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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Department of Asian Languages and Literature, University of Washington, Seattle, 1986.
M.Phil. Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, 1970.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2006 Senior Lecturer, Department of Asian Studies, University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

1998-2006 Lecturer, Department of Asian Studies, University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

1996-98 Visiting Scholar, Department of Asian Studies, University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

1993-96 Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

1993 Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University, Stanford, California.

1992 Preceptor, IAC (Innovative Academic Courses), Stanford University, Stanford, California.

1991-1993 Research Associate, Center for South Asia Studies, University of California, Berkeley, California.

1990-92 Academic leave, translation fellowship, NEH (National Endowment for the Humanities).

1989-90 Lecturer, Department of Slavic Languages and Literature, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.

- 1989 Visiting faculty, Liberal Studies, Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington.
- 1988-89 Assistant Professor, Asian Studies & Religion, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington.
- 1987 Translator and Contributor, *Encyclopedia of Indian Philosophies*, ed. Karl Potter. Philosophy Department, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.
- 1986 Instructor, Buddhist Philosophy, Antioch University, Yellow Springs, Ohio (course taught in Bodh Gaya in India).
- 1985-86 Instructor, Introduction to World Religions: Eastern Traditions, Distant Learning. University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

- 1990-92 National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Grant.
- 1986 Post-doctoral Fellowship in Buddhist Studies, Antioch University, Yellow Springs, Ohio, carried out in Bodh Gaya, India.
- 1985 Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship of the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.
- 1984-85 National Resource Fellowship (FLAS), Hindi, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.
- 1981-83 Research Fellowship from the American Institute of Indian Studies, Sanskrit Department, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India.
- 1975 W.W. Stout fellowship at the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, twice that year.
- 1976
- 1972-73 Ministry of Education of the Indian Government fellowship, Delhi University and Banaras Hindu University, India.
- 1971 Indo-Czechoslovak Cultural Exchange program, Delhi University, Delhi. University Grants Commission (UGC).

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Peer reviewed:

BOOK

1. *The Yuktidīpikā: A Reconstruction of Sāṅkhya Methods of Knowing. Indologica Halensis.* Aachen, Germany: Shaker Verlag, 2006.

ARTICLES

1. "Ṣaṣṭitantra's Fragments on Perception," an invited contribution to the Proceedings of the 13th World Sanskrit Conference, Edinburgh, 2006, edited by Jonardon Ganeri, forthcoming from Motilal Banarsidass.

2. "Bādarāyaṇa," an invited contribution to the *Routledge/ Courzon Encyclopedia of Hinduism*, London: Routledge/Courzon, 2007.

3. "Brahma Sūtra," an invited contribution to the *Routledge/ Courzon Encyclopedia of Hinduism*, London: Routledge/Courzon, 2007.

4. "Samsāra," an invited contribution to the *Routledge/ Courzon Encyclopedia of Hinduism*, London: Routledge/Courzon, 2007.

5. "Śaṅkara," an invited contribution to the *Routledge/ Courzon Encyclopedia of Hinduism*, London: Routledge/Courzon, 2007.

6. "Vedānta," an invited contribution to the *Routledge/ Courzon Encyclopedia of Hinduism*, London: Routledge/Courzon, 2007.

7. "Bhāmatī," a contribution to the *Encyclopedia of Indian Philosophies. Advaita Vedānta from 800 to 1200 A.D.* Vol. XI, editor Karl H. Potter, in collaboration with Śrī Nārāyaṇa Mīśra, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 2005.

8. "Puruṣa," "Prakṛti," "Sāṅkhya," revised for reissue in the second edition of the *Encyclopedia of Religion*, originally edited by M. Eliade 1987, New York: Macmillan Publishing Company, 2001.

9. "Indian Theories of Cosmology and Cosmogony," an invited contribution to the *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, London: Routledge, 1998.

10. "Issues in Hindu Philosophy," an invited contribution to the *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, London: Routledge, 1998.

