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Educational Background and Degrees

B.A. Psychology, 1977, the Johns Hopkins University

M.A. Religious Studies, 1983, Temple University

Comparative Religion, Religion and Psychology

Ph.D. Religious Studies, 1988, Temple University

Thesis topic: "Elements of Omnicontextual Thought in Chinese Buddhism: Translations of Guifeng Zongmi's Preface to 'Collected Writings on the Chan Source' (禪源諸全集都序 *Chanyuan Zhu Quanji Douxu*) and Commentary on 'Meditative Approaches to the Huayan Dharmadhatu' (注華嚴法界觀門 *Zhu Huayan Fajie Guanmen*)"

Thesis committee: Charles Wei-hsun Fu, advisor; Bibhuti Yadav, Richard DeMartino, Shigenori Nagatomo, chaired by Robert Wright.

Dissertation passed with distinction

Comprehensive Examination Areas:

- Chinese *Huayan* Buddhism
- Daoism
- Indian *Madhyamika* Buddhism
- Buddhism and Psychoanalysis

Employment History

- Mental Health Worker at Partial Hospitalization Program for Chronic Schizophrenics, Northeast Center for Mental Health/Mental Retardation, Philadelphia PA, 1977-1980.
- Postdoctoral Fellow, Temple University, Intellectual Heritage Program, 1988 to 1990.
- Adjunct Associate Professor of Eastern Religions, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College: (Wyncote, PA), 1989 to 2006.
- Assistant Professor, Asian and Comparative Philosophy and Comparative Religion, University of Delaware, Department of Philosophy: Summer 1990 to 1996.
- Promoted to Associate Professor with tenure, Fall, 1996
- Promoted to Full Professor, Fall, 2008
- Director, University Honors Program, Fall 2008 to 2010
- Director, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program, Fall 2010 to 2013

Publications

Book Reviews

- a) Hsueh-li Cheng's *Nagarjuna's Twelve-Gate Treatise*, published in the **Journal of Chinese Philosophy**, 12 (1985), pp. 449-452.
- b) Hsueh-li Cheng's *Empty Logic: Madhyamika Buddhism from Chinese Sources*, published in the **Journal of Chinese Philosophy**, 13 (1986) pp. 361-365.
- c) Cesare Rizzi's *Candrakirti*, published in **South Asia in Review**, Vol. 13, No. 4, July, 1989, p. 6.
- d) Roger Ames: *The Art of Rulership*, published in the **Journal of Chinese Philosophy** 22 (1995), pp.367-370.
- e) Yuasa Yasuo's *The Body, Self-Cultivation, and Ki-Energy*, tr. By Shigenori Nagatomo and Monte S. Hull, New York: SUNY Press, 1993, published in **Asian Philosophy**, Volume 6, Number 3, November 1996, pp. 241-243.
- f) Janet Gyatso, ed., *The Mirror of Memory*, New York: SUNY Press, published in **Philosophy East and West**, Volume 47, No. 4, October 1997, pp. 616-618.

- g) Anthony Molino, ed., *The Couch and the Tree: Dialogues in Psychoanalysis and Buddhism*, New York: North Point Press, 1998, published in **The Journal of the American Academy of Religion**, Winter 2000 (68/4), pp. 913-915.
- h) Edward Slingerland, *Effortless Action* (Oxford University Press, 2003) in **Journal of Asian Studies**, February 2004, 63.1, pp. 172-173.
- i) James Sellmann, *Timing and Rulership in Master Lu's Spring and Autumn Annals*. 2002, Albany: SUNY Press, in **Dao: a Journal of Comparative Philosophy**, Volume V I, Number 2, Summer 2007.
- j) Steve Coutinho, *Zhuangzi and Early Chinese Philosophy*. Ashgate World Philosophy Series. 2004, Burlington VT: Ashgate Publishing, in **Dao: a Journal of Comparative Philosophy**, vol.8, no.2, 2009, pp.209-211.
- k) Jeffrey L Broughton, *Zongmi on Chan*. **H-Buddhism, H-Net Reviews**. November 2009. URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=25154>
- l) Livia Kohn, *Zhuangzi: Text and Context* (Three Pines Press, 2014), in **Journal of Chinese Philosophy**, April 2017.

