

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- Postdoctoral Research: Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture, Nanzan University, Nagoya; 09/02-08/04; Research title: "Nishida Kitarō: An Experiment in Non-Dualism"
- Ph.D. Temple University, Philadelphia (Religious Studies); 05/90-09/96
Dissertation title: "Beyond Personal Identity - Rethinking A Dominant Paradigm From A Zen Perspective"
- Researcher Obirin University, Tokyo; 09/93-07/94
- M. A. Temple University, Philadelphia (Religion); 09/89-05/90
- Graduate Studies Franciscan School of Theology, Berkeley, California (Catholic Theology); 02/89 - 05/89
- Undergraduate/ Graduate Studies Eberhard-Karls-Universität, Tübingen (FRG) (Catholic Theology, Social Pedagogy); 10/84 - 02/89 (Vordiplom: 07/86)

LANGUAGE COMPETENCY

Fluency in German; competency in Japanese; reading competency in Latin, Koine Greek, and Hebrew (Hebraicum: 07/85); study of Chinese (since 02/01/02); study of Korean (since 09/01/06).

HISTORY OF EMPLOYMENT

Luther College, Associate Professor, Department of Religion and Philosophy, 700 College Drive, Decorah, IA 52101; 08/97-present.

La Salle University: Adjunct Faculty, Philosophy Department, Philadelphia, PA; 09/96-06/97.

Albright College: Adjunct Faculty, Philosophy Department, Reading, PA; 09/96-12/96.

Lancaster Theological Seminary: Adjunct Faculty of Religious Studies 555 West James Street, Lancaster, PA; 09/96-12/96.

Temple University: Adjunct Faculty of ESL, ELECT Department, Philadelphia, PA 19122; 09/94-12/94

Temple University: Instructor, Religion Department, Philadelphia, PA 19122; 09/91-05/93, 09/94-05/95, 07/96-08/96, 04/97-05/97.

Manor Junior College: Adjunct Faculty of Religious Studies, Liberal Arts Department, Fox Chase Road/Forest Avenue, Jenkintown, PA 19046; 09/90-12/92.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS RECEIVED

07/06-08/06 Student-Faculty Research Grant Awarded by Luther College to support research on Zen Buddhism in the U.S.A. today.

07/06-07/06 Luther College Faculty Development Grant to support my research for the *Historical Dictionary of Zen Buddhism* at Dongguk University in Seoul,

- Republic of Korea, and at the Nanzan Institute in Nagoya, Japan.
- 12/02-03/04 Grant-in-Aid from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) in support of my research on Nishida Kitarō.
- 09/02-08/04 Postdoctoral Fellowship of the JSPS in collaboration with the Social Science Research Council to support research on “Nishida Kitarō: A Project in Non-dualism.”
- 06/02-04/03 Maytag/Iowa College Foundation (I.C.F.) grant for Student-Faculty research on the Nihonjinron.
- 07/01-05/02 McElroy/I.C.F. Grant for Student-Faculty research on the notion of dharma-transmission in Soto-Zen.
- 06/01-08/01 Luther College Faculty Development Grant to support research on Nishida at the Nanzan Institute in Nagoya, Japan.
- 07/00-08/00 Student-Faculty Research Grant Awarded by Luther College to support research on kōans and Dōgen’s philosophy of language.
- 06/00-07/00 Travel Grant Awarded by NEAC to support research on Nishida at the Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture in Nagoya, Japan.
- 06/00-07/01 Ylvisaker Grant awarded by Luther College to support my research on Nishida Kitarō at the Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture in Nagoya, Japan.
- 06/98-03/99 Ylvisaker Grant awarded by Luther College to complete the manuscript of *Beyond Personal Identity*.
- 05/98-08/99 Faculty Incentive Grant awarded by Luther College to create an interactive website and a virtual temple as instructional tool.
- 09/95-03/96 Dissertation Completion Grant awarded by Temple University.
- 09/90-06/93
09/94-05/95 Graduate Assistantships awarded by Temple University.
- 10/93-07/94 Dissertation Fellowship awarded by the Japan Foundation.
- 05/93-06/93 Travel/Research Grant awarded by the East Asian Studies Center/Temple University.
- 09/89-06/90 Scholarship awarded by the Exchange Program between Eberhard-Karls-Universität, Tübingen and Temple University.