11. "Mādhava," an invited contribution to the *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, London: Routledge, 1998.
12. *The Concise Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, condensed versions of the three preceding full entries. London: Routledge, 1999.
13. "Yukti, A Forgotten Buddhist Method for Rational Inquiry," *Journal of Indian Philosophy*. Dordrecht (Holland): Kluwer Academic Publishers, under review for publication.
14. "Īśvarakṛṣṇa's Two-Level-Perception: Propositional and Non-propositional" in *Journal of Indian Philosophy*, Dordrecht (Holland): Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1990.
15. "Sāṅkhya," in the *Encyclopedia of Religion*, editor Mircea Eliade, New York: Macmillan Publishing Company, 1987.
16. "Puruṣa," in the *Encyclopedia of Religion*, ed. M. Eliade, New York: Macmillan Publishing Company, 1987.
17. "Prakṛti," in the *Encyclopedia of Religion*, ed. M. Eliade, New York: Macmillan Publishing Company, 1987.
18. "Hastāmalaka," a contribution to the *Encyclopedia of Indian Philosophies. Advaita Vedānta up to Śaṅkara and His Pupils*, editor Karl H. Potter, Princeton University Press, 1981.
19. "Poznání v nejstarších upanišadách - Bṛhadāraṅjaka a Chāndogja," (Knowledge in the oldest Upaniṣads.) *Filosofický Casopis* 16 (1968) 4 (517-523).
20. "Filosofové dnešní Indie," (Contemporary Indian Philosophers), *Filosofický Casopis* 16 (1968) 4 (587-589).

Book chapters-published.

1. "Marriage is for Life," an essay in *Ethics and World Religions. Cross-Cultural Case Studies*, eds. Regina Wentzl Wolfe and Christine Gudorf. Pp. 91-97. Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis 1999.
2. "Bhīṣma: the Vrātya Question," an article in *The Mahābhārata: Whatever Is Not Here Is Nowhere Else*, ed. T.S. Rukmani. Pp. 163-178. New Delhi, India: Munshiram Manoharlal 2005.

Book reviews-published.

1. Ramakant A. Sinari. *The Structure of Indian Thought*, in *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, New Haven, 1987.
2. Erhardt Hanefeld. *Philosophische Haupttexte der älteren Upaniṣaden*, in *Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde Südasiens und Archiv für Indische Philosophie*, Vienna, 1984.
3. Boris Merhaut, Milada Bartonova, Zdenek Basny, Rudolf Skarnitzl. *YOGA of staré Indie k dnesku*, in *Nový Orient* 1/72.
4. Saksena, B. R. *Umesha Mishra Commemoration Volume*, in *Archiv Orientalni* 41, 1973.
5. Chattopadhyaya, Debiprasad. *Tārānātha's History of Buddhism in India*, in *Archiv Orientalni* 41, 1973.
6. Sastraratnakara, Panditaraja. *Vedānta Tattvāloka of Sri Janārdana*, in *Archiv Orientalni* 41, 1973.
7. Peter Scharf. *Rāmopakhyāna: the Story of Rāma in the Mahābhārata* in *International Journal of Hindu Studies*, forthcoming 2008.

Abstracts-published.

1. "Sāṅkhya Inference." Proceedings of the XXXII International Congress for Asian and North African Studies. Hamburg 25th -30th 1986, section 10, 484.

INVITED LECTURES AND SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Chaired panels

1. Invited to act as panel chairperson and moderator for the Indian Philosophy section. At the World Sanskrit Conference in Edinburgh, UK, 13 July 2006.
2. Chaired and organized a panel "Not Word for Word, Not Line for Line: Translating from Sanskrit and Rajasthani." At the annual meeting of the American Literary Translators Association in San Francisco, 19 Oct 2000.

3. Invited to act as panel chairperson and moderator for "Individual Papers: Memory, Boundary, and Power in 20th-Century South Asia," annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Diego, CA. 10 March 2000.

4. Invited to act as chairperson for the Indian Philosophy section. At the 35th International Congress of Asian and North African Studies in Budapest, Hungary, 8 July 1997.

5. Invited to organize and chair the panel "Translating Early Religious and Philosophical Texts," at the 19th Annual Meeting of the American Literary Translators Association, Bloomington, IN, November 7-10, 1996.

