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Walter Y. Evans-Wentz Professor  
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### professional employment

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

### education

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

### selected awards and fellowships

Peter S. Bing Teaching Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Education, Stanford  
 University, 1992  
 Fellowship for University Teachers, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1984-85  
 Demonstration Grant, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1980-81  
 Fellowship, The National Humanities Institute at the University of Chicago, 1978-79  
 University Fellow, Stanford University, 1974-77  
 Stanford Research Development Fund Grant, 1975-76  
 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 1974  
 Mabelle McLeod Lewis Fellowship, 1972-73  
 Rockefeller Fellowship, 1962-63  
 Honors in Philosophy, Haverford College, 1962

### publications

#### Books

*Mengzi yu Akuina: meide lilun yu yonggan gainian*, trans. S. Zhonglian, Beijing:  
 Zhongguo shehui kexue chubanshe. 2011 (A Chinese translation of the following work;  
 267 pages.)

*Mencius and Aquinas: Theories of Virtue and Conceptions of Courage*, Albany: State University of New York Press, 1990. (280 pages)

*The Ideas of Newman: Christianity and Human Religiosity*, University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 1978. (188 pages)

#### Dissertation

*Natural and Supernatural Activity in the Tradition Represented by St. Thomas and Cardinal Newman*, Chicago, Illinois, March, 1969. (435 pages)

#### Articles in Books, published

“Freud and China: The Pursuit of the Self and Other Fugitive Notions.” in Tao Jiang, P. J. Ivanhoe, eds., *China and Freud*. New York: Routledge, 2012. pp. 310-363.

“Freud and Zhuangzi: Resonances and Contrasts in Their Pursuit of the Self and Other Fugitive Notions.” In Tao Jiang, P. J. Ivanhoe, eds., *China and Freud*. New York: Routledge, 2012, pp. 404-474.

“Poetic Language: Zhuangzi and Du Fu’s Poetic Ideals.” in C. Frasier, T. O’Leary, D. Robins, eds., *Ethics in Early China*, Hong Kong” University of Hong Kong Press, 2011, pp. 209-228.

“Virtue Ethics in Ancient China: Light Shed and Shadows Cast,” in R. King, D Schilling, eds. *How Should One Live? Comparing Ethics in Ancient China and Greco-Roman Antiquity*. Berlin: De Gruyter Verlag, 2011, pp. 121-151.

“The Perfected Person in the Radical Zhuangzi.” in V. Mair, ed., *Experimental Essays on Zhuangzi*. Dunedin, Fl, Three Pines Press, 2010, pp. 126-136 [An augmented reprint of an earlier (1983) piece.]

“Two Strands of Confucianism,” in *Confucian Political Ethics*. D. Bell, ed. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2007, pp. 84-89.

“Chinese Philosophy: Religion,” in *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, second edition. D. Borchard, ed. in chief, New York: Macmillan, 2006.

“Ideas of Ethical Excellence,” in *The Blackwell Companion to Religious Ethics*. W. Schweiker, ed., Oxford, England: Blackwell Publishing Ltd. 2005. pp. 45-52.

“Presentation and Persuasion in the Classical Confucian Tradition,” in *Confucianism in Dialogue Today: The Modern West, Christianity, and Judaism*. Liu Shu-Hsien, J. Berthrong, and L. Swidler, eds. Philadelphia: The Ecumenical Press, 2004. pp. 137-152.

“Virtues and Religious Virtues in the Confucian Tradition.” Tu Weiming and E. Tucker, eds. *Confucian Spirituality*, vol. 1. (vol. 11A of *World Spirituality: An Encyclopedic History of the Religious Quest*.) New York: The Crossroads Publishing Co. 2003. pp. 134-162.; “Rujia chuantong zhong de daode he zongjiao daode,” trans. Dongfang shuo, [http://www.chinakongzi.org/rjwh/ddmj/dongfs/200705/t20070523\\_2176643.htm](http://www.chinakongzi.org/rjwh/ddmj/dongfs/200705/t20070523_2176643.htm).

“Two Strands of Confucianism.” R. Madsen and T. Strong, eds. *The Many and the One: Religious and Secular Perspectives on Ethical Pluralism in the Modern World*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. 2003, pp. 154-158.

