

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Co-Director, Centre for Human Evolution, Cognition and Culture (HECC)

Director, Cultural Evolution of Religion Research Consortium (CERC) (2012-2018)

Professor, Department of Asian Studies (2005-2020)

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University (2015-16)

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

Canada Research Chair (Tier II) in Chinese Thought and Embodied Cognition (2005-2015)

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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)

Phi Beta Kappa

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), science-humanities integration, big data and digital humanities, ethics (virtue ethics, moral psychology), cognitive science, gene-culture coevolution, cognitive linguistics (blending and conceptual metaphor theory), and the classical Chinese language.

SELECTED AWARDS AND GRANTS

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.

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

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

\$4,792,151: PI (w/ Co-PI M. Willis Monroe), “Exploring the Cultural Evolution of Religion Employing a Large-Scale, Quantitative-Qualitative Historical Database,” John Templeton Foundation, June 1 2021 – May 31 2024.

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

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

BOOKS (IN PROGRESS)

Learning to See: Confucianism, Virtue Ethics and Moral Perception (academic monograph)

This book will argue that, in light of what we now know about human cognition and moral psychology, early Confucian virtue ethics provides an empirically-plausible model of ethical decision-making and moral training that has much to offer today, especially considering the manner in which it leverages literature, art, ritual and music for pedagogical ends. It will also explore the connection between literature and moral cultivation, and the fundamental role that acquiring the right modes of perception—learning to see—plays in any virtue ethical system.

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

Drunk: How We Sipped, Danced and Stumbled Our Way to Civilization (Little, Brown Spark, June 2021).

Finalist, 2022 Zócalo Public Square Book Prize

Finalist, 2022 Tales of the Cocktail, Best New Books on Drinks Culture, History

Amazon Editors’ Picks: Best Books, History (June/July 2021)

The New York Times Book Review’s Paperback Row (September 2022)

Audiobook by Brilliance Audio

Spanish Edition: *Borrachos: cómo bebimos, bailamos y tropezamos en nuestro camino hacia la civilización* (trans Verónica Puertollano López), Madrid: Deusto (September 2022)

Italian edition: *Sbronzi: Come abbiamo bevuto, danzato e barcollato sulla strada della civiltà* (trans Francesco Zago), Milan: Utet (September 2022)

Korean edition: 취함의 미학 (trans. Donghwan Kim), Goban Publishing, September 2022

French edition contracted to FYP Ediciones

Russian and Ukrainian editions contracted to Alpina

Chinese edition contracted to Zhejiang People’s Publishing House

Excerpts published in *Literary Hub* (June 7, 2021), *Wall Street Journal* (June 11, 2021) *Time Magazine* (December 30, 2021), *Il Fatto Quotidiano* (June 21, 2022)

Reviews: *Publishers Weekly* (February 2021)

Kirkus Reviews (April 2021)

Library Journal (starred review, May 1, 2021) (J. Meyer)

Booklist (May 1, 2021) (D. Crinklaw)

