

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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#### Education:

Ph.D. Claremont Graduate School (Religion) 1988  
M.A. Claremont Graduate School (Religion) 1984  
B.A. Williams College (Psychology) 1976

#### Academic Appointments:

Professor, Department of Religious Studies and Theology, Stonehill College, January 2002-present  
Director, Asian Studies Program, Stonehill College, 2011-2014  
Chair, Department of Religious Studies, Stonehill College, June 2003-June 2013  
Professor and Chair, Department of Religion, University of Puget Sound, May 1999-December 2001  
Director, Asian Studies Program, University of Puget Sound, 1990-1997  
Assistant and Associate Professor, Department of Religion, University of Puget Sound, 1987-1999  
Instructor, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Claremont McKenna College, 1984-1987  
Teaching Assistant for Professor Masao Abe, Claremont Graduate School, 1981-1983  
English Instructor, Kyoto English Center, Kyoto, Japan, 1977-1981  
Japanese Instructor, Kyoto English Center, 1979-1980  
English Instructor, Cook Educational System, Osaka, Japan, 1976-1977

#### Fields of Specialization:

Zen Buddhist Studies  
History of Japanese Religions  
Comparative Religious Ethics  
Environmental Ethics

#### Fellowships, Grants, Honors:

Associate in Research, Reischauer Institute for Japanese Studies, Harvard University (Fall 2000-present)  
Professional Development Grant, Stonehill College (2006, 2008, 2011, 2013, 2016, 2018)  
Summer Research Grant, Stonehill College (2002, 2003, 2004, 2005)  
John Lantz Senior Fellowship, University of Puget Sound (Spring 2001)  
NEH Fellowship for College Teachers and Independent Scholars (Fall 1998)  
Social Science Research Council Japan Advanced Research Grant (Spring 1998)

Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Program Grant (Fall 1993)  
Japan Foundation Fellowship (Fall 1990)  
Martin Nelson Junior Sabbatical Fellowship, University of Puget Sound (Fall 1990)  
Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Award (Spring 1990)  
Burlington Northern Foundation Curriculum Development Grant (Spring 1990)  
Claremont Graduate School University Fellowship (1981-1985)  
Phi Beta Kappa, Cum Laude, Williams College (1976)

### **Professional Service:**

Member of Advisory Group of the Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology, 2020-present  
Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Buddhist Ethics*, 1996-present  
Steering Committee Member, Religion and Ecology Group, American Academy of Religion, 2013-2019  
Co-Chair, Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Group, American Academy of Religion, 2011-2016  
Steering Committee Member, Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Group, American Academy of Religion, 2009-2011  
Co-Editor, *Journal of Buddhist Ethics*, 2010  
Steering Committee Member, Japanese Religions Group, American Academy of Religion, 2003-2009  
Co-Chair, Japanese Religions Group, American Academy of Religion, 1998-2003  
Consulting Editor, *International Bulletin of Morita Therapy*, 1987-1992  
Editor, *FAS Society Newsletter* (now *FAS Society Journal*), 1978-1981

### **Consultancies:**

Asian Studies Institute, Florida International University, January 2001  
Japanese Studies Program, Gustavus Adolphus College, October 2000  
Asian Studies Program, University of Redlands, November 1997

### **Professional Organizations:**

American Academy of Religion  
Society for the Study of Japanese Religion  
Association for Asian Studies  
Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies

### **Courses at Stonehill College:**

RST 118	Pilgrimage in Nature
RST 210	Religions of China and Japan
RST 307	Buddhist Ethics
RST 323	Gods and War: Religion, Ideology, and Nationalism in Japan and the United States
RST 373	Buddhism, Nature, and Environmental Ethics
RST 411	Approaches to the Study of Religious Traditions
RST 412	Senior Thesis
RST 490	Directed Study