Meetings of Professional Societies (peer reviewed).

1. "They May Not Become Kings: The Agency of the Inelligible Sons in the Mahābhārata," a paper presented at the American Oriental Society in Albuquerque, NM. 14 March 2009.

2. "Ṣaṣṭitantra: On the Origins of the Nonpropositional and Propositional Perception," a paper presented at the 13. World Sanskrit Conference, Edinburgh, UK. 12 July 2006.

3. "Textual Problems in the Narrative of the Karṇaparvan," a paper presented at 206. annual meeting of the American Oriental Society, Seattle, WA. 18 March 2006.

4. "The Use of the First Person Imperative for Acts of Giving and Obliging in the Mahābhārata," a paper presented at the 203. annual meeting of the American Oriental Society, Nashville, TN. 5 April 2003.

5. "Forgotten Methods of Knowing in the History of Indian Philosophy," a paper presented at the 202. annual meeting of the American Oriental Society, Houston, TX. 22 March 2002.

6. "The Motives behind Krishna's Advice to the Pāṇḍavas," a paper presented at the annual meeting of American Academy of Religion, Nashville, TN. 20 November 2000.

7. Organized a panel "Not Word for Word, Not Line for Line: Translating from Sanskrit and Rajasthani." at the annual meeting of the American Literary Translators Association in San Francisco, 19 Oct 2000.

8. "The Visual and Semantic of Sanskrit Poetry Inscriptions," presentation with translations from the Sanskrit. at the annual meeting of the American Literary Translators Association in San Francisco, 19 Oct 2000.
9. "The Sāṅkhya and the Upaniṣads. Ahimsā as a means for refusing the Vedic Tradition," a paper presented at 28th Annual Conference on South Asia in Madison, WI. 16 Oct 1999.
10. "Reciprocal Birth: the case of Aditi Uttanāpad. R̥gveda 10.72. revisited." a paper presented at the American Oriental Society in Baltimore, MD. 24 March 1999.
11. "20th Century Studies of Indian Philosophy: From Stcherbatski to Potter," a paper presented at the 35th International Congress of Asian and North African Studies in Budapest, Hungary, 8 July 1997.
12. "What Made Arjuna a Hero?" a paper presented at the 10th World Sanskrit Conference in Bangalore, India, 7 January 1997.
13. "Mnemonic Verse, Prose Commentary: Translating Hindu Philosophical Texts," invited presentation and discussion at the 19th Annual Meeting of the American Literary Translators Association, Bloomington, IN, November 7-10, 1996.
14. "Bilingual Reading of Medieval Sanskrit Poetry of Bengal," readings of the original Sanskrit and its translations, at the 19th Annual Meeting of the American Literary Translators Association, Bloomington, IN, November 7-10, 1996.
15. "Umāpatidhara, a Twelfth Century Sanskrit Poet" a paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Oriental Society, Madison, WI, March 1994.
16. "Sāṅkhya's Ambiguous Standpoint to the Vedas" a paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Los Angeles, CA, March 1993.
17. "Sāṅkhya Inference" a paper presented at the XXXII. International Congress for Asian and North African Studies, Hamburg, Germany, August 1986.
18. "The Reason Dignāga's Definition of Perception is Quoted Last in the Yuktidīpikā" a paper presented at the 6th World Sanskrit Conference, Philadelphia, PA, October 1984.

19. "Transmigration Metaphor in the Bṛhadarāṇyaka Upaniṣad 4.4.4." a paper presented at the American Oriental Society Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, March 1984.

Invited lectures.

1. "Sources for Religious Environment of India Today," guest lecture in the course "Introduction to South Asia," Asian Studies, University of Texas at Austin, TX. September 15, 2005.

2. "Gandhi and the Rise of Nineteenth Century Revivalist Organizations in the Nationalist Context," an invited lecture in the workshop Further Perspectives on Gandhi in the Outreach program of University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX. May 6, 2005.

3. "Gandhi and the 19th Century Cultural and Religious Context," an invited lecture in the workshop on Gandhi in the Outreach program of University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX. November 13, 2004.

