

## EDUCATION

- 1983 B.A., Political Science (International Relations and Political Philosophy)  
University of Massachusetts Lowell
- 1986 M.A.R., Religion/Social Ethics  
Yale University
- 1997 Ph.D., Social Anthropology (L. Keith Brown and Andrew Strathern, co-advisors;  
comprehensive exams passed with distinction)  
University of Pittsburgh

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2024 – present Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science, University of  
Massachusetts Lowell
- 2024 – present Adjunct Professor, Organizational Dynamics Program, University of  
Pennsylvania
- 2023-2024 Visiting Research Scholar, Interplanetary Initiative, Arizona State  
University
- 2014-2023 Visiting Professor, Center for International Education, Waseda University  
(Tokyo, Japan)
- 2023-present Professor Emeritus, University of Texas at Austin
- 2020 Visiting Professor, Department of Literature, History of Ideas, and  
Religion, University of Gothenburg, Sweden (Invited in 2020, cancelled  
due to Covid)
- 2015-2018 Associate Chair, Department of Religious Studies, University of Texas at  
Austin
- 2013-2023 Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Texas at Austin
- 2013-2023 Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin  
(courtesy appointment)
- 2013-2024 Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Fellow, University of Texas at Austin
- 2013-2023 Professor, Program in Human Dimensions of Organizations, University of  
Texas at Austin
- 2006-2012 Associate Professor of Religious Studies, University of Texas at Austin
- 2006-2012 Associate Professor of Asian Studies, University of Texas at Austin
- 2006-2012 Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin  
(courtesy appointment)
- 2001-2023 Faculty Associate, Population Research Center, University of Texas at  
Austin
- 2004-2007 Director, Center for East Asian Studies, University of Texas at Austin
- 2001-2006 Assistant Professor, Department of Asian Studies, University of Texas at  
Austin
- 1999-2001 Research Affiliate, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan

1999-2001	Assistant Professor of Anthropology, California State University, Fullerton
1999	Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan
1997	Instructor, Pennsylvania Governor's School for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh
1996	Instructor, University of Pittsburgh, Department of Anthropology
1994	Teaching Fellow, University of Pittsburgh, Department of Anthropology

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books (monographs)

1. Traphagan, John W. Under contract. Russian translation of *The Practice of Concern: Ritual, Well-Being, and Aging in Rural Japan*. Boston: Academic Studies Press.
2. Traphagan, John W. 2023. Приймаючи непевність Джаз майбутнього, буддійський монах XIII століття та відкриття культур. Ukrainian translation of *Embracing Uncertainty: Future Jazz, That 13th Century Buddhist Monk, and the Invention of Cultures*. Boston: Academic Studies Press.
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4. Traphagan, John W. 2021. *Embracing Uncertainty: Future Jazz, That 13th Century Buddhist Monk, and the Invention of Cultures*. Ottawa: The Sumeru Press.
5. Traphagan, John W. 2021. *The Blood of Gutoku: A Jack Riddle Mystery in Japan*. London: Bales-tier Press.
6. Traphagan, John W. 2020. *Cosmopolitan Rurality, Depopulation, and Entrepreneurial Ecosystems in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Japan*. Amherst, NY: Cambria Press.
7. Traphagan, John W. 2016. *Culture, Science, and the Search for Life on Other Worlds*. Cham, Switzerland: Springer.
8. Traphagan, John W. 2015. *Extraterrestrial Intelligence and Human Imagination: SETI at the Intersection of Science, Religion, and Culture*. New York: Springer.
9. Traphagan, John W. 2013. *Rethinking Autonomy: A Critique of Principlism in Biomedical Ethics*. Albany: State University of New York Press.
10. Traphagan, John W. 2004. *The Practice of Concern: Ritual, Well-Being, and Aging in Rural Japan*. Durham: Carolina Academic Press.
11. Traphagan, John W. 2000. *Taming Oblivion: Aging Bodies and the Fear of Senility in Japan*. Albany: State University of New York Press.

### Books (edited volumes) and Edited Journal Editions

12. Traphagan, John W. (ed.). 2012. *Innovation and Ancestor Ritual*. Special Issue: *Journal of Ritual Studies*. 26(1).
13. Hashimoto, Akiko and John W. Traphagan (eds.). 2008. *Imagined Families, Lived Families: Culture and Kinship in Contemporary Japan*. Albany: State University of New York Press.
14. Traphagan, John W. (ed.). 2007. *Culture, Care, and Aging in Asia: Special Issue of the Journal of Long Term Home Health Care* 25(1).

15. Thompson, C. S. and John W. Traphagan (eds.). 2006. *Wearing Cultural Styles in Japan: Concepts of Tradition and Modernity in Practice*. Albany: State University of New York Press.
16. Thang, Leng Leng, Mui Teng Yap, John W. Traphagan (eds.). 2005. *Aging in Asia: Special Issue of the Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology* 20(4).
17. Traphagan, John W. and John Knight (eds.) 2003. *Demographic Change and the Family in Japan's Aging Society*. Albany: State University of New York Press.
18. Aoyagi, K., P. J. M. Nas, and John W. Traphagan (eds.). 1998. *Toward Sustainable Cities: Readings in the Anthropology of Urban Environments*. Leiden: Institute of Cultural and Social Studies, University of Leiden.