### **Service at Stonehill College:**

Environmental Studies Program Steering Committee (2013-2020)  
Faculty Grievance Committee (2017-2018)  
Director, Asian Studies Program, Stonehill College (2011-2014)  
Catholic Intellectual Traditions Implementation Team (2010-2014)  
Chair, Department of Religious Studies (June 2003-June 2013)  
Presidential Search Committee (2012-2013)  
Chair, Faculty Academic Vision Committee (Summer 2012)  
Catholic Theological Tradition Task Force (August 2009-May 2010)  
Martin Institute Steering Committee (June 2007-June 2010)  
Martin Institute Task Force (2005-2007)  
Academic Task Force (Spring 2004)  
Standards and Evaluation Committee (Fall 2002-Spring 2004)  
Coordinator, Cultural Studies Reading Group (Spring 2003-Spring 2004)  
Social Justice Lecture Series Steering Committee (Spring 2002-Spring 2003)  
Faculty Advisor, Asian-American Society (Spring 2002-Spring 2007)  
Departmental Liaison to Frueauff Fellow (Fall 2002-Spring 2004)

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Academic Books:**

*Imperial-Way Zen: Ichikawa Hakugen's Critique and Lingering Questions for Buddhist Ethics.* Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2009.

*Zen Awakening and Society.* London: Macmillan Press; Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 1992.

*Divine Emptiness and Historical Fullness: A Buddhist-Jewish-Christian Conversation with Masao Abe.* Ed. by Christopher Ives. Valley Forge: Trinity Press International, 1995.

*The Emptying God: A Buddhist-Jewish-Christian Conversation.* Co-edited with John B. Cobb, Jr.. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1990.

#### **Book Translations:**

*Critical Sermons of the Zen Tradition: Hisamatsu's Talks on Linji.* Co-translated and co-edited with Gishin Tokiwa. London and Honolulu: Palgrave Macmillan and University of Hawai'i Press, 2002.

Nishida Kitarō. *An Inquiry into the Good.* Co-translated with Masao Abe. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1990.

### Popular Books:

*Zen Ecology: Green and Engaged Living in Response to the Climate Crisis*. Somerville, MA: Wisdom Publications, 2025.

*Meditations on the Trail: A Guide for Self-Discovery*. Somerville, MA: Wisdom Publications, 2021.

*Zen on the Trail: Hiking as Pilgrimage*. Somerville, MA: Wisdom Publications, 2018.

### Articles and Book Chapters:

“Mountains Preach the Dharma: Immanence in Mahāyāna Buddhism.” In *Immanent Religiosities, New Materialisms, and Planetary Thinking*. Edited by Whitney Bauman, Karen Bray, and Heater Eaton. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2023.

“Toward an Optimal Buddhist Society: Building upon Gary Snyder’s Vision.” In *Buddhist Visions of the Good Life for All*. Edited by Sallie King. New York: Routledge, 2021.

“Suffering and Its Relief: A Buddhist Approach to Religious Pluralism.” In *Buddhist Responses to Religious Diversity: Theravāda and Tibetan Perspectives*. Edited by Douglas Duckworth, Elizabeth Harris, and Abraham Velez. Sheffield, UK: Equinox Publishing, 2020.

“Buddhist Responses to the Ecological Crisis: Recent Publications on Buddhism and Ecology.” In *Journal of Buddhist Ethics* 26 (2019).

“Ethics in Zen.” In *Oxford Handbook of Buddhist Ethics*. Edited by Dan Cozort and James Mark Shields. New York: Oxford University Press, 2018.

“The Dhammapada and Virtue Ethics.” *Global Philosophy* (December 2017); <https://globalphilosophyresources.com/2017/12/27/the-dhammapada-and-virtue-ethics/>.

“Zen and War,” “Bushidō,” “Sōhei.” *War and Religion: An Encyclopedia of Faith and Conflict*. Edited by Jeffrey M. Shaw and Timothy J. Demy. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2017.

