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Director, Health and the Humanities Certificate, University of Wisconsin-Madison

EDUCATION

2007 Ph.D. University of Chicago
1999 M.A. Yale University
1994 B.A. Loyola University Chicago

TEACHING POSITIONS

2021 – Professor, Department of Asian Languages & Cultures, UW-Madison
2016 – 2021 Associate Professor, Department of Asian Languages & Cultures, UW-Madison
2015 – 2016 Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Hobart & William Smith Colleges
2012 spring Directeur d'études invité, École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris
2008 – 2015 Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Hobart & William Smith Colleges
2007 – 2008 Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Transylvania University
2003 spring Lecturer, Theology Department, Loyola University Chicago

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

2009 – Editor, *India Review* (Taylor & Francis)
2022 – Editorial Board, “Global Histories of Premodern Health and Disease” (Edinburgh UP)
2022 – Editorial Board, “Ancient Cultures of Sciences and Knowledge” (Mohr Siebeck)
2016 – 2024 Associate Editor, *Asian Medicine* (Brill)
2015 – 2017 Associate Editor, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (OUP)

MULTI-SCHOLAR RESEARCH PROJECTS

2023 – “History of Science in South Asia,” Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin
2019 – “Polyglot Asian Medicines,” Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
2014 – 2016 “Religious Freedom and Human Rights in Pluralist Societies,” New York Six/Mellon
2013 – 2015 “Humanities, Health, and Disability Studies,” New York Six/Mellon

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

2022 – 2024 Vilas Associates Award, UW-Madison
2021 David B. Larson Fellowship in Health and Spirituality, John W. Kluge Center
2021 NEH Fellowships Open Book Program Award (“Democracy Demands Wisdom”)
2021 Fall Competition Grant, UW-Madison
2017 Florence Tan Moeson Fellowship, Library of Congress Asian Division
2015 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship
2014 – 2016 Upstate-Global Collective Grant, NY6 & Mellon Foundation, co-recipient
2014 + 2012 Rochester Zen Center Scholar-in-Residence, Rochester, New York
2013 – 2014 Fisher Center for the Study of Gender and Justice Fellowship, Hobart & William Smith Colleges
2012 – 2013 Institut d'études avancées de Paris Fellowship
2012 European Institutes for Advanced Study Fellowship (Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions-FP7)
2012 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship
2012 Social Science Research Council Research-Travel Grant
2011 American Council of Learned Societies, International and Areas Studies Fellowship

2011 – 2016	Faculty Research Grant, Hobart & William Smith Colleges
2011	Guardenier Research Grant, Hobart & William Smith Colleges
2009 – 2011	Asian Studies Curriculum Development Grant, Freeman Foundation, co-recipient
2008 + 2005	Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine Visiting Fellow, London
2006 – 2007	Dissertation Fellowship, Committee on South Asian Studies, University of Chicago
2005 – 2006	Martin Marty Fellowship, University of Chicago Divinity School
2004 – 2005	Fulbright-Hays DDRA Fellowship, US Department of Education (India and England)
2003 – 2004	Doolittle-Harrison Fellowship, University of Chicago
2003	Pre-diss. Research Fellowship, Committee on South Asian Studies, University of Chicago
2001 – 2002	FLAS Title VI Fellowship (Hindi), US Department of Education
2002	Language Fellowship (Sanskrit), Committee on South Asian Studies, University of Chicago
2001	FLAS Title VI Fellowship (Hindi-Urdu), US Department of Education
1998	Class of 1956 Award, Yale Divinity School

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

2022 *The Practice of Texts: Education and Healing in South India*. Oakland: University of California Press.
 2012 *Somatic Lessons: Narrating Patienthood and Illness in Indian Medical Literature*. Albany: State University of New York Press.

Edited Volumes

2024 *Suhṛdayasamhitā: A Compendium of Studies on South Asian Culture, Philosophy, and Religion Dedicated to Dominik Wujastyk*. Co-edited with Philipp Maas. *Studia Indologica Universitatis Halensis*, vol. 28. Halle: Universitätsverlag Halle-Wittenberg.
 2020 *Time, Continuity, and Rupture: Medicines and Memories in South Asia*. Co-edited with Lisa Brooks and Victoria Sheldon. *Asian Medicine* 15, no. 1.
 2018 *The Gift in India in Theory and Practice*. Co-edited with Miriam Benteler. *International Journal of Hindu Studies* 22, no. 2.
 2013 *Medical Texts and Manuscripts in Indian Cultural History*. Co-edited with Dominik Wujastyk and Karin Preisendanz. New Delhi: Manohar Press.

Articles, Chapters, and Essays

forth “Airs, Winds, and Wellbeing in Premodern South Asian Literature.” In *The Elements in the Medieval World: Interdisciplinary Perspectives: Wind (Elements, Nature, Environment)*, edited by Marilina Cesario, Hugh Magennis, and Elisa Ramazzina. Leiden: Brill.
 forth “Whose Ecologies of Healing? Premodern Discourses on Disease and Healing Today.” In *Premodern Ecologies of Healing*, edited by Petros Bouras-Vallianatos and Zubin Mistry. Edinburgh: University of Edinburgh Press.
 in-press “Early Indian Medical Literature.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Hindu Literature*, edited by James Hagerty and Laxshmi Greaves. New York: Oxford University Press.
 2024 “Always Already Theorizing ... in the Field, Elsewhere, All at Once.” In *Suhṛdayasamhitā: A Compendium of Studies on South Asian Culture, Philosophy, and Religion Dedicated to Dominik Wujastyk*, edited by Anthony Cerulli and Philipp Maas. *Studia Indologica Universitatis Halensis*, vol. 28: 302-317. Halle: Universitätsverlag Halle-Wittenberg.
 – “Preface” and “Introduction.” Co-authored with Philipp Maas. In *Suhṛdayasamhitā: A Compendium of Studies on South Asian Culture, Philosophy, and Religion Dedicated to Dominik Wujastyk*, edited by Anthony Cerulli and Philipp Maas. *Studia Indologica Universitatis Halensis*, vol. 28: ix-xix. Halle: Universitätsverlag Halle-Wittenberg.
 2023 “Religion and Medicine in Sanskrit Literature: The *Rāmāyaṇa* and the Politics of an Epic Plant.” In

Situating religion and medicine in Asia: Methodological insights and innovations, edited by Michael Stanley-Baker, 165–197. Manchester: Manchester University Press.

