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EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin, Ph.D. 2000
Asian Cultures and Languages

University of Texas at Austin, M.A. 1995
Asian Studies

Harvard University, A.B. (*magna cum laude*) 1992
Anthropology, Sanskrit & Indian Studies

EMPLOYMENT

Professor, Fall 2018-present
Associate Professor, Fall 2013-Fall 2018
Department of Asian Studies
University of Texas at Austin
Austin, TX

Associate Professor, Fall 2009-Fall 2013
Assistant Professor, Fall 2004-Fall 2009
Department of Languages & Cultures of Asia
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Madison, WI

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Asian Languages & Cultures
Public Goods/ Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow
University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, MI Fall 2002-Fall 2004

Assistant Professor, Department of Religion (tenure-track)

Bucknell University

Lewisburg, PA Fall 2000-Fall 2004 (on leave 2002-04)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND ACADEMIC AWARDS

Project Investigator, South Asia Institute, Title VI NRC/FLAS Grant, US

Department of Education, Fall 2017-present

Dean's Leadership Fellow, College of Liberal Arts, UT-Austin, Fall 2017-Spring 2018

Fellow of the Jacob and Frances Sanger Mossiker Chair in the Humanities, UT-Austin, Fall 2013-present

H.I. Romnes Faculty Fellowship, UW-Madison, 2011-12 (\$50,000 research award for "exceptional faculty" in the early post-tenure years)

Grant for Mellon Workshop on "Comparative Religious Law," Center for the Humanities, UW-Madison, 2010-12 (co-organizer with Jordan Rosenblum)

Named an "Honored Instructor" by students in University Housing, UW-Madison: Spring 2013, Fall 2012, Fall 2011, Spring 2010

Class of 1955 Distinguished Teaching Award, UW-Madison, 2010

Phillip R. Certain Distinguished Faculty Award, UW-Madison (awarded to the "single most outstanding member of this year's group of newly-tenured faculty in the College of Letters and Science"), 2009

UW Graduate School Research Award (funded by WARF), 2009-10—Project Assistantship for research on "Islamic Law in Kerala"

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Faculty Workshop Fellowship, 2008-09

DoIT Engage Award: Technology-Enhanced Collaborative Group Work, UW-Madison, Fall 2008—wiki-based collaborative project for a course on "Hindu Law"

NEH Fellowship, "The Spirit of Hindu Law," 2007-08

UW Institute for Research in the Humanities Fellowship, Spring 2007

UW Graduate School Research Award (funded by WARF), 2006-07—Project Assistantship for the [Cooperative Annotated Bibliography of Hindu Law and](#)

[Dharmaśāstra](#) and Summer Salary for the editing of Rocher, *Studies in Hindu Law and Dharmaśāstra*

NEH Summer Stipend, “Scripture and the Concept of Law in India,” 2002

Pitcairn-Crabbe Curricular Development Grant, Bucknell Univ., 2001

US/ED Academic Sharing Program Grant, Univ. of Michigan, May 2001

Collection Development Grant—Gladys Brooks Fund, Bucknell Univ., 2001

BOOKS

2018. *Hindu Law: A New History of Dharmaśāstra*. Edited volume co-edited with Patrick Olivelle. Oxford History of Hinduism. Gen. ed. Gavin Flood. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2017. *The Dharma of Business: Commercial Law in Medieval India*. Story of Indian Business. ed. Gurcharan Das. Delhi: Penguin India.

2014. *Irreverent History: Essays for M.G.S. Narayanan*. Edited volume, co-edited with Kesavan Veluthat. Delhi: Primus Books.

2012. [Studies in Hindu Law and Dharmaśāstra by Ludo Rocher](#). Edited with a critical introduction and notes. Anthem South Asian Normative Traditions Series. London/New York/Delhi: Anthem Press.

2010. *The Spirit of Hindu Law*. Cambridge/New York: Cambridge University Press. [South Asia reprint](#), 2010.

