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Present Work Responsibilities

July 1, 2011 to Present

Overseas Ministries Study Center

New Haven, CT, USA

Director of Program and Community Life

Associate Editor, *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*

Educational Experience

Kyoritsu Christian Institute

Chiba, Japan

Buddhism Study Course ó Taught in Japanese, Audit, 1997-9

University of Edinburgh

Edinburgh, Scotland

New College, Centre for the Study of Christianity in the Non-Western World

Ph.D., 1995. Thesis: óTheology in Japan: Takakura Tokutaro, 1885-1934ö

Aichi Gakuin University

Nagoya, Japan

Basic Accounting Course ó Taught in Japanese, Audit, 1990-1

Karuizawa Japanese Language School

Karuizawa, Japan

Full-time language study, 1986-7

Covenant Theological Seminary

St. Louis, MO, USA

Master of Divinity, Magna Cum laude, 1985

Vanderbilt University

Nashville, TN, USA

B.A. Philosophy and Mathematics, Cum laude, 1980

Four Years Varsity Baseball Scholarship

Publications

In English

Books

Philosophical Theology in East-West Dialogue. Co-authored with Hisakazu Inagaki. Encounter Series (Amsterdam: Rodopi Bv Editions, 2000).

Theology in Japan: Takakura Tokutaro, 1885-1934. American Society of Missiology Dissertation Series, gen. ed., Gary McGee (Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2005).

God the Real Superpower: Rethinking our Role in Missions (Philipsburg, New Jersey: P&R, 2007).

Articles and Chapters

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- Takakura Tokutaro (1885-1934), in Douglas, J.D. ed., *Twentieth-Century Dictionary of Christian Biography* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1995), 375.
- Christianity in Japan: Historical Perspectives • *For Your Intercession* 12 Kingsport, TN: Tokyo/Chiba Church Mission to the World Planting Team (October, 1996).
- The Socio-political Context of the Christian Church in Meiji Japan (1868-1912) • *Premise* IV, 1 (February 28, 1997), 7 (Electronic journal; discontinued as of 2005).
- The Theology of Takakura Tokutaro: An Appeal for a Reappraisal • *Christ and the World* VII (March, 1997): 62-90.
- Nihon no Shingaku: Takakura Tokutaro • *Kyoritsu Bulletin* III, 4 (July, 1997): 1-4.
- Translation in Taisho: From Uemura Masahisa to Takakura Tokutaro • *Japan Christian Review* 63 (1997): 47-67.
- Christian Mission and Culture • *Calvinistic Viewpoint* (The Institute for Calvinistic Studies in Korea) Issue Two (April, 1998): 2,4-5.
- The Challenge of African Christianity • *Christ and the World* IX (March, 1999): 1-16.
- Japanese Mission Boards and Societies, in Moreau, A. Scott, gen. ed., *Evangelical Dictionary of World Missions* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, and Carlisle, Cumbria, U.K.: Paternoster Press, 2000), 514.
- Oceanic Mission Boards and Societies, in Moreau, A. Scott, gen. ed., *Evangelical Dictionary of World Missions* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, and Carlisle, Cumbria, U.K.: Paternoster Press, 2000), 704-705.
- The Gospel for all Nations • *Covenant* 15, 1 (February & March, 2000): 4-7. Available online at <http://www.livingchrist360.com/thelivingroom/resourcesforlife/documents/3928/>.
- Christianity and Other Non-Western Religions • *Worldview* • Francis Schaeffer Institute, Covenant Theological Seminary (Fall, 2001): 1-4.
- Theology in Japan, in Mark R. Mullins, ed., *Handbook of Christianity in Japan*. Handbook of Oriental Studies, Section 5: Japan, Mark Blum, R. Kersten, and M.F. Low, eds., Vol. 10 (Leiden: Brill, 2003), 181-203.
- The Tapestry of Contextualization, in Mission to the World, comp. and ed., *Looking Forward: Voices from Church Leaders on Our Global Mission* (Enumclaw, WA: Winpress Publishing, 2003), 24-30. Also available online in the August, 2006 issue of Mission to the World • InVision Newsletter at http://www2.mtw.org/home/site/templates/mtw_splash.asp?_resolutionfile=templatespath%7Cmtw_splash.asp&area_2=public%2FResources%2FInvision%2F2006%2F08%2FTapestryContext%2Edat&NC=6043X.
- A Call to Examine the Presbyterian Church in Japan • Statement Concerning War • *Presbyterian* XXIX, 2 (Fall, 2003): 103-105.
- Just a Touch and Overflowing Compassion • *Covenant* 19, 1 (Spring, 2004): 6-9. Available online at http://worldwidefreeresources.com/upload/Jennings_JustATouch.pdf.
- Suburban Evangelical Individualism: Syncretism or Contextualization? • in Gailyn Van Rheenen, ed., *Contextualization and Syncretism: Navigating Cultural Currents*. Evangelical Missiological Society Series No. 13 (Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 2006), 159-178. Also published as • Suburban Evangelical Individualism: Syncretism, (Harvie) Conn-textualization, or Something Else? • *Global Missiology* 3.2 (April, 2005), online at <http://ojs.globalmissiology.org/index.php/english/article/view/81>.
- Iranian • Shi'a • Muslim and U.S. • Reformed • Christian Interreligious Dialogue • *Nigerian Journal of Christian Studies* Vol. 1 (2005), 29-49. [Also available online at http://missionstudies.org/archive/conference/1papers/fp/Jennings_rev%20-%20Iranian.pdf]