“A Mixed Dharmic Bag: Current Debates about Buddhism and Ecology.” In *Routledge Handbook of Religion and Ecology*. Edited by Willis Jenkins and Mary Evelyn Tucker. New York: Routledge, 2016.

“Resources for Buddhist Environmental Ethics.” *Journal of Buddhist Ethics* 20 (2013).

- “A Buddhist Perspective: Contributions to Ecological Ethics.” In *Religions in the Making*. Edited by John B. Cobb, Jr.. Eugene OR: Wipf & Stock, 2012.
- “Liberation from Economic Dukkha: A Buddhist Critique of the Gospels of Growth and Globalization in Dialogue with John Cobb.” In *The World Market and Interreligious Dialogue*. Edited by Catherine Cornille and Glenn Willis. Eugene OR: Cascade Books, 2011.
- “True Person, Formless Self: Lay Zen Master Hisamatsu Shin’ichi.” In *Zen Masters*. Edited by Steven Heine and Dale S. Wright. New York: Oxford University Press, 2010.
- “In Search of a Green Dharma: Philosophical Issues in Buddhist Environmental Ethics.” In *Destroying Mara Forever: Buddhist Ethics Essays in Honor of Damien Keown*. Edited by Charles Prebish and John Powers. Ithaca NY: Snow Lion Publications, 2009.
- “Buddhism and Sustainability.” In *The Spirit of Sustainability*. Ed. Willis Jenkins and Whitney A. Bauman. Great Barrington MA: Berkshire Publishing, 2009.
- “Deploying the Dharma: Reflections on the Methodology of Constructive Buddhist Ethics.” *Journal of Buddhist Ethics* 15 (2008).
- “The Thought and Legacy of Masao Abe.” *Buddhist-Christian Studies* 28 (2008).
- “In Memoriam—Abe Masao (1915-2006).” *The Eastern Buddhist* XXXVIII, nos. 1-2 (2007).
- “Not Buying in to Words and Letters: Zen, Ideology, and Prophetic Critique.” *Journal of Buddhist Ethics* 13 (2006).
- “What’s Compassion Got to Do with It? Determinants of Zen Social Ethics in Japan.” *Journal of Buddhist Ethics* 12 (2005).
- “Liberating Truth: A Buddhist Approach to Religious Pluralism.” In *Deep Religious Pluralism*. Ed. by David Ray Griffin. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2005.
- “The Japanese Love of Nature.” In *Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature*. Ed. by Bron R. Taylor. London: Thoemmes Continuum, 2005.
- “Meditating on the Brink: Buddhism and Violence in Our Post-9/11 World.” *Interreligious Insight* 1, no. 2 (April 2003).
- “Dharma and Destruction: Buddhist Institutions and Violence.” *Contagion* 9 (Spring 2002).
- “Protect the Dharma, Protect the Country: The Continuing Question of Buddhist War Responsibility.” *The Eastern Buddhist* XXXIII, no. 2 (2001).

