

## Joseph E. Harroff

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### Education

**Ph.D.** (2018), University of Hawai'i at Manoa

**Area of Specialization: Comparative Philosophy**

- Dissertation Title: "Resolute Agency in Confucian Role Ethics"
- Dissertation Committee: Roger T. Ames (Chair), Cheng Chung-Ying, Ronald Bontekoe, Frederick Lau, and George Tsai
- Comprehensive Exams:
  - Confucian Ethics and Political Philosophy
  - Contemporary Issues in Metaethics
  - Ancient and Modern Ethics and Social-Political Philosophy
  - Political Liberalism and its Discontents
  - Classical Chinese Language Exam (*Mengzi*, *Zhuangzi*, *Mozzi* and other pre-Qin texts)

**M.A.** (2008) Shandong University, Jinan, Shandong, P.R. of China

**Concentration: Chinese Philosophy**

Thesis (written in Chinese): "比較哲學視域下的儒家詮釋學：論朱子與伽達默爾的異同和朱子的經典詮釋學的意蘊" "Confucian Hermeneutics in a Comparative Philosophical Horizon: Zhu Xi and H.G. Gadamer on Understanding Traditions"

**B.A.**, (2002) Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana

**Double Major: Philosophy and East Asian Studies**

### Research Interests

Ethics and Political Philosophy/Comparative Philosophy/World Religions/Asian Philosophies  
Religion and Ecology/Pragmatism/Philosophical Hermeneutics/Environmental Ethics  
Phenomenology/Post-Structuralism/Liberation Theology/Continental Philosophy  
Postcolonial Studies/Critical Race Theory/Cross-cultural Studies/ Comparative Metaphysics  
Feminist Philosophies/ Process Philosophies/Comparative Democratic Theory/Somaesthetics

### Academic Honors & Awards

- 2017 Ralph Waldo Emerson Prize for Best Paper at the 7th Annual International Congress on Ecstatic Naturalism, Drew University
- 2016 Center for Neighborhood Enterprises (CNE) Fellowship Award to develop a culturally diverse and politically relevant bioethics curriculum
- 2013-2014 Center for Chinese Studies University of Hawai'i at Manoa-Peking University Exchange Program Award Recipient
- Overseas Young Chinese Forum (OYCF)-Gregory C. and Paula K. Chow Teaching Fellowship 2012-2013
- UISFL-Title VI Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship 2012-2013
- 2010 Chung-fong and Grace Ning Excellence in Chinese Studies Graduate Student Award

- Mansfield Freeman Fellowship, 2008-2010
- SPAS (School of Pacific and Asian Studies) Conference Best Paper Award by Department of Chinese Studies, March 2009
- Excellent Foreign Student Scholarship, Shandong University, School of Philosophy and Social Development, Department of Jewish Studies and School of International Education; Fall 2005-2008
- Outstanding Foreign Language Scholar, Valparaiso University, Department of Foreign Languages, 2002
- Fellowship for Chinese Language Studies, Valparaiso University, East Asian Studies Dept., Freeman Foundation Grant, Summer 2001
- East Asian Scholarship, Valparaiso University, East Asian Studies Department, Fall 2001
- Member of Phi Sigma Tau Philosophy Honor Society

### **Teaching Experience**

Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy and Religious Studies East Stroudsburg University (Fall 2018-)

Lecturer, Department of Religion, Temple University (Fall 2018)

Adjunct Professor, Department of Religion, Montclair State University (Fall 2018)

Lecturer, Intellectual Heritage Program, College of Arts and Sciences, Temple University (Spring 2018)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy and Religious Studies, East Stroudsburg University (Fall 2017)

Adjunct Professor, World Religions/Comparative and Integrative Studies, Kent State University (Fall 2017)

Adjunct Professor, Philosophy/World Religions/Ethics, Lorain County Community College (Spring 2016 - Summer 2017)

Adjunct Professor, Philosophy/Critical Thinking, Ashland University (Spring 2016 - Summer 2017)

Adjunct Professor, Philosophy, University of Hawai'i at Manoa (2012 - 2016)

Adjunct Professor, Philosophy, University of Hawai'i West Oahu (2013 - 2015)

Visiting Lecturer, Comparative Philosophy/Confucianism/Daoism, Beijing University (Summer 2013)

