Ineffability: Comparative Reflections on Our 2013–2015 Themes and Events,” with Tim Knepper. The Comparison Project. Drake University. April 30.

“I Am More Responsible than All the Others’: Jewish Perspectives on Charity.” Annual Maurice Amado Foundation Lecture. California State University, Northridge. February 10.

2014 “The Radical Subjectivity of No-Self.” Department of Philosophy. University of San Francisco. November 27.

2013 “The Question of Transcendence: Translation, Dialogue, and the Invention of Religion in East Asia.” Annual Invited Lecture in Philosophy. University of South Florida. November 7.

2012 “Engaged Buddhism.” Humanities Center Colloquium Series. Drake University. November 30.

“Zen Master Dōgen Is Not a Zen Master: Philosophy, Ritual Studies, and the Image of Zen in America.” John C. Maraldo Lecture Series in Comparative Philosophy. University of North Florida. April 5.

“Rethinking Reparations: Buddhist Perspectives on Restorative Justice.” Mike Ryan Lecture Series. Kennesaw State University. Atlanta, Georgia. March 14.

2005 “The Impermanent Environment: Consumerism, Buddhism, and the Economics of Georges Bataille.” Philosophy Department Colloquium Series. University of Hawai‘i. April 8.

#### **Invited Lectures (Community)**

2017 “Everyday Existentialism.” LIVESTRONG at the YMCA Survivor Program. West Des Moines. March 16.

2013 “What is Buddhism?” Saint Mark’s Supper Program and Lecture Series. Saint Mark’s United Methodist Church. Atlanta, Georgia. March 20.

2012 “An Introduction to Buddhism.” LIVESTRONG at the YMCA Survivor Program. West Des Moines, Iowa. September 5.

2011 “An Introduction to Hinduism and Buddhism.” LIVESTRONG at the YMCA Survivor Program. West Des Moines. March 16.

#### **Invited Consortia and Symposia**

2019 “What Is Interiority? Transcendence and Inner Experience in Levinas and Asian Thought.” *Le singulier et l’universel Levinas et la pensée de l’Extrême-Orient*. Co-organized by the Japan



Association of Phenomenologists, the Japanese Society of Levinas Studies, and the Department of Religious Studies at Kyoto University. Waseda University. Tokyo, Japan. November 16–17.

“Loyalty and the Reception of Buddhism in East Asia.” The Virtue of Loyalty Conference. The Self, Virtue, and Public Life Project. Norman, Oklahoma. June 14–15.

- 2018 “The Value of Reading: A Study Guide to the Meaningful Universe of Song-Dynasty Confucianism.” Annual Austin J. Fagothey Philosophy Conference. Santa Clara University. February 10.
- 2017 “The Enlightenment and Other Stories We Tell: Reimagining Modernity from Tokugawa Ruism.” World Consortium for Research in Confucian Cultures. Kyoto University. November 3–4.
- “Lessons from the Sanjie: Merit Economies as Drivers of Social Change.” Buddhism and Business, Market and Merit: Intersections between Buddhism and Economics Past and Present. University of British Columbia. May 19–21.
- 2016 “The Economics of Money and Merit: Levinas, Shinran, and the Currency of Compassion.” Symposium on Shinran and Continental Philosophy. Institute for Buddhist Studies. Berkeley, California. April 15–16.
- 2015 “Reading All ‘Difference’ as ‘Colonial Difference’ in Comparative Philosophy.” Asian Philosophy and the Decolonial Project. University of San Francisco. August 13, 2015.
- “Like You Mean It: Selflessness and Sincerity in Moral Action.” Claremont Philosophy of Religion Conference. Claremont Graduate University. February 20–21.
- 2013 “The Temple of the Absolute: Inoue and the Ethics of Practicing the Impracticable.” Workshop on Inoue Enryō. Toyo University and Luther College. Decorah, Iowa. May 24.
- 2012 “Can We Internationalize ‘Ethics’ in the Curriculum? Roundtable of Faculty Teaching Ethics in an International Context.” Inaugural Herb and Karen Baum Symposium on Ethics and the Professions. Drake University. October 2.