Discover Magazine (June 2021)
Wall Street Journal, “Two Cheers for Happy Hour,” May 20, 2021 (J. Baggini)
Inside Hook, “How Civilization Was Built on Getting ‘Drunk,’” May 28, 2021 (K. Miller)
The Atlantic, “America Has a Drinking Problem,” June/July 2021 (K. Julian)
Smithsonian Magazine, June Book Pick (June 1, 2021)
Washington Post, “Ten Books to Read in June,” (June 2, 2021)
New Scientist, “Could alcohol-induced creativity be key to civilisation?” June 2, 2021 (V. Venkatraman)
New York Times, “A History of Getting Hammered, and Why Some of Us Should Keep Doing It,”
 June 19, 2021 (Z. Lescaze)
New York Post, “Our bossy society is completely losing sight of the value of risky behavior,” July 1,
 2021 (J. Reynolds)
The Spectator, “Our need to get drunk in company may be innate,” July 24, 2021 (J. Maier)
Club Oenologique, “Top Summer Reads,” August 13, 2021 (Tim Atkin)
Daily Star, “Drunk people are essential to human civilisation, expert claims,” August 14, 2021 (D.
 Lemanski)
Il Foglio, “L'alcol aiuta a creare legami e aumenta la creatività, dice il filosofo Slingerland,” August 28,
 2021 (M. Stefanini)
Haaretz (Israel), September 13, 2021 (T. Yoked)
Der Landbote (Switzerland), “Weshalb wir uns öfter betrinken sollten,” September 18, 2021 (P. Blum)
The Vancouver Sun, “Alcohol’s role in communal connection, creativity gets a toast in UBC prof’s new
 book,” September 23, 2021 (D. Todd)
ERR (Estonia), “Kas alkohol on arengu mootor? [Is alcohol the motor of development?],” October 7,
 2021 (H. Tiido)
Sydney Morning Herald, “How having a drink helped us toward art, society and civilization,” October
 29, 2021 (P. Sheil)
Ethical Systems, “A Philosopher’s Toast to Getting Drunk,” November 8, 2021 (M. Beilby)
Reason, “Why we drink: The anthropological roots of humanities’ love for booze,” November 2021
 (Katrina Gulliver)
Stanford Magazine, “Of vice and virtue,” November 17, 2021 (Sam Scott)
Harpers UK, “Time for honesty about alcohol,” December 13, 2021 (Tim Atkin)
Nature Plants, “Humanity in a bottle,” December 14, 2021 (Ryan Scarrow)
City Journal, “Overserved, Underrated,” December 31, 2021 (John Tierney)
World of Fine Wine, “A superb panoramic study of intoxication and its importance,” January 20, 2022
 (Stuart Walton)
BBC Brasil, “Bebida alcoólica ajudou a civilizar a humanidade, diz filósofo americano,” February 12,
 2022 (Daniel Buarque)
Evolutionary Studies in Imaginative Culture 5.2 (Fall 2021) (Peter Gray)
Chronicles June 2022 (John Greenville)
Il Giornale, “Il lungo successo alcolico dell’uomo. Il ‘primate’ della sbronza creative,” June 22, 2022
 (Matteo Sacchi)
La Stampa August 2022 (Manuela Stefanelli)
Linkiesta, “Così l'alcol ha aiutato l'uomo a creare la civiltà,” August 18, 2022

Huang, Kevin and Edward Slingerland (editors), *Guoji Hanxue luncong 國際漢學論叢 Special Issue on Chinese Philosophy and Cognitive Science*, Jao Tsung-I Academy of Sinology in Hong Kong, in preparation.

* *Mind and Body in Early China: Beyond Orientalism and the Myth of Holism*. New York: Oxford University Press, January 2019 (385 + xi pages).

Korean Edition (trans. Donghwan Kim), forthcoming 2021.

Reviewed: “Is Chinese Culture Dualist? An Answer to Edward Slingerland from a Medical Philosophical Viewpoint” (article discussion of Slingerland 2013 version), *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 85.4 (December 2017), 1017-1031 (Pan Dawei)

Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy 18.2 (June 2019), 305-312, with author reply and reviewer response, (J. Behuniak)

Journal of the American Academy of Religion 87.4 (December 2019): 1246-1249 (O. Tavor)

Journal of World Religions 4 (Winter 2019): 166-172 (J. Sellman)

Philosophy East & West 70.3 (July 2020): 1-6 (B. Seok)

“A Mind-Body Problem in Chinese Philosophy?,” *The University Bookman*, Russell Kirk Center, June 21, 2020 (J. Morgan)

*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.

- Audiobook from Random House Audio (narrated by Marc Cashman)
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 Donghwan Kim), September 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)
Winner, "Outstanding Book for General Readers," Korea Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism (Nov 2019)
Nominated, "Academic Excellent Books," Korean National Academy of Science (December 2019)
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)

New York Magazine (The Cut) (July 3, 2018) “Mastering the Art of Caring Less” (J. Friedlander)

* 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)

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

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

Topic of Author Meets Critics session, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montréal, QB (2009)
Korean edition (with new Author's Preface): 과학과 인문학: 몸과 문화의 통합, Chiho Publishing House
(translated by Dong-hwan Kim and Yeong-ho Choi), January 2015.

