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Education

Ph.D. 1984 University of Chicago (History of Religions)
M.A. 1978 University of Chicago (Divinity)
B.A. 1976 University of Colorado (Religious Studies)
1973 Chapman College, World Campus Afloat (Religion and Music)

Professional Experience

2002- Indiana University, Professor of Religious Studies (courses below)

2002 & 2017 Semester at Sea--University of Pittsburgh (2002) and Colorado State University (2017)
Professor of Religious Studies (Varieties of Religious Traditions, Hinduism, Religion and Ecology (Pittsburgh); Religions of Asia, Environmental Ethics, Matter Matters: A Reconsideration of Idolatry and Anthropomorphism (Colorado))

1993-02 Indiana University, Associate Professor of Religious Studies
(Hinduism, Ritual Theory and Performance, Religions of Asia, Modern Hinduism, Interpretation of Religion, Religious Eroticism, Hindu Goddesses, Bhagavad Gita, Introduction to the Study of Religion, Bhagavata Purana, Religion, Ecology and Self, Worshipful Interaction with Embodied Forms of Divinity)

1985-92 Williams College, Assistant Professor of Religion
(Hinduism, South Asian Buddhism, Introduction to Religion, Pilgrimage, Native American Religions, Women Saints, and Novel India)

1984-85 University of Arizona, Visiting Assistant Professor of South Asian Studies (Asian Religions, Religions of India, Sufism, Religious Art of India, and Women Saints of India)

1983-84 University of Chicago, Teaching Assistant in Indian Civilizations
(Wendy Doniger, Divinity School, and Ralph Nicholas, Anthropology)

1983 University of Chicago, Instructor in the Continuing Education Program (History of Religions)

Honors and Awards

2018-19 American Institute of Indian Studies Senior Research Fellowship
2017-18 Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar
2014-15 John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship
2013-14 Fulbright-Nehru Senior Research Fellowship

2008	College Arts and Humanities Travel Research Grant
2006-07	ACLS/SSRC NEH International Research Fellowship
2005	American Institute of Indian Studies Senior Research Fellowship
2003	Overseas Conference Grant
2003	Indiana University Summer Faculty Fellowship
2002	Trustees Teaching Award
2001	International Projects and Activities Grant
1999-2000	ACLS/SSRC NEH International Research Fellowship
1994	American Academy of Religion Award for Excellence for <i>Journey Through the Twelve Forests</i>
1994	Indiana University Arts and Sciences Faculty Fellowship
1993	Smithsonian Travel Grant and Indiana University Overseas Conference Award
1992-93	Fulbright-CIES Research Scholar Award
1988-89	Smithsonian-AIIS Senior Research Grant
1984	Doctoral Dissertation awarded "Highest Distinction"
1983-84	University of Chicago Fellow and Junior Fellow in the Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion
1982-83	Dissertation Write-up Grant from the Committee on South Asian Studies, University of Chicago
1981-82	Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Fellowship for Research Abroad
1981	Superior Pass on Doctoral Exams
1980-81	Fellowship from the Committee on South Asian Studies
1979-80	Title VI in Bengali
1977-79	Divinity School Fellowship
1976	Graduated Magna Cum Laude

Publications

Books

Understanding Climate Change through Religious Lifeworlds. Edited with introduction and chapter contribution. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2021.

Loving Stones: Making the Impossible Possible in the Worship of Mount Govardhan. New York: Oxford University Press, 2020.

People Trees: Worship of Trees in Northern India. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

Notes from a Mandala: Essays in the History of Indian Religions in Honor of Wendy Doniger. Co-edited with Laurie Patton with introduction and contributions. University of Delaware Press, 2010.

Rasakhan: Treasure House of Love. Translated with Shyamdas and Krishna Kinkari. Gokul, India: Pratham Peeth Publications, 2007.

River of Love in an Age of Pollution: The Yamuna River of Northern India. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2006.

The Bhaktirasamritasindhu of Rupa Gosvamin. New Delhi: Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts in association with Motilal Banarsidass Publishers, 2003.

Ten Theories of Human Nature. Co-authored with Leslie Stevenson. New York: Oxford University Press, 1998. Fifth edition 2009 with new chapter on Buddhism.

Journey Through the Twelve Forests: An Encounter with Krishna. New York: Oxford University Press, 1994. (Winner of American Academy of Religion's Award for Excellence, Historical Category.)

Acting as a Way of Salvation: A Study of Raganuga Bhakti Sadhana. New York: Oxford University Press, 1988. Reprinted by Motilal Banarsidass Publishers in Delhi in 2001.

Chapters in Books

"Angry Gods and Raging Rivers: The Changing Climate of the Central Himalaya." In *Understanding Climate Change through Religious Lifeworlds*, pp. 235-60. Edited by David L. Haberman. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2021.

"Affectual Insight: Love as a Way of Being and Knowing." In *Living Earth Community: Multiple Ways of Being and Knowing*, pp. 101-108. Edited by Sam Mickey, Mary Evelyn Tucker, and John Grim. Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2020.

