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EDUCATION:

PhD in History	University of Oregon, Eugene, March 2004
	Stanford Inter-University Center for Advanced Japanese Language Studies, Yokohama, June 2002
MA in East Asian Languages and Literatures	University of Oregon, Eugene, August, 1999
BA in History	University of Colorado, Boulder, May 1984

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:

2003-20	Department of History, Gonzaga University
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COURSES TAUGHT:

Survey of Western Civilization	Modern East Asian Civilization
Japan Past and Present	Foundations of East Asian Civilization
China Past and Present	Historiography of Modern Japan
Modern Japan	World War II
Modern China	History of Christian Hermeticism
Survey of World Civilization	Historiography of Mao's China
History of Technology	Historiography of Postmodernism
Catholicism in the Modern Century	Zen, Modernity, and the Counterculture
Historical Research and Methods	

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- 2003-20 Professor (date of rank, 2015), Department of History, Faculty of Catholic Studies, Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington.
- 1997-2003 Graduate Teaching Fellow, University of Oregon. Eugene, Oregon.
- 1995-1997 President, Oregon East India Company Exporters, Eugene, Oregon and Tokyo, Japan.
- 1991-1995 Principal, Hinoki Global School, Tokyo, Japan.
- 1984-1990 Surface Line Officer, U.S. Navy, Served in various operational and instructor positions.

BOOKS:

The Luciferic Verses: The Daodejing and the Chinese Roots of Esoteric History (Bethesda: Academica Press, 2018) ISBN 9781680530834

Zen Past and Present Key Issues in Asian Studies (KIAS) Series (Ann Arbor: Association for Asian Studies, 2011) ISBN 9780924304644

Hallucinating the End of History: Nishida, Zen and the Psychedelic Eschaton (Bethesda: Academica Press, 2007) ISBN 1933146281

CHAPTERS in EDITED BOOKS:

“Beholding the Eschaton: Transforming Self and World through the Study of World History,” in *Becoming Beholders: Cultivating Sacramental Imagination and Actions in College Classrooms* (Liturgical Press: 2014) ISBN 978-0814682715.

“A Glorious Failure: The Mission of St. Francis Xavier to Japan and its Meaning for Contemporary Evangelization,” in *A Voluntary Exile: Chinese Christianity and Cultural Confluence since 1552* (Lehigh University Press, 2013) ISBN 978-1611451480.

“From Beat to Hardcore: New Twists on Phony Zen,” in *Beating Devils and Burning Their Books: Views of China, Japan, and the West*. Asia Past and Present Series, no. 6 (Ann Arbor: Association for Asian Studies, 2010) ISBN 978-0924304606.

“The Chinese Did Not Reach America” *Popular Controversies in World History* (San Marcos, Calif: Mesa Verde Publishing, 2010) ISBN 978-1-59884-077-3

ARTICLES IN REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

“Cultivating Enlightenment: The Manifold Meaning of Japanese Zen Gardens.”
Education About Asia, vol. 21 no. 3 (Winter, 2016); 32-36.

“*Coincidentia Oppositorum to Ai*.” Translation and commentary on Nishida Kitarō’s
“The Union of Opposites and Love.” *Comparative and Continental Philosophy* vol. 5 no.
2 (November 2013): 116-123. (See also “Major Translations”)

“A Roundtable Discussion of Hiroshi Kitamura’s *Screening Enlightenment: Hollywood
and the Cultural Reconstruction of Defeated Japan*. Published in *Passport: The Society
for Historians of American Foreign Relations Review*, vol. 43 no. 2, September 2012 (6-
16)

“The Self-Determination of Absolute Nothingness: The Origins and Implications of
Nishida Kitarō’s Historical Philosophy,” in *E-ASPAC, an Electronic Journal in Asian
Studies*, 2006-07 <http://mcel.pacificu.edu/easpac/2005/cunningham.php3>

“Ecstatic Treks in the Demon Regions: Zen Scholars and the *Satori* of Psychedelic
Experience,” in *E-ASPAC, an Electronic Journal in Asian Studies*, 2004-05.
<http://mcel.pacificu.edu/easpac/2005/cunningham.php3>
<http://www.erowid.org/spirit/traditions/buddhism/buddhism.shtml>

“The Cold War in Northeast Asia: An overview.” *Education About Asia*, vol. 14 no. 3
(Winter, 2009). Published by the Association for Asian Studies.