Excerpts published in Brian Boyd, Joseph Carroll and Jon Gottschall (eds.), *Evolution, Literature & Film: A Reader*, Columbia University Press (2010)

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)
Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature & Culture 222 4.3 (October 2010): 235-238 (N. Barrett)
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)

Reviewed: *Religious Studies Review* 33.1 (January 2007): 82-83 (R. Kirkland)

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

Reviewed: “森舸瀾《論語》英譯本的‘丰厚翻译’”[“A Thick Translation of the *Analects* by Edward Slingerland”], 外语学刊 [Foreign Language Research], 2017 (5): 111-116. (Zhang Defu 张德福) [in Chinese]
“《論語》注疏之西方傳承：从理雅各到森舸瀾”[“Transplanting The *Analects* Commentary Tradition in the West from James Legge to Edward Slingerland”], 四川大学学报（哲学社会科学版）[Journal of Sichuan University (Social Science Edition)], 2015 (3): 58-66 (Jin Xueqin 金学勤) [in Chinese]
“An Introduction to and Appraisal of Edward Slingerland’s *Analects* translation” (review article), 中國科技翻譯 [Chinese Science and Technology Translators Journal] 20.21 (February 2007), 59-62 (Wang Yong 王勇) [in Chinese]
“Images of Traditional Chinese Culture in Contemporary Translations: A Comparison of Three Representative English Translations of the *Analects*” (review article), 社會縱橫 [Social Sciences

Review] 21.8 (August 2006), 175-176 (Wei Wangdong 魏望東 and Huang Botian 黃伯天) [in Chinese]
Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy 4.2 (Summer 2005): 389-394 (D. Fielding)
Journal of Chinese Philosophy 32.2 (June 2005): 337-339 (T.K. Hon)
 “A Multiperspective Comparison of Three Translations of the *Analects* Across the Centuries: From James Legge to Ezra Pound to Edward Slingerland” (review article), 中國翻譯 [Chinese Translators *Journal*] 26.3 (May 2005), 52-57 (Wei Wangdong 魏望東) [in Chinese]
 “Recent Works on Confucius and the *Analects*” (feature review) *Philosophy East & West* 55.1 (January 2005): 99-109 (R. Littlejohn)
China Review International 11.1 (Spring 2004): 174-180 (Y.K. Lo)
Journal of Chinese Religions 31 (2003): 292-93 (P. Goldin)

* *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
 Topic of paper session, Central Division American Philosophical Association Meeting, Chicago, IL (2004)
 Korean edition (with new author's preface): 힘이지 않는 행동: 무위와 영적 이상에 관한 초기 중국의 개념적 은유, Logos Lime (trans. Kim Donghwan and Cho Hyunill), March 2020.
 Chinese edition (with new Author's Preface): 《无为: 古代中国的概念隐喻和精神理想》 (trans. Shi Guoqiang), Oriental Publishing Group Corporation (Shanghai), April 2020.
 Chapter One translated as “先秦哲學研究 (一) : 作為概念隱喻的‘無為’”(trans. Yan Yixun and Shi Guoqiang), 瀋陽師範大學學報 43:3: 112-124 (2018)
 Reviewed: “Generalizations, Cultural Essentialism, and Metaphorical Gulfs” (article discussion), *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* (September 2018), 479-497 (Joshua Mason)
 ““Comparison by Metaphor: Archery in Confucius and Aristotle” (article discussion), *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 16.2 (March 2017), 165-185 (Rina Marie Camus)
 “Paradox of *Wuwei*? Yes and No” (review article) *Asian Philosophy* 23.2 (April 2013): 115-136 (N. Knightly)
 “Embodiment and Virtue in a Comparative Perspective” (review article) *Journal of Religious Ethics* 35.4 (December 2007): 715-728 (J. Schofer)
 “Paradox of *Wuwei*?” (review article) *Journal of Chinese Philosophy* 34.2 (June 2007): 277-287 (P.J. Ivanhoe)
 “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)
 “On *Wu-wei* as a Unifying Metaphor” (feature review) *Philosophy East & West* 57.1 (January 2007): 97-106 (C. Fraser)
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)
Journal of Chinese Religions 31 (2003): 294-295 (J. Geaney)