"Bhakti as Relationship: Drawing Form and Personality from the Formless." In *Bhakti and Power: Debating India's Religion of the Heart*, pp. 134-41. Edited by John S. Hawley, Christian Lee Novetzke, and Swapna Sharma. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2019.

"Hinduism and Ecology: Devotional Love of the World." In *Rutledge Handbook of Religion and Ecology*, pp. 35-42. Edited by Willis Jenkins, Mary Evelyn Tucker, and John Grim. London: Taylor and Francis Ltd, 2016.

"The Accidental Ritualist." In *Essays in South Asia Rituals in Honor of Fredrick Clothey*. Edited by Linda Powers and Tracy Pintchman. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2014.

"A Selection from the *Bhaktirasamritasindhu* of Rupa Gosvamin" with introduction in *Sources for Understanding Krishna*, pp. 409-40. Edited by Edwin Bryant (New York: Oxford University Press, 2007).

"Textual Intimacy: Benefits and Techniques of Academic Translation." In *Notes From a Mandala: Essays in the History of Indian Religions in Honor of Wendy Doniger*. Edited with introduction by David L. Haberman and Laurie Patton. University of Delaware Press, 2010.

"River of Love in an Age of Pollution." In *Hinduism and Ecology*, pp. 339-54. Edited by Christopher Chapple and Mary Evelyn Tucker. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2000.

"A Theology of Place: Pilgrimage in the *Caurasi Baithak Caritra*." In *Studies in Early Modern Indo-Aryan Languages, Literature and Culture*. Edited by Alan W. Entwistle and Carol Salomon. New Delhi: Manohar Publications, 1999: 157-66.

"The Bengali Tradition," a chapter of Bengali and Sanskrit translations with introductions in *Textual Sources for the Study of Hinduism*. Edited by Wendy Doniger O'Flaherty. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1988; Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1990.

"Krishna-Lila as Perceived in Meditation and Pilgrimage." In *Vaisnavism: Contemporary Scholars Discuss the Gaudiya Tradition*, pp. 305-325. Interview article edited by Steven J. Rosen. New York: Folk Books, 1992.

"The Religious Aesthetics of the Bengali Vaisnava Community at Radhakunda." In *Bengal Vaisnavism, Orientalism, and Society and the Arts*, pp. 47-52. Edited by Joseph T. O'Connell. East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, 1985.

"Vraja: A Place in the Heart." In *Re-discovering Braj*, pp. 19-25. Edited by A. W. Entwistle. London: School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, 1988.

Journal Articles

- "Swimming in the Ocean of Bhakti Rasa: Reflections on the *Bhaktirasāmṛtasindhu* of Rūpa Gosvāmī," *Journal of Vaishnava Studies* 30, no. 1 (Fall 2021): 135-50.
- "Drawing Out the Iconic in the Aniconic: Worship of Neem Trees and Govardhan Stones in Northern India." Thematic Issue on "Exploring Aniconism," edited by Mikael Aktor and Milette Gaifman. *Religion* 47, no. 3 (2017): 483-502.
- "Divine Conceptions: The Three Identities of Mount Govardhan." *Journal of Vaishnava Studies* 23, no. 2 (Spring 2015): 27-45.
- "Tears in the Forest." *World Futures: The Journal of Global Education* 68, no. 2 (2012): 132-143.
- "Faces in the Trees." *Journal for the Study of Religion Nature and Culture* 4, no. 2 (June 2010): 173-90.
- "Forty Verses in Praise of 'The King of Mountains.'" *Journal of Vaishnava Studies* 12, no. 1 (Fall 2003): 9-14.
- "Radha-Kund: Bathing in Krishna's Pond of Love." *Journal of Vaishnava Studies* 10, no. 1 (Fall 2001): 51-61.
- "Shri Nathaji: The Itinerant Lord of Mount Govardhan." *Journal of Vaisnava Studies* 3, no. 3 (Summer 1995): 5-24.
- "Divine Betrayal: Krishna-Gopal of Braj in the Eyes of Outsiders." *Journal of Vaisnava Studies* (special volume edited by Margaret Case, Consulting Editor of Princeton University Press) 3, no. 1 (Winter 1994): 83-111.
- "On Trial: The Love of the Sixteen Thousand Gopees." *History of Religions* 33, no. 1 (August 1993): 44-70.
- "A Cross-cultural Adventure: The Transformation of Ronald Nixon." *Religion* 23, no. 3 (July 1993): 217-27.
- "Shrines of the Mind." *Journal of Vaisnava Studies* 1, no. 3 (Spring 1993): 18-35.
- "Imitating the Masters: Problems in Incongruency." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* LIII, no. 1 (March 1985): 41-50.
- "Entering the Cosmic Drama: Lila-Smarana Meditation and the Perfected Body." *South Asia Research* 5, no. 1 (May 1985): 49-58.

The Lester Lecture on the Study of Religion

"Religious Studies 2000." University of Colorado, February 1999.

