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EDUCATION

University of Cambridge

Ph.D. in Oriental Studies, July 1990

"The Propaganda Traditions of the Yugyō ha: The Campaign to Establish the Jishū as an Independent School of Japanese Buddhism (1300-1700)"

MA in Japanese, 1985

BA in Japanese, 1983

"The Concept of 'Jidai' in Japanese Folk Religion and Popular Culture"

San Francisco State University

MA in Film. 1978

"The Image of Japanese Women in the Post-War Period Film"

University of California, Berkeley

BA in Latin, 1973

RESEARCH AND STUDY ABROAD

Mar-July 2001	Sabbatical research at the British Library, London
1985	Research Student, Seisen Women's College, Tokyo, Japan
1980-82	Film research at the Tokyo Museum of Modern Art, Japan Film Library,
	and Matsuda Film Library, Tokyo, Japan
1979-80	Classical Japanese, Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universitaet, Frankfurt,
	Germany
1970-71	Medieval Latin, Ludwig-Maximilian's Universitaet, Munich, Germany

EMPLOYMENT

August 1994-	Tempo	ng 2000) Department of History, Arizona State University e, AZ 85287-2501, Assistant Professor, Pre-modern ese History
August 1991-	-	of History, St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY 13617
August 1994	-	ant Professor, East Asian History
August 1990-		f History, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO
May 1991	_	, Visiting Assistant Professor, Japanese and Chinese History
January 1987-	Department o	of Religious Studies, University of Montana, Missoula, MT
April 1989	59812	, Visiting Instructor, Japanese and Chinese religion and
	culture	e, philosophy and ethics
COURSES TAUGHT	<u>Depar</u>	tment of History, Arizona State University
	106	[Pre-modern] Asian Civilization [India, China, Japan]
	387	Pre-modern Japan
	315	Japan in the Age of the Samurai
	310	Film as History
	555	Comparative Oral Traditions
	303	Women in Asia
		Japan in Film [16th-century Japan in Film]
	389	Pre-modern Japan: Traditional Society and Values
	494	Film and History (Seventeenth Century Global)
	690	Reading and Conference (Tokugawa Ideology)
	790	Reading and Conference (History of Jpnse. Religions)
	Depar	tment of History, St. Lawrence University
	105A	Early East Asian Civilization
		Modern East Asia
	350A	Women in Asia
	281A	Pre-modern Japan
		First Year Program
		(1991-92: The Human Condition)
		(1992-93: Asia-America Encounter)
	247B	•
	292A	Revolutionary China
	Depar	tment of History, University of Missouri-Columbia
		143-39510-3 Japan in the Age of the Samurai
		152-39520-3 Asian Humanities
		201-38310-3 Women in Modern Asia
		345-38525-3 Modern Japan and China:
		A Comparative Survey

Department of Religious Studies, University of Montana

232 H-01-3	Buddhism
246-01-3	Myth and Ritual in Japanese Society
331 H-01-3	Religions of Japan
195-02-3	Status of Women in Asia
195-03-3	Ethics in Japanese Culture
330-01-3	Religions of China
195-02-3	Japanese Tragedy
195-03-3	Japanese Intellectual History

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

April, 2009-2010	2010 Film and History Conference area chair Nov. 2010, Sex and Love in
	Asian Contexts
Oct. 23, 2009	Panel Chair, Panel: Pre-modern Religion, Western Conference of the
	Association for Asian Studies, Tucson, AZ.
Oct. 22, 2009	Attended NCC Faculty Forum, Tucson, AZ.
Sept. 25-27, 2009	Attended "Tracing the Study of Japanese Buddhism, International
	Conference," University of California, Berkeley.
Mar. 15-16, 2008	Attended "Illustrating the Dharma: Popular Buddhism in Medieval
	Japanese Fiction," a conference at the University of Colorado,
	Boulder.
Mar. 27-29, 2005	Attended "Translations and Transformations: The Heike monogatari in
	Nō," a symposium at Washington University, St. Louis, MO.
Aug. 15-17, 1997	Attended Cornell Symposium in Early Japan Studies, Presenting Tales of
	the Heike in Medieval Japan.
June 15-Aug. 7,	Participant in NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers Oral Tradition
1992	in Literature, Director, John Miles Foley, University of
	Missouri-Columbia.
April 6-9, 1989	Conference project director THE WARRIOR: FORMATION,
	DEFORMATION, TRANSFORMATION, University of
	Montana.

