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EDUCATION

Harvard University, A.M., History, June 1993; Ph.D., History, June 1996

University of Hawai‘i, M.A., History, August 1984

Stanford University, A.B. With Distinction, History, June 1977

EMPLOYMENT

University of Rhode Island: Assistant Professor (1998-2002), **Associate Professor** (2002-2010), and **Professor of History** (2010-2021; Department Chair 2013-2016)

Courses: History of Modern Japan; History of Modern China; East Asian Culture and History; Southeast Asian Culture and History; The Asia-Pacific War: History, Media, and Memory in Japan and the United States; Social History of Postwar Japan; China Rising.

Harvard University: Visiting Associate Professor of History, 2004-2005

Courses: early Meiji Japan, twentieth century Japan, East Asian environmental history, junior tutorial in history. Supervised two Regional Studies East Asia A.M. theses.

Harvard University: Lecturer on East Asian Languages and Civilizations, 1997-1998

Courses: History courses on early Meiji Japan and Shōwa Japan, and Social Studies course on democracy in East Asia. Supervised East Asian Studies and Social Studies honors theses.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Postwar Japanese history, environmental history of Japan, local history of Japan, and citizen-corporation-state relations in modern Japan

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS, 1995-PRESENT

Books

Japanese Constitutional Revision and Civic Activism. Lexington Books, 2021. Edited with Helen Hardacre, Keigo Komamura, and Franziska Seraphim.

Japan since 1945: From Postwar to Post-Bubble. Bloomsbury, 2013. Edited with Christopher Gerteis.

Minamata: Pollution and the Struggle for Democracy in Postwar Japan. Harvard University Asia Center, 2001; paperback 2002; Chinese translation 2013; Japanese translation forthcoming.

Japanese History and Culture from Ancient to Modern Times: Seven Basic Bibliographies. Second edition. Markus Wiener, 1995. With John W. Dower.

Articles, Book Chapters, Pamphlets, and Encyclopedia Entries

“Beyond the Bubble, Beyond Fukushima: Reconsidering the History of Postwar Japan.” Co-authored with Christopher Gerteis. *The Asia-Pacific Journal*, Vol. 11, Issue 8, No. 3 (February 24, 2014). <www.japanfocus.org/-Christopher-Gerteis/4080>

“Toroku: Mountain Dreams, Chemical Nightmares.” *Japan at Nature's Edge: The Environmental Context of a Global Power*, ed. Ian Jared Miller, Julia Adeney Thomas, Brett L. Walker. University of Hawai‘i Press, 2013.

