

## **SUSAN ORPETT LONG**

### **Professor Emerita**

Anthropology, Department of Sociology and Criminology

### **Degrees**

PhD/MA Anthropology, University of Illinois, Urbana

AB Anthropology and East Asian Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

### **Areas of Expertise**

Cultural and medical anthropology

Death and dying

Comparative medical systems

Culture, aging, and elder care

Family and gender

Japan, East Asia

### **Teaching**

Dr. Long taught undergraduate courses at John Carroll University for 31 years. She worked with colleagues to establish two academic programs, East Asian Studies and the minor in Population and Public Health. Her regular courses included Introduction to Anthropology; East Asian Cultures; Sex and Gender; Japanese Society; Japanese Popular Culture; Introduction to Public Health, Culture, Environment and Global Health; and Health and Healing in East Asia. Many of her courses have been interdisciplinary in nature, and she team-taught courses with colleagues in East Asian Studies, including a study tour to Japan focused on Japanese popular culture. She frequently arranged field trips and guest speakers, and worked with students outside of class on independent studies and capstone projects, and to present their work at Celebration of Scholarship and submit excellent papers to undergraduate student prize competitions. She especially enjoyed encouraging all students to see the world from new perspectives, and to think and write critically. The university awarded her with the Distinguished Faculty Award in 2015.

### **Fieldwork**

Dr. Long undertook fieldwork projects in Japan and in the US, and participated in faculty development programs in Korea and China. She enjoys both individual and collaborative work. Her research has been supported by funding from the Fulbright program, National Science Foundation, Abe Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities, the Northeast Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies, and John Carroll University. Her book, *Final Days: Japanese Culture and Choice at the End of Life* (University of Hawaii Press, 2005) was awarded the Francis L.K. Hsu Book Prize by the Society for East Asian Anthropology.

### **Recent publications**

Boret, Sebastien, Susan Orpett Long, and Sergei Kan, eds. 2017. *Death in the Early Twenty-first Century: Authority, Innovation and Mortuary Rites*. Palgrave.

**Long, Susan Orpett** and Sonja Buehring. 2017. Remembering the Dead: Agency, Authority, and Mortuary Practices in Interreligious Families in the United States. In *Mortuary Rites, Memory, and Agency: The Anthropology of Death in the Early Twenty-First Century*, Sebastien Boret, Susan Orpett Long, and Sergei Kan, eds. Pp. 255-289. Palgrave Macmillan.

Long, Susan Orpett. 2014. The Aging of the Japanese Family: Meanings of Grandchildren in Old Age. In *Capturing Contemporary Japan: Differentiation and Uncertainty*. Satsuki Kawano, Glenda S. Roberts, and Susan Orpett Long, eds. Pp. 183-201. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.

Seward, Linda and **Susan Orpett Long**. 2016. Friendship and Communication in Japan. In *Relationships and Communication in East Asian Cultures: China, Japan and South Korea*. Guowei Jian and George Ray, eds. Pp. 111-140. Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall Hunt.

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