

*Curriculum Vitae*

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**PHILOSOPHY**  
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**EDUCATION (All degrees in Philosophy)**

Degrees

- Ph.D.** University of Tsukuba (Japan)  
**M.A.** University of Tsukuba (Japan)  
**M.A.** University of Wisconsin at Madison  
**B.A.** University of Utah, Magna Cum Laude, Honors

**Professional Experience**

- 2021- University of Georgia, Adjunct Professor, Philosophy  
2017- University of North Georgia, Adjunct Professor, Philosophy  
2006-2013 Kennesaw State University, Assistant Professor, Philosophy  
2004-2006 Leeward Community College (Univ of Hawaii), Lecturer, Philosophy  
2003-2006 University of Hawaii at Manoa, Adjunct Professor, Philosophy  
2003-2006 Chaminade University of Honolulu, Adjunct Professor, Philosophy  
2004-2006 Hawaii Tokai International College, Adjunct Professor, Philosophy  
1996-2000 Waseda University (Japan), School of Commerce, Lecturer, English  
1995-2002 University of Tsukuba (Japan), Foreign Language Center, Foreign  
Professor, English  
1994-1995 University of Tsukuba (Japan), Foreign Language Center, Lecturer,  
English  
1988-1995 Edogawa Women's Junior College (Japan), Department of English,  
Lecturer, English

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Introduction to Philosophy	Asian Philosophy and Culture
Ethics	Introduction to Asian Cultures (team)
Morals and Society	Asian Philosophy
Business Ethics	Indian Philosophy
Environmental Philosophy	Chinese Philosophy
Informal Logic / Critical Thinking	Japanese Philosophy
Deductive Logic	Study Abroad to Japan
History of Philosophy	Religion
Modern Philosophy	Religion, Philosophy, and Social Ethics
Contemporary Western Philosophy	Religion and the Meaning of Existence
Special Themes	
Skepticism	
Zen Buddhism in Literature	

## **HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Japanese Ministry of Education Fellowship (University of Tsukuba, 1986-92)  
National Resource Fellowship (University of Hawaii, 1986)  
Honors at Entrance Scholarship (University of Utah, 1972-75)

## **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Philosophical Association  
Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy  
Asian Studies Development Program

## **PUBLICATIONS (refereed journal articles )**

1. "The Irreducibility of Linguistics to Biology: Limitations of Chomsky's Framework," *Philosophy of Science* (Philosophy of Science Society of Japan), Vol. 36, No. 1, pp. 57-77. (07/2003)
2. "The Reality of Psycholinguistic Mechanisms," *Studies in Foreign Language Teaching* (University of Tsukuba), No. 25, pp. 133-45. (03/2003)
3. "Depersonalizing Chomsky's Theory: Knowledge, Rule-following, and Homunculi," *Studies in Foreign Language Teaching* (University of Tsukuba), No. 24, pp. 261-87. (03/2002)
4. "Plato's Problem and Chomsky (2)" (in Japanese), *Studies in Foreign Language Teaching* (University of Tsukuba), No. 23, pp. 43-59. (03/2001)
5. "Plato's Problem and Chomsky (1)" (in Japanese), *Studies in Foreign Language Teaching* (University of Tsukuba), No. 18, pp. 55-74. (03/1996)
6. "Osmosis and Effort: The Mental Grounds of Language Learning and Implications for Teaching Strategies," *Studies in Foreign Language Teaching* (University of Tsukuba), No. 17, pp. 43-62. (03/1995)
7. "Differences between Nishida and James on the Nature of Pure Experience," *Studies in Japanese Culture* (University of Tsukuba), No. 6, pp. 1-17. (02/1995)

8. "The Problem of *A Priori* Knowledge in Nishida's Early Thought" (in Japanese), *Ethics* (University of Tsukuba), No. 11, pp. 35-52. (10/1994)
9. "The Absurd in the Dramatic Works of Beckett and Ionesco," *Edogawa Women's Junior College Journal*, No. 9, pp. 1-16. (03/1994)

### **PRESENTATIONS (All individual)**

- 2020 Mar "The Groundlessness of Conception and Life in Hume, Wittgenstein, Zhuangzi, and Linji," 27th National Conference of the Asian Studies Development Program, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2019 Mar "Expressions of Ill-being by Zen Masters before Their Enlightenment," 25th National Conference of the Asian Studies Development Program, Nashville, Tennessee.
- 2013 Jan "The Buddhist Notion of Reincarnation as Seen in Mishima Yukio's *The Sea of Fertility*," Japan Studies Association, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 2012 Jan "Groundlessness: Epistemological and Metaphysical Understandings, East and West," Hawaii University International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 2012 Jan "The Number of Primal Emotions," Hawaii University International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 2012 Oct "Modularity of Mind--A Surprisingly Old Buddhist Idea," Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, Carbondale, Illinois
- 2011 Mar "Comments on Brannigan's *Striking a Balance: A Primer in Traditional Asian Values*," Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 2007 Jun "Groundlessness: Its Metaphysical and Epistemological Understandings—East and West," Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, Asilomar, California.
- 2007 Mar "Groundlessness in Wittgenstein, Rinzai, and Nishida," Thirteenth Asian Studies Development Program National Conference, Seattle, Washington.
- 2007 Jan "Teaching Nishida: Approaches to An Inquiry into the Good," given as part of session on Teaching Asian Philosophies and Religions at the 46th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Belmont University, Nashville, Tennessee.
- 2005 Oct "Gappy, Groundless Selves: Hume, Wittgenstein, and Zhuangzi," Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, Pacific Grove, California.
- 1998 Jan "Self, Reincarnation, and Transformation in Yukio Mishima's *The Sea of Fertility*," 3rd International Research Conference in Asian and Comparative Philosophy, Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, University of Hawaii, Manoa, Hawaii.
- 1994 May "Groundlessness in Rinzai and Wittgenstein," 39<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Orientalists in Japan, Institute of Eastern Culture, Tokyo, Japan.
- 1993 Sep "The Realization of Groundlessness in Rinzai and Wittgenstein" (in Japanese), 52nd Annual Convention of the Japanese Association for Religious Studies, University of Hokkaido, Japan.
- 1993 May "Differences between Nishida and James on the Nature of Pure Experience," 38th International Conference of Orientalists in Japan, Institute of Eastern Culture, Tokyo, Japan.

- 1992 Oct “Concerning the Philosophical Interpretation of Zen: The Myth of Pure Experience in Nishida” (in Japanese), 13<sup>th</sup> Conference of the University of Tsukuba Philosophical Association, Tsukuba, Japan.
- 1992 Jul “On the Theoretical Nature of Nishida’s Thought” (in Japanese), 26<sup>th</sup> Conference of the University of Tsukuba Ethics Society, Hakone, Japan.