PUBLICATIONS

monographs:

Beyond Personal Identity: Dōgen, Nishida, and a Phenomenology of No-Self (Richmond, U.K.: Curzon Press, 2001). [reviews in *Buddhist Studies Review* (Vol. 19, 2, 2002), *The Middle Way* (Vol. 77, 2, 2002), *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies* (Vol. 30, 1-2, 2003), H-net (<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showlist.cgi?lists=h-buddhism>), *Philosophy East and West* (Vol. 54, 4, 2004), and *Buddhist-Christian Studies* (Vol. 25, 2005)].

articles:

“Is dialectical philosophy tenable? Revisiting Hegel, Nishida, and Takahashi,” *International Journal of Field-Being* (Vol. 3, 2006), 26-34.

“Critical Comments on Nishida’s Use of Chinese Buddhism.” *Journal for Chinese Philosophy* (Vol. 32, no. 2, 2005), 335-351.

“Between Identity and Difference: Three Ways of Reading Nishida’s Non-Dualism.” *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies* (Vol. 31, No. 1-2, 2004), 73-104.

“Neither Dogma, nor Institution: Nishida on the Role of Religion.” *Eastern Buddhist* (Vol.: 35, nos.: 1 & 2, 2003), 219-240.

“Ikaga nishida wo yomubeki ka: nishida tetsugaku wo meguru kaishakugaku” (“How to Read Nishida’s Philosophy: Towards a Hermeneutics of Nishida Philosophy”). *Higashi asia bunka sōgo kenkyū purojekuto jōhōkokusho* (Vol. 3, 2004), 81-94.

“Between Foundationalism and Relativism: Locating Nishida’s Logic of Basho on the Ideological Map.” *The Bulletin of the Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture* (Vol. 27, 2003), 24-45.

“Zettai munjunteki shūkyō: nishida ni okeru shūkyōtetsugaku wo yominaosu” (“Absolute Contradictory Religion: Re-reading Nishida’s Philosophy of Religion”). *Nanzan Shūkyō Bunka Kenkyūjō Shohō* (Vol. 13, 2003), 4-14.

“On the Brink of Postmodernity: A Review of Recent Japanese Language Publications on the Philosophy of Nishida Kitarō.” *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies* (Vol. 30, No. 1-2, 2003), 133-156.

“What Matters: Entering Dōgen into the Dialogue on Personal Identity.” *East-West Connections: Review of Asian Studies* (Volume 2, Number 1, 2002).

“Temporality and Personal Identity in the Thought of Nishida Kitarō.” *Philosophy East and West* (Vol. 52, No. 2, 2002), 224-245.

“Alterity and Nothingness.” *ARC* (Vol. 27, 1999), 109-122.

chapters in books:

“The Self-Contradictory What?—Reflections on how to Teach the Philosophy of Nishida Kitarō.” *Teaching Texts and Contexts: The Art of Infusing Asian Philosophies and Religions*. Eds.: David Jones, Ellen Klein. (Albany: SUNY Press, 2008): 129-148.

“The Ethical and the Non-ethical: The Search for a Non-dual Ethics in Nishida Philosophy.” *Deconstruction and the Ethical in Asian Thought*. Ed.: Youru Wang. (London: Routledge Press, 2007).

“Doitsu ni okeru nihon no tetsugaku.” Transl. Yukio Matsudo. *Nihon tetsugaku no Kokusaisei*. Ed.: James Heisig (Tokyo: Sekai shisōsha, 2006), 226-238.

“Die Zukunft japanischer Philosophie in Deutschland” (“The Future of Japanese Philosophy in Germany”). *Japanese Philosophy Abroad*. Ed.: James Heisig (Nagoya; Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture, 2004), 186-199.

“Between Dialectic and Non-dualism: Nishida’s Conception of Culture?” *Religion and Politics in Asia Today*. Ed.: Augustine Thottakara (Bangalore: Dharmaram Publications, 2001), 137-164.

“Buddhist Non-Dualism and Transcendental Phenomenology.” in *The Empirical and the Transcendental: A Fusion of Horizons*. Ed.: Bina Gupta (New York: Rowan & Littlefield, 2000), 119-138.

