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EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin, Ph.D. 2000
Asian Cultures and Languages

University of Texas at Austin, M.A. 1995
Asian Studies

Harvard University, A.B. (*magna cum laude*) 1992
Anthropology, Sanskrit & Indian Studies

EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor (with tenure), Fall 2013-present
Department of Asian Studies
University of Texas at Austin
Austin, TX

Associate Professor (with tenure), Fall 2009-Fall 2013
Assistant Professor, Fall 2004-Fall 2009
Department of Languages & Cultures of Asia
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Madison, WI

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Asian Languages & Cultures
Public Goods/ Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI Fall 2002-Fall 2004

Assistant Professor, Department of Religion (tenure-track)
 Bucknell University
 Lewisburg, PA Fall 2000-Fall 2004 (on leave 2002-04)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND ACADEMIC AWARDS

H.I. Romnes Faculty Fellowship, UW-Madison, 2011-12 (\$50,000 research award for “exceptional faculty” in the early post-tenure years)
 Grant for Mellon Workshop on “Comparative Religious Law,” Center for the Humanities, UW-Madison, 2010-12 (co-organizer with Jordan Rosenblum)
 Named an “Honored Instructor” by students in University Housing, UW-Madison: Spring 2013, Fall 2012, Fall 2011, Spring 2010
 Class of 1955 Distinguished Teaching Award, UW-Madison, 2010
 Phillip R. Certain Distinguished Faculty Award, UW-Madison (awarded to the “single most outstanding member of this year’s group of newly-tenured faculty in the College of Letters and Science”), 2009
 UW Graduate School Research Award (funded by WARF), 2009-10—Project Assistantship for research on “Islamic Law in Kerala”
 Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Faculty Workshop Fellowship, 2008-09
 DoIT Engage Award: Technology-Enhanced Collaborative Group Work, UW-Madison, Fall 2008—wiki-based collaborative project for a course on “Hindu Law”
 NEH Fellowship, “The Spirit of Hindu Law,” 2007-08
 UW Institute for Research in the Humanities Fellowship, Spring 2007
 UW Graduate School Research Award (funded by WARF), 2006-07—Project Assistantship for the [Cooperative Annotated Bibliography of Hindu Law and Dharmasāstra](#) and Summer Salary for the editing of Rocher, *Studies in Hindu Law and Dharmasāstra*
 NEH Summer Stipend, “Scripture and the Concept of Law in India,” 2002
 Pitcairn-Crabbe Curricular Development Grant, Bucknell Univ., 2001
 US/ED Academic Sharing Program Grant, Univ. of Michigan, May 2001
 Collection Development Grant—Gladys Brooks Fund, Bucknell Univ., 2001

BOOKS

2014. *Irreverent History: Essays for M.G.S. Narayanan*. Edited volume, co-edited with Kesavan Veluthat. Delhi: Primus Books.

2012. *Studies in Hindu Law and Dharmasāstra by Ludo Rocher*. Edited with a critical introduction and notes. Anthem South Asian Normative Traditions Series. London/New York/Delhi: Anthem Press.

2010. *The Spirit of Hindu Law*. Cambridge/New York: Cambridge University Press. [South Asia reprint](#), 2010.

REVIEWS: 1) [Hinduism Today \(Jun-Sep 2010\), p.61](#); 2) [Journal of Hindu Studies 3:3 \(2010\), pp.373-5](#); 3) [Archives de Sciences Sociales des Religions 152 \(2010\), doc. 152-36](#); 4) [Journal of the American Oriental Society 130:3 \(2010\), pp.445-451](#); 5) [Sehepunkte 11:2 \(2011\)](#); 6) [The Statesmen \(New Delhi\) \(March 12, 2011\)](#); 7) [Numen 58:2-3 \(2011\), pp.424-428](#); 8) [The Hindu \(May 31, 2011\)](#); 9) *The Book Review* (New Delhi, July 2011), p.28; 10) [Organiser \(New Delhi, July 24, 2011\), p.17](#); 11) [History of Religions 51:2 \(2011\), pp.183-185](#); 12) [Religious Studies Review 38:3 \(2012\), pp.188-189](#); 13) [Indo-Iranian Journal 55:4 \(2012\), pp.379-382](#).

