

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

09/94–08/98 Ph.D., Religious Studies, Stanford University (1998)

Area of Specialization: Early Chinese thought

Fields: Virtue ethics, hermeneutics

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)

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12/88–12/89 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.

### BOOK MANUSCRIPTS FORTHCOMING OR IN PROGRESS

*Mind and Body in Early China: Beyond Orientalism and the Myth of Holism* (Oxford University Press, submitted, under contract and final review).

**BOOKS AND EDITED VOLUMES** (asterisks indicate refereed publication; sole-authored unless otherwise indicated)

\*Tappenden, Frederick, and Edward Slingerland (eds.), *Religion, Digital Humanities, and Cognitive Historiography*, a special issue of the *Journal of Cognitive Historiography* 3:1-2 (2018).

*Trying Not to Try: Ancient China, Modern Science and the Power of Spontaneity*. New York: Crown (Random House), March 2014 (295 + vi pages), paperback March 2015.

Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/slingerland3](http://www.facebook.com/slingerland3)

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UK Edition: *Trying Not to Try: The Ancient Art of Effortless and Surprising Power of Spontaneity*, Canongate, April 2014, paperback forthcoming January 2015

German Edition: *Wie wir mehr erreichen, wenn wir weniger wollen: Das Wu-Wei-Prinzip*, Berlin Verlag (translated by Bernhard Kleinschmidt), April 2014

Dutch Edition: *Proberen niet te proberen: Waarom alles beter gaat als je het niet te graag wilt*, Maven (translated by Ineke van den Elskamp), April 2014

Russian Edition: *И не пытайтесь! Древняя мудрость, современная наука и искусство спонтанности*, Corpus (translated by Maria Solnceva), October 2017.

Chinese Edition: *无为: 古代中国、现代科学及自发性的力量*, Modern Press (translated by G.Q. Shi), January, 2018, with new Author's Preface

Korean Edition: *무위(無爲)로의 노력: 고대 중국, 현대 과학, 자발성의 힘*, Goban Publishing (translated by Dong-hwan Kim), forthcoming March 2018, with new Author's Preface

Excerpts published in *Utne Reader* (February 2014), *Nautilus* 10 (February 5, 2014) *Adbusters* 113 (May 20, 2014), and *NRC Handelsblad* (Netherlands) (September 27, 2014)

Best 14 Books on Philosophy/Psychology of 2014 (Brain Pickings)

Best Books of 2014 (J. Baggini, *The Guardian*)

Topic of Author Meets Critics Session, American Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Pacific Division, Vancouver, BC, April 2015.

Reviewed: *Publishers Weekly* (December 12, 2013)

*Kirkus Reviews* LXXXIII.1 (February 1, 2014)

*Huffington Post* "Just Do It" (February 24, 2014) (P. Clothier)

*Financial Times* (UK) "Templates For Gaining Wisdom" (March 7, 2014) (J. Baggini)

*The Atlantic* "How to Not Try" (March 21, 2014) (J. Hamblin)

*International Journal of Psychotherapy* (Vol. 18 2014) (P. Kleefeld)

*Huffington Post* (April 15, 2014) (D. Vognar)

*Brain Pickings* (April 21, 2014) (M. Popova)

*VPRO Gids* (April 29, 2014) (Netherlands) "Spontaniteit als bron van beschaving" (B. Van Straten)

*The Psychologist* (UK) (July 1, 2014) (R. McDonald)

*Der Standard* (Germany) (June 18, 2014) "Wie sich Ziele leichter erreichen lassen" (H. Volk)

*New Statesman* (UK) (July 16, 2014) "Think before you act: against the modern cult of spontaneity" (S. Poole)

*Le Temps* (Switzerland) (August 2, 2014) "«Wu wei», l'art de réussir sans essayer" (N. Ulmi)

*Intermediar* (Netherlands) (September 1, 2014) "Doe niets en doe alles" (D. Koppes)

*8 Weekly* (Netherlands) (September 2, 2014), "Weg Wijs als wegwijzer" (R. Evers)

*LA Review of Books*, Marginalia (September 2, 2014) "The Paradox of *Wu-wei*" (A. Irvine)

*New York Times* (December 16, 2014) (J. Tierney)

*Sydney Morning Herald* (December 17, 2014) (R. Clun)

*NRC Handelsblad* (Netherlands) (January 3, 2015) "De verbijsterende actualiteit van stokoude woe wei-discussies" (H. Spiering)

*Journal of the Cognitive Science of Religion* 2.2 (September 2015), 164-168 (J. Kiper)

*Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (November 5, 2015) (B. Seok)

*Frontiers of Philosophy in China* 10.4, 691-694 (F. Perkins)

*Het Financieele Dagblad* (Netherlands) "Waarom loslaten daadwerkelijk helpt" (July 28, 2016) (M.B. Andreae)

*Huffington Post* "Stepping Into a Strategic Leadership Role: Lessons from Ancient Chinese Philosophy" (September 30, 2016) (D. Brendel)

*Philosophy East & West* 68.1 (January 2018), 298-301 (P. D'Ambrosio)

\* 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)

Reviewed: *Modern Fiction Studies* 58.2 (Summer 2012): 406-409 (L. Slimak)  
Metapsychology Online Reviews 16.37 (September 2012) (R. Hibbert)  
*The Evolutionary Review* 4.1 (Fall 2013) (M. Austin)  
*Journal of Cognitive Historiography* 2.1 (2015): 82-85 (M. Palecek)

