

John K. Nelson

Curriculum Vitae

Associate Professor

Department of Theology and Religious Studies

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Education

Ph.D. Sociocultural Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, 1993

M.A. English Literature, California State University, Chico, Ca. 1982

B.A. English, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Ks. 1975

Languages: Japanese (reading, writing, conversation), French (reading, conversation)

Professional Experience

University of San Francisco, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, fall 2000 to present

Position: Associate Professor in East Asian Religions, Director of Asian Studies program

Courses: Tenure-track faculty for undergraduate courses in World Religions, East Asian religions, Japanese Religions, Zen Buddhism, Buddhism in East Asia; graduate courses in Comparative Spirituality (for the department), and in East Asian Societies and Cultures (for the Master of Asia and Pacific Rim Studies, USF Center for the Pacific Rim)

Service: Dean's Medal Selection Committee (2000-2005), Joint University General Education Curriculum Committee (2001-present), Humanities Advisory Committee (2003-present), Undergraduate Steering Committee, Curriculum Review Committee, Undergraduate Advisor, Website Designer (2000-2002)

University of Texas at Austin, Department of Asian Studies, 1994-1999

Position: Assistant Professor, promoted to Associate Professor, December, 1999. (Letter on file). Resigned 2000 to join USF.

Courses: Undergraduate and graduate classes in Japanese Language, Zen Buddhism, Japanese Religions, Japanese Society and Culture, Anthropology of Religion, Graduate seminars on Ritual, Politics, and Power; Anthropology of Religion

Service: Undergraduate Advisor (1997-99), Associate Director, Center for Asian Studies (1995-96); Executive Committee (1994-99), Faculty Salary Review Committee (1995--98), Graduate Program Steering Committee (1995-1996), Title VI Grant Competition Committee

Chair (1995-96); Ongoing committees: Japan Program Curriculum Development, Japan Program Search Committee, Asian Studies Information Network Committee

University of Puget Sound, Department of Religion, 1993-94

Position: Assistant Professor (visiting, one-year term appointment)

Courses: Full-time faculty for classes in Japanese Religions, World Religions, The History of Religion in North America, Popular and Philosophical Taoism, Zen Buddhism and Japanese Culture. Advised departmental and Asian Studies majors on senior theses and projects.

Graduate Training

U.C. Berkeley, Department of Chicano Studies / Ethnic Studies, 1993

Position: Graduate Student Instructor

Course: Delivered course lectures on Religion and Ethnicity, led discussion sections to cover course topics from readings and lectures, advised student projects

U.C. Berkeley, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, 1990, 1992

Position: Graduate Student Instructor

Course: World Civilizations. Delivered introductory lectures as well as lectures on Japan, led discussion sections, formulated and graded examinations and student papers

U.C. Berkeley, Department of Anthropology, 1989-90, 93

Position: Graduate Student Instructor

Courses: Introduction to Anthropology and Japanese Culture. Led discussion sections, advised student projects, graded examinations and research papers, met regularly with supervising professors Jack Potter (1989), Stanley Brandes (1990), George DeVos (1992)

U.C. Berkeley, English Language Program, 1989, 1992

Position: Instructor

Courses: Taught and developed curriculum for the Advanced Academic Writing Class, serving the needs of international students prior to their entering U.C. Berkeley

Previous Career Employment

California State University (Chico), American Language and Culture Institute and the Center for International Studies

Position: Instructor and Consultant, 1987-88, 1980-82

Courses: Taught classes and developed curriculum for international students in composition, study skills, business English, cultural preparedness, and TOEFL, EPT, and WEST test preparation, supervised summer exchange program

Kwassui Women's College, (Nagasaki, Japan) Department of English, 1985-1987

Position: Assistant Professor

Courses: Taught classes in Romantic poets, composition, speech and drama, thesis advising, and pronunciation

Four Seasons Language Institute (Hamamatsu, Japan) 1983-1984

Position: Instructor, Communications Consultant

Courses: Taught and designed classes in cross-cultural communication, giving presentations, and writing skills for executives, managers, and technicians before overseas transfer

Freelance Writer, with publications in *Ford Times*, *Golf Illustrated*, *Journal of Japanese Trade and Industry*, *The Chico News and Review*, *Harbor Light*, etc. (copies available upon request)