


## Lee Yearley

Walter Y. Evans-Wentz Professor of Oriental Philosophies, Religions and Ethics  
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### Bio

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#### BIO

Lee Yearley works in comparative religious ethics and poetics, focusing on materials from China and the West. He is the author of *The Ideas of Newman: Christianity and Human Religiosity* and *Mencius and Aquinas: Theories of Virtue and Conceptions of Courage* (recently translated into Chinese), as well as numerous journal articles and essays in edited volumes.

Professor Yearley holds a Ph.D. from University of Chicago.

#### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Religious Studies

#### ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Walter Y. Evans-Wentz Professor of Oriental Philosophies, Religions, and Ethics, Stanford University, (1993- present)
- Luce Fellow, Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, University of Chicago, (1991-1992)
- Henry Luce Professor of Comparative Religious Ethics, Amherst and the Five Colleges, (1987-1988)
- Professor of Religious Studies, Stanford University, (1968- present)

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

- Honors in Philosophy, Haverford College (1962)
- Rockefeller Fellowship, Rockefeller Foundation (1962-1963)
- Mabelle McLeod Lewis Fellowship, Mabelle McLeod Lewis Memorial Fund (1972-1973)
- National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, National Endowment for the Humanities (1974)
- University Fellow, Stanford University (1974-1977)
- Fellowship, The National Humanities Institute at the University of Chicago (1978-1979)
- Fellowship for University Teachers, National Endowment for the Humanities (1984-1985)
- Peter S. Bing Teaching Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Education, Stanford University (1992)

#### BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Member, Ad Hoc Tenure Review Committee, Harvard University (2005 - 2005)
- Member, Final Selection Committee, Charlotte W. Newcombe Fellowships, The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation (2001 - 2003)
- Member, External Review Committee, Department of Religious Studies, Brown University (2000 - 2000)

- Member, Editorial Board, The Journal of Religious Ethics (1994 - 1994)
- Member, Board of Consultants, The Journal of Religion (1993 - 1993)
- Instructor, National Endowment of Humanites Summer Institutes, Chicago (1986 - 1986)
- Instructor, National Endowment of Humanites Summer Institutes, Berkeley (1987 - 1987)
- President, Council on Graduate Studies in Religion (1983 - 1986)
- Vice President, Council on Graduate Studies in Religion (1981 - 1983)
- Member, Steering Committee, Comparative Religion Section, American Academy of Religion (1981 - 1984)
- Faculty Advisor, Confucian Life and Study Group, Stanford University (2010 - 2012)
- Member, Steering Committee, Program in Philosophy and Literature, Stanford University (2007 - 2012)
- Member, Ethical Reasoning Advisory Board, Stanford University (2005 - 2012)
- Member, Mellon Postdoctoral Selection Committee, Stanford University (2010 - 2011)
- Member, Awards Committee, Center for East Asian Studies at Stanford University (2002 - 2007)
- Member, Ethics and Society Board, Stanford University (2002 - 2008)
- Member, Judicial Board, Stanford University (2001 - 2002)
- Member, Judicial Board, Stanford University (2006 - 2008)
- Member, Search Committee, Philosophy Department, Stanford University (1998 - 1999)
- Member, OSAC Committee, Stanford University (1997 - 1999)
- Member, Search Committee, Program in Ethics and Society, Stanford University (1993 - 1996)
- Member, Faculty Grants Committee, Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University (1994 - 1995)
- Member, Faculty Committee, Program in Ethics and Society, Stanford University (1993 - 1996)
- Member, Committee on Undergraduate Studies, Stanford University (1988 - 1991)
- Member, Review Committee on Extradepartmental Education, Stanford University (1983 - 1984)
- Member, Admissions Committee, Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University (1983 - 1984)
- Member, Selection Committee, Mellon Fellows, Stanford University (1983 - 1984)
- Member, Committee on Faculty Seminars, Stanford University (1980 - 1984)
- Member, Executive Committee and Advisory Board, Stanford Humanities Center (1980 - 1983)
- Leader, Humanities Seminar for Professional Journalism Fellows, Stanford University (1976 - 1978)
- Leader, Humanities Seminar for Professional Journalism Fellows, Stanford University (1980 - 1982)
- Member, Committee on Interdepartmental Majors, Stanford University (1982 - 1983)
- Member, Fellowship Committee, East Asian Studies, Stanford University (1980 - 1981)
- Chair, Subcommittee on the Distribution Requirements, Stanford University (1980 - 1981)
- Chair, Committee on a Possible Humanities Center at Stanford, Stanford University (1979 - 1980)
- Chair, Faculty Committee to Select Courses for Distribution Area IV, Stanford University (1979 - 1980)
- Member, Committee on International Relations, Stanford University (1974 - 1978)
- Member, Graduate Program in Humanities Committee, Stanford University (1968 - 1970)
- Member, Graduate Program in Humanities Committee, Stanford University (1971 - 1972)
- Member, Graduate Program in Humanities Committee, Stanford University (1976 - 1977)
- Member, Awards Committee, Committee on Research in International Studies, Stanford University (1977 - 1978)
- Director, Danforth Summer Workshop on the Teaching of Religion, Stanford University (1976 - 1976)