- "Wartime Nationalism and Peaceful Representation: Issues Surrounding the Multiple Zens of Modern Japan." *Japan Studies Review* V (2001).
- "The Mobilization of Doctrine: Buddhist Contributions to Imperial Ideology in Modern Japan." *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies* 26, nos. 1-2 (Spring 1999).
- "What Are We, Anyway? Buddhists, Buddhologists, or Buddhologists?" *Buddhist-Christian Studies* 18 (1998).
- "Masao Abe and His Dialogical Mission." In *Masao Abe: A Zen Life of Dialogue*. Ed. by Donald W. Mitchell. Boston: Charles E. Tuttle Company, Inc., 1998.
- "Ethical Pitfalls in Imperial Zen and Nishida Philosophy: Ichikawa Hakugen's Critique." In *Rude Awakenings: Zen, the Kyoto School, & the Question of Nationalism*. Ed. by James W. Heisig and John C. Maraldo. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 1995.
- "The Return to the Relative: Sunyata and the Realm of Ethics." In *Divine Emptiness and Historical Fullness: A Buddhist-Jewish-Christian Conversation with Masao Abe*. Ed. by Christopher Ives. Valley Forge: Trinity Press International, 1995.
- "Response: Visions and Revisions in Buddhist Ethics." *Journal of Buddhist Ethics* 3 (1995).
- "The Teacher-Student Relationship in Japanese Culture and Morita Therapy" and "Response to David Reynolds." *International Bulletin of Morita Therapy*, 5, nos. 1-2 (Spring/Fall 1992).
- "Emptiness: Soteriology and Ethics in Mahayana Buddhism." In *Concepts of the Ultimate: Philosophical Perspectives on the Nature of the Divine*. Ed. by Linda J. Tessier. Included in the Library of Philosophy and Religion, John Hick, general editor. London: Macmillan Press Ltd., 1989.
- "Comment on John Hick." In *Concepts of the Ultimate: Philosophical Perspectives on the Nature of the Divine*. Ed. by Linda J. Tessier. Included in the Library of Philosophy and Religion, John Hick, general editor. London: Macmillan Press Ltd., 1989.
- "Non-dualism and Soteriology in Whitehead, Nishida, and Tanabe: A Response to James Fredericks." *The Eastern Buddhist* XXII, no. 1 (Spring 1989).
- "On Hisamatsu's Fundamental Koan" (written in Japanese). *Dōbō* (Humanity, a Pure Land Buddhist journal) 10 (October 1980).

### **Book Reviews:**

- Margalit, Natan. *The Pearl and the Flame: A Journey into Jewish Wisdom and Ecological Thinking*. *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology* 27 (2023).

- Johan Elverskog, *The Buddha's Footprint: An Environmental History of Asia*. *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology* 25 (2021).
- Shields, James Mark. *Against Harmony: Progressive and Radical Buddhism in Modern Japan*. *Journal of Buddhist Ethics* 24 (2017).
- Leighton, Taigen Dan. *Just This Is It: Dongshan and the Practice of Suchness*. *Philosophy East and West* 67, no. 2 (April 2017).
- Miyamoto, Yuki. *Beyond the Mushroom Cloud: Commemoration, Religion, and Responsibility after Hiroshima*. *Philosophy East and West* 63, no. 4 (October 2013).
- Seraphim, Franziska. *War Memory and Social Politics in Japan, 1945-2005*. *Philosophy East and West* (April 2012).
- Skya, Walter A. *Japan's Holy War: The Ideology of Radical Shintō Ultrationalism*. *Journal of Asian Studies* 63, no. 3 (August 2010).
- Goodman, Charles. *Consequences of Compassion: An Interpretation & Defense of Buddhist Ethics*. *Buddhadharma*, Spring 2010.
- Leighton, Taigen Dan, and Okumura Shohaku, trs. *Dōgen's Extensive Record: A Translation of the Eihei Kōroku*. *Philosophy East and West* 57, no. 2 (April 2006).
- Loy, David R. *The Great Awakening: A Buddhist Social Theory*. *Buddhist-Christian Studies* (2005).
- Hubbard, Jamie, and Swanson, Paul L., eds. *Pruning the Bodhi Tree: The Storm over Critical Buddhism*. *Journal of Japanese Studies* 25, no. 1 (Winter 1999).
- King, Winston L. *Zen & the Way of the Sword*. *Buddhist-Christian Studies* 16 (1996).
- Bodiford, William M. *Soto Zen in Medieval Japan*. *Journal of Japanese Studies* 22, no. 2 (Summer 1995).
- Rowe, Steven. *Rediscovering the West: An Inquiry into Nothingness and Relatedness*. *Religious Studies Review* 21 (October 1995).
- Neville, Robert. *Behind the Masks of God: An Essay Toward Comparative Theology*. *Process Studies* 22, no. 2 (Summer 1993).
- Carter, Robert E., ed. *God, the Self, and Nothingness: Reflections Eastern and Western*. *Religious Studies Review* 19, no. 1 (January 1993).
- Odin, Steven. *Process Metaphysics and Hua-yen Buddhism: A Critical Study of Cumulative Penetration vs. Interpenetration*. *Process Studies* 14, no. 3 (Fall 1985).

