
Although Folkert’s most important work was unfinished at his death, many Asianists and religionists will know him from the stimulating papers that he often delivered at meetings of the American Oriental Society and the American Academy of Religion. His leadership in the life of his community, university, and the scholarly world will be sorely missed. Among South Asianists and religionists, the loss of his highly promising work in Gujarat will be especially felt by the many of us who saw in it a new perspective on Jaina practice and piety. We mourn the death of an irreplaceable friend, colleague, and scholar.

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Shumpei Okamoto (1932–1985)

Shumpei Okamoto, Professor of History at Temple University, died on December 15, 1985, after a brief hospitalization. All of us who were privileged to work with Professor Okamoto have lost a colleague who was unstinting and selfless in his contributions to the scholarship and thinking of so many of his colleagues concerning modern Japanese history and politics, Sino-Japanese relations, Japanese foreign policy, and Japanese-American relations.

After receiving his B.A. degree in Economics from Aoyama Gakuin in 1954, Okamoto came to the United States; he received a second B.A. in History and Government from Anderson College in 1959. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University. His career in the academy was spent entirely at Temple University.

A prolific scholar and translator as well as a gifted teacher, Okamoto greatly enhanced our understanding of the Japanese perspective on the foreign relations of Japan, especially during the pre-1941 period. His Japanese Oligarchy and the Russo-Japanese War (New York: Columbia University Press, 1970) is a landmark study of Meiji foreign policy. At the time of his death he was nearing completion of his painstaking work on a five-volume translation of essays from the major Japanese study, Taihei-yō Sensō e no Michi, edited by James William Morley under the title Japan’s Road to the Pacific War (New York: Columbia University Press, 1976—). Okamoto’s ready sense of humor, his highly independent and penetrating judgment, the craftsmanship and thoroughness that he brought to his work, and the intellectual generosity of which so many of us were the beneficiaries will not lightly pass from memory.

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