

Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT

- Professor - University of Hawai'i at Manoa (hired Fall 1991)

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 1991 - University of California, Santa Barbara, Religious Studies
- M.A. 1985 - University of Hawaii, Manoa, Comparative Religion
- B.A. 1980 - University of Hawaii, Manoa, Religion (High Honors)

PUBLICATIONS

- "Imagining Hagiographies in Chhattisgarh" in *Hagiography in Abrahamic and Dharmic Traditions: Manifesting Sanctity and Truth*. Edited by Rico G. Monge, Kerry P. C. San Chirico and Rachel J. Smith. Bloomsbury Academic Publications, 2016.
- "Using a Spiritual Research Paradigm for Research and Teaching." in *Spiritual Research Paradigms*. Edited by Claudia Eppert, Jing Lin, Rebecca Oxford, and Edward Brantmeier. Charlotte: Information Age Publishing, 2016.
- "Rāma," "Rāmāyana." (two entries) *Encyclopedia of Indian Religions*. Edited by Arvind Sharma. New Delhi: Springer (in press, 2016).
- "Prayer and Worship in the Ascetic Life of the Rāmānanda Sampradāy." in *Prayer and Worship in the Dharma Traditions*. Hampton (VA): Deepak Heritage Books (in press, 2016).
- "Symbols: Rām." in *Brill's Encyclopedia of Hinduism*. Vol. 5. Edited by Knut Jacobsen. Leiden, the Netherlands: Brill Academic Publishers, 2013, 112-118.
- "Yoga and Higher Education: Adding Concentration, Clarity, and Compassion to Learning." in *Re-envisioning Higher Education: Embodied Paths to Wisdom and Social Transformation*. Edited by Claudia Eppert, Jing Lin, Rebecca Oxford, and Edward Brantmeier. Charlotte: Information Age Publishing, 2013, 177-192.
- "The Role of Government Education in the Lives of Females in Rural Chhattisgarh." in *Classical and Contemporary Issues in Indian Studies: Essays in Honour of Trichur S. Rukmani*, Edited by Pratap Kumar and Jonathan Duquette. Delhi: DK Printworld, 2013, 394-408.

- "Madhya Pradesh: Anthropology of Development." in *The Modern Anthropology of India: Ethnography, themes and theory*. Edited by Peter Berger and Frank Heidemann. Routledge, 2013, 157-173.
- "Low-caste Hinduism in Central India." in *Contemporary Hinduism*. Edited by P. Pratap Kumar. Durham (UK): Acumen Publishing, 2013, 162-177.
- "The Lessons We Learn as Children." in *My Neighbor's Faith: Stories of Interreligious Encounter, Growth, and Transformation*. Edited by Jennifer Howe Peace, Or N. Rose, and Gregory Mobley. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 2011, 131-134.
- "Rāmānandīs." in *Brill's Encyclopedia of Hinduism*. Edited by: Knut A. Jacobsen, Helene Basu, Angelika Malinar, Vasudha Narayanan. Leiden, the Netherlands: Brill Academic Publishers, 2011, 478-488.
- "Sādhus, Sannyāsis, and Yogis." in *Brill's Encyclopedia of Hinduism*. Edited by Knut A. Jacobsen, Helene Basu, Angelika Malinar, Vasudha Narayanan. Leiden, the Netherlands: Brill Academic Publishers, 2011, 262-278.
- "Yogic Powers and the Rāmānanda Sampradāy." in *Brill's Encyclopedia of Hinduism*. Edited by Knut Jacobsen. Leiden, the Netherlands: Brill Academic Publishers, 2011, 427-457.
- "Kumbha Melā." in *Encyclopedia of Global Religion and Society*. Edited by Wade C. Roof and Mark Juergensmeyer, Thousand Oaks (CA): Sage Publications, 2011.
- "India: Past and Present." in *Encyclopedia of 21st Century Anthropology*. Edited by James Birx, Thousand Oaks (CA): Sage Publications, 2010, 725-734.
- "Pacific Islands." in *Religion in the Practice of Daily Life World History*. Vol. 1. Edited by Richard Hecht and Vincent F. Biondo III. Westport (CT): Greenwood/Praeger Publishing Co., 2010, 113-180.
- "Hinduism in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh." in *Brill's Encyclopedia of Hinduism*. Edited by Knut Jacobsen. Leiden, the Netherlands: Brill Academic Publishers, 2009.
- "Devotion, Reincarnation, and Rebirth in the Rāmānanda Sampradāya." *Cross Currents*. NY: Association for Religion and Intellectual Life, 2008, 578-590.
- "Cyclical Time," "Hesiod," "Linear Time," "Religion and Time," (four separate articles) in *Encyclopedia of Time*. 3 Vols. Edited by James Birx, Thousand Oaks (CA): Sage Publications, 2008.
- Consultant, *Spiritually Sensitive Caregiving; A Multi-Faith Handbook*. Edited by Janice Lord, Melissa Hook, Sharifa Alkhateeb, and Sharon English. Burnsville (NC): Compassion Books, 2008.
- "Sacred," in *Studying Hinduism: Key Concepts and Methods*. Edited by Sushil Mittal and Gene Thursby, London and New York: Routledge, 2007, 339-353.
- Co-Editor, *Asceticism Identity and Pedagogy in Dharma Traditions*. Hampton (VA): Deepak Heritage Books, 2006.

