

Curriculum Vitae

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Current Place of Employment:

Dept. of Religious Studies, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY 14456

Dissertation Titles:

- *Chiasmatic Chorology: Nishida Kitarô's Dialectic of Contradictory Self-Identity* [Dissertation Advisor: Shigenori Nagatomo] (for Ph.D. in Religion, Temple University)
- *Imagination, Temporality, and Spatiality in Heidegger's Interpretation of Kant* [Dissertation Advisor: Agnes Heller] (for Ph.D. in Philosophy, New School)

Area of Specialization:

Continental philosophy, phenomenology, Heidegger, Kant, Buddhist philosophy, Kyoto school philosophy, Nishida.

Areas of competence and interest:

History of philosophy, German idealism, existentialism, philosophy of religion, Asian thought, Asian religions, Buddhism, comparative theology and philosophy, medieval Christian and Islamic mysticism, death & dying, nihilism, Nietzsche, Mishima, Dostoevsky.

Education:

- 2008: Temple University, Philadelphia, PA; Ph.D. in religion.
- 1999: New School for Social Research, NYC, NY; Ph.D. in philosophy.
- 1994: New School for Social Research, NYC, NY; MA in philosophy. [MA thesis: *Truth and Control: The Manifestation of the Two-Fold Movement of Being in Language According to Heidegger and Foucault*, under Reiner Schürmann as advisor]
- 1988: Earlham College, Richmond, IN; BA in philosophy.

1984: The American School In Japan, Tokyo, Japan; High school diploma.

Publications:

Articles:

- “Representation and *Poiesis*: the Imagination in the Later Heidegger” in *Philosophy Today*, vol. 51, no. 3, Fall 2007.
- “Spatiality in the Later Heidegger: Turning — Clearing — Letting” in *Existential: An International Journal of Philosophy*, vol. XVI, no. 5-6, 2006.
- “Kūkai” in *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/kukai>), October 2006.
- “Praxis of the Middle: Self and No-Self in Early Buddhism” in *International Philosophical Quarterly*, December 2005.
- “Emptiness and Experience: Pure and Impure” in *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*, December 2004.
- “Death and the Afterlife in Plato and the Greeks” in Lucy Bregman (ed.), *Death and Dying in World Religions* (Boston, MA: Pearson Pub., 2004).
- “The Eternal Recurrence of the Same as the Gift of Difference: Naming the Enigma, the Enigma of Names” in *PoMo Magazine*, vol. 2, no. 1, Spring/Summer 1996.
- “Truth and Control in Being and Language (in Heidegger and Foucault)” in *Auslegung, Journal of Philosophy*, vol. 20, no. 1, Winter 1995.
- “The Strategy of Transgression in the Phenomenology of Ontological Anarchy” in *PoMo Magazine*, vol. 1, no. 1, Spring/summer 1995.

Book reviews:

“Nature, Law, Place; A Review of Ed Casey’s *Getting Back into Place*” in *Vera Lex*, New Series vol. 1, no. 1 & 2, Winter 2000.

Translations:

- In print: Kimura Bin, “Time and Self” for the *Sourcebook in Japanese Philosophy* project, Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture, Nagoya, Japan.
- In print: Yuasa Yasuo, “*Meta-physika* and *Meta-psykhika*” and “Modern Japanese Philosophy,” for the *Sourcebook in Japanese Philosophy* project, Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture, Nagoya, Japan.
- Motoyama Hiroshi, *The Metaphysical Logic: A Synthesis of Religions East and West* (Encinitas, CA: CIHS, forthcoming) [Co-translation with Shigenori Nagatomo]
- Yuasa Yasuo, *Overcoming Modernity: Synchronicity and Image-Thinking* (NYC: SUNY Press, 2008). [Co-translation with Shigenori Nagatomo]
- Elmar Weinmayr, “Thinking in Transition: Nishida Kitarô and Martin Heidegger” [from German: *Denken im Übergang – Kitarô Nishida und Martin Heidegger*] in *Philosophy East and West*, 55:2, April 2005. [A collaboration with Douglas Berger]

Editing:

Guest editor for *Vera Lex*, special issue on “Natural Law & Asian Thought,” New Series Vol. 7, No. 1 & 2, Winter 2006.