- Chair, Committee on the Reform and Renewal of Liberal Education at Stanford, Stanford University (1974 - 1976)
- Member, Steering Committee, Medieval Studies Program, Stanford University (1973 - 1976)
- Member, Campus Judicial Panel, Stanford University (1973 - 1975)
- Member, Steering Committee, Values, Technology, and Society Program, Stanford University (1971 - 1972)
- Member, Committee of Fifteen, Stanford University (1970 - 1972)
- Chair, Religious Studies, Stanford University (1990 - 1996)
- Acting Chair, Religious Studies, Stanford University (1988 - 1989)
- Graduate Director, Religious Studies, Stanford University (1977 - 1978)
- Graduate Director, Religious Studies, Stanford University (1979 - 1982)
- Graduate Director, Religious Studies, Stanford University (1983 - 1984)
- Chair, Faculty Search Committee in Religious Studies, Stanford University (1972 - 1973)
- Chair, Faculty Search Committee in Religious Studies, Stanford University (1974 - 1974)
- Chair, Faculty Search Committee in Religious Studies, Stanford University (1975 - 1975)
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- Chair, Faculty Search Committee in Religious Studies, Stanford University (1981 - 1982)
- Chair, Faculty Search Committee in Religious Studies, Stanford University (1986 - 1986)
- Chair, Faculty Search Committee in Religious Studies, Stanford University (1987 - 1987)
- Chair, Faculty Search Committee in Religious Studies, Stanford University (1997 - 1998)
- Chair, Faculty Search Committee in Religious Studies, Stanford University (1998 - 1999)
- Undergraduate Director, Religious Studies, Stanford University (1973 - 1977)
- Undergraduate Director, Religious Studies, Stanford University (1985 - 1987)

## PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Center for East Asian Studies
- Philosophy and Literature

## PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Divinity School, University of Chicago (1969)
- M.A., Divinity School, University of Chicago (1966)
- B.A., Haverford College (1962)

## LINKS

- Professor Yearley - Department of Religious Studies: <http://religiousstudies.stanford.edu/people/lee-yearley/>

## Teaching

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### COURSES

#### 2022-23

- Perspectives on the Good Life: RELIGST 12N (Spr)

#### 2021-22

- Perspectives on the Good Life: RELIGST 12N (Spr)
- Religion and Literature: RELIGST 283 (Spr)

- Theories and Methods: RELIGST 304B (Win)
- Zhuangzi: RELIGST 212 (Win)

#### 2020-21

- Goodness and the Literary Imagination: RELIGST 286 (Spr)
- Perspectives on the Good Life: RELIGST 12N (Spr)
- Zhuangzi: RELIGST 212 (Win, Sum)