Graduate Assistant, University of Hawai'i at Manoa (2010 - 2012)

Program Assistant, Asian Studies Development Program—East West Center (2012 - 2014)

Lecturer, English/Philosophy, Hangzhou Normal University (2004 - 2005)

Instructor, English/Philosophy, Shandong University (2002 - 2004)

### **Courses Taught**

Introduction to Philosophy/Morals and Society/Metaphysics/Neo-Confucianism/Phenomenology/Critical Thinking/Theories of Human Nature/Body, Gender, Culture/Mind and Body/Introduction to Asian Philosophy/Introduction to World Religions/Moses, Jesus, Muhammad/Introduction to Ethics/Comparative Religions/Ancient Philosophy (Greek and Roman)/Early Modern Philosophy (European)/Logic/Comparative Philosophy/Confucian Ethics/Daoism/Introduction to Buddhism/Schopenhauer, Kierkegaard, Nietzsche/Ethical Theory/Intellectual Heritage: The Common Good/Introduction to Asian Religions/Yijing, Dao, and Chan/Introduction to Buddhism(Online)/Asian Texts (Online)/Introduction to Religious Studies/Introduction to Eastern Philosophy/Religion and Film

## Online Teaching Skills and Experiences

- Completed Temple University Spring 2018 OTI Training Course (*Canvas*)
- Taught Critical Thinking Online as part of Ashland University's Prison Outreach Program (*Jpay*), Spring 2017
- Certificate of Completion for developing and teaching online courses (*Blackboard*), Lorain County Community College Network, December 2016.

## Book Projects

- *Resolute Agency in Confucian Role Ethics* (Forthcoming with SUNY: Series in Chinese Philosophy and Culture)
- *Tianxia Now: Imagining an Optimal World Order with an Ancient Chinese Concept of the Political* Translation of Zhao Tingyang's 天下的當代性 (2016) with new material on "Jizi's Lost Democracy" (Forthcoming with University of California Press)
- Co-editor with Jea Sophia Oh (West Chester University of Pennsylvania) of *Suffering and Evil in Nature: Asian and American Perspectives* (London: Lexington Books, 2019, Forthcoming)

## Book Chapters, Editorial Work and Journal Publications

- East Asian Regional Editor for the *Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Philosophers* (Forthcoming 2020)
- Co-editor with Kyle Greenwalt (Michigan State University) of Special Issue Commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary of John Dewey's visit to China in *School and Society* 5.2 "Comparative Approaches to Moral Education: Somatic and Democratic Practices in an Intercultural Philosophical Horizon" (Forthcoming)
- "Thinking Through *Tian* 天 as an Ethical Community of Interpretation" in Anthology of Selected Essays from the 8th Ecstatic Naturalism Congress, eds. Iljoon Park and Jonathan Weidenbaum (Lexington Books, Forthcoming)
- "Redemptive Suffering and Ritual Efficacy in *Tian* 天 Anthropomorphism: An Ecstatically Naturalistic Reading of Sacred Selving (*shendu* 慎獨) in Ru (儒家) Role Ethics" Proceedings of 7th Annual International Congress of Ecstatic Naturalism (Awarded Ralph Waldo Emerson Prize for Best Paper) (Forthcoming in edited anthology with Lexington)
- "Appreciating an Amesian Education" in *One Corner of the Square: Essays by the Students of Roger T. Ames*, ed. Joshua Mason and Ian Sullivan (Forthcoming, University of Hawai'i Press)
- "Chinese Metaphysics: A New Name for Some Old Ways of Thinking" Review of *Chinese Metaphysics and Its Problems* (Cambridge, 2015) in *China Review International* (Vol. 22.1, 2017)
- 物化：從霍耐特到莊子, 商丘師範學院學報, 第 32 卷, 第 4 期, 2016 年 4 月 "Reification: From Axel Honneth to Zhuangzi", *Journal of Shangqiu Normal University*, Vol. 32, No.4, April 2016
- Translation of Sham Yat-shing 岑溢成 "The Happy Fish Debate" (魚樂之辨) in *Zhuangzi and the Happy Fish*, eds. Roger T. Ames and Takahiro Nakajima (University of Hawaii Press, 2015)
- "The Body and Human Nature: A Comparative Philosophical Inquiry" in *Papers from the 2012 UT-UH Summer Residential Institute in Comparative Philosophy*, eds. Roger T. Ames, Masato Ishida, Takahiro Nakajima and Shinji Kajitani (University of Tokyo Center for Philosophy, 2013)
- "A Daoist Critique of Reification", Proceedings of the 2011 Uehiro Conference, Cambridge Scholars Press (Cambridge Scholar's Press, 2013)

