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Education

1995 Ph.D., American and Japanese History, Minor in American Studies,
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
1993 Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies
(Formerly the Stanford University Center), Summer Program, Yokohama,
Japan.
1990 M.A., American History
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
1987-88 Minnesota Teaching License in Social Studies
University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN
1984 B.A., History, University of Minnesota, Morris
1983-84 University of Essex, England, Exchange Student, History

Academic Positions

2007-pres. Full Professor, Hawai'i Pacific University
2001-pres. Affiliate Professor of Japanese Studies, University of Hawai'i at Manoa
2018-pres. Affiliate Researcher, Japanese Studies Institute, Ghent University, Ghent,
Belgium
2019-2022 Contributing Editor, H-Diplo Online Forum.
2015-pres. Editorial Board of Advisors, *Journal of American-East Asian Relations*
2006-2010 Teacher Education Social Studies Coordinator
2002-2007 Associate Professor, Hawai'i Pacific University
1997-2002 Assistant Professor, Hawai'i Pacific University
1998-2001 H-Net, H-U.S.-Japan Discussion Network Editor
1989-90 Archival Assistantship - Social Welfare History Archives, Professor David
Klaassen, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
1988-89 Research Assistantship - Illegitimacy Project, Hennepin County Welfare Case
Files, Professor Sara Evans, University of Minnesota
1987-88 Social Studies Teacher, St. Paul Public Schools
1982-83 Archival Assistantship - West Central Minnesota Historical Research Center,
Professor Wilbert Ahern, University of Minnesota, Morris

Administrative Positions

2021-2023 Chair of History, Humanities, and International Studies Department
2018-2021 Chair, HPU College of Liberal Arts Assembly
2015-Pres. Chair, World History Association Phi Alpha Theta Student Paper Prize
Committee

- 2015-2016 Administrative Director, Hawaii Pacific University Jerry H. Bentley World History Workshop
- 2007-2012 Director, International Exchange and Study Abroad Programs
- 2007-2010 Program Director, World History Workshop for Social Studies Teachers, Hawai'i Pacific University, Summer Workshop.
- 2004-2005 Chair, HPU Faculty Assembly

Publications

Books

Book in Progress, Harold Lasswell and the Rise of Propaganda in the Twentieth Century, five chapters completed in draft form.

Translation into Japanese, 西洋化の限界 (The Limits of Westernization) アメリカと東アジアの知識人が近代性を創造する (American and East Asian Intellectuals Create Modernity, 1860-1960). Osaka University Press, 2024.

Monograph, *The Limits of Westernization: American and East Asian Intellectuals Create Modernity, 1860-1960*. London: Routledge, 2019. **Winner of the Kenneth W. Baldridge Prize, 2020**. This book examines the limits of the ideology of westernization in describing the origins and development of concepts of modernity in the United States, Japan, and China, uncovering the foundations of modernity in these nations.

Textbook, *Cross-Cultural Encounters in Modern World History, 1453-Present*. Second Edition published by Routledge, March 2019. This short, accessible textbook explores history from the perspective of cross-cultural interactions and draws surprising conclusions about the nature of cultural power in the modern world.

Edited Book, *Hawai'i at the Crossroads of the U.S. and Japan before the Pacific War*, edited by Jon Davidann. University of Hawai'i Press, September 2008.

This work puts Hawaii, located in the far reaches of the Pacific Ocean, at the center of U.S.-Japanese relations in the interwar period. Both the American and Japanese governments made Hawai'i a priority and tried to shape and were shaped by the actions of the Japanese-American community there.

Monograph, *Cultural Diplomacy in U.S. - Japanese Relations, 1919-1941*. New York: Palgrave MacMillan, December 2007.

This study of the unofficial diplomacy between the United States and Japan in the crucial period before Pearl Harbor reveals the power of private cultural diplomacy to shape the affairs of both nations and the limits of that diplomacy as it became coopted by both governments in the late 1930s.

Edited Book, *TransPacific Relations: America, Europe, and Asia in the Twentieth Century*, edited by Jon Davidann, Richard Jensen, and Yone Sugita. Westport, Connecticut: Praeger, 2003.

This wide-ranging work looks at the development of relations between Asia and the West.

Monograph, *A World of Crisis and Progress: The American YMCA in Japan, 1890-1930*, Bethlehem, PA: Lehigh University Press and Associated University Presses, April 1998.

This monograph on the role of cultural imperialism in the interaction of American Christian missionaries and Japanese Christians shows American cultural power in East Asia and its limits in the early twentieth century including the successful resistance of Japanese Christians to the American role in the Japanese YMCA.