Articles

- a) Self-reflection in the *Sanlun* tradition: *Madhyamika* as the Deconstructive Conscience of Buddhism, in the **Journal of Chinese Philosophy**, Vol.19, No.1, March 1992, pp.1-24.
- b) *Zhuangzi zhong de jingyen xingtai: ganying yu fanying* 莊子中的經驗形態：感應與反映 (Modes of Experience in the Zhuangzi: Reflex and Reflectivity) in 中國古代思維方式探索 (*Zhongguo gudai siwei fangshi tansuo: "Ways of Thinking in Ancient China"*), Taipei: Zhengzhong Book Company, 1995, pp. 183-199.
- c) *Jizang, Fazang, and Zhuangzi*, in **Great Thinkers of the Eastern World**, ed. by Ian P. McGreal, published by HarperCollins Publishers, Inc., 1995, pp.21-26, 84-88, and 99-103.
- d) The Aesthetics of Justice: Harmony and Order in Chinese Thought, in **Legal Studies Forum** XIX, 1 (1995), pp. 43-56.
- e) Reflex and Reflectivity: *Wuwei* in the *Zhuangzi*, in **Asian Philosophy**, Volume 6:1 (1996), pp. 59-72.
- f) *"The Cyber-Net of Indra: State of the Art in Huayan Studies"*, in **Chinese Philosophy Beyond the Twentieth Century**, ed. by Vincent Shen and Wen-Sheng Wang, International Society for Chinese Philosophy, 2001, pp. 165-180.
- g) "Yoga" and "Third Eye," in the **Oxford Companion to the Body**, ed., Colin Blakemore, Oxford University Press, 2001, pages 684 and 739-740.
- h) "Concrete Ethics in a Comparative Perspective: *Zhuangzi* meets William James," in **Varieties of Ethical Reflection**, ed. Michael Barnhart, New York: Lexington Books, 2003, pp. 67-92.
- i) *Reflex and Reflectivity: Wuwei in the Zhuangzi*: article previously published in *Asian Philosophy*, reprinted in revised form in **Hiding the World in the World: Uneven Discourses on the Zhuangzi**, edited by Scott Cook, New York: SUNY Press, 2003, pp. 207-225.
- j) *Process Ecology and the "Ideal Dao"*, **Journal of Chinese Philosophy**, Vol. 32, No. 1, (March, 2005) pp. 47-57.
- k) *Huayan Buddhism*, in Borchert, ed. **Encyclopedia of Philosophy**, 2nd Edition. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2006.
- l) *Teaching Chinese Philosophy as Philosophy*, in **Teaching Philosophy**, volume 30 no.1, March 2007.
- m) *Guarding What Is Essential: Critiques of Material Culture in Thoreau and Yang Zhu*, **Philosophy East and West**. Volume 58, Number 3, July 2008, pp. 358-371.
- n) Translation and essay on *Huayan Buddhism* in Edelglass, W. and Garfield, J.L. (2009). **Buddhist Philosophy: Essential Reading**. New York: Oxford University Press, pages 73-82.
- o) *Institutional Trappings: Religion and Disreligion in a One-Size-Fits-All World*, in **2009 Carnegie Council Policy Innovations - The Carnegie Council's online magazine for a fairer globalization**, July 2, 2009, (<http://www.policyinnovations.org/ideas/commentary/data/000135>)
- p) *Institutional Trappings: Religion and Disreligion in a One-Size-Fits-All World*, reprinted in **PelicanWeb Journal of Sustainable Development**, Volume 6, no. 1, January, 2010.
- q) *Huayan Metaphysics of Totality*, in Emmanuel, S.M. (2013). **A Companion to Buddhist Philosophy**, Wiley Blackwell.
- r) *Process Ecology and the "Ideal Dao"*, reprinted in **Environmental Philosophy in the Asian Traditions of Thought**, ed. J. Baird Callicott and James McRae, New York: SUNY Press, 2014, pp197-208.
- s) *Zhuangzi's Weiwuwei Epistemology: Seeing Through Dichotomy to Polarity*, in Kohn, Livia, ed., **New Visions of the Zhuangzi**, Three Pines Press, 2015, pp 61-71.

- t) *The Practice of Huayan Buddhism*, in **Chinese Buddhism: Past, Present, and Future**, Yilan, Taiwan: Foguang University Center for Buddhist Studies, 2015, pp. 259-285.
- u) *A Process Interpretation of Daoist Thought*, in **Frontiers of Philosophy in China**, volume 12, number 1, pp. 26-37, Brill, 2017.
- v) *Metaphysics Without Ontology*, in David Chai, ed., **Dao Companion to Neo-Daoism**, Springer Press, pp301-321, 2020.

Other

- Invited and agreed to serve as Guest Editor for **Religion** special issue on “Metaphysics and Dao”, to be published July 2023.

