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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

Columbia University, Ph.D. 5/97, M.Phil. 5/94, M.A. 2/94.

Major Subjects:

Indic civilizations, religions, cultures and history; ancient and modern Indic languages and dialects; Hinduism; Middle Eastern cultures, comparative religion; study of religion.

Columbia University, B.A., Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures (MEALAC), 8/92
(Magna cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, 1992).

University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies, 1986-89.

Manchester University 1976-77.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Rutgers Junior Faculty Teaching Award, 2003-4

Rutgers Summer Research Grant, 2002-2003; 2004-2005

Rutgers Dialogue Grant 2003-2004.

American Council of Learned Societies/Social Science Research Council/National
Endowment of the Humanities International and Area Fellowship, 2000-2001.

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1995-96.

Whiting Fellowship, 1995-96 (declined).

American Institute of Indian Studies Junior Fellowship for research in India, 1994-95.

Foreign Language Area Scholarship (FLAS) for the study of Hindi, 1992-93, 1993-94, summer
1992.

Columbia University School of General Studies Scholarship, 1990-91.

LANGUAGES

Read, spoken and written: Italian, French, Hindi.

Other: Sanskrit, Pali, Bengali, Urdu, Avadhi and Bhrajabhasa (medieval Indic dialects).

Time Spent Abroad. Upbringing in the British Foreign Office: Italy, 1957-61; Germany, 1964-67; Taiwan, 1967-70; Zaire, 1970-73; Nigeria, 1973-75; Israel, 1977-78.

Independent travel: France, 1975-76; Egypt, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, 1978-79; India, 1979-84, 1987, 1992, 1994-95, 2001, 2002, 2003; 2004, 2005, Bahrain, 1984-1985; Syria, 1993; Italy & U.K., continuous travel.

ACADEMIC AND RELATED EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, Department of Religion, Rutgers University, 2001-present.
Lecturer on Indology, Committee for the Study of Religion, Harvard University, 1997-2001.
Visiting scholar, Center for the Study of World Religion, Harvard University, 1997- 2000.
Instructor, Elementary Sanskrit, Department of Religion, Columbia University, 1996-97.
Instructor, Hindi/Urdu, MEALAC Department, Columbia University, 1996-97.
Tutor, all levels of Hindi to students referred by the Hindi/Urdu faculty, Columbia University, 1991-1997.
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Eastern Religions, Department of Religion, Barnard College, Columbia University, 1994.
Teaching Assistant, Sanskrit, MEALAC Department, Columbia University, 1993-94.
Teaching Assistant, Hinduism, Religion Department, Barnard College, Columbia University, 1993.
Research Consultant, 1992-93, for Amy Poster, Curator, Oriental Section of the Brooklyn Museum. Translated Braj Bhasa and Sanskrit inscriptions on Indian miniature paintings and provided commentaries.
Rapporteur, The Integrated Humanities Institute on India, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, 1992-93.
Teaching Assistant, all levels of Hindi/Urdu, MEALAC Department, Columbia University, 1991-92.
Teacher of English as a foreign language, Jerusalem, 1977-78; Tehran, 1978-79; Bahrain, 1984-85.

COURSES TAUGHT

Harvard University: Introduction to Hinduism; Krishna; Theism in Indic Thought; The Bhagavad Gita and its Commentaries; The Yoga of Devotion: Reading of a Hindu Theological Text; Philosophies of India; Reading Hindu Texts; Hindu Gurus in the West; The Rise of the Goddess Tradition; God as Lover, Child & Friend; Sanskrit; Hindi.

Rutgers University: Religions of the Eastern World (840:211); Introduction to Hinduism (840:322); Krishna (840:357); Hindu Philosophy (840:368); Hindu Gurus in the West (840:345); Sanskrit (independent study, first and second year); The Bhagavad Gita and its Commentaries (840:358, Fall 2003).

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Quest for the Origins of Vedic Culture: The Indo-Aryan Invasion Debate. New York: Oxford University Press, 2001.

Krishna: The Beautiful Legend of God. Translation from Sanskrit with notes and introduction. London: Penguin Classics, 2003.

The Hare Krishna Movement: The Post-Charismatic Fate of a Religious Transplant. Co-edited with Maria Ekstrand. New York: Columbia University Press, 2004.

The Aryan Invasion: Evidence, Politics, History. Co-edited with Laurie Patton. Richmond, UK: Routledge Curzon Press, 2005.

Krishna: a Source Book. Edited volume. New York: Oxford University Press, *in press* (2007).

The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali with Notes from the Traditional Commentators. New York: Farrar Straus & Giroux (2007).

The Quest for the Historical Krishna. New York: Oxford University Press, *in progress*.

Articles and Chapters In Books

"Introduction" In Sources of the Krishna Tradition. Ed. Bryant, Edwin F. Oxford University Press, *In press* (2006).

"The Bhagavata Purana" In Sources of the Krishna Tradition. Ed. Bryant, Edwin F. Oxford University Press, *In press* (2006).

"Was Patanjali a Vaishnava?" Journal of Vaishnava Studies. 14.1 (2005): 7-28.

"Concluding Reflections." In The Aryan Invasion: Evidence, Politics, History. (468-506.) Eds. E. Bryant & L. Patton. Richmond, UK: Routledge Curzon, (2005).

"History of Vegetarianism in Sanskrit Sources." In A Communion of Subjects: Animals in Religion and Ethics. Eds. K. Patton, & P. Waldau New York: Oxford University Press, 2006.

