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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

August, 1983	B.A., Political Science University of Massachusetts Lowell Lowell, MA
May, 1986	M.A.R., Religion/Social Ethics Yale University New Haven, CT
May, 1997	Ph.D., Anthropology University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2006-present	Associate Professor of Religious Studies, University of Texas at Austin
2006-present	Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin
2006-present	Associate Professor of Asian Studies, University of Texas at Austin
2001-present	Faculty Associate, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin
2004-2007	Director, Center for East Asian Studies, University of Texas at Austin
2001-2006	Assistant Professor, Department of Asian Studies, University of Texas at Austin
1999-2001	Research Affiliate, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan
1999-2001	Assistant Professor of Anthropology, California State University, Fullerton
1999	Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan
1997	Instructor, Pennsylvania Governor's School for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh
1996	Instructor, University of Pittsburgh, Department of Anthropology
1994	Teaching Fellow, University of Pittsburgh, Department of Anthropology

Honors and Awards

2003	Dean's Fellowship, University of Texas (release time of two courses)
1997-99	National Institute on Aging Postdoctoral Fellow, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan
1998	Visiting Researcher, Iwate University, Morioka, Japan

1995-96	Visiting Research Fellow, University of Tokyo, Institute of Oriental Studies
1994	Boren (NSEP) Area and Language Studies Doctoral Fellowship ($75,000/3 years)
1994	University of Pittsburgh Nippon Sheet Glass Summer Intensive Language Fellowship
1993	Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Academic Year Fellowship
1993	University of Pittsburgh Japan Iron and Steel Graduate Federation Endowment Fund Fellowship in Japanese Studies (declined)
1992	Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for summer language study in Japan
1992	University of Pittsburgh Nippon Sheet Glass Summer Intensive Language Fellowship (declined)

Research Funding

Grants—Federal—Funded

1998	National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Aging Research Grant R03 AG016111-01

Grants—Non-Government—Funded

2008	Japan Foundation International Exchange Conference Grant Program Travel Grant
2004	Association for Asian Studies, Northeast Asia Council, Small Grant
2004	Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society
1998	Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Research Grant
1998	Association for Asian Studies, Northeast Asia Council, Small Grant
1997	Michigan Exploratory Center for the Demography of Aging, Pilot Research Grant
1996	Social Science Research Council/American Council of Learned Societies, Dissertation Write-up Fellowship in Japanese Studies
1994	Fulbright Doctoral Research Scholarship

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Edited Journals

1. Hashimoto, Akiko and J. W. Traphagan (eds.). 2008. *Imagined Families, Lived Families: Culture and Kinship in Contemporary Japan.* Albany: State University of New York Press.
2. Traphagan, John W. (ed.). 2007. *Culture, Care, and Aging in Asia: Special Issue of the Journal of Long Term Home Health Care* 25(1).
3. Thang, Leng Leng, Mui Teng Yap, John W. Traphagan (eds.). 2005. *Aging in Asia: Special Issue of the Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology* 20(4).
4. Thompson, C. S. and J. W. Traphagan (eds.). 2006. *Wearing Cultural Styles in Japan: Concepts of Tradition and Modernity in Practice*. Albany: State University of New York Press.

5. Traphagan, J. W. 2004. T*he Practice of Concern: Ritual, Well-Being, and Aging in Rural Japan*. Durham: Carolina Academic Press.
6. Traphagan, J. W. and John Knight (eds.) 2003. *Demographic Change and the Family in Japan's Aging Society.* Albany: State University of New York Press.
7. Traphagan, J. W. 2000. *Taming Oblivion: Aging Bodies and the Fear of Senility in Japan*. Albany: State University of New York Press.
8. Aoyagi, K., P. J. M. Nas, and J. W. Traphagan (eds.) 1998. *Toward Sustainable Cities: Readings in the Anthropology of Urban Environments.* Leiden: Institute of Cultural and Social Studies, University of Leiden.
9. Onodera, S., T. Nakamura, S. Aizawa, T. Oikawa, J. Traphagan and T. Watanabe. 1995 金ヶ崎の終戦：高谷野原飛行場をめぐる戦争と平和 *[The End of the War in Kanegasaki: War and Peace around Kôyanohara Airfield]*. Kanegasaki, Japan: Kanegasaki Insatsu.