“An Existentialist Reading of Book Four of the *Analects*,” in *Confucius and the Analects, New Essays*. Bryan Van Norden, ed., New York: Oxford University Press, 2002. pp. 237-274.

“New Religious Virtues and the Study of Religion.” *Eastern Ways of Being Religious*. G. E. Kessler, ed. Mountain View, California: Mayfield Press. 2000. pp. 1-18 [A reprinting of almost all of the University Lecture in Religion I gave at Arizona State University.]

“Zhuangzi’s Understanding of Skillfulness and the Ultimate Spiritual State,” in P. Kjellberg and P. Ivanhoe, eds., *Essays on Skepticism, Relativism, and Ethics in the Zhunangzi*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1996, pp. 152-182.

“Heroic Virtue in America: Aristotle, Aquinas, and Melville’s *Billy Budd*.” in R. Loudon and P. Schollmeier, eds., *The Greeks and Us: Essays in Honor of Arthur W.H. Adkins*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996, pp. 66-92.

“Conflicts Among Ideals of Human Excellence.” in J. Reeder and G. Outka, eds., *Prospects for a Common Morality*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1992, pp. 233-253.

“Bourgeois Relativism and the Comparative Study of the Self.” in J. Carman and S. Hopkins, eds., *Tracing Common Themes, Comparative Courses in the Study of Religion*, Atlanta Georgia: Scholars Press, 1991, pp. 165-178.

“Education and the Intellectual Virtues.” in F. Reynolds and S. Burkhalter, eds., *Beyond the Classics? Essays on Religious Studies and Liberal Education*, Atlanta, Georgia: Scholars Press, 1990, pp. 89-105.

“Freud as Critic and Creator of Cosmogonies and Their Ethics,” in R. Lovin and R. Reynolds, eds., *Cosmogony and Ethical Order: New Studies in Comparative Ethics*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1985, pp. 381-413.

“A Confucian Crisis: Mencius’ Two Cosmogonies and Their Ethics.” in R. Lovin and F. Reynolds, eds., *Cosmogony and Ethical Order: New Studies in Comparative Ethics*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1985, pp. 310-327.

“The Perfected Person in the Radical Chuang-tzu.” in V. Mair, ed., *Experimental Essays in Chuang-tzu*, Honolulu: University Press of Hawaii, 1983, pp. 125-139.

#### articles in books, forthcoming

“The Role and Pursuit of the Virtue of Equanimity.” *The Good Life and Conceptions of Life in Early China and Greco-Roman Antiquity*. R. King, ed., Berlin: De Gruyter Verlag (43 manuscript pages)

“Xunzi: Ritualization as Humanization,” in *Ritual and Religion in the Xunzi*. T.C. Kline and J Tiwald, eds., Albany: State University of New York Press, 2012 (41 manuscript pages)

“Zhuang zi’s Radical Virtue Ethics: A Journey,” in *The Ethics of Ease – The Zhuangzi on the Norms of Life*.” D. Schilling, ed., Lun Wen – *Studien zur Geistesgeschichte und Literatur Chinas*, H. van Ess, ed., Wiesbaden: Harrasowitz (35 manuscript pages)

“Hsun Tzu on the Mind: His Attempted Synthesis of Confucianism and Taoism,” *Critical Concepts in Asian Philosophy, Confucian Studies*, Xinsheng Yao and Tu Weiming, eds. Abington, England, Routledge. [A reprint of an earlier (1980) article that is noted below.]

#### Articles in books, under consideration

“Appearances: Harmony, Order, Conflict.” *Tianxia: Rethinking Chinese Perceptions of World Order*. Ban Wang, Haiyan Lee, Yiqun Zhou, eds. (46 manuscript pages)

#### Articles in Journals

“Ethics of Bewilderment,” *Journal of Religious Ethics*. 38.3 (2010), 439-463.

“Daoist Presentation and Persuasion, Wandering among Zhuangzi’s Kinds of Language,” *Journal of Religious Ethics*. 33.3 (2005) 505-535.

