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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D. (Doctorat ès Lettres)** in History of religions with Highest Honors. University of Geneva, Faculty of Letters, Département des langues et des littératures méditerranéennes, slaves et orientales, Geneva, Switzerland, 1992.

**Licence ès Lettres** in History of religions. University of Geneva, Faculty of Letters, Département des langues et des littératures méditerranéennes, slaves et orientales, Geneva, Switzerland, 1982. Major: History of religions (Buddhism, Islam, Judaism). Minors: Japanese, Linguistics, Sanskrit, and Chinese.

## RESEARCH INTEREST

Japanese and Asian religions. Nondenominational approaches to religious practices.

## TEACHING COMPETENCE

Japanese and Asian religions. Japanese culture and history. Japanese classical and modern language. Philosophy and history of religions.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2010 to present    **Associate Professor.** University of Hawai'i Manoa Campus, Department of Religion.
- 2007–10            **Assistant Professor.** University of Hawai'i Manoa Campus, Department of Religion.
- 2006–07            **Visiting Scholar.** Brown University, Providence, RI, Department of Religious Studies.
- 2006 to present    **Visiting Fellow.** Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Monotheistic Religions, Doshisha University, Kyoto.
- 2005–06            **Lecturer.** Doshisha University, Kyoto.
- 2004–06            **Research Associate.** Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture, Nagoya.
- 2004–05            **Lecturer.** Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto.
- 1999–2003        **Full-time researcher and professor.** International Research Institute for Zen Buddhism, Hanazono University, Kyoto.
- 1997–99            **Lecturer.** Kyoto Women's University, Kyoto.
- 1996–97            **Lecturer.** Kyoto University, Kyoto.
- 1987–92            **Instructor.** University of Geneva, Switzerland.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*Traité sur l'Inépuisable Lampe du Zen: Tōrei (1721–1792) et sa vision de l'éveil* [Treatise on the Inexhaustible Lamp of Zen: Tōrei and his Vision of Awakening], 2 vols. Mélanges chinois et bouddhiques vol. XXVIII. Brussels (Bruxelles) 1997: Institut Belge des Hautes Études Chinoises.  
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### Reviews in English:

- Roboïam, Thierry-Jean. 1999. *Monumenta Nipponica* 54 (4): 561–64.
- Payne, Richard K. 2003. *Pacific World: Journal of the Institute of Buddhist Studies*, Third Series, 5: 380–82.

### Refereed Book Chapters

“The Use of Traps and Snares: Shaku Sōen Revisited” in *Zen Masters*, edited by Steven Heine and Dale S. Wright, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010, pp. 183–216.

“Beyond Awareness: Tōrei Enji’s Understanding of Realization in the Treatise on the Inexhaustible Lamp of Zen, Chapter 6.” In *Buddhist Philosophy: Essential Readings*, edited by William Edelglass, and Jay L. Garfield. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009, pp. 159–170.

“Invocation of the Sage: The Ritual to Glorify the Emperor.” In *Zen Ritual: Studies of Zen Buddhist Theory in Practice*, edited by Steven Heine and Dale S. Wright, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008, pp. 205–222.

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“Fūshiga mondai no haikai o saguru 風刺画問題の背景を探る” [Examining the Background of the Cartoons Issue]. In *EU to isurāmu no shūkyō dentō wa kyōzon dekiru ka: “Muhanmado no Fūshiga jiken” no honshitsu* EUとイスラームの宗教伝統は共存できるか 「ムハンマドの風刺画」事件の本質 [Can the EU and Islam Coexist? The True Nature of the “Incident of the Muhammad Cartoons”], edited by Mori Kōichi 森 孝一. Tokyo: Akashi Shoten, 2007, pp. 16–64 (in Japanese).

“Imagining Indian Zen: Tōrei’s Commentary on the *Ta-mo-to-lo ch’an ching* and the Rediscovery of Early Meditation Techniques during the Tokugawa Era.” In *Zen Classics: Formative Texts in the History of Zen Buddhism*, edited by Steven Heine and Dale S. Wright. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006, pp. 215–246.

“Chan and Zen.” In *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Second Edition*, edited by Donald Borchert. Detroit: Macmillan Reference, Gale Group/Thomson, 2005, vol. 1, pp. 726–30.