- Book in Progress, "The Dissenter's Guide to American History," reconnects dissent to the core of American life and the rise of freedom. The book pilots the reader through the successes and failures of opposition movements, pointing out ample lessons for present-day dissenters.
- Book in Progress, "Seven Myths of Westernization in the Twentieth Century and the People Who Debunked Them." The idea that the non-West will become like the West has been a very durable notion, but it is supported by misleading and false assumptions. The book explores these myths and those who debunked them.
- Book in Progress, "Harold D. Lasswell and the Rise of American Propaganda." Focuses on Lasswell's studies of propaganda as a way to examine the rise of propaganda in the U.S. government in the twentieth century.
- Book Idea, "Global Modernity: The Rise of Indigenous Intellectuals in the Twentieth Century." The book will extend the analysis of *The Limits of Westernization* to other parts of Asia, the Ottoman Empire and modern Turkey, Africa, South America and Oceania to create a global intellectual history of the rise of indigenous intellectuals and their conceptualizing of modernity. The analysis will be rooted in non-western intellectuals' building of modern concepts and their responses to the paradigm of westernization.
- Book Idea, "Witness: Miner Searle Bates and the Rape of Nanking." The book examines the role of Miner Searle Bates as the head of the Nanking University Safety Committee during the Rape of Nanking in 1937 and as a crucial witness during the Tokyo War Crimes Trials a decade later.

Articles and Chapters

- Invited Essay, "The Myth of Western Superiority: East-West Relations in Historical Context," Royal Irish Academy *Journal of International Studies*, Spring 2025.
- Invited Essay, "Liberty Battles: George Floyd, Machiavelli, and American Protest," *Culturico* Magazine, August 26, 2022.
- Invited Essay, "The Myth of Westernization," *Aeon* Magazine, February 9, 2021.
- Book chapter, The Historical Writing of Edwin O. Reischauer, John K. Fairbank and the Limits of Westernization, in *International Society in the Early Twentieth Century Asia-Pacific: Imperial Rivalries, International Organizations, and Experts*, Routledge, 2020.
- Invited Guest Editor, Special Issue: "The Great Game and Great Reforms of Asia, 1850-1940," *Journal of American-East Asian Relations*, December 2014.
- Introduction, Special Issue: "The Great Game and Great Reforms of Asia, 1850-1950," *Journal of American-East Asian Relations*, December 2014.
- Article, "An Intellectual Great Game: The Origins of American and East Asian Concepts of Modernity, 1860-1920," *Journal of American-East Asian Relations*, December, 2014.
- Introduction, "U.S.-Asian Relations in the Twentieth Century: The Growth and Limits of American Power," in *TransPacific Relations: America, Europe, and Asia in the Twentieth Century*, edited by Jon Davidann, Richard Jensen, and Yone Sugita, Westport, Connecticut: Praeger, 2003.
- Book Chapter, "Citadels of Civilizations: United States and Japanese Visions of World Order in the Interwar Period" to appear as a chapter in book, *TransPacific Relations: America, Europe, and Asia in the Twentieth Century*, edited by Jon Davidann, Richard Jensen, and Yone Sugita, Westport, Connecticut: Praeger, 2003.

- Article, "Colossal Illusions: United States-Japanese Relations in the Institute of Pacific Relations, 1919-1938," *Journal of World History*, Vol. 12, No. 1 (Spring 2001).
- Article, "YMCA Cultural Imperialism in Korea And Manchuria After The Russo-Japanese War," *Journal of American-East Asian Relations*, Vol. 5, No. 3-4 (Fall-Winter 1996), appeared Summer 1999.
- Article, "The American YMCA in Meiji Japan: God's Work Gone Awry," in the *Journal of World History* Vol. 6, No. 1 (Spring 1995).
- Article, "Eastern Dakota and Protestant Missionaries: 1835-1850," under revision for resubmission at *Ethnohistory*.
- Article, "Imperialism and Intercultural Interactions: A Critical Analysis and the Dialogic Model," under revision for resubmission at *Positions: East Asia Cultures Critique*.

Book Reviews

- Book Review, *Cold War Democracy: The United States and Japan*, by Jennifer Miller in *History: Reviews of New Books*, (December 2019).
- Book Review, *The International Minimum: Creativity and Contradiction in Japan's Global Engagement, 1933-1964*, by Jessamyn R. Abel, *American Historical Review* (April 2017).
- Book Review, *Culture and Propaganda: The Progressive Origins of American Public Diplomacy, 1936-1953*, by Sarah Graham, *American Historical Review*, (February 2017).
- Book Review, *Christianity and Imperialism in Modern Japan*, by Emily Anderson, *Journal of Japanese Studies*, to be published August 2016.
- Book Review, *East and West and West is East: Gender, Culture and Interwar Encounters between Asia and America*, By Karen Kuo, *Journal of American History*, December 2013.
- Book Review, *The Role of the American Board in the World: Bicentennial Reflections on the Organization's Missionary Work, 1810-2010*, edited by Clifford Putney and Paul T. Berlin, *Pacific Historical Review*, June 2013.
- Book Review, *Oxford Handbook of World History*, edited by Jerry Bentley, *World History Connected*, February 2013.
- Book Review, *Soldier of God: MacArthur's Attempt to Christianize Japan.*, by Ray A Moore, *Journal of Japanese Studies*, February 2013.
- Book Review, *Citizens of a Christian Nation: Evangelical Missions and the Problem of Race in the Nineteenth Century*, by Derek Chang, *Pacific Historical Review*, Vol. 80, No. 4 (November 2011), p. 643.
- Book Review, *America's Geisha Ally: Reimagining the Japanese Enemy*, by Naoko Shibusawa, in the *Journal of American History* (September 2007), 640.
- Book Review, *The Imperialist Imaginary: Visions of Asia and the Pacific in American Culture*, by John R. Eperjesi in the *Journal of American History* (March 2006), 1461.
- Book Review, *The American Merchant Experience in 19th Century Japan*, by Kevin C. Murphy, in *Pacific Historical Review*, Vol. 72, No. 4 (November 2003), pp. 652-653.
- Book Review, *Internationalizing the Pacific: The United States, Japan and the Institute of Pacific Relations in War and Peace, 1919-1945*, by Tomoko Akami, in H-Net, H-US-Japan (November 2002).
- Book Review, *Pacific Pioneers: Japanese Journeys to America and Hawai'i, 1850-1880* by John E. Van Sant, *Shibusawa Studies Journal* (Spring 2002).