ARTICLES IN NATIONAL CATHOLIC PUBLICATIONS

“The Beauty that Beckons Us,” *Homiletics and Pastoral Review*, Part I, May 12, 2015
and Part II, May 31, 2015.
<http://www.hprweb.com/2015/05/the-beauty-that-beckons-us/>

“Catholic Universities: Identity, Faith, and Power,” *Catholic World Report*, January 28,
2014. http://www.catholicworldreport.com/Item/2892/catholic_universities_identity_faith_and_power.aspx.

“Observations on *Ex Corde* and its Fitful Implementation,” *Homiletics and Pastoral
Review*, February 2014. [http://www.hprweb.com/2014/02/observations-on-ex-corde-ecclesiae-and-its-fitful-
implementation/](http://www.hprweb.com/2014/02/observations-on-ex-corde-ecclesiae-and-its-fitful-implementation/)

“Zen: What Catholics Should Know,” *Ignatius Insight*, December 2, 2012
http://www.ignatiusinsight.com/features2011/ecunningham_zen_dec2011.asp

ARTICLES IN NON-ENCYCLOPEDIA REFERENCE WORKS

“The Fourteen-Part Memorandum,” *Milestone Documents in World History: Exploring the Primary Sources that Shaped the World*. Edited by Brian Bonhomme (Dallas: Schlager Group, 2010). ISBN 978-0-9797758-6-4

“The Treaty of Nanjing,” *Milestone Documents in World History: Exploring the Primary Sources that Shaped the World*. Edited by Brian Bonhomme (Dallas: Schlager Group, 2010). ISBN 978-0-9797758-6-4

“Daoist Meditations,” *Milestone Documents in World History*
<http://www.milestonedocuments.com/documents/view/daoist-meditations/>

“Zheng He: Inscription to the Goddess the Celestial Spouse,” *Milestone Documents in World History*
<http://www.milestonedocuments.com/documents/view/zheng-he-inscription-to-the-goddess-the-celestial-spouse>

“Eschatology and the End of the Modern World,” a lecture produced for *Classic Insights* online university. <http://classicinsights.com/phpBB3/viewtopic.php?f=1&t=50>

“Buddhism and Spiritual Science” a lecture produced for *Classic Insights* online university <http://www.classicinsights.com/courses/course-descriptions/109-buddhism-and-spiritual-science>

MAJOR TRANSLATIONS

“*Coincidentia Oppositorum to Ai*.” Translation and commentary on Nishida Kitarō’s “The Union of Opposites and Love.” *Comparative and Continental Philosophy* vol. 5 no. 2 (November 2013): 116-123.

“From Age to Age.” Translation of *Nennen Saisai*, by Agawa Hiroyuki. *Columbia Anthology of Modern Japanese Literature*, vol. 2. 2007. ISBN 0231138040

ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES:

“Christian Centuries in China and Japan.” *The Encyclopedia of World History*. ABC-CLIO, 2009

“D.T. Suzuki,” “Shaku Sōen,” and “Terence McKenna.” *The Holy People of the World: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia*. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2004. ISBN 1851096493.

“Bushido,” “Dead reckoning and latitude,” “Greater Japan Women’s Association,” “Island hopping and leap-frogging,” “Japan, political development (1867-1939),” “Juche ideology,” “Modernity,” “Relocation centers: World War II,” “Truman Doctrine (Korean War),” “U.S. Occupation of Japan (Korean War).” *United States at War: Understanding Conflict and Society*. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO. ISSN 1556-7516.