“L’héritage contesté de Dokuan Genkō : Traditions et conflits dans le bouddhisme Zen du XVII<sup>e</sup> siècle.” In *Repenser l’ordre, repenser l’héritage: paysage intellectuel du Japon (XVII<sup>e</sup>–XIX<sup>e</sup> siècles)*, edited by F. Girard, A. Horiuchi and M. Macé. Paris-Genève: Droz, 2002, pp. 209–63.  
<http://www.droz.org/fr/livre/?GCOI=26001100496290>

**Review in English:** O’Leary, Joseph S. 2004. *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies*, Vol. 31 no. 1, 2004: 213–16.  
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“Zengaku niwa hōhōron ga ariuruka 禅学には方法論がありうるか?” [Is Methodology Relevant to the Study of Zen?]. In *Bukkyō o ikani manabuka: Bukkyō kenkyū no hōhōronteki hansei 仏教をいかに学ぶか 仏教研究の方法論的反省*. Kyoto: Heirakuji shoten 平楽寺書店, 2001, pp. 149–74 (in Japanese).

“Emerging from Nonduality: Kōan Practice in the Rinzai Tradition since Hakuin.” In *The Kōan: Texts and Contexts in Zen Buddhism*, edited by Steven Heine and Dale S. Wright. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2000, pp. 244–79.

- “Hakuin.” In *Buddhist Spirituality: Later China, Korea, Japan, and the Modern World*, edited by Y. Takeuchi, J. W. Heisig, P. L. Swanson and J. S. O’Leary. World Spirituality: An Encyclopedic History of the Religious Quest, Vol. 9. New York: A Herder & Herder Book, The Crossroad Publishing Company, 1999, pp. 307–28.
- “Zenbukkū kara mita ‘experience’ 禅仏教からみた「experience」” [Experience in the Light of Zen Buddhism], translated by Iwamoto Akemi 岩本明美. In *Kyōto zen shinpo ronshū: Myōnichi e no teigen* 京都禅シンポ論集 明日への提言 [Collected Papers of the Kyōto Zen Symposium: Proposals for Tomorrow], edited by Horio Tsutomu 堀尾孟. Kyoto 1999: Tenryūji kokusai sōgō kenkyūsho 天龍寺国際総合研究所, pp. 503–37 (in Japanese).
- “Konton no jikaku kara hyōgen e: Zenbukkū ni okeru kotoba no toraekata no ichisokumen 混沌の自覚から表現へ 禅仏教に於ける言葉の捉え方の一側面” [From the Awareness of Primordial Chaos to Its Expression: One Facet of Speech from the Perspective of Zen Buddhism]. In *Keiken to kotoba* 経験と言葉, Hōshaku hikaku-shūkyō: Bunka-sōsho 宝積比較宗教・文化叢書 3, Tokyo 1995: Taimeidō 大明堂, pp. 207–38 (in Japanese).
- “Bonshō dōkyō: kakehashi toshite no shūkyō” 凡聖同居 架け橋としての宗教 [Cohabitation of the Profane and the Sacred: Religion as a Bridge]. In *Jinsei to shūkyō: Nishimura Eshin kyōju kanreki kinen bunshū* 人生と宗教 西村恵信教授還暦記念文集, Kyoto 1993: Zenbunka kenkyūsho 禅文化研究所, pp. 498–505 (in Japanese).

### Refereed Articles

- “Cutting through Desire: Dokuan Genkō’s Odes on the Nine Perceptions of Foulness,” *The Eastern Buddhist*, vol. 40 nos. 1 & 2, 2009, pp. 175–215 [published in April 2010].  
----- Below are articles published before being hired at UH -----
- “Murakami Senshō: In Search [of] the Fundamental Unity of Buddhism,” *The Eastern Buddhist*, vol. 37 nos. 1 & 2, 2005, pp. 77–105 [published in September 2006].
- “Introduction” for the Special Issue on Buddhist and Non-Buddhist Trends towards Religious Unity in Meiji, *The Eastern Buddhist*, vol. 37 nos. 1 & 2, 2005, pp. 1–7 [September 2006].
- “Hiratsuka Raichō ga mita kindai no shūkyō to sono hyōka 平塚らいてうが見た近代の宗教とその評価” [Modern Religions as Hiratsuka Raichō Saw and Evaluated Them], *Kindai bukkyō* 近代仏教 12, February 2006, pp. 20–38 (in Japanese).
- “Nijusseiki ni okeru kaigai zenbukkū kenkyū no seika to nijūisseiki e no kadai: 1989–2004 no dōkō o chūshin ni 20世紀における海外禅仏教研究の成果と21世紀への課題 1989～2004年の動向を中心に” [Zen Research in Languages other than Japanese: Achievements in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and Challenges for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, with a Focus on Trends in 1989–2004], *Kindai bukkyō* 近代仏教 11, May 2004, pp. 75–100 (in Japanese).
- “Kindai ‘Zenshisō’ no keisei: Kōgaku Sōen to Suzuki Daisetsu no yakuwari o chūshin ni 近代「禅思想」の形成 洪岳宗演と鈴木大拙の役割を中心に” [The Formation of ‘Zen Thought’ after the Meiji Era: The Role Played by Kōgaku Sōen and Suzuki Daisetsu], *Shisō* 思想, no. 943, November 2002, pp. 46–63 (in Japanese).
- “Linking Chan/Seon/Zen Figures and Their Texts: Problems and Developments in the Construction of a Relational Database,” *Journal of Digital Information* (Online Journal), vol. 3 no. 2, Themes: Digital libraries. <http://journals.tdl.org/jodi/article/view/jodi-69/81>
- “Linking Chan/Seon/Zen Figures and Their Texts: Problems and Developments in the Construction of a Relational Database,” *Jeon ja bul jeon: Journal of Electronic Buddhist Texts* 3, December 2001, pp. 219–38.

