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Current Position

University of Pennsylvania, Professor, Department of History

Professional Experience

- 2024 (spring) Fulbright U.S. Scholar, Fulbright University Vietnam (FUV), Ho Chi Minh City
- 2022 (Dec.) Visiting Professor, Faculty of Oriental Studies, Vietnam National University, Hanoi
- 2019- Director, Penn Center for East Asian Studies
- 2015-19 Deputy Director, Penn Forum on Japan (PFJ)
- 2013- Professor of History, University of Pennsylvania
Courses on Modern Japanese History, East Asian Diplomacy, Making of a Modern World; Freshman seminars on Western perceptions of Japan, Asia and "Asian values;" Major seminars on Japanese politics, imperialism, national identity, Asia/Pacific empire, Imperial Asia, Asian nationalism, war, memory of war, imperialism, East Asian diaspora, Pacific World; Honors seminars on Western perceptions of Japan, Asian nationalism, American empire in the Pacific; Graduate seminars on Historiography of Modern Japan, East Asian Diplomacy, History and Historiography of Transnational Asia, Teaching World History
- 2012-19 Co-Director, Lauder Institute of Management and International Studies
- 2012 (summer) Visiting Associate Professor, Kwansei Gakuin University, Nishinomiya, Japan
- 2008-9 Acting Director, Center for East Asian Studies, University of Pennsylvania
- 2006-7; 2001-2 Interim Co-Director, Lauder Institute of Management and International Studies
- Sp '06, Sp '02 Visiting Associate Professor of History, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA
- 2004 (summer) Visiting Associate Professor of History, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan
- 2002 (fall) Visiting Associate Professor, Satsuma Chair in Japanese Studies, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium
- 2000-13 Associate Professor of History, University of Pennsylvania
- 1993-2000 Assistant Professor of History, University of Pennsylvania

Education

- Ph.D., 1993 Yale University, History
- 1989-1991 Tokyo University, Japan, Graduate research
- M.A., 1987 Yale University, History

M.A., 1986 Kyoto University, Japan, International Politics
 B.A., 1983 University of Notre Dame, Government and International Studies, Japanese
 1980-1981 Sophia University, Japan, Study abroad

Awards, Grants and Fellowships

2023 Fulbright US Scholar Program grant to teach in Ho Chi Minh City, spring 2024

2023 Penn School of Arts and Sciences funds for East-Southeast Asia Faculty Working Group (\$5,000)

2022 Department of Education National Resource Center (NRC) Award, 2022-26 (\$861,324)

2022 Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, 2022-26 (\$978,788)

2021 Japan Foundation Institutional Project Support (IPS) Grant for “Impact Japan”, 2021-25 (\$235,969)

2018 Japan Foundation Japanese Studies Grant for Philadelphia and Meiji Japan Symposium, University of Pennsylvania, Sept. 20-22, 2018 (\$25,000)

2017-18 Penn SAS Conference Support for “America’s World City: Philadelphia through the Prism of Meiji Japan,” June 29, 2017 (\$2,000)

2017-18 Penn University Research Foundation award for “America’s World City: Philadelphia through the Prism of Meiji Japan,” June 27, 2017 (\$3,000)

2016-17 Penn China Research and Engagement Fund for Lauder Institute project, “The New East Asia,” Aug. 8, 2016 (\$150,000)

2015-16 Penn China Research and Engagement Fund for Lauder Institute project, “New Horizons in East Asia,” Sept. 1, 2015 (\$139,284)

2015-16 Penn Global Engagement Fund for Penn Center for the Integrated Study of Japan (CISJ) project, “Globalization through a Japanese Prism,” Apr. 16, 2015 (\$6,000)

2014 Japan Foundation Japanese Studies Grant for Modern Japan History Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Oct. 18, 2014 (\$4,000)

2014 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Mellon Cross-Cultural Conference Grant for Modern Japan History Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Oct. 18, 2014 (\$8,000)

2013 Penn Global Engagement fund for Interdisciplinary Conference Exploring Chinese and Indian State and Firm-level Interventions in Africa and Latin America

2011-12 International Research Center for Japanese Studies, Visiting Research Scholar, Kyoto, Japan

2010 International Research Center for Japanese Studies funds for research in Kyoto, Japan

2004 Kyoto University Center of Excellence project funds for summer research in Japan

2003 Kyoto University Foundation Fund for summer research in Japan

- 2000-2001 Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace, Susan Louis Dyer Peace Fellowship, Stanford University
- 2000 University of Pennsylvania Center for East Asian Studies Faculty Research Grant
- 1997 Japan Foundation Research Fellowship for study at Kokugakuin University, Tokyo
- 1997 University of Pennsylvania Dean's citation for teaching excellence, Hist. 395
- 1996 University of Pennsylvania Dean's citation for teaching excellence, Hist. 91
- 1993-1994 Harvard University Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies Post-Doctoral Fellowship in residence
- 1993 Arthur and Mary Wright Prize, outstanding dissertation in non-Western history, Yale U.
- 1991-1993 Yale Council on East Asian Studies Prize Fellowship
- 1989-1991 Fulbright Grant for research at Tokyo University, Japan
- 1988-1989 Sumitomo Grant for study at Yale University
- 1986-1988 Department of Defense Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship
- 1983-1986 Japanese Ministry of Education (Mombushō) Scholarship for study at Kyoto University
- 1983 Phi Beta Kappa

Books

- A Global History of Modern Japan*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming, 2025
- World War I and the Triumph of a New Japan, 1919-1930*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Social and Cultural History of Modern Warfare series, 2013 (first paperback edition, Mar., 2015)
- Taishō tennō* (Taishō Emperor). Kyoto: Minerva, Sept. 2009 (2nd edition, Dec. 2009)
- War and National Reinvention: Japan in the Great War, 1914-1919*. Cambridge: Harvard University East Asian Monographs, 1999 (first paperback edition, 2000)

Articles/Essays

- “Empire on My Mind: Celebrating Three Generations of Anglophone Scholarship on Imperial Japan,” *Japan Review* vol.39 (2024), pp. 221-30, https://doi.org/10.69307/japanreview.39.0_221
- “Japan in the First World War,” in Paul R. Bartrop, ed., *The Routledge History of the First World War* (New York: Routledge, 2024), pp. 217-29
- “Nichibunken and Me: From ‘Nihonjinron’ to Visions of the World Through a Japanese Prism,” in Inoue Shōichi, ed., *Sekai no naka no Nihon kenkyū: hihanteki teigen o motomete* (Kyoto: International Research Center for Japanese Studies, 2021), pp. 153-160, <http://doi.org/10.15055/00007669>
- “Tragic War, Lasting Peace: Japan and the Construction of Global Peace, 1919–1930,” in Tosh Minohara and Evan Dawley, eds., *Beyond Versailles: The 1919 Moment and a New Order in East Asia* (Lexington, 2021), pp. 247-70

