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POSITION

Class of 1962 Professor of History

EDUCATION

Tufts University, Medford, MA
September 2000: Ph.D. in History

1995-1997: MA in History

New York University, New York, NY
1994-1996: MA in Print Journalism

The College of Wooster, Wooster, OH
1991-1994: BA in History and Religious Studies

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA
August 2015-Present: **Professor**, Department of History
Fall 2016: **Director**, Washington DC Program
August 2007-August 2015: **Associate Professor**, Department of History
July 2013-July 2014: **Co-Director**, Program in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
August 2001-August 2007: **Assistant Professor**, Department of History

University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL
August 2000-August 2001: **Assistant Professor**, Department of History

Yale University, New Haven, CT
January 2000-May 2000: **Visiting Lecturer**, Department of History and the Yale Center
for International and Area Studies

HONORS, PRIZES, AND AWARDS

Class of 1962 Eminent Professorship, 2020-2025
James Pinckney Harrison Endowed Professorship, 2016-2019
Honorable Mention, Ananda Kentish Coomaraswamy Book Prize in South Asian Studies, Association for
Asian Studies, 2016
Plumeri Award for Faculty Excellence, William & Mary, 2014
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, Tufts University, 2000
Phi Beta Kappa, The College of Wooster, 1994

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

External

- Visiting Fellowship, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, India, July 2015
- American Institute of Indian Studies Senior Research Fellowship (Funded by the NEH), 2014-15
- Kluge Fellowship, The John W. Kluge Center, Library of Congress, 2008
- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 2005-2006
- American Institute of Indian Studies Junior Research Fellowship, 1997-1998
- Taraknath Das Foundation Writing Grant, Columbia University, 1998

Internal

- Swem Library Collection Grant, William & Mary, 2014
- Internationalization in Arts & Sciences Grant, William & Mary, 2012
- Dominion Resources Research Award, William & Mary, Summer 2006
- Freeman Grant in Asian Studies, William & Mary, Summer 2004
- Reves Center International Travel Grant, William & Mary, 2014, 2011, 2007, 2008, 2005, 2004
- Tyler Research Grant, Department of History, William & Mary, 2003
- University Teaching Project, William & Mary, 2002-2003
- University of South Alabama Research Council Award, Summer 2001 (declined)
- Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Writing Fellowship, Tufts University, 1998-1999
- Pre-dissertation Research Grant, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, 1996
- Department of Journalism Fellowship, New York University, 1994-1995

RESEARCH

Books:

Sheikh Abdullah: The Caged Lion of Kashmir (HarperCollins India and Yale University Press, 2024).

Kashmir: Oxford India Short Introductions (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2019).

Kashmir: History, Politics, Representation (editor) (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2018).

Kashmir's Contested Pasts: Narratives, Sacred Geographies, and the Historical Imagination
(New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2014; paperback edition, New Delhi: OUP, 2017).
Honorable Mention, 2016 Coomaraswamy Book Prize in South Asian Studies, Association for Asian Studies; Long-listed for the 2015 International Convention of Asia Scholars Book Prize.

Languages of Belonging: Islam, Regional Identity, and the Making of Kashmir (New York: Oxford University Press and London: Hurst & Co., 2004; New Delhi: Permanent Black, 2003; paperback edition, New Delhi: Permanent Black, 2011).

Articles in Journals and Edited Volumes:

- “The Crisis of Center-Region Relations on the Frontier: The Cases of Jammu & Kashmir and the Northeast,” in Mrinalini Sinha, Prasannan Parthasarthy, and David Gilmartin, eds., *Cambridge History of the Modern Indian Subcontinent* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2024).
- “Refashioning Paradise on Earth: Mughal Governance in Kashmir,” in Ramya Sreenivasan and Richard Eaton, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of the Mughal World* (Oxford University Press, 2020 <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190222642.013.14>).
- “Introduction: New Directions in the Study of Kashmir,” in Chitralekha Zutshi, ed., *Kashmir: History, Politics, Representation* (New Delhi: Cambridge University Press, 2018), 1-21.