- “Zengaku niwa hōhōron ga ariuruka 禅学には方法論がありうるか?” [Is Methodology relevant to the Study of Zen?], *Nihon bukkyō gakkai nenpō* 日本佛教學會年報 66, May 2001, pp. 149–74 (in Japanese).
- “Nantenbō to sono shisō tenkai 南天棒とその思想展開” [Nantenbō and the Development of His Thought], *Kindai bukkyō* 近代仏教 7, March 2000, pp. 50–69 (in Japanese).
- “Japanese Zen Schools and the Transition to Meiji: A Plurality of Responses in the Nineteenth Century,” *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies*, vol. 25 nos. 1–2, Spring 1998 Special Issue on Meiji Zen, pp. 167–213. <http://www.nanzan-u.ac.jp/SHUBUNKEN/publications/jjrs/pdf/516.pdf>
- “Monastic Tradition and Lay Practice from the Perspective of Nantenbō: A Response of Japanese Zen Buddhism to Modernity,” *Zen Buddhism Today*, Annual Report of the Kyoto Zen Symposium, no. 12, November 1995, pp. 63–89.
- “Tōrei no chosaku ni kansuru mondai (sono ichi): Bumo onnanpōkyō chūge to ‘kōkō’ no shisō 東嶺の著作に関する問題 (その一) 父母恩難報経註解と「孝行」の思想” [Problems Concerning the Works of Tōrei (1): His *Annotated Commentary of the Sūtra on the Difficulty of Repaying the Debt of Gratitude toward One’s Parents* and the Concept of Filial Piety], *Zengaku kenkyū* 禅学研究, vol. 73, January 1995, pp. 143–89 (in Japanese).
- “Zen Buddhism during the Tokugawa Period: The Challenge to Go beyond Sectarian Consciousness,” *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies*, vol. 21 no. 4, December 1994, pp. 341–72. <http://www.nanzan-u.ac.jp/SHUBUNKEN/publications/jjrs/pdf/425.pdf>
- “Examining the Sources of Japanese Rinzai Zen,” *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies*, vol. 20 no. 4, December 1993, pp. 331–44. <http://www.nanzan-u.ac.jp/SHUBUNKEN/publications/jjrs/pdf/404.pdf>
- “Experience in the Light of Zen Buddhism,” *Zen Buddhism Today*, Annual Report of the Kyoto Zen Symposium, no. 10, November 1993, pp. 12–31.
- “Vers la redécouverte de Tōrei” [Towards the Rediscovery of Tōrei], *Les Cahiers d’Extrême-Asie*, no. 7, 1993–94, Special Issue on Chan and Zen Buddhism, pp. 319–52 (in French).
- “Tōrei zenji ni miru Hakuin zen no shinmenmoku” 東嶺禪師に見る白隠禅の真面目 [The True Face of Hakuin Zen Seen through his Disciple Tōrei], *Zenbunka* 禅文化, no. 125, July 1987, pp. 41–54 (in Japanese).

### Works in Progress

“Plowing the Zen Field: Trends Since 1989 and Emerging Perspectives,” *Religion Compass* (2012): 1–12 (galley proofs reviewed).

*Buddhism, Unitarianism, and the Meiji Competition for Universality* (book in the final stage of production for publication in the [Harvard East Asian Monographs](http://www.harvard.edu/eha)).

*On the Inexhaustible Lamp of the Primary Approach: An Annotated Translation of Tōrei Enji’s Shūmon mujintōron* (forthcoming book for the Kuroda Institute).

*Tōrei Enji and the Construction of Rinzai Orthodoxy* (forthcoming book for the Kuroda Institute).

### Book Reviews

Adolphson, Mikael S. 2007. *The Teeth and Claws of the Buddha: Monastic Warriors and Sōhei in Japanese History* (review), *The Journal of Japanese Studies* 35 (1), Winter 2009, pp. 138–142.

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Williams, Duncan Ryūken. 2005. *The Other Side of Zen: A Social History of Sōtō Zen: Buddhism in Tokugawa Japan* (review), *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies*, 33 (1), June 2006, pp. 175–178. <http://www.nanzan-u.ac.jp/SHUBUNKEN/publications/jjrs/pdf/734.pdf>

Heine, Steven. *Opening a Mountain: Kōans of the Zen Masters* (review), *The Journal of Japanese Studies* 29 (2), 2003, pp. 398–402.