REVIEWS: 1) [Hinduism Today \(Jun-Sep 2010\), p.61](#); 2) [Journal of Hindu Studies 3:3 \(2010\), pp.373-5](#); 3) [Archives de Sciences Sociales des Religions 152 \(2010\), doc. 152-36](#); 4) [Journal of the American Oriental Society 130:3 \(2010\), pp.445-451](#); 5) [Sehepunkte 11:2 \(2011\)](#); 6) [The Statesmen \(New Delhi\) \(March 12, 2011\)](#); 7) [Numen 58:2-3 \(2011\), pp.424-428](#); 8) [The Hindu \(May 31, 2011\)](#); 9) *The Book Review* (New Delhi, July 2011), p.28; 10) [Organiser \(New Delhi, July 24, 2011\), p.17](#); 11) [History of Religions 51:2 \(2011\), pp.183-185](#); 12) [Religious Studies Review 38:3 \(2012\), pp.188-189](#); 13) [Indo-Iranian Journal 55:4 \(2012\), pp.379-382](#).

2010. *Hinduism and Law: An Introduction*. Edited volume, co-edited with Timothy Lubin and Jayanth Krishnan, Cambridge/New York: Cambridge University Press. [<http://www.cambridge.org/us/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=0521716268>]

REVIEWS: 1) [Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies 74:3 \(2011\), pp.496-497](#); 2) [The Hindu \(Dec 12, 2011\)](#); 3) [Journal of Asian Studies 70:4 \(2011\), pp.1188-1190](#); 4) [Journal of Church and State 54:1 \(2012\), pp.134-136](#); 5) *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (2012).

2005. *The Train that Had Wings: Selected Short Stories of M. Mukundan*. Translated with an Introduction. Ann Arbor: Centers for South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of Michigan.

2004. *The Boundaries of Hindu Law: Tradition, Custom, and Politics in Medieval Kerala*. *Corpus Iuris Sanscriticum et Fontes Iuris Asiae Meridianae et Centralis*. Vol. 5. Ed. Oscar Botto. Torino (Italy): CESMEO.

PUBLISHED ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, & ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

2018. “The King’s Law and The Laws: A Study of *Rājadharmā* in Vijñāneśvara’s *Mitākṣarā*.” In *Clio and Her Descendants: Essays for Kesavan Veluthat*. ed. Manu V. Devadevan. Delhi: Primus Books, 504-534.

2018. “Introduction” (1-14); “Social and Literary History of Dharmaśāstra: Commentaries and Legal Digests” (30-48, co-authored with David Brick); “Children (*putra/duhitṛ*)” (151-163); “Vows and Observances (*vrata*)” (325-334); “History of the Reception of Dharmaśāstra” (371-382); “Economics and Business as *Vaiśya-dharma*” (496-506). In *Hindu Law: A New History of Dharmaśāstra*. Eds. Patrick Olivelle and Donald R. Davis, Jr.. Vol. 2. Oxford History of Hinduism. gen. ed. Gavin Flood. Oxford: Oxford UP.

2018. “Hindu Law and Legal Theory.” [Oxford Bibliographies in Hinduism](#). ed. Tracy Coleman. New York: Oxford UP, doi: [10.1093/OBO/9780195399318-0193](https://doi.org/10.1093/OBO/9780195399318-0193).

2017. “Justice Demands Facts: Law, Narrative, and Poetry in Classical India.” *Antiquorum Philosophia: An International Journal* 11, 11-25.

2017. "The Epistemology of Classical Hindu Law." In *History of Indian Philosophy* ed. Purushottama Bilimoria, with Amy Rayner. New York: Routledge, 428-436.

2017. "An Indian Philosophy of Law: Vijñāneśvara's *Epitome of the Law*." *Oxford Handbook of Indian Philosophy*, ed. Jonardon Ganeri. New York: Oxford UP, 507-521. (published online July 2015, doi: [10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199314621.013.9](https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199314621.013.9)).

2016. "Toward a History of Documents in Medieval India: The Encounter of Scholasticism and Regional Law in the *Smṛticandrikā*." *The Medieval Globe* 2:2, ed. Elizabeth Lambourn, 167-198.

2015. "Rules, Culture, and Imagination in Sanskrit Jurisprudence." in *Legalism: Rules and Categories*. eds. Paul Dresch and Judith Scheele. Oxford: Oxford UP, 29-52.

2015. "Hinduism and Colonial Law." (co-authored with Timothy Lubin) in *Hinduism in the Modern World*. ed. Brian A. Hatcher. London: Routledge, 96-109.