— “Shaping the Study of South Asia: The Annual Conference on South Asia at UW–Madison.” Co-authored with Sarah Beckham and Andrea Fowler. In *Wisconsin in the World: Internationalization at the University of Wisconsin–Madison*, edited by Elise Ahn 293–300. Charlotte: Information Age Publishing.

2022 “Vies et renaissances des manuscrits en Asie du Sud.” *Le Bulletin des Belles Lettres* 2022, n°3, “Science si humaine” (November), 18–23. Paris: Les Belles Lettres.

— “L’art dans l’archive: Manuscrits dans l’histoire de l’Inde.” In *Manuel du Prince Indien: L’Arthaśāstra. Introduction et extraits par Marinette Dambuyant et photographies et postface par Anthony Cerulli*, 251–268. Paris: Les Belles Lettres.

— “Pedagogy, Philology, and Procedural Medical Knowledge.” *South Asian History and Culture* 13, no. 1: 135–155.

2021 “Disease: Discourse and Interpretation in Premodern South Asia.” *Religion Compass* 15, no. 12: 1–10.

— “Allegory and History, Life and Embodiment.” In *Body and Cosmos: Studies in Early Indian Medical and Astral Sciences in Honor of Kenneth G. Zysk*, edited by Toke Knudsen, Jacob Schmidt-Madsen, and Sara Speyer, 209–232. Leiden: Brill.

2020 “Healing Concerns in South Asian Texts, Histories, and Societies.” *Asian Medicine* 15, no. 1: 183–196.

— “Medicines and Memories in South Asia.” Co-authored with Lisa Brooks and Victoria Sheldon. *Asian Medicine* 15, no. 1: 3–9.

— “Archival Aesthetics: Framing and Exhibiting Indian Manuscripts and Manuscript libraries.” *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* 43, no. 3: 455–477.

2019 “‘Manuscript Country’: Landscapes of South Asian Manuscript Libraries” (online photo-essay). Schoenberg Institute for Manuscript Studies Blog, University of Pennsylvania Libraries (<http://shorturl.at/anxDQ>).

2018 “Politicking Ayurvedic Education.” *Asian Medicine* 13, no. 1–2: 298–334.

— “Gifting Knowledge for Long Life.” *International Journal of Hindu Studies* 22, no. 2: 235–255.

— “The Gift in India in Theory and Practice.” Co-authored with Miriam Benteler. *International Journal of Hindu Studies* 22, no. 2: 191–196.

2016 “Body, Self, and Embodiment in the Sanskrit Classics of Āyurveda.” In *Refiguring the Body: Embodiment in South Asian Religions*, edited by Barbara Holdrege and Karen Pechilis, 59–88. Albany: State University of New York Press.

— “Mineral Healing: Gemstone Remedies in Astrological and Medical Traditions.” Co-authored with Caterina Guenzi. In *Soulless Matter, Seats of Energy: Metals, Gems and Minerals in South Asian Religions and Culture*, edited by F. Ferrari and T. Dähnhardt, 73–93. Sheffield and Bristol, CT: Equinox.

— “അവസാനം മലയാളം വായനക്കാർക്ക് ജീവാനന്ദനം എത്തിച്ചേരിന്നു.” ആമുഖം - പി. കെ. വി. ആനന്ദ് (ട്രാൻസ്), ജീവാനന്ദനം, 3–9. തൃപ്പൂഡി: കുന്നത്ത് മന ആധുർവ്വേദം പുസ്തകങ്ങൾ.

2015 “Unpuzzling an Aporia: Theorizing Acts of Ritual and Medicine in South India.” *Journal of Ritual Studies* 29, no. 2: 25–43.

— “Storytelling and Accountability for Illness in Sanskrit Medical Literature.” In *Disease, Religion, and Healing in Asia: Collaborations & Collisions*, edited by I. Vargas-O’Bryan and Z. Xun, 86–101. London: Routledge.

2014 “Editors’ Introduction: Roundtable on Intellectual Freedom, Vigilantism, and Censorship in India.” Co-authored with Eswaran Sridharan. *India Review* 13, no. 3: 274–276.

— “Nathaniel Hawthorne’s Warring Doctors and Meddling Ministers.” Co-authored with Sarah Berry. *Mosaic: an interdisciplinary critical journal* 47, no. 1: 111–128.

2013 “Mad Scientists, Narrative, and Social Power: A Collaborative Learning Activity.” Co-authored with Sarah Berry. *Journal of Medical Humanities* 34, no. 4: 451–454.

— “Zoroastrianism.” In *Religions of the World: An Introduction to Culture and Meaning*, edited by Lawrence Sullivan, 283–304. Minneapolis: Fortress Press.