- Shōjikan to bukyō: Hito no shi towa nanika* 生死観と仏教 人の死とは何か [The View of Life and Death in Buddhism: What Is Someone's Death?] (Tokyo: Heibonsha 2000), *Kindai bukyō* 近代仏教 8, March 2001, pp. 70–73 (in Japanese).
- Sawada, Janine. *Confucian Values and Popular Zen: Sekimon Shingaku in Eighteenth-Century Japan*, *Bijinesu saiensu kenkyūsho shohō* ビジネスサイエンス研究所所報, vol. 7, December 1998, pp. 36–43 (reprint of the review previously published in *Japanese Religions*).
- “Note critique : Vers une ‘démystification du Chan’ ” [Critical Note: Toward a “Demystification of Chan”], *Études Chinoises*, vol. XIV, no. 1, Spring 1995, pp. 135–144, Book-review of Bernard Faure's *Chan Insights and Oversights: An Epistemological Critique of the Chan Tradition*, Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press 1993.
- Sawada, Janine. *Confucian Values and Popular Zen: Sekimon Shingaku in Eighteenth-Century Japan*, Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press 1993, *Japanese Religions*, 20 (1), January 1995, pp. 85–95.
- “Quelques notes au sujet de l'article de Cristina Anna Scherrer-Schaub concernant les ‘Modalités du regard en réciprocité’” [A Few Notes on the Article of Cristina Anna Scherrer-Schaub Entitled “Modalities of a Reciprocal Glance”], in *Bulletin de la Société Suisse pour la Science des Religions*, no. 14, October 1992, pp. 21–25.
- Matsumoto, Jikidō. *Avec le Bouddha* [With the Buddha] (Guy Trédaniel: Editions de la Maisnie, Paris 1988), *Connaissance des Religions*, vol. VI nos. 2–3, pp. 251–53.
- Hoover, Thomas. *L'Expérience du Zen* [The Zen Experience], *Connaissance des Religions*, vol. V no. 4, pp. 339–41.
- Martin, J.-M. *Le Shintoïsme Ancien* [Ancient Shinto], *Connaissance des Religions*, vol. V nos. 2–3, September–December 1989, pp. 258–60.

### Prefaces, Translations, and Obituaries

- “Professor Yanagida Seizan: A Scholar above Conventions,” in Yanagida Seizan sensei tsuitō bunshū kankōkai 柳田聖山先生追悼文集刊行会 ed., *Yanagida Seizan sensei tsuitō bunshū* 柳田聖山先生追悼文集 [Volume in Commemoration of Professor Yanagida Seizan]. Kyoto, Zenbunka kenkyūsho: 2008, pp. 51–55 (Obituary of Yanagida Seizan 1921–2006).
- Below is work done before being hired at UH -----
- “Gedatsu sae motomenu chisoku 解脱さえ求めぬ知足” [Moderation that Does not Even Aspire to Liberation], *Zenbunka* 禅文化, no. 158, October 1995, pp. 45–46 (Obituary of Daigu Sōkō 大愚宗興, Morinaga 盛永 1925–1995).
- Supervision and Preface of the translation of T.P. Kasulis' book: *Zen Action: Zen Person*, translated into French by Bénédicte Niogret, under the title *Le Visage Originel ou l'individu dans le bouddhisme zen*, Les Deux Océans, Paris 1993. Foreword, pp. 9–13.
- Translation of Okonogi Keigo 小此木啓吾, “Le Complexe d' Ajase” [The Ajase Complex] for the journal *Devenir*, vol. 3, no. 4, December 1991, pp. 71–102.
- Translation of Nishimura Eshin 西村恵信. “Chōbutsu osso no dan 超仏越祖の談・禅における認識と超越,” in *Ninshiki to chōetsu* 認識と超越, ed. by Inagaki Fujimaro 稲垣不二麿, Tokyo 1981, Hokuju shuppan 北樹出版, pp. 71–89. Published in English under the title “Transcending the Buddhas and Patriarchs: Awareness and Transcendence in Zen,” *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies*, vol. 12, nos. 2–3, pp. 193–205.

### SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- June 2011, Jinshan, Taiwan, paper “Between Skillful Adjustment and Distortion: Nineteenth-Century Buddhist Doctrine with a Rational Spin,” for the XVI<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies at Dharma Drum Buddhist College.