#### Journal Articles (peer reviewed)

19. Gunderson, Jaimie and John W. Traphagan. In press. The Future of Religion as Humans Expand into Space. *Theology and Science*.
20. Traphagan, John W. In press. Space Expansion and Politico-Religious Ideology: A Consideration of Civil Religion and the Future of Space Exploration. *Theology and Science*.
21. Jonathan H. Jiang, Anamaria Berea, Heather Bowden, Prithwis Das, Kristen A. Fahy, Robert Jew, Xiaoming Jiang, Arik Kershenbaum, David Kipping, Graham Lau, Karen Lewis, Philip E. Rosen, Nick Searra, Stuart F. Taylor, John Traphagan. 2023. Message in a Bottle: An Update to the Golden Record. *Earth and Space Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2023EA003042>
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25. He, Lauren and John W. Traphagan. 2021. A preliminary exploration of attitudes about COVID-19 among a group of older people in Iwate Prefecture, Japan. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*. 36:1-19. doi: 10.1007/s10823-021-09423-1
26. Traphagan, John W. 2020. Religion, Science, and Space Exploration from a Non-Western Perspective. *Religions* 11(8): DOI10.3390/rel11080397.
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29. Smith, Kelly and John W. Traphagan. 2020. First, Do Nothing: A Meek Protocol for First Contact. *Space Policy* 54. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.spacepol.2020.101389>
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31. Traphagan, John W. 2019. Deconstructing the Rio Scale: Problems of Subjectivity and Generalization. *International Journal of Astrobiology* 18(5):463-467.
32. Traphagan, John W. 2019. Cargoism and Scientific Justification in the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence. *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*. 54(1): 29 - 45.

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34. Traphagan, John W. 2019. Which Humanity Would Space Colonization Save? *Futures* 110:47-49.
35. Traphagan, John W. 2018. Active SETI and the Problem of Research Ethics. *Theology and Science* 17(1):69-78.
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38. Traphagan, John W. 2017. Do No Harm? Cultural Imperialism and the Ethics of Active SETI. *Journal of the British Interplanetary Society* 70: 219-224.
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45. Traphagan, John W. 2013. Rituelle Modulation, Liminalität und die Nembutsu-Praxis im Bäuerlichen Japan. *Paragrana: Internationale Zeitschrift für Historische Anthropologie* 22(1): 197-213.
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53. Traphagan, John W. 2009. The Oddness of Things: Morality Games and Interpretations of Social Change among Elders in Rural Japan. *Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology* 10(4): 329-347.
54. Kim, H. and John W. Traphagan. 2009. From Socially Weak to Potential Consumer: Changing Discourses of Elder Status in South Korea. *Care Management Journals* 10(1): 32-39.
55. Traphagan, John W. 2008. Embodiment, Ritual Incorporation, and Cannibalism Among the Iroquoians after 1300 C.E. *Journal of Ritual Studies* 22(2): 1-12.
56. Traphagan, John W. 2008. Constraint, Power, and Intergenerational Discontinuity in Japan. *Journal of Intergenerational Relationships* 6(2): 211-229.
57. Traphagan, John W. and Tomoko Nagasawa. 2008. Group Homes for Elders with Dementia in Japan. *Care Management Journals* 9(2): 89-96.
58. Traphagan, John W. 2007. Aging in Asian Societies: Perspectives from Recent Qualitative Research. *Journal of Long Term Home Health Care* 25(2): 16-17. [Co-published in *Care Management Journals* 8(1).]
59. Traphagan, John W. 2006. Power, Family and Filial Responsibility Related to Elder Care in Rural Japan. *Care Management Journals* 7(4): 207-214.
60. Traphagan, John W. 2005. Interpreting Senility: Cross-Cultural Perspectives. *Care Management Journals* 6(3): 145-150.
61. Yap, Mui, Leng Leng Thang, and John W. Traphagan. 2005. Introduction: Aging in Asia—Perennial Concerns on Support and Caring for the Old. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology* 20(4): 257-267.
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63. Traphagan, John W. 2005. Heroes of the Antimodern: “Respect for the Elderly Day” and Writing the Narrative of the Elder Generation in Japan. *Journal of Ritual Studies* 19(2): 99-114.
64. Traphagan, John W. 2005. Multidimensional Measurement of Religiousness/ Spirituality for Use in Health Research in Cross-Cultural Perspective. *Research on Aging* 27(4): 387-419.
65. Traphagan, John W. 2004. Interpretations of Elder Suicide, Stress and Dependency among Rural Japanese. *Ethnology* 43(4): 315-329.
66. Traphagan, John W. 2004. Culture and Long Term Care: The Bath as Social Service in Japan. *Care Management Journals* 5(1): 53-60.
67. Traphagan, John W. 2003. Independence, Security, and the Intergenerational Social Contract: Home-Helper Services and Elder Care in Rural Japan. *Care Management Journals* 4(4): 216-222.
68. Traphagan, John W. 2003. Older Women as Caregivers and Ancestral Protection in Rural Japan. *Ethnology* 42(2): 127-139.
69. Traphagan, John W. and L. K. Brown. 2002. Fast Food and Intergenerational Commensality in Japan: New Styles and Old Patterns. *Ethnology* 41(2): 119-134.
70. Traphagan, John W. 2002. Senility as Disintegrated Person in Japan. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology* 17: 253-267.
71. Traphagan, John W. 2000. The Liminal Family: Return Migration and Intergenerational Conflict in Japan. *Journal of Anthropological Research* 56: 365-385.

72. Traphagan, John W. 2000. Reproducing Elder Male Power through Ritual Performance in Japan. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology* 15: 81-97.
73. Musick, Marc, John W. Traphagan, Harold Koenig, David Larson. 2000. Spirituality and Physical Health in Aging. *Journal of Adult Development* 7(2): 73-86.
74. Traphagan, John W. 1998. Reasons for Gateball Participation among Older Japanese. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology* 13: 159-175.
75. Traphagan, John W. 1998. Localizing Senility: Illness and Agency among Older Japanese. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology* 13: 81-98.
76. Traphagan, John W. 1998. Contesting the Transition to Old Age in Japan. *Ethnology* 37(4): 333-50.
77. Traphagan, John W. 1994. Beyond Relativism and Foundationalism: A Prolegomenon to Future Research in Ethics. *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science* 29(2): 153-172.
78. Traphagan, John W. and Willis Traphagan. 1987. Music, Meaning, History. *Phenomenological Inquiry* 11: 60-71.
79. Traphagan, John W. and Willis Traphagan. 1986. The Nature of Meaning in Music. *ReVision* 9(1): 99-104.