Refereed Journal Articles

10. Traphagan, John W. In Press. Ritual, Meaningfulness, and Interstellar Message Construction. *Acta Astronautica.*
11. Traphagan, Tomoko W., John W. Traphagan, Linda Dickens, Paul Resta. Under Review. College Students' Attitude Changes about Use of Web-based Resources for Academic Tasks with Wikipedia Projects. *Journal of Computing in Higher Education.*
12. Kim, Heekyoung, and John W. Traphagan. In press. The Social Construction of Elder Identities as Patients in South Korea. *Care Management Journals.*
13. Traphagan, John W. 2010. Intergenerational Ambivalence, Power, and Perceptions of Elder Suicide in Rural Japan. *Journal of Intergenerational Relationships* 8(1):21-37.
14. Traphagan, John W. 2009. The Oddness of Things: Morality Games and Interpretations of Social Change among Elders in Rural Japan. *Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology* 10(4):329-347.
15. Kim, H. and John W. Traphagan. 2009. From Socially Weak to Potential Consumer: Changing Discourses of Elder Status in South Korea. *Care Management Journals.* 10(1).
16. Traphagan, John W. 2008. Embodiment, Ritual Incorporation, and Cannibalism among the Iroquoians after 1300 C.E. *Journal of Ritual Studies* 22(2):1-12.
17. Traphagan, John W. 2008. Power, Intergenerational Conflict, and the Discourse on Filial Piety in Rural Japan. *Journal of Intergenerational Relationships* 6(2):211-229.
18. Traphagan, John W. and Tomoko Nagasawa. 2008. Long-Term Care Entrepreneurialism in Japan: Changing Approaches to Caring for Dementia Sufferers. *Care Management Journals* 9(2):89-96.
19. Traphagan, John W. 2007. Aging in Asia: Perspectives from Qualitative and Quantitative Research. *Journal of Long Term Home Health Care* 25(2):16-17.
20. Traphagan, John W. 2006. Power, Family and Filial Responsibility in Japan. *Care Management Journals* 7(4):207-214.
21. Traphagan, J. W. 2005. Interpreting Senility: Cross-Cultural Perspectives. *Care Management Journals* 6(3):145-150.
22. Yap, Mui, Leng Leng Thang, and John W. Traphagan. 2005. Introduction: Aging in Asia—Perennial Concerns on Caring for the Old. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology* 20(4):257-267.
23. Traphagan, J. W. 2005. Heroes of the Antimodern: "Respect for the Elderly Day" and Writing the Narrative of the Elder Generation in Japan. *Journal of Ritual Studies* 19(2):99-114.