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- June 2010, Tokyo, paper “The Other Face of ‘Rational Religion’: The Discordant Voice of Saji Jitsunen, for the Asian Studies Conference Japan (ASCJ) at Waseda University.
- September 2009, Berkeley, CA, paper “Can Zen Studies Break away from Parochialism?” for the Conference Tracing the Study of Japanese Buddhism at UC-Berkeley (invited conference presentation).
- April 2009, Toronto, paper “Spiritual Energy in Action: The Dynamics of Training According to Tōrei” for the Numata Conference on Buddhist Training in Japan at the University of Toronto (invited conference presentation).
- October 2008, Chicago, paper “Shaku Sōen and the Challenge of the Modern” for The Seventh Annual Japan at Chicago Conference on the theme “Buddhism and Japan’s Modern” at the University of Chicago (invited conference presentation).
- June 2008, Tokyo, paper “Between Good Intentions and Hypocrisy: Use and Abuse of Claims of Universality in Early Meiji” for the Asian Studies Conference Japan (ASCJ) at Rikkyo University.
- October 2007. Berkeley, CA, paper “On the Proper Use of Traps and Snares: Reflections on Language and Translation” for the Numata Conference at UC-Berkeley (invited conference presentation).
- *Below are presentations given before being hired at UH* -----
- April 2007. Iowa City, IA, public lecture on “Meiji Religions: The Japanese Rediscovery of Universality” at the University of Iowa, Department of Religious Studies (invited lecture).
- January 2007. Honolulu, HI, lecture for the faculty of the Department of Religion on “Unitarianism, Buddhism, and the Meiji Competition for Universality” at the University of Hawai‘i, Manoa Campus (invited lecture).
- October 2006. Cambridge, MA, paper on “The Unitarian Impact on the Modern Transformation of Japanese Buddhism” for the Harvard Buddhist Studies Forum, at Harvard University (invited lecture).
- September 2006, Claremont, CA, paper “Fascination for Religious Unity: The Case of Murakami Senshō (1851-1929)” for the Symposium “Promoting and Resisting Westernization in Meiji Japan” organized by Scripps College (invited conference presentation).
- November 2005, Kyoto, paper “Religious Responses to the Collapse of Europe in the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century: The Case of Franz Rosenzweig and *The Star of Redemption*” (*Shūkyōsha ga nagameta nijusseiki hajime no Yōroppa no hōkai: Rōzentswaiku no Kyūsai no hoshi o chūshin ni* 宗教者が眺めた20世紀初めのヨーロッパの崩壊 ローゼンツヴァイクの『救済の星』を中心として, for the Research Seminar on the European Religious Policies at the Faculty of Theology of Doshisha University (in Japanese).
- March 2005, Tokyo, paper for the 19<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR), “Murakami Senshō and His Theory about the Fundamental Unity of Buddhism: A Genuine Attempt to Go Beyond the Sectarian Horizon?.”
- May 2004, Chiba Prefecture, paper for the 12<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Society for the Study of Modern Japanese Buddhist History held at Shukutoku University, “Modern Religions as Hiratsuka Raichō Saw and Evaluated Them” (*Hiratsuka Raichō ga mita kindai no shūkyō to sono hyōka* 平塚らいてうが見た近代の宗教とその評価, in Japanese).
- March 2004, Providence, RI, public lecture at Brown University, “The Combinative Nature of Tokugawa Religions: A Case Study” (invited lecture).
- April 2003, University of Geneva, public lecture at the Faculté des lettres, “Hiratsuka Raichō (1886-1971): An Innocent Look onto Contemporary Religions” (Hiratsuka Raichō (1886–1971): Un regard ingénu sur les religions contemporaines, in French) (invited lecture).
- January 2003, London, Center for the Study of Japanese Religions, SOAS, “Examining the Avatars of Bodhidharma: Tōrei’s Commentary on the *Damoduoluo chanjing* and His Japanese Sources” (invited lecture).