- “Japan and the Modern World: Lessons from Meiji,” *Japan Review* vol.2 no.2 (Fall 2018), pp. 45-52
- “More than a ‘Moment’: Woodrow Wilson and the Foundations of Twentieth Century Japan,” *Japanese Journal of Political Science* (2018), 19, pp. 587–599, doi:10.1017/S146810991800035X
- “Firaderufia to Meiji Nihon: Baba Tatsui to Firaderufia no Nihonjin komyunitai o tōshite” (Philadelphia and Meiji Japan: Through the Prism of Tatsui Baba and the Philadelphia Japanese Community) *Kamizono*, no. 19 (May 2018), pp. 19-32
- “First World War as Global War: Japan, New Zealand, and the Dawn of an Asia/Pacific World,” in Nanyan Guo, Takashi Shogimen, eds., *Japanese Studies Down Under: History, Politics, Literature and Art* (Kyoto: International Research Center for Japanese Studies, 2018), pp. 105-16
- “‘Nanyō’ in the Rise of a Global Japan, 1919-1931,” in Nanyan Guo, Takashi Shogimen, eds., *Japanese Studies Down Under: History, Politics, Literature and Art* (Kyoto: International Research Center for Japanese Studies, 2018), pp. 117-27
- “Afterward,” in Yi Tae-jin, Eugene Y. Park, and Kirk W. Larsen, eds., *Peace in the East: An Chunggun’s Vision for Asia in the Age of Japanese Imperialism* (Lanham: Lexington Books, 2017), pp. 223-31.
- “À l’aube d’un siècle Pacifique: les États-Unis et le Japon durant la Première Guerre mondiale” (Dawn of a Pacific Century: The U.S. and Japan in World War I), *Ebisu: Études japonaises*, no. 53 (Dec. 2016), pp. 77 – 100, <http://ebisu.revues.org/1853> ; DOI : 10.4000/ebisu.1853
- “The First World War, Japan, and a Global Century,” in Oliviero Frattolillo and Antony Best, eds., *Japan and the Great War* (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2015), pp. 162-82
- “From ‘International’ to ‘Global’: Diplomatic Reflections on Modern Japan beyond a West European World,” in Mayuko Sano, ed., *Rethinking Japanese Studies, from Practices in the Nordic Region* (Kyoto: International Research Center for Japanese Studies, 2014), pp. 61-71
- “Imperial Japan and the Great War,” in Robert Gerwarth & Erez Manela, eds., *Empires at War: 1911-1923*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014, pp. 197-213
- “Senkanki no sekai ni okeru seiji shidō no kadai: Hamaguchi Osachi o chūshin ni” (Hamaguchi Osachi and the Challenges of Leadership in a Post-Versailles World), in Tobe Ryōichi, ed. *Kindai Nihon no lidāshippu: kiro ni tatsu shidōshatachi* (Leaders at Crossroads in Modern Japan: They Made Decisions, Mistakes and History). (Tokyo: Chikura shobō, 2014), pp. 73-90
- “Toward a Global Perspective of the Great War: Japan and the Foundations of a Twentieth Century World,” *American Historical Review*, vol. 119, no. 4 (Oct. 2014), pp. 1154-1183
- “Kadoki no Kyōto: shiseikatsu kara mita kindai Nihonshigaku no ayumi” (Kyōto as Transition: Modern Japanese Historiography Through a Personal Prism), *Nichibunken*, no. 48 (Mar. 2012), pp. 47-52
- “Globalizing ConflictSpace: The View from East Asia,” *Foreign Policy Analysis* (2011) no. 7, p. 189-195
- “Biohazard: Unit 731 in Postwar Japanese Politics of National ‘Forgetfulness’” in *Japan Focus* (online journal of Japanese affairs), Oct. 12, 2007 (http://japanfocus.org/-Frederick_R_-Dickinson/2543)
- “Biohazard: Wartime Biomedical Experimentation in the Politics of Postwar Japan,” in William R. LaFleur, Gernot Böhme, and Susumu Shimazono, eds., *Dark Medicine: Rationalizing Unethical Medical Research*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2007, pp. 85-104. Republished as, “Die Einheit 731 in der Nachkriegspolitik nationalen ‘Vergessens,’” in Gernot Böhme, William R. LaFleur,

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“The View from Japan: War and Peace in Europe around 1914,” in Holger Afflerbach and David Stevenson, eds., *An Improbable War?: The Outbreak of World War I and European Political Culture before 1914*. New York: Berghahn Books, 2007, pp. 303-19

“Dai-ichiji sekai taisengo no Nihon no kōsō: Nihon ni okeru Uirusonshugi no juyō” (Japanese Conceptions of the Post-World War I World: The Reception of Woodrow Wilson in Japan) in Itō Yukio, Kawada Minoru, eds., *Nijū seiki Nihon to Higashi Ajia no keisei*. Kyoto: Minerva, 2007, pp. 133-149

“External Relations,” in William Tsutsui, ed., *A Companion to Japanese History*. Oxford: Blackwell, 2006, pp. 207-223 (first paperback edition, 2009)

“Globalization and its Discontents: Lessons from Japan’s Encounter with Wilsonian Internationalism, 1919-1931,” *Kyoto Journal of Law and Politics*, vol. 2 no. 1 (Nov. 2005), pp. 31-45

“Commemorating the War in Post-Versailles Japan,” in John Steinberg and David Schimmelpenninck, eds., *The Russo-Japanese War Reexamined*. Netherlands: Brill, 2005, pp. 523-543

“Japan Debates the Anglo-Japanese Alliance: The Second Revision of 1911,” in Philips O’Brien, ed., *The Anglo-Japanese Alliance: A Reconsideration*. New York: Routledge, 2004, pp. 99-121

"Japan," in Richard Hamilton and Holger Herwig, eds. *World War I: The Origins*. Cambridge University Press, 2003, pp. 300-36

"Dai-ichiji sekai taisenki no Katō gaikō to Nichi-Bei kankei" (Kato Diplomacy and U.S.-Japanese Relations during the First World War), in Itō Yukio, Kawada Minoru, eds. *Nijū seiki Nichi-Bei kankei to higashi Ajia*. Tokyo: Fubaisha, 2002, pp. 41-64

"Crumbling Pillars of the U.S.-Japan Security Alliance," *Orbis* vol. 45, no. 4 (Fall 2001), pp. 637-656

"Japan's Asia in the Politics of a New World Order, 1914-1919," in Harald Fuess, ed. *The Japanese Empire in East Asia and its Postwar Legacy*. Munich: Iudicium Verlag, 1998, pp. 27-48