JOURNAL ARTICLES (asterisks indicate refereed publications; sole-authored unless otherwise indicated)

* Edward Slingerland, M. Willis Monroe and Michael Muthukrishna. “The Database of Religious History (DRH): Ontology, Coding Strategies and the Future of Cultural Evolutionary Analyses.” *Religion, Brain and Behavior* (submitted).

* Rachel Spicer, M. Willis Monroe, Matthew Hamm, Andrew Danielson, Gino Canlas, Ian Randall, Edward Slingerland. “Religion and Ecology: A Pilot Study Employing the Database of Religious History,” *Current Research in Ecological and Social Psychology* (submitted).

* M. Willis Monroe, Rachel Spicer, Gino Canlas, Travis Chilcott, Stephen Christopher, Megan Daniels, Andrew J. Danielson, Matthew Hamm, Caroline Arbuckle MacLeod, William Noseworthy,

Ian Randall, Robyn Faith Walsh, Michael Muthukrishna, Edward Slingerland. “On the Category of ‘Religion’: A Taxonomic Analysis of a Large-Scale Database,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (accepted and forthcoming).

* Hong, Kevin, Edward Slingerland and Joseph Henrich. “Magic and empiricism in early Chinese rainmaking,” *Current Anthropology* (accepted).

* Thornton, Mark, Sarah Wolf, Brian Reilly, Edward Slingerland and Diana Tamir. “Text analysis reveals culturally universal dimensions of mental state representation.” *Affective Science* 1-12 (January 22, 2022).

* Beheim, Bret, Quentin Atkinson, Joseph Bulbulia, Will Gervais, Russell Gray, Joseph Henrich, Martin Lang, M. Willis Monroe, Michael Muthukrishna, Ara Norenzayan, Benjamin Purzycki, Azim Shariff, Edward Slingerland, Rachel Spicer, Aiyana Willard. “Treatment of missing data determined conclusions regarding moralizing gods,” *Nature* 595: E29-E34 (July 7 2021).

“Introduction: Cognitive Science and Chinese Philosophy,” in Huang, Kevin and Edward Slingerland (editors), *Guoji Hanxue luncong 國際漢學論叢 Special Issue on Chinese Philosophy and Cognitive Science*, Jao Tsung-I Academy of Sinology in Hong Kong, in press.

* Muthukrishna, Michael, Joseph Henrich and Edward Slingerland. “Psychology as a Historical Science,” *Annual Review of Psychology* 72 (January 2021, published on-line October 2020).

* Slingerland, Edward, Quentin D. Atkinson, Carol Ember, Oliver Sheehan, Michael Muthukrishna, Joseph Bulbulia, and Russell D. Gray, “Coding Culture: Challenges and Recommendations for Comparative Cultural Databases,” *Evolutionary Human Sciences* (published online June 2020; DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/ehs.2020.30>).

* Nichols, Ryan, Edward Slingerland, Kristoffer Neilbo, Peter Kirby and Carson Logan. “Supernatural agents and prosociality in historical China: micro-modeling the cultural evolution of gods and morality in textual corpora,” *Religion Brain and Behavior* (published online March 2020, <https://doi.org/10.1080/2153599X.2020.1742778>).

* Slingerland, Edward, M. Willis Monroe, Brenton Sullivan, Robyn Faith Walsh, Daniel Veidlinger, William Noseworthy, Conn Herriott, Ben Raffield, Janine Larmon Peterson, Gretel Rodríguez, Karen Sonik, William Green, Frederick S. Tappenden, Amir Ashtari, Rachel Spicer, Michael Muthukrishna. “Historians Respond to Whitehouse et al. 2019, ‘Complex societies precede moralizing gods throughout world history,’” *Journal of Cognitive Historiography* 5.1-2: 124-141(2020) (<https://psyarxiv.com/2amjz/>).

