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MAJOR 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

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

PUBLISHED WORK

Books

2025. *From Mutiny to Revolt: Women and the Beginning of 1857*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming (currently making minor revisions). Approx. 250 pp.

2006. *Warrior Ascetics and Indian Empires*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Paperback edition, 2012. xii, 280 pp., 11 illustrations.

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

Translations

2026. *In Praise of a Yogi King*, a translation of Padmakar's *Himmatbahadur Virudavali* by Allison Busch, Dalpat Rajpurohit, and William R. Pinch; with introduction, scholarly apparatus, and appendices by Rajpurohit and Pinch. Cambridge, MA: Murty Classical Library of India, Harvard University Press, forthcoming.

Edited Volumes

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

2015. *History and Theory in a Global Frame*. Co-edited with Ethan Kleinberg. *History and Theory*, theme issue no. 53. 148 pp.

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 gūṇa*: 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 *Āina-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 Nabhadras 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*

MAJOR EXTERNAL GRANTS

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

AIIS, NEH 'Superior Scholar/Indologist in the Humanities': 2012-2013 (declined)*

NEH, Senior Research: fall 2007

Fulbright-Hays, U.S. Department of Education, Faculty Research Abroad: fall 2003

NEH, Senior Research: spring 2001

ACLS/SSRC, Faculty Research: summers 1995 - 1997

Fulbright-Hays, U.S. Department of Education, Faculty Research Abroad: 1994-95

AIIS, Senior Research: 1994-95 (declined)*

ACLS/SSRC, Doctoral Dissertation Research: 1988 calendar year

Fulbright-Hays Award, U.S. Department of Education, Doctoral Research Abroad: 1987 calendar year

AIIS, Doctoral Research: 1987 (declined)*

AIIS, Hindi Language Study: 1982-83

**Grant awarded but declined due to rules on accepting more than one award in given time frame*