

## **Peter K. J. Park**

Associate Professor of Historical Studies & History of Ideas  
School of Arts and Humanities at The University of Texas at Dallas  
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### **Educational history:**

*University of California, Los Angeles*

Ph.D. in History, 2005. Graduate fellowship received: Project 88 Fellowship, 2001–2002.

M.A. in History, 1999. Graduate fellowship received: Project 88 Fellowship, 1997–1998

*Hampshire College*

B.A., 1995. Undergraduate scholarship received: Arturo Alfonso Schomberg Scholarship

### **Employment history:**

*International Summer University, Philipps University, Marburg, Germany*

Associate Professor of German Studies, June 18-29, 2016

*Bogazici/Bosphorus University, Istanbul, Turkey*

Visiting Faculty Member, Department of Philosophy, June 23, 2014–Aug. 17, 2014

*The University of Texas at Dallas*

Associate Professor, School of Arts and Humanities, Sept. 1, 2013–present

Assistant Professor, School of Arts and Humanities, Sept. 1, 2007–Aug. 31, 2013

*Loyola Marymount University*

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, Sept. 1, 2005–May 31, 2006

*University of California, Los Angeles*

Teaching Fellow, Department of History, 2002–2003

Teaching Associate, Department of History, 1999–2000

Teaching Assistant, Department of History, 1998–1999

### **Other appointments:**

Visiting Scholar, June 1–Aug. 19, 2015, Ricci Institute, University of San Francisco

Visiting Scholar, Jan.–May, 2014, College of Ethnic Studies, San Francisco State University

Visiting Scholar, 2006–2007, Center for 17th- and 18th-Century Studies, University of California, Los Angeles

### **Research fellowships awarded / sponsored projects:**

“Scientific Racism in the Late Enlightenment, 1770-1830,” Special Faculty Development Assignment, School of Arts and Humanities, University of Texas at Dallas, 2013-2014

“The German Enlightenment and the Rise of Scientific Racism,” Herzog Ernst Fellowship of the Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Research Centre for Social and Cultural Studies in Gotha (Erfurt University), Germany, June–Aug. 2010

“The pantheism controversy between Tholuck and Hegel,” Fritz Thyssen Fellowship of the Francke Foundations, Halle an der Saale, Germany, Aug.–Dec. 2009

“The Exclusion of Asia from the Formation of a Modern Canon of Philosophy,” Post-Doctoral Fellowship (2 years), Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University, Chicago, awarded April 2007 (I declined this.)

“Indology and Comparative Philology in Germany: The Case of Friedrich Schlegel,” 10-month Dissertation Research Fellowship, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Germany, Oct. 2000–July 2001

### **Professional honors:**

-Frantz Fanon Outstanding Book Award, 2016, conferred by the Caribbean Philosophical Association

-Diversity Service Award, 2012, conferred by the Office of the Vice President for Diversity and Community Engagement, University of Texas at Dallas

**Current professional memberships:**

American Historical Association  
American Philosophical Association  
German Studies Association

**Books authored:**

*Africa, Asia, and the History of Philosophy: Racism in the Formation of the Philosophical Canon, 1780–1830* (SUNY Series, Philosophy and Race). Albany: State University of New York Press, 2013.

**Books co-edited:**

Popkin, Richard H. *Disputing Christianity: The 400-year-old Debate over Rabbi Isaac ben Abraham Troki's Classic Arguments*. Edited by Jeremy D. Popkin, Peter K. J. Park, and Knox Peden. New York: Humanity Books, 2007.

McGetchin, Douglas T., Peter K. J. Park, and D. R. SarDesai, eds. *Sanskrit and 'Orientalism': Indology and Comparative Linguistics in Germany, 1750–1958*. New Delhi: Manohar, 2004.

**Chapters in edited books:**

"Leibniz and Wolff on China." In *Germany and China: Transnational Encounters since the Eighteenth Century*, edited by Joanna Miyang Cho and David M. Crowe, 21–37. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.