“In the Face of the Other: Psychological Interwovenness in Dōgen and Jung.” *The Couch and the Tree*. Ed.: Anthony Molino (New York: North Point Press, 1998), 276-289.

encyclopedia articles and comments:

“Nishida tetsugaku o gendaishisō ni tekiyō dekiru ka” (“Is Nishida Philosophy Applicable to Contemporary Philosophy?”). *Nishida Tetsugaku Gakkai Kaihō* (2003).

“Nishida Kitarō.” *Digital Dictionary of Buddhism* (DDB). Ed.: Charles Muller (<http://www.acmuller.net/ddb/index.html>).

“Zen in the West” (co-authored). *Encyclopedia Monastica*. Ed.: William Johnston (Chicago: Fitzroy Dearborn Publisher, 2000).

“Mt. Hiei.” *Encyclopedia Monastica*. Ed.: William Johnston (Chicago: Fitzroy Dearborn Publisher, 2000).

Thich Nhat Hanh.” *Encyclopedia Monastica*. Ed.: William Johnston (Chicago: Fitzroy Dearborn Publisher, 2000).

works in progress and future projects:

am currently preparing my manuscript *Neither Identical Nor Different – Neither One Nor Many: The Implications of Nishida Kitarō’s Non-Dualism for a Pluralistic World* for publication.

am currently translating Mutai Risaku’s “Basho no ronri” for a special edition of the *International Journal for Field-Being* on Nishida Philosophy.

am currently co-editing *Merleau-Ponty and Buddhism* with Professor Jin Y. Park (American University).

have received a contract from Routledge to update the entry on Japanese philosophy in the new edition of Ninian Smart’s “World Philosophies.”

have received a contract to co-write a *Historical Dictionary of Zen Buddhism* for Scarecrow Press (tenure of project: 2005-2007).

have been invited to contribute articles to an anthology in honor of the late Yuasa Yasuo (ed. Watanabe Manabu), an anthology on Zen Buddhism in the 20th century (ed. He Yansheng), and to an anthology on "Continental and Japanese Philosophy: Comparative Approaches to the Kyoto School" (eds.: Bret Davis, Brian Schroeder, and Jason Wirth).

ACADEMIC SERVICE

membership in academic societies:

Member of the American Academy of Religion (A.A.R.)
American Philosophical Association (A.P.A.)
International Institute for Field Being (I.I.B.F.)
International Society for Buddhist Philosophy (I.S.B.P.)
Society for the Study of Japanese Religions (S.S.J.R.)
Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy (S.A.C.P.)
Nishida Tetsugaku Gakkai (Society for the Study of Nishida Philosophy)
Tōzai Kōryū Shūkyō Gakkai (Society for the Religious Exchange between East and West).

papers presented at professional meetings:

“Zen, Experience, and Philosophy: Ueda Shizuteru and the Construction of Zen Philosophy,” paper presented at the International Conference on Philosophy of Culture and Practice sponsored by Soochow University, Taipei, 06/16/07-06/17/07.

“Language Games, Selflessness, and the Death of God; The Concept of Religion in Contemporary Zen Philosophy and Deconstruction,” paper presented at the S.A.C.P., Asilomar, CA, 06/10/07-06/13/07.

“Zen Ethics: Philosophy a la Kyoto,” paper to be presented at the I.S.B.P./A.P.A., Washington, D.C., 12/27/06-12/30/06.

“Infinite Subjectivities,” paper to be presented at the I.I.F.B./A.P.A., Washington, D.C., 12/27/06-12/30/06.

“Infinite Subjectivities: Towards a Philosophy of Diversity,” paper presented at the 4th meeting of the Encounter Circle, Hong Kong, 07/14/06-07/15/06.

“Nishida Kitarō: An Experiment in Non-Dualism,” paper presented at the Georgia Philosophical Continental Circle, 06/21/06-06/22/06.

“Education towards Multiculturalism: An Applications of Nishida’s ‘the Many and the One,’” paper presented at the East-West Philosopher’s Conference, Honolulu, May/June 2005.

“From No-Buddha-Nature to Nothingness: The Construction of a Dōgen Philosophy by Kyoto School Thinkers,” paper presented at the International Association for the History of Religion (I.A.H.R.), Tokyo, March, 2005.

“The Ethical and the Non-Ethical: The Search for an Ethics in Nishida Philosophy,” paper presented at the A.A.R. in San Antonio, November 2004.