- "Casteless Hinduism: A View from Top and Bottom." in *Asceticism Identity and Pedagogy in Dharma Traditions*. Edited by Graham M Schweig, Jeffrey Long, Ramdas Lamb, and Adarsh Deepak, Hampton (VA): Deepak Heritage Books, 2006, 87-99.
- "Monastic Vows and The Rāmānanda Sampradāy." in *Dealing with Deities: The Ritual Vow in South Asia*. Edited by Selva Raj and William Harman. Albany (NY): SUNY Press, 2006, 165-185.
- "Rāja Yoga, Asceticism, and the Rāmānanda Sampradāy." in *Essays on the Theory and Practice of Yoga*. Edited by Knut Jacobsen. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2005, 317-331.
- "Caste System"; "Hinduism"; "Polytheism"; "Religious Rituals"; "Untouchables." (five separate articles) in *Encyclopedia of Anthropology*, 5 Vols. Edited by James Bix, Thousand Oaks (CA): Sage Publications, 2005.
- "Beyond Anthropology: Towards a Global, Pluralist Perspective in Hindu Studies." in *Contemporary Issues in Constructive Dharma*, Vol. II. Edited by Rita D. Sherma and Adarsh Deepak, Hampton (VA): Deepak Heritage Books, 2005, 141-150.
- "Rām Banwās: The Absence of Rām *Bhakti* in World Religion Textbooks." *International Journal of Hindu Studies*. Volume 7, Issues 1-3, 2005, 177-192.
- "*Rāmnām men: Leen: Rāmnāmi Godnā.*" (Hindi) *Sarvahāra. Godnā Visheshank*, September 2004.
- Editor, *Annual Editions: World Religions 03/04*. Guilford (CT): McGraw-Hill/Dushkin, 2002.
- *Rapt in the Name: The Ramnamis, Ramnam, and Untouchable Religion in Central India*. Albany (NY): SUNY Press, 2002.
- "Always Teaching, Always Gracious: Reflections on Ninian Smart." *Religion*. Vol. 31, #4, October 2001, 341-342.
- "The Magh Mela: Prayag's 'Other' Holy Festival." *Journal of Vaishnava Studies*. Vol. 7, #2. Spring 1999, 195-205.
- Consulting Editor, *Corsini Dictionary of Psychology*. Washington, D.C.: Taylor and Francis, 1999.
- Contributor, *Character Education*. John Heidel and Marion Lyman-Mersereau. Nashville: Incentive Publications, 1999.
- "Reflections on Anandashram." *Om Sri Ram Newsletter*. Spring 1999, #11. San Diego, 1999.
- "Religion." *Atlas of Hawaii*. Third Edition. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 1998: 201-204.
- "Asceticism and Devotion: The Many Faces of Rām *Bhakti* in the Rāmānanda Sampradāy." *Journal of Vaishnava Studies*. Vol. 2, #4. Fall 1994: 129-143.

- "The Transforming Power of the Name: *Rāmnām* from Tulsidās to the Rāmnāmīs." *Journal of Vaishnava Studies*. Vol. 2, #2. Spring 1994.
- "Personalizing the *Rāmāya*: Rāmnāmīs and Their Use of the *Rāmcaritmānas*," in *Many Rāmāyaas: The Diversity of a Narrative Tradition in South Asia*, edited by Paula Richman, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1991: 235-255.

ONLINE ARTICLES

- *WashingtonPost.com* - For a little more than two years, I wrote articles for "On Faith Forum," an online publication of *Newsweek/Washington Post*.
 - "What the First Amendment means" 10/6/11
 - "Old ideas, new university" 9/2/11
 - "Stephen Hawking: Religion and science are both belief systems" 5/17/11
 - "Teaching and justifying hatred" 4/8/11
 - "No consistency to 'American values'" 3/28/11
 - "The importance of freedom of religion" 1/28/11
 - "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere" 1/19/11
 - "Preaching hatred begets hatred" 1/16/11
 - "Religious extremism is the problem" 1/7/11
 - "Religious belief is not insanity" 10/26/10
 - "What determines if sex is good or bad?" 10/13/10
 - "Does God need a plan?" 10/6/10
 - "Studying about religion can help us all" 9/28/10
 - "Why do Americans fear Muslims?" 9/9/10
 - "Focus should be on actions, not labels" 9/2/10
 - "A change of heart, not of location" 8/16/10
 - "Julia Roberts' search for inner peace" 8/9/10
 - "Who owns God?" 8/5/10
 - "Islam needs more tolerance, not more mosques" 7/25/10
 - "Terrorism, fear and political correctness" 7/21/10
 - "Religions definitely NOT the same" 7/10/10
 - "Animal rights and human wrongs" 6/17/10
 - "Whose world is it anyway?" 6/3/10
 - "Allowing illegal immigration is not compassion" 5/26/10
 - "Faith, feminism, and fundamentalism" 5/19/10
 - "No Protestants? Also no non-Abrahamic faiths" 5/12/10
 - "Without freedom of expression, there is no democracy" 5/6/10
 - "People should stop fearing prayer" 4/29/10
 - "Religions need to get real in dealing with sex" 4/23/10
 - "The pope is NOT the victim" 4/6/10
 - "Pope Benedict's karma" 3/30/10
 - "Heaven is overrated" 3/25/10
 - "Good pastors are not parrots" 3/18/10
 - "Missionaries: the good, the bad, and the ugly" 3/4/10
 - "Understanding other religions is a smart approach" 2/25/10
 - "Making sure our speech is politically correct" 2/18/10
 - "Letting all Americans serve their country" 2/12/10
 - "Pro-choice should mean letting CBS choose" 2/2/10
 - "Obama as messiah" 1/28/10
 - "Haiti and the law of karma" 1/22/10
 - "The good and the bad of religion" 1/17/10
 - "Allowing violent extremists to curtail free speech" 1/7/10
 - "Can war or violence ever be necessary?" 12/21/09