Encyclopedia Articles

"Yamuna" in the *Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature*, ed. by Kaplan and Taylor (London: Continuum International Publishing, 2005).

"Hinduism" in the *Encyclopedia of Social History*, pp. 320-21. Edited by Peter N. Stearns. New York: Garland Publishing, 1994.

Two articles for the 1985 edition of the Micropaedia of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*:

--"Mysticism," in Volume 8: 470

--"Passage Rite," in Volume 9: 184

Two articles for *The Encyclopedia of Religion*, edited by Mircea Eliade. New York: Macmillan Publishing Co., 1986:

--"Rammohan Roy," in Volume 12: 479-80

--"Vrindavana," in Volume 15: 306-07

Four articles for current edition of *The World Book Encyclopedia*.

--Bhagavad-Gita, Juggernaut, Krishna, Rama

Book Reviews

Climate Change and the Art of Devotion: Geoaesthetics in the Land of Krishna, 1550-1850. By Sugata Ray. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2019. In *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 88, issue 4 (December 2020).

Mountain, Water, Rock, God: Understanding Kedarnath in the Twenty-First Century. Luke Whitmore. Oakland: University of California Press, 2018. In *Material Religion: The Journal of Objects, Art and Belief* 16 issue 2 (May 2020).

River Dialogues: Hindu Faith and the Political Ecology of Dams on the Sacred Ganga. Georgina Drew. Tucson: The University of Arizona Press, 2017. In *Journal of Anthropological Research* 74, issue 2 (summer 2018).

India: A Sacred Geography. Diana L. Eck. New York: Harmony Books, 2012. In *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 81, issue 1 (2013): 278-81.

Devoted to the Goddess: The Life and Work of Ramprasad. Malcolm McLean. Albany: State University of New York, 1998. In *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 122.1 (2002): 148-49.

Devi: Goddesses of India. Ed. John Stratton Hawley and Donna Marie Wulff. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1996. In *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 119.1 (1999): 177-79.

Evening Blossoms: The Temple Tradition of Sanjhi in Vrindavana. Asimakrishna Dasa. New Delhi: Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, 1996; and *Govindadeva: A Dialogue in Stone*. Ed. Margaret H. Case; photographs by Robyn Beeche. New Delhi: Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, 1996. In *Journal of Vaisnava Studies* 6, no. 1 (Winter 1998): 183-87.

Dying the Good Death: The Pilgrimage to Die in India's Holy City. Christopher Justice. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1997. In *Critical Review of Books in Religion* 10 (1997): 255-57.

Kali's Child: The Mystical and the Erotic in the Life and Teachings of Ramakrishna. Jeffrey J. Kripal. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1995. In *The Journal of Asian Studies* (Fall 1997): 531-32.

The Vernacular Veda: Revelation, Recitation, and Ritual. Vasudha Narayanan. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1994. In *The Journal of Religion* 76, no. 3 (July 1996): 522-23.

Sati, the Blessing and the Curse. Ed. John S. Hawley. New York: Oxford University Press, 1994. In *Critical Review of Books in Religion*.

When God is a Customer. A. K. Ramanujan, Velcheru Narayana Rao, and David Shulman. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1994. In *Journal of the American Oriental Society*.

Sonic Theology: Hinduism and Sacred Sound. Guy L. Beck. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1993. In *Journal of Vaisnava Studies* 2, no. 2 (Spring 1993): 175-77.

The Life of a Text: Performing the Ramcaritmanas of Tulsidas. Philip Lutgendorf. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1991. In *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 60, no. 4 (Winter 1992): 796-98.

Devotion Divine: Bhakti Traditions from the Regions of India; Studies in Honour of Charlotte Vaudeville. Ed. Diana L. Eck and Francoise Mallison. Groningen: Egbert Forsten, 1991. In *Journal of Asian Studies* 51, no. 4 (November 1992): 953-54.

Divinity of Krishna. Noel Sheth. New Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers, 1984. In *Journal of Asian Studies* 41, no. 1 (November 1985): 185-86.

Research Work in Progress

I am currently writing a book based on a translation and expansion of a 20th-century Hindi commentary on a 16th-century Sanskrit text. The tentative title of the book is *The Four Pursuits of Life: An Introduction to Pushti Margiya Thought and Practice*.

Membership in Professional Associations

American Academy of Religion
 Association for Asian Studies
 Forum on Religion and Ecology
 International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture

Research Languages

Sanskrit
 Hindi (including Braj Bhasha)
 Bengali

Conference Papers

“Returning to the Gods of the Land: The Changing Climate of the Central Himalaya”
 In panel on: “Social Science Perspective on Religion and Climate Change”
 Annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (in-person)
 Portland OR, October 2021

“A Return to the Gods of the Land”
 In panel on: “Anticipatory Directions in Hindu Dharma and Earth Ethics”
 Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion
 San Diego, November 2019

“Possibilities for Teaching Religious Studies in India”
 Keynote address for “Workshop on Religious Studies in India”
 Ruia College, University of Mumbai
 Mumbai, July 2019