2010. *Hinduism and Law: An Introduction*. Edited volume, co-edited with Timothy Lubin and Jayanth Krishnan, Cambridge/New York: Cambridge University Press. [<http://www.cambridge.org/us/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=0521716268>]

REVIEWS: 1) [Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies 74:3 \(2011\), pp.496-497](#); 2) [The Hindu \(Dec 12, 2011\)](#); 3) [Journal of Asian Studies 70:4 \(2011\), pp.1188-1190](#); 4) [Journal of Church and State 54:1 \(2012\), pp.134-136](#); 5) *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (2012).

2005. *The Train that Had Wings: Selected Short Stories of M. Mukundan*. Translated with an Introduction. Ann Arbor: Centers for South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of Michigan.

2004. *The Boundaries of Hindu Law: Tradition, Custom, and Politics in Medieval Kerala*. Corpus Iuris Sanscricum et Fontes Iuris Asiae Meridianae et Centralis. Vol. 5. Ed. Oscar Botto. Torino (Italy): CESMEO. [revision of Ph.D. dissertation]

PUBLISHED ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, & ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

2014. "Satire as Apology: The *Puruṣārthakkūttū* of Kerala." In *Irreverent History: Essays for M.G.S. Narayanan*, eds. Kesavan Veluthat and Donald R. Davis, Jr. Delhi: Primus Books.

2014. "Responsa in Hindu Law: Consultation and Lawmaking in Medieval India." *Oxford Journal of Law & Religion* 3:1, 57-75, (first published online 26 July 2013), doi: [10.1093/ojlr/rwt028](https://doi.org/10.1093/ojlr/rwt028).

2012. "Modern Legal Framework." In *Brill's Encyclopedia of Hinduism*. Vol. 4. eds. Knut A. Jacobsen, et al. Leiden: Brill, 707-717.

2012. "Centres of Law: Duties, Rights, and Jurisdictional Pluralism in Medieval India." In *Legalism: Anthropology and History*, eds. Paul Dresch and Hannah Skoda. Oxford: Oxford UP, 85-113.

2012. (co-authored with John Nemeč). "Legal Consciousness in Medieval Indian Narratives." *Law, Culture, and the Humanities*. OnlineFirst (12 June 2012), doi: [10.1177/1743872112443762](https://doi.org/10.1177/1743872112443762).

2011. "Matrilineal Adoption, Inheritance Law, and Rites for the Dead among Hindus in Medieval Kerala." In *Religion and Identity in South Asia and Beyond: Essays in Honor of Patrick Olivelle*, ed. Steven E. Lindquist. London/New York/Delhi: Anthem Press, 147-164.

2010. "A Historical Overview of Hindu Law." In *Hinduism and Law: An Introduction*. eds. T. Lubin, D.R. Davis, Jr. and J. Krishnan. Cambridge/New York: Cambridge UP, 17-27.

2010. (co-authored with Timothy Lubin and Jayanth Krishnan) "Introduction." In *Hinduism and Law: An Introduction*. eds. T. Lubin, D.R. Davis, Jr. and J. Krishnan. Cambridge/New York: Cambridge UP, 1-13.