Presentations and Discussions

Before Professional Organizations

- a) *Jizang and Commentary: Madhyamika as the Deconstructive Conscience of Buddhism* - paper presented at the **Annual National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion**, New Orleans, November 18, 1990.
- b) *Finding the Fit: Non-normative Ethics in the Zhuangzi*, paper presented at the **Annual Meeting of the Middle Atlantic Region of the Association for Asian Studies**, November 1, 1992.
- c) *The Hinge of Dao: Reflex and Reflectivity in the Zhuangzi*, presented to the **Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy** at the Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, December, 1992.
- d) *Modes of Experience in Zhuangzi*, paper delivered at the **Conference on Modes of Thinking in China**, Taipei, Taiwan, May 2, 1993
- e) *The Aesthetics of Justice: Harmony and Order in Chinese Thought*, paper presented to the **7th East-West Philosophers Conference** in Hawaii, January, 1995.
- f) *Confucius and Plato on the notion of the Autonomous* Individual paper presented to the **Comparative Religion section of the National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion**, November 20, 1995
- g) *Wuwei in Early Philosophical Daoism*, paper presented to the **International Society of Chinese Philosophy** under the auspices of the American Philosophical Association Eastern Divisional Meeting, December 29, 1995
- h) *Guarding What is Essential: Critiques of Material Culture in Yangzi and Thoreau*, paper presented to the **Third Annual Meeting of the International Association for Asian Philosophy and Religion**, Taipei, Taiwan, May 31, 1996
- i) *Teaching Philosophical Daoism Through Chapter 1 of the Dao De Jing*, presented to the **Middle Atlantic Region of the Association for Asian Studies**, October 26, 1997
- j) *Healing and Destiny in Laozi and Confucius*, presented to the **Middle Atlantic Region of the Association for Asian Studies**, 10/24/98
- k) *The Cyber-Net of Indra: State of the Art in Huayan Studies* presented to the **11th International Conference on Chinese Philosophy**, Taipei, Taiwan, July 26, 1999.
- l) Presented paper on Daoism as part of the **Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium's Tutorial on East Asian Thought**, West Chester University, April, 2000
- m) *Teaching Asian Philosophy as Philosophy*, paper presented as part of panel on Teaching Asian Philosophy at the 2001 Eastern APA Meeting, under the auspices of the **APA Committee on the Status of Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies**
- n) *Daoist Phenomenology*, paper presented to the **International Society for Chinese Philosophy** at the 2002 Eastern Divisional Meeting of the APA, December 30, 2002.
- o) *Phenomenological Approaches to Daoism*, presented to the **International Society for the Comparative Study of Chinese and Western Philosophy**, at the 2003 Eastern Division Meeting of the APA, December 29, 2003
- p) *Metaphysics and Heuristics in Daoist Thought*, presented to the **International Conference on Chinese Philosophy** at National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan ROC September 2005.
- q) *Metaphysics and Heuristics in Daoist Philosophy*, presented to the **International Society for Chinese Philosophy** at the Eastern APA Meeting, December 2007.
- r) *The Practice of Huayan Buddhism*, presented to Inaugural Symposium on Chinese Buddhism, Fo Guang University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, April 2013.

- s) *Zhuangzi's Weiwuwei Epistemology: Seeing Through Dichotomy to Polarity* at the **9th International Conference on Daoist Studies**, May 30-June 1 2014, Boston University.
- t) *Metaphysics without Ontology: Wangbi's commentary on the Dao De Jing* at the Eastern Divisional Meeting of the APA, January 9, 2018.

To Colloquia

- a) *Making Connections: Teaching the Hebrew Scriptures in an Interdisciplinary Context*, invited paper delivered to Temple University's Intellectual Heritage Program, November 5, 1990, as part of their Faculty Development Seminars.
- b) *Modes of Experience in Zhuangzi: Reflex and Reflectivity*, paper presented as part of **Columbia University's Series of Seminars on Traditional China**, Columbia University, May 11, 1993.
- c) Chapter 1 of the *Dao De Jing: An Exposition of Daoism*, invited presentation to the **Asian Studies Round Table at Towson University**, March, 1999
- d) *Phenomenology and Ontology in Chapter 1 of the Dao De Jing*, paper presented to the Faculty-Student Colloquium, Salisbury State University, November 20, 2000.