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

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Reviewed: *Science* 322 (10 October 2008): 195-196 (H. Fromm)  
"Quo vadis, humaniora?" (article discussion), *Language and Literature (Keel ja Kirjandus)* (August 09, 2008), 577-588 (M. Tamm) [in Estonian]  
*Isis* 100 (March 2009): 211-212 (G.E.R. Lloyd)  
Metapsychology online reviews 13.31 (July 28, 2009) (R. Harrington)  
"Putnam, Dennett, and Others: Philosophical Resources for the World Historian" (article discussion), *Journal of World History* 20.4 (December 2009), 491-522 (J. Wills)  
"The Educator Must Be Educated: The Study of Religion at the End of the Humanities" (article discussion), *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* 22.1 (2010), 1-8 (M. Day)  
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*The Heythrop Journal* 52.2 (March 2011): 351-352 (B. McCall)  
"The Humanities as Empirically Grounded Sciences," *Historical Methods* 44.4 (Oct-Dec 2011): 165-170 (M. Schouten)  
"Can the Two Cultures Reconcile? Reconstruction and Neuropragmatism" (article discussion), *Handbook of Neurosociology* (2013), 83-97 (T. Solymosi)

*Confucius: The Essential Analects* (abridged version of the *Analects*, with traditional commentary, for use in survey courses). New York: Hackett Publishing Company, March 2006 (164 + xxvi pages)

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“評斯林格蘭對《老子》無為之詮釋” (“A Critique of Slingerland’s Interpretation of Wu-wei in the *Laozi*”) (review article), 中國哲學與文化 (*The Journal of Chinese Philosophy and Culture*) 1 (May 2007): 321-326 (L.J. Yang)

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*History of Religions* 45.2 (November 2005): 181-182 (R. Campany)

*Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies* 64.2 (December 2004): 511-516 (K.L. Shun)

*Journal of Asian Studies* 63.1 (February 2004): 172-173 (A. Fox)

*China Review International* 10.2 (Fall 2003): 452-457 (E. Cline)

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\* “*Big Gods*, Historical Explanation, and the Value of Integrating the History of Religion Into the Broader Academy,” *Religion* 45.4: 585-602 (2015).

\* “Crafting Bowls, Cultivating Sprouts: Unavoidable Tensions in Early Chinese Confucianism,” *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 14.2: 211-218 (2015).

\* Hruschka, Daniel, Charles Efferson, Ting Jiang, Ashlan Falletta-Cowden, Sveinn Sigurdsson, Rita McNamara, Madeline Sands, Shirajum Munira, Edward Slingerland and Joseph Henrich. “Impartial Institutions, Pathogen Stress and the Expanding Social Network,” *Human Nature* 1-13 (2014).

\* “Toward a Second Wave of Consilience in the Cognitive Scientific Study of Religion,” *Journal for Cognitive Historiography* 1.1: 121-130 (2013).

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

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Modified version reprinted as “Interdisciplinary Methods in Chinese Philosophy: Comparative

Philosophy and the Case Example of Mind- Body Holism,” in *Research Handbook on Methodology in Chinese Philosophy*, ed. Sor Hoon Tan, pp. 323-351. London: Bloomsbury (2016).

Turchin, Peter, Harvey Whitehouse, Pieter François, Edward Slingerland and Mark Collard. “A Historical Database of Sociocultural Evolution.” *Cliodynamics: The Journal of Theoretical and Mathematical History* 3: 271–293 (December 2012).

\* Bulbulia, Joseph and Edward Slingerland. “Religious Studies as a Life Science,” *Numen* 59.5: 564–613 (2012).

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\* “邁向經驗上可信賴的論理學：認知科學，德性論理，與中國早期思想德‘不費力注意’” [A re-refereed and updated version of a 2010 book chapter, “Toward an Empirically Responsible Ethics: Cognitive Science, Virtue Ethics, and Effortless Attention in Early Chinese Thought,” translated by 馬鼎當 into Chinese], 中國哲學與文化 [The Journal of Chinese Philosophy and Culture] 9: 35-75 (May 2012).

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\* Reber, Rolf and Edward Slingerland. “Confucius Meets Cognition: New Answers to Old Questions,” *Religion, Brain and Behaviour* 1.2: 135-145 (June 2011).

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\* "Cultivating Empathy: How Mencius Got Morality Right," Response to Paul Bloom at Author Meets Critics Session, *Against Empathy (or How the Buddhists Got Morality Right)*, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 19, 2017.

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\* "Data from Dead Minds: Discerning the Evolution of Religion in Traces from the Past," Plenary Address, Conference on "The Evolution of Religion II: How Biology, Psychology and Culture Interact," Santa Ana, New Mexico, November 13, 2017.

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\* “Second-Wave Consilience: Humanities and Science Integration Goes Both Ways,” session on “Humanities versus STEM: Two Cultures Reboot?,” Modern Language Association Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA, January 5-9, 2017.

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\* “Vertical Integration and Sixteenth Century Studies” and “Big Database Approaches to History,” Panel Session on “What Does Science Offer Sixteenth Century Studies (and vice versa)?”, Sixteenth Century Society and Conference Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC, October 22-25, 2016.

“The Embodied Self and Mencian Self-Cultivation,” Berggruen Workshop on “The Self and the Meaning of Life,” Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, September 17, 2015.

\* “Bringing Religion into the Age of Big Data: A Massive Database Approach to Cultural Evolution,” Session on “Methodological Innovation in the Study of Religions: The Promise of Big Data,” International Association for the History of Religion XXI World Congress, August 25, 2015.

“The Database of Religious History: A Large-Scale, Collaborative Resource for the Religious Studies Community,” CERC 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Meeting, McGill University, Montreal, QB, May 9, 2015.

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“*Big Gods*, Interdisciplinary Collaboration, and Bringing Religious Studies Out of the Intellectual Ghetto,” Book Symposium on Ara Norenzayan’s *Big Gods*, Cognitive Science of Religion Group and International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November, 2014.

Master Lecture: “Contemplative Science Research and The Psychology of Confucian Virtue Ethics,” International Symposium for Contemplative Studies, Boston, MA, November 2014.

Keynote: “Durkheim with Data: Large-scale, Team-based Approaches to the Study of Religion,” Peter Wall International Research Roundtable on “Prosociality in History and Historiography: Can Big Gods tip the Balance in World History?,” University of British Columbia, October 2014.