GRANTS

2012	Department of State Junior Faculty Development Program; academic
	mentor for Dr. Ani Manukian (Armenia) JanMay 2013 (with
	Melikian Center).
2011-2014	PI, Japan Foundation for Institutional Project Support (\$195,000+)
2007-2008	PI, Japan Foundation Library Support, (¥999,999)
May 2002	CLAS College Grant Award Program to Advance the Quality of
-	Undergraduate Education
Oct. 2000	American Academy of Religion Individual Grant (returned)
Jan. 1999	A.T. Steele Travel Grant (returned)

May 1997	FGIA for a translation of Meitokuki (ASU submission for NEH Summer
	Stipend)
May 1996	CLAS International Travel Grant for Kumagai Naozane and Taira
	Atsumori: Oral and Chirographic Traditions in the Development
	of a Type Scene in Japanese Epic, research at Cambridge
	University Library and British Library
April 1996	CLAS Travel Grant for "Making Charisma: Strategies for Creating
	Religious Authority in the Itinerant School," presented at the
	Annual Meeting of the AAS in Honolulu, HI
June 1995	CLAS College Grant Award Program to Advance the Quality of
	Undergraduate Education
Jun-Aug 1993	Saint Lawrence University grant for research at Cambridge University
	Library
Jul-Aug 1992	National Endowment for the Humanities
April, 1988	Montana Committee for the Humanities
1985	Asian Cultural Council
	Japan Foundation (unable to accept)
1984-85	Toyota Foundation
1984	British Schools and Universities Foundation, Inc.

Research

MONOGRAPHS

- In preparation: Meitokuki: A Study and Translation.
- *The Japanese Period Film: A Critical Analysis* (McFarland and Company, Inc., Publishers, 2007).
- Charisma and Community Formation in Medieval Japan: The Case of the Yugyō-ha (1300-1700), Cornell East Asia Series, no.102 (Ithaca: Cornell East Asia Program, 1999).

REFEREED ARTICLES

- Under review by *Japan Review*: "Meitokuki: Earthquakes and Literary Fabrication in the gunki monogatari"
- "Meitokuki: Spirit Pacification and Political Legitimacy in the Late Medieval Japanese Epic," History Compass, 12 no. 7 (July 28, 2014): 550-558.
- "Using Film in Teaching About Asia: A Cautionary Essay," *Education About Asia* 12 no. 1 (Spring 2007): 73-74.
- "Japanese Oral Tradition," *Oral Tradition* 18, no. 1 (March 2003): 24-25.
- "Kōnodai senki: Traditional Narrative and Warrior Ideology in Sixteenth-Century Japan," *Oral Tradition* 15, no. 2 (October 2000): 306-376.
- "The Shinkokugeki and the Zenshinza: Western Representational Realism and the Japanese Period Piece," *Asian Cinema* 7, no. 2 (Winter 1995): 46-57. (SEE FILM BOOK)

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

- In preparation: "The Period Film," for *The Japanese Cinema Book*, ed. Alastair Philips et al., to be published by the British Film Institute (by invitation).
- "Shintō Art," in *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and the Arts*, ed. by Frank Burch Brown (Oxford University Press, Jan. 2, 2014).
- "The Tale of [The Battle of] Ōtō: The Japanese Epic and Religious Propaganda Traditions from the Ippen School of Pure Land Buddhism," in *Religions of Japan in Practice*, edited by George Tanabe (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1999).

