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PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	August, 2016–Present
Overseas Ministries Study Center at Princeton Theological Seminary New Haven, Connecticut & Princeton, New Jersey (from July 1, 2020)	
Editor	2016–Present
<i>International Bulletin of Mission Research</i> (SAGE)	
Administrative Faculty, Department of History & Ecumenics	2021–Present
Princeton Theological Seminary (https://www.ptsem.edu/people/thomas-john-hastings)	
RESEARCH CONSULTANT	2015–2016
United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, New York	
SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW	2012–2015
Japan International Christian University Foundation, New York, NY	
<i>Recipient of a 3-year grant award for \$620,000 from the John Templeton Foundation, entitled “Advancing the Science and Religion Conversation in Japan”</i> (https://www.templeton.org/grant/advancing-the-science-religion-conversation-in-japan)	
Grant-related academic appointments in Japan:	
Research Fellow	2012–2016
Kagawa Archives and Resource Center, Tokyo	
Research Associate	2012–2016
Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture, Nagoya	
Research Fellow	2014–2016
Institute for the Study of Christianity and Culture, International Christian University, Tokyo	
Cooperating Researcher	2014–2016
Kokoro Research Center, Kyoto University, Kyoto	
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, RESEARCH FELLOW	2008–2012
Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, New Jersey	
MISSION CO-WORKER, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)	1988–2008
PROFESSOR OF PRACTICAL THEOLOGY	1995–2008
Tokyo Union Theological Seminary, Tokyo, Japan	
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	1993–1995
Seiwa College, Nishinomiya, Japan	
LECTURER & DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN FACULTY	1987–1991
Hokuriku Gakuin University (formerly Junior College), Kanazawa, Japan	

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- **Lecturer** **Spring Semester 2018**
Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut
 - **Lecturer** **Fall Semester 2001 & 2014**
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey
 - **Adjunct Professor** **1997 – 2000**
International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
 - **M.A. Student Intern in Culture & Linguistics** **Summer, 1986**
Toronto Institute of Linguistics, University of Toronto, Canada
 - **EFL Teacher & International Secretary** **1979 – 1981**
Yamanashi YMC English School, Kofu, Japan
 - **High School Social Studies & Math Teacher** **1977 – 1978**
Peace Corps Western Samoa, Vaipouli College, Savai'i
 - **High School English Teacher and Grant Writer** **1975 – 1976**
Brightwood School, Webster, Massachusetts

EDUCATION

- **Ph.D. Practical Theology, 2004**
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey
- **Special Student, M.Div. Level Coursework for Ordination and Ph.D. Seminars, 1991-1992**
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey
- **M. A., Educational Ministries, 1987**
Wheaton College Graduate School, Wheaton, Illinois
- **B. A., English Literature, 1975**
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

MINISTER OF WORD & SACRAMENT, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

Ordained July 19, 1998, First Presbyterian Church of Cape May, New Jersey (Honorably Retired June 30, 2020 by the Presbytery of Southern New England)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

Worshiping, Witnessing, and Wondering: Christian Formation for Participation in the Mission of God (Cascade, forthcoming 2021)

Seeing All Things Whole: The Scientific Mysticism and Art of Kagawa Toyohiko (1888-1960), (Eugene: Wipf & Stock, Pickwick, 2015).

Practical Theology and the One Body of Christ: Toward a Missional-Ecumenical Model (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007) in Studies in Practical Theology series edited by Don Browning, Friedrich Schweitzer, and Johannes A. Van Der Ven.

RECENT EDITED WORK

Co-editor with Knut-Willy Sæther, *The Grace of Being Fallible in Philosophy, Theology, and Religion*, contributions by Drew Collins, Lisa Dahill, Thomas Hastings, Paul Metzger, Seung Chul Kim, Jonas Gamborg Lillebø, Knut-Willy Sæther, and Amos Yong, (Palgrave Macmillan, 2020).

