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DENNIS J. FROST

CURRENT POSITION

- 2014-Present Wen Chao Chen Associate Professor of East Asian Social Sciences, Kalamazoo College
2018-Present Director of East Asian Studies, Kalamazoo College
2020-Present Chair of History Department, Kalamazoo College

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Paralympic movement and disability sports in Japan
- Life and work of disability advocate, Dr. Nakamura Yutaka
- Urban development and accessibility in postwar Japan
- Comparative studies of military “base towns” in Okinawa and mainland Japan
- Historical and contemporary sports celebrity in Japan

EDUCATION

- 2000-2007 **Columbia University**, New York, NY
- Ph.D. in Department of East Asian Languages & Cultures, specializing in modern Japanese history; awarded February 2007
 - *Dissertation*: “Seeing Stars: Sports Celebrity, Identity, and Body Culture in Modern Japan”
 - *Examination fields*: early-modern Japanese history, modern Japanese history, history and sociology of sport, and theories of nationalism and imperialism
- 1999-2000 **Iwate University**, Iwate, Japan
- Non-degree research program studying the history of Japanese political and social movements
- 1998-1999 **University of the Ryukyus**, Okinawa, Japan
- Fulbright Fellow studying the history and contemporary politics of Okinawa
- 1994-1998 **Wittenberg University**, Springfield, OH
- B.A. in East Asian Studies and American Studies
 - Graduated *summa cum laude* with University and Departmental Honors
 - Junior year abroad, Kansai Gaidai University, Osaka, Japan

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2014-Present Wen Chao Chen Associate Professor of East Asian Social Sciences, Kalamazoo College
2010-2014 Wen Chao Chen Assistant Professor of East Asian Social Sciences, Kalamazoo College
2007-2010 Assistant Professor, Department of History, Xavier University
2006-2007 Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Kalamazoo College
2005-2006 Freeman East Asian Studies Teaching Fellow, Wittenberg University
2002-2004 Teaching Assistant, Columbia University

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Monographs

- 2020 *More than Medals: A History of the Paralympics and Disability Sports in Postwar Japan*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.
- 2010 *Seeing Stars: Sports Celebrity, Identity, and Body Culture in Modern Japan*, Harvard East Asian Monographs. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Asia Center.

Single-Author Peer-Reviewed Essays

- 2013 “Sporting Disability: Official Representations of the Disabled Athlete at Tokyo’s 1964 Paralympics,” *Asia-Pacific Journal of Sport and Social Science* 2.3 (December 2013): pp. 173-186.
- 2012 “Tokyo’s Other Games: The Origins and Impact of the 1964 Paralympics,” *The International Journal of the History of Sport* 29.4 (March 2012): pp. 619-637.

Other Publications

- 2019 “Foreword” in *The Rise and Evolution of Meiji Japan* by James L. Huffman, Kent UK: Renaissance Books, pp. vii-ix.
- 2016 “The Paralympic Movement, Disability, and Sports in Postwar Japan,” *Kokusai shinpojiumu: Supōtsu o tsūjita tabunka kyōsei no mirai ni mukete: Orinpikku/ Pararinpikku to tabunka kyōsei: Hōkokusho (Proceedings of the International Symposium on Inclusion through Sports for the Future: Cultural Diversity and Olympic/Paralympic Games)*. Co-hosted by the Aoyama Gakuin University Joint Research Institute for International Peace and Culture and The Nippon Foundation Paralympic Research Group (9 January 2016): pp. 46-53.
- 2013 Review of *Transpacific Field of Dreams: How Baseball Linked the United States and Japan in Peace and War*, by Sayuri Guthrie-Shimizu, *Journal of Sport History* 40.1 (Spring 2013): pp. 175-176.
- 2009 “Born of a Disabled Body: The Ignatian Body and Its Role in Jesuit Education,” *Xavier University Jesuit Identity Homepage*. Available online at <http://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/jesuit-history/faculty-work-history.cfm>.
- 2008 Review of *Okinawa and the U.S. Military: Identity Making in the Age of Globalization*, by Masamichi S. Inoue, *Pacific Affairs* 81.3 (Fall 2008): pp. 468-469.
- 2005 Review of *The Return of the Amami Islands: The Reversion Movement and U.S.-Japan Relations*, by Robert D. Eldridge, *Pacific Affairs* 78.1 (Spring 2005): p. 144.
- 1999 “The Real Story: The Final Stage of the Japanese Women’s Suffrage Movement,” published as the 1998 Sidney Devere Brown Prize winner in the *Wittenberg University East Asian Studies Journal* 24 (Spring 1999): pp. 38-62.