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\* “The Cognitive Science of Religion: Achievements, Challenges and the Next Decade Forward,” International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion Annual Conference, Brno, Czech Republic, June 2014.

\* “Mind-Body Dualism in Early China? Let’s Look at the Numbers,” Panel on “New Digital Humanities Approaches to Asian Studies,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, March 2013.

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“New Approaches to Religious Texts,” Cultural Evolution of Religion Research Consortium (CERC) First Plenary Meeting, University of British Columbia, May 5, 2013.

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Discussant, “Cooperation, Conflict and the Cultural Evolution of Religion,” Human Evolutionary Studies Program (SFU) and the Cultural Evolution of Religion Research Consortium (UBC), Simon Fraser University, February 15, 2013.

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“Conceptual Blending and the Concept of Pollution,” Invited Response to Yitzhaq Feder, “Between Contagion and Cognition: The Israelite Concept of Pollution in Light of West Asian and Ethnographic Evidence,” David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship, Society for Biblical Literature Annual Conference, Chicago, November 18, 2012.

“Cognitive Science of Religion and New Approaches to Religious Texts,” Mind, Society, and Religion in the Biblical World Section, Society for Biblical Literature Annual Conference, Chicago, November 17, 2012.

“Interdisciplinary Cooperation in the Cognitive Science of Religion,” *Homo Experimentalis: Experimental Approaches in the Study of Religion*, Brno, Czech Republic, October 27, 2012.

Planning Advisory Committee Member, Group 4 (Evolution of Religion) Participant, Ernst Strüngmann Forum on Cultural Evolution, Frankfurt am Main, Germany, May 28–June 1, 2012.

“Confucian Virtue Ethics in Light of Contemporary Cognitive Science,” Invited Symposium on “Cultivating Virtue,” American Philosophical Association (Western Division), Seattle, WA, April 2012.

\* “Are the Early Chinese Mind-Body Holists? A Large-Scale Corpus Analysis,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2011.

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\* “Weak Folk Dualism in Early China: A Large-scale Corpus Analysis,” International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion, Boston, MA, July 2011.

\* “Neo-Orientalism and the Myth of Chinese Holism,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI, April 2011.

“Weak Folk Dualism in Early China,” Preconference on Religion, Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, January 2011.

“Large-scale Corpus Analysis as New Humanistic Method,” Southern California Working Group on the Cognitive Science of Religion, UC Santa Barbara, October 2010.

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\* “Vertical Integration in a Darwinian Age,” at Symposium on “150 Years of Evolution: Darwin’s Impact on the Humanities and Social Sciences,” San Diego State University, San Diego, November 2009.

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“Metaphor and Meaning in Early China,” Conference on “Literary Forms of Argumentation in Premodern China,” University of Oxford, UK, September 2009.

\* “Psychological Interiority in the *Analects*,” Plenary session in honor of Herbert Fingarette, Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Annual Meeting, Asilomar, CA, June 2009.

“In Defense of Habit: Cognitive Science and Confucian Virtue Ethics,” Conference on “New Directions in Chinese Philosophy: In Celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Department of Philosophy, CUHK and the Centenary of Tang Chun-I,” Chinese University of Hong Kong, May 2009.

“Early Confucian Virtue Ethics: A Response to the Situationist Critique,” Invited Symposium on Early Confucian Moral Philosophy, American Philosophical Association Annual Meeting (Pacific Division), Vancouver, BC, April 2009.

\* “Cognitive Science and the Study of Chinese Thought,” Session on “What Science Offers the Asian Humanities,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 2009.

“The Secular and the Sacred: Early Confucianism and Now,” Asian Cultures in Secular and Sacred Relations: Pasts and Presents, Evergreen College, Olympia, WA, January 2009.

\* “Some Issues in the Cognitive Science of Religion,” Panel on “The Cognitive Science of Religion,” Cognitive Science of Religion Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2008.

\* “Folk Dualism and Religious and Moral Cognition in Early China,” Additional Meeting on “Folk Dualism and Religious and Moral Cognition,” Cognitive Science of Religion Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2008.

“Moving from a Bi-versity to a True University: Prospects and Challenges,” Exploratory Workshop on Integrating Science and the Humanities, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, September 2008. (Viewable on-line at: [http://www.sci-hum.pwias.ubc.ca/video\\_slingerland.php](http://www.sci-hum.pwias.ubc.ca/video_slingerland.php))

“Vertical Integration and the Study of East Asian Thought,” Keynote Address, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Conference on East Asian Thought, Indiana University, April 2008.

“Modern Cognitive Science and Mencian Ethics,” Conference on Chinese Philosophy and Moral Psychology, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, December 2007.

“In Defense of Method: Hermeneutics and the Study of Early Daoist Thought,” 「道家經典的詮釋——我注六經還是六經注我」國際學術研討會 [International Conference on Daoist Textual Interpretation: Historical Approach Versus Self Expression], Chinese University of Hong Kong, December 2007.

“Confucius as Secular Savior? A Problem with Enlightenment 0.5–2.0,” Conference on Beyond Belief: Enlightenment 2.0, Salk Institute, La Jolla, CA, November 2007. (Viewable on-line at: <http://thesciencenetwork.org/BeyondBelief2/watch/slingerland.php>)

“Music, Education, and the Problem of Moral Spontaneity in the Guodian Corpus,” Conference on Ethics in Ancient China and Greco-Roman Antiquity, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, Germany, October 2007.

Respondent to panel on “Notions of Sagehood in Early China,” Western Conference of the Association of Asian Studies, Salt Lake City, Utah, September 2007.

“Reductionism and the Dialogue Between the Natural and Human Sciences,” World Knowledge Dialogue, Crans-Montana, Switzerland, September 2006.

“Taking Heaven Seriously: Normativity and Constraint in the *Zhuangzi*,” Third International Conference on Daoism, Frauenwörth, Bavaria, Germany, May 2006.