Editor of Translation by James W. Heisig, Kagawa Toyohiko, *Cosmic Purpose*, (Eugene: Wipf & Stock, Cascade Veritas Series, 2014).

BOOK CHAPTERS & PEER-REFEREED ARTICLES

“Competing Visions of Mission and Unity Among Japanese Protestants and Missionaries in Japan (1859–1912),” *International Review of Mission*, November 2021.

“Restoring the *Pro Nobis > Pro Me*: A Translated Religion, Polycentric Ecumenism, and Moderate Fallibilism,” and “A Fallibilist Approach in the Age of COVID-19 and Climate Change,” *The Grace of Being Fallible in Philosophy, Theology, and Religion*, Edited by Thomas Hastings and Knut-Willy Sæther (Palgrave Macmillan, 2020)

“Worshipping, Witnessing, and Wondering: Integrating Proclamation, Evangelism, and Catechesis for God’s Mission Today” in *Consensus and Conflict: Practical Theology for Congregations in the Work of Richard R. Osmer*, Kenda Creasy Dean, Blair Bertrand, Amanda Drury, and Andrew Root, eds. (Pickwick Press/Wipf and Stock, 2019)

“Exiles in their Own Land: Japanese Protestant Mission History and Theory in Conversation with Practical Theology,” Yale Divinity School Library, Occasional Publication No. 25, March, 2018 (http://divinity-adhoc.library.yale.edu/occasional-publications/op25_hastings_2018.pdf).

“Extending the Global Academic Table: An Introduction,” *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*, 51 (1), March, 2016.

“Kagawa Toyohiko (1888-1960): Witness to the Cosmic Drama,” *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*, 51 (1), March, 2016.

“Baptizing John Dewey: James Loder’s Pedagogy of Presence in Theory and Practice,” *The Logic of the Spirit in Human Thought and Experience: Exploring the Vision of James E. Loder Jr.* (Eugene: Wipf & Stock, 2014).

“*Eros, Kokorozashi*, and Testosterone: The Desire for and Use of the Knowledge of God in Christian Theology,” *City of Desires - A Place for God? Practical theological perspectives*, (Münster: Lit Verlag, 2013).

“Practicing the Redemptive Love of Jesus: The Enduring Legacy of Toyohiko Kagawa,” *Theology Today*, July 2013.

“Crossing Postal Codes in Early Modern Japan: The Stories of Tamura Naōmi and Osaka Motokichiro,” in *Home and Away*, eds. Stephen Burns and Clive Pearson (Pickwick, 2013).

“Negotiating Identity in a Global Age: The Situation of Japanese Youth,” in *Youth, Religion and Globalization: New Research in Practical Theology*, edited by Richard R. Osmer and Kenda Creasy-Dean (Münster: Lit Verlag, 2007).

"The Congregational Leadership Crisis Facing the Japanese Church," with Mark Mullins, *International Bulletin of Mission Research*, January, 2006

"Japanese Protestantism's Perduring Preoccupation with Western Theological Texts," *Theology Today*, April, 2005.

"George Lindbeck and T.F. Torrance on Christian Language and the Knowledge of God," in *Redemptive Transformation in Practical Theology*, eds. Dana Wright and John Kuentzel (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2004)

"A Tale of Two Selves in Japan and the United States," *The International Journal of Practical Theology*, Volume 7, Issue 2, 2003

"Japan's Protestant Schools and Churches in Light of Early Mission Theory and History," Mark R. Mullins, ed., *Handbook on Christianity in Japan* (Leiden: Brill, 2003)

"Theologie, Praxis und kultureller Habitus, Fragen zur japanischen Situation," *Christentum und Spätmoderne, Ein internationaler Diskurs über Praktische Theologie und Ethik*, Gräb, Rau, Schmidt, van der Ven, Hrsg., (Berlin: Kohlhammer, 2000)