#### **Invited Conference Presentations**

- 2019 “Is Philosophy of Religion Too Christian?—Yes! A View from Tokugawa Japan.” APA Invited Symposium: Is Philosophy of Religion Too Christian. Central Division of the American Philosophical Association. Denver, Colorado. February 20–23.
- 2018 “Imagining a Better World through Japanese Philosophies.” Society sessions of the International Association for Japanese Philosophy. World Congress of Philosophy, Beijing, China. August 19.
- 2017 “Pure Land Ecology: Taking the Supernatural Seriously in Environmental Philosophy.” Eastern Division of the APA (IAJP sponsored session). Baltimore, Maryland. January 4–7.
- 2016 Peter Park’s *Africa, Asia, and the History of Philosophy: Racism in the Formation of the Philosophical Canon* (author-meets-reader panel). Central Division of the APA. Chicago, Illinois. March 2–5.
- 2015 Steven Shankman’s *Other Others: Levinas, Literature, and Transcultural Studies* (author-meets-reader panel). North American Levinas Society. Purdue University. July 27–30.
- 2014 “What is *Tetsugaku*?: Japanese Negotiations with the Philosophy-Religion-Pagan Paradigm via Western Colonialism.” Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association IAJP sponsored session). Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. December 27–30.

- “Levinas and Asian Philosophy” (author-meets-reader panel). North American Levinas Society. Ocean City, Maryland. May 21–23.
- “What’s in a Name? Contextualizing the Colonial History of Comparative Philosophy for Students.” Society for Teaching Comparative Philosophy. Jacksonville, Florida. February 28–March 1.
- 2013 “Philosophers, Comparativists, Activists: New Work in Womanist-Buddhist Dialogue.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SACP satellite session). Eugene, Oregon. October 24-26.
- 2011 “Erin McCarthy’s *Ethics Embodied*” (author-meets-reader panel). Comparative and Continental Philosophy Circle. University College Cork. Ireland. March 3–5.
- 2005 “Integrating Mental Health Care into Disaster Relief.” What After the Tent?: A Workshop on Development of Plans for Risk Reduction in Tsunami-Affected and Other Areas of Human Insecurity. Peace and Conflict Resolution Workgroup in conjunction with the East-West Center. April 24.
- 2002 “Michael Ignatieff’s *Human Rights as Politics and Idolatry*” (roundtable panel). Georgia Continental Philosophy Society. Georgia College and State University. Millidgeville. April.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### 2010–present, Drake University (assistant/associate rank)

#### *Core Courses (offered regularly)*

Existential Films, Introduction to Buddhism, Introduction to Chinese Philosophy, Introduction to Philosophy, Introduction to World Religions, Philosophy of Art, Religions of Des Moines: Buddhism, Symbolic Logic

#### *Selected Special Topics*

Buddhist-Christian Dialogue, Care Ethics and the Human Right to Health, Chinese Philosophy and Contemporary Art, Confucianism and Human Rights, Interfaith Understanding and Engagement, Japanese Philosophy: Meiji to Present, Philosophy and Postcolonialism, Reading and Creating Comics, Theories and Methods in Comparative Philosophy

#### *Selected Independent Studies and Directed Readings*

Classical Chinese Language, Cross-Cultural Studies in Logic, Daoism in the *Guanzi*, Modern Philosophy, Postmodern Philosophy, Speculative Materialism, Sudden Enlightenment Debates

#### *Honors Thesis and Capstone Supervision*

- 2019 “The Right and the Good: Morality and President Carter’s Early Approach to Foreign Policy” (honors thesis), Alexis Cruz
- 2018 “Will China Legalize Gay Marriage?” (Asian studies capstone), Penelope Hayek
- 2017 “Arakawa and Gins: A Salvific Realization” (philosophy capstone), Dominic Adduci

- “The Green Mountains Are Walking: Zen and Environmental Ethics” (philosophy capstone), Arthur Obst
- 2016 “Is Robocop a Buddhist: Cyborgs and Śūnyatā” (philosophy capstone), David Mascharka
- “Art and Technology: And the Artist of the Year is the Computer” (honors thesis), Sarah Schoeberle
- “Becoming Moral through Poetry” (philosophy capstone), Matthew Roth
- “Entrenching Realism: The New Riddle of Induction and Underdetermination” (philosophy capstone), Michael Radig
- “Guiding Morality: The Magic of Music Education” (philosophy capstone), Shayl Wilson
- “Philosophy, Medicine, and Culture” (philosophy capstone), Graham Isaacson
- “Revisiting Human Rights: The Potential for Debate and Dialogue within Social Work” (philosophy capstone), Devon France
- 2012 “Consciousness: Understanding and Living in Phenomenological Practice” (honors thesis), Brian Johansen

### **2010 Chaminade University (lecturer)**

Introduction to Philosophy

### **2007–2009 University of Hawai‘i (lecturer)**

Introduction to Deductive Logic, Morals and Society

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## **GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

### **External**

*As project lead or main recipient*

- 2019 Arts and Culture Grant (\$1300). Japan Foundation of New York.
- 2018 Curriculum Development Grant (\$1000). Interfaith Youth Core.
- 2015 Small Projects Grant (\$2500). Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Philosophy and Religion. Lilly Endowment Inc.
- Summer Fellowship Program (\$5000). Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Philosophy and Religion. Lilly Endowment Inc.