- Book Review, *Outposts of Civilization: Race, Religion and the Formative years of U.S. - Japanese Relations*, by Joseph Henning, *Journal of American-East Asian Relations* (August 2001).
- Book Review, *Embracing Defeat: Japan in the Wake of World War II*, by John W. Dower, in H-Net, H-U.S.-Japan (October 1999).
- Book Review, *The Cross in the Dark Valley: The Canadian Protestant Missionary Movement in the Japanese Empire, 1931-1945*, by A. Hamish Ion, *The International History Review*, Spring 2000.
- Commentary for H-Diplo on Akira Iriye's "A Century of NGO's" from *Diplomatic History*, Vol. 23, No. 3 (August 1999).
- Commentary for H-Diplo on "Cold War International History Project Documents on the Sino-American Opening in Bulletin #11," in H-Net, (August 1999).
- Book Review, *Parallax Visions: Making Sense of American-East Asian Relations at the End of the Century*, by Bruce Cumings, H-Net, H-U.S.-Japan, (June 1999).
- Book Review, *Emperor Hirohito and Showa Japan: A Political Biography*, by Stephen Large, *Journal of World History*, Volume 10, Number 1, (Spring 1999).
- Book Review, *The Clash: U.S.-Japanese Relations Throughout History*, by Walter LaFeber, H-Net, H-U.S.-Japan (October 1998).

Manuscript Reviews

- Manuscript reviews for *Journal of American East Asian Relations*, *Journal of World History*, *Journal of American History*, *Pacific Historical Review*, *Diplomacy and Statecraft*, *World History Connected*, *Verge*.
- Manuscript reviews for various publishers of scholarly books and textbooks.

Fellowships, Scholarships, Grants, and Awards

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| 2023 | Departmental Faculty Service Award, History, Humanities, and International Studies Department |
| 2022 | AP Visiting Fellow in African American Studies |
| 2022 | Departmental Faculty Service Award, History, Humanities, and International Studies Department |
| 2021 | Scholar of the Year Award, History, Humanities, and International Studies Department |
| | Service Award, History Fulltime Faculty, History, Humanities, and International Studies Department |
| 2020-2025 | Many NEH Development Grants, Hawaii Pacific University |
| 2020 | Kenneth W. Baldrige Prize for <i>The Limits of Westernization: American and East Asian Intellectuals Create Modernity, 1860-1960</i> |
| 2019 | Scholar of the Year Award, History and International Studies Department |
| 2019 | Nominated, Selected, and Participated in Gilder Lehrman Civil War in American Memory Seminar, Yale University, led by David Blight, June 23-27, 2019 |
| 2018 | Service Award, History Fulltime Faculty, History and International Studies Department |
| 2018 | Scholar of the Year Award, History and International Studies Department |
| 2018 | Golden Apple Award-Distinguished Graduate Teaching, Hawai'i Pacific University |
| 2017 | Fulbright Specialist, Ghent University, Ghent Belgium |

2017	Sara Connis Faculty Research Award
2015-2019	KAKENHI Scholar, <i>International Society in the Early Twentieth Century Asia-Pacific: Imperial Rivalries, International Organizations, and Experts</i> , Japanese Ministry of Education Research Grant, Osaka University
2016	CLA CCEP Grant, Hawai'i Pacific University
2016	NEH History Faculty Development Grant, Hawai'i Pacific University
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2014	NEH History Faculty Development Grant, Hawai'i Pacific University
2013	Hawai'i Pacific University Trustees Scholarly Endeavors Grant
2012	Hawai'i Pacific University Trustees Scholarly Endeavors Grant
2007-2010	Hawaii Council for Humanities Grant to run Workshop in World History for Social Studies
2010	NEH History Faculty Development Grant, Hawai'i Pacific University
2009	Golden Apple Award-Excellence in Scholarship, Hawai'i Pacific University
2008	Visiting Fellow, Harris Manchester College Summer Research Institute at the University of Oxford.
2005	Hawai'i Pacific University Trustees Scholarly Endeavors Grant
2005	NEH History Faculty Development Grant, Hawai'i Pacific University
2003	Hawai'i Pacific University Trustees Scholarly Endeavors Grant
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2001	Hawai'i Pacific University Trustees Scholarly Endeavors Grant
2001	NEH History Faculty Development Grant, Hawai'i Pacific University
1999	Hawai'i Pacific University Trustees Scholarly Endeavors Grant
1997	Hawai'i Pacific University Trustees Scholarly Endeavors Grant
1993	Foreign Language and Area Summer Studies Fellowship, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
1992-93	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