24. Henderson, J. Neil and J. W. Traphagan. 2005. Cultural Factors in Dementia: Perspectives from the Anthropology of Aging *Alzheimer Disease and Associated Disorders* 19(4):272-274.
25. Traphagan, J. W. 2005. Multidimensional Measurement of Religiousness/ Spirituality for Use in Health Research in Cross-Cultural Perspective. *Research on Aging* 27(4):387-419.
26. Traphagan, J. W. 2004. Interpretations of Elder Suicide, Stress and Dependency among Rural Japanese. *Ethnology* 43(4):315-329.
27. Traphagan, J. W. 2004. Culture and Long Term Care: The Bath as Social Service in Japan. *Care Management Journals* 5(1): 53-60.
28. Traphagan, J. W. 2003. Independence, Security, and the Intergenerational Social Contract: Home-Helper Services and Elder Care in Rural Japan. *Care Management Journals* 4(4):216-222.
29. Traphagan, J. W. 2003. Older Women as Caregivers and Ancestral Protection in Rural Japan. *Ethnology* 42(2): 127 - 139.
30. Traphagan, J. W. and L. K. Brown. 2002. Fast Food and Intergenerational Commensality in Japan: New Styles and Old Patterns. *Ethnology* 41(2): 119-134.
31. Traphagan, J. W. 2002. Senility as Disintegrated Person in Japan. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology* 17: 253-267.
32. Traphagan, J. W. 2000. The Liminal Family: Return Migration and Intergenerational Conflict in Japan. *Journal of Anthropological Research* 56: 365-385.
33. Traphagan, J. W. 2000. Reproducing Elder Male Power through Ritual Performance in Japan. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology* 15: 81-97.
34. Musick, Marc, John W. Traphagan, Harold Koenig, David Larson. 2000. Spirituality and Physical Health in Aging. *Journal of Adult Development* 7(2): 73-86.
35. Traphagan, J. W. 1998. Reasons for Gateball Participation among Older Japanese. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology* 13: 159-175.
36. Traphagan, J. W. 1998. Localizing Senility: Illness and Agency among Older Japanese. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology* 13: 81-98.
37. Traphagan, J. W. 1998. Contesting the Transition to Old Age in Japan. *Ethnology* 37(4): 333-50.
38. Traphagan, J. W. 1994. Beyond Relativism and Foundationalism: A Prolegomenon to Future Research in Ethics. *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science* 29(2): 153-172.
39. Traphagan, J. W. and Willis Traphagan. 1987. Music, Meaning, History. *Phenomenological Inquiry* 11: 60-71.
40. Traphagan, J. W. and Willis Traphagan. 1986. The Nature of Meaning in Music. *ReVision* 9(1): 99-104.

<u>Book Chapters</u>

41. Traphagan, John W. In press. Altruism, Pathology, and Culture. In Barbara Oakley, Guruprasad Madhavan, and David Sloan Wilson (eds.), *Pathological Altruism.* Oxford University Press.
42. Traphagan, J. W. In press. Generations Apart: Burdens, Bad Families, and Elder Suicide in Rural Japan. In Yoshiko Matsumoto (ed.), *Faces and Masks of Aging: Implications from the Lives of Elderly in Japan.* Stanford: Stanford University Press.
43. Vakoch, Douglas and J. W. Traphagan. Forthcoming. Reconstructing Distant Civilizations and Encountering Alien Cultures: An Introduction to Archaeology, Anthropology, and

Interstellar Communication. In Douglas Vakoch (ed.) *Anthropology, Archaeology, and Interstellar Communication.* NASA History Series.

