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University Education

University of Chicago Chicago, Illinois The Divinity School	9/81 to 3/88	Ph.D. with distinction History of Religions, 1988
University of Chicago Chicago, Illinois The Divinity School	9/80 to 6/81	M.A. Religion, 1981
Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, 5 ^e Section, Sciences Religieuses Sorbonne, Paris, France	1/78 to 6/80 and 11/85 to 6/86	
Benares Hindu University Benares, Uttar Pradesh, India Department of Hindi	8/74 to 4/75	Diploma in Hindi, 1975
University of Wisconsin Madison, Wisconsin South Asian Studies	8/72 to 8/75	B.A., with distinction, South Asian Studies, 1975

Ph.D. dissertation (University of Chicago, 1988): *The Other Gives Rise to Self: Dog-Men on the Borders of Medieval Europe, India, and China.*

Academic Honors

J. F. Rowny Professor of Comparative Religion, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2011-
CHOICE Book Selection in Religion (for *Sinister Yogis*), 2011
PROSE Book Awards Honorable Mention (for *Sinister Yogis*), 2010
Institut d'Étude Avancées (Paris), Research Associate, March-April 2008
John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellow, 2007-2008
CIES-Fulbright Senior Research Fellowship, India/Nepal (1998-99)
CIES-Fulbright Senior Research Fellowship, India/Nepal (1992-93)
American Institute of Indian Studies Senior Research Fellowship (1990-91: declined)
Doctor of Philosophy, with distinction: University of Chicago (1988)
Charlotte Newcombe Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (1985-86)
Fulbright Junior Research Fellowship, India (1984-85: declined)
American Institute of Indian Studies Junior Research Fellowship, India (1983-84)
Research Assistant to Mircea Eliade (1981-83)
NDEA Title Six Language Fellowship in Hindi (1980-83)
Bachelor of Arts, with distinction: University of Wisconsin (1975)

Publications

books:

The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali: A Biography (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2014).

Sinister Yogis (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2009).

Kiss of the Yoginī: "Tantric Sex" in its South Asian Contexts (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2003). Polish edition: Zakład Wydawniczy Nomos, 2014.

The Alchemical Body: Siddha Traditions in Medieval India (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996). Italian edition: Edizioni Mediterranee, 2004; Indian edition: Munshiram Manoharlal, 2004.

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edited volumes:

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"Yoga, Brief History of an Idea, in *Yoga in Practice*, ed. by David Gordon White (Princeton University Press, 2011), pp. 1-23

"Note for Instructors," in *Yoga in Practice*, ed. by David Gordon White (Princeton University Press, 2011), pp. 24-27.

"The Yoga of the Mahāyogin Reflections on Madeleine Biardeau's 'Cosmogonies Puraniques'," on line publication: <http://ceias.ehess.fr/document.php?id=1859>.

"Rasāyana," *Encyclopedia of Hinduism* (Leiden: Brill, 2011), vol. 3, pp. 489-99.

"Tantra," *Encyclopedia of Hinduism* (Leiden: Brill, 2011), vol. 3, pp. 574-88.

"On the Magnitude of the Yogic Body," in *Yogi Heroes and Poets: Histories and Legends of the Naths*, ed. by David Lorenzen and Adrian Muñoz (Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2011): 79-90.

"The End of Yogis?" (London: British Museum, 2011).

"How Big Can Yogis Get? How Much Can Yogis See?" in Knut Jacobsen, ed., *Yoga Powers* (Leiden: Brill, 2011), pp. 61-76.

"Utkrānti: from Epic Warrior's Apotheosis to Tantric Yogi's Suicide, in Andreas Bigger et al. eds., *Release from Life – Release in Life* (Zurich: Peter Lang, 2011), pp. 323-34.

"Science in a Medieval Alchemical Text: the Final Chapter of the *Rasarnava*, forthcoming in S. R. Sarma and Dominik Wujastyk, eds., *Sources of Indian Tradition*, vol. 3 (New York: Columbia University Press, 2012).