Outside Fund-Raising

2025	\$1250 HPU Trustee's Fund for Book Club <i>Children of a Modest Star</i>
2025	\$1250 Stern Memorial Fund for Book Club <i>Children of a Modest Star</i>
2023	\$1500 Stern Memorial Fund for Translation of <i>The Limits of Westernization</i> into Japanese
2023	\$2500 Stern Memorial Fund for Phi Alpha Theta Conference hosted by HPU
2022	\$1000 Stern Memorial Fund for Translation of <i>The Limits of Westernization</i> into Japanese
2020	\$1000 Stern Memorial Fund for HPU Phi Alpha Theta. \$1500 Stern Memorial Fund for research for "Liberty Battles." \$2750 received from Stern Memorial Fund to host the 36 nd Annual Regional Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society Conference, Hawai'i Pacific University.
2015-2020	\$52,252 Research Project "A Transnational History of the Asia Pacific Order: The Setbacks and Regeneration of Cultural Internationalism" funded by a Japanese Ministry of Education (Mombusho) Grant-in-Aide for Scientific Research (KAKENHI), lead grant writer, Professor Hiroo Nakajima, Osaka University.

2017	\$1000 received from private donor to fund archival research on the American Internationalism and Cultural Diplomacy project.
2016	\$3000 received from private donors to fund travel costs to give a paper at the World History Association Conference in Ghent, Belgium.
2016	\$2500 received from Stern Memorial Fund to host the 32 nd Annual Regional Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society Conference, Hawai'i Pacific University.
2015-2016	\$28,125 received from private donors to fund two Hawai'i Pacific University Jerry H. Bentley World History Workshops.
2015	\$6000 received from private donors for Global Wars in the Twentieth Century History Conference.
2007-2010	\$40,825 received from Hawai'i Council for Humanities Grants to run World History Workshops for Social Studies Teachers, Dr. Marc Gilbert co-grant writer

Foreign Language Skills

Four years of Japanese.

Two years of German.

Conference Papers

Conference Paper, "The Western Myth of Democratization and East Asian Realities Before Pearl Harbor," Paris Conference on Arts and Humanities, Sorbonne, Paris, June 17, 2026.

Conference Paper, "The Myths of Westernization: The Myth of the West as the Only Pathway to Modernity," Athens Institute Conference, Athens, Greece, June 3, 2025

Conference Paper, "Harold Lasswell and the Rise of Propaganda," HPU HHIS Conference, November 29, 2024.

Conference Paper, "A Critique of Westernization," Royal Irish Academy, May 1, 2024.

Conference Paper, "Harold Lasswell and Propaganda in the Twentieth Century," World History Association Conference, June 23, 2023.

Conference Paper, "The Rise of Propaganda in the Twentieth Century," World History Association Conference, June 23, 2022.

Meet the Author Session, "Cross-Cultural Encounters in Modern World History, second edition," World History Association Conference online, July 9, 2021.

Meet the Author Session, "The Limits of Westernization: American and East Asian Intellectuals Create Modernity, 1860-1960," World History Association Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 29, 2019.

Keynote Address, "The Limits of Westernization: Comparing Turkish and Japanese Modernization," Global History Student Conference, Istanbul, 2018, Istanbul Sehir University, June 23, 2018.

Keynote Address, "The Limits of Westernization: American and East Asian Intellectuals Create Hybrid Modernity in the 20th Century," Paradigms of Change in Modernising Asia and America, Symposium, Ghent University, Ghent, Belgium, October 13, 2017.

"The Limits of Westernization: East Asian and American Intellectuals Create the Modern World, 1861- 1960," World History Association Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, June 23, 2017.

