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CURRICULUM VITAE

Education

Ph.D. in Modern South Asian History from the University of Texas at Austin, May
Qualifying areas include Modern South Asian History, Hindi, Sanskrit

Dissertation: The Construction of Hindu Identity at Banaras Hindu University (1915-
1947)

Dissertation Committee: Gail Minault (Supervisor-South Asian History), William Roger
Louis (British History), Robert Hardgrave (Government of India), Herman van Olphen
(Hindi/Urdu), and Howard Miller (History of Religion)

MA in Asian Studies, University of Texas at Austin, December 1992

BA in Humanities, University of Texas at Austin, May 1986

Publications

Books

A Hindu Education: The Early Years of the Banaras Hindu University. New Delhi:
Oxford University Press, August 2005.

Chapters in edited books

“Nationalist Education: The Case of Banaras Hindu University and Malaviya,”
Handbook of Education Systems in Asia. P. M. Sarangapani and R. Pappu, eds.
Singapore: Springer Nature, 2020.

“The Maharaja and the Brahman: The Subordination of History to Myth.” Manu
Bhagavan and Syed Akbar Hyder, eds. *Hidden Histories: Religion and Reform in South
Asia*. Delhi: Primus Books, 2018.

“A Hindu Temple of Learning: The Hybridization of Religion and Architecture.” Michael
S. Dodson, ed. *Banaras: Urban Forms and Cultural Histories*. New Delhi: Routledge,
2011.

“Fundamentalism.” John Collins and Ross Glover, editors. *Collateral Language: A User's Guide to America's New War*. New York: New York University Press, 2002. Also in an Italian translation, *Linguaggio Collaterale*, Ombre Corte, 2006, and in a Spanish translation, *Lenguaje Collateral: Claves Para Justicar una Guerra*, Madrid: Paginas de Espuma, 2003.

Articles

“The Mahatma and the Missionary: Gandhi’s Conflicting Accounts of His First Encounter with Christianity.” *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 19, no. 1 (Spring 2018).

“Only the Impure Can Be Violated: Gandhi’s Views on Female Sexuality, Dalit Women, and Rape.” *Indian Journal of Dalit and Tribal Studies* 5, no. 1 (January-June 2017) 1-11.

"Predecessors of Prajna: A Survey of Pre-Independence Journals." *Prajna* 54, no. 1-2 (December 2008) 255-258.

“Gandhi: Patron Saint of the Industrialist.” *Sagar: South Asia Graduate Research Journal* 1, no. 1 (Spring 1994): 16-38.

Book Reviews

Review of Vera Hildebrand’s, *Women at War: Subhas Chandra Bose and the Rani of Jhansi Regiment*. H-War, H-Net Reviews, October 2019, URL:<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id+52575>

Review Charu Gupta’s *Sexuality, Obscenity, Community: Women, Muslims, and the Hindu Public in Colonial India*, *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History*, Vol. 4, 2003.

Papers Presented

“Sagar Island: Sacrifice by Drowning, British Interference, and the Descent of the Ganges.” Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin at Madison, 2019.

“The Role of the Hindu University in the Indian Independence Movement,” Indian Institute of Technology (BHU) Global Alumni, Silicon Valley Meeting, Santa Clara, CA, September 17, 2016.

“Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya and the Cleaning of the Ganga,” Parashurama Jayanti Bhavya Shobha Yatra, Farruckabad, India, April 24, 2015.

“Mahatma Gandhi and the 1889 Carnegie Controversy in London,” Britain and the World Conference, University of Newcastle, UK, 2014

“Annie Besant’s Annie Besant's Little Hindu Textbook: Theosophy, Empire, and Hindu Education,” Ireland, Slavery, Anti-Slavery, Empire Conference, University College Dublin, 2013.

“The Maharaja Grants the Brahman a Boon: The Subordination of History to Myth,” Texas South Asia Conference, University of Texas at Austin, 2012.

“Gandhi and the Gospel of Wealth,” American Academy of Religion Meeting, Philadelphia, 2005.

"Religion in its Broadest Sense: The Diffusion of Hindu Identity and the Sanctification of Western Knowledge at the Hindu University," South Asian Seminar of the Center for South Asia at the University of Virginia, 2005.

“War and the Church: Just Warfare and Just Peacemaking,” New York State Peace Conference, St. Lawrence University, 2003

“Annie Besant and the Way We Teach Hinduism,” Conference on South Asia at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, 2002.