“Yogic Rays: The Self-Externalization of the Yogi in Ritual, Narrative and Philosophy,” *Paragrana: Internationale Zeitschrift für Historische Anthropologie* 18:1 (2009), pp. 64-77. Reprinted in Axel Michaels and Christoph Wulf, eds., *Images of the Body in India* (New Delhi: : Routledge, 2011), pp. 56-69.

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“At the Mandala’s Dark Fringe: Possession and Protection in Tantric Bhairava Cults,” forthcoming in David Haberman and Laurie Patton, eds., *Notes from a Mandala: Essays in Honor of Wendy Doniger* (University of Delaware Press: 2009), pp. 200-23.

“Never Have I Seen Such Yogis, Brother’: Yogīs, Warriors, and Sorcerers in Ancient and Medieval India,” forthcoming in *Ancient to Modern: Religion, Power, and Community in India*, ed. Ishita Banerjee-Dube and Saurabh Dube (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008), pp. 86-113.

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Interviews:

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“David Gordon White: ‘Sinister Yogis’,” internet interview on “New Books in Religion: Discussions with Scholars of Religion about their New Books,” Friday, October 14, 2011.

“Sorcerer Yogis, Tantric Vampires, and the European Roots of Contemporary Yoga, internet radio interview on “Expanding Mind” (Progressive Radio Network), March 11, 2010.

“Joys and Politics of Tantric Sex,” radio interview on “The Connection” (National Public Radio), August 20, 2004.

Book Reviews and Notes:

Review of Mark Dyczkowski, *Manthānabhairavatantram Kumārikākhaṇḍaḥ: The Section Concerning the Virgin Goddess of the Tantra of the Churning Bhairava*, 14 vols., in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 131:2 (2011), pp. 295-97.

Review of Eli Franco, Dagmar Eigner et al., eds, *Yogic Perception, Meditation and Altered States of Consciousness*, in *Indo-Iranian Journal* 54 (2011): 61-66.

Review of Richard S. Weiss, *Recipes for Immortality: Medicine, Religion and Community in South India*, in *Journal of Hindu Studies* (<http://jhs.oxfordjournals.org>) 2:2 (Nov. 2009): 246-48.

Review of André Padoux et al., *Tāntrikābhīdanakośa*, vols. 1 and 2, in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* (2007 [2008]): 532-34.

Review of Mark S. G. Dyczkowski, *A Journey in the World of Tantra*, in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 124.4 (2004 [2006]): 34-35.

Review of Ronald M. Davidson, *Indian Esoteric Buddhism. A Social History of the Tantric Movement*, in *Journal of the International Association of Tibetan Studies* (<http://iris.lib.virginia.edu/tibet/collections/journal/jiats>) vol. 1, no. 1 (Spring 2005).

Review of Catherine Clémentin-Ojha, *Le trident sur le palais: Une cabale anti-vishnouite dans un royaume hindou à l'époque coloniale*, in *History of Religions* vol. 43, no. 3 (February 2004), pp. 266-67.

Review of Bruce Lincoln, *Theorizing Myth: Narrative, Ideology, and Scholarship*, in *Journal of Religion* 81:4 (October 2001), pp. 688-90.

Review of Maya Burger and Peter Schreiner, eds., *The Perception of the Elements in the Hindu Traditions*, in *International Journal of Hindu Studies*, vol. 4, no. 2 (2000), pp. 199-200.

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Review of Claudine Fabre-Vassas, *The Singular Beast: Jews, Christians, and the Pig*, in *Journal of Religion* 79:1 (January 1999), pp. 174-75.

Review of Michel Strickmann, *Mantras et mandarins: Le bouddhisme tantrique en Chine*, in *International Journal of Hindu Studies* 3 (December 1998), pp. 635-36.

Review of Tracy Pintchman, *The Rise of the Goddess in the Hindu Tradition*, in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 116:2 (April - June 1996), pp. 356-57.

Review of Annemarie Schimmel, *The Mystery of Numbers*, in *History of Religions* 36:1 (August, 1995), 91-93.

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"Farewell to Food?" Review of Piero Camporesi, *The Magic Harvest: Food, Folklore and Society*, and Gian-Paolo Biasin, *The Flavors of Modernity: Food and the Novel*, in *Times Literary Supplement* no. 4761 (July 1, 1994), p. 10.