Works in Progress

- Commissioned entry: “The History of the Paralympic Movement in Japan” in the *Palgrave Encyclopedia of Health Humanities*, ed. by Paul Crawford and Paul Kadetz, publication anticipated Spring 2021.
- Essay: “Moving Experiences: Questioning Inspirational Discourses and Paralympic Sports in Japan,” in *Challenging Olympic Narratives in Japan* (tentative title), ed. by Andreas Niehaus and Yabu Kotaro, publication anticipated Spring 2021.
- Edited volume: *Flipping Fields: Religion and Sport in Japan* (tentative title), ed. by Zachary Smith, Stephen G. Covell, and Dennis J. Frost, publication anticipated Winter 2022.
- Commissioned essay: “The Paralympic Movement, Disability, and Sports in Japan” in the *Handbook of Sport and Japan* (tentative title), ed. by Helen Macnaughtan and Verity Postlethwaite, publication anticipated Spring 2022.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2020 NEH Fellowships Open Book Award for *More than Medals: A History of the Paralympics and Disability Sports in Postwar Japan*
- 2017 Visiting Researcher, Graduate School of Sport Sciences, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan
- 2013 Routledge Prize for best article in *International Journal of the History of Sport* for 2012
- 2004-2005 Exchange Researcher, School of Social Sciences, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan
- 1998 Sidney Devere Brown Prize for best undergraduate paper at Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs
- 1998 Phi Alpha Theta and Epsilon Alpha Sigma Honoraries, Wittenberg University
- 1997 Phi Beta Kappa Honorary, Wittenberg University

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2016-2017 NEH Fellowship for Advanced Social Science Research on Japan for study of the Paralympic Movement and disability sports
- 2016-2017 IIE, Fulbright Fellowship for research on the Paralympic Movement in Japan
- 2016-2017 SSRC, Abe Fellowship for work on Paralympic Movement in Japan (declined)
- 2016-2017 Japan Foundation Research Fellowship studying Paralympics in Japan (declined)
- 2016 ASIANetwork Freeman Student-Faculty Fellowship for summer research in Okinawa, Japan
- 2015 NEH Summer Stipend for work on the Paralympic Movement in Japan
- 2011 GLCA Fund for Study of Japan Grant to research adapted sports in Japan
- 2009 Xavier University Summer Fellowship for research on disability in modern Japan
- 2005-2006 Freeman East Asian Studies Teaching Fellowship, Wittenberg University
- 2004-2005 Fulbright-Hays, DDRA Fellowship for dissertation research in Tokyo, Japan
- 2002-2004 Columbia Faculty Fellowships
- 2002 Weatherhead Fellows Training Grant for summer research in Okinawa, Japan
- 2001-2002 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS)
- 2001 Summer FLAS Fellowship for intensive Chinese-language study
- 2000-2001 Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies
- 1998-1999 IIE, Fulbright Fellowship for research in Okinawa, Japan

EDITORIAL OR PEER-REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

- 2020-Present Member, Editorial Board, *Studies on Asia*
- 2020 Peer reviewer, Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program
- 2019 Peer reviewer, article manuscript on sports celebrity, *International Journal of the History of Sport*
- 2018 Peer reviewer, NEH Fellowship Competition
- 2016 Peer reviewer, article manuscript on sport in Japan, *Japan Forum*
- 2011-2013 Editor for Japan Studies, *Dissertation Reviews*, available online at <http://dissertationreviews.org/>
- 2013 Peer reviewer, textbook manuscript on Japanese history, Westview Press
- 2013 Peer reviewer, article manuscript on sport in Japan, *Social Science Japan Journal*
- 2011 Peer reviewer, book manuscript proposal on martial arts history, Routledge