#### 2019-20

- Religion and Literature: RELIGST 283 (Win)
- Theories and Methods: RELIGST 304B (Win)

## Publications

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### PUBLICATIONS

- **Freud and China: The Pursuit of the Self and Other Fugitive Notions** *China and Freud*  
Yearley, L. H.  
edited by Jiang, T., Ivanhoe, P. J.  
New York: Routledge.2012: 310–363
- **Freud and Zhuangzi: Resonances and Contrasts in Their Pursuit of the Self and Other Fugitive Notions** *China and Freud*  
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edited by Jiang, T., Ivanhoe, P. J.  
New York: Routledge.2012: 404–474
- **Virtue Ethics in Ancient China: Light Shed and Shadows Cast** *How Should One Live? Comparing Ethics in Ancient China and Greco-Roman Antiquity*  
Yearley, L. H.  
edited by King, R., Schilling, D.  
Berlin: De Gruyter Verlag.2011: 121–151
- **Poetic Language: Zhuangzi and Du Fu's Poetic Ideals** *Ethics in Early China*  
Yearley, L. H.  
edited by Frasier, C., O'Leary, T., Robins, D.  
Hong Kong: University of Hong Kong Press.2011: 209–228
- **Mengzi yu Akuina: meide lilun yu yonggan gainian**  
Yearley, L. H., Translated by Zhonglian, S.  
Beijing: Zhongguo shehui kexue chubanshe.2011
- **ETHICS OF BEWILDERMENT** *JOURNAL OF RELIGIOUS ETHICS*  
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2010; 38 (3): 436-460
- **The Perfected Person in the Radical Zhuangzi** *Experimental Essays on Zhuangzi*  
Yearley, L. H.  
edited by Mair, V.  
Dunedin, FL: Three Pines Press.2010: 126–136
- **Two Strands of Confucianism** *Confucian Political Ethics*  
Yearley, L. H.  
edited by Bell, D.  
Princeton: Princeton University Press.2007: 84–89
- **Chinese Philosophy: Religion** *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy*  
Yearley, L. H.

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edited by Borchard, D.  
New York: Macmillan.2006; Second Edition

- **Daoist presentation and persuasion - Wandering among Zhuangzi's kinds of language** *JOURNAL OF RELIGIOUS ETHICS*  
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2005; 33 (3): 503-535
- **Ideas of Ethical Excellence** *The Blackwell Companion to Religious Ethics*  
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edited by Schweiker, W.  
Oxford, England: Blackwell Publishing Ltd.2005: 45–52
- **Genre and the attempt to render pride: Dante and Aquinas** *JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION*  
Yearley, L. H.  
2004; 72 (2): 313-339
- **Pride's Place in Picturing Persons** *Ching Feng, A Journal of Christianity and Chinese Religion and Culture*  
Yearley, L. H.  
2004; 5 (2): 191-202
- **Presentation and Persuasion in the Classical Confucian Tradition** *Confucianism in Dialogue Today: The Modern West, Christianity, and Judaism*  
Yearley, L. H.  
edited by Shu-Hsien, L., Berthrong, J., Swidler, L.  
Philadelphia: The Ecumenical Press.2004: 137–152
- **Virtues and Religious Virtues in the Confucian Tradition** *Confucian Spirituality*  
Yearley, L. H.  
edited by Weiming, T., Tucker, E.  
New York: The Crossroads Publishing Co..2003: 134–162
- **Two Strands of Confucianism** *The Many and the One: Religious and Secular Perspectives on Ethical Pluralism in the Modern World*  
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edited by Madsen, R., Strong, T.  
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- **An Existentialist Reading of Book Four of the Analects** *Confucius and the Analects, New Essays*  
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edited by Norden, B. V.  
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- **New Religious Virtues and the Study of Religion** *Eastern Ways of Being Religious*  
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edited by Kessler, G. E.  
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- **The ascetic grounds of goodness - William James's case for the virtue of voluntary poverty** *JOURNAL OF RELIGIOUS ETHICS*  
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1998; 26 (1): 105-135
- **Selves, virtues, odd genres, and alien guides - An approach to religious ethics** *JOURNAL OF RELIGIOUS ETHICS*  
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- **Three Western Views on Ethics** *In the United States Healing Emotions: Conversations with the Dalai Lama on Mindfulness, Emotion, and Health*  
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edited by Goleman, D.  
Boston: Shambhala.1997
- **Death, Knowledge, and the Sacred Space of the American University: the Case of Stanford University** *Vivens Homo, Rivista Teologica Fiorentina*  
Yearley, L. H.