"The Exclusion of Asia and Africa from the History of Philosophy: Is Kant Responsible?" In *Cultivating Personhood: Kant and Asian Philosophy*, edited by Stephen R. Palmquist, 777–790. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2010.

"Assessing the Work of Richard H. Popkin from the Vantage Point of Comparative Philosophy." In *The Legacies of Richard H. Popkin*, edited by Jeremy D. Popkin, 39–56. Dordrecht: Springer, 2008.

"Return to Enlightenment: Franz Bopp's Reformation of Comparative Grammar." In *The Study of Language and the Politics of Community in Global Context*, edited by David L. Hoyt and Karen Oslund, 61–83. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2006.

"A Catholic Apologist in a Pantheistic World: New Approaches to Friedrich Schlegel." In *Sanskrit and 'Orientalism': Indology and Comparative Linguistics in Germany, 1750–1958*, edited by Douglas T. McGetchin, Peter K. J. Park, and D. R. SarDesai, 83–106. New Delhi: Manohar, 2004.

**Other writings (not including abstracts):**

"[Review of] *The Unity of Mystical Traditions: The Transformation of Consciousness in Tibetan and German Mysticism* by Randall Studstill (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2005)," with Bradley L. Herling, in *H-German Discussion Network* (April 10, 2007) <<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=90461189531829>>

"[Review of] *The Languages of Paradise: Aryans and Semites, A Match Made in Heaven* by Maurice Olender (New York: Other Press, 2002)," in *Indo-European Studies Bulletin*, Vol. 11, No. 1 (July/Aug. 2004).

**Invited oral presentations at professional meetings and seminar or colloquia assemblies:**

"Why It Makes Sense to Talk of Decolonizing the Philosophy Canon" (keynote), at the conference *Critiquing the Canon*, organized by the UCLA Chapter of Minorities and Philosophy (MAP), at the University of California, Los Angeles, Jan. 21, 2017.

"The Transatlantic Trade in Colonial and Racist Ideas: How West-Indian Planters Helped to Underwrite Kantian Historiography of Philosophy" (keynote), at the conference *Tropic of Capricorn: Concepts from the Global South*, organized by the Centre for Indian Studies in Africa, at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, Oct. 21–23, 2016.

Author's "Response," Author Meets Critics panel on *Africa, Asia and the History of Philosophy: Racism and the Formation of the Philosophical Canon*, organized by the Committee on the Status of Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies, at the American Philosophical Association Central Division 113th Annual Meeting, March 2–5, 2016.

"Historical Origins of Eurocentrism in Philosophy," presented at the symposium *Asian Philosophy and the Decolonial Project*, Philosophy Dept., University of San Francisco, August 13–14, 2015.

"Cornelius de Pauw's Natural History of the Chinese, or How a Minor *Philosophe* Shattered the Image of China," presented at the conference *Text and History: Encounters with Western Missionaries in China*, Ricci Institute, University of San Francisco, August 13, 2015.

"Enlightenment Anthropology and the Rewriting of the History of Philosophy: On the Origins of Eurocentrism in Philosophy," presented in the Philosophy Department Colloquium, Bosphorus University (Istanbul), Nov. 22, 2013.

"Enlightenment against China: Cornelius de Pauw's Natural History of the Chinese," presented at the conference *Reading China during the German Enlightenment*, Penn State University, Feb. 24–25, 2012.

"History of Religions as a Facet of the Anthropology of Race: The Work of Christoph Meiners (1747–1810)," presented on the panel *German Orientalism and the Dialogue among Religions*, at the 29th Annual Meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Fordham University, Oct. 21–23, 2011.

"The Challenge of Enlightenment Racism: The Cosmopolitan Kant *versus* the Racist Kant," presented to the Dallas Areas Social History Group, Feb. 26, 2010.

"Enlightened Racism: Mutual Influences between Immanuel Kant and Christoph Meiners," presented at the Interdisciplinary Centre for European Enlightenment Studies, Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg, Oct. 21, 2009.