"Edwin O. Reischauer: 'zen'i no taishi'" (Reischauer: Goodwill Ambassador), in Kosaka Masataka, ed. *Nichi-bei sengoshi no dorama* (Drama of Postwar U.S.-Japan Relations). Kyoto: PHP Institute, 1995, pp. 113-118

"Nichi-Bei anpo taisai no henyō: MSA kyōtei ni okeru saigunbi ni kansuru ryokai" (Transformation of the U.S.-Japan Security Relationship: The 1954 Mutual Defense Assistance Agreement and Japanese Rearmament), I, II. *Hōgaku ronsō* vol. 121 no. 4 (7/1987), pp. 60-82; vol. 122 no. 3 (12/1987), pp. 103-131

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“Civilian and Military Power (Japan),” in: 1914-1918-online. *International Encyclopedia of the First World War*, ed. by Ute Daniel, Peter Gatrell, Oliver Janz, Heather Jones, Jennifer Keene, Alan Kramer, and

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Media/Opinion

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Commentator, “Historical Anecdote - Joseph C. Grew,” NHK Television, July 29, 2015

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Kristen de Groot, "Alone Again in Fukushima," *Penn Today*, March 10, 2021,
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Josh Axelrod, "A Century Later: The Treaty of Versailles and its Rejection of Racial Equality," *Code Switch: Race and Identity, Remixed*, Aug. 11, 2019,
<https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2019/08/11/742293305/a-century-later-the-treaty-of-versailles-and-its-rejection-of-racial-equality?>

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Peter J Brown, "Japan and Korea Thumb a Poisoned Ledger," *Asia Times On-line*, Apr. 4, 2010,
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Eric Johnston, "From Heroes to Zero, with Fateful Strings Attached," *Japan Times*, Nov. 9, 2008
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Reviews

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Conferences

(Organizer)

"Philadelphia and Meiji Japan" symposium, University of Pennsylvania, Sept. 20 – 22, 2018

“Road to the Pacific War in Recent Historiography” symposium, University of Pennsylvania, Nov. 3, 2016

“Election 2016: Implications for Asia,” Penn Wharton China Center, Beijing, China, July 27, 2016

Modern Japanese History Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Oct. 18, 2014

University of Pennsylvania Commemoration in honor of Professors F. Hilary Conroy, Ludo Rocher, Rosane Rocher and G. Cameron Hurst III, 61st Annual Conference of the Association of Asian Studies, University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archeology and Anthropology, Mar. 27, 2010

"Back to the Future: Diplomatic Legacies for a Post-Cold War East Asia," symposium on East Asian diplomacy, University of Pennsylvania, Sept. 18-19, 1998

"Japan Reading Group," faculty and graduate symposium, Harvard University, 1993-1994

(Panel Organizer)

Organizer and chair, “CEAS on AI: Digital Learning in the East Asia Classroom,” Center for East Asian Studies Dialogue, University of Pennsylvania, Sept. 13, 2023

Organizer and chair, “CEAS on Civics: East Asia as Engagement,” Center for East Asian Studies Dialogue, University of Pennsylvania, Sept. 15, 2022

Organizer and chair, “CEAS on Covid: Lessons from 17 Months of Isolation,” Center for East Asian Studies Dialogue, University of Pennsylvania, Sept. 14, 2021

Organizer and chair, “Alone again in Fukushima,” Panel discussion on Mayu Nakamura film, University of Pennsylvania, Mar. 8, 2021

Organizer and chair, “CEAS on Race 2: Toward an Anti-Racist Examination of East Asia: Voices from the Language Classroom”, Center for East Asian Studies Dialogue, University of Pennsylvania, Jan. 28, 2021

Organizer and chair, “CEAS on Race: Toward an Anti-Racist Examination of East Asia”, Center for East Asian Studies Dialogue, University of Pennsylvania, Sept. 17, 2020

“Diplomats Bridging Philadelphia and Meiji,” panel for “Philadelphia and Meiji Japan” Symposium, University of Pennsylvania, Sept. 22, 2018

“Japan in Philadelphia and Chicago,” panel for “Philadelphia and Meiji Japan” Symposium, University of Pennsylvania, Sept. 21, 2018

“Empire and Beyond: Papers in Honor of Mark Peattie,” panel for 66th annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Chicago, Ill, Mar. 28, 2015

“Politics and Partisans in Prewar Japan,” panel for Modern Japanese History Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Oct. 18, 2014

“Rethinking Monarchy in Modern Japan,” panel for the 62nd annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Honolulu, HI, Apr. 2, 2011

“Whither Japan? Looking Forward Beyond the Headlines,” Panel discussion with Penn faculty, on occasion of Penn for Japan week, University of Pennsylvania, Mar. 24, 2011

“The New International History and Japan,” panel for the 61st annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Philadelphia, PA, Mar. 28, 2010

“Reconstructing Taisho,” panel for the 58th annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, San Francisco, CA, Apr. 2006

“Asian Rashōmon: Conflict and (Mis)perception in Cold War Asia,” panel for the Thirty-third Annual Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Oct. 23, 2004

"Taishō Illiberalism," panel for 48th annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Honolulu, Hawaii, Apr. 1996

"The Logic of Japanese Imperialism?," panel for 47th annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Washington, D.C., Apr. 9, 1995

(Chair, Discussant)

Chair and Discussant, Panel on “Migration and Ethnic Rivalries in Japan’s Imperial Borderlands” for annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Boston, MA, Mar. 17, 2023

Chair, Panel on “State Reforms in Japan during the American Occupation, 1945-52: Continuity or Discontinuity?,” for 136th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Philadelphia, Jan. 7, 2023

Chair and Discussant, Panel on “Legacies of War in Immediate Cold War East Asia,” for 50th Meeting of Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Oct. 1, 2022

Discussant, Panel on “Japan and Japaneseness Across Time and Space, Symposium,” for East Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference on Innovation, Fabrication, Conservation: Responding to the Past(s) of East Asian Cultures, University of Pennsylvania, Apr. 16, 2022

Discussant, Panel on “Korea and Japan,” for Center for the Study of Contemporary China 2019 Annual Conference: “Security and US-China Relations: Differences, Dangers, and Dilemmas,” University of Pennsylvania, May 2, 2019

Chair and Discussant, Panel on “Struggling for Sovereignty: Innovative and Unexpected Reactions to Imperialism,” 70th annual meeting for the Association of Asian Studies, Denver, CO, Mar. 22, 2019

Moderator, Panel on “Diplomats Bridging Philadelphia and Meiji,” for Philadelphia and Meiji Japan Symposium, University of Pennsylvania, Sept. 22, 2018

