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Self-introduction

My original academic background is in history, where my teaching and research have focused on the relationships between philosophy, religion, and society in the Sino-sphere. In this area of research, a recurring interest has been in the indigenization, or glocalization of religion. Currently, I am shifting my research into psychology, and have started as a full-time student in the Master's program in Clinical Psychology at National Dong Hwa University, Taiwan. My focus here will be on the cultural aspects of psychology and counseling, especially as they relate to the Taiwanese environment, which includes Confucianism, Islam and indigenous beliefs.

Abbreviated Resume

2018-current - full time student in the Master's program of National Dong Hwa University Department of Counseling and Clinical Psychology.

2006-current - Associate Professor, National Dong Hwa University History Department, Hualien, Taiwan, courses focusing on cultural history.

2006 - PhD, Harvard University Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations, dissertation: *The Imperial Ancestral Temple in China's Western Han Dynasty: Institutional Tradition and Personal Belief*.

2003-4, 2004-5, Dissertation writing grant, Academia Sinica Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy, Taipei.

1999, MA, National Taiwan University Department of Chinese Literature, Taipei, focusing on Chinese thought, thesis on the Mawangdui Yijing.

Related Publications and Lectures

2018, "Understandings of the Self and Society in Contemporary Taiwan and China: Confucian, Psychological and Self-Help Approaches", paper presented at the 2018 Biannual Conference of the Association of Chinese Studies, Glasgow University, panel organizer and presenter.

2017 "Heaven, Earth and Man in Contemporary Taiwanese Christian Thought", paper presented at the Biannual conference of the European Association of Chinese Philosophy", Basel University, panel organizer and presenter.

2016, "Taiwanese Catholic Ancestral Offerings: Religion, Ethnicity and the Making of Place", paper presented at the East-West Philosophers Conference, University of Hawai'i, submitted for publication to *Tzu Chi University Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*.

2014 – "The Impact of Confucian Concepts on Biblical Translation: Confucian Terminology in the Earliest Russian Orthodox Translation of the New Testament", paper for European Association of Chinese Studies, University of Coimbra, Portugal, published as "Confucian Attitudes at the Intersection of Sino-Russian Relations and Orthodox Missionary Activity in the Late Qing: Prefaces to the 1864 Russian Orthodox Translation of the New Testament", *Tzu Chi University Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*.