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Education:

Ph.D., magna cum laude, History of Religion
Princeton Theological Seminary, 2005

M.Div., Specialization in History of Religion
Princeton Theological Seminary, 1999

B.A., Bible, Religion, and Philosophy major, French minor
Goshen College, 1996

Teaching/ Administrative Experience:

Associate Professor of Religion, Butler University
(spring 2010-)

Interim Chair, Department of Philosophy/Religion/Classics, Butler University
(spring 2011-summer 2011)

Assistant Professor of Religion, Butler University
(fall 2005-spring 2010)

Adjunct Professor, The College of New Jersey
(spring 2002)

Lecturer, Princeton University
(spring 2000-fall 2003)

Teaching Fellow, Princeton Theological Seminary
(fall 2000-spring 2002)

Awards, Grants & Honors:

USC Center for Religion and Civic Culture Research Grant (2010-12), American Academy of Religion Research Grant (2009-10), Best Book in Hindu-Christian Studies, 2006-2008 (2009), Outstanding Faculty Award, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (2008-09), Butler "Apple for You" Teaching Award (2009, 2011), Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza New Scholar Award in Feminist Studies of Religion (2008), Lilly-Butler Lecture Series Grant (2008), Wabash Center Summer Research Grant (2008), Wabash Center Pedagogy Workshop (2007-08), Summer Faculty Fellowship (Butler University, 2006, 2007, 2009), Center for Faith and Vocation Fellowship (Butler University, 2006-07), Exchange Scholar (University of Pennsylvania, 2002-2003), Doctoral Fellowship (Princeton Theological Seminary, 1999-2004), Merit Tuition Scholarship (Princeton Theological Seminary, 1999-2004), Dissertation Research Grant (Princeton Theological Seminary, 2003-2004), Research Grant (Mennonite Historical Society, 2001), Senior Class Fellowship in History (Princeton Theological Seminary, 1999), India Study Fellowship (Princeton Theological Seminary, 1998), Zimbabwe WCC Study Fellowship (Princeton

Theological Seminary, 1998), **Merit Scholarship** (Princeton Theological Seminary, 1996-1999)

Languages: **Hindi, Sanskrit, French, German, Greek, Hebrew**

Professional Activities: **Internet Editor**, *Journal of Hindu-Christian Studies* (2011-)
Founding Member, Steering Committee of Conversion Study Group, American Academy of Religion (2008-)
Secretary, Society for Hindu-Christian Studies (2006-)
Co-Founding Chair, North American Hinduism Consultation, American Academy of Religion (2006-2009)

Academic Committees: **Chair (Interim)**, Department of Philosophy/Religion/Classics (2011)
Director, Butler Seminar on Religion and World Civilization (2010-2011)
Member, Grants Advisory Committee (2010-2011)
Member, University Core Curriculum Committee (2010-2011)
Director, Butler University Sunset Project (2009-10)
Member, Strategic Plan Priority Four (Study Abroad) Workgroup (2009-14)
Member, LAS Dean Search Committee (2009-10)
Member, National Scholarships Committee (2009-)
Senator (Interim), Butler Faculty Senate (fall 2009)
Phil-Rel Coordinator, Butler Undergraduate Research Conference (2009)
Member, Gender Studies Director Search Committee (2008-2009)
Member, Visiting Asst. Professor of Gender Studies Search Committee (2008-2009)
Member, Butler Awards Committee (2007-2010)
Chair, Liberal Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee (2007-2008)
Member, Global and Historical Studies Steering Committee (2007-)
Chair, South Asian Civilizations Pilot Creation Committee (2006-)
Member, Gender Studies Committee (2006-)
Member, Collaborative for Inquiry into Gender, Race, and Sexuality (2006-)
Coordinator, South Asia Initiatives related to Butler's DOE UISFL grant
Member, Liberal Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee (2006-07)

Community Activities: **Secretary**, Fine Arts Committee of the India Association of Indianapolis (2004-2009)

Publications and Presentations

Books: ***Contesting Indian Christianities*** (edited with Richard Fox Young, under review).

Christian Identity and Dalit Religion in Hindu India, 1868-1947 (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishers, 2008. (Winner of the prize for Best Book in Hindu-Christian Studies, 2006-2008, given by Society for Hindu-Christian Studies).