\* “Trying is Wrong, Not Trying is Wrong?: The Paradox of Wu-wei in the Guodian Texts,” Panel on “Blurring Boundaries: Excavated Texts and the Reconceptualization of Genre and School in Warring States China,” Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2006.

\* “Who’s Afraid of Reductionism? Cognitive Science, Pragmatism, and the Humanities,” Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 2005.

“Of What Use are the *Odes*? Modern Cognitive Science, Virtue Ethics, and Early Confucian Moral Training.” International Conference on Chinese Philosophy in Analytical Perspectives, National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan, September 2005.

Respondent to “New Works in the Field: *Effortless Action: Wu-Wei as Conceptual Metaphor and Spiritual Ideal in Early China*, by Edward Slingerland.” Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, American Philosophical Association Annual Meeting (Central Division), Chicago, IL, April 2004.

\* “One Root, One Source: Conceptual Blending in the *Mencius*,” Panel on “Metaphor and Morals in Traditional China,” Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, New York, April 2003.  
“Metaphors for Self-Cultivation and the Paradox of Wu-wei in the *Analects*.” Conference on the *Analects*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, March 2003.

\* “Conceptual Blending and Normativity in the *Mencius*,” Panel on Metaphor and Confucian Thought, Chinese Religions Group, American Academy of Religion 2002 Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, November 2002.

\* “China and the Debate on Human Rights: Potential for Cross-Cultural Dialogue,” panel on Methodological Approaches to Cross-Cultural Theory of Human Rights, American Political Science Association 2002 Annual Meeting, Boston, August 2002.

\* “Toward a Conversation Between East and West on Human ‘Rights,’” panel on “Interfaith Dialogue, Human Rights and the WTO,” at the American Academy of Religion 2000 Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN, November 20, 2000.

\* “A Metaphor Analysis of Conceptions of the Self in the *Zhuangzi*,” panel on “New Approaches to the Self in Early China,” at the Association of Asian Studies 2000 Annual Meeting, San Diego, March 9-10, 2000.

“The Chinese Spiritual Ideal of *Wu-wei* (Effortless Action),” roundtable meeting of the Society for the Study of Early China, at the Association of Asian Studies 2000 Annual Meeting, San Diego, March 9-10, 2000.

“Cognitive Science as a Tool for Comparative Studies,” Workshop on The Embodied Mind: Cognitive Metaphor Theory and the Humanities, University of Southern California, October 13-14, 2000.

\* “Confucius as Virtue Ethicist,” at the Third International Research Conference in Asian and Comparative Philosophy, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, January 5-9, 1998 and to the panel on “Non-Theological Ethics,” at the American Academy of Religion 1999 Annual Meeting, Boston, November 20-23, 1999.

#### **INVITED ACADEMIC LECTURES**

“Translating the *Analects*: Getting Over the Protestant Model of Meaning,” Research Center for Translation and Cultural Transmission, Shenyang Normal University, Shenyang, China, December 8, 2017

“Religion, Civilization, Cooperation and Conflict,” The Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, Arizona State University, March 30, 2017

“Mind-Body Dualism in Early China: Implications for the Human and Cognitive Sciences,” Center for Evolution and Medicine Seminar, Arizona State University, March 30, 2017

“Digital Humanities and the Study of Narrative,” Narrative Studies Colloquium, Endicott College, Beverly, MA, March 8, 2017

“Body and Mind in Early China: Cognitive Science, Digital Humanities, and the Project of Comparative Philosophy,” International Distinguished Scholar Lecture, College of Confucian Studies and Eastern Philosophy, Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, Korea, February 24, 2017

“Pluralism, Both East and West: Getting Beyond Orientalism in the Study of Early Chinese Philosophy,” Conference on East and West Philosophical Perspectives on Pluralism, Chonnam National University, Gwangju, South Korea, February 22, 2017

“The Database of Religious History (DRH): A Digital Humanities Response to a New Age of Scholarship,” Department of Religious Studies, University of Miami, FL, February 9, 2017

“Body and Mind: Scientific Approaches to the Concept of the Human in Early China,” Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation Lecture Series, The Human and the Sciences of Nature: Chinese and Comparative Perspectives, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, January 19, 2017

“Big Data Approaches to Religious Studies: The Promise of Digital Humanities”

Department of East Asian Studies, University of Pennsylvania, September 29, 2016

Department of Religious Studies, University of Calgary, October 7, 2016

School of Philosophy, Wuhan University, Wuhan, China, December 7, 2016

Department of Religious Studies, University of Miami, FL, February 8, 2017

Colloquium on Religion, Literature and the Arts, University of British Columbia, February 14, 2017

“*What Science Offers the Humanities*, Religious Studies and the Future of Science-Humanities Integration,” NEH Summer Institute, “Problems in the Study of Religion,” keynote followed by afternoon workshop, University of Virginia, June 2, 2016.

“The Database of Religious History: Conceptual and Practical Challenges,” Workshop on “Religion, Ritual and Cooperation,” Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, April 30, 2016.

“Confucian Virtue Ethics and Embodied Cognition,” Department of Anthropology, Stanford University, March 2, 2016.

“Trying Not to Try: Early China, Modern Science and the Power of Spontaneity”

Education as Self-Fashioning Lecture Series, Stanford University, October 9, 2015

Structured Liberal Education (SLE) program, Stanford University, November 5, 2015

Endicott College, Beverly, MA, March 9, 2017

Shenyang Normal University, Shenyang, China, December 7, 2017

“Durkheim With Data: The Evolution of Religion Project,” Fellows’ Lecture Series, Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, September 24, 2015.