Before Local and Campus Groups

- a) Essence and Emptiness: An East-West Encounter - a talk delivered to the 2nd Baptist Church of Wilmington, February 3, 1991.
- b) Institutional Trappings: Religion and Dis-religion in a One-Size-Fits-All World, a talk delivered to the Brandywine Rotary Club, Wilmington Sheraton, August 8, 1991.
- c) Workshops on meditation delivered to Student Dorms
- d) World Religions, talk delivered as part of the Morris Library Religious Diversity Program, 5/5/94.
- e) World Religions Mini-course, four week session taught at Newark Senior Center, October 1994.
- f) The Emperor's New Clothes: the Buddhist Critique of Abstract Metaphysics, paper read as part of a lecture series at Wesley College, Dover, March 27, 1995.
- g) The Philosophical Roots of the Chinese Martial Arts, presented to the University of Delaware Chinese Martial Arts Club, 3/23/95
- h) Death and Dying in the World's Religions, talk delivered as part of the Morris Library' Religious Diversity Program, 10/95.
- i) Similarities Between Hindu and Jewish Culture, talk presented to Temple Beth El, Newark, March 22, 1996.
- j) Major Belief Systems, videotaped talk to DuPont's Human Resources Division, to be used as part of an ongoing multicultural awareness workshop.
- k) Respondent to Film "Gods of our Fathers" for Women's Studies Film Course March 18, 1997
- l) Participated in Politically Incorrect presentation in Brown Dorm March 23, 1998
- m) Judaism as an Eastern Religion, presented to East Bank Chavurah, Baltimore, May 8, 1999
- n) Zen Primer presented to Delaware Art Museum Staff Education Seminar in preparation for arrival of exhibit of Zen art June 3, 1999
- o) Asian Aesthetics presented to Delaware Arts and Education Institute, July 7, 1999
- p) Daoism and Confucianism in Historical Context presented to Association of Chinese Schools, May 28, 2000, Valley Forge Convention Center
- q) many talks to student groups on campus on topics including:
 - Zhuangzi and Ethics
 - Values and Asian Thought
 - Institutional Trappings: Religion and Disreligion in a One Size Fits All World
 - Last Lecture (invited by Mortarboard Society)
 - Religious Diversity
 - Traditional Chinese Attitudes on Qi
 - Sexuality and Tradition
 - Magic and Tradition (won *Program of the Month* award)
 - Global Philosophy and its Role
- r) many talks to local high schools under the auspices of the Delaware Humanities Forum on topics including:
 - Hinduism and Buddhism

- Buddhism and Existentialism
 - Asian Philosophy
 - Concrete vs. Abstract Metaphysics
 - Religion and Psychology
- s) "Islam," presented to Delaware Arts and Education Institute, 2002
- t) Series of Twelve Talks to First and Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington on Islam, Daoism, Hinduism, and Buddhism 2002-2003
- u) Commencement Speaker at McKean HS Graduation Ceremony, June, 2003.
- v) Gave series of 3 talks on Asian Philosophy to Westminster Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, 9/03
- w) Gave series of 3 talks on Religion to First and Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, 4/04
- x) gave talk on "Spirituality and Medicine" to Christiana Hospital's Current Issues seminar.
- y) Gave series of 3 talks on Religion to the Community for Integrative Learning, 9/04
- z) Gave series of 4 talks on "Asian Religions" and "Religion and Physics" to Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church, 1-5/05
- aa) Gave series of 10 talks on Religion to United Unitarian Fellowship of Newark, average attendance 300 people, 2-5/05
- bb) series of talks on Psychology and Religion to Community for Integrative Learning, 10/05.
- cc) Series of four talks on Psychology and Religion to Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church, 1/06.
- dd) Series of Five talks on Islam to Newark First Presbyterian Church 9/06
- ee) Series of three talks on Destiny to the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Wilmington 9/06
- ff) Talk on Science and Religion to United Unitarian Fellowship of Newark 10/06
- gg) Series of two talks on Destiny to First and Central Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, 12/06
- hh) Gave series of four talks on Destiny to Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church, 1/07
- ii) Gave series of five talks on Islam to First Unitarian Church of Wilmington, 1/07
- jj) Gave talk on the Dao of Physics to the Community for Integrative Learning, 3/07
- kk) Series of five talks on Asian Philosophy to Newark First Presbyterian Church 9/07
- ll) Gave series of three talks on World Religions to Wilmington Trust Diversity Training Group, Spring 08
- mm) Gave series of three talks on Yoga to Community for Integrative Learning, 9/08
- nn) Gave series of five talks on Chinese Philosophy to First Presbyterian Church of Newark 9/08
- oo) participated in Panel on Religion and Ethics, at UUFN 2009
- pp) gave series of five talks on Hebrew Tradition to First Newark Presbyterian Church 2009
- qq) gave series of two talks on Magic to First and Central Presbyterian Church 2009
- rr) gave 3 talks on Death and the Afterlife to "Community for Integrative Learning" 2009
- ss) gave 2 talks on Magic to First and Central Presbyterian Church 2009
- tt) gave talk to Hindu Community group on Jewish-Hindu parallels 2009
- uu) gave three talks on Death and Dying to First and Central Presbyterian Church 2009
- vv) gave three talks to First and Central Presbyterian Church on Death and Dying 2010
- ww) gave talk on Islam to Pope John Paul II Middle School in Wilmington sponsored by DHF 2010
- xx) participated in panel discussion on World Religions at Washington College, Chestertown, MD 2010
- yy) gave talk on Islam to Silverside Church 2010
- zz) gave series of five talks on Early Christianities to First Presbyterian Church of Newark 2010
- aaa) talk to Academy of Lifelong Learning Current Events/Issues class 10/7/2010
- bbb) moderated panel for Haven: Religion and Homosexuality 2010
- ccc) gave talk on Death and Dying to First Unitarian Church of Wilmington 2011
- ddd) gave talk on The Spectrum of Body, Mind, and Spirit: a cross cultural look at models of vitality and its expression in Religion and Science to Syracuse University's Hendricks Chapel 2011
- eee) gave five part series on The Spectrum of Body, Mind, and Spirit: a cross cultural look at models of vitality to First Presbyterian Church of Newark 2011
- fff) gave lecture on Islam to Hadley Memorial Fund, 2011
- ggg) gave series of five talks on Mysticism to First Presbyterian Church of Newark 2012
- hhh) gave series of three talks on The Spectrum of Body, Mind, and Spirit: a cross cultural look at models of vitality to "Community for Integrative Learning" 2012
- iii) gave talk on Daoism to Academy for Lifelong Learning, 2012
- jjj) gave talk on The Spectrum of Body, Mind, and Spirit: a cross cultural look at models of vitality to the Awakened Heart Community, Arden DE, 2012
- kkk) gave talk on a cross cultural look at models of Destiny to the Awakened Heart Community, Arden DE, 2013