BOOK REVIEWS:

Review of In Search of Japan's Hidden Christians by John Dougill, in *Catholic World Report*, July 9, 2016.

http://www.catholicworldreport.com/Item/4909/a_flawed_search_for_japans_hidden_christianity.aspx

Review of Heaven in Conflict: Franciscans and the Boxer Uprising in Shanxi, by Anthony Clark, in *Catholic World Report*, February 17, 2015.

http://www.catholicworldreport.com/Item/3700/franciscans_boxers_and_heavenly_battles.aspx

Review of Nisei Soldiers Break their Silence: Coming Home to Hood River by Linda Tamura in *Columbia: The Magazine of Northwest History*, vol. 27, no. 3 (Fall 2013).

Review of Beauty Will Save the World by Gregory Wolfe in *Catholic World Report*, April 30, 2012

http://www.catholicworldreport.com/Item/1306/can_beauty_save_the_world.aspx#.UdrryVdDn0s

Review of Purifying Zen: Watsuji Tetsurō's *Shamon Dogen*, translated with commentary by Steve Bein in *The Journal of Asian Studies*, vol. 71 no. 4 (November 2012): 1155-57.

Review of Claiming the Oriental Gateway: Prewar Seattle and Japanese America, by Shelley Sang-Hee Lee in *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*, vol. 103, no. 1 Winter 2011/12 (44).

Review of Shots in the Dark: Japan, Zen, and the West, by Shoji Yamada in *Education About Asia* vol. 15, no. 2 (Fall 2010).

Review of Japan After Japan: Social and Cultural Life From the Recessionary 1990s to the Present, ed. Harry Harootunian and Tomiko Yoda in *The Canadian Journal of History*, (Winter, 2007-08).

Review of Pattern and Person: Ornament, Society and Self in Classical China by Martin J. Powers in *The Historian*, (Summer, 2008).

Review of The Seattle Bungalow: People and Houses, 1900-1940 by Janet Ore, in *Columbia: The Magazine of Northwest History*, Spring, 2007.

Review of Confinement and Ethnicity: An Overview of World War II Japanese American Relocation Sites by Jeffrey Burton et al., and Shirakawa: Stories from a Pacific Northwest Japanese American Community by Stan Flewelling, in *Pacific Northwest Quarterly* 94, (Fall 2003) 210-211.

NON-REFEREED AND CAMPUS PUBLICATIONS:

March, 2013: "The Peasants War of 2015" *Charter: Gonzaga's Journal of Scholarship and Opinion*, 2012-13

March, 2012: "A Struggle Unto Death, *Charter: Gonzaga's Journal of Scholarship and Opinion*. Spring, 2012

April, 2011: "Who Are We and Where are We Going? The Ruminations of a Bewildered Witness, *Charter: Gonzaga's Journal of Scholarship and Opinion*. Spring, 2011

April, 2010: "The Elites of our Mediocracy: A Meditation on Sports and the Death of Quality in America." *Charter: Gonzaga's Journal of Scholarship and Opinion*. Spring, 2010.

November, 2009: "Collapse of the Debt Money Economy," *Charter: Gonzaga's Journal of Scholarship and Opinion*. Fall 2009

April, 2009: "Stigmata and Apparitions," *The Gonzaga Witness*, April, 2009.

February, 2009: "Miracles and the Natural World," *The Gonzaga Witness*. February, 2009.

January, 2009: "Our Culture's Rejection of Miracles," *The Gonzaga Witness*. January, 2009.

November 2008: "Invest Globally, Suffer Economic Catastrophe Locally." *Charter: Gonzaga's Journal of Scholarship and Opinion*, Fall, 2008.

April 2008: "The Omega Point: When Information becomes Eternity." *Charter: Gonzaga's Journal of Scholarship and Opinion*, Spring, 2008.

February 2008: "Keeping the End in View." *Charter: Gonzaga's Journal of Scholarship and Opinion*, Winter, 2008.

November 2007: "Eating God." *Charter: Gonzaga's Journal of Scholarship and Opinion*, Fall, 2007.

May 2007: "The Day of the Jackpot." *The Gonzaga Quarterly*, Winter, 2007

May 2007: "What Color is Your Merkaba?" *Charter: Gonzaga's Journal of Scholarship and Opinion*, 2007- no. 4.