### Book Chapters

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81. Smith, Kelly and John W. Traphagan. In press. Messaging Extraterrestrial Intelligence: Common Assumptions and Problems. In David Dunér and Paul Quast (ed.). *Anthology of Artefacts in Orbit*. McFarland and Co.
82. Traphagan, John W. 2022. Предисловие к российскому изданию. Introduction to the Russian Edition. Boston: Academic Studies Press, pp. 9 – 25.
83. Traphagan, John W. 2021. Contesting Masculinity and Ritual Embodiment in Youth Baseball. In Pamela Stewart and Andrew Strathern (eds.) *Palgrave Handbook of Anthropological Ritual Studies*.
84. Traphagan, John W. 2020. Reinventing Rurality: Hybridity and Socio-spatial Depolarization in Northern Japan. In Wolfram Manzenreiter et al. (eds.) *Japan's New Ruralities: Coping with Decline in the Periphery*. Routledge, Pp. 247-261.
85. Traphagan, John W. and Julian W. Traphagan. 2015. SETI in Non-Western Perspective. In Steven Dick (ed.), *The Impact of Discovering Life Beyond Earth*. Cambridge University Press, Pp. 299-307.
86. Traphagan, John W. 2015. Japanese Religion. In *Understanding the Religions of the World*, Will Deming (ed.). Oxford, Wiley-Blackwell, pp. 167-199.
87. Traphagan, John W. 2015. Equating Culture, Civilization, and Moral Development. In *Imagining Extraterrestrial Intelligence: Anthropocentric Assumptions?* In Steven Dick (ed.), *The Impact of Discovering Life Beyond Earth*. Cambridge University Press, Pp. 127-142.
88. Traphagan, John W. 2015. Anthropology of Sport: Baseball, Fathers, and Self in Rural Japan. In Pamela J. Stewart and Andrew Strathern (eds.), *Research Companion to Anthropology*. Ashgate Publishing.
89. Traphagan, John W. 2014. Anthropology at a Distance: SETI and the Production of Knowledge in the Encounter with an Extraterrestrial Other. In Douglas Vakoch (ed.), *Archaeology, Anthropology, and Interstellar Communication*. NASA History Series, Pp 131-142.

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92. Traphagan, John W. 2011. Culture, Meaning, and Interstellar Message Construction. In Douglas A. Vakoch (ed.), *Communication with Extraterrestrial Intelligence*. Albany: State University of New York Press, Pp. 469-486.
93. Traphagan, John W. 2011. Generations Apart: Burdens, Bad Families, and Elder Suicide in Rural Japan. In Yoshiko Matsumoto (ed.), *Faces of Aging: the Lived Experience of the Elderly in Japan*. Stanford University Press, Pp. 87-108.
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95. Jenike, Brenda and John W. Traphagan. 2009. Transforming the Scripts for Aging and Elder Care in Japan. In J. Sokolovsky (ed.) *Cultural Context of Aging: Worldwide Perspectives, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*. Bergin & Garvey, pp. 240-258.
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100. Traphagan, John W. and Christopher S. Thompson. 2006. The Practice of Tradition and Modernity in Contemporary Japan. In Christopher S. Thompson and John W. Traphagan (eds.), *Wearing Cultural Styles in Japan: Concepts of Tradition and Modernity in Practice*. State University of New York Press, Pp. 2-24.
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#### Audio Publications (Digital Humanities)

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114. Traphagan, John W. and John Kaag. Interviewers. Otherness, Disability, and Beauty: A Conversation with Pulitzer finalist Chloé Cooper Jones. How To Be Wrong Podcast, 31 January 2023.
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244. Traphagan, John W. 2014. Buddhism and Japan's Aging Society. *Dharma World*. Jan-Mar. 40: 4-7.
245. Traphagan, John W. 2011. Editorial Comment: A Fool's Errand? *Journal of Intergenerational Relationships* 9(3): 233-236.
246. Traphagan, John W. 2006. Aging Cities. In Phillipp Oswalt (ed.), *Shrinking Cities, Volume 1, International Research*. Berlin, Germany: Institute for Contemporary Art, Pp. 101-104.
247. Traphagan, John W. 2004. Alternde Städte. In Phillipp Oswalt (ed.), *Schrumpfen Städ. Band 1, International Untersuchung*. Berlin, Germany: Institute for Contemporary Art, Pp. 101-104.
248. Hashimoto, Akiko and John W. Traphagan. 2004. マンガにみる日本の家族 [The Japanese Family as Presented in Manga]. 現代のエスプリ [Gendai no Espuri]. No. 444: 213-219.
249. Traphagan, John W. 1997. Playing Gateball: Japanese Combat Senility with Sport. *The World & I* 12(10): 194-201.
250. Onodera, S., T. Nakamura, S. Aizawa, T. Oikawa, J. Traphagan and T. Watanabe. 1995 金ヶ崎の終戦：高谷野原飛行場をめぐる戦争と平和 [The End of the War in Kanegasaki: War and Peace around Kōyanohara Airfield]. Kanegasaki, Japan: Kanegasaki Insatsu.
251. Traphagan, John W. 1995. Gateball and Elders in Rural Japan. *Association for Anthropology and Gerontology Newsletter* 16(4):3-4.