- "Gore's convenient half-truth" 12/18/0
- "A reaction based on misguided fear" 12/4/09
- "Atheism is also a religion for many" 11/26/09
- "Politicians should be open to input" 11/19/09
- "Goodness and justice over religious affiliation" 11/12/09
- "Goodness itself is divine" 10/29/09
- "Religions need to live and let live" 10/22/09
- "Moving beyond hate" 10/21/09
- "Start With Skepticism, Seek Harmony" 10/10/09
- "How is Moral Responsibility Determined?" 10/7/09
- "Peace or Destruction: An Imminent" Choice 9/30/09
- "Free to Hire, Not to Discriminate" 9/24/09
- "Celebrity and Power Trump Civility" 9/17/09
- "Violence in God's Name" 9/9/09
- "The Value of Learning 'About' Religions" 9/2/09
- "Misdirected Compassion?" 8/26/09
- "Whose Responsibility is My Health?" 8/19/09
- "Searching for God On the Internet" 8/11/09
- "Freedom of Religion = Freedom to Choose" 8/4/09
- "Marriage is a Religious Ritual" 7/29/09
- "Rethinking the "Sacredness" of Scripture" 7/22/09
- "Looking Past Ethnicity and Gender" 7/15/09
- "America Has More Than 3 Faiths" 7/8/09

● *Patheos.com* -

- "American Hindus, Narendra Modi, and Diverse Reactions." Patheos.com Forum on 2014 RELIGIOUS TRENDS, 8/6/14.
- "Hinduism and America: Finding Common Ground, Common Values." in "The Future of Hinduism" Patheos Publishing website series, 6/28/10.

● *HuffingtonPost.com* -

- "Polytheism and Monotheism: A Hindu Perspective" 03/31/2011.

PUBLISHED BOOK REVIEWS

- Brighupati Singh. *Poverty and the Quest for Life: Spiritual and Material Striving in Rural India*. In *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. (Forthcoming, 2017).
- Alka Hingorani. *Making Faces: Self and Image Creation in a Himalayan Village*. In *Journal of Hindu Studies*, Vol. 7, No. 1. Oxford Publishing, 2014, 120-122.
- Rosane Rocher and Ludo Rocher. *The Making of Western Indology: Henry Thomas Colebrooke and the East India Company*. In *International Journal of Hindu Studies*, Volume 18, No. 3. New York: Springer Publishing, 2014, 507-509.
- Arkotong Longkumer, *Reform, Identity and Narratives of Belonging: The Heraka Movement in Northeastern India*. In *International Journal of Hindu Studies*, Volume 17, No. 1. New York: Springer Publishing, April 2013, 103-105.
- T.S. Rukmani, *Samnyasin in the Hindu Tradition*. In *Journal of Hindu Studies*, Volume 5, No. 1, Oxford Publishing, May 2012.
- Torkel Brekke. "Makers of Modern Indian Religion." In *Religious Studies Review*, Vol. 30, #1, The Council of Societies for the Study of Religion, Spring 2005.

- Cathy Young. *Ceasefire: Why Women and Men Must Join Forces to Achieve True Equality*. In *Sexuality and Culture*, Vol. 4, #3, Summer 2000.
- William Jackson. *The Power of the Sacred Name*. In *Sophia: International Journal for Philosophical Theology and Cross-cultural Philosophy of Religion and Ethics*. Vol. 37, 1, March-April 1998.
- Ann Grodzins Gold. *A Carnival of Parting*. In *The Journal of Comparative Religion and Philosophy*, Summer, 1994.
- Philip Lutgendorf. *The Life of a Text: Performing the Rāmcaritmānas of Tulsidas*. In *South Asia in Review* Vol. 16, August 1992.