2009. "Law in the Mirror of Language: the Madras School of Orientalism on Hindu Law." In *The Madras School of Orientalism: Producing Knowledge in Colonial South India*, ed. Thomas R. Trautmann, Delhi: Oxford UP, 288-309.
2009. "Arthasāstra" and "Rājasāsana." In [Encyclopedia of Legal History](#). ed. Stanley N. Katz. New York: Oxford UP.
2008. "Before Virtue: Halakhah, Dharmaśāstra, and What Law Can Create." *Law & Contemporary Problems* 71:2, 99-108.
2008. "Law and 'Law Books' in the Hindu Tradition." [German Law Journal](#) 9:3 (Special Issue on India), 309-325. [slightly revised from the 2006 version, reprinted in *The Many Faces of India: Law and Politics of the Subcontinent*. ed. Malcolm MacLaren. New Delhi: Samskriti, 2012, 63-80.]
2008. "Law." In *Studying Hinduism: Key Concepts and Methods*. Eds. Sushil Mittal and Gene Thursby. New York: Routledge, 218-229.
2007. "On Ātmatuṣṭi as a Source of Dharma." *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 127:3, 279-296.
2007. "Maxims and Precedent in Classical Hindu Law." *Indologica Taurinensia* 33, 33-55.
2007. "Hinduism as a Legal Tradition." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 75:2, 241-267. [also available at DOI: [10.1093/jaarel/lfm004](https://doi.org/10.1093/jaarel/lfm004)]
2007. "The Non-Observance of Conventions: A Title of Hindu Law in the *Smṛticandrikā*." *Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft* 157:1, 103-124.
2006. "Diritto e 'testi giuridici' nella tradizione hindu." *Daimon: Annuario di diritto comparato delle religioni* 6, 97-113. [translation of "Law and 'Law Books' in the Hindu Tradition" above; original available at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=924581>]

2006. "A Realist View of Hindu Law." *Ratio Juris: An International Journal of Jurisprudence and Philosophy of Law* 19:3, 287-313 [also available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=924457> or DOI: [10.1111/j.1467-9337.2006.00332.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-9337.2006.00332.x)]
2005. "Intermediate Realms of Law: Corporate Groups and Rulers in Medieval India." *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 48:1, 92-117.
2004. "Being Hindu or Being Human: A Reappraisal of the *Puruṣārthas*." *International Journal of Hindu Studies* 8:1-3, 1-27.
2004. "Dharma in Practice: Ācāra and Authority in Medieval Dharmaśāstra." *Journal of Indian Philosophy* 32:5, 813-830. rpt. in *Dharma: Studies in its Semantic, Cultural and Religious History*. ed. Patrick Olivelle. New Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 2009, 391-408.
2002. "Dharma, Maryāda, and Law in Early British Malabar: Remarks on Words for 'Law' in the Tellicherry Records." *Studien zur Indologie und Iranistik* 23, 51-70. [corrected version available at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=924914>]
1999. "Recovering the Indigenous Legal Traditions of India: Classical Hindu Law in Practice in Late Medieval Kerala." *Journal of Indian Philosophy* 27:3, 159-213.

FORTHCOMING & SUBMITTED ARTICLES

- "Hinduism and Colonial Law," (co-authored with Timothy Lubin) in *Hinduism in the Modern World*. ed. Brian A. Hatcher. Routledge.
- "Scholastic Ahistoricism and Regional History in Medieval India: Legal Documents in the *Smṛticandrikā*," submitted for a special issue of *The Medieval Globe*, ed. Elizabeth Lambourn.
- "Why Teach Jainism? A Small Religious Tradition at a Large Public University," submitted to *Teaching Theology and Religion*.

“Three Principles for an Asian Humanities: Care First...Learn From...Connect Histories,” forthcoming in the *Journal of Asian Studies* (revision sent 12 January 2014)

“The Epistemology of Classical Hindu Law,” submitted for the *Routledge History of Indian Philosophy*, ed. Purushottama Bilimoria.