44. Traphagan, J. W. Forthcoming. Anthropology at a Distance: SETI and the Production of Knowledge in the Encounter with an Extraterrestrial Other. In Douglas Vakoch (ed.) *Anthropology, Archaeology, and Interstellar Communication.* NASA History Series.
45. Traphagan, J. W. Forthcoming. Culture and Communication with Extraterrestrial Intelligence. In Douglas Vakoch (ed.) *Anthropology, Archaeology, and Interstellar Communication.* NASA History Series.
46. Traphagan, Tomoko, Leslie H. Jarmon, Lynn Eaton-Jones, John W. Traphagan. 2009. Aging, Lifelong Learning, and the Virtual World of Second Life. In Charles Wankel and Jan Kingsley (eds.). *Higher Education in Second Life.* Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing Group.
47. Jenike, B. and J. W. Traphagan. 2009. Transforming the Scripts for Aging and Elder Care in Japan. In J. Sokolovsky (ed.) *Cultural Context of Aging: Worldwide Perspectives, 3rd Edition.* Bergin & Garvey, pp. 240-258.
48. Traphagan, J. W. 2009. Brain Failure, Late Life, and Culture in Japan. In J. Sokolovsky (ed.) *Cultural Context of Aging: Worldwide Perspectives, 3rd Edition.* Bergin & Garvey, pp. 568-575.
49. Traphagan, J. W. 2007. Moral Discourse and Old Age Disability in Japan. In B. Ingstad and S. R. Whyte (eds.) *Disability in Local and Global Worlds.* Berkeley: University of California Press.
50. Traphagan, J. W. 2008. Ancestors, Burial Rites, and Rural Depopulation in Japan. In Florian Coulmas, Harald Conrad, Annette Schad and Gabriele Vogt (eds.). *The Demographic Challenge: A Handbook about Japan*. Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, Pp 387-396..
51. Traphagan, J. W. and Christopher S. Thompson. 2006. The Practice of Tradition and Modernity in Contemporary Japan. *In* Christopher S. Thompson and John W. Traphagan (eds.) *Wearing Cultural Styles in Japan: Concepts of Tradition and Modernity in Practice.* Albany: State University of New York Press.
52. Traphagan, J. W. 2006. Being a Good Rôjin: Senility, Power, and Self-Actualization in Japan. In Lawrence Cohen and Annette Leibing (eds.) *Thinking about Dementia: Culture, Loss, and the Anthropology of Senility.* Rutgers University Press.
53. Traphagan, J. W. and L. K. Brown. 2004. Fast Food and Intergenerational Commensality in Japan: New Styles and Old Patterns. Reprinted in Ellis Krauss and Ben Nyblade (eds.), *Japan and North America: The Postwar.* New York: Routledge.
54. Traphagan, J. W. 2004. Curse of the Successor: Filial Piety vs. Marriage among Rural Japanese. In Charlotte Ikels (ed.) *Filial Piety: Practice and Discourse in Contemporary East Asia.* Stanford: Stanford University Press.
55. Traphagan, J. W. 2003. Contesting Co-Residence: Women, In-Laws, and Health Care in Rural Japan. In J. W. Traphagan and J. Knight (eds.) *Demographic Change and the Family in Japan's Aging Society.* Albany: State University of New York Press.
56. Knight, John and J. W. Traphagan. 2003. The Study of the Family in Japan: Integrating Anthropological and Demographic Approaches. *In* J. W. Traphagan and J. Knight (eds.) *Demographic Change and the Family in Japan's Aging Society.* Albany: State University of New York Press.
57. Traphagan, J. W. 2002. Reproducing Elder Male Power through Ritual Performance in Japan. Reprinted in Donna Infeld (ed.), *Disciplinary Approaches to Aging: Developments in Anthropology.* New York: Routledge.

58. Traphagan, J. W. 2002. Japanese Social Relations. In *Encyclopedia of Modern Asia*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.
59. Aoyagi, K. and J. W. Traphagan. 1998. Epilogue. In K. Aoyagi, et al. (eds.) *Toward Sustainable Cities: Readings in the Anthropology of Urban Environments*. Leiden: Institute of Cultural and Social Studies, University of Leiden, pp. 157-162.
60. Traphagan, J. W. 1998. Emic Weeds or Etic Wild Flowers? Structuring the Environment in a Japanese Town. In K. Aoyagi, et al. (eds.) *Toward Sustainable Cities: Readings in the Anthropology of Urban Environments.* Leiden: Institute of Cultural and Social Studies, University of Leiden, pp. 37-52.

Other Non-refereed Journal Articles

61. Traphagan, John W. 2006. Aging Cities. In Phillipp Oswalt (ed.)*, Shrinking Cities, Volume 1, International Research.* Berlin, Germany: Institute for Contemporary Art.
62. Traphagan, John W. 2004. Alternde Städte. In Phillipp Oswalt (ed.)*, Schrumpfen Städ. Band 1, International Untersuchung.* Berlin, Germany: Institute for Contemporary Art.
63. Hashimoto, Akiko and J. W. Traphagan. 2004. マンガにみる日本の家族 [The Japanese Family as Presented in Manga]. *現代のエスプリー [Gendai no Espurii]*. No. 444: 213-219.
64. Traphagan, J. W. 1997. Playing Gateball: Japanese Combat Senility with Sport. *The World & I* 12(10): 194-201.
65. Traphagan, J. W. 1995. Gateball and Elders in Rural Japan. *Association for Anthropology and Gerontology Newsletter*. Vol. 16, No. 4, pp. 3-4.
66. Traphagan, J. W. 1988. Science, Theology, and the Unity of Reality (Interview with John Polkinghorn). *The World & I* (3)6.
67. Traphagan, J. W. 1988. The New Physics and Christianity. *The World & I* (3)1.