- lll) two talks on Religion and Psychology for the Osher Academy of Lifelong Learning, 2013-2014
- mmm) gave talk to Awakened Heart Community on Religion and Spirituality, Summer 2017
- nnn) gave five-week series of lectures on Dead Sea Scrolls to the First Newark Presbyterian Church, Fall 2017
- ooo) gave talk on Mindfulness to Osher Academy 2018
- ppp) gave talk on Dead Sea Scrolls to First Presbyterian Church of Parkesburg 2018
- qqq) gave series of five talks on Science and Religion to the First Newark Presbyterian Church, Fall 2018
- rrr) gave series of five talks on Science and Religion to the United Unitarian Fellowship of Newark, Fall 2018
- sss) gave talk on Dead Sea Scrolls to "Community for Integrative Learning" Fall 2018
- ttt) panel member and facilitator for CTAL Winter Institute for Learning, Winter 2019
- uuu) give talk on Dead Sea Scrolls to Osher Academy of Lifelong Learning, February 2019
- vvv) give talk on Polytheism in the Torah to the Jewish Studies Program Lecture Series, February 2019
- www) Give talk on Buddhism to the Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church, March 2019
- xxx) Participated in Veritas forum on the topic, "Can You Be Good Without God?" March 2019
- yyy) Present talk on the Gnostic Gospels to the Community for Integrative Learning, June 2019
- zzz) Gave series of three talks on Chinese Philosophy via YouTube, raised more than \$3000 for the Food Bank of Delaware, June 2020
- aaaa) Gave Series of two talks on The Gnostic Gospels via YouTube, raised about \$1000 for the Delaware Center for Justice, June 2020
- bbbb) Presented talk on Gnostic Gospels to Awakened Heart Community, September 2020
- cccc) Presented talk on Jung and Transpersonal Thought to Center for Integrative Learning, March 2021
- dddd) Participated in Blue Hen Leadership Council event on Death and Dying for Reimagine, April 2021
- eeee) Presented talk on Michael Washburn and Transpersonal Thought to Center for Integrative Learning, May 2021
- ffff) Presented talk on the Buddhist Four Noble Facts to Center for Integrative Learning, January 2022
- gggg) Presented talk on World Religions to Jenner's Pond Retirement Community, April 2022
- hhhh) presented talk on Dead Sea Scrolls to Cokesbury Village Retirement Community, April 2022
- iiii) presented talk on Destiny to Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark, June 2022
- jjjj) participated in Meaningful Trends panel on Visions of Life and Death in the Future, November 2022
- kkkk) presented talk on Process Metaphysics in the Dao De Jing to Center for Integrative Learning, September 2023

Delegations

- a) Participant in Faith & Community dialog in Cairo, Egypt as part of a grant to CFIS from the Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Citizenship Exchanges, Professional Exchanges Division. December, 2009.

