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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Permanent Lecturer, Chiba University	April 2024-present
Assistant Professor, Chiba University	2021-2024
Visiting Research Fellow, Waseda University	2020-2022
Research Affiliate, Council on East Asian Studies, Yale University	2019-2020

EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, Yale University, New Haven, CT December 2019

Dissertation title: “Imperial Pacifism: Kagawa Toyohiko and Christianity in the Asia-Pacific War”

Committee: Daniel Botsman (chair), Fabian Drixler, Mary Lui, Hwansoo Kim

Examination fields: Modern Japan, Modern China, Asian American History

M.A., East Asian Studies, Yale University, New Haven, CT 2012

M.A., International Relations, Fudan University, Shanghai, China 2011

Thesis title: “In Search of Mutual Aid and Peace: Kagawa Toyohiko’s Relations with the U.S. and the Wider World, 1929-1960” (written in Chinese)

Advisor: Edward Yihua Xu (Ph.D., Religion, Princeton University)

B.A., Anthropology (Honors) and Biology, Brown University, Providence, RI 2008

Thesis title: “National Policies and Local Initiatives: Changing Japanese Attitudes Toward Foreign Migrants”

Advisor: Philip Leis; *Second Readers:* Wannan Anderson, Hitoshi Horiuchi

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Primary Instructor

Modern History of U.S.-Japan Interactions, Chiba University

- Designed and taught classes on U.S.-Japan political and cultural interactions
- Highlighted underexplored topics such as film, religion, and Japanese American history

Religion and Globalization, Chiba University

- Designed and taught classes on religion and diversity from a historical perspective

- Course offered as part of general education curriculum

Japan and the World as Viewed from Social Movements, Chiba University

- Designed and taught classes on social movements that have transformed the world
- Offered as part of Japanese Studies program (Language of instruction: English)

Teaching Fellow

Spring 2015

Japan's Modern Revolution, Yale University (Instructor: Daniel V. Botsman)

- Planned and led discussion sections on the history of Tokugawa and Meiji Japan
- Facilitated discussion based on primary source materials such as diaries, memoirs, and travelogues

History of Modern South Asia, Yale University (Instructor: Julia Stephens). Fall 2014

- Planned and led discussion sections on the history of Mughal and British India
- Stimulated classroom discussion by using interdisciplinary materials such as literature, art, and film

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Modern Japanese history, religion and international relations, Christianity in East Asia, transnational history, Asian American history

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

“Cong jidujiao shehui huodongjia dao guowu huodongjia: Hechuan Fengyan yu meiguo yingxiang xia de zhanhou shijie” [From Christian social activist to Christian statesman: Kagawa Toyohiko and the U.S.-influenced postwar world], book chapter in the edited volume, *Quanjiao shiye xia de zongjiao yanjiu wenji* (Zongjiao wenhua chubanshe, 2021), 1027-1070. Written in Chinese.

“Shakaigaku to shakaiteki fukuin: IPR kessei mae no Kashū jinshu mondai sābei o meguru gakkai to Kirisutokyōkai” [Sociology and the Social Gospel: Academic and Religious Motives Behind the Survey of Race Relations Prior to the Establishment of the IPR], book chapter in the edited volume, *Asakawa Kan'ichi to jinbungaku no keisei* (Yoshikawa Kōbunkan, 2019), 231-57. Written in Japanese.

Journal Articles

“The Chrysanthemum and the ‘Saint’: Kagawa’s Statue in the Washington National Cathedral,” *Church History* 89, no. 3 (September 2020): 567-591.

“Kagawa Toyohiko, Topping-ke to America: senchū no kiretsu kara sengo no kankei shūfuku e” [Kagawa, the Toppings, and the United States: from wartime rift to postwar reconciliation], *Toyohiko Kagawa Society Review* No. 24 (Tokyo, August 2016): 73–

102. Written in Japanese.

“Asakawa Kan’ichi to Kagawa Toyohiko: gakumon to taibei kōsaku kara mieru tsunagari” [Asakawa Kan’ichi and Kagawa Toyohiko: the commonalities in their academic and diplomatic commitments], *Asakawa Kan’ichi Kenkyūkai Newsletter* No. 87 (Tokyo, April 2016): 1–9. Written in Japanese.