- Christianity in a New World-Historical Situation.ö Covenant Theological Seminary World Mission Article. Available online at http://worldwidefreeresources.com/upload/Jennings_ChristianityInNewWorldSituation.pdf.
- Christ-Centered Missions,ö in Robert A. Peterson and Sean Michael Lucas, eds., *All For Jesus: A Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Covenant Theological Seminary* (Geanies House, Great Britain: Christian Focus Publications, 2006), 255-270.
- Post-9/11 Christian-Muslim Relations: Lessons from the Global South for U.S. Christiansö *Studies in Interreligious Dialogue* 16, 2 (2006): 215-234.
- Christian Mission and -Glocalø Violence in 2006 A.D. / 1427 H.,ö in Keith E. Eitel, ed., *Missions in Contexts of Violence*. Evangelical Missiological Society Series No. 15 (Padasena, CA: William Carey Library, 2007), 19-47. Also published as •Christian Mission and Glocal Violence in 2007 A.D. / 1428 H.,ö in *Missiology* XXXV, 4 (October, 2007): 397-415.
- Americans and Missions Todayö *Presbyterion* XXXIII, 2 (Fall, 2007): 84-93.
- Godø Zeal for His World,ö in Christopher W. Morgan and Robert A. Peterson, eds., *Faith Comes By Hearing: A Response to Inclusivism* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2008), 220-240.
- Is America a Mission Field?ö *Covenant* 23, 2 (Summer, 2008): 7-9.
- Missions in Asia,ö *Tabletalk* (November, 2008): 18-21.
- Paul in Japan: a Fresh Reading of Romans and Galatians,ö in Brian M. Howell and Edwin Zehner, eds., *Power and Identity in the Global Church: Six Contemporary Cases* (Pasadena, California: William Carey Publishers, 2008).
- A Missional Theology of the Glory of God,ö in *The Glory of God*. Theology and Community Series, eds., Christopher W. Morgan and Robert A. Peterson (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Publications, 2010), 209-233.
- The Deity of Christ for Missions, World Religions, and Pluralism,ö in *The Deity of Christ*. Theology and Community Series, eds., Christopher W. Morgan and Robert A. Peterson (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Publications, 2011), 253-281.
- Who Did They Say That He Is? Four Hopeful and Suffering Generations of Japanese-Reformed Christologiesö *Global Missiology English* Vol 4, No 8 (2011). Available online at <http://ojs.globalmissiology.org/index.php/english/article/view/610>.

Forthcoming Publications

- Japanese Christianity,ö in *The Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization* (Wiley Blackwell, 2011).
- An American Kairos: St. Louis Area Churches and the Dred Scott Court Case of 1846-1857ö *Presbyterion* XXXVIII, 1 (Spring, 2012).
- The 2008 Financial Crisis and the Great Commission,ö in *Missions in Polycentric Dimensions: Essays in Global Theology in Honor of Tite Tienou*.

Other Presentations

- Various audio presentations: <http://www.resourcesforlifeonline.com/search/?query=jennings>.
- Motivations and Obstacles to Interreligious Dialogue Within Our Respective Religious Traditions: U.S. Evangelically Reformed Introductionö and •Conclusion to Evangelically Reformed Christian Papers.ö Institute for Interreligious Dialogue and Presbyterian Church in American Conference in Tehran (June, 2004).
- Sectarian Strife: One International Christian Approachö *Nigerian Journal of Christian Studies* Vol. 2 (2006).