“Theory and Method of Religious Studies”
 Keynote address for Conference on “Establishing the Discipline of Religious Studies in India: Vision, Strategy and Infrastructure”
 Bhaktivedanta Vidyapitha Research Center, University of Mumbai
 Palghar, Maharashtra, December 2018

Three panels on Religion and Climate Change
 Parliament for the World’s Religions
 “Religion and Climate Change in Cross-regional Perspectives, Panel 1”
 “Religion and Climate Change in Cross-regional Perspectives, Panel 2”

“Hindu Eco-Dharma for the Age of Climate Change”
Toronto, Ontario, November 2018

“Hindu Nature Worship and Environmental Possibilities”
Conference on “God and Smog: The Challenge of Preserving Our Planet”
Utah State University
Logan, Utah, October 2018
“Affectual Insight: Love as a Way of Being and Knowing”
Conference on “Living Earth Community: Multiple Ways of Being and Knowing”
Oak Spring Center
Upperville, VA, October 2018
“Inter-Facing the World: Devotional Personification as Environmental Care”
Conference on “Hinduism and Ecology: Towards a Sustainable Future”
Govardhan Ecovillage
Palghar Maharashtra, India, December 2017

“Environmental Possibilities in Vaishnava Anthropomorphism”
Keynote Address for Conference “Vaishnava Philosophy and Ecology”
Ruia College, University of Mumbai
Mumbai, December 2017

“Mount Govardhan as the Heart of Braj”
The Building of Vrindavana
Oxford University, September 2017

“Ritualized Means of Relating to Mount Govardhan”
Conference on “Asian Spaces: Border-Crossing Dialogues”
Tel Aviv University, May 2017

Melting Glaciers, Floods and Divine Punishment: Religious Responses to Climate Change Induced
Disasters in the Central Himalayas
Workshop on “Religion and Climate Change in Cross-Regional Perspective: Mountains and
Implications of Glacial Melt in the Himalaya and Andes”
Co-sponsored by American University’s Center for Latin American & Latino Studies and
The Universidad Antonio Ruiz de Montoya
Lima Peru, April 2017

Angry Gods and Raging Rivers: The Changing Climate of the Central Himalayas
In panel on “Religion, Climate Change and People on the Move: Latin America and South Asia”
Annual meeting of the Latin American Studies Association
Lima Peru, April 2017.

Hinduism and Ecology: Retrospective and Prospective
Conference on Religion, Ecology, and Our Planetary Future.
Center for the Study of World Religions.
Harvard University, October 2016

Anthropomorphism without Anthropocentrism: Ritualized Ways of Enhancing the Experience of
Wonder with Natural Entities in Devotional Hinduism
International Conference on “Wonder and the Natural World”
Consortium for the Study of Religion, Ethics, and Society
Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, June 2016

Bhakti as Relationship: Drawing Form and Personality from the Formless

Conference on “Exploring Bhakti: Is Bhakti a Language of Power or of Protest?”
Yale University, May 2016

Theology in the Worldwide Krishna Movement
Conference on “Worldwide Krishna Movement”
Center for the Study of World Religions
Harvard University, April 2016

Spiraling into the Heart of Braj: Embodied Encounters with Mount Govardhan
Keynote Plenary Speaker
Conference on “Pilgrimages in India: Celebrating Journeys of Plurality and Sacredness”
Indiana University India Gateway, Gurgaon, India, March 2016

Rock Solid Personhood
10th Anniversary Conference
International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture
University of Florida, January 2016

Teaching the Universe Story
Religion and Ecology Workshop
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.
Atlanta, November 2015.

Drawing Out the Iconic in the Aniconic.
International Association for the History of Religions Conference
University of Erfurt, Germany, August 2015

Ritualized Means of Negotiating the Human-Nonhuman Boundary.
International Association for the History of Religions Conference
University of Erfurt, Germany, August 2015

Anthropomorphism without Anthropocentrism: Ritualized Ways of Enhancing the Experience of Wonder with Natural Phenomena in Devotional Hinduism. “Wonder and the Natural World” Symposium,
Consortium for the Study of Religion, Ethics, and Society. Indiana University, Bloomington IN, May 2015

The Place of Emotions in Yoga: Suppression or Expression?
In “Yoga and Bhakti.”
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.
San Francisco, November 2011.

The Role of Religion in Addressing the Condition of the Yamuna River. The Yamuna River: A Confluence of Waters, A Crisis of Need. TERI University, New Delhi, January 2011.

Faces in the Trees. Panel on Vriksha-Dharma: Trees and Plants in Hindu Thought and Practice. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Montreal, November 2009.

Sacred Trees and Their Humans. International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture, Morelia, Mexico. January 2008.

Considering the Cultural Construction of Nature. Inaugural conference of the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture, University of Florida, April 2006.

The Accidental Ritualist.
Invited paper for Ritualizing In, On and Across the Boundaries of the Indian Subcontinent.
University of Pittsburgh, March 2006.

River Goddesses and Strategies for Environmental Action.
International Conference on World Peace, Gujarat University
Ahmedabad, India, December 2003.

