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EDUCATION

- 2019 Ph.D. Asian Religions, Duke University.
Dissertation Title: "Equality of Life: Thinking with Multi-Species Relationships in Taiwan"
Advisor Name: Hwansoo Kim
- 2016 M.A. Religious Studies. Duke University.
- 2013 M.A. Asian Studies. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2006 M.Eng. Civil Engineering. Nagoya University.
- 2002 B.A. Japanese Language and Area Studies, Psychology, International Affairs, Economics. University of Nebraska-Lincoln

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS/EMPLOYMENT

- 2021-present Ministry of Science and Technology Postdoctoral Fellow, International Center for Cultural Studies, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University
- 2020-2021 Visiting Instructor, Duke-DKU Global Fellows Program, Duke Kunshan University

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Special Issues

- 2020 "Trans-species Listening and Rights of Nature: Legal Persons beyond the Human." *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Study of Literature and Environment* with co-editors Prasenjit Duara and Ambika Aiyadurai. *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment* 27, no. 3.

Journal Articles

- 2020 Nicolaisen, Jeffrey. "Protecting Life in Taiwan: Can the Rights of Nature Protect All Sentient Beings?" *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment* 27, no. 3: 613–32.
- 2020 Duara, Prasenjit, Ambika Aiyadurai, and Jeffrey Nicolaisen. "Trans-species Listening and the Rights of Nature: Legal Persons beyond the Human." *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Study of Literature and Environment* 27, no. 3: 554–562.

- 2007 Nicolaisen, J.E., J.E. Gilley, B. Eghball, and D.B. Marx. "Crop Residue Effects on Runoff Nutrient Concentrations Following Manure Application." *Transactions of the ASABE*. 50(3): 939-944.

Book Chapters

- 2021 Nicolaisen, Jeffrey. 2021. "Rethinking Ontology with Equality of Life." In *Chinese Environmental Ethics*, edited by Mayfair Yang, 35-68. London: Rowman & Littlefield.
- 2019 Nicolaisen, Jeffrey. 2019. "The Intersection of Sentient Beings and Species, Traditional and Modern, in the Practices and Doctrine of Dharma Drum Mountain." In *Chinese Environmental Humanities: Practices of Environing at the Margins*, edited by Chiaju Chang, 289-308. Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-18634-0_13.

Translations

- 2019 Shih, Chao-hwei. 2019. "An Exposition of the Buddhist Philosophy of Protecting Life and Animal Protection." Translated by Jeffrey Nicolaisen. In *Chinese Environmental Humanities: Practices of Environing at the Margins*, edited by Chiaju Chang, 309-330. Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-18634-0_14.

Manuscripts in Submission

Nicolaisen, Jeffrey. "Adaptive Interdependence in the Galluscene: Rethinking the Anthropocene." Revising for resubmission to *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Study of Literature and Environment* or submission to *Anthropocene*.

Nicolaisen, Jeffrey. "How to Calculate Suffering When There is No Self." In *Buddhism and Animal Ethics*, edited by Geoff Barstow and Bronwyn Finnigan.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Equality of Life: A Multi-Species Alternative to Human Equality in Contemporary Taiwan. Preparing manuscript for Columbia University Press.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2021-2023	Taiwan Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) International Postdoctoral Fellowship National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University
2021	Center for the Study of Contemporary China Undergraduate Research Fund Duke Kunshan University
2021	Undergraduate Summer Research Scholars Program Duke Kunshan University
2021	Humanities Research Center Small Events Duke Kunshan University
2020-2021	Duke-DKU Global Fellowship Duke Kunshan University
2018-2019	The Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Duke University
2018	Bass Instructional Fellowship: Instructor of Record Duke University
2018	Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Fellowship Duke University
2017-2018	Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Duke University
2016-2018	Duke Global Asia Initiative Seed Grant (co-PI) Duke University
2016	Chung-Hwa Fellowship for Graduate Students Duke University
2016	Gurney Harriss Kearns Foundation Summer Research Fellowship Duke University
2014	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Duke University
2013	Critical Language Scholarship University of Illinois
2013-2017	James B. Duke Fellowship Duke University
2013	Graduate School Fellowship (declined) University of Southern California
2012-2013	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship University of Illinois
2011-2012	East Asian Languages and Cultures Departmental Fellowship University of Illinois
2011	Mellon Fellowship (declined) University of Michigan
2005	American Society of Civil Engineers Freeman Fellowship Nagoya University
2002-2006	Japanese Government (<i>Monbukagakusho</i>) Scholarship Nagoya University

INVITED LECTURES

2021	"Inequality of Equalities: The Taiwanese Buddhist Encounter with Liberal Humanism and Taiwan's Indigenous People." University of Virginia East Asia Center, Charlottesville, Virginia, April 8. (online presentation)
2017	"Buddhist Environmental Ethics." Dharma Drum Institute of the Liberal Arts, New Taipei City, Taiwan, June 13. (in Chinese)
2017	"Monkey-Human Relations in the Galluscene." Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, May 28. (in Chinese)
2016	"Religion and Politics." National University of Tainan, Tainan, Taiwan, October 20. (in Chinese)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Panels Organized

- 2016 “Border Crossing Activism in the Asian Anthropocene.” AAS-in-Asia, Kyoto, Japan, June 24-27.