- “The Joy of Life: Medicine, Politics, and Religion.” In *Medical Texts and Manuscripts in Indian Cultural History*, edited by A. Cerulli, K. Preisendanz, and D. Wujastyk, 159–179. New Delhi: Manohar Press.
- 2012 “On the Allegorization of Action for Health.” *eJournal of Indian Medicine* 5, no. 1: 25–35.
- 2011 “Calculating Fecundity in the *Kāśyapa Saṃhitā*.” In *Health and Religious Rituals in South Asia: Disease, Possession and Healing*, edited by Fabrizio Ferrari, 114–126. London: Routledge.
- 2010 “Āyurveda.” In *Brill's Encyclopedia of Hinduism, Volume II: Texts, Rituals, Arts, and Concepts*, edited by K. A. Jacobsen, H. Basu, A. Malinar, V. Narayanan, 267–280. Leiden: Brill (revised online ed., 2013).
- 2009 “Know Thy Body, Know Thyself: Decoding Knowledge of the Ātman in Sanskrit Medical Literature.” Co-authored with Brahmadathan U. M. T. *eJournal of Indian Medicine* 2, no. 3: 101–107.
- “Narrative Wellbeing: Ānandarāyamakhin’s *The Joy of Life* (*Jivānandanam*).” *Indian Journal of History of Science* 44, no. 2: 231–246.
- “On the Nature of the Patient in Sanskrit Medical Literature.” In *Ashtanga Hridaya Sathram*, edited by N. K. Mahadevan, 74–77. Kottayam: Sreekrishna Ayurveda Kendra.
- 2008 “Mental Disease in the Āyurvedadīpikā of Cakrapāṇidatta.” In *Navathy Pranamam (essays for V. M. C. Shankaran Namboodiri on his 90th birthday)*, edited by V. M. D. Namboodiri. Venkitangu: Ullanoor Mana Trust.

Book Reviews and Other Writings

- 2014 Richard Weiss, *Recipes for Immortality: Medicine, Religion, and Community in South India* (Oxford University Press, 2009), *Asian Medicine: Tradition & Modernity* 9, no. 1–2.
- 2010 “*The Muslims I Know*: A Discussion Guide for the Film.” Co-authored with Aitezaz Ahmed and Mara Ahmed. Neelum Films Productions (<http://themuslimsiknow.com>).
- 2009 Ron Barrett, *Aghor Medicine: Pollution, Death, and Healing in Northern India* (University of California Press, 2008), *Religious Studies Review* 35, no. 4.
- Dagmar Wujastyk and Frederick M. Smith (eds.), *Modern and Global Ayurveda: Pluralism and Paradigms* (SUNY Press, 2008), *International Journal of Hindu Studies* 1, no. 13.
- Swasti Bhattacharyya, *Magical Progeny, Modern Technology: A Hindu Bioethics of Assisted Reproductive Technology* (SUNY Press, 2006), *Religious Studies Review* 35, no. 1.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS [* = juried]

- 2025 “Inverse Testaments of Creation.”* Overture Center for the Arts, Madison, WI (Mar–June: 16 images, duo exhibit).
- 2024 “Framing the Archive.” Fluno Center Gallery, Madison, WI (Oct 2024–Jan 2025: 29 images, solo exhibit).
- “Knowledge Sits in Places.” Pyle Center Gallery, Madison, WI (May–June: 48 images, solo exhibit).
- 2023 “The Aesthetic Shape of History.”* Roberta’s Art Gallery, Whitewater, WI (Nov–Dec, 47 images, solo exhibit).
- 2023 “The Archive as Art.”* Solarium Gallery at Houghton House, Geneva, NY (Mar–Apr: 57 pieces, solo exhibit).
- 2020 “Manuscriptistan.”* Chazen Museum of Art, *Faculty 2020 Exhibition*, Madison, WI (Feb–August: 4 pieces, group exhibit).
- 2019 “Manuscriptistan.”* Kamin Gallery, Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Philadelphia, PA (Sep–Dec: 62 pieces, juried, solo exhibit).
- 2011 “കേരളം അനുഡിനം/kerala anudinam/Kerala Everyday.”* The Little Theatre Gallery, Rochester, NY (Sep–Oct: 20 pieces, solo exhibit).
- “South India Snaps.”* Mercer Gallery, Rochester, NY (Apr–Jun: 16 pieces, solo exhibit).
- 2010 “Malabari Manorama: Scenes from Kerala.” Demarest Hall, Geneva, NY (Jan–Feb: 25 pieces, solo exhibit).

PHOTOGRAPHY PUBLICATIONS [IMAGES ONLY]

2023 “Manuscriptistan 18” and “Manuscriptistan 53.” In *Old Stacks, New Leaves: The Arts of the Book in South Asia* by Sonal Khullar. Seattle: University of Washington Press.

2022 *Le Bulletin des Belles Lettres* 2022, n°3, “Science si humaine” — 6 images. Paris: Les Belles Lettres.

— *Manuel du Prince Indien: L’Arthaśāstra. Introduction et extraits par Marinette Dambuyant et photographies et postface par Anthony Cerulli* — 17 images. Paris: Les Belles Lettres.

2021 “Manuscriptistan 18.” In *Sosio-ekologi kelapa laut* by Firuza Begham Binti Mustafa. Kuala Lumpur: Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka.

2018 “Manuscriptistan 01” and “Manuscriptistan 04.” *Light: A Journal of Photography and Poetry* 7 (Fall).

CONFERENCE AND INVITED[*] PRESENTATIONS

2025 “To Treat Ailing Bodies, Read Medical Texts.” *Between Encyclopaedia and Epitome – Talmudic strategies of knowledge-making in the context of ancient medicine and sciences*. Freie University, Berlin, Germany (July).*

— “Visualizing Manuscriptistan.”* Overture Center for the Arts. Madison, WI (May).

