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Appointments with the University of South Florida:

Professor, Department of Philosophy, 2013 -
Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, 2006 - 2012
Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies 2001- 2005
Director of Graduate Studies, Religious Studies, 2006 -2011
Affiliated Faculty in School of Sustainability, USF 2010 – the present

Recent Research Interest:

Classical Chinese medical theories, medical cosmology
Continental philosophy of medicine
Chinese Warring State philosophers

Specialization:

Chinese philosophy
Classical Chinese Medical Thought
East-West Comparative philosophy
Hermeneutics and phenomenology
Buddhist philosophy

Education:

Ph. D. Comparative Thought and East Asian Studies, 1986-1995
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota
MA Classical Chinese Studies and Comparative Literature, 1982-1985
Yale University, Central China Normal University (joint program)
New Haven, USA and Wuhan, China
BA Classical Chinese Philosophy, 1978-1982
Central China Normal University, Wuhan, China

Awards and Grant Activities:

Faculty International Travel Grant, USF, 2013
Grant for Buddhist Lecture Series, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and Taiwan Buddhist Association, 2010
Humanity Institute Research Grant, USF, 2008
Fulbright Research Program in China (finalist), 2008
Summer Research Grant, Humanities Institute, USF, 2007
Fulbright Summer abroad Program Grant, Malaysian Borneo, 2002
Fulbright Summer Workshop Grant, University of Hawaii, East-West Center, 1997
Post-doctoral Fellowship, Ecumenical Institute of Cultural Studies, St. John's University, Minnesota, 1995-1996
Yale-China Fellowship, Yale University, Yale-China Center, New Heaven, 1985-1986

Publications:

Books:

1.2010. ***What is Enlightenment -- Can China Answer Kant's Question?***
State University of New York Press
*Reviewed in *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, Dec. 2011.Vol. 38. Pp. 666-669

2. 2006 ***Heidegger, Rorty and the Eastern Thinkers - A Hermeneutics of Cross-Cultural Understanding***
State University of New York Press
*Reviewed in *Phenomenological Psychology*, 2007; *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy, 2007; Sophia,* 2008
* selected chapters translated into languages of Turkish, Chinese, Gujartai

**Medicine and Cosmology –a Critical Study and Selected Translation of the Yellow Emperor's Inner Classic* (work-in-progress), Columbia University Press

Book Chapters:

3. 2015. "Translating *Dao* --Cross-Cultural Translation as a Hermeneutic Program of Edification," in *Translating Religion* (sponsored research by Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's Trans Cooperative Germany) , Routledge

4. 2015. " From the very Beginning, Cosmology and Medicine" in *Traditional Chinese Medicine in Contemporary Society*, Rutgers University Press

5. 2014. "Emergence of Classical Chinese and Indian Medicine" in *Brahman and Dao* Roman &Littlefield Publishers

Journal Articles:

6. 2016 "A Theory of Medical Cosmology of Qi "
East Asian Science, Technology and Medicine, US & Germany

7. 2016. "Heidegger's Appropriation of *Dao*"
Journal of Chinese Philosophy, Blackwell Publishing

8. 2015. "Could Cosmological Models Explain and Forecast Public Health and Weather Afflicted Ailments?"
Philosophy East and West, University of Hawaii Press

9. 2010. "Hans-Georg Gadamer's Phenomenological Hermeneutics of Medicine"
ALEA International Journal of Phenomenology and Hermeneutics, No. 8

10. 2004. "On the Way to a 'Common' Language -- Heidegger's Dialogue with a Japanese Visitor"
Dao, A Journal of Comparative Philosophy

11. 2004. "Walking through the Indigenous Religious Field: a Report from Malaysian Borneo"
The Virginia Review, Virginia Consortium of Asian Studies, Volume VII

12. 2001. "Buddhist Monastic Philosophers" (in Chinese)
Companion to Buddhism
Beijing University Press, Beijing, China

Book Reviews:

11. *Daoist Ecology*, Le Aiguo, published by Social Science Academy, 2005)
Reviewed in *Dao, A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*