Discussant, Panel on “History, Civic Engagement and State Policy,” for Peace in Northeast Asia: Beyond the San Francisco System Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Dec. 1, 2017

Chair and Discussant, Panel on “Modern Japan at War: Rethinking the Roots of Militarism and Adventurism,” Conference on Asia in Motion: Beyond Borders and Boundaries, Seoul, S. Korea, June 25, 2017

Chair and Discussant, Panel on “Sovereignty, Security, & the State: Making & Maintaining Nation,” for East Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference on Structure and Subordination: Law, Science, and Religion in East Asia, University of Pennsylvania, Apr. 22, 2017

Discussant, “Road to the Pacific War in Recent Historiography” Symposium, University of Pennsylvania, Nov. 3, 2016

Chair, Panel on “Think Tanks and Policy Advice Beyond the Beltway,” Think Tank Leadership Seminar, Lauder Institute, University of Pennsylvania, Oct. 13, 2016

Discussant, Panel on “National Uses of Transnational Pasts,” Conference on Korea with Empire: Resisting, Contesting, and Appropriating Transnational Universals, University of Pennsylvania, Apr. 22, 2016

Discussant for Kirsten L. Ziomek, "Managing Japan's Rebels: From Rehabilitation to Execution: Policies Directed toward Taiwan's Indigenous People from 1932-1942," Lees Seminar, Rutgers University-Camden, Apr. 8, 2016

Chair and Discussant, Panel on "The Great War in World Historical Perspective," 130th annual meeting of the American Historical Association, Atlanta, GA, Jan. 9, 2016

Discussant, Celebration of Jessamyn Abel, *The International Minimum* and Ran Zwigenberg, *Hiroshima*, Asian Studies Seminar, Department of East Asian Studies, Penn State University, State College, PA, Oct. 23, 2015

Chair and Discussant, Panel on "Empire and Beyond: Papers in Honor of Mark Peattie," 66th annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Chicago, Ill., Mar. 28, 2015

Chair and Discussant, Panel on "Politics and Partisans in Prewar Japan," Modern Japanese History Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Oct. 18, 2014

Discussant, Panel on "Understanding Difference: Diplomacy as Cultural Encounter (1814-1914)," European Social Science History Conference, Vienna, Austria, Apr. 26, 2014

Discussant, "The Significance of 'the Frontier' to Japanese History," Center for East Asian Studies (CEAS) Workshop, Yale University, New Haven, CT, Apr. 9, 2014

Discussant, Panel on "Transnational Discourses of Development and the Meaning of Modern Asia: Experts, Education, and Economy," 65th annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Philadelphia, Mar. 28, 2014

Discussant, Panel on "Imperial Japan in an Asian Modern: The Rise and Fall of an Alternative Twentieth Century World," 64th annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, San Diego, Mar. 22, 2013

Chair and Moderator, "Whither Japan? Looking Forward Beyond the Headlines," Panel discussion with Penn faculty, on occasion of Penn for Japan week, University of Pennsylvania, Mar. 24, 2011

Discussant, Panel on "The New International History and Japan," 61st annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Philadelphia, Mar. 28, 2010

Chair and Discussant, Panel on "Diplomacy and Identity," annual meeting of the Society of the History of American Foreign Relations, Austin, TX, June 26, 2004

Discussant, Panel on "The Ambiguous Borders of Colonial Authority: Japanese Consular Police in Northeast Asia," 55th annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, San Diego, Mar. 6, 2004

Discussant, Panel on "World War I in East Asia: Three National Perspectives," 1998 New York Conference on Asian Studies, State University of New York at New Platz, New Platz, NY, Oct. 17, 1998

(Papers Presented)

"Nihon seiji gaikōshi kara mita gendai sekai no saikō" (Rethinking the Modern World through the Prism of Japanese Political and International History), presented to the Third Meeting of the Japanese Political and International History Research Group, The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA), Tokyo, Japan, Nov. 11, 2024

"Tokyo, Philadelphia, HCMC: Rethinking History and Area Studies in a Global 21st Century," presented to Fulbright University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, May 7, 2024

- “Pennsylvania daigaku kara mita 21-seiki no Nihon kenkyu” (Japanese Studies in the Twenty-First Century from the Perspective of the University of Pennsylvania), presented to Consortium for Global Japanese Studies Meeting for Representatives of Japanese Studies Institutes, on-line, Nov. 20, 2022
- “New Cold War?: Wartime Japan and the Global Politics of War and Peace, 1931-2022,” presented to Asian/Pacific Studies Institute Speaker Series, Duke University, Nov. 3, 2022
- “Versailles at 100: Japan and the Dawn of a Global Century,” presented to Asia in Transition, 1919-2019 Symposium, Boston University, Boston, Apr. 30, 2019
- “Nichibunken to tomo ni ayumu: ‘Nihonjinron’ kara ‘Nihon kara mita sekai’ e” (Together with Nichibunken: From ‘Nihonjinron’ to “The World from the Perspective of Japan”), presented to Sōritsu 30 shūnen kinen kokusai shinpojiūmu: sekai no naka no Nihon kenkyū—hihanteki teigen o motomete (30th Anniversary International Symposium, Japanese Studies in the World: Seeking Critical Suggestions), International Research Center for Japanese Studies, Kyoto, Japan, May 21, 2018
- “Philadelphia and Meiji Japan,” presented on Panel 223 The Meiji Restoration at 150: Researching, Commemorating, and Teaching, at 69th annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Washington, D.C., Mar. 24, 2018
- “Japan and the Modern World: Lessons from Meiji,” presented to 150 Years on from the Meiji Restoration—Modernization and Japan in Global Context Symposium, Osaka, Japan, Mar. 13, 2018
- “Asian-American Century: 1920s Japan, 21st Century China, and the Rise and Fall of a Global America,” presented to U.S.-Japan Relations: Past, Present, and Future Conference, University of Michigan, Mar. 8, 2018
- “‘Ghastly’ War, ‘Lasting’ Peace: Japan and the Construction of Global Peace, 1919-1930,” presented to Beyond Versailles: Reverberations of the “1919 Moment” in Asia Conference, Honolulu, HI, Jan. 7, 2018
- “More than a “Moment’: Woodrow Wilson and the Foundations of Twentieth Century Japan,” presented to Wilsonian Moment in Japan?: 1917-1937 Workshop, Tokyo, Japan, Mar. 9, 2017
- “‘Nanyo’ in the Rise of a Global Japan, 1919-1931,” presented to 23rd Nichibunken International Symposium “Japanese Studies Down Under: History, Politics, Literature and Art,” Otago University, Dunedin, New Zealand, Nov. 24, 2016
- “First World War as Global War: Japan, New Zealand & the Dawn of an Asia/Pacific World,” 23rd Nichibunken International Symposium “Japanese Studies Down Under: History, Politics, Literature and Art” Keynote Address, Otago University, Dunedin, New Zealand, Nov. 23, 2016
- “World War I and the Original ‘Pivot to Asia:’ Japan and the Dawn of an Asia/Pacific World,” presented to 2015 Symposium: Global War, 1915, The National WW I Museum and Memorial, Kansas City, Kansas, Nov. 6, 2015
- “Dawn of a Pacific Century: The U.S. and Japan in World War I,” presented to Commission of the History of International Relations (CHIR) Japan international symposium, “The Emergence of ‘Asia-Pacific’ in International Relations: The First World War and Japan,” Tokyo, Japan, Dec. 6, 2014
- “The Great War as World War: Japanese Belligerence and the Dawn of an Asia/Pacific World,” presented to the World War I Centennial Symposium, MacArthur Memorial, Norfolk, VA, Nov. 14, 2014
- “The Great War and the Rise of Twentieth Century Japan,” presented to the International Symposium on “The First World War and Japan: Japan’s New Role in a Changing World,” Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Leuven, Belgium, Sept. 15, 2014