REVIEWS OF BOOKS/ARTICLES FOR PUBLISHERS OR JOURNALS

- Book proposal review: Jeffery Long. "Hinduism in America: The Convergence of Worlds." London: Bloomsbury Publishing Co. Fall 2014
- Book proposal review: [author unknown.] "Secularization and Cosmopolitan Gurus." For *Philosophy East and West*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press. Summer 2014
- Article proposal review: [author unknown.] "Asceticism and Gender." For *International Journal of Hindu Studies*, New York: Springer Publishing. Spring 2014
- Article proposal review: [author unknown.] "Asceticism and Violence." For *Numen: International Review for the History of Religions*. Netherlands: Brill Academic Publishers. Spring 2014
- Article proposal review: [author unknown.] "Herman Hesse and Siddhartha." For *Nidan: International Journal for the Study of Hinduism*. Durban: University of KwaZulu-Natal. Spring 2014
- Article proposal review: [author unknown.] "Faith and the Structure of the Mind." For *SOPHIA*. Melbourne: Springer, 2013.
- Article proposal review: Kesha Williams. "Negotiating sexual decision making in the life of students attending a Christian university." For *Sexuality and Culture*. Transaction Periodicals Consortium. Spring 2013.
- Book proposal review: Rosane Rocher and Ludo Rocher. *The Making of Western Indology: Henry Thomas Colebrooke and the East India Company*. For Routledge, 2013.
- Book proposal review: Ithamar Theodor. *Exploring the Bhagavad Gita: Philosophy, Structure, and Meaning*. For Ashgate Publishing, Fall 2012.
- Book proposal review: Michael Molloy. *Experiencing the World's Religions*. For McGraw-Hill, Spring 2012.

- Book proposal review: Hillary P. *Rodrigues Studying Hinduism in Practice*. For Taylor and Francis Group, Spring 2012.
- Book proposal review: H. Byron Earhart. *Japanese Religion: Unity and Diversity*. For Cengage Publishers, Fall 2011.
- Article proposal review: Ferdinand D. Dagmang. "Ecological Way of Understanding and Explaining Clergy Sexual Misconduct." For *Sexuality and Culture*. Transaction Periodicals Consortium. Fall 2011.
- Article proposal review: Sonia Pakhretia and Raghubir Singh Pirta "Cognitive Foundations of Mental Health in Gaddi Community: Role of Sensual, Affectional and Supernatural Elements." For *Sexuality and Culture*. Transaction Periodicals Consortium. Spring 2010.
- Article proposal review: Uri Wernik, "Homosexuality and the Bible." For *Sexuality and Culture*. Transaction Periodicals Consortium. Spring 2004.
- Book proposal review: William Jackson. *Vijayanagara Voices*. For Ashgate Publishers Ltd. Fall 2002.
- Book proposal review: Michael Molloy. *Experiencing the World=s Religions*. For Mayfield Publishing Co. Fall 1999.
- Book proposal review: [author unknown.] *World Religions*. For Wadsworth Publishing Co., Summer 1999.
- Book proposal review: Roger Schmidt. *Exploring Religions*. For Wadsworth Publishing Co. Spring 1999.
- Book proposal review: [author unknown.] *A Handbook for the Study of World Religions*. For Wadsworth Publishing Co. Summer 1998.
- Book proposal review: Warren Matthews. *World Religions*. 2nd Edition. For Wadsworth Publishing Co. Summer 1997.
- Book proposal review: B.V. Tripurari. *Jiva Goswami's Tattva-sandarbha: A Treatise on the Bhagavata Purā a*. For Clarion Call Publishing Co. Fall 1995.
- Book proposal review: Michael Malloy. *Living the World's Religions*. For Mayfield Publishing Co. Spring 1994.
- Book proposal review: Ramchandra Gandhi. *Sita's Kitchen: A Testimony and an Inquiry*. For SUNY Press. Spring 1992.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

- University of Hawai'i at Manoa University Research Council grant to attend and present a paper at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, Nov. 2013.
- Excellence in Teaching Award, College of Arts and Humanities, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 2012-2013.

- University of Hawai'i at Manoa University Research Council grant to attend and present a paper at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, Nov. 2012.
- Certificate of Appreciation from Department of Public Safety, State of Hawai'i, 15 years of volunteer counseling in State Prison System (since 1994), April 2010.
- Dharma Sevak Award from DANAM-Taksha Shila University, Nov. 2009
- University of Hawai'i at Manoa University Research Council grant to attend and present papers at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Montreal, Nov. 2009.
- University of Hawai'i Dean's Travel Award to attend and present a paper at the World Congress of Psychology and Spirituality, New Delhi, Jan. 2008.
- University of Hawai'i at Manoa University Research Council grant to attend and present two papers at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, Nov. 2007.
- University of Hawai'i at Manoa University Research Council grant to attend and present three papers at American Academy of Religion Conference, Washington, D.C., Nov. 2006.
- Fulbright Foundation Senior Specialists Program Grant to teach a graduate Anthropology course to students and staff at Guru Ghasidas University, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, India, Summer, 2006.
- University of Hawai'i at Manoa University Research Council grant to attend and present two papers at the Second International Conference on Religions and Cultures in the Indic Civilisation, New Delhi (India), December, 2005.
- Infinity Foundation grant to work on documentary film project in India, Dec. 2004 - Jan. 2005.
- University of Hawai'i at Manoa University Research Council grant to attend and present a paper at American Academy of Religion Conference, San Antonio (TX), Nov. 2004.
- Observer Research Foundation grant to attend India Studies seminar at University of Indiana, Bloomington, Sept. 2004.
- University of Hawai'i at Manoa University Research Council grant to attend and present a paper at the International Association for the History of Religions Conference, New Delhi, India, Dec. 2003.
- University of Hawai'i at Manoa University Research Council grant to attend and present a paper at the 18th International Ramayana Conference, Durban, South Africa, Sept. 2002.
- Recipient, "International Tulsi Award," presented by the Hindu University of America, 11/28/99.

