

2023 UPEIFA Merit Award for Scholarly Achievement

Dr. Edward Chung has maintained a highly productive academic record since arriving at the University of Prince Edward Island and has produced a multitude of outstanding achievements in the past 5 years. Dr. Chung is a Full Professor in the Department of Religious Studies and the Director of Asian Studies at UPEI. His research interests focus on East Asian religions in Canada, as well as Eastern religion and thought, especially Korean Neo-Confucianism. Since 2018, Dr. Chung has published nine single-author scholarly articles and book chapters, fourteen conference presentations, and has published three self-authored books. These books have received acclaim, with comments such as:

“This compelling, thoroughly well-researched collection of essays extends – in valuable ways – the advancing cross-cultural, transdisciplinary dialogue among philosophers and theorists of emotion. The insights found in the pages connect and enrich a broad range of interrelated fields.” (Dr. Donovan Schafer, University of Pennsylvania)

These books have not only received glowing praises internationally by world-renowned experts in Religious Studies, but his 2020 book on Neo-Confucianism in Korea received an International Award of Research Excellence in December of 2021. In addition to his outstanding publication record, Dr. Chung has also been awarded over one million dollars of international research funding from the Korean Studies Promotion Service to support his scholarly endeavors. He has also worked to strengthen the international reputation of the Faculty of Arts at UPEI by hosting and organizing an Asian Studies International Conference in 2018 that highlighted the work of fifteen scholars from Canada, USA, Japan, and Korea. Dr. Chung’s peers at UPEI have stated that his recent scholarly achievements would rival the most productive scholars in North America’s finest research institutions. The University of Prince Edward Island is truly honored to have such a productive and active scholar as Dr. Chung. The UPEIFA congratulates you on all your accomplishments and wishes you the best of luck in the years to come!