2015. "Three Principles for an Asian Humanities: Care First...Learn From...Connect Histories." *Journal of Asian Studies* 74:1, 43-67.

2014. "Satire as Apology: The *Puruṣārthakkūttū* of Kerala." In *Irreverent History: Essays for M.G.S. Narayanan*, eds. Kesavan Veluthat and Donald R. Davis, Jr. Delhi: Primus Books, 93-109.

2014. "Responsa in Hindu Law: Consultation and Lawmaking in Medieval India." *Oxford Journal of Law & Religion* 3:1, 57-75, (first published online 26 July 2013), doi: [10.1093/ojlr/rwt028](https://doi.org/10.1093/ojlr/rwt028).

2012. "Modern Legal Framework." In *Brill's Encyclopedia of Hinduism*. Vol. 4. eds. Knut A. Jacobsen, et al. Leiden: Brill, 707-717.

2012. "Centres of Law: Duties, Rights, and Jurisdictional Pluralism in Medieval India." In *Legalism: Anthropology and History*, eds. Paul Dresch and Hannah Skoda. Oxford: Oxford UP, 85-113.

2012. (co-authored with John Nemeč). “Legal Consciousness in Medieval Indian Narratives.” *Law, Culture, and the Humanities* 12:1, 106-131 (2016); OnlineFirst (12 June 2012). doi: [10.1177/1743872112443762](https://doi.org/10.1177/1743872112443762).
2011. “Matrilineal Adoption, Inheritance Law, and Rites for the Dead among Hindus in Medieval Kerala.” In *Religion and Identity in South Asia and Beyond: Essays in Honor of Patrick Olivelle*, ed. Steven E. Lindquist. London/New York/Delhi: Anthem Press, 147-164.
2010. “A Historical Overview of Hindu Law.” In *Hinduism and Law: An Introduction*. eds. T. Lubin, D.R. Davis, Jr. and J. Krishnan. Cambridge/New York: Cambridge UP, 17-27.
2010. (co-authored with Timothy Lubin and Jayanth Krishnan) “Introduction.” In *Hinduism and Law: An Introduction*. eds. T. Lubin, D.R. Davis, Jr. and J. Krishnan. Cambridge/New York: Cambridge UP, 1-13.
2009. “Law in the Mirror of Language: the Madras School of Orientalism on Hindu Law.” In *The Madras School of Orientalism: Producing Knowledge in Colonial South India*, ed. Thomas R. Trautmann, Delhi: Oxford UP, 288-309.
2009. “Arthaśāstra” and “Rājāśāsana.” In [Encyclopedia of Legal History](#). ed. Stanley N. Katz. New York: Oxford UP.
2008. “Before Virtue: Halakhah, Dharmaśāstra, and What Law Can Create.” *Law & Contemporary Problems* 71:2, 99-108.
2008. “Law and ‘Law Books’ in the Hindu Tradition.” [German Law Journal](#) 9:3 (Special Issue on India), 309-325. [slightly revised from the 2006 version, reprinted in *The Many Faces of India: Law and Politics of the Subcontinent*. ed. Malcolm MacLaren. New Delhi: Samskriti, 2012, 63-80.]
2008. “Law.” In *Studying Hinduism: Key Concepts and Methods*. Eds. Sushil Mittal and Gene Thursby. New York: Routledge, 218-229.

2007. "On Ātmatuṣṭi as a Source of Dharma." *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 127:3, 279-296.

2007. "Maxims and Precedent in Classical Hindu Law." *Indologica Taurinensia* 33, 33-55.

2007. "Hinduism as a Legal Tradition." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 75:2, 241-267. [also available at DOI: [10.1093/jaarel/lfm004](https://doi.org/10.1093/jaarel/lfm004)]

2007. "The Non-Observance of Conventions: A Title of Hindu Law in the *Smṛticandrikā*." *Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft* 157:1, 103-124.

2006. "Diritto e 'testi giuridici' nella tradizione hindu." *Daimon: Annuario di diritto comparato delle religioni* 6, 97-113. [translation of "Law and 'Law Books' in the Hindu Tradition" above; original available at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=924581>]

2006. "A Realist View of Hindu Law." *Ratio Juris: An International Journal of Jurisprudence and Philosophy of Law* 19:3, 287-313 [also available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=924457> or DOI: [10.1111/j.1467-9337.2006.00332.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-9337.2006.00332.x)]

2005. "Intermediate Realms of Law: Corporate Groups and Rulers in Medieval India." *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 48:1, 92-117.