"The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali." Namarupa: Categories of Indian Thought Part III Winter (2004) (ongoing serialized contribution).

"Introduction" and "Concluding Reflections." In The Hare Krishna Movement: The Post-Charismatic Fate of a Religious Transplant. (1-10 & 431-441) Eds. E. Bryant & M. Ekstrand. New York: Columbia University Press, *in press* (2004).

- “Somewhere in Asia and No More,' Response to ‘Indigenous Indo-Aryans and the Rigveda’ by Kazanas.” Journal of Indo-European Studies 30.3-4 (2003): 341-353.
- "The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali." Namarupa: Categories of Indian Thought Spring 1 (2003): 33-38 (monthly serialized contribution).
- “Hare Krishna.” In Religion and American Cultures: An Encyclopedia of Traditions, Diversity and Popular Expression (110-113). Eds. L. Leon & G. Laderman. Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, (2003).
- “The Date and Provenance of the Bhagavata Purana.” Journal of Vaishnava Studies 11:1 Fall (2002): 51-80.
- "Il Dibattito Sulle Origini della Civiltá Indiana" (The Debate over the Origins of Indian Civilization). In Cultural Studies e Tradizioni intellettuali: tra India ed Europa (333-350). Ed. F. Squarcini (Milano: Mimesis, 2002).
- “Disput um die Vergangenheit. Indoarische Ursprünge und Moderner Nationalistischer Diskurs" (The Indo-Aryan Invasion Debate and the Politics of Identity). In ‘Arier’ und Dravidien (206-231). Eds M. Bergunder & R.P. Das (Halle: Verlag der Franckeschen Stiftungen, 2002).
- “The Indo-Aryan Migration Debate and Nationalist Discourse.” In New Perspectives on Vedic and Ancient Civilization (11-26). Ed. B.D. Sharma. Los Angeles: World Association for Vedic Studies, (2000).
- “Linguistic Substrata and the Indo-Aryan Migration Debate.” In Aryan and Non-Aryan in South Asia (59-83). Eds J Bronkhorst & M. Deshpande. Harvard Oriental Series, 3 (1999).
- “The Indo-Aryan Invasion Debate: The Logic of the Response.” Proceedings from the 10th Annual Indo-European Conference at UCLA. Monograph Series 32 (1998): 205-228.
- Contributor to Poster, Amy G., Indian Paintings of the Brooklyn Museum. New York: Hudson Hills, 1993, 12.
- Translated two Braj Bhasa poems from the Sur Sagar (10: 4156 & 4157), Journal of Vaishnava Studies, 1:1 (1992): 6-8.

Book Reviews

- Early India from the Origins to AD 1300 by Romila Thapar H-Net: Humanities and Social Sciences Online (April 2004); <<http://www.h-net.msu.edu/review>>.
- “Review: A Sanskrit Primer by Madhav M. Deshpande.” Journal of Hindu Studies 5.2 Fall (2002): 202-204.

PAPERS PRESENTED

- "The Euro-Centric Indo-Europeans from Indo-Centric perspectives." Conference reconsidering Indo-European, Cambridge University, November 2005.
- "Scandalous Krishna: Nineteenth Century Debates on the Morality of the Bhagavata Purana's Tales of Love." Krishna Symposium, Stamford University, May, 2005
- "Notions of the Self and Identity In Classical Yoga." Committee for South Asian Studies, Princeton University, April, 2005.
- "The Date and Provenance of the Bhagavata Purana," Conference in Honor of Dennis Hudson, Columbia University, November, 2002.
- "The Indo-Aryan Invasion Debate," Conference on Aryanism in Indian Historiography, University of North Carolina, November, 2002.
- "The Battle over Origins: Stereotypes and Counter-Stereotypes in the Indo-Aryan Invasion Debate," Panel on Hinduism in Dialogue with the Western Academy, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November, 2001.
- "Conflicting Orders from Above: Hindu Deity Worship and the Graven Image," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November, 2000.
- "The Emergence of Vegetarianism in Hindu Textual Sources," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November, 1999.
- "The Indo-Aryan Migration Debate and the Politicization of History," Conference on 'Arier und Dravidien,' Nartin Luther Universität, Halle, Germany, October, 1999.
- "Dating Vedic Texts: An Astro-chronological Approach," Annual Conference of South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October, 1998.
- "The Indo-Aryan Invasion Debate: The Politics of a Discourse," Second Annual Conference of the Association of Vedic Studies, Los Angeles, August, 1998.
- "The Indo-Aryan Invasion Debate: Dissident Voices from India," Tenth Annual Conference of Indo-European Studies, Los Angeles, July 1998.
- "Sacred Sources of Indic Tradition," The Agha Khan Program for Islamic Architecture, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, November, 1997.

“The Indigenous Aryan School of Historians,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November, 1997.

“The Aryan Invasion debate: the Linguistic Evidence,” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October, 1997.

“The Indo-Aryan Invasion Debate,” Study of Religion Colloquium, Harvard University, November, 1997.

“Linguistic Substrata and the Indo-Aryan Migration Debate,” Aryan and Non-Aryan in South Asia Conference, University of Michigan, October, 1996.

“The Origin of the Aryans: Some Linguistic Considerations,” Indus Sarasvati Conference, Atlanta, October, 1996.

"Indian Proto-history from a Traditional Hindu Point of View," University of Mysore, India, February, 1995.

"In Defense of the Tradition," Regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Union Theological Seminary, New York, April, 1994.

Other

Featured in a 3 hours documentary on Yoga, called ‘Yoga Unveiled.’