*As part of a project team*

- 2020 Interfaith Leadership and Religious Literacy Grant (\$287,280). Arthur Vining Davis Foundation.
- Campus Innovation Grant (\$4000). Interfaith Youth Core.
- 2019 Interfaith Leadership and Religious Literacy Grant (\$93,000). Arthur Vining Davis Foundation.

**Drake University**

2019 Charls Chair (\$9500). Department of Philosophy and Religion (one-year endowed chair).

2018 Faculty Development Grant (\$1700). College of Arts and Sciences.

2017 Honors Program Teacher of the Year.

Faculty Development and Enrichment Grant (\$1500). Office of the Provost.

Faculty Development Grant (\$1300). College of Arts and Sciences.

Materials and Services Support Grant (\$1500). Center for the Humanities.

2016 Green Fund (\$2000). Center for the Humanities.

Faculty Development Grant (\$1000). College of Arts and Sciences.

Drake International Grant (\$1000). Drake International Center.

2015 Faculty Collaboration Grant (\$2500).

Small Conference Grant (\$5000). Center for the Humanities.

2014 Faculty Development Grant (\$2000). College of Arts and Sciences.

Humanities Leadership Grant. Center for the Humanities.

2013 Faculty Development and Enrichment Grant. Office of the Provost.

Humanities Leadership Grant. Center for the Humanities.

**Graduate and Undergraduate**

2008 Tasuku Harada Graduate Scholarship. Center for Japanese Studies, University of Hawai'i. (Declined due to teaching commitments.)

2007 Uehiro East Asian Essay Award. Department of Philosophy. University of Hawai'i.

Center for Japanese Studies Fellowship. Center for Japanese Studies. University of Hawai'i. (Declined due to teaching commitments.)

2006 Graduate Assistantship. Department of Philosophy. University of Hawai'i. Renewed until Spring 2009.

2005 Peace and Conflict Resolution Workgroup Award for Best Presentation. Peace and Conflict Resolution Workgroup in conjunction with the East-West Center.

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship. School of Pacific and Asian Studies. University of Hawai'i. Renewed until Spring 2008.

2003 East-West Center Degree Fellowship. East-West Center. Two-year term.

1996 James Edward Oglethorpe Scholarship. Oglethorpe University. Four-year term.

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## ACADEMIC SERVICE

### External

#### *Editorial*

- 2021 Assistant Editor. *Journal of Japanese Philosophy* (since 2014).
- Series Editor (with Monika Kirloskar-Steinbach). *Introductions to World Philosophies*. Bloomsbury (since 2018).
- Series Editor (with Tim Knepper). *Comparative Philosophy of Religion*. Springer International Publishing (since 2015).
- Editorial Board. *Philosophy East and West* (since 2020).
- Advisory Board. *Journal of World Philosophies* (since 2016).
- Editorial Board. *Journal of Communication and Religion* (since 2014).

#### *Organizational*

- 2021 Program Committee of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association (one-year term to 2022).
- Program Committee of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association (three-year term to 2022).
- Steering Committee of the Philosophy of Religion Group. American Academy of Religion (five-year term to 2024).
- Conference Coordinator. For sponsored panels of the International Society for Buddhist Philosophy at the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association (since 2016).
- 2015 Steering Committee of the Buddhist Philosophy Group. American Academy of Religion (five-year term to 2019).
- Steering Committee of the Global-Critical Philosophy of Religion Seminar. American Academy of Religion (five-year term to 2019).
- 2013 Committee on Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies. American Philosophical Association (three-year term to 2016).
- 2012 Program Director. For the annual satellite session of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy at the conference of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (to 2016).

#### *Leadership*

- 2021 Secretary/Treasurer. International Association of Japanese Philosophy (since 2014).
- Treasurer. North American Levinas Society (since 2018).
- Treasurer. Comparative and Continental Philosophy Circle (since 2018).

Executive Board. North American Levinas Society (since 2016).

Co-founder. Society for Teaching Comparative Philosophy. Secretary (2013 to 2016). Vice-President (since 2016).

Anonymous Reviews: *China Media Research*, *Comparative and Continental Philosophy*, Fordham Press, *Frontiers of Philosophy in China*, Institute of Buddhist Studies, *Journal of Communication and Religion*, *Journal of Japanese Philosophy*, *Journal of Buddhist Ethics*, *Journal of Buddhist Philosophy*, *Journal of Communication and Religion*, Palgrave, *Parrhesia*, *Philosophy East and West*, Princeton University Press, Routledge, Rowman and Littlefield, SUNY Press, *Tetsugaku*.