- “World and Global History: Close Companions or Sworn Enemies,” World History Association Conference, Ghent Belgium, July 2, 2016.
- “Revisiting the Fischer Thesis: New Scholarship on the Causes of the Great War,” American Historical Association Conference, Atlanta Georgia, January 9, 2016.
- “Pearl Harbor Attack in American Memory,” World War II Conference, Capital Normal University, Beijing, China, July 17, 2015.
- “John Dewey and Hu Shih: Modernist Dialogue and Cross-Cultural Friendship in China in the 1920s,” World History Association Conference, Savannah, Georgia, July 2, 2015.
- “World War I in Twenty-First Century Perspective: New Scholarship on the Causes of the War,” Global Wars in the Twentieth Century Conference, Hawai‘i Pacific University, Honolulu, HI, January 16, 2015.
- “The United States, East Asia, and the Sino-Japanese War, 1937-1945: Historical Lessons for the Contemporary World,” World History Symposium, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Hanoi, Vietnam, December 31, 2013.
- “American and East Asian Constructions of Modernity in the Twentieth Century,” World History Association Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 28, 2013.
- “Meet the Authors Session” on Cross-Cultural Encounters in Modern World History, World History Association Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 27, 2013.
- “The United States, Japan and the War in China: Beginnings, Lost Opportunities, and Causes,” World War II Conference, Capital Normal University, Beijing, November 17, 2012.
- “Reservations in World Historical Context,” World History Association Conference, Chair of Panel, Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 27-30, 2012.
- “Japan’s Future after the Tsunami,” World History Association of Hawaii Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, October 20, 2011
- “Reflections on Cross-Cultural Encounters,” World History Association Conference, Beijing, China, July 7-10, 2011.
- “Missionaries, Foreign Policy, and the American Self-Image, 1935-1990: New Cases, New Perspectives,” Comments and Chair of Panel, Society of History of American Foreign Relations Conference, Fall Church Virginia, June 25, 2009.
- “A Roundtable on Sustainability,” EPIC Sustainability Conference, Makaha Resort Conference Center, Honolulu, January 11, 2008.
- “A Roundtable on Globalization,” Hawai‘i Pacific University Faculty Scholarship Day, Honolulu, HI, August 31, 2006.
- “The Seeds of War: The Failure of Cultural Diplomacy in U.S.-Japanese Relations, 1919-1941,” Hawaii Pacific University Faculty Scholarship Day, Honolulu, January 18, 2006.
- “Hawaii Pacific University Master of Arts in World History,” Poster Session, World History: Ten Years Later, World History Conference, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, March 12-14, 2004.
- “The Seeds of War: The Failure of U.S.-Japanese Relations in the Interwar Period,” Hawaii Pacific University Roundtable, Honolulu, HI, February 11, 2004.
- Moderator and Discussant, Panel Session, “Strategic Doctrines and Dilemmas,” 2003 Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast Association Conference (ASPAC). Honolulu, Hawaii, June 21, 2003.
- “The Seeds of War: An Introduction to the Failure of U.S.-Japanese Relations in the Interwar Period,” at Crossroads Conference at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, August 8-10, 2001

- “The Seeds of War: The Failure of U.S.-Japanese Relations in the Interwar Period,” at the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations, Washington DC, June 14-16, 2001
- “China in the American Mind,” at the Helen Foster Snow Symposium, Brigham Young University, Oct 26-27, 2000.
- “Internationalism and Rationalism in U.S.-Japanese Relations in the Interwar Period: Counterpoints in Nationalism and Irrationality in the IPR,” New Zealand Asia Conference, Dunedin, New Zealand, November 26, 1999.
- “Japanese Christian Nationalism,” American Historical Association Conference, Washington DC, January 8, 1999.
- “Japanese Christian Imperialism in Korea after the Russo-Japanese War,” Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAHR) Conference, Washington DC, June 22, 1997.
- “The American YMCA in Meiji Japan: An Intercultural History,” Ethnohistory Conference, Portland, Oregon, November 8, 1996.
- “The Dakota and Missionaries, 1835-1850,” Mid-America Conference on History, Stillwater, Oklahoma, September 17, 1993.
- “Modern Liberal Missions: A Theory of Racial Rhetoric,” Social Science History Conference, Chicago, Illinois, November 8, 1992.
- “The YMCA in Japan,” Social Science History Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2, 1991.

Invited Guest Lectures

- HPU Forum for Constitution Day, “The U.S. Constitution as a Compromise Document,” September 17, 2024.
- HPU Forum for Constitution Day, “The U.S. Constitution and Its Amendments,” September 17, 2023.
- Keynote Speaker, “Propaganda in the Twentieth Century,” 39th Annual Regional Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society Conference, Hawai’i Pacific University, April 1, 2023
- Osaka University, “Fukuzawa Yukichi and Japan’s Distinctive Modernity,” May 11, 2022
- Osaka University, *The Limits of Westernization* Book Talk, May 12, 2022
- Interviewer, “Conversation with Dr. Nitasha Sharma on the History and Experiences of Black People in Hawai’i,” March 24, 2022.
- Panelist, “ThinkTech Hawai’i Burning Issues 2022: An Interactive Panel on Critical National Issues,” February 1, 2022, online.
- Osaka University, Global History Center Lecture Series, “Fukuzawa Yukichi and Japan’s Distinctive Modernity,” October 15, 2021, online.
- Parent’s Day, “Liberty Battles and George Floyd,” October 10, 2021 online.
- HPU Forum for Constitution Day, “The Resilient Constitution,” September 17, 2021, online.
- HPU Forum for Constitution Day, “A History of Constitutional Violations,” September 17, 2020, online
- Invited History Talk, “Intellectuals at War: Edwin O. Reischauer and John K. Fairbank in the Pacific War,” Pacific Historic Parks for USS Arizona Memorial, June 18, 2020,
- HPU Talk Story, Comparing the Spanish Flu to COVID 19, April 20, 2020, online
- Keynote Address (online), “From the Civil War to Civil Discourse: A Journey Through a Life in History,” 36th Hawaii State and Regional Phi Alpha Theta Student Conference, April 1, 2020,
<https://hpu.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=0c609576-6623-4a33-b017-ab840161f1d5>.