- “Contesting Urban Space: Shrine Culture and the Discourse on Kashmiri Muslim Identities and Protest in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries,” in Chitralkha Zutshi, ed., *Kashmir: History, Politics, Representation* (New Delhi: Cambridge University Press, 2018), 51-69.
- “An Ongoing Partition: Histories, Borders, and the Politics of Vivisection in Jammu and Kashmir,” *Contemporary South Asia* 23, 3 (2015): 266-275.
- “Past as Tradition, Past as History: The *Rajatarangini* Narratives in Kashmir’s Persian Historical Tradition,” *The Indian Economic and Social History Review* 50, 2 (April-June 2013): 201-219.
- “Whither Kashmir Studies? A Review,” *Modern Asian Studies* 46, 4 (July 2012): 1033-1048.
- “Translating the Past: Rethinking *Rajatarangini* Narratives in Colonial India,” *The Journal of Asian Studies* 70, 1 (February 2011): 5-27.
- “Landscapes of the Past: *Rajatarangini* and Historical Knowledge Production in Late-Nineteenth-Century Kashmir,” in Daud Ali and Indra Sengupta, eds., *Knowledge Production, Pedagogy, and Institutions in Colonial India* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011), 99-121.
- “Rethinking Kashmir’s History from a Borderlands Perspective,” *History Compass* 8/7 (July 2010): 594-608.
- “Kashmir and *Kashmiriyat*: The Politics of Diversity in South Asia,” in Manu Bhagavan, ed., *Heterotopias: Nationalism and the Possibility of History in South Asia* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2010), 44-59.
- “Re-Visioning Princely States in South Asian Historiography: A Review,” *The Indian Economic and Social History Review* 46, 3 (July-September 2009): 301-313.
- “India, Pakistan, and the Kashmir Issue: 1947 and Beyond,” *Education About Asia* 14, 2 (Fall 2009): 8-13.
- “‘Designed for Eternity’: Kashmiri Shawls, Empire, and Cultures of Production and Consumption in Mid-Victorian Britain,” *Journal of British Studies* 48, 2 (April 2009): 220-240.
- “Shrines, Political Authority, and Religious Identities in Late-Nineteenth and Early-Twentieth-Century Kashmir,” in Aparna Rao, ed., *The Valley of Kashmir: The Making and Unmaking of a Composite Culture?* (New Delhi: Manohar, 2008), 235-257.
- “Religion, State, and Community: Contested Identities in the Kashmir Valley, c. 1880-1920,” *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* XXIII, 1 (June 2000): 109-128.

Other periodical/web articles:

- “Status Check: Tensions in Kashmir,” *BBC World Histories* (October/November 2019: 10-11).
- “Kashmiriyat: Death of an Idea,” *History Workshop Online* (September 11, 2019); republished in *Scroll.in* and *The Print* (September 16, 2019).
- “Yet Another Assault on Kashmir,” *Asia Dialogue* (August 14, 2019).
- “Latest Assault on Kashmir is an Assault on Indian Pluralism,” *The Globe Post* (August 13, 2019).
- “Why Can’t Kashmir Escape its Bloody Past?,” *BBC History Magazine* (May 2019: 15).
- “Kashmir Conflict is not just a Border Dispute between India and Pakistan,” *The Conversation*, March 4, 2019.
- “Seasons of Discontent and Revolt in Kashmir,” *Current History* (April 2017): 123-129.
- Kashmir Journal*, e-column on *KashmirConnected*: June 2015-April 2017.
- “Kashmir in International Perspective,” *DNA (Daily News and Analysis)*, September 7, 2016.
- “The New Militancy in Kashmir,” *Scroll.in*, August 21, 2016
- “Kashmir and India: *Khayalon ki Ladai* (clash of ideologies),” *Scroll.in*, April 23, 2016.
- “Redefining *Aazadi*, or ‘freedom’, in India,” *History Workshop Online* (March 4, 2016).
- “‘We must remain mad in order to be sane’,” *Los Angeles Review of Books* (December 26, 2015).
- “Passage to Lahore: A Mughal City,” *Mainstream Weekly* LIII, 25 (June 13, 2015): 14-15.
- “Balraj Puri: An Appreciation,” *KashmirConnected*, January 5, 2015.
- “Divided Presents and Pasts: The Power of Narratives in Contemporary Kashmir,” *Economic and Political Weekly* XLIX, No. 36 (September 6, 2014): 1-4.
- “Reframing a Regional Approach to South Asia: Demilitarization, Development, and Sustainable Peace,” Ad Hoc Working Group on South Asia (New York University: Institute of Public Knowledge, 2009); shorter version published in *Himal South Asian*, 22, 7 (July 2009): 51-55.