2004. "Being Hindu or Being Human: A Reappraisal of the *Puruṣārthas*." *International Journal of Hindu Studies* 8:1-3, 1-27.

2004. "Dharma in Practice: Ācāra and Authority in Medieval Dharmasāstra." *Journal of Indian Philosophy* 32:5, 813-830. rpt. in *Dharma: Studies in its Semantic, Cultural and Religious History*. ed. Patrick Olivelle. New Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 2009, 391-408.

2002. "Dharma, Maryāda, and Law in Early British Malabar: Remarks on Words for 'Law' in the Tellicherry Records." *Studien zur Indologie und Iranistik* 23, 51-70. [corrected version available at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=924914>]

1999. "Recovering the Indigenous Legal Traditions of India: Classical Hindu Law in Practice in Late Medieval Kerala." *Journal of Indian Philosophy* 27:3, 159-213.

FORTHCOMING & SUBMITTED ARTICLES

"Conscience is Tradition: Classical Hindu Law and the Ethics of Conservatism." In *Legalism: Ethics and Conscience*. eds. Morgan Clarke and Emily Corran. Oxford: Oxford UP.

"Law-Stuff: Content and Materiality of the Kollam Plates," submitted for the Kollam Plates project volume, ed. Elizabeth Lambourn, to be published by Primus Books.

"Religious Law," and "Dharma: Hindu" entries for the *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion*

"Why Teach Jainism? A Small Religious Tradition at a Large Public University," submitted to the *International Journal of Jaina Studies*.

"Reading is an Act of Trust." *Sensitive Readings*, eds. Charles Hallisey and Yigal Bronner

"Maxims." *Oxford Handbook of Law and Humanities*, eds. Simon Stern, Bernadette Meyler, and Maksymilian Del Mar. Oxford, Oxford UP.

TRANSLATIONS

2006. "Dharma in Hinduism." by Paul Hacker. *Journal of Indian Philosophy* 34:5, 479-496, translation of and brief bibliographic note on "Dharma im Hinduismus," originally published in *Zeitschrift für Missionswissenschaft und Religions-wissenschaft* 49 (1965): 93-106. rpt. in *Dharma: Studies in its Semantic, Cultural and Religious History*. ed. Patrick Olivelle. New Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 2009, 475-492. [also available at DOI: [10.1007/s10781-006-9002-4](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10781-006-9002-4)]

2004. "Bathroom." by M. Mukundan, In *Wind Flowers: Contemporary Malayalam Short Fiction*. Eds. V. Abdulla and R.E. Asher, Delhi: Penguin, 160-64.

2002. "Stranger." by M. Mukundan, *The Little Magazine* (Delhi), 3:3, 74-76.

2002. "Coir." by M. Mukundan, *The Week* (Kerala, India), May 19th issue.

BOOK REVIEWS

forthcoming. D. Christian Lammerts. *Buddhist Law in Burma: A History of Dhammasattha Texts and Jurisprudence, 1250-1850*, in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*.

Kesavan Veluthat. *Notes of Dissent: Essays on Indian History*. H-Asia, H-Net Reviews. August, 2018. <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=52450>

2016. Alf Hiltebeitel, *Dharma: Its Early History in Law, Religion, and Narrative*, in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 136:1, 161-164.

2013. Federico Squarcini, *Tradition, Veda, and Law: Studies on South Asian Classical Intellectual Traditions*, in *Journal of Hindu Studies* 6:2, 232-234.

2013. Ronit Ricci, *Islam Translated: Literature, Conversion, and the Arabic Cosmopolis of South and Southeast Asia*, in *Journal of Asian Studies* 72:1, 224-226.

2010. Adam Bowles. *Dharma, Disorder and the Political in Ancient India: The Āpaddharmaparvan of the Mahābhārata*, in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 130:2, 274-277.

2008. Leela Prasad, *Poetics of Conduct: Oral Narrative and Moral Being in a South Indian Town*, in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 128:4, 812-813.

2008. Ashutosh Dayal Mathur, *Medieval Hindu Law: Historical Evolution and Enlightened Rebellion*, in *Indian Economic and Social History Review* 45:4, 588-590.