“Nijū seiki shoki no saiteki na līdā: Hamaguchi Osachi” (A Leader for the Twentieth Century: Hamaguchi Osachi), presented to the International Symposium on “Images of Japanese Leadership,” Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, Mar. 15, 2014

“Senkanki no sekai ni okeru seiji shidō no kadai: Shōwa tennō o chūshin ni” (The Shōwa Emperor and the Challenges of Leadership in a Post-Versailles World), presented to seminar on Leadership in Modern Japan, International Research Center for Japanese Studies, Kyoto, Japan, Jan. 25, 2014

“From ‘International’ to ‘Global:’ Diplomatic Reflections on Modern Japan beyond a West European World,” presented to “Rethinking Japanese Studies: Practices from the Nordic States,” Nichibunken Symposium, Copenhagen, Aug. 23, 2012

“Watashi no Amerika, watashi no Nihon” (My America, my Japan), presented to Fulbright Japan 60th Anniversary Symposium, Tokyo, Japan, May 26, 2012

“Senkanki no sekai ni okeru seiji shidō no kadai: Hamaguchi Osachi o chūshin ni” (Hamaguchi Osachi and the Challenges of Leadership in a Post-Versailles World), presented to seminar on Leadership in Modern Japan, International Research Center for Japanese Studies, Kyoto, Japan, Oct. 15, 2011

“Taishō Ishin: Restoring Taishō Centrality to the History of Japanese Monarchy,” presented at 62nd annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Honolulu, HI, Apr. 2, 2011

“Shōwa shoki Taishō tennōzō no keisei katei: nijū seiki Nihon no genshō kara wazarai no shinboru e” (The Malleable Image of the Taisho Emperor: from Leader of Twentieth Century Japan to Symbol of Infirmity), presented to seminar on Leadership in Modern Japan, International Research Center for Japanese Studies, July 11, 2010

“Spreading East: the Great War in East Asia,” presented at “How and why did the First World War spread?,” Conference at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Apr. 23, 2008

“Constructing a ‘New Japan:’ Politics and Culture in the Shadow of the Great War, 1919-1931,” presented at 58th annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, San Francisco, CA., Apr. 7, 2006

“The United States-Asian Triangle in Historical Perspective,” presented at “The United States and Asian Triangle,” Conference at Nihon University, Tokyo, Japan, July 1, 2005

“War and Memory in Japan,” presented at “World War 0: Reappraising the War of 1904-5,” Conference at Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, May 25, 2005

“The View from Japan: War and Peace in Europe around 1914,” presented at “An Improbable War? The Outbreak of World War I Reconsidered,” Conference at Emory University, Oct. 16, 2004

“Uiruson-teki kokusaishugi jidai no Nihon no ‘Ajia,’ 1919-1931” (Japan’s “Asia” in the Age of Wilsonian Internationalism), presented to the Research Group on Japan in the Twentieth Century, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan, Aug. 1, 2004

“Biohazard: Unit 731 in Postwar Japanese Politics of National ‘Forgetfulness,’” presented at “Going Too Far,” an International Conference on History and Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania, Apr. 30, 2004

“Heiwa to sensō o kinen su: nijū nendai ni okeru kioku tōsō” (Commemorating War and Peace: Battles of Remembrance in 1920s Japan), presented to the Modern Japan Seminar, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan, July 19, 2003

“Korean Immigration and the History of Japanese Diplomacy/Imperialism,” presented at “The Centennial of Korean Immigration to the United States: A Roundtable Discussion on the Scholarship of Wayne Patterson,” American Historical Association Conference, Chicago, IL, Jan. 5, 2003

"Japan Debates the Anglo-Japanese Alliance: the Second Renewal of 1911," presented at the Centennial Conference on the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, University of Glasgow, September 13, 2002

"Warring over Wilhelm: Japanese Images of Imperial Germany, 1914-1919," presented at Mars in Ascendant: The Great War and the Twentieth Century Conference, Imperial War Museum, London, August 2, 2001

"The U.S.-Japan Security Alliance: Perspective of a Historian," presented to U.S. & World Affairs Seminar, Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace, Feb. 14, 2001

"Japan: World War I as 'Divine Aid,'" presented at The Merhson Center Conference on the Origins of the First World War, The Ohio State University, October 30, 1999

"Marking Time at the Millennium: Woodrow Wilson, Bill Clinton and the Japanese Struggle with an Interminable American Century," presented at the Penn symposium on East Asian diplomacy, "Back to the Future: Diplomatic Legacies for a Post-Cold War East Asia," University of Pennsylvania, September 18, 1998

"Katō Takaaki: Taishō shin Nihon no shōchō" (Katō Takaaki: Symbol of a New Taishō Japan), presented to the Modern Japan Seminar, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan, Nov. 29, 1997

"Japan's Asia in the Politics of a New World Order, 1914-1919," presented at the Deutsche Institute History Conference: Japanese Empire and its Legacy in East Asia, Deutsche Institute, Tokyo, Oct. 18, 1997

"Illiberal Uses of Foreign Policy: the 'Obstacle' of Versailles in Taishō Politics," presented at the 48th annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Honolulu, Hawaii, Apr. 12, 1996

"The Politics of Empire: World War I and Japan," presented at the 47th annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Washington, D.C., Apr. 9, 1995

"Empire as Power: The Great War and the Politics of Japan's China Policy, 1914-1919," presented to Harvard University Japan Forum, Apr. 8, 1994