Book Reviews

68. Traphagan, J. W. Forthcoming. *Intimate Encounters: Filipina Women and the Remaking of Rural Japan. Journal of Asian Studies.*
69. Traphagan, J. W. In press. *Women and Family in Contemporary Japan. Choice.*
70. Traphagan, J. W. In press. *Social Class in Contemporary Japan: Structures, Sorting, and Strategies. Choice.*
71. Traphagan, J. W. In press. *Islam and New Kinship. Choice.*
72. Traphagan, J. W. 2009. *Shots in the Dark: Japan, Zen and the West. Choice* 47(2):289.
73. Traphagan, J. W. 2009. *God of Justice: Ritual Healing and Social Justice in the Central Himalayas*. *Choice* 46(11):2164.
74. Traphagan, J. W. 2008. *Handbook of Asian Aging.* Hyunsook Yoon and John Hendricks. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology* 23(4):403-404.
75. Traphagan, J. W. 2006. *Final Days: Japanese Culture and Choice at the End of Life.* Susan Orpett Long. *Pacific Affairs* 78(4).
76. Traphagan, J. W. 2005. *Identity and Ritual in a Japanese Diving Village: The Making and Becoming of Person and Place,* D.P. Martinez. *Journal of Japanese Studies* 31(2):424-427.
77. Traphagan, J. W. 2003. *Family Change and Housing in Post-War Japanese Society: The Experiences of Older Japanese Women.* Misa Izuhara. *Journal of Asian Studies* 62: 286-287.

78. Traphagan, J. W. 2002. *Lives in Motion*. Edited by Susan O. Long. *Journal of Asian Studies* 61(1): 255-257.
79. Traphagan, J. W. 2002. *Deeply into the Bone*. Ronald Grimes. *Journal of Ritual Studies* 16(1): 132-134.
80. Traphagan, J. W. 2001. *Caring for the Elderly in Japan and the U.S.: Practices and Policies.* Edited by Susan Orpett Long. *Journal of Asian Studies* 60(2): 558-559.
81. Traphagan, J. W. 2000. *The Poetics and Politics of Tuareg Aging: Life Course and Personal Destiny in Niger.* Susan J. Rasmussen. *American Ethnologist* 27(4): 973-974.
82. Traphagan, J. W. 1999. *No Aging in India: Alzheimer's Disease, the Bad Family, and Other Modern Things,* Lawrence Cohen. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology* 14(1): 91-93.
83. Traphagan, J. W. 1998. *Body Projects in Japanese Childcare*, Ayal Ben-Ari. *Australian Journal of Anthropology* 9(3): 329-331.
84. Traphagan, J. W. 1995. *Encounters with Aging: Mythologies of Menopause in Japan and North America*, Margaret Lock. *New Asia Review* 2(2/3): 69-71.
85. Traphagan, J. W. 1995. *Wrapping Culture: Politeness, Presentation, and Power in Japan and Other Societies*, Joy Hendry. *New Asia Review* 2(1): 43.
86. Traphagan, J. W. 1995. *Refuge of the Honored: Social Organization in a Japanese Retirement Community*, Yasuhito Kinoshita and Christie W. Keifer. *New Asia Review* 2(1): 50.
87. Traphagan, J. W. 1992. *Introduction to Japanese Tea Ritual*, Jennifer Anderson. *Journal of Ritual Studies* 6(2): 154-156.
88. Traphagan, J. W. 1990. Baseball: America's Mirror. *The World & I.* 5(6):427-433. Reviews Frank Deford's *Casey on the Loose* and David Halberstam's *Summer of '49.*
89. Traphagan, J. W. 1989. Hitchhiking through the World of Douglas Adams. *The World & I.* Vol. 4, No. 11, pp. 476-482. Reviews Douglas Adams' *The Long Dark Tea-Time of the Soul* and *Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency.*
90. Traphagan, J. W. 1988. Toward a Holistic Theory of Reality. *The World & I.* Vol. 3, No. 5., pp. 407-412. Reviews Paul Davies' *The Cosmic Blueprint*, Henry Margenau's *The Miracle of Existence*, and John Polkinghorne's *One World: The Interaction of Science and Theology.*
91. Traphagan, J. W. and Tomoko Watanabe. 1990. A Common Passion. *The World & I* 5(7): 384-391. Reviews Robert Whiting's *You Gotta Have Wa* and George F. Will's *Men at Work.*