12. *On Confucius*, by Ni Peiming, published by Wadsworth
Reviewed in *Dao*, A *Journal of Comparative Philosophy*

Conference Presentations:

International:

1.2014, "Heidegger's Reading of Metaphysical Poetry"
International Workshop on Heidegger's Philosophy and Writing on Literature
University of Singapore, Singapore, April 10-12

2 .2013 "Heidegger's Poetics and Philosophic"
2nd Convention of Chinese/American Association for Poetry and Poetics
Central China Normal University, Wuhan, China, June 8-9

3.2012 "Globalization and Cross-Cultural Understanding"
International Sino-American Forum, Guangxi University and American Association of Asian Studies, Guiling, China, May 29 – June 3

4. 2012 "Translating *Dao*, and Heidegger's Appropriation of Daoist Concepts"
Interdisciplinary Conference on Translating Religion
Leibniz-Institute of European History, Mainz, Germany, June 22-24

5. 2010 "Classical Medicine as an Empirical Science"
7th Annual Conference of Social Science and Religion in China
Co-sponsored by Purdue University & Renming Univ., Beijing, July 26-28

6. 2010 "Classical Philosophy and Medicine"
College of Traditional Chinese Medicine of Chengdu, China, June 6-10

7. 2008 "Hua Yen Buddhist Hermeneutics – from the Perspective of Heidegger's Ontological Hermeneutics'"
The XVth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies
Emory University, Atlanta, June 23-28

8. 2008 "Towards a Comparative Medical Hermeneutics"

International Association of Asian Studies, Baton Rough, Louisianan, February 11-16

9. 2007 "Daoist Alchemical Medicine"
Hawaii Internal Conference on Arts and Humanities, Hawaii, January 11-14

10. 2004 "Overcoming Traditions, Comparing the Modes of Transcendence: Rorty, Heidegger, and Buddhist philosopher Fazhang"
International Conference on Pragmatism, Richard Rorty, and China, Eastern Normal University, Shanghai, China, June 15-20

11. 2001 "Heidegger and the East-West Dialogue"
International Society for Universal Dialogue -- the Fourth World Conference, Jagiellonian University, Cracow, Poland

National and Regional:

12. 2015, "The Concept of *Xiao* in Early Confucian Texts and Later Imperial Discourses"
American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Nov 21-23

13. 2013, "Traditional Chinese Medicine in Contemporary Contexts"
University of Pittsburgh, Feb. 14-14

14. 2011, "Cosmological Models in Classical Chinese Medicine"
American Philosophical Association, Minneapolis, Mar. 31-Apr. 2

15. 2011 "China's Answer to Kant's Question"
Early Modern Conference, Humanities Institute and Philosophy, USF, Feb. 17-18

16. 2009, "Daoist Cultivation of Dao-Body and Dao-Fetus"
Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology
Santa Fe, New Mexico, Mar. 17-21

17. 2009, "Chinese Religions and Self-Healing Culture"
Confucian Institute Lecture Series, USF, Oct.

18. 2008, "Theoretical Foundation of the TCM"
Humanities Institute, University of South Florida, Sep. 30

19. 2007, "The Yellow Emperor's Medical Thought"
American Association of Asian Studies, Boston, Mar. 7-9

20. 2000, "Emergence of Asian Religions in the American Academy of Religions"
American Academy of Religion, Mid-West Division, Minneapolis

Teaching (2001-present):

Undergraduate:

1. Introduction to Chinese Philosophy
2. Classical Medicine and Sciences in Ancient China
3. Buddhist Philosophy
4. Reading Chinese Classic Philosophical Texts
5. Religions and Medicine in Ancient China
6. Buddhism--the Truths and Paths
7. Senior Seminar for Religious Studies Majors
8. Reading of Buddhist Texts
9. Introduction to Chinese Religions

Graduate:

10. Continental Philosophy of Medicine—Heidegger, Gadamer and Foucault
11. Comparative Philosophy and Religion
12. Chinese Religious Thought
13. Confucian Seminar
14. Modern Buddhist Thought
15 Daoism and Chinese Medicine
16. Buddhist Ethics
17. Buddhism and Postmodernism