2008. John Stratton Hawley and Vasudha Narayanan (eds.), *The Life of Hinduism*, in *Journal of Law & Religion* 24, 101-105.

2005. Kamalesh Kumar Jain (Ed.), *Jaina Uddharaṇa Kośa*. Vol. 1, in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 125:4, 568.

2004. “Traditional Hindu Law in the Guise of ‘Postmodernism’: A Review Article.” (review of Werner Menski, *Hindu Law: Beyond Tradition and Modernity*) in *Michigan Journal of International Law* 25:3, 735-749.

2003. David Ludden, *India and South Asia: A Short History* and Peter Robb, *A History of India*, in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 123:4, 915-917.

2002. Heinz Werner Weßler, *Zeit und Geschichte im Viṣṇupurāṇa: Formen ihrer Wahrnehmung und ihrer eschatologischen Bezüge, anhand der Textgestalt dargestellt*, in *International Journal of Hindu Studies* 6:3, 332-333.

2002. Radhika Singha, *A Despotism of Law: Crime and Justice in Early Colonial India*, in *Contemporary South Asia* 11:2, 249-50.

2001. Diane Collinson, Kathryn Plant, and Robert Wilkinson. *Fifty Eastern Thinkers*, in *International Journal of Hindu Studies* 5:1, 97-98.

OTHER

[Cooperative Annotated Bibliography of Hindu Law and Dharmaśāstra](http://sites.utexas.edu/hindulaw/)—online database of over 3,000 references in the field with detailed subject analysis and selected annotations (<http://sites.utexas.edu/hindulaw/>)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION (with working titles)

“Legal Institutions,” to appear in the *Cambridge Comparative History of Ancient Law*

“Slaves and Slavery in the *Smṛticandrikā*”

“Conceptions of Adultery in Sanskrit Legal Texts of Medieval India”

Common Sense and Legal History in India: Collected Essays on Hindu Law and Dharmaśāstra by Richard W. Lariviere. Edited with a critical introduction and notes. Delhi: Primus Books. [under contract, ms. due in Sep 2019]

The Practice of Hindu Law, monograph in preparation

“The Preferential Option for Language Teachers,” working paper

“*Sādhāraṇadharmā* in Dharmaśāstra”

DISSERTATION & THESES

“The Boundaries of Law: Tradition, ‘Custom,’ and Politics in Late Medieval Kerala,” Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Texas at Austin, 2000.

“Religion, Law, and Gifts in Medieval India: An Analysis and Partial Translation of the *Dānakāṇḍa* of Lakṣmīdharabhaṭṭa,” Master's Thesis, University of Texas at Austin, 1995.

“Land Grants and Social Order in Medieval South India: The *Cōlas*,” Undergraduate Thesis, Harvard University, 1992 (*summa cum laude*).

CONFERENCE PAPERS & INVITED TALKS

“*Freedom to* and *Freedom from* in Classical Hindu Jurisprudence,” presented at the Genealogies of Freedom conference, Department of History, University of Texas at Austin, April 2019.

“Reflections on Work, Servitude, and Slavery in Medieval India,” presented at the Athenaeum, Claremont-McKenna College, Claremont, CA, April 2019.

“Sighted by the Invisible: On the Nature of Caste in Medieval Hindu Law,” presented in the South Asian Religions Colloquium, Harvard Divinity School, February 2019.

“Slaves and Slavery in the *Smṛticandrikā*,” presented at the 17th World Sanskrit Conference, Vancouver, Canada, July 2018 and in the South Asia Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, Oct 2018.

“Maxims,” presented at the Law & Humanities Symposium, Stanford Law School, May 2018.

“The Need to be Normal: Social Rules and Conscience in Classical India,” presented at the *Legalism: Ethics and Conscience* Workshop, Oxford University, January 2018.

“The Development of Legal Subjectivity in Classical Hindu Law,” presented at the Legal History Colloquium, Vanderbilt University, November 2017

“The Religious Construction of the Legal Subject in Classical Hindu Law,” presented at *Entanglements of Law and Religion in South Asia*, Yale University, April 2017

“*Jātiviveka* in the *Mitākṣarā* of Vijñāneśvara,” presented at the 227th meeting of the American Oriental Society, Los Angeles, CA, March 2017.