— “Inverse Testaments of Creation.”* Overture Center for the Arts. Madison, WI (April).

— “Health in Humanities Research.”* *The Power of Creativity: A Convening on Supercharging UW-Madison Research in the Arts & Humanities*. Chazen Museum of Art. Madison, WI (April).

2024 “Genre, Genres of Knowledge, Genres of Knowledge in South Asia.” *Region, Practice, and Genre: Putting Knowledge to Use in the History of Science in South Asia Colloquium*. Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, Germany (July).*

— “Sanskrit Medical Texts from South Asia: Digital Analysis and the Humanities.” *Joint Conference of IASTAM and ASHM*, Taipei, Taiwan (June).

— “Varieties of Healing Knowledge in Premodern South Asia.” *Medicine Before and Beyond Print*. McGill University, Montreal, Canada (April).*

2023 “Practicing Texts in South India,” *Philology Colloquium*, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin (December).*

— “The Aesthetic Shape of History.” Roberta’s Art Gallery, University of Wisconsin–Whitewater, Whitewater, WI (November).*

— “Epidemics and Disease in Premodern South Asia.” *Disease Across Eurasia*. Georgetown University, Washington D.C. (April).

— *The Practice of Texts* (book talk), *History of Science in Early South Asia*, Consortium for the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine (February).*

2022 “Situating Medicine and Religion: South Asia.” *Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*, Denver, CO (November).

— “Decolonizing STM.” *50th Annual Conference on South Asia*, University of Wisconsin–Madison (October).

— “Whose Ecologies of Healing? Premodern Discourses on Disease and Healing Today.” Keynote Address for the conference, *Ecologies of Healing in the Premodern World (600-1350 CE)*. University of Edinburgh, Scotland (September).*

— “Viśavaidyaṇ and Snakebite Remedies in the *Hortus Indicus Malabaricus*.” *Workshop on the Hortus Malabaricus*, Max Plank Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, Germany (August).*

2021 “Publishing in South Asian Studies: Journals, Books, and the Peer-Review.” *49th Annual Conference on South Asia*, University of Wisconsin–Madison (October).

— “Traditionalizing, Modernizing, and Politicizing Ayurveda.” *Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies*, Seattle, WA (March).

2020 “Field Audibles.” *49th Annual Conference on South Asia*, University of Wisconsin–Madison (October). CANCELLED: COVID-19 PANDEMIC

— “This Is Not a Manuscript.” *Our Kind of Happy Hour* (Facebook Live), Chazen Museum of Art, Madison, WI (August).*

- “Digital Humanities and the Study of Premodern Indian Medicine.” *Joint Conference of the International Association for the Study of Traditional Asian Medicines and Asia Society for the History of Medicine*, Academica Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan (May). CANCELLED: COVID-19 PANDEMIC
- “Ayurvedic tradition and modernity/traditional and modern Ayurveda.” *Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies*, Boston, MA (March). CANCELLED: COVID-19 PANDEMIC
- 2019 “Seeing, Framing, and Experiencing Manuscript Cultures in Contemporary India.” Schoenberg Institute for Manuscript Studies, University of Pennsylvania (November).*
- “Making and Unmaking Meaning to Build Up the Body.” *48th Annual Conference on South Asia*, University of Wisconsin–Madison (October).
- “What Becomes of the Archive, When the Archive Becomes Art?” *11th International Convention of Asia Scholars*, Leiden, Netherlands (July).
- “Cyber Ayurveda: Technologies for the Body-Mind-Spirit in America.” *11th International Convention of Asia Scholars*, Leiden, Netherlands (July).
- “The Manuscriptistan Project: Aesthetics in India’s Archives.” *Center for South Asia Lecture Series*, Center for South Asia, University of Wisconsin–Madison (April).*
- “Traditional South Asian Medicines: Researches, Futures, and Collaborations.” *Traditions and Technologies: Ethical Engagements and New Directions in the Study of South Asian Medicines*, Center for Science, Technology, Medicine, and Society and Institute for South Asian Studies, University of California Berkeley (April).*
- “Premodern Indian (Sanskrit) Texts for Large-Scale Digital Analysis.” *Drugs Across Eurasia Workshop*, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (January).*
- 2018 “How To Do Things With Texts: Iterative Uses of an Indian Epic Episode.” *Friday Lunch Talk*, Center for the Humanities, University of Wisconsin–Madison (November).*
- “Contemporary Classicism.” *47th Annual Conference on South Asia*, University of Wisconsin–Madison (October).
- “*Rāmāyana* in media res: Hanuman’s epic hunt for healing herbs.” *16th Annual Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions*, University of Bern, Switzerland (June).
- 2017 “Monkey, Herbs, and Money: Locating Epic Plants of Healing in the Modern World.” *15th Annual Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions*, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium (September).
- “Generating Theory in Ethnographies of Healing.” *9th International Congress on Traditional Asian Medicines*, Kiel University, Germany (August).
- “Traditional and Contemporary Medical Education in Ayurveda.” *Focus on India Initiative*, University of Wisconsin–Madison (April).*
- 2016 “Politicking Ayurvedic Education.” *Workshop on Indian Medicine: Between State and Village*, International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden, Netherlands (June).
- “Pedagogy and Medical Know-how: Creating Texts and Knowledge Transmission in the Ayurvedic Gurukula.” *South Asia Workshop*, Max Plank Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, Germany (June).*
- 2015 “Teaching Tradition: Ayurveda and the Sanskrit Medical Classics.” *Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science*, Denver, CO (November).
- 2014 “The Gift, Who Gifts, and Who’s Been Gifted: Querying the Give-and-Take among Classically Trained Physicians and their Patients in South India.” *13th Biennial Conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists*, Tallinn University, Estonia (August).
- “Buddhism after the Buddha: Cultures of Buddhism in Asia and Elsewhere.” Rochester Zen Center, Rochester, NY (May).*
- “Buddhist Teaching, Buddhist Experience.” Rochester Zen Center, Rochester, NY (April).*
- “The Four Noble Truths in Context.” Rochester Zen Center, Rochester, NY (March).*
- “Trouble with the Classics: Education Reform and the Cultivation of a Premodern Medical Tradition