Book Reviews

252. Traphagan, John W. 2021. *Dark Skies: Space Expansionism, Planetary Geopolitics, and the Ends of Humanity*. *Space Policy*.
253. Traphagan, John W. 2021. *Into the Extreme: U. S. Environmental Systems and Politics Beyond Earth*. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*.
254. Traphagan, John W. 2019. *Religion in Japanese Daily Life*. *Monumenta Nipponica* 72(2): 325-329.
255. Traphagan, John W. 2018. *Placing Outer Space: An Earthly Ethnography of Other Worlds*. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 24(1): 215-216.
256. Traphagan, John W. 2017. *Extraterrestrial Altruism: Evolution and Ethics in the Cosmos*. *Space Policy* 42:81-82.
257. Traphagan, John W. 2015. *Disability in Japan*. *Journal of Japanese Studies* 41(2):473-476.
258. Traphagan, John W. 2013. *Ethics, Aging and Society: The Critical Turn*. *Journal of Long Term Home Health Care* 31(3).



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260. Traphagan, John W. 2011. *The Japanese House: Material Culture in the Modern Home*. *Choice* 48(12): 2360.
261. Traphagan, John W. 2011. *An Anthropology of Biomedicine*. *Choice* 48(8): 1529.
262. Traphagan, John W. 2011. *Japanese Demon Lore: Oni from Ancient Times to the Present*. *Choice* 48(8): 1464.
263. Traphagan, John W. 2011. *Children as Treasures: Childhood and the Middle Class in Early Twentieth Century Japan*. *Choice* 49(2): 372.
264. Traphagan, John W. 2010. *Women and Family in Contemporary Japan*. *Choice* 48(3): 599
265. Traphagan, John W. 2010. *Social Class in Contemporary Japan: Structures, Sorting, and Strategies*. *Choice* 47(10): 2022.
266. Traphagan, John W. 2010. *When Empire Comes Home: Repatriation and Reintegration in Postwar Japan*. *Choice* 47(10): 1989.
267. Traphagan, John W. 2010. *Islam and New Kinship: Reproductive Technology and the Shariah in Lebanon*. *Choice* 47(9): 1736.
268. Traphagan, John W. 2009. *Shots in the Dark: Japan, Zen and the West*. *Choice* 47(2): 289.
269. Traphagan, John W. 2009. *God of Justice: Ritual Healing and Social Justice in the Central Himalayas*. *Choice* 46(11): 2164.
270. Traphagan, John W. 2008. *Handbook of Asian Aging*. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology* 23(4): 403-404.
271. Traphagan, John W. 2006. *Final Days: Japanese Culture and Choice at the End of Life*. *Pacific Affairs* 78(4): 656.
272. Traphagan, John W. 2005. *Identity and Ritual in a Japanese Diving Village: The Making and Becoming of Person and Place*. *Journal of Japanese Studies* 31(2): 424-427.
273. Traphagan, John W. 2003. *Family Change and Housing in Post-War Japanese Society: The Experiences of Older Japanese Women*. *Journal of Asian Studies* 62: 286-287.
274. Traphagan, John W. 2002. *Lives in Motion*. *Journal of Asian Studies* 61(1): 255-257.
275. Traphagan, John W. 2002. *Deeply into the Bone*. *Journal of Ritual Studies* 16(1): 132-134.
276. Traphagan, John W. 2001. *Caring for the Elderly in Japan and the U.S.: Practices and Policies*. *Journal of Asian Studies* 60(2): 558-559.
277. Traphagan, John W. 2000. *The Poetics and Politics of Tuareg Aging: Life Course and Personal Destiny in Niger*. *American Ethnologist* 27(4): 973-974.
278. Traphagan, John W. 1999. *No Aging in India: Alzheimer's Disease, the Bad Family, and Other Modern Things*. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology* 14(1): 91-93.
279. Traphagan, John W. 1998. *Body Projects in Japanese Childcare*. *Australian Journal of Anthropology* 9(3): 329-331.
280. Traphagan, John W. 1995. *Encounters with Aging: Mythologies of Menopause in Japan and North America*. *New Asia Review* 2(2/3): 69-71.
281. Traphagan, John W. 1995. *Wrapping Culture: Politeness, Presentation, and Power in Japan and Other Societies*. *New Asia Review* 2(1): 43.
282. Traphagan, John W. 1995. *Refuge of the Honored: Social Organization in a Japanese Retirement Community*. *New Asia Review* 2(1): 50.
283. Traphagan, John W. 1992. *Introduction to Japanese Tea Ritual*. *Journal of Ritual Studies* 6(2): 154-156.
284. Traphagan, John W. 1990. *Baseball: America's Mirror*. *The World & I* 5(6): 427-433. *Reviews Casey on the Loose and Summer of '49*.

285. Traphagan, John W. and Tomoko Watanabe. 1990. A Common Passion. *The World & I* 5(7): 384-391. Reviews *You Gotta Have Wa* and *Men at Work*.
286. Traphagan, John W. 1989. Hitchhiking through the World of Douglas Adams. *The World & I* 4(11): 476-482. Reviews *The Long Dark Tea-Time of the Soul* and *Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency*.

### Working Papers

287. Anderson, Barbara A., Cheong-Seok Kim, John H. Romani, John W. Traphagan, and Jinyum Liu. 1999. The Effect of Elderly Household Members on School Enrollment of Children in Tibet. PSC Research Report No. 99-438. Population Studies Center, University of Michigan.
288. Anderson, Barbara A., Cheong-Seok Kim, John H. Romani, John W. Traphagan, and Jinyum Liu. 1999. Living Arrangements and Mortality Risks of the Urban Elderly in Yunnan Province, China, 1995. PSC Research Report No. 99-435. Population Studies Center, University of Michigan.
289. Traphagan, J. W. 1998. Localizing Dementia: Aging and Agency among Older Japanese. PSC Research Report No. 98-413. Population Studies Center, University of Michigan.
290. Traphagan, J. W. 1997. Age Grades and Contesting Entrance into Old Age in a Japanese Hamlet. Comparative Study of the Elderly in Asia Research Report No. 97-47. Population Studies Center, University of Michigan.