INVITED LECTURES

- 2019 International Workshop on “Challenging Olympic Narratives in Japan” hosted by the University of Ghent, Ghent, Belgium: “Moving Experiences: Questioning Inspirational Discourses and Paralympic Sports in Japan”
- 2017 The W.G. Beasley Memorial Lecture at SOAS, University of London Japan Research Centre: “From Patients to Pros: The Paralympics and the Evolving Image of Disabled Athletes in Japan, 1964-2020”
- 2017 The 42nd Higashi Fushimi Sports Science Research Workshop at Waseda University: “The Paralympics and Evolving Media Representations of Athletes with Disabilities in Japan, 1964-2020”
- 2017 32nd Lecture Series on American Studies for The Tohoku Association for American Studies hosted by Tohoku University: “The Paralympics and Adapted Sports in the United States: An Overview and Case Study of Adapted Sports Programs in Southwest Michigan”
- 2016 International Symposium on “Inclusion through Sports for the Future”: Cultural Diversity and Olympic/Paralympic Games hosted by Aoyama Gakuin University Joint Research Institute for International Peace and Culture and The Nippon Foundation Paralympic Research Group: “The Paralympic Movement, Disability, and Sports in Postwar Japan”
- 2014 Noon Lecture Series at the University of Michigan Center for Japanese Studies: “The Paralympic Movement, Disability, and Sports in Postwar Japan”
- 2009 Japan Forum Lecture Series at the Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies of Harvard University: “Sports Celebrity in Japan: A Transnational History”
- 2006 East Asian Studies Colloquium Series, Wittenberg University: “Telling Tales: A Global History of Sports Celebrity in Modern Japan”

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 Paper presented, Annual Congress of the International Society for the History of Physical Education and Sport, Sapporo, Japan (Online Conference): “Trends in Japanese Media Coverage of the Paralympics and Disability Sports, 1964-2020”
- 2019 Workshop co-organizer and discussant, International Workshop on “Beyond the Five Rings: Religion and Sports in Japan,” hosted by Western Michigan University
- 2015 Paper presented, Annual AAS-in-Asia Conference, Taipei, Taiwan: “From Patients to Pros: The Paralympics and the Evolving Image of Disabled Athletes, 1964-2020”
- 2013 Paper presented, Midwest Japan Seminar at Northwestern University: “Official Representations of the Disabled Athlete at Tokyo’s 1964 Paralympics”
- 2013 Paper presented, Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Diego, California: “Sporting Disability: Representing the Disabled Athlete at Tokyo’s 1964 Paralympics”
- 2012 Paper presented, Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs at Western Michigan University: “Rethinking the Koza Riot: Urban Violence and Military Base Towns in Japan”
- 2012 Roundtable panelist, Japan Study 50th Anniversary Conference at Earlham College, “The Japanese Studies Curriculum: From Intro to Senior Seminar: Passages to Asia”
- 2011 Paper presented, Annual Conference of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, Minneapolis, Minnesota: “Under Pressure: The Origins and Impact of the Tokyo Paralympics”

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- 2009 Roundtable panelist, Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, Illinois: "Sports in Asia: The Olympics and Beyond: Sponsored by Committee on Teaching About Asia"
- 2008 Paper presented, Annual Conference of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, Denver, Colorado: "Okinawa's Star: Ethnicity, Narrativity, and Spectacular Difference"
- 2008 Paper presented, Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Atlanta, Georgia: "Taking One for the Team: Sports Celebrity in Militarized Japan"
- 2008 Paper presented, Midwest Japan Seminar at Indiana University: "'Japan's Number One' Goes to War: Baseball, Militarization, and Memory"
- 2007 Paper presented, 121st Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Atlanta, Georgia: "'So, Your Daughter Is a Sportsman': Gender Anxiety and Nationalism in the Golden Age of Sports"
- 2006 Roundtable chair and panelist, Japan and the World Conference at Wittenberg University: "Teaching East Asia and the World"
- 2005 Paper presented, Modern Japanese History Workshop, Waseda University: "Breakfasts of the Champion: Sports Celebrity, Identity, and Body Culture in Modern Japan"

THESES

- 2001 M.A. thesis, Columbia University: "Changing Clothes in Changing Times: *Ironaoshi* and Japanese Wedding Ceremonies"
- 1999 Fulbright Fellowship thesis, University of the Ryukyus: "Ōta Masahide: An Agent of Change in Okinawa"
- 1998 East Asian Studies and American Studies Honors thesis, Wittenberg University: "The Real Story: The Final Stage of the Japanese Women's Suffrage Movement"

