

## **Publications for John Nelson**

### **Books** (single author)

- 2000 *Enduring Identities: The Guise of Shinto in Contemporary Japan*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press. Nominated for the 2001 John Whitney Hall Book Prize.
- 1996 *A Year in the Life of a Shinto Shrine*. Seattle: University of Washington Press. (Third Printing, March, 2004). Nominated for the Kiriya Book Prize.

### **Films**

- 2005 *Spirits of the State: Japan's Yasukuni Shrine*. Written and produced by J. Nelson. Distributed by Films Media Group ([www.films.com](http://www.films.com), item KEH 34475).

### **Articles** (\* indicates refereed publications)

- 2007\* Teaching Ritual Propriety and Authority through Japanese Religions. *Teaching Ritual*. Catherine Bell, editor. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2004 Shinto Ritual. *The Encyclopedia of Religious Rites, Rituals, and Festivals*. Frank Salamone, Editor. New York: Routledge.
- 2004\* Shinto and War. *The Encyclopedia of Religion and War*. Catherine Cookson, Editor; David Levinson, Editor and Project Director., 2003.
- 2003\* Social Memory as Ritual Practice: Commemorating Spirits of the Military Dead at Yasukuni Shinto Shrine. *Journal of Asian Studies*. vol. 62 (2): 443-468.
- 2003 Shinto and Religious Freedom. *The Encyclopedia of Religious Freedom*. Catherine Cookson, Editor; David Levinson, Editor and Project Director. London: Berkshire Publishing Group.
- 2003 Shinto Worship. *The New SCM Dictionary of Liturgy and Worship*. Paul Bradshaw, Editor. New York: Macmillan.
- 2003 Myths, Shinto, and Matsuri in the Shaping of Japanese Cultural Identity. *Religion and the Creation of Race and Ethnicity: an Introduction*. Craig Prentiss, editor. New York: NYU Press.
- 2002\* Myths, Missions, and Mistrust: The Fate of Christianity in 16th and 17th Century Japan. *History and Anthropology* 13(2): 93-111.
- 2002\* From Battlefield to Atomic Bomb to the Pure Land of Paradise: Employing the Bodhisattva of Compassion to Calm Japan's Spirits of the Dead. *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 17 (2):149-164.
- 2002\* Tempest in a Textbook: A Report on the New Middle-School History Textbook

- in Japan. *Critical Asian Studies* 34 (1): 129-148.
- 2001 Dynamics and Risks in Organizing a Symposium. *Asian Studies Newsletter*, Fall: 15-17.
- 2001 Signs of Recovery for Japanese Nationalism? The "Citizen Movement" for Reclaiming Cultural Identity through Textbook and Educational Reform. Pacific Rim Report 15, University of San Francisco, Center for the Pacific Rim.
- 2000 Ethnographies, Anthropologies, and Histories Within & Beyond Japanese Religions. *Society for the Study of Japanese Religions Supplement* (23). <http://www.wfu.edu/organizations/ssjr/Bulletins.htm>
- 1999\* Shifting Paradigms of Religion and the State: Implications of the 1997 Supreme Court Decision for Social, Religious, and Political Change. *Modern Asian Studies* 33 (3): 797-814.
- 1997\* Warden+Virtuoso+Salaryman=Priest: Paradigms within Japanese Shinto for Religious Specialists and Institutions. *Journal of Asian Studies* 56(3): 678-707.
- 1997 Shinkan to Jinja (Priests and Shrines). *Ajia no Shukyo to Seishin Bunka* (Asian Religion and Spiritual Culture), edited by Noriyoshi Tamaru and Wakimoto Tsuneya. Tokyo: Shinyoshu.
- 1996\* Freedom of Expression: The Very Modern Practice of Visiting a Shinto Shrine. *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies*, 23 (1/2): 117-153.
- 1994\* Land Calming and Claiming Rituals in Contemporary Japan. *Journal of Ritual Studies* 8(2): 19-40.
- 1993\* Of Flowers and Phalli: Sexual Symbolism at Kamigamo Shrine. *Journal of Japanese Religions* 18 (1): 2-14. Translated into German as "Von Blumen und Phalli: Sexuelle Symbolik im Kamigamo Schrein." In *Müncher Japanischer Anzeiger* 4. (trans. by Dr. Norbert Adami)
- 1992\* Shinto Ritual: Managing Chaos in Contemporary Japan. *Ethnos* 57 (1, 2):77-104.

### **Multimedia Productions**

- 1996 "Japan's Rituals of Remembrance: Fifty Years after the Pacific War." 30 minute documentary film on 1995 war commemoration rituals at Nagasaki's Peace Park and Tokyo's Yasukuni Shrine.

### **Works in Progress**

#### **In Press**

Traversing Religious and Legal Boundaries in Postwar Nagasaki: an Interfaith Ritual for the Spirits of the Dead. *Multiculturalism in the New Japan: Crossing the Boundaries Within*. Nelson Graburn, ed. Oxford: Berghahn Press.

### **Forthcoming**

" A Buddhist Renaissance? Shifting Paradigms and Subverting Traditions within Japan's "Funeral" Buddhist Temples." Submitted to *Journal of Japanese Studies*.

"Tracking the Buddha in Urban Japan: new Maps and Mandalas for Ethnographic Fieldwork."  
Submitted to *City and Society*.

### **Multimedia Works in Progress**

Shinto in Contemporary Japan. 28 min. documentary film. Nelson Productions, Inc. and the University of San Francisco.

### **Selected Reviews**

- 2007 Review of *Yasukuni Mondai*. In *Journal of Japanese Studies*, 33:2, pp. 264-268.
- Review of *Rearranging the Landscape of the Gods*. In *Journal of Japanese Studies*, 33:1, pp. 157-161.
- Review of *Pilgrimages and Spiritual Quests in Japan*. In *Asian Anthropology*, 6 (in press).
- 2006 Review of *Making Pilgrimages: Meaning and Practice in Shikoku*. In *Journal of Contemporary Religion*.
- 2004 Review of *Immortal Wishes*. In *Journal of Japanese Studies*, June.
- 2002 Review of *Religion and Social Crisis in Japan: Understanding Japanese Society through the Aum Affair*. In *Japanese Religions* 27 (2), pp. 221-224.
- 2001 Experiencing Zen in Film. Asia Educational Media Newsletter, 5 (1), Fall., pp. 4-5.
- 2001 "Shinto" by Insight Media. *Japanese Religions* 26 (2), pp. 205-209.
- 2001 Review of *The Oracles of the Three Shrines*. In *Modern Asian Studies* 16, pp. 284-286.
- 2000 Protest and Change to the Beat of the Drum. Review of *The Rousing Drum*. In *Japan Quarterly* 47 (2): pp. 102-105.
- 2000 Review of *Prophets of Peace: Pacifism and Cultural Identity in Japan's New Religions*. In *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 68 (4), pp. 898-900.