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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2024 Ph.D.** (expected) Department of Theology, Boston College, MA, USA
Dissertation: *A Journey around the Comma Johanneum—a transmission history and interpretations of 1 John 5:6-8*— (Mentor: Prof. PHEME PERKINS)
- 2012 Ph.D.** Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, The University of Tokyo, Japan
Dissertation: *Narratological Function of the Disciples in the Fourth Gospel—Formation of the Implied Reader through the Narrative Perspective of the Disciples*— (Mentor: Dr. Takashi Onuki)
- 2018 S.T.L.** School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College, MA, USA
Thesis: *Persuasion of First John as Epistolary Paraenesis* (Mentor: Fr. Thomas Stegman, S.J.)
- 2004 M.A.** Department of Theology/Religious Studies, Loyola University, New Orleans, LA, USA
Thesis: *A Redactional Study of the Johannine Prologue (John 1:1-18) with a Focus on Jewish Wisdom Traditions* (Mentor: Dr. Earl J. Richard)
- B.A. magna cum laude.** Department of Comparative Culture, Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan
Major: Philosophy and Religion Minor: Classical Studies

Past Research Projects and Committees

- 2012—2020 *Novum Testamentum Japonicum (NTJ) Commentary Series Project.*
Tokyo: The Board of Publications of the United Church of Christ in Japan.
- 2010—2016 *New Translation Project of the Japan Bible Society*
Translation of the Johannine Epistles in *the New Japanese Standard Version of the Bibles.*
- 2009—2013 Interdisciplinary Collaborative Research Project of the University of the Sacred Heart, Tokyo.
“Legacy of the University of the Sacred Heart, Tokyo: Past, Present, and Future of the Female Education in Japan.”
- 2008—2012 Undergraduate Curriculum Planning Committee. University of the Sacred Heart, Tokyo.
The program assessment and planning for the undergraduate Christian Studies.

Membership

- 2017—present Catholic Biblical Association
- 2006—present Japan Society of New Testament Studies (JSNTS)
- 2006—present The Biblical Institute of Japan
- 2006—present Society of Biblical Literature

Board Membership

- 2014—present JSNTS Board Member/ Trustee (fourth term [2023-2026])

Awards, Honors, Fellowships & Grants

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| 2023 | The Stephen Brown Graduate Research Fund, Boston College, the Department of Theology |
| 2015—2018 | Graduate Academic Scholarship, Boston College, School of Theology and Ministry |
| 2016 | Conference and Travel Grant, Boston College, School of Theology and Ministry |
| 2015 | Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (C), The Ministry of Education (Japan) declined |
| 2014—2015 | International Fellows Program (Woodstock Fellows visiting scholar), Boston College, School of Theology and Ministry |
| 2006—2012 | Full Academic Scholarship, the University of Tokyo |
| 2004 | <i>Alpha Sigma Nu</i> , National Jesuit Honor Society |
| 2004 | John Courtney Murray, S. J. Award, The Best Graduate Essay of the Year Department of Theology/Religious Studies, Loyola University, New Orleans |
| 2003 | John Courtney Murray, S. J. Award, The Best Graduate Essay of the Year Department of Theology/Religious Studies, Loyola University, New Orleans |

Academic Employment

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| 2019—2023 | Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, USA |
| 2022—2023 | Part-time faculty in the Department of Theology |
| 2021—2022 | Teaching Fellow in the Department of Theology |
| 2019—2021 | Teaching Assistant in the Department of Theology |
| 2006—2015 | University of the Sacred Heart, Tokyo, Japan |
| 2013—2015 | Associate Professor in the Graduate School of Humanities Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy (Christian Studies) |
| 2007—2013 | Tenured lecturer in the Department of Philosophy (Christian Studies) |
| 2006—2007 | Adjunct lecturer for the courses of Christian Studies |

List of Academic Publications

Publications (English and Japanese)

Monograph:

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| 2020 | <i>First, Second, and Third John</i> . Novum Testamentum Japonicum [NTJ] New Testament Commentary. Tokyo: The Board of Publication of UCC Japan. [in Japanese] (ISBN: 9784818410503) Reviewed: New Testament Abstract 64/2 (2020), 134; by Y. Azuma, Journal of Japanese New Testament Studies 49 (2021), 81-85. |
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Book Chapters:

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| 2019 | “John 19:34b: Blood and Water.” In <i>From Jesus to Early Christianity—New Testament Thought and Its Development in Honor of Dr. Tashio Aono</i> . Ed. by Japan Society of New Testament Studies. Tokyo: Lithon Publishing Co., 211-232. (ISBN: 9784863760752) |
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- 2014a “A Study of *hilasmos* in the First Epistle of John 2:2 and 4:10—Atonement in the First Epistle of John—.” In *Biblical Religion and Its Surrounding Cultures*. Tokyo: Lithon Publishing Co., 617-652. [in Japanese] (ISBN: 9784863768130)
- 2014b “Religious Education in Japanese’ Mission Schools’—A Case Study of Sacred Heart Schools in Japan—.” In *International Handbook on Learning, Teaching, Leading in Faith-Based Schools*. Eds. by Judith Chapman and Sue McNamara et al. Dordrecht, Netherlands: Springer, 619-638. (ISBN: 9789401789714)
- 2010 “The Temple Motifs in the Fourth Gospel.” In *Various Readings of the Gospel of John*. Tokyo: Sophia University/Lithon Publishing Co., 61-92. [in Japanese] (ISBN: 9784863760219)
- 2009 “‘The Eternal Life’ in the light of Two-Aeon Theory—a study of John 12:25.” In *The Bible and Our Life—in Honor of Dr. Takashi Onuki—*. Tokyo: Lithon Publishing Co., 353-388. [in Japanese] (ISBN: 9784863768017)
- 2007 “Pauline Body in I Corinthians—A Metaphor of Whole Human Being and Christian Community.” In *Body and Sexuality: Theological and Pastoral Perspectives of Women in Asia, The Ecclesia of Women in Asia 2004 Conference*. Manila: Ateneo de Manila University Press, 120-138. (ISBN: 9789715505161)

Articles (Refereed):

- 2021 “Mapping the Scholarship on 1 John: A History of Scholarship and Variations in Methodology.” *Annual of the Japanese Biblical Institute* 46/47 (2021): 55-88. (ISSN: 2435-6050)
- 2021 “Dying for God and the Law: Jewish Identity Formulation through the Martyrdom Episodes in 2 Maccabees.” *Annual of the Japanese Biblical Institute* 46/47 (2021): 5-38. (ISSN: 2435-6050)
- 2018 “Persuasion through Formulaic Rhetorical Devices in 1 John.” *Journal of New Testament Studies in Japan* 46 (2018). [in Japanese] (DOI: https://doi.org/10.24758/jsnts.46.0_7)
- 2018 “A Narrative-Critical Reading of Mark 16:1-8.” *Gospel and the World* 73:4 (2018): 22-27. [in Japanese]
- 2016 “The Primary Intention of the First Epistle of John: ‘Non-Polemical’ Reading in Recent Research Trends.” *Journal of New Testament Studies in Japan* 44 (2016): 43-64. [in Japanese] (DOI: https://doi.org/10.24758/jsnts.44.0_43)
- 2014c “Prologue: I John 1-4, Commentary.” Board of Publication of UCCJ. <http://bp-uccj.jp/publications/tokusetsu/sample/> [in Japanese]
- 2014d “Prologue: I John 1-4, Translation, Structure, Background.” Board of Publication of UCCJ. <http://bp-uccj.jp/publications/tokusetsu/sample/> [in Japanese]
- 2014e “‘Evil’ in the Gospel of John and Today.” *Gospel and the World* 69:7 (2014): 22-28. [in Japanese]
- 2014f “The Father’s House (*Familia Dei*): A Network of the Family Metaphors in the Gospel of John.” *Annual of the Japanese Biblical Institute* 39 (2014): 21-63.
- 2012 “The Temple Motifs in the Fourth Gospel: Intertextuality and Intratextuality of the Temple Motifs.” *Annual of the Japanese Biblical Institute* 37 (2012): 19-59.

- 2009 “The Words of Mission in Paul—Mother-and-Child Metaphors in the Pauline Epistles.” *The Gospel and Mission*: vol. 64:7, 30-34. [in Japanese]
- 2009 “J.S. Bach’ *Matthew Passion*: Mercifulness of Divine Outlook in the Aria of Judas (Nr. 42)—A Study of the image of Judas Iscariot—. *Sacred Heart Studies*. vol. 112, University of the Sacred Heart, Tokyo. 87-135. [in Japanese]
- 2007 “A Typology of Personified Wisdom Hymns: as a Hermeneutical Construct for the Prologue of the Gospel of John.” *Annual of the Japanese Biblical Institute*. vol. 39, Japanese Biblical Institute, 107-151. [in Japanese]
- 2007 “Pauline Christology—Adam Christology and Lordship Christology in Philippians 2: 6-11.” *The Komaba Journal of Area Studies*. The University of Tokyo: vol. 10, 202-231.
- 2004a “A Typology of Personified Wisdom Hymns.” *Biblical Theology Bulletin*: vol. 34:4, 138-149. (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/01461079040340040201>)
- 2004b “Justice in the Bible, Globalization, and Jubilee.” *Journal of Theta Alpha Kappa*. Georgetown University: vol. 28:2, 38-57.