Visiting Distinguished Scholar Lecture Series and Short Course on “Moral Psychology in Chinese Thought,” School of Philosophy, Renmin University, Beijing, June 2-5, 2015:

June 2: Lecture 1, “Moral Spontaneity, Trust and the Paradox of Virtue”

June 3: Lecture 2, “The Moral Mind: Metaphor and Meaning in Early China”

June 4: Lecture 3, “Confucian Moral Psychology and Cognitive Science”

June 5: Lecture 4, “Confucian Virtue Ethics and the Situationist Critique”

“Trying Not to Try: Cooperation, Trust and the Paradox of Spontaneity”

Center for Chinese Studies, UC Berkeley, March 14, 2014

Dept. of Philosophy, Duke University, April 2, 2014

Distinguished Science Lecture Series, Caltech, Pasadena, CA, April 13, 2014  
Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies, UBC, April 22, 2014  
Graduate Center, City University of New York, May 3, 2014  
Columbia Seminar in Comparative Philosophy, Columbia University, May 9, 2014  
Dept. of Psychology, University of Toronto, May 13, 2014  
Dept. of Psychology, University of Amsterdam, June 24, 2014  
Dept. of Psychology, Sun Yat-sen University (Guangzhou, China), September 10, 2014  
Centres for Research on Religion and East Asian Research, McGill University, September 30, 2014  
Depts. of Depts. of Psychology and Philosophy, University of Oregon, October 10, 2014  
Depts. of Philosophy, Psychology and English, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, October 29, 2014  
Dept. of Anthropology, James Barnett Lecture Series in Humanistic Anthropology, University of Connecticut, April 21, 2015  
Confucius Institute Distinguished Speaker Series, University of Kentucky, November 19, 2015  
Department of Psychology, Stanford University, February 8, 2016  
State University of New York, School of Optometry, April 13, 2016  
State University of New York, School of Business, April 13, 2016  
London School of Economics, Department of Social Psychology, May 9, 2016  
Dipartimento di Studi sull'Asia Orientale, Università Ca'Foscari, Venice, Italy, May 11, 2016  
Social Cultural Evolution Working Group, University of Pennsylvania, September 29, 2016  
Keynote talk, ASDP 23rd National Conference, "Asia Connections: Confluences and Contradictions," Portland, OR, March 4, 2017  
Research Center for Translation and Cultural Transmission, Shenyang Normal University, Shenyang, China, December 8, 2017

"The Evolution of Religion and Morality" (w/ Benjamin Purzycki and Jessica McCutcheon), Institute for Asian Research, UBC, September 16, 2014.

"Religious Studies in the Age of Consilience: Science and the Future of the Study of Religion"

Keynote Address, "The Bible and Brain Symposium," Rice University, Houston, TX, December 11, 2013  
Talk and Panel Discussion (w/ Jeffrey Kripal, Evan Thompson and Robert Scharf), Berkeley Center for the Study of Religion, UC Berkeley, March 18, 2014  
Department of Anthropology, University of Connecticut, April 21, 2015  
Department of Religious Studies, University of Miami, February 7, 2017

"Chinese Studies in the Age of Consilience: New Approaches Drawn from the Cognitive and Evolutionary Sciences"

Chinese Humanities Seminar, Mahindra Humanities Center and the Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University, February 3, 2014  
Carolina Asia Center, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, April 1, 2014.

"The Evolution of Religion and Morality: A Team-Based, Interdisciplinary Approach," Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China, December 2, 2013.

"Confucianism and Cognitive Science: Dialogue Between the Sciences and Humanities," Department of Philosophy, Tokyo University, May 17, 2013.

"New Approaches to the Study of Religion: Digital Tools, Statistical Analysis, Team-Based Strategies," Center for Evolving Humanities, Tokyo University, May 16, 2013.

Keynote address, "New Approaches to the Study of Philosophy and Religion: A Case Example From Early China," The Ninth Annual Undergraduate Philosophy & Religious Studies Conference, California State University Bakersfield, April 26, 2013.

"Defending Habit: Cognitive Science and Confucian Virtue Ethics," Department of Philosophy, National University of Singapore, March 14, 2013.

“The Evolution of Religion, Cooperation and Morality: An Interdisciplinary, Team-Based Approach,” Green College, University of British Columbia, January 7, 2013.

“Debunking Myths About Early China: Embodied Cognition, Scientific Methodology and the Study of Culture,” Jacob Marschak Interdisciplinary Colloquium on Mathematics in the Behavioral Sciences, UCLA, November 2012.

“Debunking Myths About Early China: Realizing the Benefits of Science-Humanities Integration,” Aarhus University, Denmark, October 2012

Respondent to David Wong, “Chinese Philosophy and the Development of Compassion,” Philomathia Lectures on Human Values, Chinese University of Hong Kong, May 2012

“Philosophy and Metaphor: The Case of Early China,” Cluster of Excellence: Asia and Europe in a Global Context, University of Heidelberg, Germany, January 2012.

“Mind-Body Dualism in Early China: A Large-Scale Corpus Analysis,” videoconference presentation, Department for the Study of Religions, Masaryk University, Czech Republic, November 2011.

“In Defense of Habit: Contemporary Cognitive Science and Confucian Virtue Ethics,” Department of Philosophy, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, October 2011.

“(Il)logic and Cognition: A Contemporary Scientific Perspective,” Institute for Logic and Cognition, Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, China, June 2011.

“Contemporary Cognitive Science and Early Chinese Virtue Ethics,” Fudan University and East China Normal University, Shanghai, China, June 2011.

“Moral Technologies: Cognitive Science, Virtue Ethics and Ritual,” Ritual as Technology in East Asia Workshop, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG), Berlin, Germany, May 2011.

“The Situationist Critique and Early Confucian Virtue Ethics,” The Columbia Society for Comparative Philosophy, Columbia University, NY, April 2011.

“Mind-Body Dualism in Early China: A Large-Scale Corpus Analysis,” China Seminar, Centre for East Asian Studies, University of Texas, Austin, TX, February 2011.

“From a Bi-versity to a True University: Bringing Together the Sciences and the Humanities”

College of Arts & Sciences and the UAB Evolution, Cognition and Culture Working Group, University of Alabama, Birmingham, October 2010

INSIGHTS Public Lecture, Newcastle University, UK, March 2012

California State University Bakersfield, April 25, 2013

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, March 18, 2016

College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA, April 15, 2016

“Effortless Action in Early Chinese Thought,” Collège de France, Paris, June 2, 2010.