“The Peacemaking Efforts of a Reverse Missionary: Toyohiko Kagawa before Pearl Harbor,” *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 37, no. 3 (July 2013): 171–76.

“Heiwa o uttaeru Kagawa no rikiryō: Rūzuberuto, Makkāsā, Ri Shōban ni ateta shokan o megutte” [The power behind his appeals for peace: Kagawa’s correspondence with Roosevelt, MacArthur, and Syngman Rhee], *Toyohiko Kagawa Society Review* No. 19 (Tokyo, June 2011): 1–21. Written in Japanese.

TRANSLATIONS

“My Encounter with Women’s Studies,” *U.S.-Japan Women’s Journal* 59 (2021): 63–88; original text by Noriko Mizuta, translated with preface by Bo Tao.

“The Battlefield Experience of Japanese Soldiers in the Asia-Pacific War,” *The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus* 18, Issue 19 no. 2 (October 2020); original text by Yoshida Yutaka, translated with preface by Bo Tao.

“Sun Wen yu Hechuan Fengyan: yi 1920 nian zai Shanghai de huitan wei zhongxin” [Sun Yat-sen and Toyohiko Kagawa: Their Conversations in 1920 in Shanghai], original text by Hamada Naoya, translated from Japanese to Chinese by Bo Tao, *Jindaishi Xuekan* [Journal of Modern History, Central China Normal University], Vol. 9 (2012): 161–176.

INVITED LECTURES

“Kagawa Toyohiko and the Pacific War,” Overseas Ministries Study Center, Princeton Theological Seminary (Online Seminar via Zoom), April 1, 2022

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Organizer, Panel on “Transnational Religious Communities in a Globalized Asia,” Association for Asian Studies annual conference 2022, Honolulu

Organizer, Panel on “Advocating Racial Justice in the Face of War and Exclusion: Liberal Protestant Activists and Returning Japan Missionaries in America, c. 1900-1945,” Association for Asian Studies annual conference 2020 (Cancelled due to Covid-19)

PRESENTATIONS

- “Kagawa Toyohiko ni okeru kyōdō kumiai shisō no tokushitsu: kyūsai to heiwa o mezasu seishin undō to shite,” Society for the History of Social Thought 47th annual meeting, Senshu University, Tokyo, October 15, 2022.
- “Global Asias: A New Approach to Asian Studies,” 3rd Sino-Japanese Young Researchers’ Forum (Zoom), September 24, 2022.
- “Kagawa Toyohiko and the Early Labor Movement in Kobe,” Society for Cultural Interaction in East Asia 14th annual meeting (Zoom), May 7, 2022.
- “Transnational Imaginary: Kagawa-inspired Mythmaking and Community Building in the Interwar Period,” Association for Asian Studies annual conference, Honolulu, March 25, 2022.
- “Nikkeijin kyōsei shūyōjo no naka no Kagawa: Tūrireiku shūyōjo wo rei ni” [Kagawa inside Japanese Incarceration Camps: The Case of Tule Lake Relocation Center], Matsuzawa Forum (Zoom), Kagawa Archives & Resource Center, Tokyo, June 12, 2021.
- “Kagawa Toyohiko: The Image and Reality of the ‘Gandhi of Japan,” Global Japan Studies Seminar (Zoom), The University of Tokyo, March 30, 2021.
- “Imperial Pacifism: Kagawa Toyohiko and Christianity in the Asia-Pacific War,” Historical Legacies of Christianity in East Asia International Workshop, Sophia University, Tokyo, October 3, 2019.
- “Kagawa Toyohiko: The Making of a Global Christian Pacifist,” Digital Projects Lightning Round, American Historical Association annual meeting, Chicago, January 6, 2019.
- “Shakaigaku to shakaiteki fukuin: IPR to Purotesutanto senkyōshi nettowāku no shinpōshugiteki kanshin” [Sociology and the Social Gospel: The Progressive Concerns of the Institute of Pacific Relations and Protestant Foreign Missions], Asakawa Kan’ichi 70th Anniversary Symposium, Waseda University, Tokyo, July 22, 2018.
- “The Chrysanthemum and the ‘Saint’: Kagawa Toyohiko’s Statue in the Washington National Cathedral,” Columbia Religion Graduate Conference, NY, April 7, 2018.
- “Kagawa Toyohiko’s 1938-39 Trip to India: Intersections in Religion and Empire,” Research-in-progress seminar, Japan Foundation, Tokyo, September 27, 2016.
- “Kagawa Toyohiko to Topping-ke no senchū sengoshi” [Kagawa and the Toppings during and after the Asia-Pacific War], Toyohiko Kagawa Society Annual Meeting, Tokyo, July 30, 2015.
- “Taiheiyō sensō zenya ni okeru Kagawa Toyohiko no wahei kōsaku no saihyōka: Rūzuberuto tonō shisōteki kanren o chūshin ni” [A Re-evaluation of Toyohiko Kagawa’s Peacemaking Efforts prior to Pearl Harbor: Shared Concerns with Franklin D. Roosevelt], Toyohiko Kagawa Society Annual Meeting, Tokyo, July 10, 2010.