Book Reviews

- Someone or Nothing: Nishitani's Religion and Nothingness as a Foundation for Christian-Buddhist Dialogue*, by Russell H. Bowers. *Japan Christian Review* 63 (1997): 121-123.
- The Recovery of Mission: Beyond the Pluralist Paradigm*, by Vinoth Ramachandra. *Japan Christian Review* 64 (1998): 95-96.
- Ministry & Theology in Global Perspective: Contemporary Challenges for the Church*, ed. by Don A. Pittman, et al. *Japan Christian Review* 64 (1998): 97.
- A History of Japanese Theology*, ed. and trans. by Yasuo Furuya. *Trinity Journal* 19, 2 (Fall 1998): 244-246.
- The Tao Te Ching and the Christian Way: A New English Version*, by Joseph Petulla. *Mission Studies* XVII, 1/2, 33/34 (2000): 303-304.
- Another City: An Ecclesiological Primer for a Post-Christian World*, by Barry A. Harvey. *Mission Studies* XVII, 1/2, 33/34 (2000): 304-305.
- Muslim-Christian Relations: Past, Present, Future*, by Ovey N. Mohammed, S.J. *Mission Studies* XVII, 1/2, 33/34 (2000): 305-306.
- Mission in the Old Testament: Israel as a Light to the Nations*, by Walter C. Kaiser, Jr. *Presbyterion* XXVII, 1 (Spring, 2001): 59-61.
- Quest for Identity: India's Churches of Indigenous Origin, The "Little Tradition" in Indian Christianity*, by Roger E. Hedlund. *Mission Studies* XIX, 1, 37 (2002): 182-183.
- Change Across Cultures: A Narrative Approach to Social Transformation*, by Bruce Bradshaw. *Evangelical Missions Quarterly* XXXVIII, 4 (October, 2002): 520-522.
- No Other Gods Before Me? Evangelicals and the Challenge of World Religions*, ed. by John G. Stackhouse, Jr. *Presbyterion* XXVIII, 1 (Fall, 2002): 125-126.
- Islam at the Crossroads: Understanding Its Beliefs, History, and Conflicts*, by Paul Marshall, Roberta Green, and Lela Gilbert. *Presbyterion* XXIX, 2 (Fall, 2003): 123-124.
- The New Global Mission: The Gospel from Everywhere to Everyone*, by Samuel Escobar. *Presbyterion* XXX, 1 (Spring, 2004): 63-64.
- Irish Jesus, Roman Jesus: The Formation of Early Irish Christianity*, by Graydon F. Snyder. *Missiology* XXXII, 4 (October, 2004): 508-509.
- Transforming Power: Biblical Strategies for Making a Difference in Your Community*, by Robert Linthicum. *Evangelical Missions Quarterly* XL, 4 (October, 2004): 544-546.
- Mission in the Spirit: The Holy Spirit in Indian Christian Theologies*, by Kirsteen Kim. *Mission Studies* 23, 1 (2006): 152-153.
- Al-Jazeera: The Story of the Network That Is Rattling Governments and Redefining Modern Journalism*, by Mohammed el-Nawawy and Adel Iskandar; *Al-Jazeera: The Inside Story of the Arab News Channel That Is Challenging the West*, by Hugh Miles; *The Al Jazeera Phenomenon: Critical Perspectives on New Arab Media*, by Mohamed Zayani, ed. *Presbyterion* XXXII, 1 (Spring, 2006): 58-60.
- Communicating God's Word in a Complex World: God's Truth or Hocus Pocus?* by R. Daniel Shaw and Charles E. Van Engen. *Mission Studies* 23, 2 (2006): 292-293.
- The Changing Face of World Missions: Engaging Contemporary Issues and Trends*, by Michael Pocock, Gailyn Van Rheenen, and Douglas McConnell. *Presbyterion* XXXIII, 2 (Fall, 2006): 126-127.
- Paradigms in Conflict: 10 Key Questions in Christian Missions Today*, by David J. Hesselgrave. *Presbyterion* XXXIII, 1 (Spring, 2007): 55-57.
- African Charismatics: Current Developments within Independent Indigenous Pentecostalism in Ghana*, by J. Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu. *Mission Studies* 24, 1 (2007): 136-137.
- America's Battle for God: A European Christian Looks at Civil Religion*, by Geiko Müller-Fahrenholz. *Presbyterion* XXXIV, 1 (Spring, 2008): 54-55.

The Doctrine of God in African Christian Thought: The Holy Trinity, Theological Hermeneutics and the African Intellectual Culture, by James Henry Owino Kombo. *Mission Studies* 26, 2 (2009): 99.

Rethinking Christ and Culture: A Post-Christendom Perspective, by Craig A. Carter. *Mission Studies* 26, 2 (2009): 288-289.

Global Dictionary of Theology, by William A. Dyrness and Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen, eds. *Presbyterian* XXXV, 1 (Spring, 2009): 62-63.

Translations (Japanese to English)

Presbyterian Church in Japan, General Assembly. "Official Statement Concerning War." Translation approved November, 2002 (<http://worldwidefreeresources.com/upload/4925845a90ccc.pdf>).