Panel on the Harvard Series: Religions of the World and Ecology.
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.
Denver, November 2001.

River of Love in an Age of Pollution. Invited paper for conference on Hinduism and Ecology sponsored by the Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, October 1997.
Enough Moksha! Reductions of Hinduism in the nineteenth Century. Indic Hinduja Foundation
Conference on "What is Hinduism?" University of Florida, March 1997.
Enough Moksha! Constructions of Middle-Class Hinduism. In "From Baboos, Bohras, and Banyas to Bureaucrats and Businessmen: The Middle-Classes and the Building of Modern Religion(s) in South Asia."
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.
New Orleans, November 1996.

Divine Betrayal: Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Representations
of Krishna. In "Religious Transformations in the Colonial City."
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.
Chicago, November 1994.

A Theology of Place: Pilgrimage in the *Caurasi Baitrak Caritra*.
Sixth International Conference on Early Literature in New Indo-Aryan Languages.
Seattle, Washington, July 1994.

Divine Betrayal: Braj in the Eyes of the Outsiders.
International Conference on "The Continuing Creation of Vraja".
Vrindaban, India, January 1994.

Texts! Texts! Texts! Will the Real Text Please Stand Up!: Exploring the Land of Braj.
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.
Kansas City, November 1991.

On Trial: The Love of the Sixteen Thousand Gopees.
In "Hinduism and the Raj: Discourses and Transformations."
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.
New Orleans, Louisiana, November 1990.

Lipstick on the Lingam: The Play of Desire.
Conference on Religion in South India.
Northampton, Massachusetts, June 1990.

On Trial: The Love of the 16,000 Gopees.
Research Seminar, Center for the Humanities and Social Sciences.
Williamstown, Massachusetts, February 1988.

A Closet Full of Bodies: The Siddha-deha of Raganua Bhakti Sadhana.
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.
Boston, Massachusetts, December 1987.

Workshop on Teaching Hinduism.
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.
Boston, Massachusetts, December 1987.

Vraja: A Place in the Heart.
16th Annual Conference on South Asia.

Madison, Wisconsin, November 1987.

Shrines of the Mind.
Conference on Religion in South India.
Montreal, Quebec, June 1987.

The Transformation of Ronald Nixon.
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.
Atlanta, Georgia, November 1986.
Vaisnava Meditative Poetry: A Chain of Experience.
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.
Chicago, Illinois, December 1985.

Translating the Bhaktirasamritasindhu of Rupa Gosvamin.
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.
Dallas, Texas, December 1984.

The Religious Aesthetics of the Bengali Vaisnava Community at Radhakund.
Conference of the Bengal Studies Group.
Toronto, Ontario, June 1984.

Imitating the Masters: Problems in Incongruity.
Midwest Regional American Academy of Religion Annual Conference.
Terre Haute, Indiana, April 1984.

Entering the Cosmic Drama: Lila-Smarana Meditation and the Perfected Body.
12th Annual Conference on South Asia.
Madison, Wisconsin, November 1983.

Invited Lectures

“Openness to Difference in the Study of Religions”
Faculty Development Program on
Interdisciplinary Approaches to Research Methodology in Social Sciences
St. Xavier’s College, University of Calcutta.
November 2020

“Yamuna, Delhi, and COVID-19”
International Zoom Conference,
Corona Pandemic Lockdown: A Blessing in Disguise?
University of Mumbai
May 2020

“Hinduism and Astrobiology”
Workshop on Astrobiology and Religion
Center for Theological Inquiry
Princeton, NJ, June 2018

“A Little of that Human Touch: Why Anthropomorphize?”
Edmund Perry Lecture
Northwestern University, April 2018

Phi Beta Kappa 2017-18 Visiting Scholar Lectures (4):
“A Little of that Human Touch: Why Anthropomorphize?”
Colgate University, September 2017; College of St. Benedict/St. John’s University, October 2017;
University of Oklahoma, November 2017; Hope College January 2018; Roanoke College, March 2018.

Phi Beta Kappa 2017-18 Visiting Scholar Lectures (4):

“Drawing Personality Out of a Stone: Environmental Possibilities in the Worship of Natural Entities in India.”

Lafayette College, October 2017; State University of New York-Geneseo, February 2018; University of Tennessee-Knoxville, March 2018.

Anthropomorphic Techniques in the Worship of Mount Govardhan.

Ohio University, October 2016.

Environmental Possibilities in the Worship of Trees and Mountains in India.

Colorado College, February 2016.

Anthropomorphic Techniques in the Worship of Mount Govardhan.

Indiana-Purdue University in Indianapolis, March 2016.

Environmental Possibilities in the Worship of Trees and Mountains in India.

College of Charleston, April 2016.

Drawing Personality Out of the Void.

California State University, November, 2015.

Gandhi’s Environmental Legacy Abroad.

University of Pittsburgh, October 2015.

Environmental Possibilities in the Worship of Sacred Mountains and Trees in India.

Goodspeed Endowed Lectureship, Denison University, April, 2015.