“Response to Jim Behuniak,” *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 18.3: 485-488 (2019).

* Tappenden, Frederick and Edward Slingerland. “Introduction: Religion, Digital Humanities, and Cognitive Historiography,” *Journal of Cognitive Historiography* 3:1-2: 7-11 (2018).

* Brenton Sullivan, Michael Muthukrishna, Frederick Tappenden and Edward Slingerland, “Exploring the Challenges and Potentialities of the Database of Religious History for Cognitive Historiography,” *Journal of Cognitive Historiography* 3:1-2: 12-31 (2018).

Updated, with M. Willis Monroe, and reprinted in *Studying the Religious Mind: Methodology in the Cognitive Science of Religion*, ed. Armin Geertz et al. Sheffield: Equinox (in press, 2022)

* Nielbo, Kristoffer, Ryan Nichols and Edward Slingerland. “Mining Past Minds: Data-Intensive Knowledge Discovery in the Study of Historical Textual Traditions,” *Journal of Cognitive Historiography* 3:1-2: 93-118 (2018).

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* Nichols, Ryan, Edward Slingerland, Kristoffer Nielbo, and Uffe Bergeton. “Modeling the Contested Relationship Between *Analects*, *Mencius*, and *Xunzi*: Preliminary Evidence from a Machine-Learning Approach,” *Journal of Asian Studies* 77.1: 19-57 (2018).

* Slingerland, Edward, Ryan Nichols, Kristoffer Nielbo and Carson Logan. “The Distant Reading of Religious Texts: A ‘Big Data’ Approach to Mind-Body Concepts in Early China” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 85.4: 985–1016 (2017).

“Metaphor, Blending, and Cultural Variation: A Reply to Camus,” *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 16.3: 431-435 (2017).

* Slingerland, Edward and Brenton Sullivan. “Durkheim With Data: The Database of Religious History (DRH),” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 85.2: 312-347 (2017).

Norenzayan, Ara, Azim Shariff, Aiyana Willard, Will Gervais, Rita McNamara, Edward Slingerland and Joseph Henrich. “Parochial Prosocial Religions: Historical and Contemporary Evidence for a Cultural Evolutionary Process.” *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* Vol. 39 (published online March 2016; doi:10.1017/S0140525X14001356, e1; 22 pages).

* 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).

Winner, Daniel M. Wegner Theoretical Innovation Prize, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, 2017

* “*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).

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* “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 2nd Plenary Meeting, McGill University, Montreal, QB, May 9, 2015.

Author’s Response, Book Symposium: Edward Slingerland, *Trying Not to Try: The Art and Science of Spontaneity*, American Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Pacific Division, Vancouver, BC, April 2015.

* “Beauty and Virtue? The Early Confucian Anxiety About Hypocrisy.” International Conference on De 德 (Virtue) and Mei 美 (Beauty) in Chinese Philosophy, Ca’ Foscari, University of Venice, Italy, March 2015.

“Chinese Studies in the Age of Consilience: New Approaches Drawn from the Cognitive and Evolutionary Sciences,” Cognition, Religion, and Science International Conference, Philosophy and Religious Studies Program, FAH, the University of Macau, Macau, January 2015.

“The Database of Religious History: Design, Features and Uses,” 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.

“*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.

* (w/ Brenton Sullivan, Michael Muthukrishna, Carson Logan, Fred Tappenden), “A Large Database Approach to Cultural History,” Digital Humanities Annual Conference, Lausanne, Switzerland, June 2014.

* “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.

* “Durkheim with Data: A Massive Database Approach to Testing Functionalist Theories of Religion,” Paper Session on “New Quantitative Approaches to the Study of Religious Texts,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MA, November 23, 2013.

“New Quantitative Techniques in Religious Studies,” Hands-on Workshop on Quantitative Hypothesis Testing for the Numerically Challenged (and Others), Cognitive Science of Religion Group and International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion, Baltimore, MA, November 22, 2013.