“Reverse Orientalism and the Figure of Confucius in the West [L’orientalisme inversé et la réception de Confucius en Occident]” Guest Lecturer, Collège de France, June 1 2010.

“Consilience and Philosophy” and “Reverse Orientalism in the Study of Early Chinese Thought,” Walter Powell Distinguished Lectures in Philosophy, Linfield College, Oregon, May 2010.

“Why Humanists Hate Vertical Integration,” Behavior, Evolution and Culture Speaker Series, UCLA, May 3, 2010.

“Vertical Integration and the Study of Chinese Thought,” University of Sydney, Australia, April 2010; Cal State Fullerton, May 2010.

“Cognitive Science and the Humanities,” Keynote Address, graduate student conference on “The Architecture of Minds and Cultures: Prospects and Problems of the Cognitive Science Approach in the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences,” Brown University, March 2010.

“Reverse Orientalism: The Myth of Holism in Early China”

Dipartimento di Studi sull’Asia Orientale, Università Ca’Foscari, Venice, Italy, May 2009  
Princeton University, March 25, 2010

“Exorcizing the *Geist* in the Machine: Taking the Humanities Beyond Dualism”

Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (Institute for Advanced Studies, Berlin), Germany, June 2008  
UC Santa Barbara, “Literature and Mind Symposium” (Departments of English and Psychology), February 2009  
University of Tallinn, Tallinn, Estonia, May 2009  
University of Auckland, New Zealand, April 2010  
Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, April 2010

“Cognitive Science and Early Confucian Ethics,” Hall Peebles Lecture, Wabash College, Indiana, March 2008.

“What Science Offers the Humanities: Beyond the Humanities / Natural Science Divide.”  
Department of Psychology, University of Michigan, March 2008.

“Confucian Ethics in the Age of Cognitive Science,” 2008 Tang Junyi Lecture, Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan, March 2008.

“Thinking with the Body: Somatic Marking and Blending Jujitsu in Early China,” Department of Cognitive Science Colloquium, Case Western University, April 11, 2007 (via videoconference).

“China and the Debate on Human Rights: Potential for Cross-Cultural Dialogue,” B.C. China Scholars’ Symposium on “China: Globalization Now and Then,” Simon Fraser University, March 11, 2006.

“Who’s afraid of reductionism? Evolution, pragmatism, and the humanities,” in the Evolution and Human Behaviour series, an interdisciplinary seminar series supported by Green College and the UBC Biological Anthropology Research Group, September 22, 2005.

“Collision with China: Conceptual Metaphor Analysis, Somatic Marking, and the EP3 Incident.”  
International/Interdisciplinary Discourse Seminar, University of Southern California, March 21, 2005.

“Thinking With the Body: Somatic Marking and Blending in the *Mencius*,” University of British Columbia, September 16, 2004.

“Taking Joy in the Way: A Confucian Meditation on Embodied Morality and Modern Neuroscience.” One-day conference, “Approaching awe, a moral, spiritual, and aesthetic emotion,” UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, April 30, 2004.

“Effortless Action: Wu-wei as Conceptual Metaphor and Spiritual Ideal in Early China”

Arizona State University, October 22, 2004  
University of Virginia, April 9, 2004  
Loyola Marymount University, November 13, 2003  
University of British Columbia, October 30, 2003  
University of Redlands, February 24, 2003

Response to Charles Taylor, “Religion Today,” Center for the Study of Religion and Civic Culture meeting, University of Southern California, May 8, 2003.

“Loss of Self and Religious Ecstasy in Early Daoism,” at “The Self and the Sacred,” Templeton Foundation and Local Societies/Metanexus Institute Conference, UCLA, November 15, 2002.

“China and the Debate on Human Rights: Potential for Cross-Cultural Dialogue.” Center for International Studies, Asia-Pacific series, USC, November 6, 2002.

“Conceptual Blending in the *Mencius*,” guest lecture in Cognitive Science 201, UC San Diego, June 7, 2002.

“Moral Spaces and Moral Accounting,” Great Ideas in the Social Sciences seminar series, UCLA Center for Governance, UCLA, April 22, 2002.

“Metaphor and Conceptions of Self,” Roundtable on Behavior and Evolutionary Psychology, UCLA, October 2, 2001.

“Cross-Cultural Metaphors for Self,” session on “Cognitive Science, the Humanities, and the Social Sciences,” at Biopolitics II, UCLA, March 30, 200

## **TALKS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC, RADIO, TELEVISION AND BLOG INTERVIEWS**

Bookstore or Author Appearance talks, *Trying Not to Try*

Book Passage, Corte Madera, CA, March 15, 2014  
Banyen Books, Vancouver, BC, March 25, 2014  
Flyleaf Books, Chapel Hill, NC, April 1, 2014  
Regulator Bookstore, Durham, NC, April 2, 2014  
Salon London, London, UK, April 7, 2014  
London Philosophy Club, London, UK, April 8, 2014  
Authors@Google, Google Irvine campus, April 15, 2014  
The Interval, Fort Mason, San Francisco, CA, April 26, 2016  
TEDx Maastricht, Netherlands, October 17, 2016  
Founders Dinner, Restaurant As, Amsterdam, Netherlands, October 18, 2016  
The Hopkins China Forum, Royal Asiatic Society, UBC Alumni Club, Shanghai, China, December 5, 2016  
Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences (Stanford) Authors’ Series, Googleplex, Mountain View, CA, February 13, 2017  
Bookworm Bookstore, Beijing China, January 10, 2018.  
Beijing International Book Faire, Beijing, China, January 12, 2018

Conference or Festival Lectures, *Trying Not to Try*

Aye Write! Book Festival, Glasgow, UK, April 5, 2014  
Edinburgh Science Festival, Edinburgh, UK, April 6, 2014  
National Association of Women Business Owners, Los Angeles, CA, May 28, 2014