<u>Working Papers</u>

92. Anderson, Barbara A., Cheong-Seok Kim, John H. Romani, John W. Traphagan, and Jinyum Liu. 1999. The Effect of Elderly Household Members on School Enrollment of Children in Tibet. PSC Research Report No. 99-438. Population Studies Center, University of Michigan.
93. Anderson, Barbara A., Cheong-Seok Kim, John H. Romani, John W. Traphagan, and Jinyum Liu. 1999. Living Arrangements and Mortality Risks of the Urban Elderly in Yunnan Province, China, 1995. PSC Research Report No. 99-435. Population Studies Center, University of Michigan.
94. Traphagan, J. W. 1998. Localizing Dementia: Aging and Agency among Older Japanese. PSC Research Report No. 98-413. Population Studies Center, University of Michigan.

95. Traphagan, J. W. 1997. Age Grades and Contesting Entrance into Old Age in a Japanese Hamlet. Comparative Study of the Elderly in Asia Research Report No. 97-47. Population Studies Center, University of Michigan.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Books—Under contract

1. Traphagan, J. W. *The Poverty of Biomedical Ethics.* Under contract with State University of New York Press.
2. Traphagan, J. W. and L. Keith Brown. *Globalization Japanese Style: Local Cultures and the Myth of McDonaldization*. Under contract with State University of New York Press.

SYMPOSIA AND PRESENTATIONS

Chaired and Organized Symposia and Panels

2010 Japan Anthropology Workshop 20th Conference, Austin TX. Convener and organizer.

2002 Dreams, Ghosts, and Ancestors: The Afterlife in Contemporary Japan. Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting in Washington DC (organizer).

2000 Depopulation, Economic Decline, and Town Saving in Rural Japan: Examples from Tohoku, Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA (organizer and chair).

1999 Health and Living Arrangements among Older Japanese: Integrating Demographic and Anthropological Approaches to the Study of Aging in Japan. Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting in Boston, MA (organizer and chair).

1998 Demographic Change and the Family in Contemporary Japan. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA (co-organized and chaired with Dr. John Knight).

1998 Age, Gender, and Family in Japanese Religious Practice. Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting in Washington DC (organizer).

1994 Life Course Representations among Japanese, Japanese Americans, and Chinese. Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, Association for Asian Studies (chair and organizer).

Presentations and Discussant

2010 Discussant for panel on Anthropologies of the Japanese Aged. Japan Anthropology Workshop 20th Meeting, Austin, TX.

2009 Respondant for panel on Ancestor Worship. American Academy of Religion annual conference, Montreal, Canada

2008 Women's Rights, Power, and Perceptions of Elder Suicide Among Elder Men in Rural Japan, 9th International Women in Asia Conference, Brisbane, Australia.

2007 Discussant for panel on Mental Health organized by Chikako Ozawa-Desliva, American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Washington DC.

2007 Consuming Old Age: Elder Services, Well-Being, and Elder Care Entrepreneurialism in Japan. Japan Anthropology Workshop Annual Meeting, Oslo, Norway.

2004 Generations Apart: Interpretations of Suicide among Older Japanese. Association for Anthropology and Gerontology Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO.

2003 Suicide and Declining Health among the Elderly in Rural Japan. Presented as part of a panel entitled In Search of "A Good Life" and "A Good Death": Illness, Suffering, and the Reconfiguration of Death in Japan at the American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Chicago, Il.

2003 Shopping, Fast Food, and the Car Culture in Rural Japan. Poster presented at the American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Chicago, Il.