in Modern India." *Wellcome History of Pre-modern Medicine Seminar Series*, The Wellcome Library, London, England (February).*

2013 "Diwali: History, Practice, and Meaning." *Annual Diwali Dinner of the South Asian Culture Club*, Hobart & William Smith Colleges (October).*

— "Traditions, textes et rituels d'éducation ayurvédique dans l'Inde du sud contemporaine." *Paris de la Recherche*, Hôtel de Ville, Paris, France (June).*

— "An Irresolvable Aporia? Theorizing Acts of Ritual and Medicine." South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University, Germany (May).*

— "In the Archive and Field: Yoking Historical and Ethnographic Methods in Indian Medical Studies." South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University, Germany (May).*

— "Medical Education in the Gurukula." *Annual Conference of the European Institutes for Advanced Studies*, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study, Uppsala, Sweden (April).

— "Forest of Bliss de Robert Gardner et d'ethnographie en Inde." *Cinéchaï: L'anthropologie indienne en image*, Institut National des Langues et Civilizations Orientales and Centre d'études de l'Inde et de l'Asie du sud, Paris, France (April).*

— "The Embodiment of History: Life as Allegory." Co-presentation with Laura Desmond. *Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies*, San Diego, CA (March).

— "The Gurukula Today: Classical Texts in a Changing Medical Community." École des hautes études en sciences sociales and Centre d'études de l'Inde et de l'Asie du sud, Paris, France (February).*

— "Narrativity and Indian Historiography." Department of Cross-Cultural & Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen, Denmark (February).*

— "Tradition-making and Education in Modern Āyurveda." Department of Cross-Cultural & Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen, Denmark (February).*

2012 "The Practice and Production of Texts in the Education of Malayali Physicians." *22nd European Conference for South Asian Studies*, University of Lisbon, Portugal (July).

— "Curriculum Saṃskṛtam: Tradition(s) in the Gurukula and Ayurvedic College." *Conference on Inter-Asian Connections III*, University of Hong Kong, China (June).

— "Religious History, Epidemiology, and Dramatic Imagination." École des hautes études en sciences sociales and Centre d'études de l'Inde et de l'Asie du sud, Paris, France (June).*

— "Ayurvedic Education: Gurukula and College." École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris, France (May).*

— "The King's Quandary: *pravṛtti-nivṛtti* as Agenda for Agency." École des hautes études en sciences sociales and Centre d'études de l'Inde et de l'Asie du sud, Paris, France (May).*

— "Ritual Practice, Medical Practice: The Case of *oothu*." École des hautes études en sciences sociales and Centre d'études de l'Inde et de l'Asie du sud, Paris, France (May).*

— "Buddhist Lessons on Death and Dying." Rochester Zen Center, Rochester, NY (April).*

— "Buddha on Life and How to Live It." Rochester Zen Center, Rochester, NY (March).*

— "Quest for the Historical Buddha." Rochester Zen Center, Rochester, NY (February).*

2011 "A Poetics of Practice: Allegory at the Intersection of Social Engagement and Religious Retreat." *Annual Conference on South Asia*, University of Wisconsin (October).

— "Epic Retold: The Fluidity of the *Rāmāyaṇa* through the Ages." *South Asia Speaker Series*, Hobart & William Smith Colleges (May).*

— "Warring Doctors, Meddling Ministers, and Nathaniel Hawthorne's 'Rappaccini's Daughter.'" Co-presentation with Sarah Berry. St. John Fisher College (March).*

— "Death and Dying in Hinduism and Buddhism." *4th New York State Nurses Association Educational Seminar on Death and Dying*, Monroe Community Hospital, Rochester, NY (March).*

— "A History Bovine: On the Politics of Diet and Religion in India." Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School (February).*

2010 "An Allegorical Trope on Action and Wellbeing." *Asian Diversity in a Global Context Conference*, University of Copenhagen, Denmark (November).

- "Ritual and Ritualization in Malayali Toxicology." *21st European Conference for South Asian Studies*, University of Bonn, Germany (July).
- "Hinduism in/and America." *Religion in America Colloquia*, Hobart & William Smith Colleges (April).*
- "Classical Indian Medicine." *Seminar on Cross-Cultural Psychology*, Hobart & William Smith Colleges, (April).*
- "Narrative Explanatory Models and Accountability for Illness in Sanskrit Medical Literature." *Health in Asia Symposium*. Centre for the Humanities and Medicine, University of Hong Kong, China (March).*

2009 "Constructing Hindu Identities Among University Students in New York State." Co-presentation with Devparna Roy. *New York Conference on Asian Studies*. Cornell University (October).

- "The Construction of the Patient in Sanskrit Medical Narratives." *14th World Sanskrit Conference* (Scientific Literature Section), Kyoto University, Japan (September).
- "Ritual Medicinal Winds." *Conference on the Study of Religions of India*, Kalamazoo College (June).

