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### **Bio and Research Statement**

Justin B. Stein is a doctoral candidate at the University of Toronto, working with Professor Pamela Klassen. His dissertation research is on the role of local sociocultural forms in the transnational development of the healing practices called Reiki in the twentieth century North Pacific. Reiki's circular trajectory from Japan to Hawaii to mainland North America back to Japan reveals a long history of trans-Pacific dialogue with implications for the histories of Japanese and North American religion, as well as for theories regarding the relationship between transculturation and the production of difference.

Justin received a master's degree in Religion (Asian) from the University of Hawai'i – Mānoa, where his thesis focused on the production of authority and authenticity in varied accounts of the life of Reiki's founder, as well as a master's in Childhood Education from the City University of New York – Brooklyn College, and a bachelor's in Philosophy from Hamilton College (U.S.). His full C.V. is available at <http://utoronto.academia.edu/JustinStein>.