December 2006: "Embedded in Archetype, Entombed in Matter," *Charter: Gonzaga's Journal of Scholarship and Opinion*, 2006 no. 2.

May, 2006: "Traces of a Lost Matriarchy: Evidence of Female Initiation Rites in the *Diary of Lady Sarashina*," *The Feminist Papers*, v. 7, 2006. A publication of the Gonzaga University Women's and Gender Studies Program.

May, 2006: "Mythbusting: Galileo Was a Martyr for Science," *The Gonzaga Witness*. v. 4 no. 4.

"Lingering Snow," Short fiction published in *Timberline*, University of Oregon, Spring, 2003.

CONFERENCES, DEBATES, and PUBLIC LECTURES:

July 2014: "God, Virtual Reality, and the Redemption of Digital Consciousness." A lecture delivered at St. Dominic's School, Post Falls Idaho.

February 2014: "Christ and the Dialectics of Consciousness." A colloquy at the Inland Northwest Free-thought Association, Spokane Washington.

October 2013: "The Catholic Soul of Gonzaga in a Secular World." A debate sponsored by the Gonzaga University Socratic Club, Spokane, Washington.

June 2013: Chair and Organizer, "The Promises and Pitfalls of Online Sources," a roundtable discussion at the World History Association (WHA) International Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

May 2013: "The Redemption of Historical Process: Nishida, Dialectics, and Absolute Nothingness," a presentation at the Pacific Northwest American Academy of Religion, Society of Biblical Literature and American Schools of Oriental Research (AAR/SBL and ASOR) conference, Seattle University, Seattle, Washington.

September 2012: Respondent, "Where Have All the Protestant Public Intellectuals Gone?" A debate sponsored by the Gonzaga University Socratic Club, Spokane, Washington.

June 2012: "East-West Eschaton: How Modern Asian Studies Helped Usher in the End of the Historical World." Plenary Address at the 2012 Association for Asian Studies, Pacific (ASPAC) Conference, Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington.

May 2012: "Zen, Quantum History, and the Dialectics of Consciousness," a presentation at the Pacific Northwest American Academy of Religion, Society of Biblical Literature and American Schools of Oriental Research (AAR/SBL and ASOR) conference, Concordia University, Portland, Oregon

June 2011: Guest faculty, "Toward new enduring understandings of Japan," A presentation at the East Asian Resources Center conference on Case Studies in Teaching about China and Japan, University of Washington, Seattle.

October 2010: Panelist, "The Hidden God: Christian Themes in Popular Film," a panel discussion hosted by the Gonzaga University Socratic Club, Spokane, Washington.

October 2010: “Movie Night in Zombie Land: A Christian Psychedelic Reading of Apocalyptic Cinema.” A public lecture delivered at the Film, Faith, and Philosophy Conference, sponsored by Gonzaga University and Whitworth University, Spokane, Washington.

March 2010: “What Can We Learn From Confucius and Laozi?” *Linked to Great Thinkers Series*, Gonzaga University

February 2010 “A Glorious Failure: The Mission of St. Francis Xavier to Japan and its Meaning for Contemporary Evangelization” in *Sowing the Field of Christian Missions*. A conference held at Gonzaga University, Spokane Washington.

November 2009 “Visions of a Sick World: Representations and Meanings of Disease in Millenarian Cinema.” Presented at the Film, Faith, and Philosophy Conference, sponsored by Gonzaga University and Whitworth University, Spokane, Washington.

May 2009: “Hallucinating the End of History: Zen, the End Times, and the Crisis of the Modern World.” A keynote address given at the 7th Annual Research in Religious Studies Conference, University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, Alberta.

April 2009: “China and Tibet: Centuries of Oppression or Salvation from Feudal stagnation?” Presented at the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), sponsored by the University of Washington East Asian Resources Center (EARC) at Whitworth University, Spokane, Washington.