- Review of *Sagehood* (Cambridge 2009) by Steven Angle for *China Review International*, Vol.17, no.1, 2010
- Review of *Rorty, Pragmatism, and Confucianism with Responses by Richard Rorty* edited by Yong Huang for *China Review International*, Vol. 16, no.2, 2009
- “Growing Enjoyment in the Mencius: Somaesthetic Awareness as a Basis for Ethical Cultivation”, Published in Proceedings for the Leshan Conference in Honor of Roger T. Ames, (Shandong University Press, 2008)
- Translation of Cao Feng’s “回到思想史：先秦名學研究的新路向” [A Return to Intellectual History: A New Approach to Pre-Qin Discourse on Naming], *Frontiers of Philosophy in China*, Vol. 3, No.2 2008
- “傳統的斷裂：朱熹的教育哲學與現代性之危機” [Tradition Ruptured: Zhu Xi’s Philosophy of Education and the Crisis of Modernity], 經學研究集刊第三期 [Journal of Chinese Classical Studies, 3rd Edition, Fall 2007 (國立高雄師範大學范經學研究所 [Institute of Confucian Classics, National Kaohsiung Normal University, Taiwan]
- “The Rhetoric of War and Decline: Thucydides and Mencius” with Andrew R. Murphy, Fall 2006 (Paper presented and published in the proceedings for the Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Sep. 2005)

#### **Conference Papers, Workshops and Presentations**

- "*Qing* 情 as Relational Affect in the Religious Studies Classroom," Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Denver, Colorado, Nov. 17-20, 2018
- "Decentering *tianxia* 天下 with Korean Metaphysics" presented at the NAKPA Annual Meeting, Stanford University, Oct. 18-19
- "Ritual Communities of Interpretation in Confucian Role Ethics" Explorations in Ethics panel at 2018 EWC/EWCA East-West Center Alumni Conference, Seoul, South Korea, August 23-25
- "*Tianxia* Now: A Philosophical Translation of Zhao Tingyang's New Paradigm for World Politics" at the Third Beijing Normal University-Universiteit Leiden Conference on Comparative and Classical Philosophy, Beijing Normal University, August 21-22
- Chair of "Gender, Trustworthiness, and Love in Being Human" Society of Asian and Comparative Philosophy (SACP) meeting at the 24th World Congress of Philosophy, Beijing, PRC, Aug. 19th
- Co-chair with Fang Zhaohui (方朝暉) of two panels on 'Family Reverence (*xiao* 孝), Moral Education, and Governance' at the 24th World Congress of Philosophy *Learning to Become Human* 學以成人, Beijing, PRC, August 13-20, 2018
- "Creative Intelligence and Role-focused Responsibility (*yi* 義) in the Si-Meng Lineage of early Confucian Ethics" presented at the 50th Annual Conference of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy (SACP), *Power and Creativity*, Krakow, Poland, June 8-11, 2018
- "A Somaesthetic Rhythmanalysis Account of 'Optimal Appropriateness' (*yi* 義) in Confucian Role Ethics" 2018 NECCCT/MCCT (Joint Meeting of the Northeast and Midwest Conference on Chinese Thought), University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, April 27-29, 2018
- "Thinking through 'Creative Integrity' (*cheng* 誠): Non-Coercive Ethical Agency in Ecstatic Naturalism and Confucian Role Ethics" at the Eighth International Congress on Ecstatic Naturalism, Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, April 13-14, 2018