REVIEWS

Review of *Becoming Yellow: A Short History of Racial Thinking*, by Michael Keevak (Princeton University Press, 2011); published in *Journal of Cultural Interaction in East Asia* 13 (2022): 1-5.

Review of *Distant Islands: The Japanese American Community in New York City, 1876-1930s*, by Daniel H. Inouye (University Press of Colorado, 2018); published in *New York History* 100, no. 3 (Summer 2020): 152-154.

Review of *For God and Globe: Christian Internationalism in the United States between the Great War and the Cold War*, by Michael G. Thompson (Cornell University Press, 2015); published in *Journal of Cultural Interaction in East Asia* 10 (2019): 81-84.

ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS

“Laying Down the Law of Love: The 1936 American Tour of Toyohiko Kagawa” (co-authored with Greg Robinson), *Discover Nikkei*, March 2021.

<<http://www.discovernikkei.org/ja/journal/2021/3/12/toyohiko-kagawa/>>

DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP

“Kagawa Toyohiko: The Making of a Global Christian Pacifist,” Visual narrative created using ArcGIS Storymaps platform: < <https://campuspress.yale.edu/botao/digital-scholarship/>>

PUBLIC LECTURES

Global Citizens Forum January 7, 2016

“Asia within English: English loanwords of Asian origin and their historical background”

- Given at Minoh Association for Global Awareness (MAFGA), Osaka, Japan
- Bilingual lecture in Japanese and English

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Grant-in-Aid (Kakenhi)	2022-2025
East Asian Studies Dissertation Fellowship (Yale)	2018-2019
Waseda University Junior Visiting Researcher Fellowship (Waseda University)	2016-2017
Japan Foundation Fellowship for Doctoral Students (Hitotsubashi University)	2015-2016
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Fellowship (short-term)	July-Sept. 2015
Council on East Asian Studies Summer Travel & Research Grants (Yale)	2013 & 2014
Magna Cum Laude, Brown University	2008

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for Asian Studies

American Historical Association

Toyohiko Kagawa Society, Japan

Asakawa Kan'ichi Kenkyūkai, Japan

The Society for the History of Social Thought, Japan

The Japanese Association for American Studies

Society for Cultural Interaction in East Asia

PERSONAL PROFILE

- U.S. Citizen (naturalized), Permanent resident of Japan
- Secondary education background:
 - Belmont High School (Belmont, Massachusetts) 2001 to 2004
 - Ikeda Junior High School Attached to Osaka Kyōiku University (Japan) 1998 to 2001
- Personal website: <<https://campuspress.yale.edu/botao>>