"Denominational Renewal or Fragmentation? An Exploratory Study of Reformed/Evangelical Movements within the United Church of Christ in Japan," with Mark Mullins, (*Japan Christian Review*, Vol. 64, 1998)

"Parameters of Faith Among Japanese Junior College Women: An Initial Inquiry Based on Fowler's Theory of Faith Development," (*Japanese Religions*, Vol. 16, July, 1991, No. 4)

RECENT JAPANESE WRITINGS (followed by English titles)

Co-edited Book

共同編集、「近代日本における宗教と科学の交錯」(名古屋:南山大学宗教と文化研究所)、2015。

Co-Editor, *Entanglements of Science and Religion in Modern Japan: An Anthology* (Nagoya: Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture, 2015).

Chapter in Book

「宇宙意志に同化するスピリチュアリティを目指して——賀川豊彦の宗教教育論を巡って」『講座スピリチュアル学大5巻、スピリチュアリティと教育』(相模原:ビーイング・ネット・プレス)、2015。

“In Search of a Spirituality in Harmony with the Cosmic Will: A Consideration of Kagawa Toyohiko’s Theory of Religious Education,” *Studies in Spirituality: Spirituality and Education*, Volume 5 (Sagamihara: BNP), 2015.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

「賀川豊彦の教育論の背景に関する一考察」『身心変容技法研究』（京都大学・こころの未来研究センター）、第4号、168–175頁、2015年。

“A Consideration of the Background of Kagawa Toyohiko’s Educational Theory,” *Sinshinhenyōgihō Kenkyū* (Kyōto University Kokoro Research Center) Vol. 4, 168-175, 2015.

「賀川豊彦—科学的な神秘主義者」『モノ学・感覚価値研究』（京都大学・こころの未来研究センター）、第8号、13–30頁、2014年2月。

“Kagawa Toyohiko: A Scientific Mystic,” *Mongaku: Kankakukachi Kenkyū* (Kyōto University Kokoro Research Center) Vol. 8, 13-30, February, 2014.

EDITORIAL WORK

Editor, *International Bulletin of Mission Research*, quarterly academic journal with global subscription of 7,500, SAGE, January 2017–Present (<https://journals.sagepub.com/home/ibm>)

Co-Editor, *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*, 50th Anniversary Issue on “East Asian Voices on Science and the Humanities,” March 2016.

Editorial Board, *Journal of the International Academy of Practical Theology* (2011–2019)

Selection Committee Member, Frederick Streng Book Award for Excellence in Buddhist-Christian Studies, (2014 – 2018)

Editorial Referee, *Journal of Japanese Philosophy*, fall 2014.

Editorial Referee, *Theology Today*, spring 2011.

Advisory Board Member, *Theological Journal*. Korean Institute for Advanced Theological Studies (2004 – present).

Editorial Referee, *Review of Religious Research*, fall, 2002

Book Review Editor, *Japan Christian Review* (1996–1998)

Associate Editor, *Japan Christian Review* (1994–1998)

Guest Editor, *Japan Christian Review*, 1994 edition on "Education and Christianity"

TRANSLATIONS FROM JAPANESE INTO ENGLISH

Kagawa Toyohiko, *A Few Words in the Dark* (Princeton: Bridges to Peace, 2015).

Kagawa Toyohiko, *Scribbling with Fingertips*, forthcoming.

TRANSLATIONS FROM ENGLISH TO JAPANESE

“Theology in Search of Human Origins and Religious Awareness,” Synopsis of J. Wentzel van Huyssteen’s Gifford Lecture, with Yasuhiro Sekikawa, (*Journal of Theology*, Vol. 69, 2007).

"Teaching and Empirical Research in Practical Theology: A Conceptual Map," Don Browning (*Journal of Theology*, Vol. 67, 2005).