“Byōjōshin to byōjōtei to no aida: Nishida tetsugaku ni okeru bukkyō kaishaku” (“Between the ‘Everyday Heart’ and the ‘the Depth of Everydayness’: Nishida’s Interpretation of Buddhism”), paper presented at the annual conference of the Nishida Tetsugaku Gakkai in Tokyo, July 2004.

"Die Zukunft Japanischer Philosophie in Deutschland," paper presented at the 12th Nanzan Symposium on "Redefining Philosophy," Nagoya, June 2004.

“In the Shadow of the Fox: Dōgen’s View of Causality,” paper presented at the second annual conference of the I.S.B.P in St. Peter, October 2002.

“Is Dialectical Philosophy Tenable; Discussions with Hegel, Nishida, and Takahashi,” paper presented at the sixth conference of the I.I.F.B. in Xi’an, China, August 2002.

“The Paradox of the Bordered Discourse: The Case of Nishida,” paper presented at the 26th annual conference of the International Association for Philosophy and Literature (I.A.L.P.) in Rotterdam, Netherlands, June 2002.

“Nishida’s Phenomenology of Place: Exploring Transcendental Relativism,” paper presented at the A.A.R./I.I.F.B. in Denver, November 2001.

“‘Presencing’ and ‘Expressions’: What is Dōgen up to?” paper presented at the first annual conference of the I.S.B.P in Decorah, October 2001.

"On Kōans and Painted Rice Cakes: Dōgen’s Philosophy of Language," paper presented at the annual meeting of the Iowa Philosophical Society at Luther College (October 2001).

“How Absolute is the Absolute,” presented at the fifth annual conference of the I.I.F.B. in Fairfield, August 2001.

"Dialogues on Personal Identity: Essentialism, Reductionism, and Transcendental Relativism," paper presented at I.I.F.B./A.P.A. Pacific in San Francisco, March 2001.

"Between Immanence and Transcendence: Religion and Non-Dualism in the Thought of the Kyoto School," paper presented at the annual meeting of the A.A.R. in Nashville, November 2000.

"On Kōans and Painted Rice Cakes: Dōgen’s Philosophy of Language," paper presented at the A.A.R. in Nashville, November 2000.

"Between Dialectic and Non-dualism: Nishida’s Conception of Culture?" paper presented at the S.A.C.P./A.A.R. in Nashville, November 2000.

“Toward Transcendental Relativism,” participated upon invitation in the panel “Author Meets his Critics” at the International Research Conference of the Society of Asian and Comparative Philosophy in Columbia, MI, September/October 2000.

“Nishida’s Phenomenology of Place,” paper presented at the fourth annual conference of the I.I.F.B. in Fairfield, August 2000.

“The Four Layers of Genjōkōan: Dōgen’s Religious Thought as Phenomenology,” paper presented at panel on Buddhism and Phenomenology organized for the A.A.R. in Boston, November 1999.

“Temporality and Personal Identity in the thought of Nishida Kitarō,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the S.A.C.P. in Bhubaneshwar, India, in January 1999.

“Religion, Nothingness, and the Question of Human Rights,” paper presented at a Round Table discussion of the annual meeting of the A.A.R. in Orlando, November 1998.

“The God which is Neither Personal nor Impersonal: Teaching Nishida’s Notion of God in a Class on the Comparative Philosophy of Religion,” paper presented at a Round Table discussion of the annual meeting of the A.A.R. in San Francisco, November 1997.

“I and Thou—Us and Them: An Exploration of Nishida’s I and Thou,” paper presented at the Fourth annual meeting of the International Association for Asian Philosophy and Religion (I.A.A.P.R.) in Los Angeles, August 1997.

“Personal Identity and Self-Cultivation,” paper presented at the regional conference of the A. A. R. in Baltimore, March 1996.

“Nishida’s Conception of Human Existence as ‘Absolute Contradictory Self-Identity,’” paper presented at the first annual meeting of the I.A.A.P.R. in Seoul, Republic of Korea, May 1994.

book reviews:

Rolf Elberfeld. *Zeit im Buddhismus* (Stuttgart, Frommann-Holzboog, 2004); In *Philosophy East and West* (forthcoming).

James Heisig. *Philosophers of Nothingness* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2001); in the *Japan Studies Review* (Vol. 9, 2005).

Masao Abe. *Zen and the Modern World*. Ed: Steven Heine (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2003); in the *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies* (Vol. 31, No. 1-2, 2004).