- December 2002, Bangkok, XIII<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Association of Buddhist Studies, within the Panel Preaching and Teaching the Buddha's Message within Modernity: Evolution and Diversity of Forms, "Nantenbō (1839–1925) and the Meiji Transformation of Zen Buddhism."
- July 2002, Munich, Ludwig Maximilians Universität München Institut für Ostasienkunde, "Nantenbō and the Meiji Transformation of Zen Buddhism" (invited lecture).
- September 2001, Summer Seminar of the Society for the Study of Modern Japanese Buddhist History, "Results of Non-Japanese Research on Zen Buddhism during the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and Challenges for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Focusing on New Trends between 1989 and 2001" (*Nijusseiki ni okeru kaigai zenbukkū kenkyū no seika to nijūisseiki e no kadai* 20世紀における海外禅仏教研究の成果と21世紀への課題 1989~2001年の動向を中心に, in Japanese).
- May 2001, Seoul, Conference of the EBTI (Electronic Buddhist Text Initiative), "Linking Chan/Seon/Zen Figures and Their Texts: Problems and Developments in the Construction of a Relational Database."
- October 2000, Hiroshima, Conference of the Japanese Association for Buddhist Studies, "Is Methodology Relevant to the Study of Zen?" (*Zengaku niwa hōhōron ga ariuruka* 禅学には方法論がありうるか?, in Japanese).
- December 1999, Sapporo, Lecture at Hokkai Gakuen University for the graduate students, "Why Zen Buddhism Now? From the Perspective of Zen Studies in and outside Japan" (*Ima naze zenbukkūka: Naigai no zenbukkū kenkyū no shiten kara* 今なぜ禅仏教か 内外の禅仏教研究の視点から, in Japanese) (invited lecture).
- December 1999, Sapporo, Memorial Lecture at Hokkai Gakuen University, "From the Awareness of Primordial Chaos to Expression: One Aspect of Speech from the Perspective of Zen Buddhism" (*Konton no jikaku kara hyōgen e: Zenbukkū ni okeru kotoba no toraekata no ichisokumen* 混沌の自覚から表現へ 禅仏教に於ける言葉の捉え方の一側面, in Japanese) (invited lecture).
- August 1999, Lausanne, XII<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Association of Buddhist Studies (IABS) in Lausanne, "From Dokuan Genkō to Kōsen Mujaku: Visions of Sectarian Identity in the Nagasaki Area."
- August 1998, Nara, Summer Seminar of the Association for the Study of Modern Japanese Buddhism in Nara, "Continuity and Discontinuity in the Tradition of Meiji Zen Priests: The Cases of Teizan, Korin and Nantenbō" (*Meiji no zensō ni okeru dentō no renzoku to hirenzoku: Teizan, Korin to Nantenbō no baai* 明治の禅僧における伝統の連続と非連続 鼎山、虎林と南天棒の場合, in Japanese).
- May 1998, Kyoto, Symposium on Education organized by Kyoto Women's University, "The Theory of Learning and the Buddhist Approach" (*Shūtoku no riron to bukkū no apurōchi* 習得の理論と仏教のアプローチ, in Japanese).
- March 1998, Uji, Research Seminar of Manpukuji, "Korin Yōshō: The Obaku School During the Transition to Meiji and its Exchanges with other Denominations" (*Korin Yōshō zenji: Meiji jidai ni mirareru Ōbakushū no katoki to tashūha tonō kōryū* 虎林擘嘯禪師 明治時代に見られる黄檗宗の過渡期と他宗派との交流, in Japanese).
- November 1997, Kyoto, Hanazono University, lecture for the Kyoto University Center "The Legacy of Hakuin: Examining the Multiple Facets of his Conception of the Body" (*Hakuin no isan: Shintairon o chūshin ni sono tayōsei o kangaeru* 白隠の遺産—身体論を中心にその多様性を考察する, in Japanese).
- November 1995, Philadelphia, Annual Assembly of the American Academy of Religion, "Japanese Zen Schools and Modernity: A Plurality of Responses in the Nineteenth Century."
- March 1995, Kyoto, Twelfth Kyoto Zen Symposium, "Monastic Tradition and Lay Practice from the Perspective of Nantenbō: A Response of Japanese Zen Buddhism to Modernity."
- March 1994, Boston, Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, "Construction and Deconstruction in Zen Buddhism during the Tokugawa Period: The Challenge to Go beyond Sectarian Consciousness."

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- November 1993, Kyoto, Seminar on Lineage consciousness in Modern Zen Buddhism, paper entitled “The Intellectual Background of the *Anthology of Attachments to Errors in Zen Monasteries: Keirin Sūshin, Sonnō Sōeki, and their Awareness of Lineage Consciousness*” (*Zenrin shūheishū no shisō haikai: Keirin Sūshin to Sonnō Sōeki no shūtō ishiki* 『禪林執弊集』の思想背景 桂林崇琛と損翁宗益の宗統意識, in Japanese).
- November 1993, Kyoto, 64<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Seminar on Zen Studies, “Problems Related to the Works of Tōrei (first part): The Commentary about the *Sūtra on the Difficulty to Repay the Debt of Gratitude towards one’s Parents* and the Philosophy of Filial Piety” (*Tōrei no chosaku ni kansuru shomondai (sono ichi): Bumo onnanpōkyō chūge to ‘kō’ no shisō* 東嶺の著作に関する諸問題 (その一) 父母恩難報經註解と「孝」の思想, in Japanese).
- March 1993, Kyoto, Tenth Kyoto Zen Symposium, paper “Experience in the Light of Zen Buddhism.”
- December 1992, University of Singapore, paper “Hakuin, Tōrei and the revival of Rinzai Zen during the Tokugawa Period” (in English and in Japanese).
- June 1989, Lausanne, Rencontres de 3<sup>e</sup> cycle en science des religions (Seminar for Doctorate Students), “My Research on Tōrei and His Treatise on the Inexhaustible Lamp of Zen: It’s Influence on the Rinzai School Revival during the Tokugawa Period” (Quelques aspects d’un travail de recherche intitulé: Tōrei Enji (1721–1792): Recherches sur le *Traité de l’Inépuisable Lampe du Zen* et son influence sur le renouveau de l’École Rinzai à l’Époque d’Edo, in French).
- February 1989, Geneva, Séminaire interdisciplinaire d’histoire des religions (Interdisciplinary Seminar in History of Religions), “The Concept of Religious Experience as it Appears in Zen Buddhism” (La notion d’expérience religieuse telle qu’elle apparaît dans le bouddhisme de l’École Zen, in French).
- June 1987, Kyoto, Maison Franco-japonaise (French-Japanese Institute), Human Science Forum, “Concerning an Image of Bodhidharma.”
- May 1987, Tokyo, 32<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of Orientalists in Japan, “Tōrei: An Attempt to Rediscover the Original Face of Hakuin’s Zen through his Main Disciple” (*Hakuin-zen no genkei: deshi Tōrei o tsūjite no saikentō* 白隠禪の原型 弟子東嶺を通じての再検討, in Japanese).

