

## **Paul A. Christensen**

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### **Current academic position**

2014- Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

### **Previous academic positions**

2011-14 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Union College  
2008-11 Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

### **Education**

2010 Ph.D., Anthropology, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa  
Dissertation title: *The Fragility of Sobriety: Alcoholism and Masculinity in Japan*,  
Dr. Christine R. Yano, chair  
2004 MA, Anthropology, San Francisco State University  
2000 BA, Anthropology, University of Washington, minor field: Japanese language

### **Research interests and expertise**

- Psychoactive substance use and recovery - particularly as applied to alcoholism
- Theories of substance use and recovery - particularly as applied to the body
- Gender and masculinity
- Geographic areas: Japan, Hawai'i, Brazil

### **Books**

2015 *Alcoholism, Masculinity, and Japan: Suffering Sobriety in Tokyo*. New York: Lexington Books.

### **Peer reviewed publications**

2017 'Scripting addiction, constraining recovery: Alcoholism and ideology in Japan.' Under review with *Japanese Studies*.

2016 'The Program is Perfect: Narcotics Anonymous and the Managing of the American Addict.' Under review with *Medicine Anthropology Theory*.

2014 'Connoisseurship and drunkenness in Tokyo.' *International Journal of Drug Policy*, Volume 25, Issue 4.

2012 'The Burden of Sobriety: Alcoholism and Masculinity in Japan.' *Pan Japan: The International Journal of the Japanese Diaspora*. Blai Gaurne and Paul Hansen ed. Special Edition, Escaping Japan: Outside, Volume 8, Issue 2.

- 2012 'Darvish in Texas: *Haafu* identity and athletic celebrity,' *The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus*, Volume 10, Issue 44, No. 2.  
<http://japanfocus.org/-Paul-Christensen/3850>
- 2012 'Real Men Don't Hold Their Liquor: The Performance of Drunkenness and Sobriety in Japan.' *Social Science Japan Journal*, Volume 15, Issue 2.
- 2010 'Struggles with Sobriety: Alcoholics Anonymous Membership in Japan.' *Ethnology*, Volume 49, Issue 1.

### Chapters in Books

- 2017 'Darvish in Texas: Hafu Identity and Athletic Celebrity.' In *Hapa Japan: Constructing Global Mixed Race and Mixed Roots Identities and Representations*. Los Angeles: USC Ito Center/Kaya Press.

### Other publications

- 2015 'Battle of Okinawa's legacy lives on 70 years later as locals chafe against Japanese rule, US arms.' *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/battle-of-okinawas-legacy-lives-on-70-years-later-as-locals-chafe-against-japanese-rule-us-arms-39357>
- 2013 'Surfing: Polynesian Origins of Sport.' *Area Studies Series: Hawai'i*. M. Yamamoto and T. Yamada eds. Tokyo: Akashi Publications [in Japanese]. (ポリネシア発祥のスポーツ：サーフィン」山本真鳥・山田亨編『ハワイを知るための60章』明石書店)
- 2009 'The Hawai'i Student Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use Study: 2007-2008 Comprehensive Report.' Submitted to the State of Hawai'i, Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division, ASO Log #09-061. Co-authored with Goebert, D. (first author), Nishimura, S., Onoye, J., Boyd, E., and Rehuher, D.
- 2004 'Selected Identities: Ethnic Identity Construction Among the New Japanese Immigrants to the San Francisco Bay Area.' Masters Thesis, San Francisco State University. Dr. Bernard Wong, chair.
- 2003 'Japanese Female Professionals in the San Francisco Bay Area: Gender Based Discrimination in a Globalized World.' *The Treganza Anthropology Museum Papers III*, San Francisco State University.

### Book reviews

- 2015 Review of Wolfram Manzenreiter's *Sport and Body Politics in Japan* (Routledge 2014). *Asia Pacific World*, volume 6, issue 1.

### **Academic honors, grants, and awards**

- 2016 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Dean's Award for Academic Research (\$3,500)
- 2016 ASIANetwork Teddy Amoloza conference travel award, October 2015. (\$500)
- 2013 Union College Faculty Research Fund - used for fieldwork in São Paulo, Brazil, December 2013. (\$3,000)
- 2013 American Anthropological Association Leadership Fellow. (\$500)
- 2012 Northeast Asia Council Japan Studies Grant (NEAC) for Short-term Research Travel to Japan, summer 2012. (\$2,700)
- 2011 Union College Faculty Research Fund - used for fieldwork in Japan, summer 2012. (\$4,000)
- 2010 Department of Anthropology Graduate Scholarship, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. (\$1,000)
- 2010 Dai Ho Chun Fund for Graduate Fellowships, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. (\$1,200)
- 2010 Graduate Student Organization (GSO) at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, graduate student travel award. (\$1,000)
- 2009-10 Center for Japanese Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Dissertation Completion Fellowship. (\$5,000)
- 2009 Center for Japanese Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Graduate Student Travel Award. (\$1,000)
- 2009 Department of Anthropology, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Graduate Student Travel Award. (\$500)
- 2007-08 Monbukagakusho Research Scholarship, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, used for dissertation fieldwork in Tokyo. (tuition and stipend)
- 2007 College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa travel grant. (\$1,000)
- 2005-06 William P. Lebra Memorial Scholarship, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. (\$3,000)
- 2004 California Pre-Doctoral Research Grant, San Francisco State University. (\$5,000)
- 2003-04 California Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, San Francisco State University. (\$3,000)

### **Research experience**

- 2013- Fieldwork in São Paulo and Tokyo with Japanese-Brazilian baseball players.
- 2012- Field and web-based research on microbreweries and craft beer in Japan.
- 2010-11 Field research with the Hawai'i Meth Project in Honolulu.