"Christians in the Graveyard," Gerhard Rau (*Bulletin of the Missiological Institute of Tokyo Union Theological Seminary*, Vol. 2, 1999)

"Practical Theology and the Education of Ministers," Richard Robert Osmer, with Heon Wook Park (*Journal of Theology*, Vol. 59, 1997)

BOOK REVIEWS

Facing West: Evangelicals in an Age of World Christianity, David R. Swartz (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020) in *International Review of Missions*, forthcoming.

The Teaching Ministry of Congregations, Richard Robert Osmer (Louisville: Westminster John Knox), in *Theology Today*, 2006, 63 (3).

Conscience and Personality: A New Understanding of Conscience and Its Inculturation in Japanese Moral Theology, Osamu Takeuchi (Chiba: Koyusha, 2003) in *Theology Today*, April, 2005.

Mystical Consciousness: Western Perspectives and Dialogue with Japanese Thinkers, Louis Roy (Albany: SUNY, 2003) in *Theology Today*, April, 2004.

Teaching Mission in a Global Context, Patricia Lloyd-Sidle and Bonnie Sue Lewis, eds. (Louisville: Geneva, 2001) in *The Princeton Seminary Bulletin*, Volume XXIII, Number 1, New Series, 2002.

RECENT SELECTED INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

"Seeing All Things Whole: Kagawa Toyohiko's Aesthetic Integration of Spirituality, Ethics, and Nature," Forskningsseminar Natur, estetikk og etikk, Symposium convened by Prof. Dr. Knut-Willy Sæther of Volda University College, Norway, September 7, 2021

"Kagawa Toyohiko on The Lord's Prayer: Christian Mysticism, Japanese Tradition, Modern Science, and Social Gospel in Taisho Japan," Yale-Edinburgh Group on the History of the Missionary Movement and World Christianity, June 29, 2018.

Day Associates Lecture on "Exiles in their Own Land: Japanese Protestant Mission History and Theory in Conversation with Practical Theology," Yale-Edinburgh Conference, Yale Divinity School, June 30, 2017

Keynote Lecture on "Wonder, Worship, and Witness: Rethinking Confession of Faith, Catechesis, and God's Mission," Torch Trinity University, Seoul, Korea, March 18, 2017.

Chaplaincy Seminar, Chang Jung Christian University, Tainan, Taiwan, February 2, 2016.

Chaplaincy Forum, Duta Wacana Christian University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, January 28-29, 2016.

Chaplaincy Consultation, Christ University, Bangalore, India, January 23, 2016.

“The Scientific Mysticism and Art of Kagawa Toyohiko (1888-1960),” IAHR 2015, Erfurt Germany, as part of a panel on “Multiple Discourses on Religion and Science in the East Asian Context: Science for the Understanding of Religion in Japan and Korea.”

“The Complementarity of Spirituality, Cosmology, and Ethics in the Educational Theory of Kagawa Toyohiko,” Kyoto University, July 29, 2014.

“Kagawa Toyohiko (1888-1960): A Scientific Mystic,” Kyoto University, October 29, 2013

“A Consideration of Multiple Religious Identity in the Formation of an Interdisciplinary Mind: The Case of Kagawa Toyohiko (1888-1960),” International Academy of Practical Theology, University of Toronto, April 13, 2013

“Facilitating Interdisciplinary Theological Inquiry at CTI,” wildcard session with Robert Russell, Graduate Theological Union and Miroslav Volf, Yale Divinity School on *The Promise and Perils of Interdisciplinary Research*, American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, November 20, 2011.

“*Eros, Kokorozashi*, and Testosterone: The Desire for and Use of the Knowledge of God in Christian Theology,” International Academy of Practical Theology, Amsterdam, July 25, 2011.

SELECTED INVITED LECTURES (Japanese marked with an asterisk)

Lecture on "Kagawa Toyohiko (1888–1960): Witness to Union and Solidarity with Humanity and the Cosmos," Princeton Theological Seminary, Class on “The Face of the Other,” Professor Bo Karen Lee, April 6, 2017.

