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Research Interests: Japan's wartime news media

Prof. Roger Purdy's research focuses on wartime Japan's news media and the symbiotic relationship between the news industry and the Japanese government. He also is interested in using literature and visual culture to analyze and understand the development of the human experience. His East Asian courses include research courses on both modern Japan and China as well as history surveys on premodern, modern and contemporary East Asian. He also teaches a course on Japanese popular culture and has led several Japanese popular culture study tours. Prof. Purdy was a visiting scholar the Japan Center of Michigan Universities in Hikone and Nanzan University in Nagoya, Japan. He has also regularly taught at Sophia University's summer sessions. He has published several articles on Japanese wartime newsreels and the Dōmei News Agency and is currently working on the image of the emperor in Japanese wartime newsreels and how Japan's popular wartime media portrayed the kamikaze. He is also working as co-author on a book on modern Japanese history. Besides his academic and research activities, he is the former East Asian Studies Coordinator.