2008 "The Narrative Structure of Miscarriage in an Embryological Text." *Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*, Chicago, IL (November).

- "Narrative Wellbeing: Ānandarāyamakhin's *Jīvānandanam*." Conference on the History of Medicine in India: Past and Present Theories and Practices in Light of the Classical Textual Sources, AVP Institute for Advanced Research, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India (August).*
- "Calculating Fecundity in the *Kāśyapa Saṃhitā*." *20th European Conference for Modern South Asian Studies*, University of Manchester, England (July).
- "Secularism and Religion in South Asia." *Program on Religion, Identity and Global Governance*, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA (January).*

2007 "Dharma and the Febrile Patient: The Mythology of Fever in the *Carakasamhitā*." *Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*, San Diego, CA (November).

- "Ātman and the Body: A Religio-Medical View." *Conference on the Study of Religions of India*, Albion College (September).

2001 "Miscarriage, Myth, and Medicine in the *Kāśyapa Saṃhitā*." *30th Annual Conference on South Asia*, University of Wisconsin–Madison (October).

PANELS: ORGANIZER, DISCUSSANT, MODERATOR, AND CHAIR

2025 Discussant and Chair: "Comparison as a Method in Asian Studies." *Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies*, Columbus, OH (March).

- Discussant and Chair: "A Matter of Beliefs: Spirituality, Religion, and Health Management in an Age of Science." *Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies*, Columbus, OH (March).

2022 Discussant and Moderator: Book talk with Pierce Salguero, author of *A Global History of Buddhism and Medicine* (Columbia University Press, 2022). *Science Across Regions in Asia*, Consortium for the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine (October).

- Moderator and Chair: "New Books Roundtable." *50th Annual Conference on South Asia*, University of Wisconsin–Madison (October).
- Moderator and Chair: "Pursuing Careers Outside the Tenure Track." *50th Annual Conference on South Asia*, University of Wisconsin–Madison (October).
- Moderator and Chair: "International Education and Area Studies at Community Colleges, Minority-Serving Institutions, and Tribal Colleges." *50th Annual Conference on South Asia*, University of Wisconsin–Madison (October).

2021 Moderator: "Making a Match: Finding the Right Publisher for Your Work." *Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion*, San Antonio, TX (November).

- Organizer, Moderator, and Chair: "Roundtable on Publishing in South Asian Studies." *49th Annual Conference on South Asia*, University of Wisconsin–Madison (October).

- Co-organizer (with Sree Padma Holt) and chair: “Why Traditional Medicine? Assessing Reasons and Efforts to Reclaim Traditional Medicines in South Asia.” *Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies*, Seattle, WA (March).
- 2020 Co-organizer (with Sree Padma Holt) and chair: “Why Traditional Medicine? Assessing Reasons and Efforts to Reclaim Traditional Medicines in South Asia.” *Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies*, Boston, MA (March). CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC
- 2019 Moderator: “Minds, Bodies and the Multiple.” *48th Annual Conference on South Asia*, University of Wisconsin-Madison (October).
- Moderator: “Bodies, Traditions, and Technologies.” *Traditions and Technologies: Ethical Engagements and New Directions in the Study of South Asian Medicines*, Center for Science, Technology, Medicine, and Society and Institute for South Asian Studies, University of California Berkeley (April).
- 2018 Discussant: “Little Technologies/Big Histories Workshop.” Center for the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison (November).
- Moderator: “Materials of Medicine.” *47th Annual Conference on South Asia*, University of Wisconsin-Madison (October).
- Discussant and Moderator: “‘The Emperor of Dhaka’: Medicine, Islam, and Social Balance in Eastern Bengal, 1905-1945,” Andrew Amstutz presentation, Center for the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison (April).
- 2017 Chair and Discussant: “Sovereignty, Abolition and Decolonization in Princely India: The Case of Travancore.” *46th Annual Conference on South Asia*, University of Wisconsin-Madison (October).
- Chair and Discussant: “Communicating Environmental Knowledge and Technology in Indian Mythological and Hagiographic Narratives.” *15th Annual European Association for the Study of Religions*, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium (September).
- Co-organizer (with Karin Polit): “Methods and Theory in the Anthropology of Healing in South Asia.” *9th International Congress on Traditional Asian Medicines*, Kiel University, Germany (August).
- 2015 Chair and Discussant: “Religious Freedom in Pluralist Societies.” Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi, India (December).
- Organizer and chair: “Colonial Sciences and Vernacular Knowledge Systems: Scientific Transformations in Asia, 19th-20th Centuries.” *Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science*, Denver, CO (November).
- 2014 Co-organizer and Co-chair (with Miriam Benteler): “Give and take: gift exchange in South Asia.” *13th Biennial Conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists*, Tallinn University, Estonia (August).
- Discussant: “Problematizing the Categories of Medicine and Religion in Premodern Asia” (prepared response: “Ways of Knowing, Philology, and the History of Medicine in Asia”). *Annual Conference of the American Association for the History of Medicine*, Chicago, IL (May).
- 2013 Co-organizer and Co-chair (with Laura Desmond): “Fabrications of the Past: Narrative Literature and Historiography in South Asia.” *Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies*, San Diego, CA (March).
- 2012 Organizer and Chair: “Ritual and the Practice of Texts in South Asia.” *22nd European Conference for South Asian Studies*, University of Lisbon, Portugal (July).
- Discussant: “Religion and Concepts of Health in Asia” (prepared response: “Theorizing Health to Articulate Religion in Asian Texts, Histories, and Diasporas”). *Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies*, Toronto, Canada (March).
- 2011 Co-organizer and Co-chair (with Bruce Sullivan): “The Poetics of Religious Expression.” *40th Annual Conference on South Asia*, University of Wisconsin-Madison (October).
- 2010 Organizer and Chair: “Ritual and Healing in South Asia.” *21st European Conference for South Asian Studies*, University of Bonn, Germany (July).
- Chair and discussant: “Society: Healing and Religion.” *Health in Asia Symposium*. Centre for the Humanities and Medicine, University of Hong Kong, China (March).