Invited Public Lecture, *The Limits of Westernization*, HPU Library Lecture Series, October 14, 2019.

Invited Guest Lecture to Human Body Study Group, Ghent University, Ghent, Belgium, May 26, 2019.

Keynote Address, "The Limits of Westernization: Comparing Turkish and Japanese Modernization," Global History Student Conference, Istanbul, 2018, Istanbul Sehir University, June 23, 2018.

Keynote Address, "The Limits of Westernization: American and East Asian Intellectuals Create Hybrid Modernity in the 20th Century," Paradigms of Change in Modernising Asia and America, Symposium, Ghent University, Ghent, Belgium, October 13, 2017.

Presenter, Ghent University Doctoral School, World and Global History and Encounters Method, Ghent University Institute for Japanese Studies, Ghent, Belgium October 10, 12, 2017.

Satsuma Chair Lecture, Catholic University of Leuven, Leuven, Belgium October 6, 2017.

Research Lecture, "Fukuzawa Yukichi, Edwin O. Reischauer, and the Limits of Westernization," Japan Research Group on Cultural Internationalism, Hongo Hotel, Tokyo University, Tokyo, Japan May 20, 2017.

Public Presentation, "The Japanese-American Community in Hawaii before Pearl Harbor," Pearl Harbor Symposium, co-sponsored by HPU and the National World War II Museum, Honolulu, HI, December 2, 2016.

Host, *Hikawa Maru*, Hawaii International Film Festival, November 4, 2016.

Host, *Crocodile Gennadiy*, Hawaii International Film Festival, November 15, 2015.

Public Presentation, "Energy Sustainability, New Beginnings or a Dead End," Sustainability Week, Hawai'i Pacific University, Honolulu, HI October 22, 2015.

Public Presentation, "The Necessity of the 14th Amendment," at the U.S. District Courthouse, Honolulu HI, October 5, 2015.

Public Presentation, "Asian Exclusion in the 19th and 20th Centuries," at the U.S. District Courthouse, Honolulu HI, October 5, 2015.

Presentation, "Japanese Imperialism," at Hawai'i Pacific University's Jerry H. Bentley World History Workshop, July 23, 2015.

"Keystone XL Debate," A Debate between Dr. Jon Davidann and Paul Thares on the Keystone XL project, Hawaii Pacific University, February 19, 2015.

A Forum on U.S.-Japanese Relations with Professor Togo Kazuhiko, former Ambassador to the Netherlands and foreign policy analyst, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI October 9, 2014.

Public Presentation on the History of Civil Rights called "American Rights Consciousness in the Twentieth Century" at the Hawaii Judiciary History Center, November 8, 2014.

Public Presentation on Women's Voting Rights at the U.S. District Court, "Miner v. Happersett, 1875 Supreme Court Case," U.S. District Courthouse, Honolulu, HI, October 6, 2014.

"The Origins of American and East Asian Concepts of Modernity," at Northeastern University, July 2, 2014.

Public Presentation on "Freedom Riders" Film at a Roundtable on NEH Series, Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle, Chaminade University, January 25, 2014.

American and East Asian Concepts of Modernity in the Twentieth Century," History Department, Capital Normal University, Beijing, China, January 8, 2014.