James Heisig. *Philosophers of Nothingness* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2001); in the *H-net* (<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showlist.cgi?lists=h-buddhism>).

David R. Loy. *A Buddhist History of the West: Studies in Lack* (Albany: SUNY Press, 2002); in *Philosophy East and West* (Vol. 52, No. 4, 2004).

Robert E. Carter. *Encounter With Enlightenment: A Study of Japanese Ethics* (Albany: SUNY Press, 2002); in *Philosophy East and West* (Vol. 52, No. 3, 2004).

Michiko Yusa. *Zen and Philosophy* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2002); in the *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies* (Vol. 30, No. 1-2, 2003)

James Coleman. *The New Buddhism: The Western Transformation of an Ancient Tradition* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001); in the *International Journal of Hindu Studies* (forthcoming).

Steven Heine. *Shifting Shape, Shaping Text: Philosophy and Folklore in the Fox Kōan* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 1999); in the *Japan Studies Review* (Vol. V, 2001).

Steven Heine. *Shifting Shape, Shaping Text: Philosophy and Folklore in the Fox Kōan* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 1999); in the *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies* (Vol. 28, No. 1-2, 2001).

May, Reinhard. *Heidegger’s Hidden Sources: East Asian Influences on his Work*. Transl. Graham Parkes (London: Routledge, 1996); in *Philosophy East and West* (Vol. 51, No. 1, 2000).

Brühl, Lydia. *Die Japanische Philosophie - Eine Einführung*. (Stuttgart: Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft, 1989); in the *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies* (Vol. 27, No. 1-2, 2000).

Herman, Jonathan R. *I and Tao*. (Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 1996); in the *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* (Vol. 35, No. 2, 1998).

Pieris, Aloysius (S.J.). *Fire and Water: Basic Issues in Asian Buddhism and Christianity*. Faith Meets Faith Series (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1996); in the *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* (Vol. 35, No. 2, 1998).

Kleine, Christopher. *Hōnen's Buddhismus des Reinen Landes: Reform, Reformation oder Heresie?* (Berlin: Peter Lang, 1996); in the *Eastern Buddhist* (Vol. 31, No. 2, 1998).

Jung, Young Lee. *The Trinity in Asian Perspective* (Nashville, TN: Abington, 1996); in the *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* (Vol. 34, No. 4, 1997).

Siepen, Wolfgang. *Weg der Erkenntnis, Weg der Liebe: Das spirituelle Meister-Schüler-Verhältnis beim Buddha und Pachomius* (Mainz: Matthias Gruenewald, 1992); in the *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* (Vol. 32, 1995).

Nehring, Andreas. *Rissho Kosei-kai: Eine Neu-Buddhistische Religion in Japan* (Erlangen: Evangelische-Lutherische Mission, 1992); in the *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* (Vol. 30, 1993).

Langer, Jens. *Evangelium und Kultur in der DDR* (Berlin: Alektor, 1990); in the *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* (Vol. 30, 1993).

leadership positions in academic societies:

- Book Review editor for Japanese Buddhism for H-Buddhism, H-Net (01/2002-present)
- Co-Chair of the Zen Seminar at the A.A.R. (12/2001-12/2006)
- Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the International Society for Buddhist Philosophy (10/2002-present)
- Liaison between S.A.C.P. and A.A.R. (11/2006-present)
- Liaison between S.A.C.P.(Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy) and A.P.A. Central Division (04/2000-04/2003)

other activities in academic societies:

“Buddhist Philosophy of Language,” panel co-organized for the annual meeting of the I.S.B.P./A.P.A. in Washington D.C., December 2006.

“Topics in Japanese Philosophy,” panel organized for the annual meeting of the S.A.C.P./A.A.R. in Washington D.C., November 2006.

“Contemporary Zen,” panel co-organized for the annual meeting of the A.A.R. in Washington D.C., November 2006.

“Buddhist Hermeneutics,” panel organized for the annual meeting of the S.A.C.P./A.A.R. in New York, November 2006.

“Zen Thought,” panel co-organized for the annual meeting of the A.A.R. in Philadelphia, November 2005.

presided over the steering committee meeting and the business meeting of the Zen Seminar at the annual meeting of the A.A.R. in Philadelphia, November 2005.

“Dōgen and Contemporary Thought,” panel organized for the meeting of the I.A.H.R. in Tokyo, March 2005.