### **Drake University**

2021 Director. Center for the Humanities (three-year term to 2022).

Co-Director. The Comparison Project (since 2014).

Advisory Board for The Comparison Project (since 2012).

Faculty advisor. Drake Interfaith Youth Camp (since 2017).

2020 Search Committee. Department of History.

2018 Arts and Sciences Cabinet (two-year term to 2020).

2016 Search Committee. Rhetoric Program.

Arts and Sciences Council (two-year term to 2018).

2015 Faculty Mentor. Crew Scholars (one-year term).

Board of Directors. Center for the Humanities (three-year term to 2018).

Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee (three-year term to 2018). Chair of committee Fall 2016 to Spring 2017.

2014 Colloquium Series Director. Center for the Humanities (two-year term to 2016).

Search Committee. Department of History.

2013 Arts and Sciences Council (two-year term to 2015).

Search Committee. Department of English.

Search Committee. Department of Graphic Design.

2011 Asian Studies Program Working Group.

Diversity Committee (two-year term to Spring 2013).

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## WORKSHOPS AND CONSULTING

- 2022 Faculty lecturer for “The Imagination and Imaginal Worlds in Buddhism.” National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute. Mangalam Institute. Berkeley, California. June 12–24.
- 2020 Facilitator for Teaching Hub workshop on “Integrating Asian Philosophies into Your Existing Course Syllabi.” Sponsored by the American Association of Philosophy Teachers and the American Philosophical Association. Central Division of the American Philosophical Association. Chicago, Illinois. February 28.
- 2019 Facilitator for workshop on “Academic/Nonprofit Interfaith Partnership.” Sponsored by Drake University and the Des Moines Area Religious Council. American Academy of Religion. San Diego, California. November 22.
- Facilitator for Teaching Hub workshop on “Non-Western Philosophy for Undergraduate Ethics Courses.” Sponsored by the American Association of Philosophy Teachers and the American Philosophical Association. Central Division of the American Philosophical Association. Denver, Colorado. February 21.
- 2017 Facilitator for Teaching Hub walk-in teaching consultations, “One-on-One Consultation Sessions on Issues in Teaching Philosophy.” Sponsored by the American Association of Philosophy Teachers and the American Philosophical Association. Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association. Baltimore, Maryland. January 6.
- 2016 Facilitator for workshop on “Teaching Techniques for Comparative Philosophy.” Sponsored by the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy. Honolulu, Hawai‘i. June 3.

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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2020 Workshop on Teaching Religious Diversity. Funded by the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion. Summer 2020 to Spring 2022.
- 2018 National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Institute, “Buddhist East Asia: The Interplay of Religion, the Arts, and Politics.” Asian Studies Development Program, East-West Center, Honolulu. May 28–June 22.
- 2017 Collegium Phaenomenologicum (discussion leader for the lecture course by Brian Shūdō Schroeder, “Between Earth and Our Nature: Φύσις-Λόγος, Place-Time, Time-Being”). Città di Castello, Italy. July 24–28.
- 2016 Culture and Language Across the Curriculum (workshop). Drake University.
- 2014 Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion. 2014–15 Teaching and Learning Workshop for Pre-Tenure Religion Faculty at Colleges and Universities. Wabash College.
- Writing Workshop. Staff Development Workshops. Drake University. May session.
- CHIN 001: Beginning Chinese I. Instructor Cyndi Chen. Drake University. January Term.
- 2013 Drake University Learning Symposium: Creating Exceptional Learning Environments for 21st-Century Learners. Sheraton West Des Moines. August 16.

- Digital Storytelling Workshop. Drake University. May 29–31 and August 12–16.
- 2012 J-Conference. The J-Center of the U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy. Drake University. September 10–11.
- Internationalization of Majors and Minors Workshop. Drake University. August 15.
- Institute on Infusing Chinese and Japanese Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum. Asia Studies Development Program. East-West Center, Honolulu. July 22 to August 11.
- 2010 Collegium Phaenomenologicum (participant). Città di Castello, Italy. July 12–30.

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## MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion  
American Philosophical Association  
Asian Studies Development Program (Alumni Chapter)  
Comparative and Continental Philosophy Circle  
East-West Center Association  
International Association for Inoue Enryō Research  
International Association for Japanese Philosophy  
North American Levinas Society  
Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy  
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy  
Society for Teaching Comparative Philosophy