“Religious Pluralism and Educational Reform in India,” Teaching World History and Geography 2000, Austin, Texas, 2000.

“Saffron Walls and the Missing Clock Tower: The Politics of Difference at Banaras Hindu University,” South Asian Seminar, Center for Asian Studies, University of Texas, 1998.

“Gandhi and Trusteeship,” Conference on South Asia at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1995

“Defining the Hindu in Banaras Hindu University,” Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Washington, DC, 1995.

“Gandhi: Patron Saint of the Industrialist Birla,” Conference on South Asia at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1994.

“Defining the Hindu in Banaras Hindu University,” Ford Foundation Social Science Research Symposium, the University of Texas, 1994.

“The Foundation of Banaras Hindu University: Patronage and Politics,” Southwestern Association of Asian Studies Conference at Texas A & M University, 1994.

Teaching Experience

Associate Professor of South Asian History, Texas State University, San Marcos, Summer I, 2007 until present.

Visiting lecturer in Modern South Asian History, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, Spring and Fall 2005.

Director of the New York State Independent College Consortium for Study in India (Bard, Hamilton, Hartwick, Hobart & William Smith, Skidmore, and St. Lawrence University), Spring 2004-Spring 2005.

Visiting assistant professor in Asian Religions in the Religious Studies Department at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York, Fall 2001-Spring 2004.

Teaching assistant in History of Buddhism for Prof. Gregory Schopen, University of Texas at Austin, 1994.

Teaching assistant in History of Asian Religions for Prof. Gregory Schopen, University of Texas in Austin, 1993.

Teaching assistant in Sanskrit for Prof. Patrick Olivelle, University of Texas in Austin, 1992-1993.

Teaching Awards

College of Liberal Arts Excellence in Teaching Award (2018)

Other University Positions Held

Academic Program Director, Texas State Study Abroad in India
Academic Program Coordination: Peace and Social Justice Studies Minor
Faculty Advisor for the Indian Students Association
Chair, Department of History Library Committee
Chair, History Research Fund Committee
Member, University Curriculum Committee
Member, College of Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee
Member, Academic Governance Committee
Member Liberal Arts Study Abroad Council
South Asian Students Association Faculty Adviser
Co-Director of Department of Education Southeast Asia Grant

Courses Taught

Texas State University

HIST 4328 History of India
HIST 4348 Mahatma Gandhi and Non-violence
HIST 4350J History and Culture of Modern India
HIST 4350X Peace and Nonviolence
HIST 4399 Senior Seminar
HIST 5395E Gandhi in World History (Graduate)

University of Virginia

HIS 100: World of Mahatma Gandhi
HIS 203: History of Modern India
HIS 303: Twentieth Century India

St. Lawrence University

HIS 403: Hindu Muslim Relations in South Asia
HIST 2311: World Civilizations to 1500
REL 100: Mystery and Meaning: An Introduction to Religion
REL 221: The Religious Life of India
REL 222: Buddhist Religious Traditions
REL 224: Islamic Religious Traditions
REL 247: Religion and Violence
REL 247: Moral Dilemmas
REL 451: Independent Study: Sanskrit
REL 248: Mahatma Gandhi: Religion, Non-violence, and Resistance to Globalization
REL 270: Fundamentalism as Cultural Encounter
REL 312: Mystical Experience: Eastern and Western
REL 370: Asian Religions in the Modern World
REL 380: Mythology and Popular Religious Thought in India

Fellowships and Awards

Developmental Leave Grant for 2014-15, Texas State University

Research Enhancement Grant, Texas State University, 2007-2008.

Meyerson Scholarship, Center for Asian Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 1997-98.

American Institute for Indian Studies Junior Scholar Fellowship for dissertation research in India, 1996-1997.

University of Texas Summer Study Abroad Fellowship for research trip to India, 1995.

Professional Development Award of the University of Texas Graduate Studies Program, 1995.

Dora Bonham Grant for research at the India Office Library, London, England, 1994.

Ford Foundation Social Science Research Grant for research on Banaras Hindu University at the India Office Library and Records of the British Library in London, England, 1994.

American Institute of Indian Studies Fellowship for the Hindi Language Program at Banaras, India, 1991-92.

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowships for the study of Hindi and Urdu at the University of Texas, 1990-91, 1994-95, 1995-96.

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship for First-Year Hindi Intensive at the University of California at Berkeley, 1990.