- University of Hawai'i at Manoa University Research Council grant to attend and present a paper at the 15th International Ramayana Conference, Trinidad & Tobago, Aug. 1998.
- University of Hawai'i at Manoa Arts and Humanities grant for field research in North India, Winter 1994-5
- University of Hawai'i at Manoa Research Relations Fund grant for field research in North India, Winter 1991-2.
- Fellowship, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1988-1989
- Patent Award, Academic Senate, University of California, Santa Barbara, Fall 1987

PAPERS/PARTICIPATION AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES OR UNIVERSITIES

- "Tulsidas's *Ramcharitmanas*: Sustaining Nature by Seeing its Divinity." A paper presented at "Towards Sustainable Societies: Interreligious, Interdisciplinary Responses," a Graduate Theological Union Conference, University of California at Berkeley, April 2017.
- "Sadhu, Swabhav, and Sadhana" ("Ascetic, Personality, and Practice"). A paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (DANAM panel), San Antonio Nov. 2016.
- "*The Pariah Problem*: a Critique." A paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Nov. 2016.
- "Icons: Limiting, Representing, or Presenting the Divine?" paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (DANAM panel), Atlanta, Nov. 2015.
- "Practical Approaches to teaching about the Dharma Traditions in Higher Education." A paper presented at the Annual Scholars Meeting, Uberoi Foundation, University of Florida, Tampa, Oct. 2015.
- "Conceptualizing Divinity: One, None, or Many." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (DANAM panel), San Diego, Nov. 2014.
- "Hagiographic Traditions of Two Hindu Central Indian Reformers" Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, Nov. 2014.
- "Addressing the Religious Needs of Hindu Inmates in U.S. Prisons" Talk given for the Prison Religion Program at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, Nov. 2013.
- "Swami Vivekananda: Inspiring Awareness through Education" Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (DANAM panel), Baltimore, Nov. 2013.

- "The Role of Comparative Religion Courses in Understanding the Dharma Traditions." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (DANAM panel), Chicago, Nov. 2012.
- "Teaching Teachers about the Dharma Traditions." A paper presented at the Annual Scholars Meeting, Uberoi Foundation, University of Denver, Oct. 2012.
- "Non-violence and Environmentalism in the Dharma Traditions." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (DANAM panel), San Francisco, Nov. 2011.
- "Yoga, Asceticism, and *Bhakti* in the Rāmānanda Sampradāy." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (DANAM panel), San Francisco, Nov. 2011.
- Respondent, panel on "Philosophy and Methodology of Dharma Education." Annual Scholars Meeting, Uberoi Foundation, Loyola Marymount University, Oct. 2011.
- "Education and Religious Belief in Rural Central India." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (DANAM panel), Atlanta, Nov. 2010.
- "To Be or Not to Be Hindu: Satnāmis on the Periphery." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (DANAM panel), Atlanta, Nov. 2010.
- Panelist, "Are Americans Really Becoming Hindus?" Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Nov. 2010.
- Respondent, panel on "Religion on the Ground: Village Hinduism in Practice." Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (DANAM panel), Atlanta, Nov. 2010.
- "What Happened to Indians in Indian Studies?" Paper presented at the Annual Scholars Meeting, Uberoi Foundation, University of Denver, Oct. 2010.
- "Educating Sita: Academics as a Vehicle for Promoting Gender and Caste Balance in India." Paper presented at the South Asian Studies Association Conference, University of Southern California, April 2010.
- "Shamans, Spirits, and Witches in Central India." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (DANAM panel), Montreal, Nov. 2009.
- "Rāmnāmī Renunciants and the Ascetic Challenge." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (DANAM panel), Montreal, Nov. 2009.
- "Christians, Caste, and Conflict in British and Post-British India." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Montreal, Nov. 2009.

- "Hindutva, Fundamentalism, and Rural Hinduism." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Montreal, Nov. 2009.
- "The Psychology of Conversion." Paper presented at the World Congress on Psychology & Spirituality, New Delhi, Jan. 2008.
- "The Role of Rāmānandi Sādhus in the Spread of *Rām Bhakti*." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (DANAM panel), San Diego, CA, Nov. 2007.
- "The Relevance of Academic Approach to the Understanding and Study of Hinduism." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, Nov. 2007.
- "Scholars, Practitioners, and the Contemporary Academic Study of Religion." Paper presented at the Human Empowerment Conference, Dallas, TX, Oct. 2007.
- "Academia and Social Activism." Annual Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Lecture presented to the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, Oct. 2007.
- "Hinduism and Scholarship in Contemporary Academia." Paper presented at a conference sponsored by the Hindu American Foundation, Houston, TX, Aug. 2007.
- Panel Chair, "The Self in Philosophy and Literature." 41st Annual Conference of Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast, University of Hawai'i, Jun. 2007.
- "Christianity and Politics." Paper presented at the 21st Annual Asia-Pacific Studies Forum, University of Hawai'i, May 2007.
- "Devotion, Sādhana, and Social Action in Hinduism." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C., Nov. 2006.
- "A Practical Approach to Mysticism." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C., Nov. 2006.
- "Prayer and Worship in the Sannyāsa Tradition." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (DANAM panel), Washington, D.C., Nov. 2006.
- "Harijans, Missionaries, and Conversion in Chhattisgarh: Problems and Potentials." Paper presented at the Second International Conference on Religions and Cultures in the Indic Civilisation, New Delhi, Dec. 2005.
- "Religion and Social Upliftment Among the Harijans of Chhattisgarh." Paper presented at the Second International Conference on Religions and Cultures in the Indic Civilisation, New Delhi, Dec. 2005.
- "Casteless Hinduism: A View from the Top and the Bottom." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, Nov. 2005.