COURSES TAUGHT

- Asian History I: Premodern East Asia (Xavier University)
- Asian History II: Modern East Asia (Xavier University)
- Early China
- Faster, Higher, Stronger: Sports in East Asia
- First Year Seminar: Who Are the Samurai?
- Guided Reading and Research: Tibet (Xavier University)
- Introduction to East Asian Civilizations: China, Japan, and Korea
- Modern China: A People's History
- Modern Japan: A People's History
- Occupiers and Occupied in Post-World War II East Asia
- Research in East Asian Studies Workshop (Columbia University)
- Seminar: The Korean War
- Seminar: Who Are the Samurai? (Xavier University)
- Senior Seminar: East Asia In and Beyond the Media
- Senior Seminar: Historical Methods
- Sophomore Colloquium: Opium: The First War on Drugs (Xavier University)
- Sophomore Seminar: What If: Alternate Pasts

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

ASIANetwork
 Association for Asian Studies
 Center for Japanese Studies, The University of Michigan
 Midwest Japan Seminar
 Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs
 North American Society for the Sociology of Sport
 U.S. Speaker Program, Bureau of International Information Programs, U.S. Department of State

SERVICE ACTIVITIESKalamazoo CollegeAdministrative Service

2020-Present Chair: History Department
 2019-2020 Acting Chair (sabbatical-replacement): Japanese Program
 2018-Present Director: East Asian Studies Program
 2018-Present Interim Chair: Chinese Program
 2014-2015 Dean of the Sophomore Class

Standing Committees

2020-Present Member: Experiential Education Committee
 2017-2018 Member: Planning and Budget Committee
 2014-2015 Member: Shared Passages Program Steering Committee
 2013-2016 Member: Graduate Fellowships Committee
 2011-2013 Member: Admissions and Financial Aid Committee

Search Committees

2021 Member: African History Visiting Assistant Professor Search Committee
 2020-2021 Chair: Chinese Search Committee
 2020 Co-chair: Japanese Search Committee
 2019 Member: Japanese Visiting Assistant Professor Search Committee
 2018-2019 Co-chair: Chinese Search Committee
 2018 Member (elected): Provost Search Committee
 2018 Member: Japanese Visiting Assistant Professor Search Committee
 2017-2018 Member: Medieval Mediterranean History Search Committee
 2015-2016 Member: European History Search Committee
 2014-2015 Member: Organic Chemistry Search Committee
 2012-2013 Member: Macro-Economics Search Committee

Other Kalamazoo College Service

2018-Present Member: International and Area Studies Steering Committee
 2018-Present Chapter Historian: Kalamazoo College Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa
 2012-2016 Assisted in creation and development of new First-Year Seminar library workshop, "Beyond Google," and helped craft successful SoTL grant proposal to support these efforts
 2010-Present Member: Fulbright Campus Interview Committee
 2013-2014 President: Kalamazoo College Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa
 2012-2013 Vice-President: Kalamazoo College Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa
 2011-2012 Assisted in preparation of grant application for the Luce Initiative on Asian Studies and the Environment

SERVICE ACTIVITIESOther Academic Service Activities

- 2020-present Social Science Faculty Representative (elected): North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources
- 2020-present Member: Fundraising Taskforce, North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources
- 2019 Faculty evaluator: Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs Student Paper Prize Competition
- 2018 Faculty evaluator: Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs Student Paper Prize Competition
- 2012 Participant: Japan Midwest Regional Outreach Network Coordinator Workshop, Western Michigan University
- 2008-2010 Co-Director: International Studies Program (Xavier University)
- 2008-2010 Member: Asian Studies Development Taskforce (Xavier University)
- 2009 Principal author of successful grant application to The Nippon Foundation for the donation of books to McDonald Library (Xavier University)
- 2001-2002 Co-organizer: Graduate Student Conference on East Asia at Columbia University
- 2001-2002 Coordinator: Japanese History Benkyōkai Study Group at Columbia University

