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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

2022 – present Co-Chair, Global South Asian Studies, Wesleyan University
2021 – present Consulting Editor, *History & Theory*
2021 – 2022 Co-Director, South Asian Studies, Wesleyan University
2012 – 2021 Associate Editor, *History & Theory*
2015 – 2016 Chair, Environmental Studies Program, Wesleyan University
2014 – 2018 Treasurer, American Institute of Indian Studies
2012 – 2013 Fulbright-Nehru Research Scholar, Delhi University
2009 – 2012 Chair, Department of History, Wesleyan University
2009 – 2011 Associate Editor, *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*
2007 – 2008 Visiting Fellow, Clare Hall, Cambridge University
2003 – 2004 Fulbright-Hays Research Scholar, Xavier Historical Research Institute
1997 – 2000 Book Review Editor, *The Journal of Asian Studies*
1994 – 1995 Fulbright-Hays Research Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University
1990 – 1991 Assistant Dean, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia
1987 – 1988 Fulbright-Hays Research Scholar, A. N. Sinha Institute of Social Studies

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***Books***

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 Books

Speaking of Peasants: Essays on Indian History and Politics in Honor of Walter Hauser (New Delhi: Manohar, 2008), 504 pp.

Edited journal theme issue

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

Scholarly Articles and Book Chapters

- 2023 'History and Hindi Film,' in Kim Nelson, Mia Treacey, and Marnie Hughes-Warrington (eds.), *The Routledge Companion to History and the Moving Image* (London: Routledge, 2023), pp. 176-193
- 2022 'Who killed Arjun Singh? Poetry and History in Bundelkhand,' in Manan Ahmed (ed.), 'Circuits of Culture in Early Modern South Asia: Essays in Honor of Allison Busch,' special issue of *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*, 42, 2 (August), pp. 370-380
- 2022 '*Rajo guṇa*: Sovereignty and the Self in India,' in Dilip Menon (ed.), *Concepts in the Global South* (New York, London, New Delhi: Routledge), pp. 151-166
- 2020 'Blown Away: The Prelude to Buxar, 1764,' in Kathinka Sinha Kerkhoff, Neeraj Kumar, and Sunita Lall (eds.), *Coming of Age in Bihar: Readings in Social Sciences* (New Delhi: Primus Books), pp. 237-253
- 2020 'The Yogi's Way of War,' in Robert Antony, Stuart Carroll, and Caroline Dodds Pennock (eds.), Philip Dwyer (gen. ed.), *The Cambridge World History of Violence*, vol. 3, 1500-1800 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), pp. 156-173
- 2019: 'Waterscape and Memory: The *Āīna-i-Tirhut* of Bihārī Lāl "Fitrat" and the Politics of a Bhakti Past' (co-authored with Aditi N. Kini), in J. S. Hawley, Christian Novetzke, and Swapna Sharma (eds.), *Bhakti and Power: Social Location and Public Affect in India's Religion of the Heart* (Seattle: University of Washington Press), pp. 203-213
- 2019 'Foreword' to Walter Hauser, *The Bihar Provincial Kisan Sabha, 1929-1942: A Study of an Indian Peasant Movement* (New Delhi: Manohar, 2019), pp. 7-28
- 2018: 'Walking in the Shadow of Bhakti Mountain,' review of John Stratton Hawley, *A Storm of Songs: India and the Idea of the Bhakti Movement* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2015), *H-Net Reviews* (Sept 2017), pp. 1-5
- 2018: '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, 2018), pp. 133-150
- 2018: 'War and Succession: Padmakar, Man Kavi, and the Gosains of Bundelkhand, 1792-1806,' *Text and Tradition in Early Modern North India*, ed. Tyler Williams, Anshu Malhotra, J. S. Hawley (Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2018), pp. 235-259
- 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
- 2004: 'Gosain Tawaif: 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

COMMENT & MISCELLANEOUS (Public Scholarship)

Consulted on a Hindi feature film, *Laal Kaptaan* (released Oct. 2019, dir. Navdeep Singh, 2hr 35min), starring Saif Ali Khan, Zoya Hussain, Manav Vij, and Deepak Dobriyal

'The Political Yogi: Recalling warrior ascetics from history in the age of Adityanath,' *Scroll*, 13 April 2017 <https://scroll.in/article/833921/the-political-yogi-recalling-warrior-ascetics-from-history-in-the-age-of-adityanath>

'Remembering Chris Bayly, 1945-2015,' *Azad Academy Journal* (June 2015)

'Criminal Conspiracies and Religious Violence: When Stranglers Roamed the Roads,' *CounterPunch* 16, 21 (1-15 Dec 2009), pp. 1, 3-7 (5,000 words)
<http://www.counterpunch.org/cockburn12182009.html> for description

'Mumbai Revisited,' *The Immanent Frame: Secularism, Religion, and the Public Sphere*, 25 Nov 2009 (1,700) words. <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2009/11/25/mumbai-revisited/#Pinch>

WORK IN PROGRESS

Books

A Saiva Warlord Between Empires, a translation of Padmākar's *Himmat-bahādur Virudāvalī*, a Brajhbhāṣā (early Hindi) poem ca. 1792-1795 celebrating the 1792 victory of Anūpgirī Gōsāiṇ at Ajaygarh, with Dalpat Rajpurohit and Allison Busch, Murty Classical Library of India (under contract with Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, date TBD but probably 2024). First draft submitted, currently undergoing revision to both translation and introduction. Hindi text 7,100 words; English translation 11,000 words; editors' introduction 9,500 words. Expected revision date, 15 January 2024.