Lectures and conferences:

- 2007 (June): Presented “*Basho*: Nishida-Philosophy as a Response to Neo-Kantian Dualism” for a panel on Japanese philosophy at the SACP Annual conference, Pacific Grove, CA.
- 2006 (April): Presented “Letting: The Ontology and Praxis of Being-Time in Dôgen” for a panel on the body in East Asian thought at the AAR Mid-Atlantic Regional Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
- 2005 (Dec): Presented “*Li*: Transcendental or Immanent? Its Significance and History in Chinese Philosophy” for a panel on Neo-Confucianism at a Group Session for the Association of Chinese Philosophers in America, at the APA Eastern Conference, NYC, NY.
- 2005 (Oct): Presented “Embodied Implacement in Kûkai and Nishida” for a plenary session on Japanese Philosophy at the SACP Annual conference, “Self-Other Relations: Immanent-Transcendent?,” Pacific Grove, CA
- 2005 (March): Presented “The Body as Chiasmatic Chôra: Embodied Implacement in Kûkai and Nishida” for a panel on Religions of Asia (theme: “Unlocking the Door(s) to Enlightened Unity-Vision”) at the AAR Mid-Atlantic Regional Annual Meeting, New Brunswick, NJ.
- 2004 (June): Presented “Dialectic and the Middle: Nishida, Hegel, Mahayana Buddhism” for a panel on Nishida Kitarô, at the SACP Annual Conference, “Comparative Philosophy and Just World Peace”, Pacific Grove, CA.
- 2003 (April): Presented “Nishida and Heidegger; Difference, Contradiction, and Analogy” at a Group Session for the International Institute for Field-Being: “Field-Being and Analytical Philosophy,” at the APA Central Conference, Cleveland, OH.
- 2002 (December): Presented “The Purity and Impurity of Interdependent Origination” at a Group Session for the International Society for Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy: “Author Meets Critics: Dale Wright’s *Philosophical Meditations on Zen Buddhism*,” at the APA Eastern Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 1994 (April): Presented “On Reiner Schürmann’s Philosophy of Anarchy” at the Graduate Student Conference held in conjunction with the Hannah Arendt/Reiner Schürmann Memorial Symposium: “On Reiner Schürmann”, New School, NY.
- 1994 (April): Presented “The Strategy of Transgression in the Phenomenology of Ontological Anarchy” at the Annual Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Symposium: Strategies of Critique VIII, “Theory Incorporated: The New Wor(l)d Order”, York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- 1993 (April): Presented “Truth and Control in Being and Language (in Heidegger and Foucault)”, New School & SUNY Stonybrook Joint Student Conference, New School, NY.

Research in progress:

- Nihilism, East and West, in philosophy, religion, literature, and film.
- Continuing research on dialectic, contradiction, and place in Nishida, Hegel, and Mahayana Buddhism.
- Continuing research on imagination and space in Kant and Heidegger.
- Investigation of space and place in relation to human existence, technology, globalism, and pluri-culturality.
- Comparative investigation of Heidegger and Nishida, *Lichtung* [clearing] and *basho* [place, field], *Sein/Seyn* [being] and *mu* [nothing], difference and contradictory identity, world-thing relation, etc.
- Translation from Japanese of two essays (“Life and Logic” and “*Basho*”) by Nishida Kitarō. [Co-translation with Shigenori Nagatomo]
- Research on the mysticisms and negative theologies of Ibn al’-Arabi, Nicholas of Cusa, Meister Eckhart, and Kūkai.