- 2008-09 Data analysis at the Alcohol Research Center of Hawai‘i, division of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.
- 2007-08 Dissertation field research in Tokyo on alcoholism and alcohol support groups.
- 2006-07 Survey and interview data collection throughout O‘ahu on attitudes towards alcohol consumption among Japanese, Native Hawaiian, Caucasian and Filipino residents, project sponsored by the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.
- 2004 Field research in Honolulu and throughout O‘ahu on Japanese surfing communities and patterns of identity construction.
- 2002-04 Field research in San Francisco and Japan on migration and identity construction within the Japanese community of the San Francisco Bay Area.

**Conference presentations**

- 11/2016 ‘Non-National Bodies in a National Pass-time: Japan, Baseball, and the Manufacturing of Difference’ at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 4/2016 ‘Scripting Addiction, Constraining Recovery: Alcoholism and Ideology in Japan,’ at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington.
- 3/2016 ‘Scripting Addiction, Constraining Recovery: Alcoholism and Ideology in Japan,’ at the ASIANetwork Annual Conference in St. Petersburg, Florida.
- 11/2015 ‘The Program is Perfect: Narcotics Anonymous and the Managing of the American Addict,’ at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting in Denver, Colorado.
- 12/2014 ‘Tokyo alcoholics and the pursuit of a “good place,”’ at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting in Washington DC.
- 9/2014 ‘The Burden of Sobriety: Alcoholism and Masculinity in Japan,’ at the First International Conference on Men and Masculinities, Izmir, Turkey.
- 11/2013 ‘Denial and danger: Alcoholism and public space in Tokyo,’ at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois.
- 3/2013 ‘Darvish in Texas: *Haafu* identity and athletic celebrity,’ at the Japan Anthropology Workshop annual meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- 7/2012 ‘TEPCO, you have a problem: The Fukushima meltdown through an alcoholic lens,’ at the Asian Studies Conference Japan, Tokyo, Japan.
- 11/2011 ‘You’re an Alcoholic!: Diagnosis, Acceptance, and Resistance in Japan,’ at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting in Montréal, Quebec.
- 11/2010 ‘The Circulation of Alcoholism in Japan,’ at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

- 3/2010 'Real men don't hold their liquor: The performance of drunkenness in Japan,' at the Japan Anthropology Workshop annual meeting in Austin, Texas.
- 11/2009 'Without a Masculine Manual: Alcoholism and advertisements in Japan,' at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 11/2007 'Rules outside rules: Alcohol and the consequences of deviation from sanctioned patterns of consumption in Japan,' at the Anthropology of Japan in Japan annual meeting in Tokyo, Japan.
- 3/2007 '(De)Classified Drinking: Alcohol, masculinity and modern Japan,' at the Japan Anthropology Workshop annual meeting in Oslo, Norway.
- 3/2004 'Fake meets Soul: Division among Hawai'i's Japanese surfers,' at the Anthropology of Japan in Japan annual meeting in Tokyo, Japan.
- 3/2003 'Identity Construction among Japanese Female Professionals in the San Francisco Bay Area,' at the Anthropology of Japan in Japan annual meeting, Beppu, Japan.

**Invited lectures and colloquia**

- 4/2015 'Suffering Sobriety: Alcoholism and Masculinity in Japan,' Masculinities Colloquium Series, Butler University.
- 2/2015 'Suffering Sobriety: Alcoholism and Masculinity in Japan,' East Asian Studies Center, Indiana University.
- 3/2013 'Suffering Sobriety: Alcoholism and Masculinity in Japan,' Reischauer Institute for Japanese Studies, Harvard University.
- 2/2013 'Suffering Sobriety: Alcoholism and Masculinity in Japan,' International Studies and Programs, University of Missouri - St. Louis.
- 3/2011 'The Fragility of Sobriety: Alcoholism and Masculinity in Japan,' Department of Anthropology Colloquium Series, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.
- 4/2010 'The Fragility of Sobriety: Alcoholism and Masculinity in Japan,' Center for Japanese Studies Graduate Seminar, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

**Courses regularly taught**

- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- Introduction to Sociology
- Contemporary Japanese Society
- Introduction to East Asia
- Anthropology of Addiction

**Courses taught occasionally or previously**

- Japanese Popular Culture
- Food and the Self

- Study of Contemporary Problems in Anthropology
- Sports, Culture, and Society

**Language competency**

- Japanese - advanced speaking, comprehension, and writing
- Portuguese - intermediate speaking, comprehension, and writing

**Professional memberships**

- American Anthropological Association (AAA)
- ASIANetwork
- Anthropology of Japan in Japan (AJJ)
- Association for Asian Studies (AAS)
- Japan Anthropology Workshop (JAWS)
- Society for East Asian Anthropology (SEAA)

Paul T. Christensen received his B.A. in Political Science and Russian Studies from the University of Washington, Seattle; and his M.A./Ph.D. in Politics from Princeton University. Professor Christensen taught at Syracuse University and Princeton University before coming to Boston College in 2001. His particular interests are Russian domestic politics