March 2009, “Jesuit Catholic Mission at Gonzaga: The Long View.” A talk delivered to the Gonzaga University Socratic Club.

November 2008 “Apocalyptic Dreams and Dystopic Nightmares: Depictions of the End of History in Popular Film and Anime,” Presented at the Film, Faith, and Philosophy Conference, sponsored by Gonzaga University and Whitworth University.

May 2008: “Frames for Teaching Postwar Japan. Presented to the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), sponsored by the University of Washington East Asian Resources Center (EARC) at Eastern Oregon University.

April 2008: “Fates Worse than Death: Living the Eschaton in the Historical World.” Pacific Northwest Chapter of the American Society of Oriental Religion/American Academy of Religion and Schools of Biblical Literature (ASOR/AAR & SBL), George Fox University, Newberg, Oregon.

April 2008: “May 2007: “From Beat to Hardcore: New Twists on Phony Zen.” Pacific Northwest Chapter of the American Society of Oriental Religion/American Academy of Religion and Schools of Biblical Literature (ASOR/AAR & SBL),Lethbridge, Alberta.

April 2008: Panel Chair, Faculty Advisor, and Chair of the Prize Committee, Phi Alpha Theta Historical Honor Society Northwest Regional Conference, Spokane, Washington.

October 2007: “Zen Buddhism and Christianity in Dialogue: Nishida Kitaro's Dialectics of Divine Love and History.” A talk delivered at the Gonzaga University Socratic Club.

April 2007: Panel Chair, Faculty Advisor, and Member of the Prize Committee, Phi Alpha Theta Historical Honor Society Northwest Regional Conference, Lincoln City, Oregon.

March 2007: “An Overview of Modern Korea.” Delivered to the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia, sponsored by the East Asian Resources Center of University of Washington, Spokane Washington.

February 2007: “From Beat to Hardcore: New Twists on Phony Zen.” Delivered at the Professor Ron Robel Lecture Series 2007 Symposium, *Mis(Interpretations) East West: Representations of China, Japan, and the West*, University of Alabama.

June, 2006: Gonzaga University delegate and member of the writing committee, Oregon Province of the Society of Jesus Lay Congregation, Portland Oregon.

June, 2006: “Nishida Kitarō’s Historical Philosophy.” Association for Asian Studies, Pacific (ASPAC), Pullman, Washington

May, 2006: “Nishida’s *Coincidentia Oppositorum* and Love: The Evolution of a Dialectic of Consciousness.” Pacific Northwest Chapter of the American Society of Oriental Religion/American Academy of Religion and Schools of Biblical Literature (ASOR/AAR & SBL), Spokane, Washington

October, 2005: “Traces of a Lost Matriarchy: Female Rites of Initiation in the *Sarashina Nikki*.” Northwest World History Association (NWWHA), Portland, Oregon

October, 2005: “Making Peace with the Ghosts of War: Memory and Catharsis in Agawa Hiroyuki’s *Rei Sandai*.” Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association (RMMLA), Coeur d’Alene, Idaho

July, 2005: Faculty participant in “Buddhist Texts Workshop” at the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon

April, 2005: “The Catholic Mystical Roots of Nishida Kitarō’s Historical Dialectics.” Pacific Northwest Chapter of the American Society of Oriental Religion/American Academy of Religion and Schools of Biblical Literature (ASOR/AAR & SBL), Seattle, Washington

April 2005: Panel Chair and Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta Historical Honor Society Northwest Regional Conference, Sun Valley, Idaho

March 2005: "A Tragedy of Errors: The History of the Middle East from the Age of Imperialism to the Era of Global Capitalism." Public Lecture given at the Merc Playhouse, Twisp, Washington

January 2005: "The Self-Determination of Divine Will: Eschatology in the Historical Philosophy of Nishida Kitaro." American Catholic Historical Association (ACHA), Seattle, Washington

October 2004: "Constructive Critiques of Modernization: A Critical and Narrative-based Approach to Teaching World History." Northwest World History Association (NWWHA), Vancouver, Washington

October 2004: "Zen, Eschatology, and the Historical Dialectics of Nishida Kitaro." Western Branch, American Oriental Society (AOS), Portland, Oregon

June 2004: "Ecstatic Treks through the Demon Regions: Zen Scholars Debate the *Satori* of Psychedelic Experience." Association for Asian Studies, Pacific (ASPAC), Eugene, Oregon

May 2004: "D.T. Suzuki and the Modernization of Zen Buddhism." Pacific Northwest Chapter of the American Society of Oriental Religion/American Academy of Religion and Schools of Biblical Literature (ASOR/AAR & SBL), Vancouver, British Columbia.

