

CURRICULUM VITAE (Summary)

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EDUCATION

09/94–08/98 Ph.D., Religious Studies, Stanford University (1998)
Area of Specialization: Early Chinese thought

09/91–06/94 M.A., East Asian Languages (classical Chinese), UC Berkeley

09/88–06/91 B.A., with Distinction, Stanford University, Asian Languages (Chinese)
Phi Beta Kappa

12/89–12/90 Chinese Language Center, Tunghai University, Taichung, Taiwan, ROC

09/86–06/88 Princeton University, biology and Chinese language

Additional summer language training sessions at Goethe-Institut (Goettingen, Berlin) and Alliance Française (Paris)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Warring States (5th-3rd c. B.C.E.) Chinese thought, religious studies (comparative religion, cognitive science and evolution of religion), cognitive linguistics (blending and conceptual metaphor theory), ethics (virtue ethics, moral psychology), cognitive science, evolutionary psychology, the relationship between the humanities and the natural sciences, and the classical Chinese language.

BOOKS

Trying Not to Try: Ancient China, Modern Science and the Power of Spontaneity. New York: Crown (Random House), March 2014 (295 + vi pages), paperback forthcoming March 2015. (Translated into Korean, Russian, Dutch and German)

What Science Offers the Humanities: Integrating Body & Culture. New York: Cambridge University Press, February 2008 (370 + xvi pages) (Translated into Korean)

Slingerland, Edward and Mark Collard (edited), *Creating Consilience: Integrating the Sciences and the Humanities*, Oxford University Press, New Directions in Cognitive Science series, 2012 (472 + xv pages)

Bulbulia, Joseph and Edward Slingerland (edited), *Evolutionary Science and the Study of Religion*, a special issue of the journal *Religion* 41.3, September 2011.

Confucius: Analects (full translation with running traditional commentary, glossary, and extensive introduction). Cambridge, MA: Hackett Publishing Company, 2003 (279 + xxix pages)

Effortless Action: Wu-wei as Conceptual Metaphor and Spiritual Ideal in Early China. New York: Oxford University Press, 2003 (352 + xi pages) (paperback edition, May 2007) (Winner, AAR Best First Book in the History of Religions award)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

22 refereed journal publications (14 single authored), 17 unrefereed journal articles and book chapters (13 single authored), 8 book reviews, 3 translations (including one book manuscript), 5 popular publications. My work has been translated into Chinese, Korean, German, Russian and Dutch, and many of my journal articles have been reprinted in edited volumes or academic handbooks. Selected publications:

Norenzayan, Ara, Azim Shariff, Will Gervais, Aiyana Willard, Rita McNamara, Edward Slingerland, and Joseph Henrich. "The Cultural Evolution of Prosocial Religions," *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* (accepted November 2014, forthcoming target article 2015).

"Body and Mind in Early China: An Integrated Humanities-Science Approach," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 81.1: 6-55 (March 2013).

JAAAR #10 most downloaded article as of December 2014

Portions to be reprinted in "China as the Radical "Other": Lessons for the Cognitive Science of Religion," in *Is Religion Natural? The Chinese Challenge*, ed. Ryan Hornbeck, Elizabeth Seiver and Justin Barrett (Under Review)

Slingerland, Edward and Mark Collard. "Creating Consilience: Toward a Second Wave," in *Creating Consilience, Integrating the Sciences and the Humanities*, ed. Edward Slingerland and Mark Collard, 3-40. New York: Oxford University Press (2012).

Slingerland, Edward and Maciej Chudek. "The Prevalence of Folk Dualism in Early China," *Cognitive Science* 35: 997-1007 (Summer 2011).

"The Situationist Critique and Early Confucian Virtue Ethics," *Ethics* 121.2 (January 2011): 390-419.

Selected as a target article for discussion on the Philosophy blog "Pea Soup": <http://peasoup.typepad.com/>

Revised and reprinted in *Cultivating Virtue: Perspectives From Psychology, Theology and Philosophy* (ed. Nancy Snow), 135-170. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015.

"Metaphor and Meaning in Early China," *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 10.1 (Winter 2011): 1-30.

Winner: *Dao*, Annual Best Essay Award (2012)

Followed by "Reply to Prof. Moeller's Response," *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 10.4 (Fall 2011): 537-539.

Topic of panel discussion, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, December 2012

Chinese translation by Bao Yongling 鮑永玲 to be published in 《中西哲學論衡》 [*Comparative Philosophy: China and West*], Vol 3 (2014), Shanghai: Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences.

"Of What Use Are the *Odes*?' Cognitive Science, Virtue Ethics, and Early Confucian Ethics," *Philosophy East & West* 61.1 (January 2011): 80-109.

Reprinted in *New Directions in Chinese Philosophy* (ed. Cheng Chung-yi and Cheung Chan-fai), Chinese University of Hong Kong Press, 2014, pp. 69-102.

“Toward an Empirically-Responsible Ethics: Cognitive Science, Virtue Ethics, and Effortless Attention in Early Chinese Thought,” in *Effortless Attention: A New Perspective in the Cognitive Science of Attention and Action*, ed. Brian Bruya. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press (forthcoming, Spring 2010).

“The Problem of Moral Spontaneity in the Guodian Corpus,” *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 7.3 (Fall 2008): 237-256.

“Who’s Afraid of Reductionism? The Study of Religion in the Age of Cognitive Science,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 76.2 (June 2008): 375-411.