TRANSLATIONS

2006. “Dharma in Hinduism.” by Paul Hacker. *Journal of Indian Philosophy* 34:5, 479-496, translation of and brief bibliographic note on “Dharma im Hinduismus,” originally published in *Zeitschrift für Missionswissenschaft und Religions-wissenschaft* 49 (1965): 93-106. rpt. in *Dharma: Studies in its Semantic, Cultural and Religious History*. ed. Patrick Olivelle. New Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 2009, 475-492. [also available at DOI: [10.1007/s10781-006-9002-4](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10781-006-9002-4)]

2004. “Bathroom.” by M. Mukundan, In *Wind Flowers: Contemporary Malayalam Short Fiction*. Eds. V. Abdulla and R.E. Asher, Delhi: Penguin, 160-64.

2002. “Stranger.” by M. Mukundan, *The Little Magazine* (Delhi), 3:3, 74-76.

2002. “Coir.” by M. Mukundan, *The Week* (Kerala, India), May 19th issue.

BOOK REVIEWS

2013. Federico Squarcini, *Tradition, Veda, and Law: Studies on South Asian Classical Intellectual Traditions*, in *Journal of Hindu Studies* 6:2, 232-234.

2013. Ronit Ricci, *Islam Translated: Literature, Conversion, and the Arabic Cosmopolis of South and Southeast Asia*, in *Journal of Asian Studies* 72:1, 224-226.

2010. Adam Bowles. *Dharma, Disorder and the Political in Ancient India: The Āpaddharmaparvan of the Mahābhārata*, in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 130:2, 274-277.

2008. Leela Prasad, *Poetics of Conduct: Oral Narrative and Moral Being in a South Indian Town*, in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 128:4, 812-813.
2008. Ashutosh Dayal Mathur, *Medieval Hindu Law: Historical Evolution and Enlightened Rebellion*, in *Indian Economic and Social History Review* 45:4, 588-590.
2008. John Stratton Hawley and Vasudha Narayanan (eds.), *The Life of Hinduism*, in *Journal of Law & Religion* 24, 101-105.
2005. Kamalesh Kumar Jain (Ed.), *Jaina Uddharaṇa Kośa*. Vol. 1, in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 125:4, 568.
2004. "Traditional Hindu Law in the Guise of 'Postmodernism': A Review Article." (review of Werner Menski, *Hindu Law: Beyond Tradition and Modernity*) in *Michigan Journal of International Law* 25:3, 735-749.
2003. David Ludden, *India and South Asia: A Short History* and Peter Robb, *A History of India*, in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 123:4, 915-917.
2002. Heinz Werner Weßler, *Zeit und Geschichte im Viṣṇupurāṇa: Formen ihrer Wahrnehmung und ihrer eschatologischen Bezüge, anhand der Textgestalt dargestellt*, in *International Journal of Hindu Studies* 6:3, 332-333.
2002. Radhika Singha, *A Despotism of Law: Crime and Justice in Early Colonial India*, in *Contemporary South Asia* 11:2, 249-50.
2001. Diane Collinson, Kathryn Plant, and Robert Wilkinson. *Fifty Eastern Thinkers*, in *International Journal of Hindu Studies* 5:1, 97-98.

OTHER

[Cooperative Annotated Bibliography of Hindu Law and Dharmaśāstra](http://blogs.utexas.edu/hindulaw/)—online database of over 3,000 references in the field with detailed subject analysis and selected annotations (<http://blogs.utexas.edu/hindulaw/>)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION (with working titles)

The Practice of Hindu Law, monograph in initial stages of preparation

“Legal Institutions,” to appear in the *Cambridge Comparative History of Ancient Law*

“Rules in Culture and Metaculture according to Mīmāṃsā and Dharmasāstra,” to appear in *Legalism: Rules and Categories*, eds. Paul Dresch and Judith Scheele

“The Preferential Option for Language Teachers,” working paper

Review of McComas Taylor, *The Fall of the Indigo Jackal*, in *Journal of Religion*.

Review of Alf Hiltebeitel, *Dharma: Its Early History in Law, Religion, and Narrative*, in *Journal of the American Oriental Society*.

“Sādhāraṇadharmā in Dharmasāstra”

DISSERTATION & THESES

“The Boundaries of Law: Tradition, ‘Custom,’ and Politics in Late Medieval Kerala,” Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Texas at Austin, 2000.