“Mind in Buddhist Philosophy,” panel co-organized for the annual meeting of the I.S.B.P./A.P.A. in ??? December 2004.

“Zen Practice and Ethics,” panel co-organized for the annual meeting of the A.A.R. in San Antonio, November 2004.

presided over the steering committee meeting and the business meeting of the Zen Seminar at the annual meeting of the A.A.R. in San Antonio, November 2004.

“Zen and Scholasticism,” panel co-organized for the annual meeting of the A.A.R. in Atlanta, November 2003.

“Responses to Contemporary Challenges from a Kyoto School Perspective,” panel organized for the Twenty First World Congress of Philosophy in Istanbul, Turkey, August 2003.

“Merleau-Ponty and Buddhism,” panel co-organized for the annual meeting of the A.P.A. Pacific in San Francisco, CA, March 2003.

“Zen and the Politics of Difference,” panel co-organized for the annual meeting of the A.A.R. in Toronto, November 2002.

presided over the steering committee meeting and the business meeting of the Zen Seminar at the annual meeting of the A.A.R. in Toronto, November 2002.

“Beyond Personal Identity—Author Meets his Critics,” respondent at the second annual meeting of the I.S.B.P. in St. Peter, MN, October 2002.

other:

I have served as peer reviewer of manuscripts for Rowan & Littlefield, Oxford Press, and University of Hawaii Press.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

papers given upon invitation:

“Body, Mind, and Zen: Towards a Non-Dual Theory of Ethics,” talk given at the Center of Asian and Pacific Studies at Iowa University, 09/28/06.

“Envisioning Non-Dualism,” talk given at Hong Kong University, 06/12/06.

“One or All? How to Teach World Religions at a College of the Church,” talk given in the context of the Paideia Text and Issues Lecture Series at Luther College, 03/23/06.

“Yuasa’s Philosophy of the Body,” talk given in Omar Mizra’s Philosophy 440, “Philosophy of Mind,” December 2004.

“What’s Wrong with Dualism?” talk given at the Philosophy Colloquium at Luther College, October 19, 2004.

“A Philosophy of Infinite Subjectivities,” talk given to the members of the Institute for Religion and Culture at Nanzan University, Japan, 06/16/04.

“Nishida kitarō no daisuki na kōan” (“The Favorite Koan of Nishida Kitarō”), talk given in Professor Jeff Shore’s course on “Hikaku Bunka” at Hanazono University, Japan, 06/09/04.

"Neither This nor That: Traces of Non-dualism in Nishida’s Philosophy," paper presented at the Buddhist Discussion Group in Tokyo, Japan, 07/20/03.

“Tetsugakuteki na gainen to shite no ‘gaikokujin’” (“The ‘Foreigner’ as a Philosophical Concept”), talk given in Professor Jeff Shore’s course on “Hikaku Bunka” at Hanazono University, Japan, 06/13/03.

“Ikaga ni nishida wo yomubeki: nishida tetsugaku wo meguru kaishakugaku e” (“How to Read Nishida: Towards a Hermeneutics of Nishida Philosophy”), invited guest lecture at Nihon University, Tokyo, March, 10, 2003.

“What is Religion?” talk given at the Ylvisaker Forum at Luther College, April 2001.

“East and West: Geography, Tradition, or Ideology,” lecture given at the Peace Prize Forum at Luther College, March 2001.

“Kōans and Thought Experiments: Do Paradoxes Make Sense?” lecture given in the Paideia Texts and Issues Lecture Series at Luther College, February 2001.
Persistence and Personal Identity,” response to Marya Schechtman’s lecture given at Luther College, September 2000.

“Beyond Personal Identity,” presented a summary of my book *Beyond Personal Identity* at a brown bag lunch in March 1999.

“A Buddhist Conception of Culture,” paper presented at the Peace Prize Forum at Concordia College, February 1998.

“The Reception of Zen in the West,” lecture given at Gaikokugo Tanki Daigaku in Nagasaki, Japan, January 1998.

“The Concept of Self in the Philosophy of Nishida Kitarō,” lecture given at Albright College, Reading, PA, November 1996.

contributions to College publications

“One or All? How to Teach World Religions at a College of the Church.” *AGORA* (faculty journal of Luther College) (Spring 2006).

“Inside Out – Outside In.” *AGORA* (faculty journal of Luther College) (Spring 2006).