2003 Intergenerational Conflict in Japanese Manga: Mothers-in-law and Daughters-in-law in the Filial Family. Colloquium on Global Intergenerational Research, Programs and Policy, Pittsburgh PA

2003 Ritual Practice and Terminal Illness among Older Japanese. International Congress on Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences in Florence, Italy.

2002 Ancestor Veneration, Dreams, and Collective Well-Being in Japan. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City UT.

2002 Ancestral Dreams and Familial Well-Being among Older Japanese. Presented as part of a panel on Dreams, Ghosts, and Ancestors: The Afterlife in Contemporary Japan. Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Washington DC.

2001 Senility as Disintegrated Person in Japan. Presented as part of a panel entitled Dementia and Cognitive Disorders: Intersections of Culture and Biology at the American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Washington DC.

2001 Senility and the Politics of Self-Actualization in Japan. Invited session at the 17th Congress of the International Association of Gerontology, Vancouver, Canada.

2000 Religion, Health, and Aging in Cross-Cultural Perspective. Conference on Religion and Health at California State University, Fullerton CA.

2000 The Senile Body in Japan. Symposium entitled The Cultural Construction of Dementia at California State University, Fullerton, CA.

2000 Building Symbolic Capital to Stem Amalgamation in a Tôhoku Town. Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.

1999 The Effect of Elderly Household Members on School Enrollment of Children in Tibet. Co-authored with Barbara A. Anderson, Cheong Seok Kim, John H. Romani and Jinyun Liu. Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Presented by Barbara A. Anderson and Cheong Seok Kim.

1999 Co-Residence, Health Care, and Quality-of-Life among Older Rural Japanese. Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Boston MA.

1998 Out-Migration and Provision of Health Care for The Disabled Elderly in Rural Japan. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia PA.

1998 Wishing for a Sudden Death: Ancestorhood and the Fear of Senility among Elderly Japanese. Association for Asian Studies annual meeting, Washington DC.

1997 Demographic Change and Intergenerational Conflict Related to Support of the Elderly in Rural Japan. American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Washington DC.

1996 Old Age and Continuity in a Rural Japanese Hamlet. American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco CA.

1996 Aging and Continuity in a Rural Japanese Hamlet. Midwest Regional Association of Asian Studies conference, Urbana-Champagne IL.

1995 Crafting Environments, Cultivating Selves: An Adaptive Strategy for Community Survival in a Japanese Town. International Commission on Urban Anthropology, Symposium on Urban Environmental Issues and Culture, Tokyo, Japan.

1994 Age-Grading in Contemporary Japan. Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, Association for Asian Studies, Pittsburgh PA.

1992 Beyond Relativism and Foundationalism: Metaphysical Implications of Modern Physics and Christian Mysticism for Research in Ethics. Interdisciplinary Conference on Science, Technology, and Religious Ideas, Lexington KY.

Invited Presentations and Other Activities

2009 60th International Astronautical Congress, 38th Symposium on the Search for Extraterrestiral Intelligence (SETI). Rapporteur. 12 – 16 October. Daejon, Korea.

2009 60th International Astronautical Congress, 38th Symposium on the Search for Extraterrestiral Intelligence (SETI). Can Ritual Represent a Means of Communication with ET?. October 14. Daejon, Korea

2009` CONTACT Conference, NASA Ames Research Center. The History of Anthropology as Potential Analogy for SETI Research. April 4, San Jose, CA.

2008 Yale University, Center for East Asian Studies, symposium on psychological anthropology and Japanese culture. Discussant. November 14-15.

2008 Queensland University, Brisbane, Australia. Being a Good Rōjin: Discourses on Senility in Contemporary Japan. Symposium on Mental Illness in Contemporary East Asian Communities: Responding to Culture. February 6 – 7.

2008 SETI Institute, Scientific Lecture Series, Some Thoughts from an Anthropologist on Culture, Interstellar Communication, and the Construction of Interstellar Messages. November 19.

2007 Harvard University, Reischauer Institute. Recollecting the Past: Embodying Memory in Japan. Cambridge, MA.

2007 Of Chrysanthemums and Inverted Vs: Anthropology and the Creation of "Japan" in the Western Imagination. Southwestern Section of the Association for the Advancement of Science, Houston, TX.