- Chair of Colloquium on *Automaticity and Prejudice* with Asia Ferrin, APA Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, California, March 28-30, 2018
- "Resolute Human Becoming in Confucian Role Ethics: An Internalist Theory of Ethical Agency", Society for the Advancement of Comparative Philosophy Meeting, APA Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, California, March 28-30, 2018
- Chair of *Process and Being* panel, Society for the Study of Process Philosophies, APA Central Meeting, Chicago, IL Feb. 21-24, 2018
- "Correlative Cosmology and a Relational Conception of Persons: A Process Reading of Early Confucian Role Ethics through 'Resolute Becoming' (*shendu* 慎獨)", Society for the Study of Process Philosophies, APA Central Meeting, Chicago, IL Feb. 21-24, 2018
- "Rethinking Creativity (*cheng* 誠) in Ru Role Ethics in Light of Post-Guodian Interpretations of Resolute Human Becoming", The International Institute for Field Being, APA Eastern Division Meeting, Savannah, Georgia, Jan.3-6, 2018
- "'Concerning Creativity' (*shendu* 慎獨) in Confucian Role Ethics and Deleuzean Singularity", International Society for Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy (ISCWP), APA Eastern Division Meeting, Savannah, Georgia, Jan.3-6, 2018
- Invited participant in *Naked Text: Revealing Layers of Textual Composition in Ancient China*, EALC, University of Pennsylvania, Dec. 12, 2017
- "Confucian-Christian Dialogue beyond 'Cultural Block Universes': James Legge, Focusing the Familiar, and the Importance of Comparative Philosophy", paper delivered at The First Christian-Confucian Dialogue (organized by the World Council of Churches and the Korea Forum for Science and Life) Luce Center for the Global Church, Seoul, Republic of Korea, Oct. 27-28, 2017
- "The Contemporary Relevance of the Four-Seven Debate in Korean Confucianism: A Focus-Field Dynamic of Embodied Ethical Agency", paper delivered at the Fourth Annual NAKPA (North American Korean Philosophical Association) Meeting, Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, Korea, Oct. 25-27, 2017
- Invited Participant in "Body and Cosmos in China: An Interdisciplinary Symposium in Honor of Nathan Sivin", University of Pennsylvania, Perry World House, Oct. 14-15, 2017
- Invited participant for the first annual workshop on "Canonical Texts and Commentaries" (Princeton University and Renmin University) to be held at the School of Liberal Arts at Renmin University of China, June 18-24, 2017. Delivered a panel presentation on my doctoral dissertation research.
- Seventh Annual International Congress on Ecstatic Naturalism—Suffering and Evil in Nature: Western and Asian Perspectives, "Redemptive Suffering and Ritual Efficacy in *Tian* 天 Anthropomorphism: An Ecstatically Naturalistic Reading of Sacred Selving (*shendu* 慎獨) in Ru (儒家) Role Ethics", Drew Theological School, Drew University, Madison, NJ, April 7-8, 2017
- Participant in faculty seminar with Cora Diamond on "The Difficulty of Reality and the Difficulty of Philosophy," held at Kenyon University, October 20th, 2016
- "From Private Spaces to Happy Places: Liu Zongzhou 劉宗周 on 'Authoritative Persons Must Be Vigilant About their Singularity' 君子必慎其獨也", Eleventh East-West Philosophers' Conference: On Place, Imin Conference Center, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawai'i, May 24-31, 2016
- Commentator on Jonathan Kwan's "Ethical and Aesthetic Judgment in the *Analects*", American Society for Aesthetics (Eastern Division), Philadelphia, April 20-23, 2016