- “*Furusato-zukuri: Saving Home Towns by Reinventing Them.*” *Japan since 1945: From Postwar to Post-Bubble*, ed. Christopher Gerteis and Timothy S. George. Bloomsbury, 2013.
- “Revisiting the History of Postwar Japan.” *Japan since 1945: From Postwar to Post-Bubble*, ed. Christopher Gerteis and Timothy S. George. Bloomsbury, 2013. With Christopher Gerteis.
- “Fukushima in Light of Minamata.” *The Asia-Pacific Journal*, Vol. 10, Issue 11, No. 5 (March 12, 2012). <www.japanfocus.org/-Timothy_S_-George/3715>
- “Minamata as a Window on Modern Japan.” *Education About Asia* 15.3 (Winter 2010).
- “The Global Article Nine Conference to Abolish War.” Co-authored with Franziska Seraphim. Japanese Constitutional Revision Research Project, Harvard University, 2008. <www.fas.harvard.edu/~rijs/crrp/documents/GA9_Report.pdf>
- “Meiji Restoration” and “Environment: East Asia.” *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern World*, ed. Peter N. Stearns. Oxford University Press, 2008.
- “Tanaka Shōzō’s Vision of an Alternative Constitutional Modernity for Japan.” *Public Spheres, Private Lives in Modern Japan, 1600-1950: Essays in Honor of Albert M. Craig*, ed. Gail Lee Bernstein, Andrew Gordon, Kate Wildman Nakai. Harvard University Asia Center, 2005.
- “Allied occupation,” “Bullet train,” “General strike,” “Land reform,” “Lockheed scandal,” “Minamata disease,” “Minobe administration,” “Postwar constitution,” “Recruit scandal,” “Sagawa Kyūbin scandal,” “Scandals,” “Self-Defense Forces,” “Surrender,” and “Tokyo Olympics.” *Encyclopedia of Contemporary Japanese Culture*, ed. Sandra Buckley. Routledge, 2002.
- “Minamata Disease: An Annotated Bibliography of Works in English.” Minamata Forum, 2002. Pamphlet edited with Jitsukawa Yūta and Horikawa Saburō.
- “Japan’s Meiji Restoration (1868).” *Encyclopedia of Political Revolutions*, ed. Jack A. Goldstone. Congressional Quarterly, 1998.
- “Ecological Milestones I” (with Graham Parkes) and “Ecological Milestones II.” Background notes to “Ecology and Nature” unit in Glenn Melchinger and Helene Kasha, *The Japanese Written Word: A Unique Reader*. Kōdansha International, 1998.
- “Three ‘Solutions’ to the Minamata Disease Issue in 40 Years.” *Water Report* 96 (1997).
- “Minamata and Japan’s Postwar Democracy.” *Water Report* 5.5 (1995).
- “Sottchokusa to kyōryoku no kiban ga hirogatte iru” (The Basis for Frankness and Cooperation Is Expanding). *Saisei suru Minamata* (Minamata Rebuilds), ed. Kankyō Sōzō Minamata Jikkō Iinkai. Ashi Shobō, 1995.
- “*Mienaku natte iru Minamatabyō*” (Disappearing Minamata Disease). *Kumamoto nichichi shinbun*, July 10, 1995.

Translations

- Minamata Kankyō Akademia. *Collaborative Human and Organizational Resources in the Minamata Area: A Compendium*. Editor of translation. Translated with Koizumi Hatsue. Minamata Kankyō Akademia, 2018.

- Mikuriya Takashi and Nakamura Takafusa. *Politics and Power in 20th-Century Japan: The Reminiscences of Miyazawa Kiichi*. Director and editor of translation; author of translation editor's introduction. Bloomsbury, 2015; paperback 2016.
- Mitani Hiroshi. "An Outline of Japan's History Textbook System and Its Controversies." *Toward a History beyond Borders: Contentious Issues in Sino-Japanese Relations*, ed. Daqing Yang, Jie Liu, Hiroshi Mitani, and Andrew Gordon. Harvard University Asia Center, 2012.
- Ibaraki Satoshi. "Sino-Japanese Mutual Understanding as Seen in History Textbooks." *Toward a History beyond Borders: Contentious Issues in Sino-Japanese Relations*, ed. Daqing Yang, Jie Liu, Hiroshi Mitani, and Andrew Gordon. Harvard University Asia Center, 2012.
- Saitō Hisashi. *Niigata Minamata Disease*. Co-editor and co-translator. Niigata Nippō, 2009.
- Harada Masazumi. *Minamata Disease*. Editor of translation. Translated with Tsushima Sachie. Kumamoto Nichinichi Shinbun, 2004.
- "The Message from Minamata to the World." Minamata Disease Center Sōshisha, 2002. Pamphlet translated with Karen R. Colligan-Taylor.
- "Minamata Exhibition English Guide." Pamphlet translated with Tanaka Michi, Itō Yutaka, Kawashiri Chizu, Noda Reiko, Okada Kazuko, and Katō Masakatsu. Minamata Forum, 2001.
- Narusawa Akira. "The Social Order of Modern Japan." *The Political Economy of Japanese Society*, Volume 1, *The State or the Market?*, Banno Junji, ed. Oxford University Press, 1997.
- Minamata Disease Municipal Museum and Minamata Disease Museum. "Ten Things to Know about Minamata Disease." Pamphlet translated with Jane George. Minamata Environmental Creation Development, 1994; revised 1997 and 2001.