"Crazed or Empowered?: The Taishō Emperor and 'Tennōsei,'" presented to the Japan Reading Group, Harvard University, Feb. 25, 1994

"Spanning the Great Wars: Finessing the Minefield of Continuity in Japanese Historiography," presented to the Japan Reading Group, Harvard University, Nov. 5, 1993

Invited Talks and Lectures

"Reiwa in the Making of a 21st Century World," Keynote, Japan Studies Association Annual Conference, Honolulu, Hawai'i, Jan. 9, 2025

"Twenty-first Century from the Perspective of Southeast Asia: Reflections from a Six-Month Sojourn in Vietnam," presented to East/Southeast Asia Program Seminar, Lauder Institute of Management and International Studies, Philadelphia, PA, Oct. 30, 2024

"Japan in the Making of a Global Philadelphia," presented to Rotary Club of Swarthmore, PA, Sept. 26, 2024

"Mùa xuân Fulbright của tôi (My Fulbright Spring)," presented to Fulbright Vietnam Program, Hanoi, Vietnam, May 21, 2024

- “Rethinking the Twentieth Century through the Prism of Modern Japan,” presented to Division of the Humanities, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong, Feb. 21, 2024
- “The U.S.-Japan Security Alliance: Past and Present,” presented to Harvard, Yale, Stanford and Penn Alumni Clubs of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA, Oct. 28, 2023
- “Modern World through the Prism of Modern Japan,” presented to Teaching China, Japan, and Korea in the Middle School: History and Culture Seminar for Teachers/National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), Princeton University, Apr. 23, 2022
- “Korea in Regional and Global Context,” presented in conjunction with International Education Week, Philadelphia Community College, Nov. 18, 2021
- “Manjiro and the Making of a Modern World,” In Conversation with Director Kelsey Scouten Bates, The Rosenbach Museum, Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 16, 2021
- “Modern World through the Prism of Japan and Korea,” presented to Cultural Identities and Cross-Cultural Connections in East Asia: Influences from Classical Period to Present Seminar for Teachers/National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), University of Pennsylvania, July 1, 2021
- “‘Globalization’ through the Prism of Modern Japan,” presented to East Asia in World History Seminar for Teachers/National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), University of Pennsylvania, Jan. 30, 2021
- “Japan in the Making of a Global World,” presented to Contemporary Japan in a Global Context Seminar for Teachers/National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), University of Pennsylvania, Feb. 22, 2020
- “Modern World through a Japanese Prism,” presented to Penn Biden Center—Kakehashi Project Pre-Departure Session: The U.S.-Japan Alliance, Past Present and Future, University of Pennsylvania, Oct. 23, 2019
- “‘Itsu ka sekai no kakehashi’ o mezasu jidō seito e no negai” (My Hope for You Who Aspire to be a “Bridge Someday to the World”), presented to the Golden Jubilee, San Francisco Japanese School, San Mateo, CA, Oct. 5, 2019
- “What Populism?: Rethinking the Twenty-first Century through the Prism of Asia,” presented to Kevorkian Summer Institute for Teachers, New York University, Aug. 7, 2019
- “Japan and East Asia,” presented to Foreign Policy Association of Harrisburg, Harrisburg, PA, May 16, 2019
- “Rethinking the ‘Long Nineteenth Century’ Through the Prism of Meiji Japan,” presented to the Community College of Philadelphia, Apr. 15, 2019
- “Versailles at 100: Rethinking the Twentieth Century through the Prism of Modern Japan,” Villanova University, Apr. 8, 2019
- “Modern World through the Prism of Modern Japan,” presented to East Asia Seminar for Teachers/National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), University of Pennsylvania, Apr. 4, 2019
- “Rethinking the ‘American Century’ through the Prism of Modern Japan,” presented to Program on US-Japan Relations, Harvard University, Oct. 30, 2018
- “US and Japan in the Modern World,” presented to Penn Biden Center—Kakehashi Project Pre-Departure Session: The U.S.-Japan Alliance, Past Present and Future, University of Pennsylvania, Oct. 16, 2018

- “Imperial Japan: Fact and Fiction,” presented to Penn Alumni Insider’s Japan Tour, Kyoto, Japan, May 27, 2018
- “Nagai Kafū and His World,” presented to Penn Alumni Insider’s Japan Tour, Kanazawa, Japan, May 24, 2018
- “Japan and the Modern World: Lessons from Meiji,” presented to Penn Alumni Insider’s Japan Tour, Tokyo, Japan, May 19, 2018
- “Japan and the Limits of Modern History,” presented to East Asia Seminar for Teachers/National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), University of Pennsylvania, Apr. 5, 2018
- “East Asia in World History: Modern Japan and Korea,” presented to East Asia in World History Seminar for Teachers/National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), Princeton University, Mar. 10, 2018
- “Whither Asia?: The North Korea ‘Problem’ in Historical Perspective,” presented to Penn International Affairs Association, University of Pennsylvania, Nov. 7, 2017
- “Beyond Tweets and Rockets: North Korea Behind the Headlines,” discussion with Benjamin Silberstein as part of History Matters Now series, Harnwell House, University of Pennsylvania, Nov. 6, 2017
- “The Great War as World War: Japan and the Dawn of an Asia/Pacific World,” presented to “The First World War as a Global Conflict,” Stanford Summer Institute, Aug. 3, 2017
- “Filaderufia to Meiji Nihon: gurōbaru hisutorii ni okeru Nichi-Bei shūkō (Meiji Japan and Philadelphia: Japanese-American Friendship in Global History),” Meiji jingu Intercultural Research Institute, Tokyo, Japan, July 8, 2017
- “The Emergence of Modern Japan: Forging a National Identity,” presented to East Asia Seminar for Teachers/National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), University of Pennsylvania, Apr. 6, 2017
- “Pearl Harbor at 76: What We Now Know and Why It Matters,” presented to Ann’s Choice Lifelong Learning Academy, Warminster, PA, Apr. 4, 2017
- “Imperial Japan: Fact and Fiction,” presented to Penn Alumni Insider’s Japan Tour, Kyoto, Japan, Sept. 28, 2016
- “Japan as World Power: World War I and the Rise of a ‘New Japan,’” presented to Penn Alumni Insider’s Japan Tour, Takayama, Japan, Sept. 24, 2016
- “Tokyo as World City, 1636-2020,” presented to Penn Alumni Insider’s Japan Tour, Tokyo, Japan, Sept. 21, 2016
- “Seeing Asia,” Lauder Institute Regional Seminar: East Asia, University of Pennsylvania, Oct. 28, 2015
- “Postwar Japan and the Politics of Peace,” presented to Title VI Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Languages (UISFL) Summer Seminar, Community College of Philadelphia, June 2, 2015
- “Atrocities in Asia: Total War, Total Destruction,” presented to Title VI Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Languages (UISFL) Summer Seminar, Community College of Philadelphia, May 20, 2015
- “Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere,” presented to Title VI Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Languages (UISFL) Summer Seminar, Community College of Philadelphia, May 20, 2015

