

## EDUCATION

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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

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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

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### 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](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](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

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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 (*Monbukagakusho*) Scholarship | Nagoya University

## INVITED LECTURES

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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**

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### 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

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### 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

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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

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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

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**NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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2006-2011 Environmental Resources Management, Assistant/Associate Engineer

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**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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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

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**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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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

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**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Academy of Religion

Association of Asian Studies

Society for the Study of Chinese Religions

International Association for Buddhist Studies

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**REFERENCES**

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