Faculty Service

Department

1. Supervise Chinese Philosophy Reading Group,
2. Member of Various Hiring Committees, including the three Philosophy Department Chair searches
3. Served on Departmental Undergraduate Committee, 1992 - 1994, 2002 - present
4. Served as Computer Enhancement Person for Department 1996-97
5. Served as member of Departmental Advisory Committee 1998-2001
6. Co-chair, Convocation Committee, 1996, 1997
7. Web Page Administrator 1995-2005
8. Departmental Representative to the University Senate, 2000-2005, 2016-2017
9. Chair, Mark Green promotion and tenure committee 2011
10. Chair, Department Undergraduate Committee 2011-2018
11. moderated panel on "When Should Nations Kill" sponsored by the Class of 55 fund, 10/8/14
12. presentation: "Its All Greek to Me: The Challenges and Rewards of Non-Western Philosophies," as part of World Philosophy Day events
13. chair, Noel Swanson P&T committee, 2018

College

1. Designated Advisor for Interdisciplinary Religious Studies Minor
2. Member of East Asian Studies Steering Committee
3. Acting Director of East Asian Studies Program, Spring 2008
4. Member of Educational Affairs Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences, 1992 - 1995
5. Member of Search Committee for Philosophy Department Chair, 1993, 1996, 2007
6. Chair of Educational Affairs Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences, 1995 - 1998
7. Served on ad hoc Dean's Scholar committee, 1996, 1998
8. member, three Arts & Science General Education Reform Committees
9. elected Chair of College Senate Committee on Committees and Nominations, 2002-3
10. member, ad hoc committee to develop Islamic Studies Minor and Program, 2005-6
11. Member, BALS Review Committee 2002-present
12. member BAMS search committee 2006
13. Member, Islamic Studies Steering Committee 2005 - present
14. Director, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program 2010 – 2013
15. Chair, Faculty Advisory Committee, Delaware Teachers Institute in New Castle County 2010
16. Named charter member of Center for Global and Area Studies (CGAS)
17. President-Elect of College of Arts and Science Senate 2013-2014
18. Chair, CAS Ad Hoc Bylaws Revision Committee 2013-2014
19. President of College of Arts and Science Senate 2014-2015
20. Member, CAS Senate Promotion and Tenure Committee 2016-2017
21. Acting Director, Islamic Studies Program 2016-2017
22. Chair, CAS Senate Promotion and Tenure Committee 2017-2018
23. Elected President-Elect of CAS Senate 2019-2020
24. President, CAS Senate 2020-2021
25. Elected, CAS rep to University Faculty COCAN 2021-2025
26. Reviewer for Arts and Humanities Faculty Fellows Spring 2023
27. Member, Joel Pust reappointment committee 2023

University

1. Advisor to numerous Student Organizations including Folklore Society, Akido Club, Wushu Club, Philosophy Club, Marathon club, Rubber Chickens improvisational humor group, SOHL (Student Organization for Holistic Living), etc.
2. Participant in New Student Orientation
3. delivered hundreds of talks and workshops to student groups on campus
4. Member of Search Committee for University of Delaware Department of Education
5. Member of General Education Task Force of the University Faculty Senate
6. Chaired Freshman Pathways Courses Sub-Committee of the University Faculty Senate General Education Task Force
7. Panelist for Promotion and Tenure Workshop 1997
8. Member of University Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee 1997-98
9. Chair of University Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee 1998
10. Member of the University of Delaware Summer College Advisory Committee
11. Member of Eugene duPont Scholarship Selection Committee
12. Member of Alison Scholars Mentoring Board
13. Member of the Center For Teaching Effectiveness Faculty Advisory Board
14. Chair of the Educational Programs and Curriculum Committee of the Middle States Accreditation Task Force
15. Panelist, Why Teaching is Important, during New Faculty Orientation
16. Member, University Faculty Senate Coordinating Committee on Education 2001-2003, 2004-2006
17. member of the Honors Affiliated Faculty 2000-present
18. Gave seminar to prospective students and parents for the Admissions Office, 2002, 2003, 2005
19. President-Elect of University Faculty Senate 2006-2007
20. serve on Honors Program Decision Day Panel, 2003-present