“Pride’s Place in Picturing Persons,” *Ching Feng, A Journal of Christianity and Chinese Religion and Culture*. n.s., 5.2 (2004) 191-202. (Published in English and Chinese)

“Genre and the Attempt to Render Pride: Dante and Aquinas,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. 72, 2 (2004) 313-339

“Selves, Virtues, Odd Genres, and Alien Guides: An Approach to Religious Ethics,” *Journal of Religious Ethics*. 25.3, 25th Anniversary Supplement, 127-155.

“The Ascetic Grounds for Goodness: William James’s Case for the Virtue of Voluntary Poverty,” *Journal of Religious Ethics*. 26, 1(1998) 105-135.

“Death, Knowledge, and the Sacred Space of the American University: the Case of Stanford University”. *Vivens Homo. Rivista Teologica Fiorentina*. 8, 2(1997) 275-290. [A special issue containing papers from the conference on Lo Spazio Del Sacro: Luoghi e Spontamenti (The Space of the Sacred: Place and Displacement)].

“Theories, Virtues, and the Comparative Philosophy of Human Flourishings: A Response to Professor Allan,” *Philosophy East and West*. 44,4 (1994), 711-721.

“The Author Replies; Book Discussion on *Mencius and Aquinas* by Lee H. Yearley,” *Journal of Religious Ethics*. 21,2 (1993) 385-395.

“Recent Work on Virtue,” *Religious Studies Review*. 16, 1, (1990), 1-9.

“Classical Confucians and Thomistic Christians: Contrasts That Arise From The Presence and Absence of Deity,” *Dialogue and Alliance*. 1,3 (1987), 23-36.

“Teachers and Saviors,” *The Journal of Religion*, 65,2 (1985), 225-243.

“A Comparison Between Classical Chinese Thought and Thomistic Christian Thought,” *The Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, LI,3 (1983), 427-458.

“Three Ways of Being Religious,” *Philosophy East and West*, 32, 4 (1982), 439-451.

“Hsun Tzu on the Mind: His Attempted Synthesis of Confucianism and Taoism,” *Journal of Asian Studies*, XXXIX, 3 (1980), 465-480.

“Newman’s Concrete Specification of the Distinction Between Christianity and Liberalism,” *The Downside Review*, 93, 310 (1975), 43-57.

“Mencius on Human Nature: The Forms of His Religious Thought,” *The Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, XLIII, 2 (1975), 185-198.

“Toward a Typology of Religious Thought: A Chinese Example,” *The Journal of Religion*, 55, 4 (1975), 426-443.

“The Nature-Grace Question in the Context of Fortitude,” *The Thomist*, XXXV, 4 (1971), 557-580.

“Karl Rahner on the Relation of Nature and Grace,” *Canadian Journal of Theology*, XVI, 3 & 4 (1970), 219-231.

“St. Thomas Aquinas on Providence and Predestination,” *Anglican Theological Review*, XLIX (1967), 409-423.

endowed lectures, published and circulated

“New Religious Virtues and the Study of Religion,” Fifteenth Annual University Lecture in Religion at Arizona State University, November, 1994, pp. 1-26; sent to 5,400 members of the American Academy of Religion.

“Taoist Wandering and the Adventure of Religious Ethics,” The William James Lecture, *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*, 24:2, 1995, pp. 11-15.

“Facing Our Frailty: Comparative Religious Ethics and the Confucian Death Rituals,” The Gross Memorial Lecture, 1995, Valparaiso University Valparaiso, Indiana: Valparaiso University Press. pp.1-22 [A publication sent in the Spring of 1996 to about 6, 000 members of the Council on the Study of Religion]

miscellaneous “publications”

In the United States

*Healing Emotions: Conversations with the Dalai Lama on Mindfulness, Emotion, and Health*, ed., D. Goleman, Boston: Shambhala, 1997. This book reports on five days of conversations between the Dalai Lama and five participants in Dharamsala, India; it includes, for example, my presentation on “Three Western Views on Ethics” and a conversation between us about compassion.

Contributor: J. Bowker, ed., *The Oxford Dictionary of World Religions*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997.

A talk I gave at Princeton on the implications of religious pluralism was published in a half page “summary” in the summer of 1995 by major papers in a number of cities; e.g., Chicago, Minneapolis, New Orleans

Videotape versions of lectures I gave at the Stanford Summer College (e.g., "On Building a Good Society") have been presented on television

"Virtue" in D. Musser and J. Price, eds., *A New Handbook of Christian Theology*, Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1992, pp. 508-510.