April 2003: "Nishida, Zen, and Overcoming Modernity." Pacific Northwest Chapter of the American Society of Oriental Religion/American Academy of Religion and Schools of Biblical Literature Conference. University of Idaho, Moscow

June 2002: "*Nishida, Zen, to Kindai no Chōkoku no Mondai*" (Nishida, Zen and the Problem of Overcoming Modernity). Presented at the Stanford Inter-University Center for Advanced Japanese Language Studies. Yokohama, Japan

August 2001: Guest Faculty at the University of Colorado Summer Institute for Secondary Teachers; "Starting Over: Japan's Occupation Years, 1945-1952." Boulder, Colorado.

June 2001: Participant, *Collegium* Summer Colloquy on Faith and Intellectual Life. University of Portland, Portland, Oregon.

April 2001: "Hallucinating the End of History: Zen, the Kyoto School, and the Eschaton." Harvard East Asian Society. Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

June 2000. "Subscribing to the American Dream: The *Reader's Digest* in Postwar Japan." Association for Asian Studies, Pacific (AASPAC). University of Oregon, Eugene.

September 1999. “*Kokusaika no Giseisha* (Martyrs to Internationalization): Returnees and the Problem of Internationalization.” Western Conference Association for Asian Studies (WCAAS). Boise State University, Boise, Idaho.

CONFERENCES and EVENTS, ORGANIZED and HOSTED

April 2018 (in preparation): Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society Northwest Regional Conference. Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington

June 2014: “Big Truth: Reality is Not What Everyone Told You.” An all-day workshop with Thomas Campbell at Gonzaga University, Spokane Washington

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKwAgU1wWa0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7wxBmOc6ot8>

April 2014: “Remembering What We Know,” a Public Lecture by Fr. James Schall, SJ in honor of Fr. John Navone, SJ, at Gonzaga University, Spokane Washington

June 2012: Association for Asian Studies Pacific, Gonzaga University, Spokane Washington

February 2010: “Sowing the Field of Christian Missions” The Matteo Ricci Lecture Series, Gonzaga University and Whitworth University. (Co-hosted with Dr. Anthony Clark of Whitworth University)

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Editor in Chief, *World Civilization II, 1500 to the Present*

Milestone Documents, <https://www.milestonedocuments.com/subject/world-history-ii-1500-to-present>

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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Vice President, Association for Asian Studies Pacific, 2011-12

Regional Coordinator and Treasurer, American Academy of Religion, Pacific Northwest Region, 2011-2013

Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society

Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honors Society

The Fellowship of Catholic Scholars

COMMUNITY SERVICE

President, Spokane Waldorf Education Association, 2011-14

Treasurer, Hutton School PTA, 2007-08

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND COMMENDATIONS:

Non-Academic: NROTC Scholarship, 1980; President, Colorado Chapter, Delta Upsilon Fraternity, 1983; Navy Achievement Medal, 1986 and 1988; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, 1987; Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, 1987; Meritorious Unit Commendation, 1987; Outstanding Instructor Award, at Surface Warfare Officers School Engineering Officer of the Watch Course, awarded seven times between 1988 and 1990.

Academic:

Exemplary Faculty Award, Gonzaga University, 2007

Thomas K. Turner Award, University of Oregon 2001; Leah Kircher Outstanding Teaching Award, University of Oregon, 2001; America Japan Society Fellowship, 2001; Sato Foundation Scholarship, 2001; US Department of Education Fellowship, 2001.