Lecture on Kagawa Research, Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, January 27, 2016.

Lecture on "Rhythms of the Cosmos: Kagawa Toyohiko’s Scientific Mysticism and Art," Princeton Theological Seminary, Class on “Rhythms of Prayer,” Professor Bo Karen Lee, January 8, 2016.

*Keynote Lecture on Kagawa’s *Cosmic Purpose*, Tokushima University, Japan, November 20, 2015.

Lecture on Kagawa Research, School of Mission and Theology, Stavanger, Norway, October 20, 2015.

Lecture on Kagawa Research, Norwegian School of Theology, Oslo, Norway, October 22, 2015.

Lecture on Kagawa Research, University of Heidelberg (co-sponsored by the Theology and Japanese Departments), Heidelberg, Germany, October 27, 2015.

Lecture on Kagawa Research, Presbyterian Heritage Center, Montreat, North Carolina, September 26, 2015.

*Keynote Lecture for Symposium on “The Contemporary Revival of Interest in Kagawa Toyohiko and Kagawa Haru,” Meiji Gakuin University, Tokyo, Japan, March 14, 2015.

*Seminar on “The Enduring Legacy of Kagawa in a Global Age,” Kagawa Memorial Hall, Kobe, Japan, January 24, 2015

*Keynote Lecture on “Kagawa’s View of Early Childhood Religious Education,” 10th Anniversary of Young Children and Worship Group, Yokohama Union Church, January 17, 2015

*Special Student Lecture on “Kagawa’s Scientific Mysticism and Art,” Tokyo Union Theological Seminary, January 13, 2015

*Keynote Address, Kagawa Academic Association, Tokyo, Japan, July 26, 2014

Annual Lecture on World Mission, Tokyo Christian University, Chiba, Japan, Thursday, February 13, 2014

Webinar, “Kagawa Toyohiko: A Pacifist Caught in the Crossfire of War.” Five College Center for East Asian Studies (Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke, Smith, and U Mass), June 4, 2013 (click on the following link: <https://vimeo.com/70429697>. The password is FCCEAS.)

“Practicing the Redemptive Love of Christ: The Enduring Legacy of Kagawa Toyohiko (1888-1960),” The Toyohiko Kagawa Lecture, Princeton Theological Seminary, April 5, 2011

"When Theological and Nationalist Dreams Collide: The Transformational Narratives of Tamura Naomi and Osaka Motokichiro," International Academy of Practical Theology, Brisbane, Australia, June, 2005

Chair of Panel Presentation on *Family, Church, or School - Where Lies the Heir of Japanese Christianity?*, XIXth World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions, March 26, 2005

"The Leadership Crisis Facing the Japanese Church" (with Mark Mullins), International Society for the Study of Reformed Churches, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, June 27-July 2, 2003

"Report on Interviews Conducted with Japanese Youth," Princeton Project on Youth, Globalization and the Church, Princeton Theological Seminary, August, 2000 (this research was conducted with an international team of scholars from Africa, Latin America, Asia, Europe, and North America who met for three consecutive years at Princeton Theological Seminary)

"What is the Future of Japan's Past?" Princeton Project on Youth, Globalization and the Church, Princeton Theological Seminary, August, 1999

"Theology, Practice and Cultural Habitus: Questions from the Japanese Situation," Kolloquium im Internationalen Wissenschaftsforum, Universitat Heidelberg, September 27-30, 1998

"Denominational Renewal or Fragmentation? An Exploratory Study of Reformed/Evangelical Movements within the United Church of Christ in Japan," (with Mark Mullins) International Society for the Study of Reformed Churches, Free University, Amsterdam, May 26-30, 1997

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Fluency in Japanese (including reading and writing), some reading knowledge of French and German, some conversational ability in Samoan, basic knowledge of Biblical Greek and Biblical Hebrew.

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion, International Academy of Practical Theology, American Society of
Missiology, Society for Buddhist Christian Studies