Blaming the Women of Meerut: Before, During, and After 1857 – on the social and emotional world of the Company's Bengal Army in the decades before and after the Mutiny-Revolt of 1857 (under contract with Cambridge University Press). Currently working on the conclusion. Total word count, about 90,000 words. Expected completion date, 1 May 2024.

Translation of Mān Kavī's *Anūp-prakāś*, a Brajhbhāṣā (early Hindi) biographical poem, ca. 1790-1800, describing the life and career of the Saiva ascetic warlord Anūpgirī Gōsāiṇ, with Dalpat Rajpurohit and Allison Busch. First draft complete.

Articles/Book chapters

'Killing Ascetics: Yogis, Sufis, and the Raj,' in David Gilmartin, Prasanna Parthasarathi, and Mrinalini Sinha (eds.), *Cambridge History of the Indian Subcontinent* (under contract with Cambridge University Press, projected publication in 2023). Second revision submitted 14 September 2022. 8000 words plus notes and bibliography.

'Panipat Remembered,' in Peter Gottschalk (ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Hindu-Muslim Relations* (under contract with Routledge). First revised draft submitted 9 June 2023. 7,200 words plus bibliography.

'*Shāhī Snān*: Nāgā Sādhus and the Emperor Akbar,' in G. K. Rai (ed.), *Prayagraj Mahakumbh 2025: a Commemoration Volume* (provisional title, planned for release at the Prayāg Kumbha Mela 2025). First draft submitted 3 November 2023. 5,100 words.

MAJOR GRANTS & HONORS

Center for the Humanities, Wesleyan University: spring 2018

Nehru-Fulbright, Senior Research, CIES/IIE: 2012-2013

American Institute of Indian Studies, National Endowment for the Humanities 'Superior Scholar/Indologist in the Humanities': 2012-2013 (declined)

National Endowment of the Humanities, Summer Institute, 'The American Maritime People', Mystic Seaport, CT: summer (five weeks) 2012

Meigs Semester Grant, Department of History, Wesleyan University: spring 2013

College of the Environment Think Tank, Wesleyan University: 2011-2012

- 'Friend of India', Global Organization of People of Indian Origin, CT chapter, 2012
- Meigs Semester Grant, Department of History, Wesleyan University: fall 2007
- National Endowment for the Humanities, Senior Research: fall 2007
- Fulbright-Hays, U.S. Department of Education, Faculty Research Abroad: fall 2003
- National Endowment for the Humanities, Senior Research: spring 2001
- Center for the Humanities, Wesleyan University: spring 1999
- American Council of Learned Societies and Social Science Research Council, Faculty Research: summers 1995 – 1997
- Fulbright-Hays, U.S. Department of Education, Faculty Research Abroad: 1994-95 academic year
- American Institute of Indian Studies, Senior Research: 1994-95 (declined)
- University of Virginia, Center for South Asian Studies, Teaching Internship in Modern South Asian History, College of William & Mary: Spring 1990
- American Council of Learned Societies and Social Science Research Council, Doctoral Dissertation Research: 1988 calendar year
- Fulbright-Hays Award, U.S. Department of Education, Doctoral Research Abroad: 1987 calendar year
- American Institute of Indian Studies, Doctoral Research: 1987 (declined)
- American Institute of Indian Studies, Hindi Language Study: 1982-83
- University of Virginia, Center for South Asian Studies, Foreign Language Area Scholarships, Title VI: Hindi (1983-85), Urdu (summer 1985), Persian (1985-86)

INVITED LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 [Shri Sitaram Ashram](#), Raghavpur (Bihta), Bihar, India, 4 November: 'स्वामी सहजानंद सरस्वती: एक अमरीकी दृष्टिकोण' (Swami Sahajanand Saraswati: a View from America)
- 2022 'Poems for a Warlord: a study of 18th-century Brajbhasha texts from Bundelkhand,' Columbia South Asia Seminar, 21 March (online, with Dalpat Rajpurohit)
- 2021 *Culture Matters* series on [FolkBrain](#) (Facebook Live), hosted by Dr. Kailash Kumar Mishra, 10 April: 'Swami Sajahanand Saraswati in the USA: Teaching मेरा जीवन संघर्ष to American students' (80 min.)
- 2020 *Janashakti* (Facebook Live), hosted by Anish Ankur, 1 June: 'Walter Hauser and Bihar' (35 min.)
- 2020 Wesleyan Eighteenth-Century Group, 27 February: 'Poems for a Warlord,' with Dalpat Rajpurohit
- 2018 Center for the Humanities, Wesleyan University, 2 April: 'Blown From Cannon: A History of Violence, 1857-1764'