Articles: **“The Inter-Religious Riot as a Cultural System: Globalization, Geertz, and Hindu-Christian Conflict”** (under review for edited volume on Indian Christianity).

“Globalization and Hindu-Christian Violence: Conversion, Culture, and the Coterminous Castes and Tribes” (under review).

- “Political Competition, Relative Deprivation, and Perceived Threat: A Research Note on anti-Christian Violence in India”** (with Tamara Leech), forthcoming, 2012, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.
- “Does the Divine Physician Have an Unfair Advantage?”** (accepted for publication in edited volume, *Conversion to Christianity in Modern Asia*, with Brill).
- “Conversion in India: History, Issues, Implications”** (with Richard Fox Young, submitted for publication and awaiting editorial review for edited volume on minority religions in India to be published by Oxford University Press).
- “Sathya Sai Baba’s Semiotic Flexibility: At Home Abroad in Midwestern America”** (accepted for publication in edited volume on transnational and ecumenical Hinduism to be published by Brill).
- “Indian Christian Historiography from below, from above, and in between”** (review essay), *Church History* 80 (2011): 622-29.
- “Identity, Conversion, and Violence: Dalits, Adivasis, and the 2007-08 Riots in Orissa,”** in Rowena Robinson and Joseph Marianus Kujur, eds., *Margins of Faith: Dalit and Tribal Christianity in India* (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2010), pgs. 263-290. (Book was named one of fifteen “Outstanding Books for 2010” by the *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*).
- “Fuzzy But Not Warm: On the (Continuing) Descriptive and Analytical Inutility of ‘Spirituality’”** (with Gene Gallagher and Davina Lopez), *Religion and Education* 36/2 (Summer 2009): 141-49.
- “The Specter of ‘Spirituality’—On the (In)Utility of an Analytical Category,”** *Religion and Education* 36/2, Summer 2009: 54-67.
- “Out of India: Immigrant Hindus and South Asian Hinduism in the United States”** (with Jennifer Saunders), *Religion Compass* 3/1 (2009): 116-135.
- “Redeeming Indian ‘Christian’ Womanhood?: Missionaries, Dalits, and Agency in Colonial India,”** *Journal of Feminist Studies of Religion* 24/2 (2008): 5-27. (2008 Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza New Scholar Award Winner.)
- “Postcolonial Anxiety and Anti-Conversion Sentiment in the Report of the Christian Missionary Activities Enquiry Committee,”** *International Journal of Hindu Studies* 12/2 (2008): 181-213.
- “Miraculous Health and Medical Itineration among Satnamis and Christians in Late Colonial Chhattisgarh,”** in Corinne Dempsey and Selva Raj, eds., *Miracles as Modern Conundrum in South Asian Religious Traditions* (Albany: SUNY Press, 2008), 39-56.
- “Singing of Satnam: Blind Simon Patros, Dalit Religious Identity, and Satnami-Christian Music in Chhattisgarh, India,”** *Journal of Hindu-Christian Studies* 19 (2006): 28-36.

Reviews:

- Review of *McDonaldisation, Masala McGospel, and Om Economics***, by Jonathan K. James, *Journal of Hindu-Christian Studies*, forthcoming, 2011.
- Review of *Missionaries and their Medicine***, by David Hardiman, *History of Religions*, forthcoming, 2011.
- Review of *Beyond Boundaries: Hindu-Christian Relationship and Basic Christian Communities***, by A. Maria David, *Journal of Hindu-Christian Studies*, 23 (2010): 73-75.
- Review of *An Encounter of Peripheries***, by Marine Carrin and Harald Tambs-Lyche, *Journal of Hindu-Christian Studies*, 22 (2009): 49-50.
- Review of *Bourgeois Hinduism***, by Brian Hatcher, *Journal of Religion*, 89 (2009): 452-454.
- Review of *Religious Division and Social Conflict***, by Peggy Froerer, *International Journal of Hindu Studies*, 13/1 (2009): 103-105.
- Review of *The Crisis of Secularism***, ed. by A. D. Needham and R. S. Rajan, *Journal of Hindu-Christian Studies* 21 (2008): 74-6.
- Review of *Indian Religions: Renaissance and Renewal***, ed. by Anna S. King, *Numen* 55 (2008): 343-47.
- Review of *Converting Women: Gender and Protestant Christianity in Colonial South India***, by Eliza Kent, *Journal of Religion* 87/2 (2007): 316-18.
- Review of *Divine Mother, Blessed Mother***, by Francis Clooney, S.J., *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 74/3 (2006): 779-81.
- Review of *In the Shadow of the Mahatma***, by Susan Billington Harper in *Journal of Asian Studies* 62/2 (May 2003): 657-59.
- Review of *Rapt in the Name: The Ramnamis, Ramnam, and Untouchable Religion in Central India***, by Ramdas Lamb, *Koinonia Journal* 15 (2003): 123-26.