Doctoral Dissertation Committees:

1. Dahlia Cuzman (Philosophy)" Epistemological Community" (2014- present)
2. Casey Rentmesster (Philosophy) "An Ontological Analysis of Our Environmental Crisis: Rethinking Humanity's Relation to Nature through a Heideggerian Lens," defended, March 2012
3. Kathleen Schenk (Philosophy) "The Art of Suffering" (2012-preent)
4. Justin B. Wisniewski (Philosophy) "20th Century Thinkers on Time," (2012-prent)

Director/Co-Director of Master Theses:

5. Jacob Atkinson (Religious Studies) "A Confucian Transformation of Heaven," to be defended in April, 2015
6. Nicholas Byle (Religious Studies) "Gadamer and Nagarjuna in Play: Providing a New Anti-objectivist Foundation for Gadamer's Interpretive Pluralism with Nagarjuna's Help," defended, 2010
7. John Keffer (Religious Studies) "Finding Confucianism in Scientology – a Comparative Analysis," defended, 2009
8. David Nantiquo (Religious Studies), "Comparative Religious Ethics," defended, 2008
9. Jeffrey Tibbett (Religious Studies) "Religious Studies and Globalization," defended, 2007

Director of Honor Theses:

10. Amy Cope, "A See of Difference, Korean Native Religion, and Chinese and Japanese Religious Influences," 2011

11. Tri Nguyen, "Buddhism and Communism in Vietnam,"2010
12. Kailyn Garcia, "Worldviews in Chinese Medicine,"
(with Dr. Martin Schonfeld) 2009

Co-director
Summer study abroad program in India, USF, 2004

Service to the University of South Florida:

Departments (Philosophy and Religious Studies)

Three search committees for faculty positions in Continental Philosophy and Philosophy of Science for Philosophy; and Islam and South Asian Religions, Religious Studies, 2012- 2013
Director of Graduate Studies, Religious Studies, 2006 - 2011
Faculty Advisory Committee, Religious Studies 2008 - 2011
Curriculum Committee, Religious Studies 2008 - 2011
Five search committees for the faculty positions in Islam, South Asian religions, Judaism, Christianity for Religious Studies: position for Chinese Studies for World Language, 2008-2011

School of Humanity

Tenure and Promotion Committee, 20 13-present

College of Arts and Science

Tenure and Promotion Committee, School of Humanities, 2014 –present
Faculty Council to the Deans, CAS, 2008 - 2011
Diversity Committee, CAS, 2003 – 2005

University

Steering Committee for School of Global Sustainability, USF 2008
Steering Committee for Confucian Institute, USF and China Partnership, 2007
Planning Committee for Asian Studies Degree Program, CAS, 2006 - present
International Task Force Committee, USF, 2005

Professional Service (outside of the USF):

Platform interpreter for the International Buddhist Lecture Series, summer, 2010
Co-director of Research Forum in Philosophical and Religious Foundations of Traditional Chinese Medicine, College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Sichuan University, Chengdu, Sichuan, China 2007-present

Editorship and Editorial Service:

Referee for

Oxford University Press
University of Hawaii Press
Blackwell Publishing
Global Scholarly Publications

Editor of the year
Philosophy Study, 2010-2011

Referee for Journal Articles:

1. "Superluminal Conscious Entities," *Philosophy Study*, 2012
2. "Linguistic Sinologism in Language Philosophy, a Critique of the Controversy over Chinese Language," *Philosophy East and West*, 2011
3. "The Role of the East in Heidegger's Das Denken," *Philosophy East and West*, 2011
4. "Buddhism and Quantum Physics," *Philosophy Study*, 2011
5. "Materiality of Language: the Calligraphic Element in Lacan's Writing," *Philosophy East and West*, 2009
6. "Thinking on the Edge," *Philosophy East and West*, 2008

Referee for Books:

7. *Buddhism – Introducing the Buddhist Experience*, Donald W. Mitchell, 2nd edition, Oxford University Press, 2007

Professional Affiliations:

American Philosophical Association
American Academy of Religion
American Association of Asian Studies
European Association of Chinese Studies