2005 Center for East Asian Studies, University of Pennsylvania. Interpretations of Elder Suicide in Rural Japan. Philadelphia PA.

2004 Cultural Factors in Dementia: Perspectives from the Anthropology of Aging. Alzheimer's Association, Chapel Hill, NC (with J. Neil Henderson).

2004 Business Honors Program Symposium, University of Texas at Austin. Global Population Trends. Austin TX.

2003 Colloquium on Global Intergenerational Research, Programs, and Policy. Intergenerational Conflict in Japanese Manga: Mothers-in-law and Daughters-in-law in the Filial Family. Pittsburgh, PA.

2003 McGraw Lecture, Institute of Gerontology. University of Texas at Austin. Being a Good *Rôjin*: Senility in Contemporary Japan. Austin TX.

2002 University of Wisconsin, Madison. Older Japanese and The Politicization of Disability. Madison WI.

2001 Pomona College. Culture and Senility in Rural Japan. Claremont CA.

2001 Carleton College. Women, In-Laws, and Healthcare for the Elderly in Japan. Northfield MN.
2000 University of Pittsburgh. Ancestral Dreams, Religion, and Well-Being in Japan. Pittsburgh PA.
2000 Occidental College. Senility, Dementia, and Alzheimer's Disease in Japan. Pasadena CA.
2000 University of California, Los Angeles. Issues in Aging in Contemporary Japan. Los Angeles CA
1998 Chatham College. Senility and the Obasuteyama Legend in Japan. Pittsburgh PA.

TEACHING

Courses taught include:

Anthropology of Religion
Medical Anthropology
Medical Ethics
Japanese Religions (grad and undergrad)
Gender and Power in Japanese Society
Japanese Concepts of Self and Body
Japanese Ethics
Introduction to Japan
Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
Sex and Evolution
Ethics: Asian Perspectives
Culture and Aging
Death Ritual and Medicine in East Asia
Ritual, Culture, and Society (grad)
Globalization in East Asia (grad)
Sport, Culture, and Society
Senior Seminar in Asian Studies
Peoples of Asia
Contemporary Anthropological Theory
Introduction to the Study of Religion

Forum Seminar, Bridging Disciplines Program in Social Inequality and Health

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

Current Department and University Service

Faculty Merit Increase Committee, Department of Religious Studies
Career Services Advisory Committee, College of Liberal Arts
University Grievance Committee
Accreditation Coordinator, Department of Religious Studies

Past Significant University Service

Chair, Institutional Review Board, California State University Fullerton
Director, Center for East Asian Studies, University of Texas at Austin
Associate Graduate Advisor, Department of Asian Studies, UT Austin
Research and Development Committee, California State University, 1999-2001

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

Advisory Boards

Center for Asian Partnerships, University of Massachusetts Lowell

Editor-in-Chief

2001-2004 *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*

Editorial Board Memberships

Journal of Intergenerational Relationships
Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology
Journal of Long Term Home Health Care
Journal of Ritual Studies
Anthropology and Aging Quarterly

Contributing Editor

1999-2001 The Profession column in the *Association for Asian Studies Newsletter*

Managing Editor

1991-1993 *Journal of Ritual Studies*

Elected and Appointed Positions in Scholarly Societies

2010-present Secretary General, Japan Anthropology Workshop
2005-2006 President, Association for Anthropology and Gerontology
2003-2005 President-Elect, Association for Anthropology and Gerontology
1997-2001 Steering Committee member, East Asia Section of the American Anthropological Association
2001 Nominations Committee, East Asia Section of the American Anthropological Association

Conferences Organized

2010 Japan Anthropology Workshop 20th Conference, Austin Texas.
2005 Association for Anthropology and Gerontology Annual Conference, Austin TX Conference organizer
2004 Japanese Families in a Global Age: Conflict and Change, Pittsburgh PA Conference co-organizer
2000 The Cultural Construction of Dementia, Fullerton CA Conference organizer