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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| 2023      | Outstanding Professor of the Year, Human Dimensions of Organization Program, University of Texas at Austin                 |
| 2021      | Elected Full Member, Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society   |
| 2019-2020 | Outstanding Alum, Department of Political Science, University of Mass. Lowell  |
| 2010      | College Research Fellowship, University of Texas   |
| 2003      | Dean's Fellowship, University of Texas (release time of two courses)   |
| 1997-99   | National Institute on Aging Postdoctoral Fellow, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan                         |
| 1998      | Visiting Researcher, Iwate University, Morioka, Japan  |
| 1995-96   | Visiting Research Fellow, University of Tokyo, Institute of Oriental Studies   |
| 1994      | Boren (NSEP) Area and Language Studies Doctoral Fellowship (\$75,000/3 years)  |
| 1994      | University of Pittsburgh Nippon Sheet Glass Summer Intensive Language Fellowship   |
| 1993      | Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Academic Year Fellowship  |
| 1993      | University of Pittsburgh Japan Iron and Steel Graduate Federation Endowment Fund Fellowship in Japanese Studies (declined) |
| 1992      | Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for summer language study in Japan                                     |
| 1992      | University of Pittsburgh Nippon Sheet Glass Summer Intensive Language Fellowship (declined)                                |

**RESEARCH FUNDING***Grants—Federal—Funded*

1998 National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Aging Research Grant R03 AG016111-01 (\$76,250). Project Title: Religion, Well-Being, and Aging in Japan

*Grants—Non-Government—Funded*

2014 IC<sup>2</sup> Institute, University of Texas at Austin (\$20,000)

2010 Toshiba Foundation Conference Grant (\$2,000)

2004 National Consortium for Teaching about Asia Teacher Seminar Grant (\$50,000/year for three years)

2004 Association for Asian Studies, Northeast Asia Council, Small Grant (¥200,000). Project Title: Temple Reconstruction, Depopulation, and Elders in Rural Japan

2004 Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society (\$4,000). Project Title: Temple Reconstruction, Depopulation, and Elders in Rural Japan

1998 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Research Grant (\$5,100). Project Title: Migration, Suicide, and Aging in Rural Japan.

1998 Association for Asian Studies, Northeast Asia Council, Small Grant (¥200,000). Project Title: Migration, Suicide, and Aging in Rural Japan.

1997 Michigan Exploratory Center for the Demography of Aging, Pilot Research Grant (\$5,750). Project Title: Migration, Suicide, and Aging in Rural Japan.

1996 Social Science Research Council/American Council of Learned Societies, Dissertation Write-up Fellowship in Japanese Studies (\$6,000)

1994 Fulbright Doctoral Research Scholarship (¥8,400,000/18 months = approx. \$80,000)

*Grants—University—Funded*

2002 Summer Research Grant, University of Texas (\$8,500). Project Title: Ritual, Well-Being, and Aging in Japan

2000 Untenured Faculty Grant, CSUF, (\$1,000, plus release time). Project Title: Demographic Change and Aging in Japan

**SYMPOSIA AND PRESENTATIONS**Chaired and Organized Symposia and Panels

- 2016 Ethnographic Fieldwork in Japan: A Roundtable in Honor of Keith Brown. Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, October 14-16 (organizer and chair).
- 2012 Astrobiology Science Conference 2012, Atlanta GA. The Significance of Discovering Extraterrestrial Life, (co-organizer).
- 2010 Japan Anthropology Workshop 20th Conference, Austin TX, (convener and organizer).
- 2002 Dreams, Ghosts, and Ancestors: The Afterlife in Contemporary Japan. Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting in Washington DC (organizer).
- 2000 Depopulation, Economic Decline, and Town Saving in Rural Japan: Examples from Tohoku, Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, (organizer and chair).
- 1999 Health and Living Arrangements among Older Japanese: Integrating Demographic and Anthropological Approaches to the Study of Aging in Japan. Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, (organizer and chair).
- 1998 Demographic Change and the Family in Contemporary Japan. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, (co-organized and chaired with Dr. John Knight).
- 1998 Age, Gender, and Family in Japanese Religious Practice. Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Washington DC, (organizer).
- 1994 Life Course Representations among Japanese, Japanese Americans, and Chinese. Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, Association for Asian Studies, Pittsburgh, PA, (chair and organizer).

Presentations

- 2019 Ritual and Social Exclusion Among Samurai Descendants in a Northern Japanese Village. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Vancouver, Canada.
- 2018 Ethnographic Research and Thinking About Aging in East Asia. Panel entitled, Moral Entanglements and Moral Economies of Elder Care in East Asia. American Anthropological Association 2018 annual meeting, San Jose, CA.
- 2018 Discussant, panel entitled Producing Localness in the Everyday. Association for Asian Studies 2018 annual meeting, Washington, DC.
- 2018 Cargo Cults and the Ethics of Active SETI. SoCIA Conference 2018, Reno, NV.
- 2017 Active SETI or Cultural Imperialism? International Space Development Conference. Presented as part of a panel on METI. St. Louis, MO.
- 2016 Constraint and Opportunity: Entrepreneurs and Return Migration in Rural Japan. Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting. Presented as part of a panel entitled, Between Organized Life Course, Slow Life and Innovation? Achieving Sustainability in Contemporary Japan. Seattle, WA.