In Japanese

Articles

"Kirisutokyo to watashi - jidai to jinsei o furikaeru" (Christianity and Me - Looking Back on Historical Eras and on One's Own Life) Presbyterian Church in Japan, Eastern Presbytery No.1 (April, 1997): 1-2.

"Afurika shingaku no chosen" (The Challenge of African Theology) *Christ and the World* VIII (March, 1998): 1-16.

"Nichijo seikatsu, ibunka taiken, sekaikan" (Daily Life, Cross Cultural Experience and Worldview) *Ho Logos* 2, 4 (October, 1999): 4-5.

"Translation Coordinator's Introduction" of "The Official Statement Concerning War." The Presbyterian Church in Japan "Yasukuni and Peace" Committee News no.19, February 3, 2003 (<http://members.jcom.home.ne.jp/tsudoi/news19.htm>).

Book Reviews

Kindai Nihon Kirisutosha no shinko to rinri (Modern Japanese Christians' Faith and Ethics), by Hiroko Unuma. *Kurisuchan Shinbun (The Christian Newspaper)*, February 11, 2001, 6.

Previous Work Responsibilities

July 1999 to June 2011	<i>Covenant Theological Seminary</i> Professor of World Mission (Associate Professor until January, 2008)	St. Louis, MO, USA
January 2002 to Present	<i>Presbyterian Mission International</i> President	St. Louis, MO, USA
June 2007 to June 2011	<i>Missiology: An International Review</i> Editor	St. Louis, MO, USA
August 2004 to December 2004	St. Louis Chinese Christian Church Interim English-Language Preacher and Teacher	St. Louis, MO, USA
August 1995 to June 1999	Mission to the World Tokyo-Chiba Church-Planting Team, Associate Member	Chiba, Japan
April 1996 to June 1999	Tokyo Christian University International Christian Studies, Assistant Professor	Chiba New Town, Japan
September 1995 to April 1997	Kawagoe Grace Bible Church Presbyterian Church in Japan, Interim Pastor	Saitama, Japan
June 1991 to June 1992	Mission to the World Home Ministry Assignment	Nashville, TN, USA
June 1986 to June 1991	Mission to the World Nagoya Church-Planting Team	Nagoya, Japan
August 1980 to June 1982	Christ Presbyterian Church Youth Ministry Intern	Nashville, TN, USA

Professional Societies

American Society of Missiology
 President, Board of Publications ó June 2006 to June 2007
 Editor, *Missiology: An International Review* ó June 2007 to June 2011
 Evangelical Missiological Society
 International Association of Mission Studies

Ecclesiastical Affiliation

Presbyterian Church in America ó Missouri Presbytery
 Ordained Teaching Elder in Good Standing, October 1985 to Present
 MO Presbytery Mission to the World Committee ó January 2001 to December 2004
 MO Presbytery New Life PCA Advisory Committee ó April 2002 to February 2004
 MO Presbytery Special Church Commission ó July 2006 to April 2009

Professional-Academic International Trips (Since 1997)

Korea	July 1997	
Thailand*	October 1997	
Ghana, Uganda, Kenya	January 1999	
South Africa	January 2000	
Ghana*	July-August 2000	
Slovakia, Poland, Hungary*	July-August 2001	
Brazil	August 2002	
Thailand*, Japan	January 2003	
Iran	October 2003	
Ghana*	December-January 2003-4	
Iran	June 2004	
Malaysia, India, Philippines*	July-August 2004	
Mexico*	January 2005	
Malaysia, Philippines	August-September 2005	
Nigeria, Ghana	October-November 2005	
Japan	October 2006	
Mexico	January 2007	
Ethiopia*	June-July 2008	
France, Italy, Ukraine, Hungary	August 2008	
Zimbabwe	August 2009	
Ethiopia*	January 2010	
Scotland	April 2010	
Japan	July 2010	*led student groups

Volunteer Activities

Anchored Music Ministries ó Board Member, August 2003 to January 2005
Global Missiology ó Editorial Advisor, June 2003 to Present
Nigerian Journal of Christian Studies ó Consulting Editor, November 2004 to Present
 Old Orchard Church ó Small Group Leader, April 2002 to Present
 Presbyterian Mission International ó Board Member, Fall 1999 to June 2011; President, January 2002 to June 2011
 Shadow of a Rock Ministries ó Board Member, August 2003 to Fall 2005

Foreign Languages

Japanese - verbal and written
 Biblical Hebrew - written
 Biblical Greek - written
 Theological German - written

Personal Data

Nationality: USA
 Age: 53 years old
 Spouse: Kathy Teachout Jennings
 Children: Three daughters and two sons-in-law