“Freedom Riders” A Film Showing and Discussion, NEH Series, Created Equal: America’s Civil Rights Struggle, Kapolei Public Library, Kapolei, Hawaii,, November 16, 2013.
 “The True Cost of Oil” in Dr. Andrew Greene’s Environmental Science class, Hawaii Pacific University, September 24, 2013, Hawaii Pacific University, Hawaii Loa Campus.
 “The Emancipation Proclamation and American Freedom” Hawaii Council for Humanities NEH Lecture for Hawaii Teachers at the "Fighting for Freedom: Emancipation and the Civil War" Workshop, Chaminade University, Honolulu, Hawaii, May 25, 2013.
 “John Brown, Abraham Lincoln and Blood Sacrifice in the American Civil War,” NEH Lecture on the Civil War, Kapolei Public Library, January 15, 2013.
 “The Seeds of War: US-Japanese Relations and the Causes of the Pacific War,” History Department, Capital Normal University, Beijing, November 15, 2012.
 “Testing the Limits of Multiculturalism: Immigration to Europe after World War II,” The Global Issues Lecture Series, Hawaii Pacific University, Honolulu Hawaii, October 10, 2012.
 “From Perry to Pearl Harbor: The Origins of the Pacific War,” Pacific Aviation Museum, Honolulu, June 6 and 7, 2009.
 “Hawai’i at the Crossroads,” at the Hawaii Book and Music Festival, Honolulu, May 17, 2009
 “The Causes of Pearl Harbor,” Pacific Aviation Museum, January 17, 2009.
 “Key Ingredients: America by Food” Smithsonian Exhibition, discussion of food in world history, Chaminade University, September 11, 2008
 “Pearl Harbor and U.S. Japanese Relations,” HPU ED 6200, Pacific Aviation Museum, Honolulu, August 5, 2008.
 “Themes in World History,” Hawai’i DOE Social Studies Workshop, Sponsored by Hawai’i DOE, Kaneohe, HI, May 3, 2008.
 “U.S.-Japanese Relations and the Cause of War,” Hawai’i DOE Social Studies Workshop, Pacific Aviation Museum, January 7, 2008.
 “World History: 1500-present,” Hawai’i DOE Social Studies Workshop, Sponsored by Hawai’i DOE, Kaneohe, HI, October 30, 2007.
 “Pearl Harbor and World War II,” Hawai’i DOE Social Studies Workshop, Sponsored by Hawai’i DOE and Hawai’i Council for Humanities, Honolulu, HI, February 17, 2007.
 “Seeds of War: Some Thoughts on U.S.-Japanese Tensions and Our World Today,” Honolulu History Club, Honolulu, HI, May 19, 2006.
 “Approaches to Historical Inquiry-World History,” Hawai’i Department of Education Social Studies Department Heads Meeting, Kaneohe, HI, May 2, 2006.
 Guest lecturer at Rikkyo University in Tokyo Japan, May 25, 2005.
 Keynote speaker at HPU Symposium on Global Citizenship, “The Historical Context of Globalization,” April 25, 2004.
 Introductory talk at Asian and Pacific Affairs Council introducing Professor Ivan P. Hall. Lecture, “The Seeds of War: An Overview of the Failure of US-Japanese Relations, 1921-1941,” 60th Anniversary Pearl Harbor Day Conference, Organized by the National Park Service, Honolulu, HI, December 9, 2001.
 Guest Lecturer at Obirin University in Tokyo, Japan, May 30, 2000.
 Discussion Leader at numerous HPU Viewpoints Film Series, 2004-present.

Interviews and Video Podcasts

- 2022 “Burning Issues for America, 2022,” ThinkTech Hawai‘i, February 1, 2022, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvDezaaHrIM>.
- 2021 Interview with ABC Radio Australia, Aggressions and questions, March 8, 2021 <https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/counterpoint/08-03-21/13219464>
- 2018 Founded a new video podcast series: “History Lens,” on Thinktech Hawaii featuring myself as Co-Host along with Thinktech CEO Jay Fidell. <http://thinktechhawaii.com/?s=History+Lens>
- 2017 Interview on ThinkTech Hawaii, Hate in America, August 17, 2017, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cFgsUTyVSfY&feature=share>
Interview on ThinkTech Hawaii, History of Political Coalitions since the New Deal, August 9, 2017, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KINCYt93GQQ>
Interview on Hawai‘i Public Radio, Patriotism, Jul 3, 2017, <http://one.npr.org/?sharedMediaId=535437797:535437799>
Interview on ThinkTech Hawaii, Impeaching Mr. Trump-A Comparative Analysis, June 1, 2017, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oi8813AaH3k>
Interview on ThinkTech Hawaii, The Role of Racism in the Trump Administration, March 30, 2017, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBcvNPY2BE0>
- 2016 Interview on ThinkTech Hawaii, What Would Jefferson Say: A Perspective on the U.S. Presidency and Politics, December 22, 2016, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mANfMouUBtk&feature=youtu.be>
Interview with Agence France Presse, Abe Shinzo Visit to Pearl Harbor, Denver, CO, December 14, 2016.
Interview on Radio Sputnik on Abe Shinzo Visit to Pearl Harbor, Moscow, Russia, December 6, 2016, <https://soundcloud.com/radiosputnik/abes-visit-to-pearl-harbour-is-a-sign-of-reconciliation-on-the-part-of-japan-jon-davidann>
Interview with Hawaii News Now about Abe Shinzo Visit to Pearl Harbor, December 5, 2016, <http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/33890339/president-obama-japanese-prime-minister-shinzo-abe-to-visit-pearl-harbor-together>
Interview on ThinkTech Hawaii, Remembering Pearl Harbor, November 30, 2016, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T6yKLcz2SxY>
Interview on ThinkTech Hawaii, Provocative Politics, Post-Election, November 9, 2016, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hK-vybOKtUg>
Interview on Hawaii Public Radio, Town Square, A Nation Engaged, September 1, 2016, http://hawaiipublicradio.org/post/town-square-nation-engaged?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+HPRTownSquare+%28HPR%3A+Town+Square%29&utm_content=FeedBurner
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Interview on Brexit Vote on ThinkTech Hawaii, June 28, 2016, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHF7qEbWwow>