21. address Majors on Main program, 2006-2009
22. President, University Faculty Senate, 2007-2008
23. Member, President's Task Force on Diversity 2008
24. Director, University Honors Program 2008-2010
25. Member, Delaware Teachers Institute Planning Committee
26. Chair of the Middle States Self Study Committee Working Group #1 (A Diverse and Stimulating Undergraduate Academic Environment) and a member of the Steering Committee, Spring 2009-2011
27. served on Ph.D. committee for student in Education Program, 2009-10
28. member, AAUP Committee on Categories of Instruction and Assigned Workload 2010-2012
29. Gave a teaching workshop for Institute for Transforming Undergraduate Education Teaching Workshop Series, Spring 2010
30. Gave a teaching workshop for Summer Faculty Institute Teaching Workshop Series, Spring 2010
31. Gave lecture on Destiny as part of the University Forum and Reunion Weekend
32. CAS representative to University Faculty Senate Ad-Hoc Committee on Responsibility Based Budgeting
33. Named to Honors Program Faculty Governance Board, Fall 2011
34. Chair, University Faculty Senate Budget Committee 2014-2015
35. Member, University Faculty Senate Budget Committee 2015-2016
36. Served as moderator for film and discussion on Sexual Assault on Campus, 2015.
37. Member, University Faculty Senate Former President's Council 2016-2022
38. Secretary, University Faculty Senate 2016-2020
39. Chair, University Senate Rules Committee 2016-2022
40. Served as external reviewer of teaching for two UD P&T applications Summer 2017
41. served as Mediator in Faculty Grievance case for the Faculty Welfare and Privileges Committee of the University Faculty Senate, Spring 2020
42. Member, Steering Committee of the Campus Reopening and Fall Planning Task Force Summer 2020
43. Member, Search Committee for Dean of College of Health Sciences, Spring 2022
44. Internal member of History Department Academic Program Review, November 2022
45. Member of Provost's Task Force on Undergraduate Education 2022-2023

Community

1. served on Medical Center of Delaware's Institutional Review Board, 1990 - 2013
 - *served as substitute chair when needed*
2. served as consultant to DuPont Company, Human Resources Division, for religious diversity awareness program
3. served as Program Evaluator for Delaware Humanities Forum
4. Member of the Cecil County Public Schools Parents Advisory Council, 9/04-6/06
5. Member of Ethics Committee of the Medical Society of Delaware 9/06 – 9/08.
6. University of Delaware US Government Area Studies University Program: The Quran (AREA 2619) November 3, 2011 Elkridge, Maryland
7. Gave series of online lectures which raised more than \$3000 for the Food Bank of Delaware

Profession

1. referee for articles submitted to
 - **Asian Philosophy**
 - **Philosophy East and West**
 - **Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy**
 - **Teaching Philosophy**
 - **Frontiers of Philosophy in China**
 - **Journal of Chinese Buddhist Studies**
 - **Religion**
2. reviewed many book length manuscripts for publishers
3. Served as Co-chair of Local Arrangements Committee, 1998 Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, held at U of D October, 1998

4. Served as Coordinator of Teaching Asia Workshop in conjunction with the 1998 MAR/AAS meeting
5. Chaired many panels at meetings of the APA, MAR/AAS, MAR/AAR, etc.
6. APA Committee on the Status of Asian and Asian American Philosophies and Philosophers, 1999-2001
7. Served as outside referee for Masters' Degree Thesis from Deakins University, Australia, 2002
8. Organized panels for the **International Society for the Comparative Study of Chinese and Western Philosophy**, 2003, 2004
9. Reviewed proposal for research grant application to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Fall 2008
10. Served as outside referee for Ph.D. Thesis from University of New South Wales, Australia, 2012
11. Served as Co-chair of Local Arrangements Committee, 1998 Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, held at U of D October 2013
12. Served as Coordinator of Teaching Asia Workshop in conjunction with the 2013 MAR/AAS meeting
13. Served as moderator and respondent to four papers at Daoism conference, 2014
14. Invited to review P&T dossier for Boston University Religion Department, 2014
15. Featured reviewer for special edition of **Frontiers of Philosophy in China** 2016

Courses Taught

Temple University

- Remedial English Composition, Fall 1981
- Death and Dying, Spring 1982
- Religion and Human Experience, Spring, Summer 1985, Spring 1988
- Intellectual Heritage, Fall 1988 - Summer 1990

Glassboro State College

- Introduction to Religion, Fall 1987

Reconstructionist Rabbinical College

- Eastern Religions, Spring 1989, Spring 1992, Spring 1996, Spring 1999, Fall 2000, Fall 2002, Spring 2005