“Debating the Past: Academic and Popular Histories in India,” *Perspectives on History* (December 2009): 18-21.

Book reviews:

Kyle Gardner, *The Frontier Complex: Geopolitics and the Making of the India-China Border, 1846-1962*, in *Agricultural History* 96, 3 (August 2022): 466-468.

Ali Khan Mahmudabad, *Poetry of Belonging: Muslim Imaginings of India, 1850-1950*, in *The English Historical Review* 137, 584 (February 2022): 294-295.

Haley Duschinski, Mona Bhan, Ather Zia, and Cynthia Mahmood, eds., *Resisting Occupation in Kashmir*, in *The Journal of Asian Studies* 78, 3 (August 2019): 706-708.

Manan Ahmed Asif, *A Book of Conquest: The Chachnama and Muslim Origins in South Asia*, in *The American Historical Review* 122, 5 (December 2017): 1583-1584.

Khalid Bashir Ahmad, *Kashmir: Exposing the Myth Behind the Narrative*, in *scroll.in* (October 2017).

Janaki Nair, *Mysore Modern: Rethinking the Region under Princely Rule*, and Aya Ikegame, *Princely India Re-Imagined: A Historical Anthropology of Mysore from 1799 to the Present*, in *The Indian Economic and Social History Review* 52, 3 (2015): 404-408.

“Identity, Conflict, and Violence in Kashmir,” review of Manisha Gangahar, *Kashmir’s Narratives of Conflict: Identity Lost in Space and Time*, in *Economic and Political Weekly* XLIX, No. 28 (July 12, 2014): 34-35.

Jyotirmaya Sharma, *A Restatement of Religion: Swami Vivekananda and the Making of Hindu Nationalism*, in *Canadian Journal of History* XLIX (spring-summer 2014): 157-159.

Kavita Datla, *The Language of Secular Islam: Urdu Nationalism and Colonial India*, in *The American Historical Review* 119 (February 2014): 163-164.

“Violence, Gender, and the Ongoing Partitions of South Asia,” review of Yasmin Saikia, *Women, War, and the Making of Bangladesh: Remembering 1971*, in *H-Asia Book Reviews*, September 13, 2012.

“A Garden of Many Secrets,” review of Brigid Keenan, *Travels in Kashmir: A Popular History of its People, Places and Crafts*, in *Economic and Political Weekly* XLII, No. 32 (August 11, 2007): 3298-3299.

Ravina Aggarwal, *Beyond Lines of Control: Performance and Politics on the Disputed Borders of Ladakh, India*, in *Canadian Journal of History* XLI (spring-summer 2006): 187-188.

Kaia Leather, *Kashmiri Separatists: Origins, Competing Ideologies, and Prospects for Resolution of the Conflict*, in *Pacific Affairs*, Vol. 78, No. 1 (Spring 2005): 148-149.

Christophe Jaffrelet, ed., *A History of Pakistan and its Origins* and Lawrence Ziring, *Pakistan: At the Crosscurrent of History*, in *H-Asia Book Reviews*, March 3, 2005.

Dick Kooiman, *Communalism and the Princely States: Travancore, Baroda and Hyderabad in the 1930s*, in *The Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 41, 4 (2004): 493-495.

Invited research-related activities:

Interview, *The Hindu*, March 31, 2024.

Interview, *The Hindustan Times*, March 23, 2024.

Podcast, *Newslaundry*, “Let’s Talk About: Kashmir Through the Abdullahs,” March 20, 2024.

Interview, *Scroll.in*, February 4, 2023.

Interview, *Roportaj*, January 29, 2024.

Interview, *Aaj Tak Radio*, January 19, 2024.

Interview, *The Federal*, January 10, 2024.

Interview, *E-International Relations*, University of Nottingham, August 28, 2021.