### Article Translations:

- Ichikawa Hakugen, "On Nishida Kitarō: The Stumbling of Absolute Nothingness." In *Japanese Philosophy: A Sourcebook*. Ed. by James Heisig, Thomas Kasulis, and John Maraldo. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2011.
- Abe Masao. "On Nishitani's *What is Religion?*" *The Eastern Buddhist*, XXVI, no. 1 (Spring 1992).
- Abe Masao. "Nishida's Philosophy of Place." *International Philosophical Quarterly*, XXVIII, no. 4 (December 1988).
- Hisamatsu Shin'ichi. "On the *Record of Rinzai*." Co-translated with Gishin Tokiwa. *The Eastern Buddhist* XIV, no. 1 (Spring 1981); XIV, no. 2 (Autumn 1981); XV, no. 1 (Spring 1982); XVI, no. 1 (Spring 1983); XVII, no. 2 (Autumn 1984); XVIII, no. 2 (Autumn 1985); XX, no. 1 (Spring 1987).
- Hisamatsu Shin'ichi. "The Vow of Humankind." *The FAS Society Journal* Spring 1986, Winter 1986-87, Autumn 1987, Winter 1988-89, Winter 1989-90, Winter 1997-98.
- Hisamatsu Shin'ichi. "Memories of My Academic Life." *The Eastern Buddhist* XVIII, no. 1 (Spring 1985).
- Hozumi Gensho. "From Straw Sandals." In *A Zen-Christian Pilgrimage; The Fruits of Ten Annual Colloquia in Japan, 1967-1976*. Tokyo: Zen-Christian Colloquium, 1981.
- Abe Masao. "Toward the Creative Encounter between Zen and Christianity." In *A Zen-Christian Pilgrimage: The Fruits of Ten Annual Colloquia in Japan, 1967-1976*. Tokyo: Zen-Christian Colloquium, 1981.
- Kondo Tessho. "A Blessing of Floral Ginger." *The Eastern Buddhist* XIV, no. 1 (Spring 1981).
- Kitahara Ryutaro. "More than just an Encounter." *The Eastern Buddhist* XIV, no. 1 (Spring 1981).
- Abe Masao. "Hisamatsu's Philosophy of Awakening." *The Eastern Buddhist* XIV, no. 1 (Spring 1981).
- Higashi Sen'ichiro. "The Fundamental Koan." *FAS Society Newsletter* (Fall 1979).
- Abe Masao and Akizuki Ryomin. "Zen from This Point On." *FAS Society Newsletter* (Fall 1979).

### Conference Papers and Special Lectures:

- "Woven into the Web of Life: Being in Nature as Nature"; The Frederick Gunn School; October 4, 2023.
- "True Person, Formless Self: Hisamatsu Shin'ichi on the *Rinzairoku*"; Sangha Seminar, Mt. Baldy Zen Center; December 12, 2020.