Notice of Arion Rosu, *Gustave Liétard et Palmyr Cordier: Travaux sur l'histoire de la médecine indienne*, in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 113:1 (Jan.-Mar. 1993), p. 165.

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Cooking the World, by Charles Malamoud (Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1996).

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"Alchemy and Sacred Geography in the Medieval Deccan," by Arion Rosu in *Journal of the European Ayurvedic Society* 2 (1992), pp. 151-56.

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Never Go Alone in the Mountains, award-winning short film screenplay by Antonio Beltran-Hernandez (Rhinoceros Productions, 1981).

Invited Lectures and Conference Papers

"Buddhist Brainfarts: Making Sense of Christian Wedemeyer's *Making Sense of Tantric Buddhism*," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego CA, November 22, 2014.

"Jackals, Goddesses and Yogis: Cremation Ground Asceticism in South and East Asian Tantra," Centre d'Etudes de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud, Paris, France, October 30, 2014

"Jackals, Goddesses and Yogis: Cremation Ground Asceticism in South and East Asian Tantra," Aarhus Universitet, Aarhus, Denmark, October 22, 2014.

"Yoga, Violent Death, and Transcendence in Tantric Art." College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, March 25, 2014.

"Response to Ryan Damron's 'Puranic Inflections'," New Directions in Buddhist Studies Conference, University of California, Santa Barbara, March 8, 2014.

"The Re-Emergence of Yoga," Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, January 27, 2014.

“Yogis, Goddesses and Jackals: Tantric Yoga as Revealed in a Seventeenth-Century Mughal Miniature,” Yoga and Visual Culture Interdisciplinary Symposium, Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC, November 22, 2013.

“Classical Yoga?’ The Fall and Rise of the *Yoga Sūtras*,” Yoga in Transformation Conference, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria, September 20, 2103.

“Classical Yoga?’ The Fall and Rise of the *Yoga Sūtras*,” Università Ca’ Foscari, Venice, Italy, September 17, 2013.

“Perché la pratica dello yoga ha oggi bisogno degli studiosi,” Inaugural lecture of the Master in Yoga Studies Program, Università Ca’ Foscari, Venice, Italy, September 16, 2013.

“Goddesses, Yogis, and Jackals: The Landscapes of Medieval Hindu Tantra,” Rama Watanmull Collaborative Lecture, University of Hawai’i. Manoa, Honolulu, March 18, 2013.

“Yoginīs,” Jaipur Literature Festival, Jaipur, India, January 26, 2013.

“Roots of Yoga,” Jaipur Literature Festival, Jaipur, India, January 24, 2013.

“Tantra in the Ancient and Modern World: Reflections on the Origins and Development of Embodied Power or ‘Shakti’,” public lecture, Astanga Yoga Skole København, Copenhagen, Denmark, November 23, 2012.

“Shadows, Zombies and Animated Weapons in Kashmirian Tantra,” Institut for Tvaerkulturelle og Regionale Studier, Københavns Universitet, Copenhagen, Denmark, November 22, 2012.

“The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali: A Transcultural Tradition,” lecture and workshop, Ruprecht-Karls Universität, Heidelberg, Germany, November 16, 2012, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

“Yoga, Indian Nationalism, and Western Spirituality,” workshop, Ruprecht-Karls Universität, Heidelberg, Germany, November 16, 2012, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM.

“Tantric Shadows: Demonology in Medieval and Modern South Asia,” Seminar für Allgemeine Religionswissenschaft, Katholisch Theologishce Fakultät, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Münster, Germany, November 14, 2012.

“Tantric Shadows,” Centre d’Etudes de l’Inde et de l’Asie du Sud-Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France, November 8, 2012.

“Demonology in the Service of the King: Tantra in Medieval Kashmir,” IRCM, Université de Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland, November 1, 2012.

“The *Yoga Sutra* of Patanjali,” lecture series at Centre d’Etudes de l’Inde et de l’Asie du Sud-Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France:

“The *Yoga Sutras* Rediscovered,” October 17, 2012.