Interview, *India Today Woman*, January 2018.

Interview, *All Things Considered*, National Public Radio, August 16, 2019.

Interview, *The World According to Jesse*, RTV, April 12, 2019.

Interview, *Incarnations: India in 50 Lives*, BBC Channel 4, August 2015.

Participant, Workshop on “The Politics of Knowledge in South Asia,” Institute of Public Knowledge, New York University, New York, March 6, 2009.

Panelist, Webcast on Kashmir, Worldfocus Radio, December 8, 2008.

Invited scholarly papers and talks:

“Sheikh Abdullah in Context,” Jigyasa Talk, Institute of Public Administration, Jaipur, India, July 2024.

“The Challenges of Writing a Life History,” Center for South Asian and Indian Ocean Studies, Tufts University, Medford, MA, April 2024.

“Sheikh Abdullah: Life and Politics,” Book Adda, Saxena Center for Contemporary South Asia, Brown University, Providence, RI, April 2024.

Panelist, “Academics & Faith,” Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists, Williamsburg, VA, April 2024.

“Narrating a Life: The Caged Lion,” Readings in the Reves Room, Reves Center for International Studies, William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA, March 2024.

Sheikh Abdullah: The Caged Lion of Kashmir, Book Launch and Discussion with Aditya Sinha, journalist, Oxford Bookstore, Delhi, January 2024.

Organizer: *Reflections on Kashmir: A Retreat on Kashmir Scholarship*, Neev Academy, Bengaluru, India, July 2023.

“Sheikh Abdullah and the Making of Modern India,” Neev Academy, Bengaluru, India, July 2023.

Discussant: Panel—Challenges of Research on/in Kashmir, Neev Academy, Bengaluru, India, July 2023.

“Center-Region Relations in the cases of Jammu & Kashmir and the Northeast,” Harvard-Tufts Conference on the 75th Anniversary of Indian Independence and Partition, Cambridge, MA, October 2022.

“Narrating the (hi)story of Kashmir,” Karwaan: The Heritage Exploration Initiative Lecture, June 2022.

“Understanding Kashmir: From Contestation to Belonging,” Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada, March 2021.

Roundtable on Kashmir, University of Nottingham Asia Research Institute, United Kingdom, November 2020.

“Trajectories of Indian Nationalism,” Leiden University, Department of History, Leiden, Netherlands, February 2020.

“The Intertwined Lives of Kashmiri and Indian Nationalisms,” University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, December 2019.

“Kashmir: History and Politics,” World Affairs Council, Richmond, VA, September 2019.

Chair and Discussant, “Imperial Ecologies and Sowing Dissent in the Long Nineteenth Century,” The Mid-Atlantic Conference on British Studies, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, April 2019.

“Ruminations on Writing the History of a Conflict Zone,” Institute of Kashmir Studies, University of Kashmir, Srinagar, India, July 2018.

“The Present and Future of Kashmir Studies,” Department of Politics and Governance, Central University of Kashmir, Srinagar, July 2018.

“Conceptualizing Regions, Borderlands, and Mobility in Asian History,” Asian Borderlands Workshop, Columbia University, NY, March 2018.

“The Politics of Multiple Partitions in the Kashmir Context,” Conference on ‘Imagining Peace in Conflict,’ Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, February 2018.

“Self and the World in Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah’s *Aatish-i-Chinar*,” Center for South Asian Studies and the Department of History, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, December 2017.

Speaker, “Roundtable Discussion: 70 Years of India and Pakistan,” Georgetown India Initiative, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, September 2017.

Organizer and Discussant, Conference, “Kashmir: History, Politics, Representation,” Washington Center, The College of William and Mary, Washington, DC, October 2016.

“The East India Company’s Options,” MUN IV, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, April 2016.