Drawing Personality Out of the Void.

Hindu Studies Lecture Series, Princeton University, April 2015.

Anthropomorphic Techniques for Connecting with Stones in the Worship of Mount Govardhan.

South Asia Lecture Series, Princeton University, April 2015.

Response to a public talk by Professor Dale Jamieson (New York University) titled “Ethics for the Anthropocene.”

Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C. April 2015.

Drawing Personality Out of the Void.

University of Oslo, January 2015.

Encountering Natural Forms of Divinity in Northern India.

Keynote speaker for plenary address of the Fulbright South and Central Asia Conference.

Chennai, India, March 2014.

Lecture and book reading from *People Trees: Worship of Trees in Northern India*.

Kriti Gallery, Varanasi, November 2013.

Becoming the Heart of the Universe: Hindu Affinities with the Journey of the Universe.

Lecture and participation in week-long series entitled Our Elegant Universe.

Chautauqua Institute, New York, June 2013.

Deeper Meanings in the Bhagavad Gita.

Bhaktifest Midwest. Madison Wisconsin, July 2013.

Lovers of the World.

Green Yoga Association and Bhakti Fest.

Joshua Tree, California, September 2012.

Vedantic Approaches to Environmental Activism.

Keynote speaker for conference on Eastern and Indigenous Perspectives on Sustainability and Conflict Resolution.

University of South Florida, November 13-15, 2011.

This-Worldly Yoga and Vedantic Eco-Activism.

Green Yoga Association and Bhakti Fest.

Joshua Tree, California, September 2011.

Day and Night Under a Pipal Tree: Two Sides of Sacred Power.

University of North Texas, February 2011.

Faces in the Trees.

University of Illinois, 2010.

Faces on the Trees: Neem Tree Worship in Banaras.

University of Iowa, April 2010.

Ritual Action and Environmental Activism: Loving Service for Yamuna Devi.

University of Iowa, April 2010.

Religious Environmentalism.

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terra Haute, Indiana, 2010.

Tracking Progress in the Voices of the Trees.

Plenary Address for 3rd International Conference of the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture.

University of Amsterdam, July 2009

Faces on the Trees.

California State University, Chico, April 2009.

The Yamuna: River of Lover in an Age of Pollution. Asia and the Environment.

Saint Joseph's University, March 2009.

Faces in the Trees.

Bucknell University, February 2009.

Ethnographic Research in the Temples of Banaras.

University of Wisconsin Program in India, November 2008.

Faces on Trees in Banaras, India.

Skidmore College, October 2008.

A Flood of Opportunity: Sacred Rivers and Pollution in India.

Hamilton College, October 2008.

Faces in the Trees.

University of Colorado, April 2008.

The Crisis of the Yamuna in Science and Religion; and Sacred Trees and the Environment.

University of North Texas, March 2008.

Religious Environmentalism in India.

Yale University. February 2008.

Religious Perspectives on the Ganges and Yamuna Rivers.
New York State Consortium of Colleges and Universities, Varanasi, India, February 2007.

Rasa Theory and Religious Performances.
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, January 2007.

Conducting Fieldwork in India.
University of Wisconsin Program in India, January 2007.

The Religious Culture of Banaras.
University of Wisconsin Program in India, November 2006.

Challenges of Teaching Asian Religions in the Midwest.
Ball State University, April 2006.

Sacred Rivers of India.
Center for the Study of Hindu Traditions, University of Florida, April 2006.

Gandhi and Deep Ecology.
Miami University, October 2005.

The Path of Devotional Yoga: Loving Service to Rivers and More.
Plenary address. First International Green Yoga Conference, September 2005.

Intoxicated by the Sound of Krishna's Flute: the Life and Poetry of Rasakhan.
Swarthmore College, October 2004.

Yamuna: River of Love in an Age of Pollution.
Earth Month celebrations at California State University, Chico, April 2004.

Self-Realization, Gandhi and Deep Ecology.
Plenary Address at International Conference on World Peace.
Gujarat University, January 2004.

Yamuna: River of Love in an Age of Pollution.
Emory University, November 2003.

Views of the Self: Gandhi and Deep Ecology.
Mayville College, November 2003.

River Goddess and Indian Environmentalism.
University of Tennessee, November 2003.

Ecomorality: Gandhi and Deep Ecology.
Annual meeting of the Institute for Religion in the Age of Science.
Star Island, New Hampshire, July 2003.

Eco-Spirituality in Christianity and Hinduism.
Columbus Inter-Faith Forum, November 2002.

Gandhi and Deep Ecology: Living with the Vedantic View of Self.
India Studies Lecture Series, Indiana University, October 2002.

Hinduism and Human Nature.
Otterbein College, May 2002.

River as Goddess.

Indiana Network for Development of India Awareness, Purdue University, May 2001.

Religion and Ecology.

Annual Teacher Conference of Northern Kentucky.

Saint Francis High School, Louisville, Kentucky, March 2001.

Christianity and Deep Ecology.

Center for Sustainable Living, Bloomington, Indiana, November 2000.

