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EDUCATION

University of Virginia, Ph.D. Department of Religious Studies, 2019

Dissertation title: “Constructing Sacred Space: Text, Temple and Landscape in the Fifteenth Century *Ekalingamāhātmya*.”

Advisor: John Nemeč

University of Virginia, M.A. Department of Religious Studies, 2009

University of California, Santa Barbara, B.A., *cum laude*, Department of Religious Studies, 2006

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Fulbright-Nehru Research Grant—India (2015-2016)

University of Virginia Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Summer Research Grant (2015)

American Institute of Indian Studies Language Fellowship—Hindi (2013-2014)

American Institute of Indian Studies Language Fellowship—Hindi (2011)

American Institute of Indian Studies Language Fellowship—Sanskrit (2009)

AWARDS & HONORS

University of Virginia Religious Studies Department Teaching Assistant of the Year (2012)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Religions of Asia

Asian Mythology and Narrative

Sanskrit literature

Purāṇic narratives

Sacred geography

Political history of pre-modern South Asia

The politics of space

Goddess traditions in South Asia

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Making Space in Mewar: At the Border of Trauma, Memory, and History in Fifteenth-Century Rajasthan.” Annual National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 2019.

“The Spatial Context of Genealogy: The Āṭapura Inscription and its Relationship to the 15th Century *Ekalingamāhātmya*.” 229th Meeting of the American Oriental Society, March 2019.

“Dismembering Demons: Spatial and Bodily Representations in the Fifteenth-Century *Ekalingamāhātmya*.” Annual National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 2018.

“Rāṣṭrasenā: A Regional Martial Goddess Set in a Theriomorphic Yoginī Form.” Annual National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 2017.

“Goddess of the Mountain, Goddess of War: Representations of the Divine Feminine in the *Ekalingamāhātmya*.” Presentation at The South and Central Asia Fulbright Conference, Jaipur, India, February 2016.

PUBLICATIONS

“Body, Community, Cosmos: A Śaiva Siddhānta Rite of Initiation.” In *The Handbook of Religion and the Body*. Edited by George Pati and Yudit Greenberg. London: Routledge. Forthcoming.

“Rāṣṭrasenā: Hawk Goddess of the Mewar Mountains.” In *Garland of Forgotten Goddesses: An Anthology of Hindu Goddess Tales*. Edited by Michael Slouber. Berkeley: University of California Press. Forthcoming.

“Dismembering Demons: Spatial and Bodily Representations in the Fifteenth-Century *Ekalingamāhātmya*.” In *Transformational Embodiment in Asian Religions: Subtle Bodies, Spatial Bodies*. Edited by George Pati and Katherine Zubko. London: Routledge, 2019.

Review of Axel Michaels *Homo Ritualis: Hindu Ritual and Its Significance for Ritual Theory*, in *Reading Religion*, a publication of the American Academy of Religion.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2019-2020
Lecturer in the Department of Religion
Courses taught: Fall 2019—Asian Mythology, Hindu Epics

University of Mary Washington 2017-2018

Instructor in the Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion
Courses taught: Fall 2017—Introduction to Hinduism; Spring 2018—East Asian Religions,
Hindu Epic

University of Virginia

2013

Instructor in the Department of Religion
Courses taught: Spring 2013—Introduction to Hinduism

LANGUAGES

Sanskrit—Advanced proficiency
Hindi—Advanced proficiency (reading and spoken)
German—Reading proficiency

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
American Oriental Society

REFERENCES

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