MEDIA OUTREACH, PODCASTS, AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

- 2021 Interview (Zoom recorded) with Noel Thatcher and Mike Salter for *Japan Sport Stories* podcast on the Paralympics and disability sports in Japan
- 2021 Interview (Zoom recorded) with Michael Rosenkrantz for *Getting Everyone Moving* podcast on the Paralympics and disability sports in Japan
- 2021 Invited Blogpost, “Dennis J. Frost’s ‘More Than Medals,’” *Page 99 Test Blog* (<https://page99test.blogspot.com/2021/02/dennis-j-frosts-more-than-medals.html>)
- 2021 Invited blogpost, “Excerpt—*More Than Medals: A History of the Paralympics and Disability Sports in Postwar Japan*,” #AsiaNow (official blog for the Association for Asian Studies) (<https://www.asianstudies.org/excerpt-more-than-medals-a-history-of-the-paralympics-and-disability-sports-in-postwar-japan/>)
- 2021 Invited blogpost, “Dennis J. Frost on the History of Disability Sports in Postwar Japan,” *Cornell University Press Blog* (and shared on social media for virtual AHA Annual Conference) (<https://www.cornellpress.cornell.edu/dennis-j-frost-on-the-history-of-disability-sports-in-postwar-japan/>)
- 2020 Invited blogpost, “‘More Than a Normal Marathon’: Four Decades of Wheelchair Racing in Ōita, Japan,” *Cornell University Press Blog* (<https://www.cornellpress.cornell.edu/more-than-a-normal-marathon-four-decades-of-wheelchair-racing-in-oita-japan/>)
- 2020 Interview (Zoom recorded) in Japanese with Yamaguchi Ichiro, *Mainichi shimbun* (Japanese daily newspaper) for two-part audio podcast *Paratto* and article on my book *More than Medals* (https://voicy.jp/channel/616/114392?fbclid=IwAR3o8vEoe_QhNlywdSe7esuLuP0jUY0Ex9jCb1Ewlh4NT8Pwyq6YVeEwZFA and <https://voicy.jp/channel/616/113547?fbclid=IwAR062tSgy11X7Gf2M-CYOS14p5fWyyBQat8b68rG2AFf6s-6zgfLHXQAY>)
- 2020 Interview (Zoom recorded) with Mat Whitecross (director) and HTYT Stories production company for a planned documentary series on the Paralympics provisionally titled *The Road to Tokyo*
- 2020 Interview (Zoom recorded) with Samuel Clevenger for *Somatic* podcast on the Paralympics and disability sports in Japan

MEDIA OUTREACH, PODCASTS, AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

- 2020 Interview (Skype recorded) with Os Davis for *Truly the GOATS: A sports history podcast* on the history of sumo and sumo celebrity in Japan (<http://www.trulythegoats.com/podcast/episode-5-raiden-vs-hakuho-vs-sumo-history-vs-internationalization/>)
- 2020 Consulted (email) and cited by Isaac Meyer for the *History of Japan* podcast about the history of the 1964 Paralympics in Japan (<http://isaacmeyer.net/2020/06/episode-342-the-other-olympics/>)
- 2020 Interview (phone) with Phil Hall from *WAG Magazine* for an article about the history of the Olympics in Japan (<https://www.wagmag.com/whither-tokyos-summer-olympics/>)
- 2019 Interview (phone) with Tony Perrottet for a planned article in *Smithsonian Magazine* about the history of karate in Japan
- 2018 Interview (Skype) with Imogen Pullan, Kyodo News (leading Japanese wire service) about the history of media coverage of disability sports in Japan (<https://english.kyodonews.net/news/2018/02/c681b462e246-feature-disability-no-longer-sole-focus-in-reporting-on-japans-para-athletes.html>)
- 2012 Interview (phone recorded) with Bruce Berglund for the New Books Network podcast about my book *Seeing Stars* (<https://newbooksnetwork.com/dennis-frost-seeing-stars-sports-celebrity-identity-and-body-culture-in-modern-japan-harvard-up-2011>)
- 2011 Invited Blogpost, “Dennis J. Frost’s ‘Seeing Stars,’” *Page 99 Test Blog* (<http://page99test.blogspot.com/2011/04/dennis-j-frosts-seeing-stars.html>)
- 2011 Invited Blogpost, “Dennis J. Frost,” *Writers Read Blog* (<http://whatarewritersreading.blogspot.com/2011/04/dennis-j-frost.html>)