- “Illiberal Democracy in South Asia,” Seminar on Illiberalism in South Asia and Europe, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, April 2016.
- “History as Power,” TEDx Talks, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, April 2016.
- “Redefining Study Abroad/Away,” Teaching Project Workshop, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, March 2016.
- “Writing the History of a Conflict Zone,” INRL 300 Lecture, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, February 2016.
- “Choice, Agency, and the Challenge of Indian Feminism,” Vox Club, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, November 2015.
- “Narrating Paradise on Earth: Place-Making and History-Writing in Kashmir,” Indian Institute for Advanced Study, Shimla, India, July 2015.
- “New Directions in South Asian Historiography,” Department of Political Science, Kashmir University, Kashmir, India, May 2015.
- “Defining Place and History: Fabulous Geographies and Sacred Pasts in Kashmir’s Historical Tradition,” in “Cultures, Traditions, and Contemporary Life” lecture series at the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Delhi, India, April 2015.
- “Narrating the Past in Kashmir: Place, Genealogy, and Tradition,” Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, India, April 2015.
- “Historical Writing and South Asian Historiography,” Humanities and Social Sciences Department, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan, April 2015.
- “*Rajatarangini* and the Making of Kashmir’s Long Historical Tradition,” Conference on “Exploring Historical Traditions in India,” Department of History, Assam University, Silchar, India, February 2015.
- “Regimes of History and Historicity in Pre-Modern and Modern South Asia,” Department of History, Jammu University, India, November 2014.
- “Remembering and Forgetting: The Politics of the Past in Kashmir’s Nineteenth-Century Historiographical Tradition,” Department of Political Science, Kashmir University, Srinagar, India, November 2014.
- “Defining South Asia and Kashmir’s Place within It,” Institute of Kashmir and South Asian Studies, Kashmir University, India, October 2014.
- “‘A Garden of Perpetual Spring’: Auspicious Landscapes and Sacred Pasts in Kashmir’s Historical Tradition,” Centre for the Study of Comparative Religions and Civilizations, Jamia Millia Islamia University, Delhi, India, September 2014.
- “Paradise on Earth: Territory, Identity, and History-Writing in Kashmir,” Museum Lecture Series, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey, June 2014.
- “The Past and Present of History-Writing in Kashmir,” Comparative Muslim Societies and South Asia Program Lecture Series, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, April 2014.
- Discussant, “The State in New Histories of the Himalaya—Part I,” The Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, March 2014.
- “‘Each Night Put Kashmir in Your Dreams’: Nilima Sheikh’s Kashmir Paintings,” The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL, March 2014.
- “Balancing the Past and the Present in Historical Writing,” Historian’s Craft Lecture Series, Department of History, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, November 2013.
- “Inter-Faith Dialogue and the Kashmir Issue,” Inter-Faith Students Association, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, October 2013.
- “Islam in the Indian Subcontinent,” Panel Discussion, *Islam: Cross-Cultural Perspectives*, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, April 2013.
- “*The Melancholy City*: Textuality, Orality, and Performance in the Kashmiri Narrative Public,” South Asia Center Lecture Series, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, November 2012.
- “Oral History and Ethnography as Research Methodologies,” Refresher Course, Academic Staff College, Kashmir University, Srinagar, India, July 2012.