“We *Are* Our Body-Brain Systems,” International Roundtable, “We Are Our Brains,” Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies, UBC, October 23-25, 2013.

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

“The Evolution of Religion and Morality: An Interdisciplinary Approach,” Introductory Address, Cultural Evolution of Religion Research Consortium (CERC) First Plenary Meeting, University of British Columbia, May 3, 2013.

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.

Author’s response to “Metaphor and Meaning in Early China—2011 *Dao* Annual Best Essay Award,” Association of Chinese Philosophers in America, Eastern American Philosophical Association Meeting, December 28, 2012.

“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.

Respondent to the paper session on “Cognitive Theories of Ritual,” Ritual in the Biblical World Group, Society for Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2011.

* “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.

“Embodied Cognition: Metaphor and Meaning,” Conference on Metaphor, Structure and Meaning in Early Chinese Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, August 2010. Respondent to Masayuki Sato 佐藤將之, “「變化」的象徵化與秩序化：《荀子》和《易傳》的「象」與「神」” and Chia-Lynne Hong, “Obstruction: An Image-Schema in the *Zhuangzi*.”

Respondent to panel on “Data from Dead Minds,” International Association for the History of Religion XXth Quinquennial World Congress, Toronto, ON, August 2010.

* “Mind-Body Folk Dualism in Early China,” International Association for the History of Religion XXth Quinquennial World Congress, Toronto, ON, August 2010.

“Folk Dualism in Early China,” Conference on Theology and Cognition, Religion and Theology Project, University of Oxford, June/July 2010.

* “Body and Mind in Early China”, American Philosophical Association Annual Meeting (Pacific Division), San Francisco, CA, March 2010.

* “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.

Author’s Response, panel session on “New Work in the Field: Edward Slingerland’s *What Science Offers the Humanities*,” Cognitive Science of Religion Group and North American Association for the Study of Religion, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Toronto, November 2009.

“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 60th 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)

“Vertical Integration and the Study of East Asian Thought,” Keynote Address, 4th 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

“Just (Cultural) Beasts: A Defence of Science-Humanities Consilience,” response to Raymond Tallis, “Why We’re Not (Just) Beasts,” James M. Houston Centre for Humanity and the Common Good, Regent College, University of British Columbia, May 26, 2022.

“Learning to See: Literature, Virtue Ethics and Early Confucianism,” Literature and Philosophy Workshop, Committee on Social Thought, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill, May 5, 2022.

“An Evening with UBC Featuring Dr. Edward Slingerland,” UBC Development and Alumni Engagement, Vancouver, BC, December 8, 2021 (via Zoom)

“Prospects for a Truly Interdisciplinary Study of Religion,” Boston Colloquium on the Scientific Study of Religion, Boston, MA, December 1, 2021 (via Zoom)

“Digital Humanities Techniques and Sinology: Why and How To Use Them,” Sungkyunkwan University, Korea, October 28, 2021 (via Zoom)

“Trying Not to Try: Eastern and Western Concepts of Perfected Action,” Ignatius Seminar (“Human Flourishing, East and West”), Prof. Erin Cline, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., September 30, 2019.

“Body and Mind in Early China: Embodied Cognition, Digital Humanities, and the Project of Comparative Philosophy”

Columbia Society for Comparative Philosophy, Columbia University, New York, NY, March 9, 2019

Department of Philosophy, Georgetown University, Washington D.C., September 27, 2019

Department of Asian Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, January 22, 2020

Asien-Orient-Institut, University of Zürich, Switzerland, October 19, 2020 (via Zoom)

Washington University, St. Louis, MO, Coffee Time Talks on Chinese Thought, September 27, 2021 (via Zoom)

UC Berkeley, Cosmopolitan Philosophy series, April 20, 2022.