“The *Yoga Sutras* Deconstructed,” October 25, 2012.

“The *Yoga Sutras* Reinvented,” October 30, 2012.

“Bhairava in Tantric Art and Practice,” UCLA, Department of Art History, May 17, 2011.

“The *Yoga Sutras* Lost and Found,” St. John’s College, Santa Fe, NM, October 29, 2010.

“Sinister Yogis,” Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, October 8, 2010.

“*Netra Tantra*, at the Crossroads of the Demonological Cosmopolis,” Keynote Address, Society for Tantric Studies, Flagstaff AZ, September 24, 2010.

“The *Yoga Sutras* Lost and Found: Henry Thomas Colebrooke and the Western (Re)discovery of Yoga,” Zurich University, Department of Indology, September 21, 2010.

“Wrangling Nightmares in South Asia,” keynote address, “Visions of the Night: Remembering, Transmitting, and Interpreting Dreams in the Pre-Modern World” Conference, University of Southern California, April 23, 2009.

“Yoga and Warfare in Ancient India,” University of Texas, Austin, Texas, February 20, 2009.

“Yoga Before the *Yoga Sutras*, or What Does Sitting Cross-legged Have to Do with the History of Yoga?” L.J. Kuten Lecture in Philosophy and Religion, Claremont-McKenna College, Claremont, CA. February 2, 2009.

“Foreign Demons on the Silk Road: The Transmission of Demonological Traditions between Iran, India, China and the West,” Heidelberg University, November 18, 2008.

“Yoga and Warfare in Ancient India,” The Divinity School, University of Chicago, November 4, 2008.

“How Big Can Yogis Get? How Much Can Yogis See?” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Chicago, Illinois, November 3, 2008.

“« Superstition », vraie « religion » et « science » pure à la lumière de la démonologie hindoue,” presented at “Entre médecine et religion en Inde. Doctrines savants et pratiques locales” conference, Maison Suger, Paris, France, May 20, 2008.

“The Indian Yogi in Myth, History, and Practice,” Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France, May 9, 16, 23, 2008:

1. Tales of Sinister Yogis
2. Misadventures in the Historiography of Indian Yogis
3. The Yogi and the Philosopher

“*Utkrānti*: From Epic Warrior’s Apotheosis to Tantric Suicide,” presented at “Erlöst leben oder sterben, um befreit zu werden?” conference, Universität Zürich, Zurich, Switzerland, May 2, 2008.

“The End of Yogis?” presented at “Olympic Visions” conference, British Museum, London, March 28, 2008.

“Indian Demonology in Inner and East Asian Contexts,” Department of East Asian Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, December 7, 2007.

“The Literary Roots of Bhairavānand Yogi,” Department of Religion, Barnard College, New York, NY, November 30, 2007.

“Yogic Rays: The Self-Externalization of the Yogi in Ritual, Narrative and Philosophy,” presented at “The Body in India: Ritual, Transgression, Performativity” conference, Freien Universität Berlin, November 23, 2007.

“Of Gods and Filth in South Asia, or, If Subalterns 'r' Us, Who are We?” Princeton University, Department of Anthropology,” October 11, 2007.

“When Yoga was Young,” University Seminar on South Asia, Columbia University, October 8, 2007.

“The King Who Wasn’t Himself, and Other Tales of Sinister Yogis,” Rice University, Houston, Texas, February 12, 2007.

“Ceci n’est pas un Yogi: Reconsidering the Early History of Yoga in India,” University of Texas, Austin, Texas, February 9, 2007.

“Foreign Demons on the Silk Road,” public lecture in the “Religion Along the Silk Road” series, University of California, Santa Barbara, January 23, 2007.

“Tales of Sinister Yogis,” Department of South Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison, November 2, 2006.

“History of Indian Yogis,” Loyola Marymount University (Extension), Los Angeles California, October 21-22, 2006.

“The Indian Yogi: Mystic or Predator?” Cross-Cultural Mysticism Group, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 5, 2006.

“Archeology of a Yogi: Yogis that Time Forgot,” Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, April 20, 2006.

“Archaeology of a Yogi: The Origins of Yoga in India,” Department of Religious Studies, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, April 10, 2006.