Book Reviews

- Review of Miriam Kingsberg Kadia, *Into the Field: Human Scientists of Transwar Japan*. *Pacific Affairs* 94.2 (June 2021).
- Review of Simon Avenell, *Transnational Japan in the Global Environmental Movement*. *Monumenta Nipponica* 73.1 (2018).
- Review of Robert Stolz, *Bad Water: Nature, Pollution and Politics in Japan, 1870-1950*. *Journal of Japanese Studies* 41.2 (Summer 2015).
- Review of Rieko Kage, *Civic Engagement in Postwar Japan: The Revival of a Defeated Society*. *American Historical Review* 117.2 (April 2012).
- Review of Thomas R. H. Havens, *Parkscapes: Green Spaces in Modern Japan*. *Journal of Japanese Studies* 38.1 (Winter 2012).
- Review of Yoshiko Nozaki, *War Memory, Nationalism and Education in Postwar Japan, 1945-2007: The Japanese History Textbook Controversy and Ienaga Saburō's Court Challenges*. *Educational Studies in Japan* 5 (2010).
- Review of André Sorensen and Carolyn Funck, eds., *Living Cities in Japan: Citizens' Movements, Machizukuri, and Local Environments*. *Journal of Japanese Studies* 35.1 (Winter 2009).

Review of Brett L. Walker, *The Lost Wolves of Japan*. *Journal of East Asian Studies* 7.2 (May-August 2007).

Review of John F. Howes, *Japan's Modern Prophet: Uchimura Kanzō, 1861-1930*. *Japanese Studies* 26.2 (September 2006).

Review of Oiwa Keibo and Ogata Masato, *Rowing the Eternal Sea: The Story of a Minamata Fisherman*. *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 77 (Summer 2003).

Review of Stephen Vlastos, ed., *Mirror of Modernity: Invented Traditions of Modern Japan*. *Journal of Asian Studies* 60.4 (Nov. 2001).

Review of Gary D. Allinson, *The Columbia Guide to Modern Japanese History*. *Journal of Asian Studies* 60.1 (Feb. 2001).

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS, 1995-PRESENT

Fulbright Research Grant, Japan, 2012-2013

Visiting Fellow, Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo, 2012-2013

Grant for Short-Term Research Travel to Japan, Northeast Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies, 2008

Career Enhancement Grant, Council for Research, University of Rhode Island, 2008

Faculty Research Grant, Center for the Humanities, University of Rhode Island, 2008

Faculty Assistance Grant, University of Rhode Island Foundation, 2008

Multicultural Center Faculty Associate, University of Rhode Island, 2000-2002

Institute on Korean Culture and Society, Asian Studies Development Program, East-West Center, 2000

Teaching with Technology Institute Fellow, University of Rhode Island, 1999-2000

Teaching Fellow, University of Rhode Island, 1999-2000

Faculty Development Grant, University of Rhode Island Council for Research, 2000

Faculty Development Fund, University of Rhode Island College of Arts and Sciences, 2000

Curriculum Development Grants, University of Rhode Island, 1998 and 1999

Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies Post-Doctoral Fellowship, 1996-1997

SSRC/ACLS Dissertation Write-up Fellowship, 1995-1996

Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies Supplementary Grant, 1995

Foreign Research Scholar, Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo, 1994-1995

Fulbright Graduate Research Fellow, Japan, 1993-1995

Harvard Grant, 1991-1993, 1995-1996

Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi (academic honor societies)

Phi Alpha Theta (history honor society)

COMMITTEES AND OTHER UNIVERSITY SERVICE

URI History Department Chair, 2013-2016

URI AAUP, President, 2011-2012; Executive Committee, 2000-2002, 2008-2011, 2013-2015; Steward, 2018-2020

New Faculty Mentor: Music, 2001-2002; Chinese, 2006-2007; Philosophy, 2007-2008; Chinese, 2010-2011; History, 2011-2012; History, 2013-2014; Japanese, 2014-2015; History, 2014-2015; History, 2015-2016