### Radio, television and podcast interviews concerning *Trying Not to Try*

The Rob Kall Bottom-Up Show 1360 AM, February 26, 2014  
“Nerd Your Way To A Better Life!” Blogtalk Radio, Amy Alkon, March 16, 2014  
“The Science of Not Trying: Mastering Wu-Wei”, 5-video Big Think TV Mentor Series, recorded March 27, 2014.  
The Brian Lehrer Show, NPR (New York), WNYC-AM, March 28, 2014  
BBC World Service, The Forum, on the topic of “Spontaneity” (with Daniel Goleman and Mary Robertson), broadcast March 29, 2014.  
On Point with Tom Ashbrook, NPR (Boston), WBUR, April 2, 2014  
“Trying Not to Try”, Canongate TV, London, UK, April 7, 2014  
Interview with Russell Brand, Branded Films, London, UK, April 8, 2014  
David Burkus, Leadership, Innovation and Strategy Podcast, April 24, 2014  
Culture Buzz, KFMG-FM, Des Moines, IA, April 30, 2014  
Global TV Morning Show, Toronto, ON, May 13, 2014  
ORF 1 Radio (Austria), “Science, Education, Culture,” with Madeleine Amberger, June 9, 2014  
CBC Radio One, “North by Northwest,” July 13, 2014  
Maryannelive, August 12, 2014  
1320 WILS (Lansing, MI), Michael Cohen Capitol City Recap, December 19, 2014  
Michael Feldman’s Whad’Ya Know, Wisconsin Public Radio, January 17, 2014  
Little Atoms with Neil Denny (UK), January 28, 2015  
Consider This with Stuart Campbell, KZYY Mendocino Public Radio, February 13, 2015  
The One You Feed podcast with Eric Zimmer, May 5, 2015  
Be More Spontaneous podcast, August 6, 2015  
The Art of Manliness podcast, October 19, 2015  
Australian Public Radio, November 1, 2015  
Dutch National Television, “HUMAN,” November 11, 2015  
Christopher Ryan podcast, December 11, 2016  
Red Bull TV, “Visions of Greatness: Decoding the Secrets of Success, Released June 5, 2017

### “The Evolution of Religion and Morality”

BC Humanist Association, Vancouver, July 12, 2013  
Vancouver Ladies Discussion Group, November 13, 2013  
UBC Freethinkers, Vancouver, November 19, 2013  
UBC Centennial Lecture, May 7, 2016

### “Do We Really Live in a Secular Age?”

Vancouver Ladies Discussion Group, Vancouver, November 13, 2012  
Vancouver Institute, UBC Excellence in Research Lecture, Vancouver, March 2, 2013  
Society of Italian Researchers & Professionals in Western Canada (ARPCIO), February 26, 2018.

Radio interviews on CBC Radio Kelowna and CBC Radio Vancouver, on sacred values and religious violence, September 14, 2012.

“The Paradox of Wu-wei and the Sudden-Gradual Debate in Zen Buddhism,” Zen Center of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, February 28, 2003.

## **CURRENT ACADEMIC SERVICE**

*The University of British Columbia*

Distinguished University Scholar (02/17–)  
Professor of Asian Studies (07/10–)

Director, Cultural Evolution of Religion Research Consortium (CERC) (04/12–)  
Director, Database of Religious History (DRH) (04/12–)  
Co-Founder and Co-Director, Centre for the Study of Human Evolution, Cognition and Culture (HECC) (08/07–)  
Associate Member, Department of Psychology (02/09–)  
Associate Member, Department of Philosophy (04/10–)  
Centre Investigator, Brain Research Centre (09/06–)

*Professional Organizations, Journals, Other Centres*

Steering Committee Member, Cognitive Science of Religion Group, American Academy of Religion (11/12–)  
Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Cognitive Historiography* (01/13–)  
Advisory Board Member, Center for East Asian and Comparative Philosophy (CEACOP), City University of Hong Kong  
Advisory Board Member, Simulating Religion Project (01/06–)

**PREVIOUS ACADEMIC SERVICE**

Fellow, Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, 2015-6

*The University of British Columbia*

Canada Research Chair in Chinese Thought and Embodied Cognition, Tier 2 (07/05–07/15)  
Associate Professor of Asian Studies (07/05–07/10)  
Early Career Scholar (Senior), Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies (09/08–04/09)  
Graduate Advisor, Department of Asian Studies (07/09–07/10)

*University of Southern California*

Associate Professor, joint appointment in the School of Religion and Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures (06/04–07/05)  
Assistant Professor, joint appointment in the School of Religion and Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures (08/99–05/04)  
Member, Core Committee, and primary organizer, Templeton Foundation Grant on “Inquiry and Creativity in the Sciences, Arts, Philosophy, and Religion” (06/04–07/05)  
Member, executive board, Center for Religion and Civic Culture (03/02–06/04)  
Member, Pew CRCC “Religion and Culture” working group (09/02–06/04)

*University of Colorado, Boulder*

Instructor (equivalent to Visiting Assistant Professor), Department of Religious Studies (08/98–07/99)

*Professional Organizations, Journals, Other Centres*

Co-Founder and Co-Chair, Cognitive Science of Religion Group, American Academy of Religion (12/07–11/12)  
Co-Chair, Confucian Traditions Group, American Academy of Religion (11/01–11/05)  
Member, Program Advisory Committee (PAC) for the Ernst Strüngmann Forum on Cultural Evolution (01/11-05/12)

*Journal or Grant Referee*

*Science, Cognitive Science, Philosophy East & West, Journal of the American Academy of Religion, Early China, Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy, Religion, Journal of Religion Nature and Culture, Science and Education, Manusya, Journal of Humanities (Thailand), Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science, Studies in Logic, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Cognitive Historiography, Religion, Brain and Behavior, Oxford University Press; State University of New York Press; Cornell University Press; Hackett Publishing Company; University of Hawaii Press; AAR Academy Series; Routledge; Chinese University of Hong Kong Press; National Endowment for the Humanities; Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong; John Templeton Foundation; Danish Council for Independent Research, University of Vienna; Western Canadian Philosophical Association; University of Chicago Press.*