- “Fashioning Kashmir: Belonging and Territoriality in the Kashmiri Narrative Tradition,” Conference on *Kashmir: A Way Forward*, University of North Texas, Denton, TX, April 2012.
- “Space and Place in the Kashmiri Historical Imagination,” History Department Seminar, University of Delhi, Delhi, India, March 2012.
- “Commemorating Kashmir: History and Memory in the Kashmiri Storytelling Tradition,” Jesus and Mary College Guest Lecture, Delhi, India, March 2012.
- “Contested Landscapes of Kashmir’s Past,” Conference on *Brave New World: The Gendered Political Economy of Terrorism and Fundamentalism*, St. Stephen’s College, Delhi, India, March 2012.
- “The Past as Story: Historical Memory and the Storytelling Tradition in Kashmir,” Dhar India Studies Lecture, University of Indiana, Bloomington, November 2011.
- “Individual and Region in the Eighteenth-Century Kashmiri *Tarikh* Tradition,” Seminar Series, Institute for Kashmir Studies, Kashmir University, Srinagar, India, July 2011.
- “Kashmir as Literary Paradise: Region as Sacred Space in the Kashmiri Historical Imagination,” Keynote Speaker, Symposium on *Jammu and Kashmir: Boundaries and Movements*, University of Munich, Germany, June 2011.
- “Garden of Solomon: The Idea of Kashmir in the Kashmiri Historical Tradition,” Workshop on *Another Kashmir: Beyond the Security Paradigm*, University of Texas, Austin, TX, April 2011.
- “Of Water Born: Landscape and History in Kashmiri Hagiographical Narratives,” Conference on *Remapping South Asia: Space, Time, Methods*, Tufts University, Medford, MA, December 2010.
- “Teaching South Asia at William and Mary,” Parents’ Weekend Lecture, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, October 2010.
- “Relocating Kashmir in South Asian Historiography: Region, Nation, and Religion in Kashmir’s Past,” Department of History, Kashmir University, Srinagar, India, October 2009.
- “*Rajatarangini* and the Historical Imagination in Colonial India,” Department of History, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India, September 2009.
- “New Trends in the Study of South Asian History and Historiography,” Institute for Kashmir Studies, Kashmir University, Srinagar, India, July 2009.
- “The Kashmir Issue: History and Prospects,” Leiden Institute for Area Studies Lecture, Leiden University, Leiden, The Netherlands, June 2009.
- “‘History, an Epic or a Semi-Tragic Drama’: The Constitution of *Rajatarangini* as ‘Historical’ Text in Colonial India,” Yale University South Asian Studies Lecture Series, New Haven, CT, March 2009.
- “Re-Visioning Kashmir as Borderland in South Asian History,” Lecture Series on Borderlands in World History, History Department, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, February 2009.
- “History and Geopolitics of the Kashmir Conflict,” SOTF Lecture Series, Fort Bragg, NC, February 2009.
- “‘The Real History of the Great People’: *Rajatarangini* and the Mapping of India’s Past,” Harvard University South Asia Seminar Series, Cambridge, MA, October 2008.
- “Translating ‘History’: *Rajatarangini* and the Making of India’s Past,” The John W. Kluge Center, Library of Congress, Washington DC, July 2008.
- “‘Designed for Eternity’: Kashmiri Shawls in the Popular Imagination,” Asian Division and the John W. Kluge Center, Library of Congress, Washington DC, June 2008.
- “Kashmir: Identities in History,” Indian Council on Historical Research, Seminar on *Identity, Emotion & Culture: The Languages & Literatures of South Asia, 900C.E -2000 C.E*, Bangalore, India, January 2008.
- “Gandhi: The Myth, the Man, and History,” Munroe Scholars Lunch talk, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, October 2007.
- Discussant, “Sri Lanka’s 1956 Election: Retrospect and Prospect,” 35th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, October 2006.
- “Kashmiri Shawls in Nineteenth-Century Narratives,” Conference on *The History of Consumption in South Asia, c.1750-1950*, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, India, December 2005.
- “Kashmiris and the Indian State: History, Politics, and Future Possibilities,” South Asia Forum,

- Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2005.
- “Gandhi in South Asian Historiography,” Department of History, Indiana University South Bend, South Bend, IN, March 2005.
- “Women in War: The Case of Kashmir,” Amnesty International Human Rights Week, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, November 2004.
- Chair, “Does the Economic History of South Asia have a Future?—Part I,” New England Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, November 2004.
- “Rethinking Kashmiri Islam,” Forum on *Changing Faces of Islam in South Asia*, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, November 2003.
- “Shrines, Divines, and Patriots in Contemporary South Asia,” India Forum, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, November 2003.
- “The Vision of Kashmir’s Past in South Asian Politics,” Forum on *Critical Issues in South Asia*, South Asian Students Association, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, March 2003.
- “The Politics of *Kashmiriyat* in South Asia,” Conference on *Dynamics of Diversity: Narratives of Pluralism in South Asian History*, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, February 2003.
- “Re-thinking Kashmir’s Pre-colonial History,” Conference on *Regional, Religious and National Identities in South Asia*, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, May 2002.
- “Kashmir’s Contested Past: Myth and Memory in Kashmiri Narratives,” Department of History, Washington University, St. Louis, MO, April 2002.