River Goddesses and Indian Environmentalism.

India Studies Lecture Series, Indiana University, November 2000.

Religious Studies 2000.

Inaugural Lecture for Robert Lester Lectureship.

University of Colorado, February 1999.

Religion and Deep Ecology.

Thomas Merton Center, Louisville Kentucky, June 1999.

Yamuna: Religious Goddess, Polluted River.

Swarthmore College, October 1998.

The Religious Meaning of the Narmada River.

Harvard University, September 20, 1998.

Religious Goddess, Polluted River: Environmental Ethics and Natural Theology in India.

Inaugural Lecture for John Fenton Lectureship.

Emory University, April 1998.

Ecology and Religion in India.

Northern Arizona University, October 1997.

Sacred Geographies in India.

Arizona State University, October 1997.

Yamuna: Religious Goddess, Polluted River.

University of Iowa, September 1997.

Theology of Nature in Hinduism.

Indiana State University, April 1997.

Cycling for the Goddess.

Illinois Wesleyan University, April 1997.

Cycling for the Goddess.

India Studies Lecture Series, Indiana University, February 1997.

How to Read a Hindu Temple.

India Studies Lecture Series, Indiana University, September 1994.

Reading Pilgrimage: Methodological Considerations in the Study of Pilgrimage.

Emory University, April 1994.

Performative Traditions in a North Indian Pilgrimage Site.

DePauw University, February 1994.

Divine Betrayal: 19th and 20th Century Representations of Krishna.
University of Iowa, October 1993.

Radha: The Undutiful Goddess.
Vidyajyoti Institute of Religious Studies, Delhi, February 1993.

The Art of Questioning and the Cultivation of Serendipity: Field Research in India.
University of Wisconsin College Year in India, Varanasi, November 1992.

On Translating Religious Discourse: Sanskrit to English.
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, October 1992.

Hinduism.
Albion Arts Council, Albion, Nebraska, June 1992.

Hinduism and the British Raj.
University of Iowa, November 1990.

Circular Journeys.
Columbia University, October 1990.

Journey through the Twelve Forests.
Middlebury College, January 1990.

Pilgrimage to Vrindaban.
Yale University, April 1988.

The Sacred Love of Vraja.
Smith College, April 1988.

Krishna and Vrindaban.
Connecticut College, November 1987.

University Services at Indiana University

- I. Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Religious Studies, 1994-99
- II. COAS Committee on Undergraduate Education, 1996-1997
- III. President Brand's Advisory Board, 1996-1997
- IV. Academic Director of India Studies, 1993-95
- V. Advisory Board for India Studies, 1995-
- VI. Advisory Board Indiana Network for the Development of India Awareness, 1996-2001
- VII. FASE Mentoring Program, 1993-94, 2000-01
- VIII. Committee on Reviews & Promotions, Religious Studies, 1993-94
- IX. Search Committee for Rabindranath Tagore Professor, 1994-95

- X. Reader of NEH grant proposals for COAS
- XI. Search Committee for Rabbinics position, 1998-99.
- XII. Member of Graduate Committee, 1999-2001, 2012-13
- XIII. Faculty Mentor for Professor Rebecca Manring, Nancy Levene, Richard Nance, Jason Mokhtarian.
- XIV. Search Committee for Islam position, 2000-01.
- XV. Departmental Representative on IU's Council for Environmental Stewardship, 2000-
- XVI. Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Religious Studies, 2002-03
- XVII. Chair Search Committee, East Asian Religions, 2007-08.
- XVIII. Senior member of Salary and Review Committee, 2007-2010, 2016.
- XIX. **Departmental Chair**, 2003-06; 2010-12 and 2017.
- XX. College of Arts and Sciences Tenure Committee, 2015-16.
- XXI. Special Promotion Committee work for COAS Dean's Office, 2017-19.
- XXII. Served as departmental chair for two promotion cases for the Department of Art History, 2018.
- XXIII. Served as special COAS member of Promotion Committee for School of Art, Architecture, and Design, 2019.
- XXIV. Chaired Governance Committee that produced a departmental document for "Recommending a New Chair" and creating a departmental "Diversity and Inclusion Statement," 2020.

College Services at Williams College

- I. Chair of Division II Research Funding Committee, 1989-91; committee member 1986-88.
- II. Tyler House Faculty Associate, 1986-88.
- III. Gaudino Committee (cross-cultural programs), 1986-88.
- IV. Freshmen Adviser, 1986-88, 1989-91.
- V. Adviser for Asian Studies, 1985-92.
- VI. College Programs on India:
 - a. "Eye on India" (musical performances, lectures, films, and food), March 7-13, 1990.
 - b. "Celebration of India" (dance, music, lectures, and films), April 27-May 1, 1988.
 - c. Week of Indian Dance: lectures, workshops, and performances, November 1987.
 - d. Indian Film Festival, Fall Semester 1986.
 - e. A number of college-wide lectures and performances designed to promote interest in the cultures of South Asia, 1985-1990.
- VII. Winter-Study Tours of India:

- a. The Temples of North India, January 1987.
- b. Gods and Kings of Rajasthan, January 1992.