“The Imaginative Impulse: Law and Aspirational Ethics in Medieval Hindu Law,” Paul and Marie Castelfranco Lecture, University of California-Davis, April 2016.

“*Vārttā* as *Vaiśyadharmā*,” presented at the 226th meeting of the American Oriental Society, Boston, MA, March 2016.

“Natural Law in Hindu Jurisprudence,” presented as the Harold Berman Lecture as part of a panel on “Reason and Revelation: a Conversation on Natural Law in Four Religions,” Emory University, Center for the Study of Law and Religion, February 2016.

“‘Sonuva...’: A Tiny History of the *Putra* and *Duhitr* in Dharmaśāstra,” presented at the 225th meeting of the American Oriental Society, New Orleans, LA, March 2015.

“Legal Lives of Children in Medieval South India,” presented in the South Asia Seminar, University of Texas at Austin, February 2015.

“Legal Institutions,” presented at the Cambridge Comparative History of Ancient Law workshop, Yale University, July 2014.

“Big and Little Histories: the Kollam Plates and Indian Ocean Studies,” presented at the Perry-Castañeda Library as part of the [“Copper Plates from Kollam”](#) exhibition, University of Texas at Austin, April 2014.

“Good Ol’ Common Sense: *Yukti* and *Sevara* in Hindu and Jewish Law,” to be presented at the American Academy of Religion conference, Baltimore, MD, November 2013.

“Rules in Culture and Metaculture according to Mīmāṃsā and Dharmasāstra,” presented at the South Asia Seminar, University of Pennsylvania, September 19, 2013 and at the third Legalism Workshop on “Rule and Categories,” Oxford University, May 2014.

“Law-Stuff: Content and Materiality of the Kollam Plates,” presented at the “Kollam Plates Workshop, Pt 2,” De Montfort University, organized by Elizabeth Lambourn as part of *Routes, Networks, and Communities in the Medieval Indian Ocean* project, Leicester, UK, June 2013.

“The Architecture of Hindu Law in Colonial India,” presented at the 223rd meeting of the American Oriental Society, Portland, OR, March 2013.

“Law In and Out of the Kollam Plates,” presented at the “Kollam Plates Workshop,” The British Museum, organized by Elizabeth Lambourn as part of *Routes, Networks, and Communities in the Medieval Indian Ocean* project, London, Oct 2012.

“Medieval Dharmasāstra on the Pāñcarātras and Pāśupatas,” presented at the 222nd meeting of the American Oriental Society, Boston, MA, March 2012.

“Critical Remarks on Professor P.V. Kane’s View of the Relationship of Dharmaśāstra to Itihāsa and Purāṇa,” presented in the Law & Society Section of the 15th World Sanskrit Conference, Delhi, India, January 2012.

Panelist (with Clifford Ando), “The Unity of Law and Religion in Ancient Rome and Classical India: Learning From the ‘Other,’” [Debating Law & Religion Workshop](#), Yale Law School, October 2011.

“Care First...Learn From...Connect Histories: Three Principles for an Asian Humanities,” presented in the seminar of the Department of Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University, October 2011.

“Centers of Law: Duties, Rights, and Jurisdictional Pluralism in Medieval India,” presented at the Foundation for Law, Justice, and Society, St. John’s College Research Centre, Oxford University, June 2011.

“*Sādhāraṇadharmā* in Manu and Yājñavalkya,” presented at the 221st Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Chicago, IL, March 2011.

“Responsa in Hindu Law,” presented at the “Religion and Legal History “ Workshop, UW-Madison, September 2010 and at the Center for South Asian Studies, University of Virginia, October 2010.

“Looking for Law in All the Wrong Places: a Sketch of Hindu Law in Practice in Medieval India,” presented in the seminar series “Legalism: History and Anthropology,” Center for Socio-Legal Studies, St. John’s College Research Centre, Oxford University, May 2010.

“Three Polities, Three Texts: a Punctuated History of Hindu Law in Medieval and Early Modern Kerala” presented at the conference “Authors and Patrons: Social Contexts of Legal Texts in Ancient India,” University of Texas at Austin, February 2010.

“What is Hindu about Modern Hindu Law?: the Sanskrit Story,” presented in the Law & Society Section of the 14th World Sanskrit Conference, Kyoto, Japan, September 2009.