- 2015 Discussant. Panel on The Politics of Ritualization and the Ritualization of Politics in East Asia. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- 2012 Authenticity, Well-Being, and the Nembutsu Cult in Rural Japan. Presented as part of a panel entitled Religion and Health in East Asia at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting. Phoenix, AZ.
- 2011 Suicide in Post-Disaster Tōhoku. Presented as part of a roundtable discussion on the Tōhoku Daishinsai. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada.
- 2011 Encounters with the Dead in Japan. European Association of Japanese Studies Annual Meeting, Tallinn, Estonia.
- 2010 Discussant. Panel on Anthropologies of the Japanese Aged. Japan Anthropology Workshop 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting, Austin, TX.
- 2009 Respondent. Panel on Ancestor Worship in Asia. American Academy of Religion annual conference, Montreal, Canada.
- 2008 Women's Rights, Power, and Perceptions of Elder Suicide Among Elder Men in Rural Japan. 9th International Women in Asia Conference, Brisbane, Australia.
- 2007 Discussant. Panel on The Social in the Individual, and the Individual in the Social: Pluralistic Approaches to Mental Illness, Suicide and Suffering in Japan. American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Washington, DC.
- 2007 Consuming Old Age: Elder Services, Well-Being, and Elder Care Entrepreneurialism in Japan. Japan Anthropology Workshop Annual Meeting, Oslo, Norway.
- 2004 Generations Apart: Interpretations of Suicide among Older Japanese. Association for Anthropology and Gerontology Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO.
- 2003 Suicide and Declining Health among the Elderly in Rural Japan. Presented as part of a panel entitled In Search of "A Good Life" and "A Good Death": Illness, Suffering, and the Reconfiguration of Death in Japan at the American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Chicago, IL.
- 2003 Shopping, Fast Food, and the Car Culture in Rural Japan. Poster presented at the American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Chicago, IL.
- 2003 Intergenerational Conflict in Japanese Manga: Mothers-in-law and Daughters-in-law in the Filial Family. Colloquium on Global Intergenerational Research, Programs and Policy, Pittsburgh PA
- 2003 Ritual Practice and Terminal Illness among Older Japanese. International Congress on Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences in Florence, Italy.
- 2002 Ancestor Veneration, Dreams, and Collective Well-Being in Japan. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City UT.
- 2002 Ancestral Dreams and Familial Well-Being among Older Japanese. Presented as part of a panel on Dreams, Ghosts, and Ancestors: The Afterlife in Contemporary Japan. Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Washington DC.
- 2001 Senility as Disintegrated Person in Japan. Presented as part of a panel entitled Dementia and Cognitive Disorders: Intersections of Culture and Biology at the American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Washington DC.
- 2001 Senility and the Politics of Self-Actualization in Japan. Invited session at the 17th Congress of the International Association of Gerontology, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2000 Religion, Health, and Aging in Cross-Cultural Perspective. Conference on Religion and Health at California State University, Fullerton CA.

- 2000 The Senile Body in Japan. Symposium entitled The Cultural Construction of Dementia at California State University, Fullerton, CA.
- 2000 Building Symbolic Capital to Stem Amalgamation in a Tôhoku Town. Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- 1999 The Effect of Elderly Household Members on School Enrollment of Children in Tibet. Co-authored with Barbara A. Anderson, Cheong Seok Kim, John H. Romani and Jinyun Liu. Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Presented by Barbara A. Anderson and Cheong Seok Kim.
- 1999 Co-Residence, Health Care, and Quality-of-Life among Older Rural Japanese. Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Boston MA.
- 1998 Out-Migration and Provision of Health Care for The Disabled Elderly in Rural Japan. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia PA.
- 1998 Wishing for a Sudden Death: Ancestorhood and the Fear of Senility among Elderly Japanese. Association for Asian Studies annual meeting, Washington DC.
- 1997 Demographic Change and Intergenerational Conflict Related to Support of the Elderly in Rural Japan. American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Washington DC.
- 1996 Old Age and Continuity in a Rural Japanese Hamlet. American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco CA.
- 1996 Aging and Continuity in a Rural Japanese Hamlet. Midwest Regional Association of Asian Studies conference, Urbana-Champaign IL.
- 1995 Crafting Environments, Cultivating Selves: An Adaptive Strategy for Community Survival in a Japanese Town. International Commission on Urban Anthropology, Symposium on Urban Environmental Issues and Culture, Tokyo, Japan.
- 1994 Age-Grading in Contemporary Japan. Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, Association for Asian Studies, Pittsburgh PA.
- 1992 Beyond Relativism and Foundationalism: Metaphysical Implications of Modern Physics and Christian Mysticism for Research in Ethics. Interdisciplinary Conference on Science, Technology, and Religious Ideas, Lexington KY.

#### Invited Presentations and Other Activities

- 2022 Donahue Lectures, University of Massachusetts Lowell, 26-27 October.
- 2022 Queen's University, Belfast. Department of Anthropology, Risk and Ethics in the Attempt to Contact Extraterrestrial Intelligence. 15 March.
- 2021 Brad Morse Speaker Series, Department of Political Science, University of Massachusetts Lowell. Rethinking Japan's Countryside: The Emergence of Neo-Rurality. 10 March.
- 2019 Seminar: Preparing for First Contact: Protocols and Implications. Tennessee Valley Interstellar Workshop, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS
- 2019 Sagan Meeting. Panel on Ethics of Space Colonization. Keynote symposium. Tennessee Valley Interstellar Workshop, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS
- 2018 Devoted to Toast? Reflections on Aging and Senility in Japan. Keynote Address focused on work of Yuka Sekiguchi for Documentary and Transcultures Colloquium, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia.
- 2018 Rethinking Japan's Countryside: The Emergence of Neo-Rurality. Hokkaido University, Hokkaido, Japan (invited presentation).