- “Japanese Zen and Ethics: Historical Patterns and Popular Misconceptions”; Brown University; November 17, 2020.
- “Imperial-Way Zen: Ichikawa Hakugen’s Critique and Lingering Questions for Buddhist Ethics”; Sangha Seminar, Mt. Baldy Zen Center; October 11, 2020.
- “Zen Social Ethics: Historical Patterns and Recent Developments”; Ancient Dragon Zen Gate; September 13, 2020.
- “Zen Ethics”; Sangha Seminar, Mt. Baldy Zen Center; June 21, 2020.
- “Buddhist Environmentalist Visions of the Good Life for All”; American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting; November 18, 2017.
- “Mountains Preach the Dharma: Immanence in Mahāyāna Buddhism”; Religion, Ecology, and the New Materialisms Seminar, Academy of Religion Annual Meeting; November 2016.
- “Buddhism and Ecology: Developments since 1997”; Religion, Ecology, and Our Planetary Future conference; Harvard Divinity School; October 14, 2016.
- “Precepts in Zen Practice”; Enlightening Conversations conference; Harvard Divinity School; November 14, 2015.
- “The Greening of Buddhism: Theory and Praxis”; Seizing an Alternative conference; Pomona College; June 5, 2015.
- “Buddhism, Cosmology, and Mythos”; Seizing an Alternative conference; Pomona College; June 7, 2015.
- “Religion and Climate Change”; Harvard Extension School; April 19, 2015.
- “Buddhism and Warfare Ethics”; United States Naval Academy; April 24, 2014.
- “Buddhism and *The Journey of the Universe*”; The Chautauqua Institution; June 27, 2013.
- "Polymorphous Prescriptions: Divergent Sōtō Zen Approaches to the Vinaya"; response to panel presentations at American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting; November 19, 2012.
- “Which ‘Zen’ Rallied around the Emperor? A Window on Issues in the Study of Japanese Religions and Culture”; University of Southern California; March 29, 2012.

- “A Zen Path of Least Resistance: Ethical Issues surrounding Wartime Zen”; Brown University; November 17, 2010.
- “Liberation from Economic Dukkha: A Buddhist Critique of the Gospels of Growth and Globalization in Dialogue with John Cobb”; Boston College; October 8, 2010.
- “Theoretical and Methodological Issues in *Imperial-Way Zen*”; University of Munich; June 19, 2010.
- “Zen Ethics: Idealized Representations and Historical Stances”; University of Heidelberg; June 18, 2010.
- “Imperialist Zen: Causes and Lingering Issues”; University of Heidelberg; June, 17, 2010.
- “The Religious Approach of Shin’ichi Hisamatsu”; Zen Centrum Amsterdam; June 8, 2010.
- “Buddhist Ethics in Light of Imperial-Way Zen”; VU University, Amsterdam; June 7, 2010.
- “Imperial-Way Zen: Continuing Debates about its Causes and the Nature of Buddhist Ethics”; University of Oslo; June 3, 2010.
- “Reconstructing Zen Social Ethics in the Aftermath of Wartime Buddhist Nationalism: A Critical Appraisal and Suggestion”; American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting; November 9, 2009.
- “Rising Slightly from the Ashes: Buddhist Ethics in the Aftermath of Imperial-Way Zen”; Five College Japan Lecture Series; University of Massachusetts at Amherst; April 9, 2008.
- Co-Facilitator, “Buddhism” Session; Renewing Hope: Pathways of Religious Environmentalism Conference; Yale Divinity School; March 1, 2008.
- “Skillful Means of Transformation: John Cobb’s Approach to Dialogue and Pluralism”; The Legacy and Lure of John Cobb Conference, Claremont School of Theology; February 15, 2008.
- “Deploying the Dharma: Reflections on the Methodology of Constructive Buddhist Ethics”; American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting; November 18, 2007.
- “The Thought and Legacy of Masao Abe”; Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies Annual Meeting; November 17, 2007.