“Satire as Apology: Or, What I Learned from the Chakyar,” presented at the South Asia Summer Language Institute, Madison, WI July 2009.

“Documentary Regimens of Religious and Legal Administration in Early Modern Kerala,” presented at the Workshop “Religious Cultures in South Asia, c. 1500-1800,” St. Anthony’s College, Oxford University, June 2009.

“An Unintended Revolution: Oriental Jones and his *Institutes of Hindu Law* (1796),” presented at the Religion in Print Symposium, Print Culture Society, UW-Madison, April 2009

“Remarks on *Vyavahāra* in Hindu Law,” presented at the 219th Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Albuquerque, NM, March 2009.

Participant/Presenter, Workshop on the Role of Law in Developing and Transitional Societies, UW Law School, Dec 2008.

“Law as the Theology of Ordinary Life: Lessons from Hindu Law” presented in the South Asia Seminar at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 2008.

“The Good of Hindu Law: *Varṇāśramadharma* and Sacrifice” presented at the 218th Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Chicago, IL, March 2008.

“(Hindu) Law and the Theology of Ordinary Life,” presented at the American Academy of Religion conference, San Diego, CA, Nov 2007.

“Law in the Mirror of Language: the Madras School of Orientalism on Hindu Law,” presented at a conference on the Madras School of Orientalism organized by Tom Trautmann, University of Michigan, May 2007.

“On *Ātmatuṣṭi* as a Source of *Dharma*,” presented at the 217th Meeting of the American Oriental Society, San Antonio, TX, March 2007.

“Conflict, Ethics, and Teleology in the Jurisprudence of Hindu Legal Procedure,” presented in the seminar of the Institute for Research in the Humanities, UW-Madison, February 2007.

“Maxims and Precedent in Classical Hindu Law,” presented in the Law & Society Section of the 13th World Sanskrit Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland, July 2006.

“Matrilineal Adoption, Inheritance Law, and Rites for the Dead among Hindus in Medieval Kerala,” invited talk at Washington & Lee University, Lexington, VA, May 2006.

“Hinduism as a Legal Tradition,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, November 2005 and in the South Asia Seminars of the University of Iowa and the University of Wisconsin, December 2005.

“The Contributions of Ludo Rocher to the Study of Hindu Law,” presented at the 215th Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Philadelphia, PA, March 2005.

“Three Roots vs. Four Feet: the Distinction of Religion and Law in Classical India,” presented at the 214th Meeting of the American Oriental Society, San Diego, CA, March 2004.

“Convention, Legislation, and *Dharma* in Medieval Hindu Law: A Study of *Sam̐vidvyatikrama*,” presented at the 213th Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Nashville, TN, April 2003 and in the Law & Society Section of the 12th World Sanskrit Conference, Helsinki, Finland, July 2003.

“Divine and Human in South Asian Religions,” presented at the SAAN (South Asian Awareness Network) Conference on the “Continuity of Culture,” University of Michigan, January 2003.

“Hermeneutics of Hindu *Dharma*,” Brown Bag Lecture Series, Center for South Asian Studies, University of Michigan, December 2002.

“Beyond Manu: *Dharmaśāstra* as Historical Scripture,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Toronto, Canada, November 2002.

“The Relationship of *Ācāra* and *Dharma* in the Major *Dharmaśāstra* Texts,” presented at the 212th Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Houston, TX, March 2002.

“Malayalam, Modernism, and M. Mukundan: Transforming the Short Story in 20th Century Kerala,” presented at the 30th Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 2001.

“Adoption among Matrilineal Groups in Kerala according to the *Laghudharmaprakāśikā*,” presented at the 211th Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Toronto, Canada, March 2001.

“Satire As Apology: the *Puruṣārthakkūttū* of Kerala,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Nashville, TN, November 2000.

“*Anācāra* and Regional Consciousness in the *Laghudharmaprakāśikā*,” presented at the 210th Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Portland, OR, March 2000.

“The Formation and Reformation of Law in Early British Malabar: Remarks on Words for ‘Law’ in the Tellicherry Records,” presented at the 209th Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Baltimore, MD, March 1999.

“A Happy Marriage of *Dharmaśāstra* and Epigraphy: Land Grants in Medieval India,” presented at the 23rd Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, November 1994.