- 2015 Interview on Asia in Review, ThinkTech Hawaii Interview on Japanese Diplomacy, December 14, 2015, Honolulu, HI
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pcff8mEX5Z4&feature=youtu.be>
 Interview with the BBC reporter for news article on Ricardo Rivera Schreiber, Ambassador to Japan from Peru in 1941,
http://www.bbc.com/mundo/noticias/2015/12/151126_america_latina_ricardo_rivera_schreiber_advirtio_pearl_harbor_ppb
http://elcomercio.pe/mundo/actualidad/peruano-que-advirtio-eeuu-ataque-pearl-harbor-noticia-1861763?flsm=1&ref=portada_home
 Interview on ThinkTech Hawaii, “70th Anniversary of the End of World War II,” August 17, 2015, Honolulu, HI
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8OVotc2Vs>
 Interview on Global Connections ThinkTech Hawaii Video Show, “Reviewing Global Wars in the Twentieth Century,” March 6, 2015, Honolulu, HI
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2jFas59PA5g&feature=youtu.be>
 Interview on The Conversation, Discussing Global Wars in the Twentieth Century, Hawaii Public Radio, January 12, 2015, Honolulu, HI
<http://hpr2.org/post/public-health-legislation-paws-cause-conflict-and-peace-modern-era-volcanoes>
- 2014 Interview on Global Connections ThinkTech Hawaii Video Show, “Sino-Japanese Tensions,” January 30, 2014, Honolulu, HI
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9t4laUv263s&feature=c4-overview&list=UUZ5BKpljXj4Y8Ut164GnSg>
 Interview on National Public Radio (NPR), “Ambassador Kennedy Criticizes Japan’s Dolphin Hunt,” January 22, 2014, Honolulu HI
<http://www.npr.org/2014/01/22/264742893/ambassador-kennedy-criticizes-japans-dolphin-hunt>
- 2013 Radio Interview with Hawaii Public Radio, Conversation, Oil and Gas Prices in Hawaii, March 28, 2013.
<http://www.hawaiipublicradio.org/content/conversation-wednesday-march-28th>
- 2012 Video Interview with TV4 Sweden on Oil in America, March 12, 2012.
http://www.tv4play.se/nyheter_och_debatt/nyheterna?title=nyheterna_22_00&videoid=2172890
- 2011 Video Interview with Think Tech Hawaii Reporter, June 13, 2011,
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nRZtSC2WFO8>.
- 2010 Video Interview with William Sharp on Japanese post-election politics, Asia in Review, Thursday November 19, 2009.
- 2009 Interview with Honolulu Advertiser about “Mystery Sub of Pearl Harbor,” November 13, 2009.
- 2009 Consultant on NOVA documentary, “Mystery Sub of Pearl Harbor,” Filmed on March 26, 2009 on USS Missouri appeared on NOVA in December 2009.

Teaching Experience

U.S. Cultural Diplomacy: Diplomacy of Peoples

Oil: History, Security, and Sustainability

Bubbles Panics and Depressions: A World History of Economic Crisis

History of Oil in the Modern World, 1859 to Present

U.S.-Japanese Relations, 1853 to Present
 World Civilizations, 1500 to Present
 Contemporary Nations: U.S.-Japanese Relations
 American History, Colonial to 1877
 American History, 1865 to Present
 American History World War II to Present
 American History, Gilded and Progressive Age
 American History, Jackson to the Civil War
 American Intellectual History
 Modern Japanese History
 Modern East Asian History
 Social Studies Curriculum and Instruction
 Social Studies Field Experience
 Social Studies Internship

Membership in Professional Organizations

Member of Organization of American Historians, 1994-present.
 Member of American Historical Association, 1996-present.
 Member of World History Association, 1996-present.
 Member of Association for Asian Studies, 1994-present.
 Member of Hawaii NAFSA, 2010-present.

Other

2023	Organizer, 39 th Annual Regional Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society Conference, Hawai'i Pacific University, April 1, 2023.
2012-2019	Founder and Organizer, HPU Global Issues Lecture Series.
2015-2018	Consultant for Hawaii Department of Education, Content Lead to revise High School World History Social Studies Standards
2016	Organizer, 32 nd Annual Regional Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society Conference, Hawai'i Pacific University, March 19, 2016.
2015	Co-organizer with Capital Normal University, Beijing China, Global Wars in the Twentieth Century History Conference, Hawai'i Pacific University, January 17-18, 2015.
2013	PeaceJam Student Conference at HPU-Co-organized and gave Welcome Speech at HPU's PeaceJam Conference as a part of the Global Citizenship Symposium on April 12, 2013.
2012	Chaired a History Department sub-committee which created a marketing PowerPoint for the History Major.
2008-2012	Attended NAFSA Conference as part of Director of Exchange Program duties.
2005	Co-organizer, Conference, "Remembering and Reconsidering: The 60th Anniversary of the End of World War Two in Europe and Asia," At Hawai'i Pacific University and University of Hawai'i, September 25-26, 2005.
2000	Organized and Hosted Conference on US-Asian Relations, "Trans-Pacific Modernity: An American Asia in the Pacific Century," At Hawai'i Pacific University, January 14-15, 2000.