- "Yoga, Asceticism, and the Ramananda Sampraday." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, Nov. 2005.
- "The Development of Biases in the Academic Presentation of Hinduism." Paper presented at Stanford University, Nov. 16, 2005.
- "Beyond Anthropology: Towards a Global, Pluralist Perspective in Hindu Studies." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Nov. 2004.
- "Why Academics Misunderstand Hinduism." Paper presented at the India Studies Seminar, University of Indiana at Bloomington, Sept. 2004.
- "Hindu Praan, American Roop." Paper on Hinduism in America presented at the International Association for the History of Religions Conference in New Delhi, India, Dec. 2003.
- "Diaspora Hinduism: Tradition in Context." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast (ASPAC) Conference, East West Center, University of Hawai'i. June, 2003.
- "Ram Setu: Crossing the Ocean, and Other Obstacles, with Ramnam." Paper presented at the 18th International Ramayana Conference, Durban, South Africa, Sept. 2002.
- "Teaching out Loud, Believing in Silence." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Nashville, Nov. 2000.
- "The Invisible Tulsidas in the Contemporary Western Study of Hinduism." Paper presented at the International Conference on Tulsidas and His Works, Florida International University, Miami, Nov. 1999.
- "The Economics of Ramnam Bhajan." Paper presented at the Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Oct. 1998.
- "The Role of the Ram Story in the Life of the Ramnamis." Paper presented at the 15th International Ramayana Conference, Trinidad & Tobago, Aug. 1998.
- "To Be or Not To Be Hindu: Opposing Untouchable Strategies for Relating to Brahmanical Hinduism." Paper read at the Annual Conference on South Asia, Univ. of Wisconsin, Nov. 1992.
- "(W)rapt in the Name: The Power of the Written Word." Paper read at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Washington, D.C., Spring 1989.
- "*Ramnam* and the Ramnamis: The Transformative Power of the Name." Paper read at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Religion, Chicago, Nov. 1988.
- "Caste Out and Caste Transcended: The Holy Untouchable, A Paradigm for Understanding the Brahmanical/non-Brahmanical Dialectic in Hinduism," Paper read at the "Religion in Progress" Colloquium Series, University of California, Santa Barbara, Spring 1988.

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY LECTURES IN INDIA (Hindi and English)

- "Does the Secular State Breed Immorality?" Lecture delivered at the Habitat Center, New Delhi 8/8/12.
- "Ramnamis: Individualizing the Ram Story" Lecture delivered to "Kiski Kahani?" (Open Access) meeting on the diverse Ram story tradition, Pune, Maharashtra 7/10/12.
- "Effects of Conversion on Native Cultures & Society." Lecture delivered at the Vivekananda International Foundation, New Delhi 6/23/11.
- "Can Caste Be Retained After Conversion? Reservation, Dalitism, and Reform." Lecture delivered at the Habitat Center, New Delhi 5/21/11.
- "Religious use of Herbs by Hindu Ascetics." Lecture delivered at the Indian Institute of Forestry Management, Bhopal, 8/10/10.
- "Convener and Respondent, "Right to Choose Religion: Myth and Reality" by Dr. Bharat Gupt, Habitat Center, New Delhi, 1/7/09.
- "Hinduism Among the Low Caste in Central India." Lecture delivered at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 3/30/08.
- "The Practice of Hindu Bhakti in Central India." Talk presented to the Centre for the Study of Comparative Religions and Civilizations, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi, Feb. 2008.
- "Dharma Samajhne men: Manav Khoj ke Tarika aur Prayog." Lecture delivered at Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 8/26/06.
- "Lecturer, six-week summer program Anthropology course for graduate students and faculty at Guru Ghasidas University, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, India, Summer, 2006. Sponsored by Fulbright Foundation.
- "Dharma aur Sahitya," Talk presented to the Chhattisgarhi Sahitya Sansthan (Literary Society of Chhattisgarh) Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 1/3/06.
- A series of six lectures on the academic approach to religion and related topics presented to the students and faculty at Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 12/22/05 to 12/24/05 and 1/2/06 to 1/4/06.
- "Chhattisgarh ki Manav Khoj ka Vikas." Lecture delivered at Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 1/3/05.
- "Kyon: Chhattisgarh B Tees Varsh ki Khoj." Lecture delivered at Guru Ghasidas College, Mal Kharoda, Chhattisgarh, 1/4/04.
- "Chhattisgarh men: Ramnami Samaj ki Utpati aur Vikas." Lecture delivered at Chaitanya College, Pamgarh, Chhattisgarh, 12/28/03.
- "Chhattisgarh men: Apni Niji Akademik aur Samajik Khoj." Lecture delivered at Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 12/24/03.