“How to Meditate: Buddhism in 5 Minutes.” *Mustard Seed* (newsletter of the campus ministry at Luther College) (Spring 2006).

“A Day of Peace.” *AGORA* (faculty journal of Luther College) (Spring 2005).

“Identities and Otherness: Reflection on my Leave of Absence.” *AGORA* (Fall 2002).

“Between the Difference of the Other and the Difference of the Self: Reflections on my J-term Course ‘Japanese Buddhism.’” *AGORA* (Spring 2002).

“Response to the tragedy of 09/11/01,” *Chips* (student newspaper of Luther College) (09/20/01).

“Non-Duality at Luther College,” *AGORA* (Fall 2001).

“Koans and Thought Experiments: Do Paradoxes Make Sense,” *AGORA* (Spring 2001).

Diversity. special issue co-edited and editorial written for *AGORA* (Spring 2000).

talks given at Luther College:

“Zen in Comparison,” talk given at the faculty day at Luther College, 09/25/06.

“Buddha’s Parinirvāṇa,” chapel Talk at Luther College, 02/15/06.

“Power and Promise of Peace: What can November 9 tell us about Peace,” chapel talk at Luther College, 11/09/04.

“Awakenings,” talk given to the Ylvisaker student community (April 2002):

“The Teaching of the Vimalakirti Sūtra,” chapel talk on 04/27/01.

“A Moment of Silence,” chapel in May 2000.

"My Last Lecture: Finality, Importance, and Selfhood," lecture given in the Last Lecture Series at Luther College, April 2000.

service to Luther College as a community of Learning:

organized the Jeff Shore’s “Religious Experience in the light of Zen Buddhism” for 10/24/06.

organized Professor Nikki Bado-Fralick’s “The Return of the Goddess” for 09/12/06.

organized Paula Arai’s “Healing Zen” for 05/02/06.

organized Thomas Kasulis’ “Crossing Boundaries: The Importance of East-West Dialogue” for 04/21/05.

led with Professor Jyoti Grewal a faculty reading group on classical texts from the intellectual traditions of India, China, and Japan in Spring 2002.

organized Steven Heine’s “After the Storm: Reflections on Critical Buddhism and Critical Theology” for 10/25/01.

organized the lecture by Donald Luck on “Why Lutherans Should Study Buddhism” on 03/15/01.

organized the lecture by Jin Y. Park on “Father’s Name and Mother’s Voice” on 04/11/01.

organized the lecture of Dr. Martin Srajek on “Derrida on Religion” in 10/00.

responded to Marya Schechtman’s lecture “Persistence and Personal Identity” given at Luther College, September 2000.

organized the panel on “Philosophies of the Body” featuring Professors Tateno Masami, Janet Gillespie, and Marian Kaehler on 11/05/99.

organized the lecture by Professor Tateno Masami on “Lao Tzu: The Tao qua Self - A Recluse in the City” on 09/30/99.

facilitated the research visit of Professor Tateno Masami, Professor for Chinese Philosophy at Nihon University in Tokyo, at Luther College from 03/31/99-12/13/99.

organized the lecture of Dr. Martin Srajek on “Ethics and Postmodernism” on 10/29/98.

organized discussion group on “Epistemic Foundations of Religious Truth Claims” on 05/07/98.

service to the department of Religion and Philosophy at Luther College:

am organizing the religion forum, a monthly forum designed to encourage scholarly exchange among the faculty and the students of the religion program.

was the director of senior papers in the Department of Religion and Philosophy in 2004-5.

was faculty advisor of the religion discussion group Spring and Fall semester 1999.

presented my essay on “Transcendental Relativism” to the discussion group of the philosophers in Fall 1999.

presented a paper on Nishida’s philosophy of religion to the Department of Religion and Philosophy 11/11/97.

committees I have served on at Luther College:

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Governing Board of the International Studies Program (FS'00-SS'02)
Hearing Board for Alcohol Violations (FS'01-SS'02)
Governing Board of the Women Studies Program (FS'05-SS'07)
Chair of the search committee for a one-year sabbatical replacement position in Christian Ethics (SS'07)
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“Buddhist Resources for Social Activism,” “Sense of Vacation Grant” workshop given at Luther College, 10/27/05.

“Who Am I: Identity in Intercultural Encounters,” talk given at the orientation for international students 08/26/05.

“Buddhism in America,” talk given in the Decorah Library in February 2005.

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