"Buddhist Chaplains in the Field of Battle," in *Buddhism in Practice*, edited by Donald Lopez (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1995): 586-591. Republished in the Abridged Edition (2007).

INVITED BOOK ESSAYS

"Ippen," "Yamaga Sokō," "Itō Jinsai," and "Ogyū Sorai" for *Great Thinkers of the Eastern World*, edited by Ian P. McGreal (New York: HarperCollins Publishers, Inc., 1995): 330-334, 359-362, 363-366, 371-374.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- Japan at War: An Encyclopedia, ed. Lou Perez: Soga-Nakatomi-Kamatari Families' Struggle for control (750 words); Ikkoto wars 16th C. (750 words); Jingu Kogo invasion of Korea (750 words); Kaikitsu War (1441) (750 words); Nara to Heian (Reasons for change of capital—effects) (750 words); Ritsu- Ryo (750 words) (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO Greenwood, 2013).
- "Miko," "Mumtaz Mahal, "Suryothai," "Zebunissa," "Magobai," "Soryabai," and "Karaikkal Ammaiyar," (500 words each) and "Japanese Legal Codes" (1000 words) for *The Encyclopaedia of Women in History*, ed. Bonnie Smith (Oxford UP, 2008).
- "Historical drama," "Makino Masahiro," and "Gangster film," in the *Encyclopaedia of Contemporary Japanese Culture* (Routledge Press, 2001).
- "Matsuo Bashō," *Die Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart*: *Handwörterbuch für Theologie und Religionswissenschaft* 4th Edition (Tübingen: J.C.B. Mohr, 1998). (20 line entry)

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- "From Warrior to Holy Man," Parabola 12, no. 1 (Spring 1987): 43-49.
- 1985 Report to the Toyota Foundation transcribed in Kanai Kiyomitsu, "Aru gaijin josei no jishū bungei kenkyū," in *Jishū bungei to Ippen hōgo* (Tokyo, February 1987): 322-333.
- "Inagaki Hiroshi-ron ni tsuite chūshaku," tr. into Japanese by Sugiyama Akio, *Image Forum* (November 1981): 104-105.
- "Inagaki Hiroshi-ron," tr. into Japanese by Sugiyama Akio, *Image Forum* (October 1981): 92-9.
- "Kurosawa's Women," The Daily Californian (May 11, 1979): 13, 19, 22.
- "Tanaka's Finest Performance: The Art of Kinuyo Tanaka," *San Francisco Chronicle* (February 19, 1978): 25, 26.

"Japanese Women in Cinema," Plexus (October 1977): 12.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of *Coins, Trade, and the State: Economic Growth in Early Medieval Japan*, by Ethan Isaac Segal. *American Historical Review* 117, no. 3 (June 2012): 834-835.
- Review of *Hokkeji and the Reemergence of Female Monastic Orders in Premodern Japan*, by Lori Meeks. *American Historical Review* 116, no. 2 (April 2011):429.
- Review of *The Teeth and Claws of the Buddha: Monastic Warriors and Sōhei in Japanese History*, by Mikael S. Adolphson. *American Historical Review* 114, no. 3 (June 2009): 737-738.
- Review of *Jewel in the Ashes: Buddha Relics and Power in Early Medieval Japan*, by Brian D. Ruppert. *Eastern Buddhist* 33, no. 2 (2001): 156-159.
- Review of *The Cambridge History of Japan, vol. 2: Heian Japan*, ed. Donald H. Shively and William H. McCullough. *American Historical Review* (December 2001): 1778-1779.
- Review of *Re-Visioning "Kamakura" Buddhism*, ed. Richard K. Payne. *Journal of American Academy of Religion* 68 no. 2 (June 2000): 436-439.
- Review of *Alms and Vagabonds: Buddhist Temples and Popular Patronage in Medieval Japan* by Janet R. Goodwin. *The Journal of Asian Studies* 55 no. 6 (August 1996): 729-730.
- Review of *To the Distant Observer: Form and Meaning in Japanese Cinema* by Nöel Burch. *Cinema Journal* (Fall 1981): 59-64.
- Review of Japanese Film Directors by Audie Bock. Film Quarterly (Summer 1979): 41.
- Review of *The Waves at Genji's Door: Japan through its Cinema* by Joan Mellen. *Film Quarterly* (Winter 1977-78): 55-58.
- Review of *The Samurai Film* by Alain Silver, Ibid: 58-60.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- Accepted: "The Life of the Emperor Meiji in Postcards," 14th International Conference of the European Association of Japanese Studies, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia (August 27-30, 2014).
- "Earthquake in the *Meitokuki*," 20th Annual ACMRS Conference, Catastrophes and the Apocalyptic in the Middle Ages and Renaissance, Tempe, AZ (February 6-8, 2014).