"The Taoist Vision," videotaped lecture in the series *Legacies and Visions of East Asia Cultures*, Stanford Alumni Association, 1991.

"What is the Question: Is Virtue Teachable?" *The Stanford Magazine*, 14, 4, p. 62.

"The Liberal Arts: A Critical Survival Discipline in Modern Society," *The Stanford Observer*, October, 1976, p. 3.

#### In China

Various pieces of mine have also appeared in China in volumes printed for conferences that are distributed or otherwise reproduced. Recent examples include the following papers:

"Fundamental Insights From The Confucian Tradition" September, 2009, Beijing, A Conference to Celebrate the 2560 Anniversary of Confucius's birth.

"Wandering in a Small Corner of the Way: The Daoist Tradition and Poetic Expression", March 2010, The Daoist Salon, Zhengzhou, China

"Facing a Plurality of Ideals: Classical Guides and Modern Challenges" September 2010 The Nishan Forum, Qufu, China.

#### selected positions

Final Plenary Address, Series and Conferences on Moral Worlds and Religious Subjectivities, Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, 2009

Matthew Vassar Lecture, Vassar College, 2007

Lecturer, Third International Conference, Daoism and the Contemporary World, Kloster Frauenwirth im Chiemsee, Germany, 2006

Consultant, Pepperdine University, introducing Chinese materials into their core curriculum, 2005

Ad Hoc Tenure Review Committee, Harvard University, 2005

Annual Dante Lecture, Department of Italian, Yale University, 2004

Janet Kerr Memorial Lectures, Valparaiso University, 2004

Member, Final Selection Committee, (one of five persons), Charlotte W.

Newcombe Fellowships, The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, 2001-

2003

Member, External Review Committee, Department of Religious Studies, Brown University 2000

Presented a paper and helped organize *Lo Spazio Del Sacro: Luoghi e Spostamenti* (The Space of the Sacred: Place and Displacement), a conference held in Florence November 14-16, 1996 to celebrate the 700th anniversary of the Duomo.

Gross Memorial Lecture, Valparaiso University, 1995

Colloquium (with six others) on selections for books for the "Ethics in Everyday Life" series to be sponsored by the Religion and Public Life Foundation, 1995

Consultant, Butler University, the two required courses in their core curriculum, 1994

William James Lecture, Harvard University, 1994

University Lecture in Religion, Arizona State University, 1994

A lecture on "New Religious Values" for, and participant in, the Third International Confucian-Christian Conference in Boston, 1994

Speaker and Seminar Leader, Butler University, Lilly Endowment Grant, "Cross-Cultural Education and Ethics" 1994

Editorial Board, *The Journal of Religious Ethics*, 1994 and following

Board of Consultants, *The Journal of Religion*, 1993 and following

Respondent, Author meets Critics Session on *Mencius and Aquinas*, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 1993; critics were Professors Nussbaum, Van Norden, and Jenkins

Panelist, NEH Dissertation Grants, Division of Fellowships and Seminars, National Endowment for the Humanities: 1993

Lecturer and Seminar Leader, Poynter Center/Lilly Endowment, "Ethics and the Educated Person," Indianapolis, 1992

Panelist, NEH Fellowships for University Teachers, Division of Fellowships and Seminars, National Endowment for the Humanities: 1987, 1990, 1991

Participant (with five others), Dialogues with His Holiness the xivth Dalai Lama, Dharamsala, India, November 5-9, 1990

Consultant, University of Chicago, The College, Fundamentals Program, 1986

Consultant, University of Denver, The Core Curriculum, 1986-89

Instructor, NEH Summer Institutes, "Religious Studies and Liberal Education: Opportunities and New Directions," Chicago, 1986; Berkeley, 1987

Plenary Address, Meeting of Project Directors, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1985

Panelist, Education Programs, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1984-86 (Institutional Grants, 1984; Central Disciplines, 1986)

President, Council on Graduate Studies in Religion, 1983-86

Vice President, Council on Graduate Studies in Religion, 1981-83

Steering Committee, Comparative Religion Section, American Academy of Religion, 1981-84