"Comments," on the panel *Conversion: Multiple Identities/Continuities of the Self*, at the German Studies Association Annual Meeting, St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 2–5, 2008.

"*Darsana* vs. Philosophy: German University Philosophers Debate India, 1790–1830," presented at the conference *Exchange of Ideas and Culture between South Asia and Central Europe*, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Oct. 28–29, 2005.

"Assessing the Work of Richard H. Popkin from the Vantage Point of Comparative Philosophy and Cross-Cultural Studies," presented at the conference *The Legacies of Richard H. Popkin*, William Andrews Clark Memorial Library, University of California, Los Angeles, June 11–12, 2005.

"The Exclusion of Asia from the General History of Philosophy: The Kantian Position," presented on the panel *Enlightened Responses to the Diversity of Mankind*, at the conference *Frühe Neuzeit Interdisziplinär*, Duke University, April 7–10, 2005.

"India and the Rise of Comparative History of Philosophy," presented to the Seminar für Geschichte Südasiens, Institut für Asien- und Afrikawissenschaften, Humboldt University, Berlin, May 8, 2001.

#### **Contributed oral presentations at professional meetings:**

"Kant's Colonial Knowledge and His Greek Turn," presented on the panel *When Did Philosophy Become 'Western'?*, organized by the Indian Philosophy Association, at the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division 113th Annual Meeting, Jan. 4–7, 2017.

"The Use of Comparative History of Religion in F. A. G. Tholuck's Polemic against G. W. F. Hegel," presented on the panel *Comparative Religious History in Hegel's Shadow*, presented at the German Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., Oct. 1–4, 2015.

"The Exclusion of Asia from the History of Philosophy: Is Kant Responsible?" presented at the international conference *Kant in Asia: The Unity of Human Personhood*, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, May 20–23, 2009.

"The Kantian School and the Consolidation of Modern Historiography of Philosophy," presented at the conference *Seventh Annual University of California Colloquium on Early Modern Central Europe*, University of California, Los Angeles, Mar. 1–2, 2003.

"The Theological and Political Stakes of Bopp's Theory of Language," presented on the panel *Cultural Politics of Language Study in Nineteenth-Century Europe*, at the American Historical Association 117th Annual Meeting, Chicago, Jan. 2–5, 2003.

“India and the Rise of the Comparative-Historical Sciences,” presented on the panel *Historical Interpretations of Indological Science, German Culture and Society, 1808–1914*, organized by Peter Park and Indra Sengupta, at the Second International Convention of Asia Scholars, Free University, Berlin, Aug. 9–12, 2001.

“The Catholic-Romantic Theology of Friedrich Schlegel: Pointing the Way to a Comparative History of Philosophy,” presented at the conference *One Hundred Years After Max Müller*, organized by the Centre for Philosophy & Foundations of Science, India International Centre, New Delhi, Dec. 11–15, 2000.

“Indology, Comparative Philology, and Romanticism: New Approaches to Friedrich Schlegel (1772–1829),” presented at the conference *The History of Indology and Comparative Philology in Germany, 1750–1958*, sponsored by the Navin and Pratima Doshi Chair of Indian History and organized by Peter Park, UCLA, April 14, 2000.

### **Classroom teaching:**

(HIST = Historical Studies, HUHI = Humanities: History of Ideas, PHIL = Philosophy)