- “Japanese Colonial Rule,” presented to Title VI Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Languages (UISFL) Summer Seminar, Community College of Philadelphia, May 19, 2015
- “Japanese Empire in an Age of Empires,” presented to Title VI Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Languages (UISFL) Summer Seminar, Community College of Philadelphia, May 19, 2015
- “World War I as Global War: Japan and the Dawn of an Asia/Pacific World,” CLA World War I Lecture Series Spring 2015 Keynote Address, Towson University, Apr. 22, 2015
- “A Genealogy of Japanese Iconography: Modern Japanese History through Prints,” presented to A Sense of Place: Modern Japanese Prints in Context—A Symposium, University of Pennsylvania, Apr. 18, 2015
- “The Emergence of Modern Japan,” presented to East Asia Seminar for Teachers/National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), University of Pennsylvania, Apr. 8, 2015
- “Religion in Modern Japanese History,” presented to Phila-Nipponica 2015: Religious Japan, University of Pennsylvania, Feb. 21, 2015
- “Penn Perspectives on East Asia,” roundtable for Annenberg History Seminar, University of Pennsylvania, Feb. 3, 2015
- “The Emergence of Modern Japan,” presented to East Asia Seminar for Teachers/National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), University of Pennsylvania, Mar. 19, 2014
- “East Asia Island Wars,” Panel discussion sponsored by the Asian Law & Politics Society, University of Pennsylvania, Mar. 5, 2014
- “East Asian World: Modern History through an East Asian Lens,” Preceptorial 609-001, University of Pennsylvania, Oct. 23, 2013
- “The Emergence of Modern Japan,” presented to East Asia Seminar for Teachers/National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), University of Pennsylvania, Apr. 24, 2013
- “Japanese History,” presented to Phila-Nipponica Project: Japan in the 21st Century, University of Pennsylvania, Apr. 13, 2013
- “Sino-Japanese Relations: Past, Present and Future,” Panel discussion sponsored by the Penn Government and Politics Association, University of Pennsylvania, Mar. 20, 2013
- “The Other ‘Pacific Pivot:’ Japan and the Rise of A Twenty-First Century World,” Preceptorial 606-001, University of Pennsylvania, Mar. 13, 2013
- “The U.S. as ‘Pacific Power,’ Past and Present,” presented to Sansom House evening seminar, University of Pennsylvania, Oct. 12, 2012
- “Taishō as Interwar: Reflections on Japan in the History of the Modern World,” presented to the Nichibunken Evening Seminar, Kyōto, Japan, June 7, 2012
- “Gurōbaru na kanten kara mita senkanki no Nichi-Bei kankei: Uddorō Uiruson kara modan ga-ru e” (Toward a Global Vision of Interwar U.S.-Japan Relations: From Woodrow Wilson to “Modern Girl”) public lecture, Kwansai Gakuin University, Apr. 14, 2012
- “Kindai Nihon no saiseiki: Harunomiya Yoshihito (nochi Taishō tennō) no shōgai o tōshite” (Golden Age of Modern Japan: The Life and Times of Emperor Taishō), public lecture for the 250th Nichibunken Forum, Kyōto, Japan, Nov. 8, 2011

“The Emergence of Modern Japan,” presented to East Asia Seminar for Teachers/National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archeology and Anthropology, Apr. 26, 2011

“Japan Crisis, World Crisis,” presented to the History Undergraduate Advisory Board lunch series, University of Pennsylvania, Mar. 23, 2011

“‘Light that Shineth from the East:’ Japan’s 1860 Mission to the U.S.,” presented to Penn Museum Japan Day, University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Nov. 14, 2010

“Japan in the World,” presented to Phila-Nipponica Project: Japan in the 21st Century, Philadelphia, PA., Feb. 27, 2010

“Japan in the Modern World,” presented to Phila-Nipponica Project: Japan in the 21st Century, Philadelphia, PA., Feb. 28, 2009

“Japan’s International Relations,” presented to Phila-Nipponica Project: Japan in the 21st Century, World Affairs Council, Philadelphia, PA., Apr. 12, 2008

“Pacific Crossing?: William H. Taft between the United States and Japan,” presented to The Nippon Club Gallery of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, upon the opening of the exhibit, "Looking East: William Howard Taft and the 1905 Mission to Asia, The Photographs of Harry Fowler Woods," Jan. 17, 2008

“Baseball in East Asian Geopolitics,” presented to “Playing with History in East Asian,” University of Washington symposium, St. Louis, MO, Mar. 24, 2006

“America in the Asia/Pacific,” presented to Nihon University California Colloquium, Hoover Institution, Stanford, CA, Sept. 9, 2005

“Taishō ‘Modernity’ or Japanese Civil War? Political and Cultural Conflict in the Shadow of the Great War, 1919-1931,” presented to Center for East Asian Studies colloquium, U.C. Berkeley, Nov. 18, 2004

“The ‘European War’ from Afar:’ Perspectives from Japan,” presented to The History Club’s Sixth Annual Forum, Cabrini College, Nov. 6, 2004

“America’s ‘Culture War’ and U.S.-Japan Relations,” presented to International Relations Seminar, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan, July 9, 2004

“Globalization and its Discontents: Japan’s Encounter with Wilsonian Internationalism, 1919-1931,” special talk in a series for the Center of Excellence, Kyoto University, Kyoto, July 3, 2004

“A Tale of Two Japans,” presented to Phila-Nipponica Project, Philadelphia, PA, Mar. 22, 2003

“American in Leuven: Thoughts on Pedagogy across the Atlantic,” presented to the Department of History, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, Oct. 16, 2002

"Imperial Japan: 20th Century Expansion and Militarism, " presented to "The U.S. and Japan: Working Together in a New Global Age, " World Affairs Council Center for Teacher Excellence, Arcadia College, Dec. 1, 2001

"September 11: Lessons from Japan," presented as part of five-member panel discussion titled, “Terrorism, the United States and the Lessons of History," University of Pennsylvania, Nov. 19, 2001

"Wakamono e" (Words to the young), presented to San Jose Japanese Language School and San Francisco Japanese Language School, Mar. 17, 2001

"Nijūisseiki sekaijin no yūetsu na buki: rekishi to ryūgaku" (Weapons for the twenty-first century cosmopolitan: history and study abroad), presented to Cupertino Japanese Language School, Cupertino, CA, Nov. 4, 2000