“Possession and Protection in the Tantric Cult of Bhairava,” Department of Religious Studies, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, April 10, 2006.

“Yoga(s) Before the Yoga Sutras: Archaeological Deconstructions and Textual Reconstructions,” Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France, March 24, 2006.

“Assuming the Lotus Position,” Department of Religion, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, February 16, 2006.

“Through the Eyes of Bhairava in Hindu and Buddhist Tantra in India, Nepal and Tibet,” Department of Religion, Boston University, February 17, 2006

“Understanding Hindu Tantra,” University of Judaism, Sherman Oaks, California, February 8, 2006.

“Interpreting the Pre-modern Religious Past of South Asia: A Plea for a Hermeneutics of Retrieval,” presented at “*History and Theory Religion and History*” conference, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, November 12, 2005.

“Yogis that Time Forgot,” Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, November 10, 2005.

“Hindu Mythology and Depth Psychology,” Pacifica Graduate Institute, Carpinteria, California, November 4, 2005.

“« Open » and « Closed » Models of the Body in Indian Medical and Yogic Traditions,” presented at “Hybrids and Partnerships” conference, Oxford University, September 15, 2005.

“Hinduism,” public outreach lecture in Lecture Series on World Religions, co-sponsored by the Walter H. Capps Center for the Study of Ethics, Religion, and Public Life, Santa Barbara City College Continuing Education Division, UCSB Office of Community Relations, and the UCSB, Santa Barbara, February 15, 2005.

“Bhairava/Yogi: Divine Paradigm and Human Practice in Kashmir Saivism,” Columbia University, February 5, 2005.

“My Experience,” personal narrative and analysis at “Exploring the Nature of Our Offense: A Symposium on the Study of Hinduism in a World of Identity Politics and Religious Intolerance,” Esalen Institute, Big Sur, California, December 17, 2004.

“The Tantric Body: A Reflection on the First Consultation in Tantric Studies,” presented at American Academy of Religion, annual meeting, San Antonio, Texas, November 22, 2004.

“Found Art/Found Divinity: (Super)nature Meets Culture in Hindu Images of God,” public lecture, Santa Barbara Museum of Art, November 13, 2003.

"Himalayan Buddhism's Favorite Demon Devotee: The role of Bhairava in Nepalese Traditions," presented at "Circle of Bliss: Buddhist Meditational Art" conference, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, November 8, 2003.

"Mythology is not History: Materials for a Revisionist History of Hindu Polytheism," University of Venice (Italy), September 15, 2003

"Autour du dieux Bhairava: transactions alimentaires en Asie du Sud," presented at "La diète des dieux: Une approche comparative des polythéismes" conference, University of Liège, Liège, Belgium, May 20, 2003.

"Medieval Yoginī Cults and the Revisioning of Hindu Tantra in South Asia," University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, April 17, 2003.

Thinking Globally and Acting Locally: The Culture of Polytheism in South Asia, 22nd Hiram Lectures in Religion, Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio, March 17-18, 2003:

1. "Religion on the Ground: Pragmatic Approaches to the Supernatural in south Asia"
2. "What Makes a God a God? Constructions of Divinity in South Asian Hinduism"
3. "Worship Without Devotion: Revisioning the History of South Asian Polytheism"

"The Face of Terror: Representations of the Tantric Deity Bhairava in India, Nepal, and Tibet," presented at Society for Tantric Studies Conference, Flagstaff, Arizona, October 5, 2002.

"Pour en finir avec Patañjali," Department of Religious Studies, University of Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland, June 10, 2002.

"The God Behind the Mask: Bhairava, Tantric Deity and Popular Deity of South Asia, Nepal, and Tibet," Istituto Universitario Orientale, Naples, Italy, April 18, 2002.

"Elective Affinities between Divine and Human Bodies? The South Asian Case of Bhairava," University of Bergen (Norway), Aarhus University (Denmark), and Asian Institute, University of Copenhagen, March 19, 21, and 23, 2002.

"Where is the Hindu Mainstream? An Alternative to the Bhakti Paradigm," Aarhus University (Denmark), Department of Religious Studies, March 21, 2002.