Evans-Wentz Lecturer, Stanford University, 1979

selected, invited lectures

Academia Sinica, Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy, Taipei, Taiwan  
 Amherst College  
 Arizona State University  
 Boston University  
 Brown University  
 Butler University  
 Chinese University of Hong Kong  
 Dartmouth College  
 The Five Colleges  
 Georgetown University  
 The Graduate Theological Union  
 Harvard University  
 Haverford College  
 The Iliff School of Theology  
 Ludwig-Maximilians-Universitat Munchen  
 University of British Columbia  
 University of Notre Dame  
 Princeton University  
 Rice University  
 Rutgers University  
 San Francisco City College  
 Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea  
 Sichuan University, Chengdu, China  
 Swarthmore College  
 The University of British Columbia  
 The University of California, Berkeley  
 The University of California, Santa Cruz; The College  
 The University of Chicago  
 The Divinity School, The University of Chicago  
 The University of Oregon  
 Tsinghua University, Beijing, China  
 University of Hong Kong  
 Valparaiso University  
 Vassar College  
 Wuhan University, Wuhan, China  
 The University of Vermont  
 Yale University

selected committees and service at stanford university

Selected Non-Departmental Service at Stanford

Faculty Advisor, Confucian Life and Study Group, 2010-2012  
 Steering Committee, Program in Philosophy and Literature, 2007-2012  
 Ethical Reasoning Advisory Board 2005-2012  
 Mellon Postdoctoral Selection Committee, 2010-2011  
 CEAS Awards Committee, 2002-2007  
 Ethics and Society Board, 2002-2008  
 Judicial Board, 2001-2002, 2006-2008  
 Search Committee, Philosophy Department, 1998-1999  
 OSAC Committee, 1997-1999  
 Search Committee, Program in Ethics and Society, 1993-1996  
 Dean, Stanford Summer College on "Building a Good Society", August 5, 1995  
 Faculty Grants Committee, Center for East Asian Studies, 1994-1995  
 Participant and Organizer, Conversations with His Holiness the xivth Dalai Lama, Stanford University, April 19-20, 1994  
 Faculty Committee, Program in Ethics and Society, 1993-1996  
 Dean, Stanford Summer College on "Good and Evil", August 1-7, 1993  
 Committee on Undergraduate Studies, 1988-1991  
 Review Committee on Extradepartmental Education, 1983-1984  
 Admissions Committee, Center for East Asian Studies, 1983-1984  
 Selection Committee, Mellon Fellows, 1983-1984  
 Committee on Faculty Seminars, 1980-1984  
 Executive Committee and Advisory Board, Stanford Humanities Center, 1980-1983  
 Leader, Humanities Seminar for Professional Journalism Fellows, 1976-78, 1980-1982  
 Committee on Interdepartmental Majors, 1982-1983  
 Report on the Third Quarter of Western Culture for the Western Culture Program Committee, 1981-1982  
 Fellowship Committee, East Asian Studies, 1980-1981  
 Chair, Subcommittee on the Distribution Requirements, 1980-1981  
 Chair, Committee on a Possible Humanities Center at Stanford, 1979-1980  
 Chair, Faculty Committee to Select Courses for Distribution Area IV, 1979-1980  
 Committee on International Relations, 1974-1978  
 Graduate Program in Humanities Committee, 1968-1970; 1971-1972; 1976-1977  
 Awards Committee, Committee on Research in International Studies, 1977-1978  
 Director, Danforth Summer Workshop on the Teaching of Religion, 1976  
 Chair, Committee on the Reform and Renewal of Liberal Education at Stanford, 1974-1976  
 Steering Committee, Medieval Studies Program, 1973-1976  
 Campus Judicial Panel, 1973-1975  
 Steering Committee, Values, Technology, and Society Program, 1971-1972  
 Committee of Fifteen, 1970-1972

Selected Departmental Service at Stanford

Chair, Religious Studies, 1990-1996

Acting Chair, Religious Studies, 1988-1989

Graduate Director, Religious Studies, 1977-1978, 1979-1982, 1983-1984

Chair, Faculty Search Committees in Religious Studies, 1972-1973, 1974, 1975, 1979-1980, 1981-1982, 1986, 1987, 1997-1998, 1998-1999

Undergraduate Director, Religious Studies, 1973-1977, 1985-1987