Contributed scholarly papers and talks:

- Panel Organizer/Presenter, “The Divided Self and the Life Narrative: Sheikh Abdullah’s *Aatish-i-Chinar*, in “Public Lives, Private Memories: Travel and Vernacular Life Writing in Asia,” Association for Asian Studies in Asia Conference, Delhi, India, July 2018.
- “History as Literary Tradition within Kashmir’s Narrative Culture,” Conference on “South Asian Literary Traditions,” Gurmani Centre for Languages and Literature, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan, April 2015.
- “Past as Tradition, Past as History: Sanskrit Narratives in Kashmir’s Persian Historical Tradition,” *Islamicate Cultures and Histories in a Global Context Lecture Series*, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, March 2013.
- “Kashmir as Literary Borderland: Landscape and Sacred Pasts in the Kashmiri Historical Tradition,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, January 2012.
- “*Rajatarangini* in Kashmir’s Persian Historiographical Tradition,” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI, October 2011.
- “*Rajatarangini* and the Making of Colonial Historical Knowledge in Kashmir,” School for Oriental and African Studies and German Historical Institute, London, November 2008.
- “‘An Immutable Article of Dress’: Kashmiri Shawls in Mid-Victorian Britain,” North American Victorian Studies Association Annual Conference, Victoria, BC, Canada, October 2007.
- “British Intervention in a Princely State: The Case of Jammu and Kashmir in the Late-Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries,” 18th Annual European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies, Lund, Sweden, July 2004.
- “The Kashmir Question in Contemporary South Asian Politics,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, New York, NY, March 2003.
- “‘To make everyone fit for some definite calling in life’: The Dogra State, Class, and the Educational Project in Kashmir, 1880-1920,” Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH, September 2002.
- “History, Memory, and Representation in Kashmiri Historical Narratives,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., April 2002.
- “Historical Representations of Kashmir,” Conference on *The History Textbook Controversy: Korean, East Asian, and International Perspectives*, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, April 2002.

- “Reform, Revival, and Resistance: Religion as Contested Site in the Kashmir Valley,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, January 2001.
- “Imagining the Homeland in Medieval and Early Modern Kashmir,” New York Conference on Asian Studies, Albany, NY, October 2000.
- “Shrines, Pirs, Wahabbis, and Merchants: Disputes over Sacred Space in Late-Nineteenth Century Kashmir,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 2000.
- “Urbanization, Print, and Religious Ideologies: The Articulation of a Muslim Communitarian Identity in Early Twentieth Century Kashmir,” 15th Annual South Asia Conference, University of California, Berkeley, CA, February 2000.
- “Religion, State, and Community: Contested Identities in the Kashmir Valley, c. 1880-1930,” Conference on *Regional and National Identities in South Asia*, Tufts University, Medford, MA, March 1999.
- “*Mulk-i-Kashmir*: Religion and Region in the Expression of a Kashmiri National Identity,” Conference on *South Asian History, Culture, and Political Economy*, Tufts University, Medford, MA, October 1997.
- “Physicians and Hakims; Gynecologists and Dais: Medical Discourse as Contested Terrain in Colonial India,” Conference on *Rethinking South Asian History, Re-Visioning South Asia’s Future*, Tufts University, Medford, MA, May 1997.
- “Decolonizing Western Medicine: Medical Missionaries and the Life of Dr. Ida S. Scudder, 1900-1960,” Conference on *Gendered Revisions*, SUNY Binghamton, NY, April 1997.
- “The Hindutva Movement: Nationalist or Communalist?,” Ohio Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH, March 1994.