“Religion, Law, and Gifts in Medieval India: An Analysis and Partial Translation of the *Dānakāṇḍa* of Lakṣmīdharaḥṭṭa,” Master's Thesis, University of Texas at Austin, 1995.

“Land Grants and Social Order in Medieval South India: The Cōlas,” Undergraduate Thesis, Harvard University, 1992 (*summa cum laude*).

CONFERENCE PAPERS & INVITED TALKS

“Legal Institutions,” presented at the Cambridge Comparative History of Ancient Law workshop, Yale University, July 2014.

“Big and Little Histories: the Kollam Plates and Indian Ocean Studies,” presented at the Perry-Castañeda Library as part of the [“Copper Plates from Kollam”](#) exhibition, University of Texas at Austin, April 2014.

“Good Ol’ Common Sense: *Yukti* and *Sevara* in Hindu and Jewish Law,” to be presented at the American Academy of Religion conference, Baltimore, MD, November 2013.

“Rules in Culture and Metaculture according to Mīmāṃsā and Dharmasāstra,” presented at the South Asia Seminar, University of Pennsylvania, September 19, 2013 and at the third Legalism Workshop on “Rule and Categories,” Oxford University, May 2014.

“Law-Stuff: Content and Materiality of the Kollam Plates,” presented at the “Kollam Plates Workshop, Pt 2,” De Montfort University, organized by Elizabeth Lambourn as part of *Routes, Networks, and Communities in the Medieval Indian Ocean* project, Leicester, UK, June 2013.

“The Architecture of Hindu Law in Colonial India,” presented at the 223rd meeting of the American Oriental Society, Portland, OR, March 2013.

“Law In and Out of the Kollam Plates,” presented at the “Kollam Plates Workshop,” The British Museum, organized by Elizabeth Lambourn as part of *Routes, Networks, and Communities in the Medieval Indian Ocean* project, London, Oct 2012.

“Medieval Dharmasāstra on the Pāñcarātras and Pāsūpatas,” presented at the 222nd meeting of the American Oriental Society, Boston, MA, March 2012.

“Critical Remarks on Professor P.V. Kane’s View of the Relationship of Dharmasāstra to Itihāsa and Purāṇa,” presented in the Law & Society Section of the 15th World Sanskrit Conference, Delhi, India, January 2012.

Panelist (with Clifford Ando), “The Unity of Law and Religion in Ancient Rome and Classical India: Learning From the ‘Other,’” [Debating Law & Religion Workshop](#), Yale Law School, October 2011.

“Care First...Learn From...Connect Histories: Three Principles for an Asian Humanities,” presented in the seminar of the Department of Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University, October 2011.

“Centers of Law: Duties, Rights, and Jurisdictional Pluralism in Medieval India,” presented at the Foundation for Law, Justice, and Society, St. John’s College Research Centre, Oxford University, June 2011.

“*Sādhāraṇadharmā* in Manu and Yājñavalkya,” presented at the 221st Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Chicago, IL, March 2011.

“Responsa in Hindu Law,” presented at the “Religion and Legal History” Workshop, UW-Madison, September 2010 and at the Center for South Asian Studies, University of Virginia, October 2010.

“Looking for Law in All the Wrong Places: a Sketch of Hindu Law in Practice in Medieval India,” presented in the seminar series “Legalism: History and Anthropology,” Center for Socio-Legal Studies, St. John’s College Research Centre, Oxford University, May 2010.

“Three Polities, Three Texts: a Punctuated History of Hindu Law in Medieval and Early Modern Kerala” presented at the conference “Authors and Patrons: Social Contexts of Legal Texts in Ancient India,” University of Texas at Austin, February 2010.

“What is Hindu about Modern Hindu Law?: the Sanskrit Story,” presented in the Law & Society Section of the 14th World Sanskrit Conference, Kyoto, Japan, September 2009.