Accompanied by “Reply to Cho & Squier” (418-419) and “Response to Cho & Squier” (449-454).

As of December 2012, this article was listed by *JAAR* as its #1 most cited article (<http://jaar.oxfordjournals.org/reports/most-cited>)

To be reprinted in revised, updated form in Blum, Jason (ed.), *The Question of Methodological Naturalism* (Brill) (under submission)

“Collision with China: Conceptual Metaphor Analysis, Somatic Marking, and the EP-3 Incident” (co-authored with Eric Blanchard and Lyn Boyd-Judson), *International Studies Quarterly* 51.1 (March 2007): 53-77.

“Conceptual Blending, Somatic Marking, and Normativity: A Case Example from Ancient Chinese,” *Cognitive Linguistics* 16.3 (September 2005): 557-584.

“Conceptions of the Self in the *Zhuangzi*: Conceptual Metaphor Analysis and Comparative Thought,” *Philosophy East & West* 54.3 (July 2004): 322-342.

Reprinted in *Figuring Religions: Comparing Ideas, Images, and Activities*, ed. Shubha Pathak, 63-89. Albany, NY: SUNY Press (2013).

“Conceptual Metaphor Theory as Methodology for Comparative Religion,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 72.1 (March 2004): 1-31.

To be reprinted in *Religious Language, Metaphor and the Mind*, ed. Monika Kopytowska and Paul Chilton, Oxford: Oxford University Press (in press).

“Virtue Ethics, the *Analects*, and the Problem of Commensurability,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 29.1 (Summer 2001): 97-125.

To be reprinted in *Confucian Studies: Critical Concepts*, ed. Yao Xinzhong and Tu Weiming, Routledge (forthcoming).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

64 conference presentations and 74 invited talks or keynotes throughout North America and also in mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, Singapore, Japan, Italy, France, Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Estonia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Australia, and New Zealand. These have included the Tang Junyi Lecture (University of Michigan), the Hall Peebles Lecture (Wabash College), and the Walter Powell Distinguished Lectures in Philosophy (Linfield College), as well as invited lectures at Collège de France (Paris), the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (Institute for Advanced Studies, Berlin), Università Ca’Foscari (Venice, Italy), The Vancouver Institute, Harvard, Oxford, Princeton, Brown, Columbia, Tokyo University, the Chinese University of Hong Kong and Fudan University.

RESEARCH DISSEMINATION

My first trade book, *Trying Not to Try* (2014), has been translated into 4 languages and featured in the *New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *Huffington Post*, *LA Review of Books*, *Financial Times*, *The Guardian*, NPR, BBC, CBC and many other newspapers, websites, radio shows and TV spots in the US, Canada, UK, Australia, Netherlands, Germany, and Switzerland. My research more generally, as well as our work in the Cultural Evolution of Religion Research Consortium (CERC), has been featured in *Science*, *The National Post*, the *Vancouver Sun* and *The Edge* website. I also teach a “Massive Open Online Course” (MOOC) on the edX platform called “Chinese Thought: Ancient Wisdom Meets Modern Science” that enrolled 5,000 students in its first offering in Fall 2014.

SELECTED SERVICE

Co-Founder, Steering Committee Member and Previous Co-Chair, Cognitive Science of Religion Group at the American Academy of Religion

Previously Associate Professor of Religion and East Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Southern California (1999-2005), and Instructor of Religious Studies, University of Colorado Boulder (1998-1999)

SELECTED AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Fellow, Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, Academic Year 2015-2016.

Annual Best Essay Award for “Metaphor and Meaning in Early China,” *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* (2012)

Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies, Early Career Scholar (Senior), Academic Year 2008-2009

Canada Research Chair, Tier 2, July 2005 – April 2010

Canada Research Chair, Tier 2 (renewal), May 2010 – April 2015

American Academy of Religion, Best First Book in the History of Religions award, for *Effortless Action: Wu-wei as Conceptual Metaphor and Spiritual Ideal in Early China*

USC General Education Teaching Award, “Religions of Asia,” 2002

Phi Beta Kappa, Stanford University, June 1991

GRANTS

Approximately \$3.5 million + \$3 million in matching funds total in grant money as PI or Co-PI, selected grants:

\$75,000: Applicant, MOOC development funds for “Foundations of Chinese Thought,” February 2014-December 2014.

\$2,999,280 + approx. \$3 million in partner matching funds: PI, “The Evolution of Religion and Morality,” SSHRC Partnership Grant, April 2012-April 2018.

\$40,000: Co-Applicant, “Understanding God’s Mind” (PI: Joseph Henrich), Hampton Fund Research Grant in the Humanities and Social Sciences, UBC, 2012-2014.

£25,687: PI, “Folk Dualism and Religious and Moral Cognition in Early China,” University of Oxford, Cognition, Religion and Theology Project Small Research Grant, May 2009–August 2009.

\$103,000: PI, “Mapping the Cognitive Landscape of Early China,” Committee 15 (“Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary Studies,” ranked 002/122), SSHRC Standard Research Grant, September 2008-March 2011.

\$25,000 + \$27,000 matching: Co-PI (with Joseph Henrich), “Integrating Science and the Humanities,” Exploratory Workshop Grant, Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies, UBC, with matching funds from the Faculty of Arts, Brain Research Centre, Cognitive Systems Program, and Departments of Asian Studies, Psychology, English, Philosophy, and Classical Near Eastern and Religious Studies, September 2008