COURSES TAUGHT

- Gandhi in the World (first-year seminar)
- Indian Ocean Worlds (senior seminar, cross-list AMES; graduate seminar)
- War and Peace in Postcolonial South Asia (senior seminar, cross-list AMES)
- Nation-Building and Conflict-Resolution in Asia (senior seminar, cross-list AMES)
- History and Politics of Postcolonial India (Goa Program, Summer 2013)
- Kashmir: Past, Present, Future (First-year seminar)
- Migration and Integration (graduate literature seminar, Leiden University)
- Travel Literature of the Indian Ocean World (graduate research seminar, Leiden University)
- Transnational Environmental History (graduate seminar)
- Empires and Imperialism (graduate seminar)
- History of South Asia, antiquity to the present (survey)
- Nation, Gender, and Race in South Asia (survey, cross-list AMES & GSWS)
- Colonialism, Nationalism, and Modernity in South Asia (senior seminar)
- Bollywood and the Making of Modern India (senior seminar)
- Islam and Politics in South Asia (senior seminar)
- Empire and Science in British India (senior seminar)
- Gandhi: History and Representation (first-year seminar)
- Gender and Nationalism in South Asia (first-year seminar)
- Geographies of Empire in Portuguese Goa (Goa Program, Summer 2005)
- History of Asian Civilization, antiquity to 1800 (lecture, University of South Alabama)
- History of Asian Civilization, 1800 to Present (lecture, University of South Alabama)
- Modern South Asia, c.1700 to Present (lecture, University of South Alabama)
- Nationalism, Regionalism, and Religious Identities in South Asia (seminar, Yale University)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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PhD Comprehensive Exam Committees

Search Committees

Chinese History Search Committee (VAP), Spring 2024

Chair, East Asian History Search Committee, 2016-2017

East Asian History Search Committee, 2011-2012

Chair, Modern Middle East History Search Committee, 2010-2011

African History Search Committee, Spring 2009

Latin American History Search Committee, Fall 2004

Chinese History Search Committee, Spring 2004

Russian History Search Committee, 2002-2003

Director/Chair

Director, Washington DC Program, "Nation-Building and Conflict-Resolution in Asia," Fall 2016

Co-Director, Program in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, 2013-2014

Co-Chair, AMES Mellon Fellow Search Committee, Spring 2014

Director, South Asian Studies, 2011-2013

Coordinator, College India Initiative (Obama-Singh Knowledge Initiative Grant), 2010-2013

Committees

Academic Director Search Committee, St. Andrews William & Mary Joint Degree Program, Fall 2019

Freeman Scholarship Selection Committee, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Fall 2019

Executive Committee, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, 2017-2019

Plumeri Awards Committee, Fall 2017

Global Studies Executive Committee, 2013-2014

International Studies Advisory Committee, 2011-2014

Executive Committee, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, 2011-2013

Critchfield Conference Planning Committee, Spring 2013

St. Andrews Joint Degree Program Committee, 2012-2013

Conference Committee, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Initiative, 2010-2011

World in America Lecture Series Committee, 2007-2008

Search Committee, Asst. Director and Curator, Muscarelle Museum of Art, Spring 2007

Women's Studies Executive Committee, 2006-2007

Writing Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 2003-2004 and Fall 2004

Study Abroad

Director and Instructor, Study Abroad Program, Goa, India, Summer 2013

Director and Instructor, Study Abroad Program, Goa, India, Summer 2005

Founder, Study Abroad Program, Goa, India, Summer and Fall 2004

Instructor, Study Abroad Program, Cambridge, England, Summer 2003

Profession

Editorial

Editorial Board, *#AsiaNow* (blog of the Association for Asian Studies), March 2017-2018

International Advisory Board, *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*, 2013-Present

External Reviewer, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 2014-Present

Administrative

Selection Panel, Fellowship Programs at Independent Research Institutions, National Endowment for the Humanities, December 2023.

Board of Trustees, The American Institute of Indian Studies, 2018-2021

Institutional Delegate, The American Institute of Indian Studies, 2017-Present

Chair, External Review Committee, History Department, Connecticut College, Fall 2017

Board Member, Association for Asian Studies (Chair, South Asia Council), 2017-2018

Member, South Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies, 2015-2017

Member, Executive Committee, Society for the Advancement of the History of South Asia (SAHSA), American Historical Association, 2008-2012.

Member, John F. Richards Prize in South Asian History Fundraising Committee (AHA book prize), SAHSA, 2009-2010.

Member, Ad Hoc Working Group on South Asia, Institute of Public Knowledge, New York University, 2009-2010.

Peer Reviews (articles, books, proposals)

--Over 60 article manuscripts for a variety of journals

--Over 30 book manuscripts for a variety of presses

--Over 20 book proposals for a variety of presses

Tenure and Promotion Reviews

--Over 12 tenure and promotion reviews

--Over 7 promotion reviews

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Historical Association

Association for Asian Studies

South Asian Studies Association of Australia

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