“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

Department of Religious Studies, University of Toronto, September 11, 2019

Department of East Asian Studies, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel, January 21, 2020

Robyn Faith Walsh, Edward Slingerland, “Digital Humanities and Classical Studies: An Overview, and the Challenges Ahead,” Digital Humanities and Classical Studies: Prospects and Challenges, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG), Berlin, Germany, May 23, 2019

“Tipping the Hermeneutic Balance: Large-scale Textual Analysis and Scholarly Debates,” Digital Humanities and Classical Studies: Prospects and Challenges, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG), Berlin, Germany, May 23, 2019

“Mind, Body, and the Myth of Holism in Early China,” James & David Orr Memorial Lecture on Culture & Religion, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, April 9, 2019

“Beyond Cherry-Picking: Using Large-Scale text Analysis to Adjudicate Hermeneutical Disputes,” Workshop on “Distant Reading: Large-Scale Textual Analysis for Sinologists and Beyond,” Center for Chinese Studies, University of British Columbia, April 3, 2019

“Personhood in an Ecumenical World,” response to Jens Zimmerman, “Who am I? Personhood, Consciousness, and Transhumanist Visions,” Regent College, UBC, November 7, 2018

“Data From Dead Minds: Radically Expanding the Subject Pool Through Engagement with

Historical Sources,” Department of Human Evolutionary Studies, Harvard University, September 14, 2018

“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, South 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

“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

Amherst College, Amherst, MA, September 17, 2018

Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., September 30, 2019

“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
- SUNY College of Optometry, New York, New York, March 6, 2019

"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, 2001.

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

Bookstore or Author Appearance talks, *Drunk*

Napa Bookmine, Napa, CA, June 11, 2021 (virtual)

Hogan Run Vineyards, Windsor, CA, August 14, 2021

Falmouth Historical Society, Falmouth, MA, October 15, 2021

World Brewing Association Annual Meeting, October 27, 2021 (virtual)

Mark Twain House, Hartford, CT, October 28, 2021 (virtual)

The Interval, San Francisco, CA, June 14, 2021
Inter Intellect IRL Salon, Cittle of Yorke pub, London, UK, August 16, 2022
AmBev Global Beer Responsible Drinking Day, September 9, 2022 (virtual)
Inter Intellect Super Salon, September 17, 2022 (virtual)
Beer Institute Annual Member Meeting, Hyatt Regency, Chicago, October 12, 2022

Radio, television and podcast interviews concerning *Drunk*

The Dissenter, Episode #476, May 31, 2021
Brain Buzz podcast, June 1, 2021
“Think” w/ Krys Boyd, KERA radio (Dallas), June 3, 2021
The Joe Rogan Experience, June 8, 2021 (Youtube excerpt 1.7 million views as of November 2021)
Cognitive Revolution, June 9, 2021
CapRadio w/ Vicki Gonzalez, (Sacramento), June 15, 2021
Books on Pod, June 15, 2021
Scout Magazine, Track and Food, June 16, 2021
Hibrow Drivel, “Drunk: How Alcohol Shaped Society,” June 22, 2021
Two Psychologists, Four Beers, “Getting Drunk with Edward Slingerland,” June 24, 2021
Whisky Cask, Episode #877, “Drinking: Is It in Our DNA?,” June 28, 2021
“The Forum” w/ Mina Kim, KQED (San Francisco), June 28, 2021
“Inquiry” w/ Mark Lynch (Worcester, MA) WINC Public Radio, June 28, 2021
Jake Newfield podcast, July 2, 2021
Whiskey Neat, ESPN, July 2, 2021
Cocktail Conversations with Dave Catanese, “Let’s Get Drunk,” July 15, 2021
The Times Radio w/ Giles Coren, July 16, 2021
“Upfront,” KPFA (Pacifica, CA), July 20, 2021
Food, Farms n Chefs (Philadelphia, PA), July 27, 2021
Beer Got Me Here, “Talking Drunk,” July 28, 2021
“GZero” w/ Ian Bremmer, PBS, July 29, 2021
The Next Big Idea Club, July 29, 2021
Unregistered w/ Thaddeus Russell, Episode 179, August 25, 2021
History Unplugged, August 31, 2021
The Lowdown with Ira Wood, WOMR (Cape Cod, MA), August 31, 2021
CBC Radio, “Tapestry” w/ Mary Hynes, September 10, 2021
Connecticut Public Radio (Hartford, CT), Colin McEnroe show, October 18, 2021
Van Leer Institute Series on Ideas, November 10, 2021
Shaken and Stirred Podcast, November 11, 2021
Christopher Lochhead, Follow Your Different, November 25, 2021
Drinking Buddy Show, November 28, 2021
Tim Atkin Cork Talk Podcast, December 8, 2021
El Cuartico, “¿Por qué bebemos alcohol?” December 11, 2021
Beer Got Me Here Podcast, “Talking Drunk,” January 2, 2022
Nature & Nurture podcast, “History of Alcohol,” January 15, 2022
Unsiload w/ Gregory LaBlanc, February 21, 2022
Reason TV, July 1, 2022
A Little More Conversation with Ben O’Hara-Byrne, CKNW Vancouver
Jax Pax Podcast, September 12, 2022