Search committee for Chair of Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, 2015-2016
 Search committee for lecturer in Japanese, 2015
 Chair, search committee for lecturer in U.S. history, 2015
 Interdisciplinary Environmental Studies Committee, 2011-2014
 Global Education Task Force, 2010-2012
 Confucius Institute Review Committee, Faculty Senate, 2010-2012
 Search committee for historian of civil war and environmental history, 2010
 Joint AAUP-Board of Governors Committee on Student Evaluation of Teaching, 2009-2012
 Chinese Language Professor Search Committee, 2009-2010
 History Department Assessment Committee, 2009-2010
 Chinese Library Steering Committee, 2007-2012
 Confucius Institute Committee, 2006-2012
 Historian, Rhode Island Beta of Phi Beta Kappa, 2006-2012
 Coordinator, Minor in Asian Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, 2001-2020
 Asian Studies Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 2000-2020
 Chinese Language Lecturer Search Committee, 2009
 Center for the Humanities Executive Board, 2008
 Honors Program and Visiting Scholars Committee, 2007-2008
 Co-coordinator, "China Rising," Honors Colloquium on Contemporary China, 2007
 Committee on curriculum and staffing needs, history department, fall 2003
 Chair, Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Committee, 2002-2004
 Secretary, Rhode Island Beta of Phi Beta Kappa, 2000-2004
 University College and General Education Committee, Faculty Senate, 2000-2003
 Organizer and Advisor, URI Japan Discussion Group, 2001-2002
 Judge, Multicultural Center Diversity Awards, spring 2002
 Judge, history department research paper awards; 2001, 2003, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2016, 2017
 Chair, committee to revise history department annual review procedures, spring-fall 2000
 Search committee for historian of science, spring 1999

SERVICE IN ACADEMIC FIELD

Annual Conference Program Committee, Association for Asian Studies, 2018-2020 (for 2019 and 2020 conferences)
 Committee on the John K. Fairbank Book Prize, American Historical Association, 2012-2015
 Fellowship application reviewer, American Council of Learned Societies, 2007-2010
 Selection Committee, Advanced Research Fellows, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Harvard University, 2006
 Article manuscript reviewer, *Japan Forum*, 2009, 2020
 Article manuscript reviewer, *Journal of Japanese Studies*, 2006, 2007, 2011, 2019
 Article manuscript reviewer, *Japanese Studies*, 2012
 Article manuscript reviewer, *East Asian Science, Technology, and Society*, 2011
 Article manuscript reviewer, European Environment Agency publication, *Late Lessons from Early Warnings: The Precautionary Principle 1896-2000*, 2011
 Book proposal reviewer, Cambridge University Press, 2009, 2010, 2020
 Book proposal reviewer, Hackett Publishing, 2010
 Book manuscript reviewer, Lexington Books, 2020

Book manuscript reviewer, Bloomsbury Publishing, 2017
Book manuscript reviewer, Cornell University Press, 2017
Book manuscript reviewer, University of Hawai'i Press, 2014
Book manuscript reviewer, Cambridge University Press, 2013, 2014
Book manuscript reviewer, Oregon State University Press, 2013
Book manuscript reviewer, University of Washington Press, 2007
Book manuscript reviewer, Oxford University Press, 2001
Tenure/promotion outside reviewer, University of Vermont, 2018
Tenure/promotion outside reviewer, College of William & Mary, 2016
Tenure/promotion outside reviewer, University of San Francisco, 2015
Tenure/promotion outside reviewer, Harvard University, 2013
Tenure/promotion outside reviewer, Indiana University, 2008
Tenure/promotion outside reviewer, Trinity College, 2008

COMMUNITY AND OTHER SERVICE

Lecturer and Seminar Leader, Japan and East Asia, National Consortium for Teaching about Asia, Rhode Island, 2001-2009 (15 lectures); Massachusetts, 2003-2010 (13 lectures)
Volunteer, South Kingstown public schools, 1998-2020. Talks on Asia and Japanese language, computer assistance, story reading, science fair judging, and field trip and camp chaperoning.
South Kingstown Girls Slow Pitch Softball League: Coach, 2000-2001; League Photographer, 2005-2019
GEAR Productions Theatre Company: Photographer, 2010-2020
Volunteer, American Space, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, 2017-2018: Workshops on photography, spelling bee judge

AFFILIATIONS

Associate in Research, Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University
Advisory Council Member, Japanese Constitutional Revision Collaborative Research Group, Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University
Faculty Affiliate, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Harvard University
Association for Asian Studies