“Satire as Apology: Or, What I Learned from the Chakya,” presented at the South Asia Summer Language Institute, Madison, WI July 2009.

“Documentary Regimens of Religious and Legal Administration in Early Modern Kerala,” presented at the Workshop “Religious Cultures in South Asia, c. 1500-1800,” St. Anthony’s College, Oxford University, June 2009.

“An Unintended Revolution: Oriental Jones and his *Institutes of Hindu Law* (1796),” presented at the Religion in Print Symposium, Print Culture Society, UW-Madison, April 2009

“Remarks on *Vyavahāra* in Hindu Law,” presented at the 219th Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Albuquerque, NM, March 2009.

Participant/Presenter, Workshop on the Role of Law in Developing and Transitional Societies, UW Law School, Dec 2008.

“Law as the Theology of Ordinary Life: Lessons from Hindu Law” presented in the South Asia Seminar at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 2008.

“The Good of Hindu Law: *Varnāśramadharmā* and Sacrifice” presented at the 218th Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Chicago, IL, March 2008.

“(Hindu) Law and the Theology of Ordinary Life,” presented at the American Academy of Religion conference, San Diego, CA, Nov 2007.

“Law in the Mirror of Language: the Madras School of Orientalism on Hindu Law,” presented at a conference on the Madras School of Orientalism organized by Tom Trautmann, University of Michigan, May 2007.

“On *Ātmatuṣṭi* as a Source of *Dharma*,” presented at the 217th Meeting of the American Oriental Society, San Antonio, TX, March 2007.

“Conflict, Ethics, and Teleology in the Jurisprudence of Hindu Legal Procedure,” presented in the seminar of the Institute for Research in the Humanities, UW-Madison, February 2007.

“Maxims and Precedent in Classical Hindu Law,” presented in the Law & Society Section of the 13th World Sanskrit Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland, July 2006.

“Matrilineal Adoption, Inheritance Law, and Rites for the Dead among Hindus in Medieval Kerala,” invited talk at Washington & Lee University, Lexington, VA, May 2006.

“Hinduism as a Legal Tradition,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, November 2005 and in the South Asia Seminars of the University of Iowa and the University of Wisconsin, December 2005.

“The Contributions of Ludo Rocher to the Study of Hindu Law,” presented at the 215th Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Philadelphia, PA, March 2005.

“Three Roots vs. Four Feet: the Distinction of Religion and Law in Classical India,” presented at the 214th Meeting of the American Oriental Society, San Diego, CA, March 2004.

“Convention, Legislation, and *Dharma* in Medieval Hindu Law: A Study of *Samvidvyatikrama*,” presented at the 213th Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Nashville, TN, April 2003 and in the Law & Society Section of the 12th World Sanskrit Conference, Helsinki, Finland, July 2003.

“Divine and Human in South Asian Religions,” presented at the SAAN (South Asian Awareness Network) Conference on the “Continuity of Culture,” University of Michigan, January 2003.

“Hermeneutics of Hindu *Dharma*,” Brown Bag Lecture Series, Center for South Asian Studies, University of Michigan, December 2002.

“Beyond Manu: *Dharmaśāstra* as Historical Scripture,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Toronto, Canada, November 2002.

“The Relationship of *Ācāra* and *Dharma* in the Major *Dharmaśāstra* Texts,” presented at the 212th Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Houston, TX, March 2002.

“Malayalam, Modernism, and M. Mukundan: Transforming the Short Story in 20th Century Kerala,” presented at the 30th Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 2001.

“Adoption among Matrilineal Groups in Kerala according to the *Laghudharmaparakāśikā*,” presented at the 211th Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Toronto, Canada, March 2001.

“Satire As Apology: the *Puruṣārthakkūttū* of Kerala,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Nashville, TN, November 2000.

“*Anācāra* and Regional Consciousness in the *Laghudharmaparakāśikā*,” presented at the 210th Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Portland, OR, March 2000.