Professional Leadership and Other Activities

Major Organizer for "The Yamuna River: A Confluence of Waters, A Crisis of Need," a conference held at TERI University, New Delhi, January 3rd-5th.

Conference on the Study of Religion in South India

- 1) Hosted and helped organize conference at Williams College, June 1991.
- 2) On planning committee for June 1992.
- 3) Hosted, led and organized conference at Indiana University Conference Center, June 1995.

American Academy of Religion

- 1) Organized and led workshop on teaching Hinduism, December 1987.
- 2) Organized panel on meditative poetry, December 1985.
- 3) Organized panel on pilgrimage texts, November 1991.
- 4) Organized panel on religious transformations in the colonial city, November 1994.
- 5) Steering Committee Member for Religion in South Asia section 1995-99.
- 6) Reviewer for six-year review of Religion in South Asia section 1995.
- 7) Reviewer for Annual Book Awards, 1996
- 8) Organized and chaired a discussion session entitled "Recent Theory Wars in the Study of South Asian Religions," 1997.
- 9) Steering Committee Member for Religion and Ecology section 2010-18

Annual South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin

- 1) Organized international panel on religious culture of Braj, November 1987.

Organized and Chaired Workshop on "Vaishnavism: North and South." Indiana University, April 1997

Translator and Interpreter for the documentary BBC film, "Holi: A Festival of Colours," 1989.

Read manuscripts for University of Chicago Press, Oxford University Press, State University of New York Press, University of South Carolina Press, Indiana University Press; also review books for *Religious Studies Review*.

Honors Examiner for Swarthmore College, Department of Religion.

Charlotte W. Newcombe Fellowships Selection Committee, 1997-98.

Consultant for Religious Studies in independent secondary schools. I taught a four-day course on the *Bhagavadgita* for high school teachers from around the country at a training session in Summer Seminar for High School Teachers of Religious Studies. Louisville, Kentucky, June 18-22, 1997. Second four-day course on *Upanishads* in same forum in June 1999.

Consultant for conference on "Religion, Ethics, and the Environment." Harvard University, Center for the Study of World Religions, 1997-98. Planning meeting for culminating conference, June 9-10, 1998.

Advisory Board, Forum on Religion and Ecology, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University, 1998-

Luce and Templeton Foundation funded national invitational meeting to discuss religious studies in primary and secondary schools. First Amendment Center, Nashville, TN February 19-21, 1999.

Taught workshop for high school teachers on "Religion and Ecology." Bucknell University, June 26-July 1, 2001.

Participant in annual week-long seminars on science and religion at the Whidbey Institute, Seattle. This event included a joint public presentation at the institute before an audience of about 150 people (2001-).

Steering Committee Member of Religion and Ecology Group in American Academy of Religion, 2002-07 and 2011-.

Co-coordinator for the Indiana Forest Alliance, June 2002-05. President of Board 2007-2013.

Council Member of Heartwood, September 2003-

American of Academy of Religions Task Force on Religion in the Schools, 2008-09.

Served as a reviewer of student design projects related to Mount Govardhan, a sacred mountain in the Braj region of northern India. School of Landscape Design, University of Illinois, April 19, 2010.

Member of Board of Directors for the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture, 2013- (Program Committee member for 2012 and 2016 conferences.)

Served as primary opponent in doctoral dissertation disputation for Department of Culture and Oriental Languages, University of Oslo, January 13, 2015. Dissertation: "Sacred Modernity and its Fragments: Space, Environment and Life-Worlds in the Indian Temple Town of Vrindavan," by Samrat Schmiem Kumar.

Member of the Human Origins Broader Social Impacts Committee for the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C. 2015-

External reader for Book Workshop for Nachiket Chanchani's Manuscript Review: "Moving Mountains: The Construction of Sacrality in the Central Himalayas." Department of Art History, University of Michigan, February 2016.

Member of the Board for the Indiana Forest Alliance, Indianapolis, IN, 2015-

Consultant on religion, climate change and Himalayan Hinduism for comparative research project on "Religion and Climate Change in Cross-Cultural Perspective," based in the Department of Latin American & Latino Studies, American University.

Advisory Board for Forum on Religion and Ecology, Harvard University and Yale University, 1999-

Member of Board for the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture, 2015-20.

Conceived, organized, and emceed an international conference on "Hinduism and Ecology: Towards a Sustainable Future" hosted by the Govardhan Ecovillage near Mumbai, India and co-sponsored by the Forum on Religion and Ecology (Yale) and the Bhumi Project (Oxford), December 2017.

Conceived and facilitated a two-day interactive workshop for principals, department heads, and senior philosophy professors at Ruia College, University of Mumbai on "Religious Studies in India," July 26-27, 2019.

Taught an 8-day intensive course on “Lived Religion” for 8 graduate students studying in the doctoral program in the Bhaktivedant Vidyapith Research Centre, University of Mumbai, December 22-29, 2019.