- "Vreme na nasilie and the Sacred Myth of the Founding of the Nation," Athens Institute for Education and Research 11th Annual International Conference on History: From Ancient to Modern, Athens, Greece (29-31 July & 1 August, 2013).
- "Vreme na nasilie as Myth," 2012 Film & History Conference: Film and Myth, PANEL 2922 Mythos XIII: Epic Adaptations, Milwaukee, WI (Sept. 29, 2012).
- "Vreme razdelno as Return Song," American Comparative Literature Association 2011 Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada (March 31-April 3, 2011).
- "The Present in the Past: *Vreme razdelno* as Period Piece," Athens Institute for Education and Research 8th Annual International Conference on History: From Ancient to Modern, Athens, Greece (December 29, 2010).
- "Nakazato Kaizan (1885-1944): Religion and Political Radicalism in Japan," International Association for the History of Religions XXth Quinquennial World Congress, Toronto, Canada (August 16, 2010).
- "Meitokuki: Patronage and Politics in Japanese Epic of the Muromachi Period," 7th ATINER International Conference on History, Athens, Greece (December 29, 2009).
- "Meitokuki: The gunki monogatari after the Taiheiki," Panel: New Research—Japan, Southwest Conference on Asian Studies, Austin TX (October 17, 2009).
- "Documentary, Truths, and History through Re-enactments, 2008 Biennial Conference of the Centre for Film and History (Film and Science: Fictions, Documentaries, and Beyond), Chicago IL (November 2, 2008).
- "Presenting the Past in Japanese Postcards," Grouped Panel: Visualizing Ancient and Early Modern Japan, 12th International Conference of the European Association of Japanese Studies, Salento University, Lecce, Italy (Sept. 22, 2008).
- "Does Traditional Narrative Have a Place in Modern Japanese Cinema? Yamada Yōji and the Bakumatsu Mono," KINEMA CLUB CONFERENCE FOR THE STUDY OF FILM AND MOVING IMAGES FROM JAPAN VIII, Nippon Connection Japanisches Film Festival, Frankfurt am Main (19 April 2007).
- "Fiction in the Documentary," Film & History 2006 Conference: The Documentary Tradition, 8- 2 November, 2006, Dallas, TX.
- "Monasticism in the Pure Land Tradition: the Jishū in the Mid-fourteenth Century," presented at the 11th Conference of the European Association of Japanese Studies, Vienna, Austria, (September 1, 2005).
- "Sixteenth-Century Japan in Film," presented at the 47th Annual Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska (March 6, 2004).