- Discussant, "Buddhism and Science Consultation"; Harvard Divinity School; April 20-21, 2007.
- "Contesting Texts: The Liberal Arts Challenge to Disciplinary Narrowness in Japanese Buddhist Studies"; Asia in the Liberal Arts Symposium, University of Puget Sound; April 13, 2007.
- "Not Buying into Words and Letters: Zen, Ideology, and Prophetic Critique"; American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting; November 21, 2005.
- "What's Compassion Got to Do with It? Parameters and Determinants of Zen Social Ethics"; American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting; November 21, 2004.
- "Haiku Zen, Imperialist Zen: The Ethics of Zen in Wartime Japan"; Annual Asian Studies Lecture, Bridgewater State College; April 26, 2004.
- "A Path of Least Resistance: 'Imperial-Way Buddhism' and Japanese Buddhist Ethics"; East Asia Seminar, University of Pennsylvania; April 1, 2004.
- "Liberating Truth: Buddhism, Whitehead, and a 'Religio-Diagnostic' Approach to Religious Pluralism"; Society for Comparative Theology, Boston College; November 12, 2003.
- "Liberating Truth: Buddhism, Whitehead, and a 'Religio-Diagnostic' Approach to Religious Pluralism"; Center for Process Studies conference on religious pluralism; March 2003.
- "Sitting with Violence"; Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies Annual Meeting; 23 November 2002.
- "Crises of Faith and Ritual Remedies in Japanese Buddhism"; University of San Francisco; March 2, 2001.
- "When Monks Become Militarists: Buddhism and Nationalism in Modern Japan"; Florida International University; January 25, 2001.
- "In Search of a Green Dharma: Philosophical Challenges to Formulating Buddhist Environmental Ethics"; Sixth International Conference of the Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies; August 7, 2000.
- "Dharma and Destruction: Buddhist Institutions and Violence"; Committee on Violence and Religion Annual Conference; June 3, 2000.
- "The Mobilization of Doctrine: Buddhist Contributions to Imperialist Discourse in Modern Japan"; American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting; November 22, 1997.
- "Of Buddhists, Buddhologists, and Buddhalogians"; Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies panel at American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting; November 22, 1996.
- "Empty Criticism: Ichikawa Hakugen's Perspective on Imperial Way Zen"; American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting; November 18, 1995.

- "Buddhism and the 'Spiritual Mobilization' of Japan, 1926-1945"; Japan Seminar at the University of Washington; May 26, 1995.
- "Compassionate Saints or Impassioned Nationalists: Representations and Realities in Zen Social Ethics"; Brown University; November 17, 1994.
- "The Stumbling of Imperial Zen and Nishida Philosophy: Ichikawa Hakugen's Critique"; Kyoto Zen Symposium (in Santa Fe); March 9, 1994.
- "Nature Wild and Stylized: Gary Snyder and the Japanese Love and Destruction of Shizen"; American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting; November 24, 1992.
- "Seeing Pitfalls Just as They Are: Toward a Sound Basis for Zen Ethical Reflection"; Fourth International Buddhist-Christian Dialog Conference; August 3, 1992.
- "Nishida and Whitehead on Experience and Language: A Response to Shizuteru Ueda and John B. Cobb, Jr."; American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting; November 23, 1991.
- "Zen Practice and Social Praxis: Toward a Zen Notion of Responsibility"; American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting; November 19, 1988.
- "Non-dualism and Soteriology in Whitehead, Nishida, and Tanabe: A Response to James Fredericks"; American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting; November 19, 1988.
- "Zen and Social Ethics"; Process, Peace, and Human Rights Conference (Kyoto, Japan); May 6, 1987.
- "Participating Justice: Dependent Co-arising and the Formulation of a Zen Social Ethic"; American Academy of Religion Pacific Northwest Regional Conference; April 16, 1987.
- "The Ethical Significance of *Prajna*"; American Academy of Religion Western Regional Conference; April 3, 1987.
- "Non-action (*wu-wei*) and Inaction in Zen"; Philosophy of Religion Colloquium, Claremont Graduate School; November, 1986.
- "Awakening and the World: Foundations of a Zen Buddhist Social Ethic"; Buddhist-Christian Dialogue Series, School of Theology at Claremont; March 1986.
- "Emptiness: Soteriology and Ethics in Mahayana Buddhism"; Concepts of the Ultimate Conference, Claremont Graduate School; February 1986.
- "The Functioning of a Bodhisattva: Shin'ichi Hisamatsu on the *Vimalakirti-nirdesa-sutra*"; American Academy of Religion Western Regional Conference; March 28, 1985.