“The Formation and Reformation of Law in Early British Malabar: Remarks on Words for ‘Law’ in the Tellicherry Records,” presented at the 209th Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Baltimore, MD, March 1999.

“A Happy Marriage of *Dharmaśāstra* and Epigraphy: Land Grants in Medieval India,” presented at the 23rd Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, November 1994.

“Legal Anthropology and the ‘Segmentary State’ in India,” presented at the Southwestern Regional Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Texas A&M University, October 1994.

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Asian Religions

Introduction to Asian Cultures

Religion in South Asia

Hinduism

Jainism

Religions of India

Religious Epics of India

First-Year Seminar: Religion & the Meaning of Life
 Religion & Law in the Ancient World
 Religious Law in Asia
 Comparative Religious Law
 Hindu Law
 Law & Religion
 Capstone Seminar in Asian Humanities
 Sacred Texts & History in India
 Senior Seminar: Scripture in World Religions
 Classical Hinduism (Grad Seminar)
 Modern Hinduism (Grad Seminar)
 History of Dharmaśāstra (Grad Seminar)
 Ethics and Scholarship in the Asian Humanities (Grad Seminar)
 Sanskrit
 Malayalam

LANGUAGES

Malayalam
 Sanskrit (reading)
 German (*Zertifikat Deutsch als Fremdsprache: 90.5*)
 Spanish (reading: good, speaking: fair)
 Tamil (fair)

MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
 American Oriental Society
 Association for Asian Studies
 Epigraphical Society of India (life member)

PROFESSIONAL & MAJOR UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Review Panelist for NEH Fellowship Competition, South & Southeast Asia
 section, 2014

Executive Committee, Arts & Humanities Division, UW-Madison, 2010-13 (Vice-Chair 2011-12, Chair 2012-13)

Co-Chair, Steering Committee of the Religion in South Asia Section of the American Academy of Religion, 2010-2013

Member, Consultative Committee, International Association of Sanskrit Studies, 2012-present

Conference Chair, Annual Conference on South Asia, UW-Madison, October 2012; October 2008

Co-Chair, Law & Society (Dharmaśāstra and Arthaśāstra) Section, 15th World Sanskrit Conference, New Delhi, India, January 2012

Co-Leader (with Lalita du Perron and Robin Worth), “Content Standards and Performance-Based Assessment for South Asian Languages,” SASLI/SALRC Pedagogy Workshop, June 8-11, 2010

Academic Director, South Asia Summer Language Institute (SASLI), Summers 2008, 2009, 2010

Co-Chair, Law & Society Section, 14th World Sanskrit Conference, Kyoto, Japan, July 2009

Co-Chair, Law & Society Section, including the editing of seven articles from the conference for Vol. 33 of *Indologica Taurinensia*, 13th World Sanskrit Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland, July 2006

Committee on Nominations, American Oriental Society, 2005-2007

Review Panelist for NEH Summer Stipends, 2003, 2004, 2008

Manuscript Reviewer: Oxford UP, SUNY Press (Albany), *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, *International Journal of Hindu Studies*, *Journal of Indian*

Philosophy, Journal of Asian Studies, Philosophy East & West, Comparative Studies in Society and History, and Journal of Chinese Religions

Committee on Instruction, Bucknell University, 2001-2002

South Asia Focus Year Coordinator, Bucknell University, 2001-2002
(Speaker Series, Faculty Reading Group, Cultural Events)

Manuscript Examiner (Malayalam), *Manusmṛti* Critical Edition Project
Department of Asian Studies, University of Texas, 1999-2001

Administrative Assistant, American Oriental Society, Nov 1999-Aug 2000

Assistant Editor, *SAGAR (South Asia Graduate Research Journal)*, University of
Texas, 1994-95

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Law & religion in medieval India; history of religions in South Asia; Sanskrit and Malayalam language and literature; Dharmasāstra literature; South Indian history