- 2018 Making Contact 2018. Workshop on SETI. Breakthrough Listen, University of California, Berkeley. <https://makingcontact2018.com>
- 2017 Entrepreneurs and the Pursuit of Existential Meaning in Rural Japan. German Association for Social Science Research on Japan, Vienna, Austria.
- 2016 Edgework: Risk and Rural Entrepreneurs in Japan. University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. (invited presentation)
- 2015 Entrepreneurs in Rural Japan. Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan. (invited presentation)
- 2015 Entrepreneurs and Return Migration in Iwate. UCLA, Los Angeles, CA., Keynote address. (invited presentation)
- 2014 Religious Pluralism, Ideology, and Culture. University of Ruhr, Germany.
- 2014 Communicating Across the Cosmos panel discussion, SETI Institute, San Jose, CA.
- 2014 Anthropology at a Distance: SETI and the Production of Knowledge in the Encounter with an Extraterrestrial Other. SETI Institute, San Jose, CA.
- 2014 Equating Culture, Civilization, and Moral Development in Imagining ETI: Anthropocentric Assumptions? Symposium on Preparing for Discovery: A Rational Approach to the Impact of Finding Microbial, Complex, or Intelligent Life Beyond Earth, Library of Congress, Washington DC.
- 2014 Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Aging and Global Health. Keynote Speaker: Publishing Workshop, Presenter: Aging and Caregiving Symposium. Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.
- 2013 Negotiating the Afterlife: Emplacement as Process in Contemporary Japan. Invited presentation. Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan
- 2013 Honored Speaker. Culture, Autonomy, and Biomedical Ethics. Annual Conference of the Texas Association of Neurosurgeons. Horseshoe Bay, TX.
- 2012 Respondent. Nature's Embrace: Creating a New Mortuary Ceremony in Contemporary Japan by Dr. Satsuki Kawano. Japan Foundation, Toronto, Canada.
- 2012 Ancestor Ritual, Family Well-Being, and the Nembutsu Cult in Rural Japan. University of Guelph, Guelph, Canada.
- 2011 Elders and Suicide in Post-Disaster Japan. Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- 2011 Ancestor Ritual and Family Well-Being in Japan. Well-Being and Ritual Practice in Japan workshop, German Institute for Japanese Studies, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2010 Culture, Meaning, and Interstellar Message Construction. Astrobiology Science Conference, Houston (NASA), TX.
- 2009 Rapporteur. 60th International Astronautical Congress, 38th Symposium on the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI), Daejon, Korea.
- 2009 Can Ritual Represent a Means of Communication with ET? 60th International Astronautical Congress, 38th Symposium on the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI), Daejon, Korea.
- 2009 The History of Anthropology as Potential Analogy for SETI Research. CONTACT Conference, NASA Ames Research Center, San Jose, CA.
- 2008 Discussant. Panel part of Crazy in Japan: Ethnographic Perspectives on Psychiatry and Mental Illness conference. Council on East Asian Studies, Yale University, New Haven, CT.

- 2008 Being a Good Rōjin: Discourses on Senility in Contemporary Japan. Symposium on Mental Illness in Contemporary East Asian Communities: Responding to Culture, Queensland University, Brisbane, Australia.
- 2008 Some Thoughts from an Anthropologist on Culture, Interstellar Communication, and the Construction of Interstellar Messages. Scientific Lecture Series, SETI Institute, Mountain View, CA.
- 2007 Recollecting the Past: Embodying Memory in Japan. Harvard University, Reischauer Institute, Cambridge, MA.
- 2007 Of Chrysanthemums and Inverted Vs: Anthropology and the Creation of “Japan” in the Western Imagination. Southwestern Section of the Association for the Advancement of Science, Houston, TX.
- 2005 Interpretations of Elder Suicide in Rural Japan. Center for East Asian Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA.
- 2004 Cultural Factors in Dementia: Perspectives from the Anthropology of Aging. Alzheimer’s Association, Chapel Hill, NC (with J. Neil Henderson).
- 2004 Business Honors Program Symposium, University of Texas at Austin. Global Population Trends. Austin TX.
- 2003 Colloquium on Global Intergenerational Research, Programs, and Policy. Intergenerational Conflict in Japanese Manga: Mothers-in-law and Daughters-in-law in the Filial Family. Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2003 McGraw Lecture, Institute of Gerontology. University of Texas at Austin. Being a Good Rōjin: Senility in Contemporary Japan. Austin TX.
- 2002 University of Wisconsin, Madison. Older Japanese and The Politicization of Disability. Madison WI.
- 2001 Pomona College. Culture and Senility in Rural Japan. Claremont CA.
- 2001 Carleton College. Women, In-Laws, and Healthcare for the Elderly in Japan. Northfield MN.
- 2000 University of Pittsburgh. Ancestral Dreams, Religion, and Well-Being in Japan. Pittsburgh PA.
- 2000 Occidental College. Senility, Dementia, and Alzheimer’s Disease in Japan. Pasadena CA.
- 2000 University of California, Los Angeles. Issues in Aging in Contemporary Japan. Los Angeles CA
- 1998 Chatham College. Senility and the Obasuteyama Legend in Japan. Pittsburgh PA.