4. "The reason for Yukti," an invited paper presented at the International Seminar: Argument and Reason in Indian Logic. Warsaw University, Oriental Institute, Poland, 20-24. June 2001.

5. "Dualita světa, jedinečnost brahma." (The Duality of the World, the Singularity of brahma.) An invited lecture to the Indology Institut, Charles University, Celetna 20, Praha, Czech Republic. 27 June 2001.

6. "Was the Grandsire Bhīṣma a Vrātya Ascetic Warrior?" an invited paper for the International Mahābhārata Conference, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada, 19 May 2001.

7. "Indian Philosophy: Is There Any?" Lecture in the Philosophy Department, Invited lectures for the International Focus Week at Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR. 2 April 2001.

8. "What are the Main Concerns of Indian Philosophers, Past and Present." Lecture for the Honors Program, Invited lectures for the International Focus Week at Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR. 2 April 2001.

9. "Religious Rivalry in Contemporary India," a slide lecture for faculty and staff, Invited lectures for the International Focus Week at Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR. 2 April 2001.

10. "Good and Evil in the Mahābhārata: A Study in Indian Narrative Ethics," an invited paper in the SWT Philosophy Dialogue Series, Philosophy Department, Southwestern University, San Marcos, TX. 15 November 2000.
11. "Jaina Cosmography and Buddhist Cosmology," an invited guest lecture in the course "Buddhism and Jainism in Ancient and Medieval India." Asian Studies, University of Texas at Austin, TX. 8 November 2000.
12. "From Image to Word," an invited presentation of translations from Sanskrit poetry at the Kātha conference with contemporary Indian writers and the translations of their works. Asian Studies, University of Texas, Austin, TX. 6-7 Oct 2000.
13. "Who is really the main protagonist in the Mahābhārata?," an invited guest lecture in the course "Introduction to India." Asian Studies, University of Texas at Austin, TX. 20 September 2000.
14. Invited to organize a panel on "Indian Epics: Stories of Love, War, and Allegiance," at the Workshop on Ancient Narratives and Contemporary Society: Asian Cultures through Folklore and Classics. South Asia Outreach Program at the University of Texas, Austin, TX. 10 June 2000.
15. "Mahābhārata and the Bhagavadgītā in the Pan-Indian Context," an invited lecture, at the Workshop on Ancient Narratives and Contemporary Society: Asian Cultures through Folklore and Classics. South Asia Outreach Program at the University of Texas, Austin, TX. 10 June 2000.
16. "Traditional Indian Literature: The Mahābhārata," an invited lecture at Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, TX, 30 July 1997.
17. "Self-chosen Death, the case of Bhīṣma," invited presentation for the India Forum 1996-97, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, 6 November 1996.
18. "The Buddhist Cakravāla Cosmology," an invited lecture in the course "Buddhist Religious Traditions," India Studies and Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, February 1996.
19. "Images of Buddha as Doorkeepers in a Hindu Cemetery," an invited lecture in the course "Religions of the East," India Studies and Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, February 1996.

20. "Mādhava, a Medieval Polyhistor and Philosopher," an invited lecture for the Society for Medieval Culture at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN, February 1995.

21. "Early Metaphors for Rebirth," an invited lecture in the India Studies series, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, December 1994.

22. "What Moral Questions Do the Hindus Raise?" (After the *Yuktidīpikā* on *Sāṅkhyakārikā* 2) an invited colloquium in the Dept. of Religious Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, October 1994.

23. "Buddhistische Skulpturen in einem Hindu-Kloster in Bodh Gaya, Indien" invited lecture given in German at the Rietberg Museum, Zurich, Switzerland, September 1989.

24. "Indian Religions and Art" invited lecture given in Institut Ste Marie, Bruxelles, Belgium, September 1989.

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Reviewer for Texas textbooks for history courses, selections pertaining to classical India, in preparation for the SAI (University of Texas) report for the review of Texas textbooks, 2007.

Manuscript reviewer for proposed book by Anna Dallapiccola: *Hindu Myths*. UT Press at Austin, TX. In co-operation with the British Museum Press, 2006.