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
Terminal Club Book Club, Vancouver, BC, November 22, 2018
Current Affairs Debating Society, North Vancouver, BC, January 27, 2022

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
Mixed Mental Arts podcast, July 22, 2018
Power Athlete Radio podcast, Episode 277, September 22, 2018
Two Psychologists, Four Beers podcast, Episode 18, January 30, 2019
Legendary Life podcast, Episode 405, June 2020
Mindscape with Sean Carroll, Episode 160, August 16, 2021
CBC Vancouver, “The Early Edition with Stephen Quinn,” January 17, 2022
CBC Kelowna, “Daybreak with Chris Walker,” January 17, 2022
77 CHQR w/ Angela Kokott, “The art of being spontaneous,” July 7, 2022
The Paradox of Trying Not to Try, Medical Running podcast, September 23, 2022.

“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

Professor of Philosophy (07/21-)
Distinguished University Scholar (02/17-)
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 Asian Studies (07/21-)

Professional Organizations, Journals, Other Centres

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Cognitive Historiography* (01/13-)
Editorial Board Member, *Religion, Brain & Behavior* (04/18-)
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

Professor of Asian Studies (07/10–07/21)
Peter Wall Centre Academic Advisory Board member (09/19–06/20)
Canada Research Chair in Chinese Thought and Embodied Cognition, Tier 2 (07/05–07/15)
Director, Cultural Evolution of Religion Research Consortium (CERC) (04/12–09/18)
Associate Professor of Asian Studies (07/05–07/10)
Associate Member, Department of Philosophy (04/10-)
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

Steering Committee Member, Cognitive Science of Religion Group, American Academy of Religion (2012–2016)
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; Journal of Cognition and Culture; Religion; Journal of Religion Nature and Culture; Science and Education; Manunya, 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; T'oung Pao; Cross-Cultural Research: Journal of Comparative Social Science; Oxford University Press; MIT 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 2nd 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

“Future Directions in the Evolution of Rituals, Beliefs and Religious Minds,” CERC project final research meeting, Ettore Majorana Foundation Centre, Erice, Sicily, May 9-12, 2018.

“Digital Humanities and Classical Studies: Prospects and Challenges,” Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG), Berlin, Germany, May 23-24, 2019.

“History in Ones and Zeroes — The Challenges Involved in Coding the Past,” Fairmont Waterfront, Vancouver, BC, August 29-31, 2022 (co-organized with M. Willis Monroe).
Organized session on “Large-Scale Cultural Databases: The Challenges Ahead,” Cultural Evolution Society Biannual Meeting, Aarhus, Denmark, September 22, 2022.

“Coding the Past: The Challenges and Promise of Large-Scale Cultural Databases,” Santa Fe Institute, Santa Fe, NM, October 12-14, 2022 (co-organized with Scott Ortman).

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 10,501,301 + USD 40,000 + £25,687

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

Cumulative as Collaborator or Consultant: CAD 785,099

\$4,792,151: PI (w/ Co-PI M. Willis Monroe), “Exploring the Cultural Evolution of Religion Employing a Large-Scale, Quantitative-Qualitative Historical Database,” John Templeton Foundation, June 1 2021 – May 31 2024.

\$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)