### Conferences Organized

- 2010 Japan Anthropology Workshop 20<sup>th</sup> Conference, Austin Texas.
- 2005 Association for Anthropology and Gerontology Annual Conference, Austin TX
- 2004 Japanese Families in a Global Age: Conflict and Change, Pittsburgh PA
- 2000 The Cultural Construction of Dementia, Fullerton CA

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES**

- 2018-2019 University Enrollment Strategy Committee
- 2017-2018 Chair, University Financial Aid Committee



- 2016-2017 Vice-Chair, University Financial Aid Committee  
 2013-2015 Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Liberal Arts  
 2011-2014 Curriculum Committee, Human Dimensions of Organization Program in COLA  
 2010-present Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Religious Studies  
 2010-present Undergraduate and Honors Director, Department of Religious Studies  
 2011-2013 LA101 committee Chair  
 2010-2011 Tenure Review Committee, Prof. Kirsten Cather, Department of Asian Studies  
 2009-present Faculty Merit Increase Committee, Department of Religious Studies  
 2009-2010 First Generation Committee Chair, College of Liberal Arts  
 2009-2010 Religious Studies Graduate curriculum committee  
 2008-2010 Accreditation and Assessment Coordinator, Department of Religious Studies  
 2008-2009 Career Services Advisory Committee, College of Liberal Arts  
 2008-2009 Tenure Review Committee, Prof. Robert Oppenheim, Department of Asian Studies  
 2008-2009 University Grievance Committee. Served on grievance case for Prof. Sandy Stone.  
 2008 Tenure and Promotion Review Committee, Pro. Robert Oppenheim, Department of Asian Studies  
 2007-2008 East Asia Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Asian Studies  
 2007-2008 East Asia Curriculum Revision Committee, Department of Asian Studies  
 2007-2008 Search Committee, Department of Religious Studies  
 2007-2008 Planning Committee, Department of Religious Studies  
 2007 SACS Accreditation, Department of Asian Studies, 2007 (Fall). Wrote the accreditation reports.  
 2006-2007 Korea Advisory Committee, Department of Asian Studies  
 2007-2007 Third-year review for Robert Oppenheim, Department of Asian Studies  
 2006-2007 Salary Review Committee, Department of Asian studies  
 2006-2007 Avron Boretz Promotion Committee, Department of Asian Studies  
 2006-2007 Strategic Planning Committee, Department of Asian Studies  
 2006-2007 Ward Fellowship Committee, COLA  
 2004-2008 Director, Center for East Asian Studies

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

### External Service

#### *Manuscript or proposal review for:*

- State University of New York Press, ad hoc
- Harvard University Press, ad hoc
- University of Hawaii Press, ad hoc
- National Science Foundation, ad hoc
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, ad hoc
- Hong Kong Research Grants Council, ad hoc
- Journal of Comparative Family Studies, ad hoc
- Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology, ongoing
- Journal of Intergenerational Relationships, ongoing
- Social Science and Medicine, ad hoc
- Journal of Ritual Studies, ongoing
- Research on Aging, ad hoc
- Ethnology, ad hoc

*External reader for:*

Promotion case for Dr. Denise Saint Arnault, College of Nursing, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, 2019

Promotion case for Dr. Satsuki Kawano, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Guelph, 2016

Promotion case for Dr. Karen Nakamura, Department of Anthropology, Yale University, 2011

Promotion case for Dr. Brenda Jenike, Department of Anthropology, Lawrence University, 2011

Selected Media Appearances and Interviews

BBC World Service, The Documentary episode on First Contact:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0dq1zbx>

Appeared in Documentary, A Message to the Stars. Aired on NHK, WELT, HRT.

<https://www.espressomedia.co.uk/meti/>

Research on Religion podcast: <http://www.researchonreligion.org/category/religion-science>

NPR on Japan Tsunami: <https://www.wbur.org/npr/135160752/in-tsunamis-wake-tough-choices-for-japans-elderly>

NPR Marketplace Morning Report interview on fast food in Japan

Houston Chronicle: <https://www.chron.com/life/article/A-strong-sense-of-community-has-helped-Japanese-1687111.php>

Forbes: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/brucedorminey/2012/09/27/setis-1-factor-will-e-t-actually-be-around-long-enough-to-phone-home/#4ac12c867f56>

Volunteer Work

2012 – 2015 Mentor, American Corporate Partners, Veteran Mentoring Program

2019 – 2022 Advisory Board, IC2 Institute, University of Texas at Austin

2019 – present Advisory Board, College of Fine Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, University of Massachusetts Lowell

Editorships

2014 - 2017 Editor, *Care Management Journals*

2001-2004 Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*

Editorial Board Memberships

*Asian Anthropology*

*Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*

*Journal of Ritual Studies*

*Anthropology and Aging Quarterly*

Contributing Editor

1999-2001     *The Profession* column in the *Association for Asian Studies Newsletter*

Managing Editor

1991-1993     *Journal of Ritual Studies*

Elected and Appointed Positions in Scholarly Societies

2022            Member, Global Outreach Committee, Sigma Xi  
2010-2014      Secretary General, Japan Anthropology Workshop  
2005-2006      President, Association for Anthropology and Gerontology  
2003-2005      President-Elect, Association for Anthropology and Gerontology  
1997-2001      Steering Committee member, East Asia Section of the American Anthropological Association  
2001            Nominations Committee, East Asia Section of the American Anthropological Association

Selected Courses Taught Since 2014

HDO330        Entrepreneurial Ecosystems  
HDO320        Multidisciplinary Methods for Exploring Organizations  
HDO390        Qualitative Research Methods  
RS373M        Biomedicine, Ethics, and Culture  
RS383T        Ritual in Theory and Practice  
RS383C        Religion, Health, and Illness  
RS352         Japanese Religion in the Western Imagination  
RS373         Sentience, Culture, and Religion: SETI  
RS352         Japanese Concepts of Body and Self  
RS373         Sport, Religion, and Society  
RS383T        Anthropology of the Body  
RS383M        Theory and Methods in the Study of Religion  
RS352         Religion and Family in Japanese Society  
RS383T        Ethnographic Research Methods  
RS310         Introduction to the Study of Religion

Musical Activities

Semi-professional jazz drummer: I perform regularly with the Botolph Jazz Trio and the John Groves Trio in the Austin area.

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