- NEH funded Buddhist Asia: Traditions, Transmissions and Transformations (*This multidisciplinary program offered context-rich engagement with Buddhist teachings, practices and primary texts (in translation), with a focus on how they have shaped and been shaped by cultures and societies throughout Asia.*), East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, May 25- June 26, 2015. I was an active participant and acting curator of the film series for this institute.
- Infusing Chinese Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, July 27 - August 7, 2015
- The Mongols and the Eurasian Nexus of Global History (NEH funded institute that provided participants with five weeks of enthusiastically-delivered and intellectually-absorbing lectures, discussions, museum visits, and films focused on investigating the Mongol period of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries.), East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, May 26-June 27, 2014
- Infusing Chinese and Japanese Religion, Art and Politics into the Undergraduate Curriculum, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, July 21-August 8, 2014
- Infusing Chinese and Japanese Religion, Art and Literature into the Undergraduate Curriculum, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, July 22-August 9, 2013
- Contemporary Chinese Society: A Faculty Development Institute for Building Chinese Studies (A UISFL Title VI project on Chinese Language and Culture Studies), East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, July 1-12, 2013
- Japanese Culture and Society, A Faculty Development Seminar for Wabash College and DePauw University, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, May 20-31, 2013
- Translator and participant at the “Comparative Studies of Humanities and Social Sciences: The View from China” *A colloquium of faculty from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and the University of Hawai’i at Manoa*, October 21, 2013
- Translator and conference facilitator, *International Hermeneutics Conference-Interpreting Philosophical Classics: Chinese and Western*, 國際詮釋學學術研討會中西哲學經典的詮釋, UH Manoa, Feb. 23-24, 2013
- UISFL (U.S. Department of Education Title VI Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language grant) Residential Workshop on Chinese Histories in Global Contexts, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, June 17-30, 2012
- NEH Symposium on Thinking Through Cultural Diversity: Bridging Cultural Differences in Asian Traditions, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, July 12-20, 2012
- Institute on Infusing East Asian Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum, East-West Center Honolulu, HI, July 23-August 10, 2012
- China Seminar for Wabash College and DePauw University, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, July 30th-August 10th, 2012
- University of Tokyo-University of Hawaii Summer Residential Institute in Comparative Philosophy, University of Hawaii at Manoa, July 30th-August 17th, 2012
- “Face to Face With Mencius: Towards a Physiognomic Ethics beyond the Self/Other Dichotomy,” Second Nishan Forum on World Civilizations, Nishan, China, May 21-23, 2012
- Asian Studies Development Program (ASDP) National Conference, Seattle, Washington March 29-31, 2012

- “Radical Family Reverence: Putting the *Oikos* back in *Homo Oeconomicus*”, Tenth Philosopher’s East-West Conference, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, May 16-24, 2011
- “Daoist Critique of Reification”, 2011 Uehiro Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, March 16-18, 2011
- “Finding a Common Faith: Confucian and Pragmatist Religious Experience in Dialogue” presented at the Nishan Birthplace of the Sage Forum/WE Forum for 2010, Shandong, Oct. 15-18, 2010
- “Experiencing a Common Faith: A Deweyan-Confucian Transaction”, Summer Institute in American Philosophy, University of Oregon, July 26-31, 2010
- The Nishan (Confucius’ Birthplace) Forum 2009: A Symposium Celebrating Roger T. Ames’s Academics in Confucianism, “Growing Enjoyment in the Mencius”, June 23-26, 2009.
- Uehiro Cross Currents Philosophy Conference, “David Hume and Mencius on Ethical Discretion”, Mar. 19-20, 2009
- The 20th Annual University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa School of Pacific & Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference, “Beyond Autonomy: A Confucian Critique of the Liberal Self”, Mar. 11-13, 2009
- Philosophy Summer School in China: Ancient Greek Philosophy, Student Participant and Translator, July 15-August 8, 2007
- Translator at Conference on Confucianism in a Postmodernism World, Beijing Language and Culture University, October 10-11, 2006

### **Professional Associations**

American Academy of Religion (AAR)  
 The American Philosophical Association (APA)  
 The International Society for Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy (ISCWP, Since 2010)  
 Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy (SACP)  
 Association of Chinese Philosophers in North America (ACPA)  
 The North American Korean Philosophy Association (NAKPA)  
 American Society for Aesthetics, (ASA)  
 Asian Studies Development Program, East-West Center (ASDP)

### **References**

<p><i>Roger T. Ames:</i>          Professor Emeritus          Department of Philosophy          University of Hawai‘i at Manoa          2530 Dole Street, Sakamaki D-301          Honolulu, HI 96822-2383  <a href="mailto:rtames@hawaii.edu">rtames@hawaii.edu</a></p> <p><i>Robin R. Wang:</i>          Professor of Philosophy; Director of Asian and Pacific Studies; Loyola Marymount University          1 LMU Drive          University Hall 3643</p>	<p><i>Peter Herschoc:</i>          Asian Studies Development Program (ASDP)          Program Director          East West Center          1601 East-West Road          Honolulu, HI 96848          808.944.7070  <a href="mailto:HershocP@eastwestcenter.org">HershocP@eastwestcenter.org</a></p> <p><i>Ronald Bontekoe:</i>          Professor and Department Chair          Department of Philosophy          University of Hawai‘i at Manoa</p>
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