"Sexuality and the Power of Flight in South Asian Tantra," University of Bergen (Norway), Department of Religious Studies, March 18, 2002.

"What is a God? The Case of Bhairava in South Asia," South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany, November 13, 2001.

"Qu'est-ce que le tantrisme?" public lecture, Ganapati, Association Culturelle Philindienne, Théâtre de la Source, Bègles, France, April 9, 2001.

"Qu'est-ce que l'histoire des religions?," public lecture, Association France Etats-Unis, Automobile Club du Sud-Ouest, Bordeaux, March 14, 2001.

"Les 'marchés des dieux' dans les systèmes polythéistes," Département d'Anthropologie, Université de Bordeaux II, March 8, 2001.

"Yogic and Political Power Among the Nāth Siddhas of North India," presented at "Asceticism and Power in the Asian Context" conference, SOAS, London, February 22-24, 2001.

"Possession, rêves et visions dans le tantrisme indien," presented at "Rêves: visions révélatrices. Reception et interprétation des songes dans le contexte religieux" conference, Lausanne, Université de Lausanne, December 7, 2000.

"Maharaja Man Singh de Jodhpur: Patron et hagiographe des Nāth Siddha," Paris, France, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, March 25, 2000.

"Bhairava, the Fearsome God of Hindus, Jains, Buddhists, Sikhs, and Muslims in South Asia," Stanford University, February 9, 2000.

"History of Indian Art," public lecture, Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, California, November 4, 1999.

"Maharaja Man Singh and Nath Siddha Hagiography," presented at "Yug-Yugin Jalor" conference, Jodhpur, India, April 8, 1999.

"Siddha Traditions of India, Past and Present," lecture presented at the Indira Gandhi Manav Sangrahalay (Museum of Man), Bhopal, India, February 26, 1999.

"Kissing and Telling: Textualizing Oral Traditions of the Androgynous Divine Body in Hindu and Jewish Traditions," presented at American Academy of Religion, annual meeting, Orlando, Florida, November 22, 1998.

"Internal Ascent and Bodily Apotheosis in Medieval Indian Traditions," presented at "Tantra-Muslim Esotericism-Kabbalah" conference, New York University, New York, N.Y., April 6, 1998.

"Meaning and Metaphor in the Flight of the Yoginī," presented at Society for Tantric Studies conference, Flagstaff, Arizona, October 3, 1997.

"Transformations in the *Kāmakalā* Ritual," Centre d'Etudes de l'Inde et l'Asie du Sud, Paris, France, September 27, 1997.

"Tantric Sects and Tantric Sex: The Flow of Secret Tantric Gnosis," presented at "First Annual Conference in Comparative Religions," New York University, April 7, 1997.

"Yoga in Early Hindu Tantra," presented at "International Seminar on the Yoga Tradition" conference, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, California, March 15, 1997.

"Fluid Typologies in Early Hindu Tantra," University of Chicago March 6, 1997.

"Sexually Transmitted Messages in Early Hindu Tantra," University of California, Berkeley, California, February 7, 1997.

"Worlds of the Siddhas: A Medieval Indian Tradition," presented at "South Asia" conference, University of California at Los Angeles, February 1, 1997.

"Vibrating Drops of Phosphorescence: The Flow Charts of Hindu Tantra," presented at American Academy of Religion, annual meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 25, 1996.

"Locating Siddhaloka in Indian Cosmologies," presented at "25th Annual Conference on South Asia," Madison, Wisconsin, October 18, 1996.

"Desperately Seeking Matsyendranāth," presented at "Symposium on Tantra in South Asia," University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, April 6, 1996.

"History is Not Bunk," presented at American Academy of Religion, annual meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 21, 1995.

"Ashes to Nectar: Death and Regeneration in the Nāth Siddha Tradition," presented at American Academy of Religion, annual meeting, Chicago, Illinois, November 20, 1994.

"Paradise and Exile," North Carolina State University, November 10, 1994.

"Fishing off Moon Island: Lost Horizons of the Subtle Body," Triangle South Asia Consortium, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, November 9, 1994.