- "Kabuki as Film/Film as Kabuki," presented at the Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Tempe, Arizona (October 11, 2003).
- "Shamanism in the Period Film," presented at the Rocky Mountain Modern Languages Association annual meeting, Missoula, Montana (October 9, 2003).
- "Religious Authority and Monastic Regulation in the Fourteenth Century," Cultures of Authority in Asian Practice, a moderated online conference 2-6 September, 2003, sponsored by the Asian Studies Development Program, a joint project of the East West Center and the University of Hawai'i.
- "Kabuki as Film/Film as Kabuki," presented to the European Association of Japanese Studies triennial meeting, Warsaw, Poland (August 30, 2003).
- "Traditional Composition and the Films of John Ford," presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Film and History League [The American West in Film, Television, and History], Kansas City, MO (8 November 2002).
- "Takuga: Religious Authority in Fourteenth-Century Japan," presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Washington, D.C. (7 April 2002).
- "The Last Word on Salvation: Takuga, Religious Authority, and Monastic Regulation Fourteenth- Century Japan," presented at the Western Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, St. Mary's College, Moraga, CA (24 March 2002).
- "The Yugyō Shōnin, Izumi Shikibu, and the Rededication of the Seiganji in 1580," presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Boulder CO (17 November 2001).
- "Kabuki as Film, Film as Kabuki in the Twentieth Century," presented at the International Symposium: Japanese Theatre in the 21st Century, The University of Edinburgh and Royal Museum of Scotland (4 July 2001).
- "Seiganji--One More Time," presented at the Ph.D. Kenkyūkai Annual Conference, Tokyo, Japan (2 October 2000).
- "Shamanism in the Japanese Period Film," presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Western Region, Azusa, CA (17 April 2000).
- "A Borrowed Tradition: Jishū Amulets and Safe Childbirth," presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, San Diego, CA (10 March 2000).
- "Fear of Death and Dismemberment: Descriptions of Battle in Medieval Japan," presented at the 6th Annual Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies Conference (18 February 2000).

- "When the Founder Gets in the Way: Religious Authority and Institutionalization in the Early Ippen School," presented at the Rocky Mountain/Southwest Regional Japan Seminar, Boulder, CO (13 November 1999).
- "Western Technology and Eastern Spirit: Making Cinema Japanese," presented at the Southwest Regional Japan Seminar, Tempe, AZ (6 April 1996).
- "Making Charisma: Strategies for Creating Religious Authority in the Itinerant School," presented at the Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting (April 1996).
- "Thematic Composition in the Gunki Monogatari: Kumagai Naozane and Taira Atsumori," presented at the AAS Annual Meeting (March 1994).
- "The Shinkokugeki and the Zenshinza: Western Representational Realism and the Japanese Period Piece," presented at the Asian Cinema Conference, New York (June 1992).
- "The Japanese Epic as a Genre of Buddhist Literature," presented at the AAR Annual Meeting (November 1991).
- "The Jishū and the Tokugawa," presented at the AAS Annual Meeting (April 1991).
- "Ippen and the Indigenization of Pure Land Buddhism," presented at the AAR Annual Meeting (November 1990).
- "The Yugyō Shōnin as 'Living Body' of the Buddha," presented at the AAR Annual Meeting (November 1989).

LECTURES

- "The Ji Buddhist Sect, Izumi Shikibu, and the Rededication of the Seiganji in 1580," lecture at the Department of East Asian Studies, University of Toronto (25 November 2002).
- "The Last Word on Salvation: Religious Authority in the Yugyō-ha (Fourteenth Century)," Centre for the Study of Japanese Religions, SOAS, CSJR Seminars (17 May 2001).
- "Wie mann Charisma macht: geistliche Autorität und das Yugyō-ha," Faculty for Oriental Studies, University of Hamburg, 6 June 1997.
- "The Hero as Loser: An Approach to Understanding the Japanese Film," October 6, 1978, sponsored by the LSU Union Films Committee, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA.

EXHIBITS

- Tokyo, Museum of Science: *The Chambara: Jidai-geki Masters Course*, October 15-16, 1981; assisted screening of rare silent films featuring live narration by traditional film narrators (benshi)
- Pacific Film Archive, University of California, Berkeley: two series of Japanese films from the PFA collection--one on kabuki and the history of kabuki, screened June 1979, and the other on gangster, detective, and other thriller films, screened July 1979.