*Conferences and Workshops Organized*

“The Embodied Mind: Metaphor Theory and the Humanities,” University of Southern California, October 2000

“Integrating Science and the Humanities,” Exploratory Workshop Grant, Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies, UBC, September 2008 (with Joseph Henrich, UBC)

Cultural Evolution of Religion Research Consortium (CERC) First Plenary Meeting, University of British Columbia, May 5, 2013

“Prosociality in History and Historiography: Can Big Gods Tip the Balance in World History?” (with Brenton Sullivan, UBC), University of British Columbia, October 2014

Workshop on Ritual and the Evolution of Religion and Morality, Organized by the Cultural Evolution of Religion Research Consortium (CERC, UBC) and the research project “Ritual and the Emergence of Early Christian Religion” (REECR, University of Helsinki), Vancouver, BC, November, 2014

“Religion in the Text and on the Ground: the Convergence of Historiography and Ethnography in Religious Studies” (with Fred Tappenden, McGill), CERC 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Meeting, McGill University, Montreal, QB, May 2015.

“Religion, Ritual, Conflict, and Cooperation: Archaeological and Historical Approaches,” Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS), Stanford University, April 29-30, 2016

“How to Do Things with Millions of Words: A Digital Humanities Workshop,” co-presented by Green College (UBC), The Early Modern Conversions Project (McGill), and The Centre for Human Evolution, Cognition, and Culture (UBC), University of British Columbia, November 3-4, 2016

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Academy of Religion (AAR), American Philosophical Association (APA), Association for Asian Studies (AAS), International Cognitive Linguistics Association (ICLA), Society for the Study of Early China (SSEC), International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion (IACSR), Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), Alliance of Digital Humanities Organizations (ADHO)

## AWARDS / FELLOWSHIPS

Daniel M. Wegner Theoretical Innovation Prize, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, 2017, for Norenzayan, Ara, Azim Shariff, Aiyana Willard, Will Gervais, Rita McNamara, Edward Slingerland and Joseph Henrich. “The Cultural Evolution of Prosocial Religions,” *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* Vol. 39 (published online March 2016; doi:10.1017/S0140525X14001356, e1; 19 pages.

Distinguished University Scholar (2017-), University of British Columbia

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)

UBC, Killam Faculty Research Fellowship, 2012-2013

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

*Cumulative as PI:* CAD 5,709,150 + USD 40,000 + £25,687

*Cumulative as Co-PI:* CAD 151,203 + USD 430,050

*Cumulative as Collaborator or Consultant:* CAD 785,099

\$106,029: PI (w/ Co-PI Azim Shariff, UC Irvine), “The Science of Religion: A Massive, Open, On-line Course,” Donation from the John Templeton Foundation, September 2017 – August 2019.

\$2,342,841: PI (w/ Co-PI Michael Muthukrishna, LSE), “The Database of Religious History: A Digital Humanities Approach to Religious Cultural History,” John Templeton Foundation, September 1 2017 – June 30 2020.

USD215,050: Co-PI (w/ Michael Muthukrishna, LSE), “The Database of Religious History: Big Data Approaches to Religious Cultural History,” John Templeton Foundation, November 1 2016 – June 30 2018.

\$60,000: PI, “The Database of Religious History: Big Data Approaches to Religious Cultural History,” Mitacs Accelerate Grant for Ph.D. student Chris Carleton, October 2016 – October 2018.

\$9,935: Co-Applicant, UBC Centennial Initiatives Fund, “The New Science of Religion: a UBC Centennial Multimedia Series” (Co-PI with Jordan Levine and Adam Barnett).

\$25,000: Co-Applicant, SSHRC Connection Grant, “Religion in the text and on the ground: the convergence of historiography and ethnography in religious studies” (PI: Fred Tappenden), Spring 2015.

\$24,268: Co-PI, Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies International Research Roundtable Grant, “Prosociality in History and Historiography: Can Big Gods Tip the Balance in World History?” (PI: Brenton Sullivan), Fall 2014.

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

\$785,099: Consultant, “The Emergence of Prosocial Religions: How Cultural Evolution Favored Beliefs and Rituals that Galvanize Large-scale Cooperation” (PIs: Ara Norenzayan and Joseph Henrich), John Templeton Foundation, July 1, 2013-June 30, 2016.

\$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.

\$3000: Research Grant Awardee, Killam Faculty Research Fellowship, UBC, 2012-2013.

\$20,000: PI, “The Evolution of Religion and Morality,” SSHRC PG Planning Grant, 2011.

\$215,000: Co-investigator, “Virtues in Conflict: a Cross-Cultural Study of Virtue Dilemmas and their Resolution” (PI: Daniel Hruschka), University of Chicago, Arete Initiative, October 2010–October 2013.

£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

\$2,500: PI, “Metaphor Analysis of Chinese & U.S. Political Discourse,” Center for Religion and Civic Culture, University of Southern California, Jan, 2004-May, 2004

\$5,000: PI, “Metaphor Analysis of Chinese & U.S. Political Discourse,” James H. Zumberge Foundation, University of Southern California, Jun, 2003-Aug, 2003

\$2,500: PI, “Metaphor Analysis of Chinese & U.S. Political Discourse,” Center for Religion and Civic Culture, University of Southern California.

\$5,000: PI, “Critical Translation of the Analects of Confucius,” James H. Zumberge Foundation, University of Southern California, Jun, 2001-Aug, 2001

\$25,000: PI, Conference on “The Embodied Mind: Metaphor Theory and the Humanities,” Ahmanson Foundation, University of Southern California, October 2000.

#### **LANGUAGES**

Classical Chinese, modern Chinese, German, French, Italian, Japanese (reading only)