MISCELLANEOUS U.H.M. AND COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

- "The Hindu Approach to Peace and Non-violence," a presentation at Kamehameha Schools Kapalama World History Conference on Conflict and Religion. Honolulu, 11/19/14.
- "Yoga: Mind, Body, and Spirit," a presentation at "Journeys to Wellness III," an annual event at the Community Church of Honolulu, 10/18/14.
- "Mahatma Gandhi on Peace vs. Ahimsa" a presentation at the 9th Annual Mahatma Gandhi and The International Day of Non-Violence gathering. Kapiolani Park, Honolulu, 10/2/14.
- "Religious understanding for world peace," a presentation given at All Believers Newtork Annual Conference, UHM, 9/1/14
- "Can Religious Practice Have a Role in the Academic Study of Religion?," a presentation given at All Believers Newtork Annual Conference, UH Manoa, 9/2/13
- "Prayer, Meditation, and Rituals, especially at birth, marriage, and death: The common themes in various scriptures," a talk given at Unity Church of Hawaii, Honolulu, 09/10/11.
- "Gratitude: the Hindu Perspective" a talk given at Calvary by the Sea Christian Church, Honolulu, 11/21/10.
- "Indian Philosophy," a talk given to University of St. Thomas students for SPAS, 1/11/10.
- "Gandhi vs. Buddha," a talk given to University of St. Thomas students for SPAS, 1/20/10.
- "Evangelical Christian faith in a Multifaith Society," a talk given at a conference sponsored by Center for Tomorrow's Leaders, UHM, 12/6/09.
- "Cultural Change through Education in Central India," a talk presented at the UHM East-West Center for its "Creating Futures for Asia and the Pacific: Choices and Behaviors" Program, 2/21/07.
- "Indian Spiritual Philosophies," a talk given to University of St. Thomas students for the School of Hawaiian Asian and Pacific Studies (SHAPS), 1/12/07.
- "Curriculum Development and Values Education in Public Schools," a talk given at the Second Annual All-Believers Network Symposium at UH Manoa, 5/24/06.
- "Philosophic Traditions of India," a talk given to University of St. Thomas students for SHAPS, 1/10/06.
- "*Ramayana* and Village Religion in India," a talk given to University of St. Thomas students for SHAPS, 1/10/06.
- "Lived Hinduism," a talk given to Rel. 202 class at Kapiolani Community College, 2/23/05.

- "Non-Sanskritic Traditions in Hinduism," a talk given to University of St. Thomas students for SHAPS, 1/12/05.
- "Indian Philosophic Traditions," a talk given to University of St. Thomas students for SHAPS, 1/12/05.
- "Challenges Facing the Christian Worldview in a Pluralistic World." a talk given at a conference sponsored by Center for Tomorrow's Leaders, UHM, 10/24/04.
- "Contemporary Hinduism," a talk given to University of St. Thomas students for SHAPS, 1/23/04.
- "Yoga and Hindu Ascetic Traditions," a talk given to a class at Sun and Moon Yoga School, Kailua, HI, 1/21/04.
- "Philosophical Traditions of India," a talk given to University of St. Thomas students for SHAPS, 1/12/04.
- "Ramanandis and Lay Spirituality," a talk given for the Tendai Institute Hawaii, Honolulu, 5/24/03.
- "Indian Philosophical Traditions," a talk given to University of St. Thomas students for SHAPS, 1/17/03.
- Panel member, "Vegetarianism in the World Religions," panel discussion sponsored by the Vegetarian Society of Hawai'i, 8/21/02.
- Moderator, "Does God Exist," a public debate at UH, Manoa, sponsored by faculty members in conjunction with Youth for Christ, 7/26/02.
- "Ethics in Contemporary Hinduism," a talk given to Towson University students for SHAPS, 1/12/00.
- "Do All Roads Lead to God?" a discussion/debate with Keli'i Akina. Meeting of the Hawaii Youth for Christ, 9/9/99.
- "Spirituality and Post-Traumatic Stress," a talk given at a workshop on the subject for the Department of Veteran Affairs, Honolulu, 8/6/99.
- "Hinduism," a talk given to Christ Church Uniting, 2/21/99.
- "Hinduism as a Living Religion," a talk given to the junior class students of St. Francis School, 9/27/97.
- "Religion in Academia" a talk given at a Youth for Christ conference, UHM, 4/12/97.
I was asked by Mr. Keli'i Akina, State Chairman of Youth for Christ, to discuss the issue with him in front of the attendees of this day-long conference.
- "Surviving Academia," a talk given to the UHM Center for Biographical Research on my life and teaching at UH during the last four years and what strategies I used to succeed, 3/20/97.