Presenter at the Substantial Writing Courses (SWC) retreat at UT on Writing Assignments in SWC. In Austin, 24 May 2006.

Consultant for Hindu religion in preparation of a publication by Fr. Roch Kereszty, Dallas University, summer 2005.

Presenter on Indian Religions at Zale Co. in Dallas, 20 August 2004.

Mentor to a student of Westwood High School, Austin, TX, for an International Post-baccalaureate Writing Competition, Fall 2003

Manuscript reviewer for proposed book by Richard Blurton: *Bengali Myths*. 2006. UT Press at Austin, TX. In co-operation with the British Museum Press, 2002.

Manuscript reviewer for publication for book proposal of Purushottama Billimoria Indian Ethics for Routledge. 2000.

Reviewer of Grant proposals for NEH 1990.

Consultant for exhibition "Courtyard, Bazaar, Temple: Traditions of Textile Expression in India," organized by University of Washington, made possible in part by a grant from the NEH, June 12 to July 25, 1982.

LANGUAGES

Advanced: German, Czech, English, Sanskrit.

Intermediate: Hindi, Pali, Russian, Slovak.

Also studied: Vedic, Avestan, Prakrits, Tibetan, French, Greek, Polish.

THESIS ADVISING AND GUIDANCE

Advisor, Plan II Thesis, Poonam Dubal, *Reproduction in Ayurveda*, Fall & Spring 2007-8

Advisor, Honors Thesis, Rupa Pillai,
Mirroring the Society: Kathakali and Teyyam in Contemporary Kerala, Fall & Spring 2005-6

Advisor, Plan II Thesis, Vikram Marocha,
The Hindu Nationalist Vision of India: An Exploration of Hindutva's Coherence, Intentions, and Viability, Spring 2005

Advisor, Honors Thesis, Shirley Becken,
Bhakti devotion and the Terrukuttu Mahabharata of Draupadiamman. Sacrifice in Battle in a South Indian Goddess Cult, Spring & Fall 2004

Advisor, Plan II Thesis, Priya Kaji,
Correspondences between the Aesthetic Principles of Bhārata Nāṭyam and Ayurvedic Concepts, Spring 2004

Second Reader for Master Thesis, Peter Knapczyk,
The Goddess of Gangotri. A Study of Traditional Narrative, Indigenous Genres, and Sacred Geography, Spring 2004

Second Reader for Master Thesis, Keith Allen,
Causality in Kashmiri Śaivism: A Translation and Study, Spring 2003

Second Reader for Plan II Honors Thesis, Olivia Worthy-Riall,
Hatha Yoga Practice in the United States, Fall 2002

Advisor, B.A. Thesis, Betty Nguyen,
*Apoha as an Attempt to uncover the Architecture of Consciousness
in Dignaga*, Spring & Summer 2002

Advisor, Master Thesis, Eduardo Contreras, Jr.,
Two Contemporary Productions of the Mahābhārata, Spring &
Summer 2001

Advisor, B.A. Thesis, Shanti Nulu,
Pain as Transformative Agent in India Cultural Contexts, Sp 2001

Second Reader for Master Thesis, Mark McClish,
*Different Approaches: The Prasthānabheda of Madhusūdana
Sarasvatī in Translation*, Summer 2000

Advisor, Honors Thesis, Ada Calhoun Schjeldahl,
*Hymn to the Earth. An Original Annotated Translation of the
Vedic text Pṛthivī-Sūkta, Śaunaka Atharvaveda Book 12, Hymn 1*,
Spring 2000

Second Reader for Honors Thesis, Sapna Mehta,
*Between Myth and Reality: Representation of Women in Ancient
India*, Spring 2000

Advisor, Master Thesis, Jeffrey Shirkey,
A Study and Translation of the Maitreyāvadāna, Spring 1996

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Member of American Oriental Society, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
Member of Association for Asian Studies, University of Michigan, Ann
Arbor. MI
Member of American Literary Translators Association, TX.
Member of American Academy of Religion, Emory University, Atlanta, GA.