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| • World Religions | • Philosophies of Life |
| • Chinese Philosophy and Religion | • Daoist Thought |
| • Indian Philosophy and Religion | • Honors Tutorial: Books that Blow Your Mind |
| • Death and Dying | • Honors Seminar: the Dao of Physics |
| • Buddhist Philosophy | • Honors Colloquium: Gods, Heroes, and Superheroes |
| • Religion and Film | |
| • Religion and Psychology | |

Media Activities

- a) Participated in WILM Radio Show "Newstalk PM" addressing the issue of Institutional Religions and their effectiveness in meeting the needs of their members.
- b) Appeared on WHYV TV News Focus Program to discuss the implications of the Pope's visit August 23, 1993.
- c) Been quoted many times in **Wilmington NewsJournal**
- d) featured in an article by Gary Soulsman in the **Wilmington NewsJournal** on 1/29/05
- e) appeared on panel on **Delaware Tonight**, WHYV TV, 4/18/2008
- f) interviewed on **MTVU**, 6/2008
- g) Interviewed on **Campus Voices**, WVUD, 2014
- h) Featured in **UD Magazine** article, Spring 2020

Proficiencies

- a) Speak Mandarin Chinese

- b) Read Classical Chinese
- c) Speak and read French
- d) Some facility with Sanskrit, Japanese, Hebrew, Greek, Italian
- e) Black Belt in *Shotokan Karate*
- f) Former Instructor, *Taijiquan*

Professional Memberships

- a) American Philosophical Association
- b) American Academy of Religion
- c) Middle Atlantic Region, Association for Asian Studies
- d) International Society for Chinese Philosophy
- e) Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy
- f) International Association for Asian Philosophy and Religion
- g) International Society for the Comparative Study of Chinese and Western Philosophy

Honors and Awards

1973-77: RCA Corp. National Merit Scholar, the Johns Hopkins University

1980-85: Russell Conwell Fellow, Temple University

1986-87: Fulbright-Hays Scholar, Taiwan, Republic of China

1988-89: Temple University Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow

1991, 1992, 1993, 1994: Nominated for *Excellence in Teaching Award*, University of Delaware

1993: Nominated for *Excellence in Teaching Award* by Alpha Lambda Delta, Honorary society for freshman with GPA above 3.6

1995: Received *Excellence in Teaching Award*, University of Delaware

1998: Nominated for *Arts and Science Faculty Outstanding Teacher Award*

1999: Received *Arts and Science Faculty Award for Outstanding Teacher in the College of Arts and Science*

2003: Nominated for *University Excellence in Teaching Award*, University of Delaware (not eligible to win until 2006)

2004: Nominated for *University Excellence in Undergraduate Advising Award*, University of Delaware

2004: Nominated for *University Excellence in Teaching Award*, University of Delaware (not eligible to win until 2006)

2005: Nominated for *University Excellence in Teaching Award*, University of Delaware (not eligible to win until 2006)

2006: Received *Excellence in Teaching Award*, University of Delaware

2006: Nominated by the College of Arts and Sciences for the *Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Teaching and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education "2006 U.S. Professors of the Year Award."*

2006: Nominated for *University Excellence in Undergraduate Advising Award*, University of Delaware

2006: Named *Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Teaching and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education "2006 Delaware Professor of the Year."*

2007: Nominated for *University Excellence in Teaching Award*, University of Delaware (not eligible to win until 2017)

2008: Nominated for *University Excellence in Teaching Award*, University of Delaware (not eligible to win until 2017)

2008: National Finalist for National Society of Collegiate Scholars *Inspire Integrity Award*

2012: Named one of two national winners of the inaugural *American Association of Philosophy Teachers Teaching Fellowship*

2012: Nominated for *University Excellence in Teaching Award*, University of Delaware (not eligible to win until 2017)

2013: Nominated for *University Excellence in Teaching Award*, University of Delaware (not eligible to win until 2017)

2014: nominated for *UD's Study Abroad Faculty Director of the Year Award*

2014: nominated for *University's Excellence in Undergraduate Advising and Mentoring Award*

2017: nominated for *University's Excellence in Undergraduate Advising and Mentoring Award*

2020: Received *Inaugural Excellence in Honors Teaching Award*

2021: nominated for *Excellence in Honors Teaching Award* (ineligible to win)

2021: nominated for College of Arts and Science Outstanding Service Award

2021: received *Jon Olson Exemplary Senate Service Lifetime Achievement Award*

2022: received *Honors College Collaborative Upper Division Interdisciplinary Honors Course Development Grant in partnership with Muqtedar Khan, Political Science*

2023: Nominated for *University Excellence in Teaching Award*, University of Delaware