“Legal Anthropology and the ‘Segmentary State’ in India,” presented at the Southwestern Regional Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Texas A&M University, October 1994.

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Asian Religions
 Introduction to Asian Cultures
 Religion in South Asia
 Hinduism
 Jainism
 Religions of India
 Religious Epics of India
 First-Year Seminar: Religion & the Meaning of Life
 Religion & Law in the Ancient World
 Religious Law in Asia
 Comparative Religious Law
 Hindu Law
 Law & Religion
 Capstone Seminar in Asian Humanities
 Sacred Texts & History in India
 Senior Seminar: Scripture in World Religions
 Classical Hinduism (Grad Seminar)
 Modern Hinduism (Grad Seminar)
 History of Dharmaśāstra (Grad Seminar)
 Ethics and Scholarship in the Asian Humanities (Grad Seminar)
 Teaching in the Asian Humanities (Grad Seminar)
 Sanskrit (all levels, specialized topics taught include: Pūrva-Mīmāṃsā, Buddhist
 and Jain *kathā* and *śāstra*, Scholastic Sanskrit (*bhāṣya*), *Bhāgavata Purāṇa*, Advaita-
 and Viśiṣṭādvaita-Vedānta)
 Malayalam

LANGUAGES

Malayalam
 Sanskrit (reading)
 German (*Zertifikat Deutsch als Fremdsprache: 90.5*)
 Spanish (reading: good, speaking: fair)
 Tamil (fair)

MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
American Oriental Society
Association for Asian Studies
Epigraphical Society of India (life member)

PROFESSIONAL & MAJOR UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Director, South Asia Institute, UT-Austin, Fall 2017-present

Member, Language Committee, American Institute of Indian Studies, Fall 2016-present

Member, Curriculum Design & Assessment Committee, College of Liberal Arts, UT-Austin, Sep 2015-Sep 2017

Graduate Adviser, Dept of Asian Studies, UT-Austin, June 2015-August 2017

Executive Committee, South Asia Institute, UT-Austin, 2014-2016

Review Panelist for NEH Fellowship Competition, South & Southeast Asia section, 2014

Executive Committee, Arts & Humanities Division, UW-Madison, 2010-13 (Vice-Chair 2011-12, Chair 2012-13)

Co-Chair, Steering Committee of the Religion in South Asia Section of the American Academy of Religion, 2010-2013

Member, Consultative Committee, International Association of Sanskrit Studies, 2012-present

Conference Chair, Annual Conference on South Asia, UW-Madison, October 2012; October 2008

Co-Chair, Law & Society (Dharmaśāstra and Arthaśāstra) Section; 17th World Sanskrit Conference, Vancouver, Canada, July 2018; 15th World Sanskrit Conference, New Delhi, India, January 2012; 14th World Sanskrit Conference, Kyoto, Japan, July 2009; 13th World Sanskrit Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland, July 2006, including the editing of seven articles from the conference for Vol. 33 of *Indologica Taurinensia*

Co-Leader (with Lalita du Perron and Robin Worth), “Content Standards and Performance-Based Assessment for South Asian Languages,” SASLI/SALRC Pedagogy Workshop, June 8-11, 2010

Academic Director, South Asia Summer Language Institute (SASLI), Summers 2008, 2009, 2010

Committee on Nominations, American Oriental Society, 2005-2007

Review Panelist for NEH Summer Stipends, 2003, 2004, 2008

Manuscript Reviewer: Oxford UP, Columbia UP, SUNY Press (Albany), *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, *International Journal of Hindu Studies*, *Journal of Indian Philosophy*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Philosophy East & West*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, and *Journal of Chinese Religions*

Committee on Instruction, Bucknell University, 2001-2002

South Asia Focus Year Coordinator, Bucknell University, 2001-2002
(Speaker Series, Faculty Reading Group, Cultural Events)

Manuscript Examiner (Malayalam), *Manusmṛti* Critical Edition Project
Department of Asian Studies, University of Texas, 1999-2001

Administrative Assistant, American Oriental Society, Nov 1999-Aug 2000

Assistant Editor, *SAGAR (South Asia Graduate Research Journal)*, University of Texas, 1994-95

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Law & religion in medieval India; history of religions in South Asia; Sanskrit and Malayalam language and literature; Dharmaśāstra literature; South Indian history