"Inventing Modernity: Recent Trends in American Writing on Japanese History," presented to Department of Japanese and Korean Languages and Cultures, Leiden University, Leiden, The Netherlands, May 24, 2000

"Japanese Strategy and Policy in the First World War," presented to Department of Strategy and Policy, Naval War College, Jan. 17, 2000

"History of Modern Japan," presented to Phila-Nipponica Project, Philadelphia, PA, Feb. 20, 1999

"Japan: The Shadow of the Miracle," talk and discussion for Great Decisions program, World Affairs Council, Philadelphia, PA, Mar. 3, 1999; Springfield Montgomery Co. High School, Feb. 3, 1999

Discussant for Andrew Gordon, "The Wages of Affluence: Labor and Management in Postwar Japan," presented to Penn Economic History Forum, Oct. 2, 1998

"Occupied Japan: An Experiment in Democracy," film discussion for Japan America Society of Greater Philadelphia, Feb. 25, 1998

"Courting 'Crisis:' Japan on the Eve of the Twenty-First Century, or Who Killed Itami Jūzō?," presented to the World Affairs Council Japan Seminar, Philadelphia, PA, Feb. 5, 1998

"Advancing 'Civilization' in Asia: Perceptions of Japanese Imperialism in the Nineteenth Century," presented as part of "Life and Culture of Japan" lecture series, University of Pennsylvania Museum, Nov. 14, 1995

Other Professional Activities

Editorial Board/Consultant

Editor, University of Toronto Press, *Challenges for Japan in the 21st Century* series

Consultant, ABC-Clio Conflict Database roundtable, Mar.-July, 2004

Editorial Board, *1914-1918-online. International Encyclopedia of the First World*

War (<http://encyclopedia.1914-1918-online.net>)

Editorial Advisory Board, *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*

Editorial Advisory Board, *Nihon Kenkyū*

External evaluator, International Research Center for Japanese Studies, Kyoto, Japan, Apr. 2015-Mar. 2016

Board of Directors, Japan America Society of Greater Philadelphia

Prize Committee

2005 Chair, AHA Committee on the John K. Fairbank Prize

2004-6 American Historical Association Committee on the John K. Fairbank Prize

Grant Referee

National Endowment for the Humanities

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Research Foundation - Flanders

Research Council, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven, Belgium

Swiss National Science Foundation

Manuscript Referee

Bloomsbury, Brill, Cambridge University Press, Columbia University Press, Fordham University Press, Harvard University East Asian Monographs, Harvard University Press, St. Martin's Press, Stanford University Press, University of Hawai'i Press, University of Toronto Press, Weatherhead Books on Asia, *American Historical Review*, *Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus*, *Diplomacy & Statecraft*, *East Asia Forum*, *The International History Review*, *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, *Japan Review*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Journal of Japanese Studies*, *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, *Modern Asian Studies*, *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History*, *War in History*

Membership

American Historical Association
 Association of Asian Studies
 Daiichiji sekai taisengo no sekai henyō to Nihon kenkyūkai (Research Group on Japan and Global Change After World War I, Kyoto University)
 Mid-Atlantic Region of the Association of Asian Studies
 Harvard University Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies Associate in Research

University of Pennsylvania Service

2022-23 Dept. of Political Science Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Japanese Politics
 2021-22 Dept. of History Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Asian American History
 Dept. of History and Sociology of Science Search Committee for Assistant Professor in History of Science/Technology/Medicine in Modern Japan
 2020-21 Co-Chair, Interdepartmental Search Committee for Korean Foundation Assistant Professor in Humanities
 2020-21 Chair, Dept. of History Promotion Committee for Eiichiro Azuma
 2019-21 Dept. of History Personnel Committee
 2018-19 Dept. of History Reappointment Committee for Ada Kuskowski
 2018-19 Lauder Institute Search Committee for Senior Lecturer, African Studies
 2018-19 Lauder Institute Search Committee for Senior Lecturer, International Studies
 2017-18 President, Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Chapter
 2017 Chair, Search Committee for Chang Sun Term Professorship
 2016-17 Vice President, Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Chapter
 2015-17 Coordinator, Penn Forum on Japan Colloquium
 2015-17 Dept. of History Advisory Committee for Personnel Matters
 2015 Chair, Executive Committee Subcommittee on Election of Departmental Chair
 2014 Search Committee for Senior Lecturer in International Studies
 2013-17 University Council Committee on Academic and Related Affairs
 2013-15 Dept. of History Economic History Search Committee
 2012-14 SAS Humanities and Social Science Panel
 2012-14;16-18 Dept. of History Graduate Committee
 2012-14 Dept. of History Undergraduate Committee
 2012-17 Chair, Graduate Group in International Studies
 2011 Search Committee for Lauder Institute Managing Director
 2010-12 Dept. of History Tenure Review Committee for Siyen Fei
 2010-15 James Joo-Jin Kim Program in Korean Studies Executive Committee
 2009 Chair, Organizing Committee for Penn AAS Reception
 2008-11 Dept. of History Graduate Committee
 2007-8 SAS Search Committee for Korean Studies Position in Humanities
 2007-8 Chair, SAS Committee on Undergraduate Academic Standing
 “ “ Dept. of History Committee to appoint Eugene Park
 2006-8,10-11 SAS Committee on Undergraduate Academic Standing
 2006-10,13 Penn Fulbright Committee
 “ “ Dept. of History Tenure Review Committee for Eiichiro Azuma
 “ “ Dept. of History Mid-Term Review Committee for Si-yen Fei
 2003-4 Dept. of History Internal Committee for 10-Year Review
 " " Dept. of History Search Committee for Modern Chinese History

" " Dept. of History Mid-term Review Committee for Eiichiro Azuma
 " " Dept. of History World History Honors Prize Committee
 2002-5 Phi Beta Kappa Historian, Delta Chapter
 2001-3, 8-11
 13-15, 18-20 Center for East Asian Studies Executive Committee
 2000, 02, 07 Lauder Institute Prize Committee
 1998-2000 Faculty Senate Executive Committee
 1998-99 Champ Host
 1998, 99, 01,
 03, 04, 06,
 07, 10, 12, 13 Penn Reading Project
 1998,99,13,17 Department of History Prize Committee
 1996-97, 06-08,
 09-10 Coordinator, Penn East Asian Studies Humanities Colloquium
 1995-96,
 1998-2000 Freshman adviser
 1995-96, 08-9,13-14,
 15-16, 19-20,
 21-22 Dept. of History Executive Committee
 1995-1996 Dept. of History Search Committee for Early American History
 " " School of Arts and Sciences Committee on Restructuring the Writing Requirement
 1993-present Member, Graduate Group in East Asian Languages and Civilizations
 Member, Graduate Group in International Studies

Languages

Japanese, French