"Uncharted Landscapes of the Subtle Body: Matsyendranātha and the Origins of Haṭha Yoga," Centre d'Etudes de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud, Paris, France, June 9, 1994.

"On the Interface of Technology and Myth: The *Vidyādhara Yantra* ("Wizard Apparatus") of Hindu Alchemy," Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, London, May 10, 1994.

"Les paradoxes du paradis terrestre dans le christianisme, l'hindouisme, et le confucienisme médiévaux," Université de Lausanne, Faculté de Théologie, Lausanne, Switzerland, April 5, 1994.

"Body and Universe in Hindu Tantra," public lecture, Smithsonian Campus on the Mall, Washington, D.C., October 25, 1993.

"*Abu* and *Girnār*: The Sacred Geography of Two Pilgrimage Sites in Western India," University of Virginia, South Asia Seminar, October 1, 1993.

"Playing with Food, Playing with Words: Hostile Takeovers of Orthodox Food Categories by Indian Tantrics," presented American Academy of Religion, annual meeting, San Francisco, California, November 23, 1992.

"Cathay, Cannibals, and Cynocephali: Columbus's Confounding Categories," presented at "Looking for India: 1492" conference, Columbia University, New York, N. Y., November 14, 1992.

"La vie exemplaire de Mastnāth: La cristallisation de 1000 ans de Nāth hagiography," Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, 4^e Section, Sorbonne, Paris, France, June 2, 1992.

"Yogins, Kings and Alchemists in Medieval India," London School of Economics and School of Oriental and African Studies, London, England, May 5 and 8, 1992.

"Tantrikas as Kingmakers and King-breakers in Indian Literature," presented at "20th Conference on South Asia," Madison, Wisconsin, November 2, 1991.

"Le corps alchimique [The Alchemical Body]" series of lectures presented at the Centre d'Etudes de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud, Paris, France, February 8, 13 and 15, 1990.

"*Vedhana*: Power and Perfection through Penetration, in Haṭha Yoga and Alchemy," presented at the American Academy of Religion, annual meeting, Anaheim, California, November 18, 1989.

"Kilder til alkymiens historie i Indien [Sources for the History of Alchemy in India]," Institut for Orientalisk Filologi, University of Copenhagen, June 21, 1989.

"Hg Wells in India," University of Copenhagen, June 21, 1989.

"The Alchemical Tradition: Isaac Newton and Medieval India," University of Rochester "Enlightenment Lecture," April 15, 1989.

"Blood and Semen in Āyurveda, Haṭha Yoga and Alchemy," presented at Society for Tantric Studies conference, Syracuse, New York, October 14, 1988.

"The Locus of Śūnya in the Alchemical and Yogic Microcosm of the Nāth Siddhas," presented at American Academy of Religion, annual meeting, Boston, December 6, 1987.

"Dogs, Dice and Death in Ancient India," presented at "Fifteenth Annual Conference on South Asia," Madison, Wisconsin, November 8, 1986.

"Text and Context of Jāi Śaṅkar Prasād's Kāmāyanī," public poetry reading (in original Hindi with translation), Illinois Arts Council, Oak Park Illinois, November 1980.

Employment History

J. F. Rowny Professor of Comparative Religion, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2011-present

Scholar in Residence, École des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales and Institut d'Études Avancées, Paris, April-May 2008.

Visiting Professor in the Council of the Humanities and Department of Anthropology and Stewart Fellow in Anthropology, Princeton University, fall 2007.

Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, July 2000 to present.

Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, July 1996 to June 2000.

Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia: Sept. 1994 to May 1996.

Visiting Assistant Professor/Lecturer in Religion, Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia, Sept. 1986 to Dec. 1987; Sept. 1988 to Dec. 1989; Jan. 1991 to Dec. 1991; Sept. 1992 to Dec. 1992; Sept. 1993-May 1994.

Areas of Specialization:

Comparative Religion; Religion in South Asia; Tantra; Yoga; History of Indian Science and Medicine; Indo-European Comparative Studies; Comparative Mythology; Sanskrit language and literature.