## RADIO AND TELEVISION PROGRAMS

- November 1995, NHK Educative Channel, program “The Spiritual Era” (*Kokoro no jidai* 心の時代) on “Hakuin’s Zen” (*Hakuin no zen* 白隠の禪, in Japanese). A one-hour dialogue with Yanagida Seizan 柳田聖山. Produced by Tada Minoru 多田穰. Summary in the journal *Zenbunka* 159, January 1996, pp. 15–29.
- July 1993, France Culture, “Agora” program focusing on the translation of T.P. Kasulis’s book *Zen Action: Zen Person*, published in French under the title *Le Visage Originel ou l’individu dans le bouddhisme zen* (Paris 1993: Les Deux Océans). Produced by Olivier Germain-Thomas.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2010 Faculty Summer Research Award from the University of Hawai‘i Japan Studies Endowment.
- 2008 Faculty Summer Research Award from the University of Hawai‘i Japan Studies Endowment.
- *Below are honors and awards received before having been hired at UH* -----
- 1996–97 Grant from the Hōshaku Institute for Religion and Culture. Postdoctoral research.
- 1992–95 Joint grant from the Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science and the Swiss National Foundation for Scientific Research (Fonds National Suisse pour la Recherche Scientifique). Postdoctoral research.
- 1986–87 Grant from the Japan Foundation. Research Fellow, Kyoto University, Faculty of Letters, Department of Philosophy, Kyoto.

- 1985–86 Grant from the Japanese Ministry of Education. Research Fellow, Kyoto University, Faculty of Letters, Department of Philosophy, Kyoto.
- 1983–85 Grant from the Swiss National Foundation for Scientific Research. Research Fellow, Hanazono University, Faculty of Letters, Department of Buddhist Studies, Kyoto. Diploma of Buddhist Studies.
- 1980–81 Grant from the Japanese Ministry of Education. School of Japanese Language, Tokyo University of Foreign Languages, Tokyo. Diploma of Japanese Language.

## SERVICE

### A. Department Service

Since the fall semester of 2008, Graduate Chair of the Department of Religion at UH.

### B. Thesis Committees

Mori, Camille	<i>planned for Spring 2013</i>	Committee Chair
Simpson, Suzanne	<i>planned for Fall 2012</i>	Committee Chair
Crabtree, Adam W.	<i>planned for Spring 2012</i>	
Miura, Takashi	Spring 2010	
Stein, Justin B.	Spring 2009	
Mitchell, Matthew S.	Spring 2008.	

### C. University Service

Since July 2010, member of the CJS (Center for Japanese Studies) Executive Committee (three years). CJS (Center for Japanese Studies) Graduate Travel Awards Committee since November 2010.

----- *Below is university service performed before having been tenured at UH* -----

Spring 2009, served as member of the Committee of the Hawaii Buddhist Council.

Summer 2008, negotiation with Taisho University in Tokyo to renew the Agreement of Cooperation with UH.

Fall 2008, judge for the attribution of the Hands of Hope and Danny Kaleikini scholarships.

### D. Professional Service

Convener and Chair of the Panel “Buddhist Constructions of ‘Rational Religion’ across East Asia.” June 2011, for the XVI<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies at Dharma Drum Buddhist College in Jinshan, Taiwan.

Reader of a book manuscript for Chicago University Press (January 2011).

----- *Below is professional service performed before having been tenured at UH* -----

Chair and Organizer of the Panel “Who is Whose Heretic? Meiji Buddhism and Its Encounter with ‘Rational Religion.’” June 2010, for the Asian Studies Conference Japan (ASCJ) in Tokyo, at Waseda University.