Teaching positions:

- 2008~: Assistant Professor, Religious Studies, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, NY.
- 2007~2008: Adjunct Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Temple University, PA.
- 2007~2008: Adjunct Assistant Professor, Religion, Temple University, PA.
- 2006~2007: Adjunct Professor, Religion, Temple University, PA.
- 2005~2006: Teaching Assistantship, Religion, Temple University, PA.
- 2004~2005: Teaching Assistantship, Religion, Temple University, PA.
- 2003~2004: Teaching Fellowship, Religion, Temple University, PA.
- 2001~2003: Adjunct Professor, Philosophy, LaSalle University, PA.
- 2002~2003: Adjunct Professor, Religion, Temple University, PA.
- 2001: Adjunct Professor, Philosophy, St. Joseph’s University, PA.
- 2000~2001: Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Bellarmine University, KY.
- 1996~2000: Adjunct Assistant Professor & Lecturer, Philosophy, Pace University, NY.
- 2000: Adjunct Assistant Professor, Philosophy, New York City Technical College, NY.
- 1999~2000: Adjunct Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Long Island University, NY.
- 1999: Adjunct Lecturer, Philosophy, New Jersey City University.

Teaching Experience (course title and number of semesters taught):

- Theology of World Religions: 1
- Conceptions of the Absolute: 1
- Philosophy East and West: 3
- Sacred Space: 1
- Introduction to Asian Religions: 2
- Philosophical Approaches to God: 2
- Death and Dying: 11

- Human Person: 3
- Introduction to Philosophy: 10 [including one time as a part of the Challenge to Achievement at Pace program, Pace University]
- Ethics (including Normative Ethics, and Ethics and Human Values): 7
- Modern and Contemporary Philosophy: 2
- Modern Philosophy (including History of Modern Philosophy): 2
- Ancient and Medieval Philosophy: 2
- Informal Logic: 2

Other Work Experience:

- 2006: Office/Research and Teaching Assistant for Dr. Lenord Swidler, Temple University, PA.
- 2005: Office Assistant for Dr. Mahmoud Ayoub, Temple University, PA.
- 2004: Teaching Assistant for Dr. Lucy Bregman, Temple University, PA.
- 1999~2007: Assistant Editor, *Vera Lex: Journal of the International Natural Law Society*, Pace University, NY.
- 2000~2001: Library Committee member, Bellarmine University, KY.
- 1994~1998: Assistant, *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal*, New School, NY.
- 1994~1997: Research Assistant for Dr. Agnes Heller, New School, NY.
- 1993~1994: Research Assistant for Dr. Y. Yovel, New School, NY.
- 1992~1994: Assistant Coordinator for International Students Meetings, New School, NY.
- 1991~1992: Office Assistant, Student Affairs & Financial Aid Office, New School, NY.
- 1991~1992: Office Assistant to Secretary, Dept. of Philosophy, New School, NY.
- 1988~1990: Office Manager, Times Distribution Co., & Times Used Books, Cincinnati, OH.

Languages:

- Native: English, Japanese.
- Reading knowledge: Japanese, German, ancient Greek, Latin.
- Translation experience: Japanese to English, German to English.
- 1996: Graduate of the Basic Program in Greek, Latin/Greek Institute, Graduate School and University Center and Brooklyn College, City University of New York, NYC, NY.

International Experience:

Grew up bilingual in a multi-cultural family in Tokyo, Japan.

Awards and fellowships:

- 2005~2006: Distinguished Teaching Award
- 2005~2006: Temple University Teaching Assistantship/Fellowship
- 2004~2005: Certificate of Merit in Teaching
- 2004~2005: Temple University Teaching Assistantship/Fellowship.
- 2003~2004: Temple University Teaching Assistantship/Fellowship.
- 1996~1997: Reiner Schürmann Memorial Dissertation Fellowship.
- 1996~1997: New School Research Assistantship.
- 1994~1995: New School Research Assistantship.
- 1991~1994: New School Tuition Scholarship.

Organizations:

Member of:

- American Philosophical Association
- Phi Sigma Tau, the International Philosophy Honor Society
- Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy
- Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy
- Association of Chinese Philosophers in America
- The International Institute for Field-Being
- International Society for Buddhist Philosophy
- H-Buddhism
- The American Academy of Religion
- Association for Asian Studies
- Heidegger Forschungsgruppe
- North American Heidegger Conference