- "Approaching Multiculturalism," Kilohana Methodist Church, a talk given to The Fence Sitters, an organization of Kilohana Church members that focuses on issues of contemporary religion and culture, 6/30/96.
- "Suffering and Non-Attachment: A Lesson in Progress," a talk given at the Religious Science Church of Honolulu on the intersection of theoretical and personal experiences on the topic, 4/30/95.
- Panel member, "Religion and Peace," panel discussion sponsored by University of Hawai'i Matsunaga Institute for Peace, 4/14/95.
I was one of four faculty members asked to take part in a discussion on contemporary issues of peace and violence.
- Panel member, "Does God Exist?" a panel discussion sponsored by the Hawaii Youth For Christ, UH Manoa, discussing the issue at hand from different academic perspectives, 4/20/94.
- "Taking Responsibility for Yourself and the World," a talk given at the Religious Science Church of Honolulu, 3/16/94.
- Panel member, "In the Name of God," a discussion/debate on the film ("In the Name of God") and the role of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad in the destruction of the Indian Babri Mosque in 1992, 10/1/93.
- "The Religious and Cultural Significance of Indian Women's Dress," a talk given to the 24th Hawai'i Kimono Seminar, U.H., Manoa, on the various ways in which the wearing of a single piece of cloth, a *sr*, can help to reveal caste, class, ethnic/cultural group, region, and even religious affiliation of women in India, 8/2/93.
- "Mysticism in the World's Religions," a series of 5 lectures given at the Church of Religious Science, Honolulu, tracing the history of mysticism in the various religious traditions of the world, 7/1/93 through 7/29/93.
- "Religious Cults." a talk given to the Hawaii Humanists Association, 5/30/93.
- "Hindu Fundamentalism," a talk given at Central Union Church, Honolulu, on the emergence of a fundamentalist aspect of contemporary Hinduism and how it is effecting both religion and politics in India, 5/2/93.
- "Comparative Mysticism," a talk given at the Religious Science Church of Honolulu, 4/9/93.
- Panel member, "Spirituality and Sexuality," a panel discussion presented by The University of Hawai'i President's Task Force on Sexual Orientation, 4/28/93.
- "Lamb and Akina: Relativism vs. Absolutism," a debate with Keli'i Akina, Director of U.H. Youth for Christ, on the theological and the academic perspectives on God and religion, 4/2/93.
- "Hinduism in America." Spiritual Freefall Series, Radio Free Hawaii 2/24/93.
This was a 3-hour program in which I gave a talk and then answered questions from callers on issues surrounding contemporary religion in America.

- "Religious Fundamentalism and Politics in India," a talk given to U.S. Army intelligence officers, Camp Kunia, to familiarize the officers present with Hindu and Muslim fundamentalism in India and how they effect the politics of the region, 2/11/93.
- "Hindu and Muslim Fundamentalism," a talk given to U.S. Army chaplains, Ft. Shafter, for the purpose of helping the chaplains better understand Hindu and Muslim fundamentalism, so that they might better counsel persons of these inclinations, 11/19/92.
- "Is the Bible True?" a dialogue/debate with Keli'i Akina, Director of U.H. Youth for Christ, on the academic understanding of and scholastic research on the Bible, 10/2/92.
- "Hinduism and Gandhi." a talk given to the student body of Hawaii Preparatory Academy on behalf of the Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace, 4/5/91.
- "Hindu Concepts of Unity." talk given at Hindu Ekta Divas Conference, Santa Monica (CA) Hindu Temple, 12/5/87.
- "Meditation and Cognition." talk given for the Interfaith Awareness Series, First United Protestant Church (Hilo), discussing the role of religious practices such as meditation and yoga and their effects on cognition, 3/26/87.
- "Religious Perspectives on Nuclear War and Nuclear Deterrence." presented in a panel on Morality of Nuclear War, University of Hawai'i at Hilo, 10/17/86.

OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

- Participant, monthly Conference Call Sessions of the Council on Foreign Relations Religion and Foreign Policy Program, Summer 2012 to present.
- Founder and President, Sahayog Foundation, a non-profit organization that supports education in rural India, 2006 to present.
- Volunteer counselor at Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF), 1994-2001; since 2007, on-call counselor at both HCF and at Oahu Community Correctional Center.
- State Director of Referee Instruction, American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO), 2003 to present. Volunteer and Board member for AYSO since 1992.
- Recipient, 2013 AYSO Section Referee of the Year Award.
- Recipient, 2012 AYSO National Referee Spirit Award.

CURRENT AND PAST ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

- Editorial Board Member, *International Journal of Dharma Studies* (2012 to present)
- South Asian Studies Association (SASA), Board member (2009-2012) Emeritus member (2012 to present)

- International Editorial Board Member, *Nidan: International Journal for the Study of Hinduism* (2010 to present)
- American Academy of Religion (AAR) (1986 to present), Hinduism Steering Committee member (2006 to 2012)
- Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM), Director of Programs (2014 to present); Steering Committee member (2004 to present), Chair of Steering Committee (2011 to 2014)
- Association for Asian Studies (AAS)
- National Association of Scholars (NAS) (1997 to present)
- Researchers in South Asia (RISA-I, a web group)
- Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR), 1989-2001
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR), 1989-2003
- Spark Matsunaga Institute for Peace (MIP), 1992-2001

UH RELIGION COURSES TAUGHT

- 150 - Introduction to the World's Major Religions
- 151 - Religion and the Meaning of Existence
- 202 - Understanding Indian Religions
- 300 - The Study of Religion
- 348 - Religion, Politics, and Society
- 383 - Mysticism: East and West
- 480 - Field Methods in Religion
- 600 - History and Theory of the Study of Religion
- 662 - Seminar on Indian Religions

CURRENT RESEARCH AND PROJECTS

- Research and draft writing for textbook on Hindu monasticism with a focus on the Ramananda Sampraday.
- Ongoing research on low caste religious traditions in contemporary India. The focus is on the relationship between religious tradition, education, and social integration. A primary sub-focus is what effect secular and religious education have on the lives of rural females. Aspects of this are done in conjunction with Sahayog Foundation.