2016/Fall	HIST 3319 Early Modern Europe
2016/Fall	HUHI 6300 History of Early Modern Thought
2016/Sum	Seminar 7 Early Modern Germany
2016/Spring	HIST 3301 Historical Inquiry
2016/Spring	HUHI 6305 Ideas in Context: History of Race Theory
2015/Fall	HIST 3301 Historical Inquiry
2015/Fall	HUHI 6396 Comparative Philosophy
2015/Spring	HIST 3319 Early Modern Europe
2015/Spring	HIST 6301 Historiography
2015/Spring	HUHI 7314 Enlightenment Historiography
2014/Fall	HIST 3320 Modern Europe
2014/Fall	HUHI 6325 Skepticism Ancient and Modern
2014/Sum	PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy
2013/Spring	HIST 3301 Historical Inquiry
2013/Spring	HIST 4380 Topics in Intellectual History: European Enlightenment
2013/Spring	HUHI 7314 Enlightenment Historiography
2012/Fall	PHIL 4308 Theories of Knowledge
2012/Fall	HUHI 6300 Early Modern German Philosophy
2012/Spring	HIST 3319 Early Modern Europe
2012/Spring	HUHI 6332 European Enlightenment
2011/Fall	HIST 3301 Historical Inquiry
2011/Fall	HIST 4380 Topics in Intellectual History: European Enlightenment
2011/Fall	HUHI 6300 History of Early Modern Thought
2011/Spring	HIST 4344 Topics in European History: Renaissance and Reformation
2011/Spring	HUHI 6325 Skepticism Ancient and Modern
2010/Fall	HIST 3319 Early Modern Europe
2010/Fall	HUHI 7314 Enlightenment Historiography
2010/Spring	HIST 3301 Historical Inquiry
2010/Spring	HIST 4380 Topics in Intellectual History: European Enlightenment
2010/Spring	HUHI 6313 Early Modern German Philosophy
2009/Sum	HUHI 6325 European Enlightenment
2009/Spring	HIST 3319 Early Modern Europe
2009/Spring	HUHI 6300 History of Early Modern Thought
2008/Fall	PHIL 2316 History of Philosophy I
2008/Fall	HIST 4344 Topics in European History: Renaissance and Reformation
2008/Fall	HUHI 6313 Renaissance and Reformation
2008/Spring	HIST 4344 Topics in European History: The Enlightenment
2008/Spring	HUHI 7368 Skepticism Ancient and Modern

2007/Fall HIST 3319 Early Modern Europe  
2007/Fall HUH 7399 Special Topics in History of Ideas: Historical Inquiry

**Service:**

2015–present Member, Committee on Effective Teaching, School of Arts and Humanities,  
University of Texas at Dallas

2014–2016 Program Coordinator for Historical Studies/History of Ideas/Philosophy

2014–present Member, Faculty Advisory Council, Center for Values in Medicine, Science and  
Technology, University of Texas at Dallas

2014–2015 Member of an *Ad Hoc* Committee for Granting of Tenure and Promotion, School of  
Arts and Humanities, University of Texas at Dallas

2014–2015 Member, 19th-century U.S. History Search Committee, School of Arts and  
Humanities, University of Texas at Dallas

2014 Reviewer, University of Toronto Press

2014–2015, Member, Graduate Studies Committee, School of Arts and Humanities, University of  
2012–2013 Texas at Dallas

2012–2013 Chair, Gavin Hambly Scholarship Committee, School of Arts and Humanities,  
University of Texas at Dallas

2010–2013 Chair, University Committee for the Support of Diversity and Equity, University of  
Texas at Dallas

2011–2012 Member, History and/or Philosophy of Technology and/or Science Search  
Committee, School of Arts and Humanities, University of Texas at Dallas

2010–2011 Coordinator, Gavin Hambly Scholarship Committee, School of Arts and Humanities,  
University of Texas at Dallas

2009–2010 Faculty Advisor, Multicultural Living-Learning Community, Office of Student Affairs  
and the Multicultural Center, University of Texas at Dallas

2008–2010 Member, Graduate Student Conference Paper Competition Committee, American  
Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies

2008–2009 Vice Chair, University Committee for the Support of Diversity and Equity, University  
of Texas at Dallas

2008–2009 Member, Early Modern British Literature Search Committee, School of Arts and  
Humanities, University of Texas at Dallas

2007–2008 Member, University Committee for the Support of Diversity and Equity, University of  
Texas at Dallas