Teaching Activities

Undergraduate Teaching:

Alchemy, Yoga, and Tantra: Three Paths to Power in Medieval India
Religious Approaches to Death
Introduction to Eastern Religions
Introduction to Hinduism
Methods in the Study of Religion
Creation Myths
Hindu Devotionalism
Hindu Mysticism
Hindu Mythology
Religion and Sexuality
Yoga Traditions of India
Religions of India
Alchemy (Freshman Seminar)

Graduate Teaching:

Worship Without Devotion: History of South Asian Polytheism

Hindu Tantra
Hindu Epics
Vedic Hinduism
Issues in Hinduism
Hindu Devotionalism
Comparative Indo-European Mythology
Interpretation of Myth
Indian Yoga and Alchemy

Hindi and Sanskrit Language Reading Courses:

Agni Purāṇa
Bānīs of Gorakhnāth
Bṛhannāradiya Purāṇa
Harivaṃśa
Haṭhayogapradīpikā
Kulārṇava Tantra
Mahābhārata
Netra Tantra
Padmāvat of Mallik Muhammad Jaisi
Rasārṇavam
Śārṅadhara Paddhati
Vrat Kathās

Professional/Research Affiliations

American Academy of Religion, 1986-1998, 2004-
Centre d'Etudes de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud, Paris, 1992-
Société Asiatique, Paris, 2002-

Consulting and Other Professional Activities

Founder and Director, University of Virginia Semester-in-India Program in Jodhpur,
Rajasthan, 1994-1996

Outside Reader/Consultant (1987-present) for:

University of Chicago Press
University of California Press
Princeton University Press
Oxford University Press
Cambridge University Press
Columbia University Press
SUNY Press
Shambhala Press
Routledge & Kegan Paul

Austrian Academy of Sciences
University of Heidelberg
Florida State University
University of Alabama
Journal of the American Academy of Religion
NUMEN
Journal of Religious Ethics
Journal of Religion and Ethics
History of Religions

International Journal of Hindu Studies
Smithsonian Institution
National Geographic
Asian Medicine: Tradition and Modernity
Bijdragen tot de Taal- en Volkenkunde
Nature + Culture
numerous encyclopedias, etc.

Departmental and UCSB Committee Work

Graduate Advisor (Graduate Committee Chair), Department of Religious Studies, 2014
Member, Executive Committee, Department of Religious Studies, 2014
Member, Committee on International Education, UCSB, 2013-14
Member, Undergraduate Council, UCSB, 2010-12
Member, Council on Undergraduate Academic Programs and Policies (CUAPP), 2010-12
Member, Search Committee for East Asian Religions position (Rambelli), 2009-2010
Member, General Education Committee, UCSB, 1996-1998
Chair, Department of Religious Studies, 2004-2005
Vice Chair, Department of Religious Studies, 2009-10
Member, Executive Committee, Department of Religious Studies, 2009-10
Graduate Advisor (Graduate Committee Chair), Department of Religious Studies, 1999-2000
Founder and Co-Faculty Advisor, UCSB Humanities Research Institute Reading
Focus Group RASA (Religion and South Asia), 1998-
Member, Graduate Committee, Department of Religious Studies, 1996-98; 2006-07, 2008-09,
2012-14
Member, Michaelson Lecture Committee, Department of Religious Studies, 2006
Chair, Curriculum Committee, Department of Religious Studies, 2005-2006
Member, Personnel Committee, Department of Religious Studies, 2003-04; 2005-06; 2009-10
Member, Central Continuing Student Fellowship Committee, 2004, 2009
Colloquium Advisor, Department of Religious Studies, Winter-Spring 2004
Acting Undergraduate Advisor, Department of Religious Studies, Spring 2003
Organizer and Co-Chair, UC-Humanities Research Institute Seminar " The Sharing and
Contesting of Sacred Space in South Asia," April 2000

University of California, University-Wide Service

Director, University of California Education Abroad Program, Bordeaux-Paris-Toulouse,
France, 2000-2002.

Language Proficiency

written: Sanskrit, ancient Greek, Latin, Old Rajasthani, Hindi, French, Danish, German,
Italian, Spanish.
spoken: French, Hindi, Danish.