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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2005 – present Professor of History, Wesleyan University
1998 – 2005 Associate Professor of History, Wesleyan University
1991 – 1998 Assistant Professor of History, Wesleyan University
Spring 1990 Lecturer, History of Modern South Asia, College of William & Mary

ADMINISTRATIVE, EDITORIAL, & RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

2015 – 2016 Chair, Environmental Studies Program, Wesleyan University
2014 – present Treasurer, American Institute of Indian Studies
2012 – present Associate Editor, *History & Theory*
2012 – 2013 Fulbright-Nehru Senior Research Scholar, Delhi University
2009 – 2012 Chair, Department of History, Wesleyan University
2009 – 2011 South Asia Co-Editor, *The Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*
1997 – 2000 Book Review Editor, *The Journal of Asian Studies*
1994 – 1995 Fulbright-Hays Senior Research Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University
1990 – 1991 Assistant Dean, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia

EDUCATION

University of Virginia: PhD 1990, History, Modern South Asia; chair: Walter Hauser
MA 1986, History, Modern South Asia
BA 1982, Government and Foreign Affairs

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

Warrior Ascetics and Indian Empires (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006; paperback edition, 2012), xii, 280 pp., 11 illustrations.

Peasants and Monks in British India (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1996), xii, 242 pp.; reissued in the Oxford India Paperbacks series (Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1999).

Edited volumes

History and Theory in a Global Frame. Co-edited with Ethan Kleinberg. *History and Theory*, theme issue no. 53. December 2015.

Speaking of Peasants: Essays on Indian History and Politics in Honor of Walter Hauser (New Delhi: Manohar, 2008), 504 pp. Sole editor; author of preface, introduction, and chapter four.

Scholarly Articles and Book Chapters

- 2016: 'Sites of Memory and Structures of Power in North India: *Anandamath* and *Hanumangarhi*,' in Sanjukta Ghosh, Ezra Rashkow, Upal Chakrabarti (eds.), *Memory, Identity, and the Colonial Encounter in India: Essays in Honour of Peter Robb* (New Delhi and London: Routledge, forthcoming), 8,000 words
- 2016: 'War and Succession: Padmakar, Man Kavi, and the Gosains of Bundelkhand, 1792-1806,' *Texts and Traditions in Early Modern North India*, ed. Tyler Williams, Anshu Malhotra, J. S. Hawley (Delhi: Oxford University Press, forthcoming), approx. 9,000 words in English and 1,000 in Hindi
- 2015: '[Women, Gender, Emotions](#): Rethinking Meerut in 1857,' *Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Occ. Papers, History and Society, new ser., no. 83*, pp. 1-46.
- 2013: 'Prostituting the Mutiny: Sex-slavery and Crime in the Making of 1857,' in Crispin Bates (ed.), *Mutiny at the Margins: New Perspectives on the Indian Uprising of 1857, Volume I: Anticipations and Experiences in the Locality* (New Delhi: Sage), 61-87
- 2012: 'The Slave Guru: Masters, Commanders, and Disciples in early modern South Asia,' in Jacob Copeman and Aya Ikegame (eds.), *The Guru: Re-theorising Spiritual Leadership in India* (New York: Routledge), 64-79
- 2012: 'Hiding in Plain Sight: Gosains in Banaras, 1809,' in Michael Dodson (ed.), *Benares: Urban History, Architecture, Identity* (New Delhi: Routledge India), 77-109
- 2012: 'Nath Yogis, Akbar, and the "Balnath Tilla"', in David Gordon White (ed.), *Yoga in Practice* (Princeton: Princeton University Press), 273-288
- 2011: 'The Corpse and Cult of Francis Xavier, 1552-1623', in Peter Gottschalk and Mathew Schmalz (eds.), *Engaging South Asian Religions: Boundaries, Appropriations, and Resistances* (Albany: SUNY Press), 113-131
- 2009: 'Criminal Conspiracies and Religious Violence: When Stranglers Roamed the Roads,' *CounterPunch* 16, 21 (1-15 Dec), pp. 1, 3-7
- 2009: '[Mumbai Revisited](#),' in *The Immanent Frame: Secularism, Religion, and the Public Sphere*, 25 Nov
- 2004: '*Gosain Tawaij*: Sex, Slaves, and Ascetics in Rasdhan, 1800-1857,' *Modern Asian Studies* 38, 3 (July): 559-597
- 2003: '*Bhakti* and the British Empire,' *Past & Present* 179, 1 (May): 159-196. Reprinted in William R. Pinch (ed.), *Speaking of Peasants: Essays on Indian History and Politics in Honor of Walter Hauser* (New Delhi: Manohar, 2008)
- 2000: 'Killing Ascetics in Indian History, ca. 1500-2000,' *Political and Legal Anthropology Review* (Methodology section) 23, 2 (November): 134-140
- 1999: 'Same Difference in India and Europe,' review essay on B. S. Cohn, *Colonialism and Its Forms of Knowledge: The British in India* (Princeton, 1996) and C. A. Bayly,

- Empire and Information: Intelligence Gathering and Social Communication in India, 1780-1870* (Cambridge, UK, 1996), *History and Theory* 38, 3 (October): 389-407
- 1999: 'History, Devotion, and the Search for Nabhadās of Galta,' in Daud Ali (ed.), *Invoking the Past: The Uses of History in South Asia* (Delhi: Oxford University Press), 367-399
- 1998: 'Who was Himmat Bahadur? Gosains, Rajputs, and the British in Bundelkhand, ca. 1800,' *Indian Economic and Social History Review* 35, 3 (November): 293-335
- 1998: 'Historicity, Hagiography, and Hierarchy in Gangetic India, 1918-1936,' in William Radice (ed.), *Swami Vivekananda and the Modernisation of Hinduism* (Delhi: Oxford University Press), 244-263
- 1996: 'Reinventing Ramanand: Caste and History in Gangetic India,' *Modern Asian Studies* 30, 3 (July): 549-572. Reissued with slight changes as 'Remembering Ramanand: Caste and History in Gangetic India,' *Journal of Vaisnava Studies* 8, 1 (Fall 1999): 35-57
- 1996: 'Soldier Monks and Militant Sadhus,' in David Ludden (ed.), *Contesting the Nation: Religion, Community, and the Politics of Democracy in India* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania), 140-162. Released in India as *Making India Hindu: Community, Conflict, and the Politics of Democracy*; now in its second edition

WORK IN PROGRESS

Books

Uncommon Ground – cantonment culture and the making of 1857

Poems for a Warlord – a translation of Man Kavi's *Anūp-prakāś* and Padmakar's *Himmatbahādur Virudāvalī*, two long 'Braj' Hindi poems dating from ca. 1790-1800 (with Dalpat Rajpurohit and Allison Busch)

Articles

'The Waterscape of North Bihar: Notes from the *Āina-i Tirhut* of Bihārī Lāl "Fitrat," ca. 1880' (with Aditi N. Kini), Yale Bhakti Conference, 13-15 May 2016. First draft complete.

'*Raj*: Sovereignty, Politics, Agency, Scale,' for 'Tropics of Capricorn: Concepts from the Global South,' Johannesburg, 21-23 October 2016. In process.

'Beheading/Debodying: Violence, Spectacle, and Sovereignty, 1631-1858,' for American Historical Association conference panel, 'Escalation: Micro-global Histories of Political Violence,' 8 Jan 2017. In process.

'Remembering the Battle of Panipat, 1761.' Translation/discussion of the 'Ballad of the Bhau,' about the fate of the Maratha leader, Sadashivarao' (with Sonal Singh).