Translations (from English to Japanese):

- 2011 *The Interpretation of Genesis in the Dead Sea Scrolls*, by J. J. Collins. Trans. by Nozomi Miura. In *Traditions of the Pentateuch in the Ancient World*. Eds. by Gohei Hata and Akio Moriya. Kyoto: The University of Kyoto Press.
- 2010 *Jesus in the Talmud*, by Peter Schäfer. Trans. by Nozomi Miura and Shizuka Uemura. Tokyo: Iwanami Shoten, Publishers. English original: Peter Schäfer, *Jesus in the Talmud* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2009)

Courses Taught

- 2019—2023 Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, USA
- 2023—2024 Part-time faculty in the Department of Theology
 Spring 2024 THEO1421.04 and 05 Inscribing the Word: The New Testament
 Fall 2023 THEO1421.02 Inscribing the Word: The New Testament
- 2022—2023 Teaching Fellow in the Department of Theology
 Spring 2023 THEO1421.04 Inscribing the Word: The New Testament
 Fall 2022 THEO1421.02 Inscribing the Word: The New Testament
- 2019—2021 Teaching Assistant in the Department of Theology
 Spring 2021 THEO1090.12 Perspectives on Western Culture I (Prof. PHEME PERKINS)
 Fall 2020 THEO1090.11 Perspectives on Western Culture I (Prof. PHEME PERKINS)
 Spring 2020 THEO1421.03 Inscribing the Word: The New Testament (Prof. D. ROTH)
 Fall 2019 THEO1421.01 Inscribing the Word: The New Testament (Prof. DIETER ROTH)

- 2007—2015 University of the Sacred Heart, Tokyo, Japan
- 2013—2015 Associate Professor in the Graduate School of Humanities
Seminar on the Johannine Literature, Master Thesis Writing, Doctoral Colloquium
Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy (Christian Studies)
Christian Studies I & II, Introduction to the New Testament, Greek Reading Courses (Elementary, Intermediate), Introduction to the Old Testament, Seminar on the New Testament, Seminar on the Gospel of John, Undergraduate Thesis Writing
- 2007—2013 Tenured lecturer in the Department of Philosophy (Christian Studies)
Christian Studies I & II, Introduction to the New Testament, Greek Reading Courses (Elementary, Intermediate), Introduction to the Old Testament, Seminar on the New Testament, Seminar on the Gospel of John, Undergraduate Thesis Writing
- 2006—2007 Adjunct lecturer for the courses of Christian Studies
Christian Studies I & II

Conference Presentation & Invited Lecture

- 2021 (April 29) [YouTube] Japan Bible Society Interview Series no.10-I: “God is Love” (1 John 4:16), Part I
[YouTube] Japan Bible Society Interview Series no.10-II: “God is Love” (1 John 4:16), Part II
- 2016 (July 5) “The Role of Rhetorical Formulas in the First Epistle of John: Rhetorical and Less Polemical Reading,” in the Johannine Session at *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting* (Seoul, South Korea).
- 2015 (November 14) “Spiritualization and Interiorization of Atonement in the Second Temple Period—Penitential Prayers, Confession of Sins, and Martyrdom.” Annual Lecture of the Japanese Biblical Institute (JBI), on the theme of *Atonement and Its Development through the Second Temple Period*.
- 2015 (September 9) “The Primary Intention of the First Epistle of John: ‘Non-Polemical’ Reading in Recent Research Trends.” Annual Meeting of Japan Society of New Testament Studies, at Aoyama Gakuin University, Tokyo.
- 2012 (May 21) “The Father’s House (*Familia Dei*): A Network of the Family Metaphors in the Gospel of John.” Monthly Meeting at Japanese Biblical Institute, Tokyo.
- 2010 (November 23) “The Temple Motifs in the Fourth Gospel and their Theological Meanings.” Sophia University. Bible Seminars on the Theme of “Various Readings of the Gospel of John.”
- 2009 (April 20) “The Temple Motifs in the Fourth Gospel.” Monthly Meeting at Japanese Biblical Institute, Tokyo.
- 2006 (September 26) “A Typology of Personified Wisdom Hymns: as a Hermeneutical Construct for the Prologue of the Gospel of John.” Monthly Meeting at Japanese Biblical Institute, Tokyo.