Member of the Steering Committee of the Society for the Study of Modern Japanese Buddhist History, Tokyo, 2002 to the present.

Organizer of the Panel “The Construction of Universal Religions in Meiji Japan before 1893.” June 2008, for the Asian Studies Conference Japan (ASCJ) in Tokyo, at Rikkyo University.

----- *Below is professional service performed before having been hired at UH* -----

Organizer of the Panel “Toward the Rediscovery of Non-sectarian Buddhism.” March 25, 2005, XIX<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions, Tokyo.

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Organizer of the Panel “Japanese Buddhism since the Seventeenth Century: The Quest for Sectarian Identity.” August 26, 1999, XII<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Association of Buddhist Studies in Lausanne.

Editor of the 2005 Special Issue on “Buddhist and Non-Buddhist Trends towards Religious Unity in Meiji Japan” for *The Eastern Buddhist*, The Eastern Buddhist Society.

Member of the Steering Committee of the Great Buddha Symposium (GBS) of Tōdaiji, Nara, April 2005 through March 2006.

Reader of book manuscripts for Princeton University Press (1993 and 2003) and University of Hawai‘i Press (1997).

Guest Editor of the Spring 1998 Special Issue on “Meiji Zen” for the *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies*, Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture, Nagoya.

Editor of the 1993–94 Special Issue on “Ch’an and Zen Buddhism” for *Les Cahiers d’Extrême-Asie* no. 7, Hōbōgirin Research Institute, Kyoto.

### E. Community Service

Series of six evening lectures at the Buddhist Study Center of the Honpa Hongwanji on “Who Am I? The Issue of the Self across Buddhist Traditions,” from October 7 to November 18, 2010.

----- *Below is community service performed before having been tenured at UH* -----

November 2007, talk for the Hawaii Association of International Buddhists, following an invitation by retired UH professor Alfred Bloom.

----- *Below is community service performed before having been hired at UH* -----

June 2007 “Using Traps and Snares: From Words to Dreams of Universality,” series of lectures given for the Summer Seminar on Buddhism, jointly organized by the University of New Mexico and the Bodhi Manda Zen Center in Jemez Springs, NM.

June 2001 “The Development of the Modern Zen Schools: Ten Stages from the Tokugawa Period to Meiji,” series of lectures given for the Summer Seminar on Buddhism, jointly organized by the University of New Mexico and the Bodhi Manda Zen Center in Jemez Springs, NM

November 1999, Kyoto, Kōin Research Group at the French-Japanese Institute, “Tōrei and His Interpretation of Shinto” (Tōrei et son interprétation du shintō, in French).

December 1998, Moriyama, Moriyamashi yasugun kinrō fukushi kaikan, “Buddhism and Awareness” (*Bukkyō to kizuki* 仏教と気づき, in Japanese).

November 1997, Kyoto, lecture for the Monthly Ceremony at Kyoto Women’s University, “Buddhism and Awareness” (*Bukkyō to kizuki* 仏教と気づき, in Japanese).

July 1992, Fleurier, Switzerland, Centre de rencontres spirituelles et de méditation, seminar “The Ten Oxherding Pictures and their Implications for the Inner Path” (*Les Dix Tableaux du Dressage du Buffle* et leurs implications pour le cheminement intérieur, in French).

### COURSES TAUGHT AT UH

REL 150	Introduction to the World’s Major Religions (Spring 2008)
REL 204	Understanding Japanese Religions (Fall 2007, Spring 2009, Fall 2009, Spring 2011)
REL 207	Understanding Buddhism (Fall 2008, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Fall 2011)
REL 394	On Death and Dying (Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2011)
REL 475	Seminar on Buddhism (Fall 2010)
REL 490	Buddhism in Japan (Fall 2007, Fall 2008)
REL 625	Applied Methods in the Study of Religion (Fall 2010, Fall 2011)
REL 661C	Japanese Religions Seminar (Spring 2008, Spring 2009)
REL 661D	Seminar on East Asian Buddhism (Spring 2010, Spring 2011)
REL 699	Guided Reading and Research (Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Fall 2009)

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Academy of Religion (AAR) since 1994

Association for Asian Studies (AAS) since 1993

European Association for Japanese Studies (EAJS) since 2000

International Association of Buddhist Studies (IABS) since 1992

Society for the Study of Japanese Religions (SSJR) since 1994

Society for the Study of Modern Japanese Buddhist History (*Kindai nihon bukkyōshi kenkyūkai*) since 1998

**LANGUAGES**

French (native). Fluent in English and Japanese. Conversant in German, Spanish, and Italian.  
Knowledge of Chinese and Sanskrit.