Papers Presented

- 2022 “Buddhist Multi-species Colonialism in Contemporary Taiwan: The Release of Life Ceremony, Hunting, and the Encounter with Indigenous People.” XIXth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies Congress, Seoul, Korea, August 14-19.
- 2021 “Adaptive Interdependence in the Galluscene: Rethinking the Anthropocene.” 19th International Symposium on the Theory and Practice of the Teachings of Dharma Master Yin Shun: Humanistic Buddhism and Globalization, Hsinchu, Taiwan, November 6-7.
- 2021 “Inequality of Equalities: The Taiwanese Buddhist Encounter with Liberal Humanism and Taiwan’s Indigenous People.” Center for World Austronesia and Indigenous Peoples Research Symposium, Hsinchu, Taiwan, October 2.
- 2021 “Ecological Civilization and Its Discontents: China and Environmental Challenges in Global Asia.” Roundtable discussant. Association of Asian Studies, Virtual Annual Meeting, March 25-28.
- 2020 “Protecting Life in Taiwan: Can the Rights of Nature Protect all Sentient Beings?” American Academy of Religion, Virtual Annual Meeting, November 29-December 10.
- 2020 “Equality of Life: A Buddhist Teaching for an Ecological Civilization.” Summer Institute for Chinese Studies, University of Pittsburgh (online), June 1-4.
- 2019 “Equality of Life in the Mountains of Taiwan: The Present-Day Buddhist Colonial Encounter with Liberal Humanism and Taiwan’s Indigenous People.” American Academy of Religion, San Diego, California, November 23-26.
- 2018 “Equality of Life in Taiwan: An Ontology for Rights Beyond the Human.” Trans-species Listening and Rights of Nature: Legal Persons beyond the Human, Durham, North Carolina, October 5

- 2017 "Monkey-Human Relations in the Galluscene," Environmental Humanities in Asia: Environmental Justice and Sustainable Citizenship, Kunshan, China, May 22-24.
- 2017 "Sustainable Citizenship and the Taiwanese Canine: Who is Included in the Anthropocene Citizenry?" Duke Global Asia Initiative: Environmental Humanities for Sustainable Citizenship in Asia, Durham, North Carolina, January 22-23.
- 2016 "Buddhist Animal Welfare and Environmental Activism in Taiwan." AAS-in-Asia, Kyoto, Japan, June 24-27.
- 2016 "Multi-Species Ethnography in Taiwanese Buddhism." Altruism and Bodhisattva Thought/Fourteenth International Conference on the Theory and Practice of Master Yin-shun's Thought. Hsinchu, Taiwan, May 28-29.
- 2016 "Buddhist Animal Welfare and Environmental Activism in Taiwan." The Florida State University Department of Religion Graduate Student Symposium, Tallahassee, Florida, February 19-21.
- 2014 "Cultural Differences in the Reception of Master Sheng Yen's Spiritual Environmentalism." Ways of Knowing: Graduate Conference on Religion at Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, October 23-25.
- 2014 "Cows, Horses, and the Tale of Jōzon." Association of Asian Studies Southeast Conference Annual Meeting, Durham, North Carolina, January 17-19.
- 2006 "Hydroponics experiments related to *Phragmites japonica* nutrient uptake." Japan Society of Civil Engineers Central Japan Conference, Gifu, Japan, March. (in Japanese)

Chair

- 2021 "Spaces of Belonging and Exclusion, Mixed Neighborhood, Artistic Intervention: Session I." Migration Logistics and Unequal Citizens in Contemporary Global Context, Hsinchu, Taiwan, July 26-30. (Online Summer Institute)

Discussant

- 2019 "Water and Violence." Rivers in the Anthropocene: Global Challenges and Local Responses, Kunshan, China, July 6-7.

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

2021	Environmental Ethics
2021	Know Thyself: The Practices and Challenges of Examining Your Own Mind
2021	Religion and Leadership
2020	Religious and Philosophical Thought on the Environment
2020	Modern Buddhism
2018	Religion and Science: Biology, Minds, and Souls

Teaching Assistant

2016	Religion and Culture in Korea
2015	Buddhism and Sexuality
2012, 2013	Introduction to Japanese Culture

RESEARCH

2021-present	Postdoctoral Researcher, International Center for Cultural Studies, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University
2020	Research Associate, Religious Studies, Duke University
2013-2014	Research Assistant, Religious Studies, Duke University
2011-2012	Research Assistant, East Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Illinois
2000-2002	Biological Aid, National Phosphorus Project, United States Department of Agriculture

SERVICE

2016-2019	Duke Global Asia Initiative, Co-PI, "Environment and Well-Being: A Cross-Cultural Study"
2012-2013	East Asian Languages and Cultures, Graduate Student Representative, University of Illinois
2013	Community of Urbana Cooperative Housing, Interim President, Board

Representative

2004-2006 Civil Engineering International Student Organization, Nagoya University

1999 Program Administrator, American Scandinavian Student Exchange International

NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2006-2011 Environmental Resources Management, Assistant/Associate Engineer

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2020 Center for Teaching and Learning Summer Program, Duke Kunshan University

2020 Learning Innovation Fellowship, Duke Kunshan University

2013-2019 Certificate of College Teaching, Duke University

2013-2015 Responsible Conduct of Research, Duke University

2011 Graduate Academy for College Teaching, University of Illinois

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English: native

Chinese: superior-level reading, writing, aural, and oral skills

Japanese: superior-level reading, writing, aural, and oral skills

Classical Chinese: proficient

Classical Japanese (*bungo* and *kanbun*): proficient

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion

Association of Asian Studies

Society for the Study of Chinese Religions

International Association for Buddhist Studies

REFERENCES

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