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- **Heroic Virtue in America: Aristotle, Aquinas, and Melville's Billy Budd** *The Greeks and Us: Essays in Honor of Arthur W.H. Adkins*  
Yearley, L. H.  
edited by Loudon, R., Schollmeier, P.  
Chicago: University of Chicago Press.1996: 66-92
- **Zhuangzi's Understanding of Skillfulness and the Ultimate Spiritual State** *Essays on Skepticism, Relativism, and Ethics in the Zhunangzi*  
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edited by Kjellberg, P., Ivanhoe, P.  
Albany: State University of New York Press.1996: 152-182
- **Facing Our Frailty: Comparative Religious Ethics and the Confucian Death Rituals** *The Gross Memorial Lecture*  
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Valparaiso, IN: Valparaiso University Press.1995: 1-22
- **Taoist Wandering and the Adventure of Religious Ethics** *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*  
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- **THEORIES, VIRTUES, AND THE COMPARATIVE PHILOSOPHY OF HUMAN FLOURISHINGS - A RESPONSE TO ALLAN,GEORGE** *PHILOSOPHY EAST & WEST*  
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1994; 44 (4): 711-720
- **New Religious Virtues and the Study of Religion** *Fifteenth Annual University Lecture in Religion at Arizona State University*  
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1994: 1-26
- **MENCIUS AND AQUINAS - THEORIES OF VIRTUE AND CONCEPTIONS OF COURAGE - REPLIES** *JOURNAL OF RELIGIOUS ETHICS*  
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1993; 21 (2): 385-395
- **Virtue** *A New Handbook of Christian Theology*  
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edited by Musser, D., Price, J.  
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- **Conflicts Among Ideals of Human Excellence** *Prospects for a Common Morality*  
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edited by Reeder, J., Outka, G.  
Princeton: Princeton University Press.1992: 233-253
- **Bourgeois Relativism and the Comparative Study of the Self** *Tracing Common Themes, Comparative Courses in the Study of Religion*  
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edited by Carman, J., Hopkins, S.  
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- **Education and the Intellectual Virtues** *Beyond the Classics? Essays on Religious Studies and Liberal Education*  
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- **TEACHERS AND SAVIORS + MODELS FOR UNDERSTANDING RELIGIOUS-EXPERIENCE** *JOURNAL OF RELIGION*  
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- **HSUNTZU ON THE MIND - HIS ATTEMPTED SYNTHESIS OF CONFUCIANISM AND TAOISM** *JOURNAL OF ASIAN STUDIES*  
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- **The Ideas of Newman: Christianity and Human Religiosity**  
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- **The Liberal Arts: A Critical Survival Discipline in Modern Society** *The Stanford Observer*  
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- **Toward a Typology of Religious Thought: A Chinese Example** *The Journal of Religion*  
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1975; 55 (4): 426-443
- **Newman's Concrete Specification of the Distinction Between Christianity and Liberalism** *The Downside Review*  
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1975; 93 (310): 43-57
- **The Nature-Grace Question in the Context of Fortitude** *The Thomist*  
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1971; XXXV (4): 557-580

- **Karl Rahner on the Relation of Nature and Grace** *Canadian Journal of Theology*  
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1970; XVI (3-4): 219-231
- **St. Thomas Aquinas on Providence and Predestination** *Anglican Theological Review*  
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1967; XLIX: 409-423