2002 Chair and Discussant: “Hindu Texts, Traditions, and Ideals.” *Conference on South Asian Studies*, Loyola University Chicago (October).

COMMUNITY OUTREACH, PROFESSIONALIZATION PRESENTATIONS, AND PODCASTS

2024 “Publishing Your Research.” *Department of Asian Languages and Cultures Grad Student Professionalization Workshop*. University of Wisconsin–Madison (November).

— “Medicine in Premodern South Asia” (podcast), *Infectious Historians* (June).

— “Publishing and Area Studies.” *Center for South Asia Professionalization Workshop*. University of Wisconsin–Madison (March).

2023 “Crafting the Conference Abstract” (with Viren Murthy). *Center for South Asia Professionalization Workshop*. University of Wisconsin–Madison (December).

— “Everything, Everywhere, All At Once: Dissertating and the Work-Life Balance.” *Center for South Asia Professionalization Workshop*. University of Wisconsin–Madison (April).

— “The UW–Madison Center for South Asia and the Annual Conference” (podcast, with Sarah Beckham), *New Books Network* (February).

2022 “Anthony Cerulli présente le *Manuel du Prince Indien: L'Arthashastra de Kautilya*.” Éditions Les Belles Lettres (April).

— “The Practice of Texts” (podcast), *New Books Network* (April).

— “Let's Talk About Publishing and South Asian Studies.” *Center for South Asia Professionalization Workshop*. University of Wisconsin–Madison (March).

2021 “Grants and Grant Writing.” *Asian Languages and Cultures Professionalization Workshop*. University of Wisconsin–Madison (April).

— “Two Decades of Texts and Fieldwork and India.” *Conversations on Wisconsin*, Wisconsin Alumni Student Board, University of Wisconsin–Madison (March).

2020 “Life and Professional Journeys.” *Conversations with Faculty*, International Learning Community. University of Wisconsin–Madison (October).

— “The Twinned Histories of Religion and Medicine in India.” *Roundtable Dinner Lecture*, International Learning Community, University of Wisconsin–Madison (April). CANCELLED—COVID-19 PANDEMIC

2019 “The Conference Paper.” *Asian Languages and Cultures Professionalization Workshop*. University of Wisconsin–Madison (October).

— “Co-creating the Humanities Classroom.” *In-Conversation*. Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Wisconsin–Madison (March).

2015 “India!” Exhibit at Pittsford Community Library, Pittsford, NY (September).

— “കേരളത്തിലെ മനുഷ്യരും, മൃഗങ്ങളും പുസ്തകങ്ങളും: People, animals, and books in Kerala.” Jefferson Road Elementary School, Pittsford, NY (February).

2014 “उत्तर भारत में कुछ संगीत, वाहनों, और भाषाओं: Some music, vehicles, and languages in north India.” Jefferson Road Elementary School, Pittsford, NY (June).

2012 “Indian Wildlife and Architecture.” Jefferson Road Elementary School, Pittsford, NY (May).

2009 “People, Places, and Things of India.” Children’s Hours Elementary School, Geneva, NY (January).

2003 “Studying South Asian Religions in a Theology Department.” *Annual Luncheon of the Hindu Students Organization*, Loyola University Chicago (March).

1996 “Religion and Religious Studies Education in the Northern Mariana Islands.” *Global Studies Workshop*, Loyola University Maryland (May).

ADVISING

Ph.D. Students

Advisor

2021 - Amrita Chowdhury, UW-Madison, ALC
diss: TBD

2022 - Bidisha Mukherjee, UW-Madison, ALC
diss: TBD

Dissertation Committee Member

2023 - Ni Luh Gede Sri Pratiwi, UW-Madison, History (advisor: Anne Hansen)
diss: TBD

2021 - Shahana Munazir, UW-Madison, Anthropology (advisor: Amy Stambach)
“It’s fate!”: Islamic education and post-schooling ethical life outcomes of Muslim girls in Contemporary India

2021 - Samitha Senanayake, UW-Madison, English (advisor: Vinay Dharwadker)
Buddhist Thought in Modern Sri Lankan Literature: Twentieth and Early Twenty-first Centuries

Completed [*advisor]

2024 Jeremy Manheim, UW-Madison, ALC (advisor: John Dunne)
Untamed Nirvāṇa: A Journey Through the Wilds of Indo-Tibetan Soteriology

2024 Rini Tarafder, UW-Madison, Interdisciplinary Theater Studies (advisor: Aparna Dharwadker)
Intermediality in Contemporary Indian Theatre

2024 Tyler Lehrer, UW-Madison, History (advisor: Anne Hansen)
Dangerous Friendships: Making and Un-Making Maritime Buddhist Connection in Eighteenth-Century South Asia

2023 Ujaan Ghosh, UW-Madison, Art History (advisor: Preeti Chopra)
Producing Puri: Colonialism and Place-Making in a Hindu Holy City

2021 Fahed Masalkhi, UW-Madison, ALC (advisor: Anna Gade)
*The Concept of *ittiba'* in the Qur'an - A Semantic Study*

2019 Sandeep Kindo, UW-Madison, ALC (advisor: Vinay Dharwadker)
Recognition, Identity, and Justice: Oraon Culture in the Law Courts of Modern India

2019 Nkoyo Edoho-Eket, UW-Madison, ALC (advisor: Vinay Dharwadker)
Imagining the Goddess-woman: Shakti in Contemporary South Asian Visual Culture

M.A. Students [*advisor]

Thesis Committee Member

2024 - Kyle Dougherty, UW-Madison, ALC (advisor: John Dunne)

2024 - Adrian Beyer, UW-Madison, ALC (advisor: Tyrell Haberkorn)

Completed

2023 Ni Luh Gede Sri Pratiwi, UW-Madison, History (advisor: Anne Hansen)
Crafting Nation, Crafting Faith: School Books and Balinese Hinduism in Indonesia’s New Order

2022 Grace Pimentel Simbulan, UW-Madison, Southeast Asian Studies (advisor: Mike Cullinane)
Administrative Order 2008-0029 (a national health policy) and the marginalization of Indigenous women in the Philippines

2021 Mahashweta Jayachandran, Rhode Island School of Design – Master of Design (advisor: Jonathan Bell)
Woven healing: reimagining the rural health center

Project Assistants

2024 – 25	Bidisha Mukherjee, UW–Madison, ALC
2023 – 24	Amrita Chowdhury, UW–Madison, ALC
2023 – 24	Shuta Kiba, UW–Madison, English
2021 – 23	Shahana Munazir, UW–Madison, Anthropology
2020 – 21	Lauren Lauter, UW–Madison, School of Education
2019 – 20	Jeremy Manheim, UW–Madison, ALC

COURSES**Lectures**

Gateway to Asia: Trek + Encounter
Health and Healing in South Asia
Introduction to Buddhism
Introduction to Hinduism
Religion in South Asia

Proseminar

The Perfectible Body in Religion, Medicine, and Politics
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Graduate Seminar

Ethnography in Asia

SERVICE ACTIVITIES**To the Profession**

2016 – 2022	AAR Publications Committee
2017 – 2020	CET National Faculty Advisory Committee (Study Abroad Programs in India)
2018 – 2020	AAR <i>Reading Religion</i> Planning Group

Fellowship	European Institutes for Advanced Study, French Institutes for Advanced Study, Fulbright-Hays DDRA, Kluge Center, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Humanities Center
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Referee	
Peer Reviewer	<i>Asian Medicine, Frontiers in Human Dynamics, History of Science in South Asia, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies (Shimla), International Journal of Hindu Studies, Les études classiques, Manchester University Press, Routledge, Studies in History</i>

At University of Wisconsin–Madison

2025 –	Director of Graduate Studies (ALC)
2024 –	Officer Education Committee
2023 –	Director, Health and the Humanities Certificate
2022 –	Director, Center for South Asia
2021 –	Council of Full Professors (ALC)
2018 –	Badger Talks, Faculty Speaker
2018 –	Center for South Asia Advisory Committee
2017 –	<i>Annual Conference on South Asia</i> Steering Committee (CSA)
2017 –	Health and the Humanities Certificate Steering Committee
2023 – 24	Search Committee Member, Ancient Medicine and Health Humanities (CANES/ILS)
2023	FLAS Review Committee (South Asia)
2022 – 24	Budget Committee (ALC)
2022 – 2023	Chair, Jain Studies Search Committee (ALC)
2022 – 2023	UW Press Faculty Committee
2021 – 2024	Academic Calendar Review Committee (Office of the Secretary of the Faculty)
2021 spring	First Book Workshop, Internal Reader for Mou Banerjee (Center for the Humanities)
2020 – 21	UW in India Faculty Liaison (IAP)

2020 – 2021	Director, Center for South Asia
2020 – 2021	Chair, UW Press Faculty Committee
2020 – 2021	Faculty and Staff Committee (ALC)
2020 spring	Chair, Curriculum and Planning Committee (ALC)
2020 spring	Chair, Hindi Lecturer Search Committee (ALC)
2019 – 2021	UW Press Faculty Committee
2019	Chair, <i>48th Annual Conference on South Asia</i> (CSA)
2019 fall	Curriculum and Planning Committee (ALC)
2019 – 2020	Associate Director of the Center for South Asia Search Committee (IRIS)
2018 – 2019	Program Leader, Global Gateway in India (IAP)
2018 – 2019	Curriculum and Planning Committee (ALC)
2018 – 2019	Graduate Studies Committee (ALC)
2018 – 2019	Faculty Senate Representative, alternate (ALC)
2018 – 2019	UW in India Academic Director Search Committee (IAP-CET)
2018	Search Committee Member, Urdu Lecturer (ALC)
2018	FLAS Fellowship Committee (Center for South Asia)
2017 – 2018	Faculty Mentor to Andrew Amstutz, Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow (Center for the Humanities)
2017 – 2018	Graduate Admissions and Funding Committee (ALC)
2017	Chair, Urdu Lecturer Search Committee (ALC)
2016 – 2019	UW in India Faculty Working Group (IAP)
2016 – 2017	Search Committee Member, Southeast Asian Studies (ALC)
2016	Pedagogy Coordination of LCTLs Taskforce (ALC)
2016	Urdu Lecturer Search Committee (ALC)
2016	Searching for Excellence & Diversity: Workshops for faculty search committees

LANGUAGES

French
Hindi
Malayalam
Old Persian
Sanskrit

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
Association for Asian Studies
Classical Ayurvedic Texts Society
European Association for the Study of Religions
Int'l. Assoc. for the Study of Traditional Asian Medicines
Kerala Council for Historical Research