Papers:

- “Distributing your Scholarship Globally”** (panelist for IR Day: Winning Strategies from the Institutional Repository All-Stars Conference, Butler University, 17 March 2011).
- “The Inter-Religious Riot as a Cultural System: Globalization, Geertz, and Hindu-Christian Conflict”** (paper presented at the European Association of Modern South Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Bonn, 27 July 2010).
- “Theorizing Hindu-Christian Conflict, or, What Geertz has to do with Inter-Religious Violence”** (paper presented at the Conference on the Study of Indian Religions Annual Meeting, Toronto, 19 June 2010).
- “Discussion of Chad Bauman’s *Christian Identity and Dalit Religion in Hindu India*,**

1868-1947” (panel respondent, Society for Hindu-Christian Studies/American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, 6 November 2009).

“Conversion as ‘Elective Affinity’?: Caste Consciousness, Ideal Interests, and *Dalit* Christians of Colonial Chhattisgarh” (paper presented at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, 7 November 2009).

“Sathya Sai Baba at Home Abroad in Midwestern America” (paper presented at the Wabash/Manchester Seminar on The Public Representation of a Religion called Hinduism, Crawfordsville, IN, 24 March 2009).

“The Specter of Spirituality—On the (In)utility of ‘Spirituality’ as an Analytical Category” (paper presented at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, 3 November 2008).

“Reporting Violence: Media Accounts of Hindu-Christian Violence in Orissa and beyond” (paper presented at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2 November 2008).

“Does the ‘Divine Physician’ Have an Unfair Advantage?: Medical Missions and ‘Fraudulent’ Conversion in Postcolonial India” (paper presented at the Dharma Association of North American Annual Meeting, Chicago, 31 October 2008).

“Cursing Equality: Missionaries, Dalits, and ‘Christian’ Womanhood in Colonial Chhattisgarh” (paper presented at the 20th European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies, Manchester, England, 10 July 2008).

“Cultural Studies and Institutional Change: The Story of the Collaborative for Inquiry into Gender, Race, and Sexuality” (panelist, Cultural Studies Association Annual Meeting, New York City, 24 May 2008).

“Educating the God Man’s Children: The Sai Baba Center of Indianapolis” (paper presented at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, 18 November 2007).

“Beyond Conversion: The Politics of Alterity and the Discourse of Difference” (paper presented at the Society for Hindu-Christian Studies/American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 17 November 2006).

“Words Taken for Wonders: Conversion and Religious Authority among the *Dalits* of Colonial Chhattisgarh” (paper presented at the Yale-Edinburgh Group on the History of the Missionary Movement and Non-Western Christianity annual meeting, Edinburgh, Scotland, June 2006).

“Hybridity, History, and Identity: *Satnamis* and Christians in Colonial Chhattisgarh, India” (paper presented at the American Society of Church History annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, January 2006).

“*Satnami* and ‘Christian’ Womanhood: Anti-modern Missionaries and Hybrid Religious Identities in Chhattisgarh, India” (paper presented at the Pruitt

Symposium—Global Christianity: Challenging Modernity and the West, Waco, TX, November 2005).

“The Myth of History and the History of Myth” (paper presented at the Yale-Edinburgh Group on the History of the Missionary Movement and non-Western Christianity annual meeting, New Haven, CT, July 2005).

“Allopathic ‘Miracles’ and Medical Itineration among *Satnamis* and Christians in Late Colonial Chhattisgarh” (paper presented at the Conference on the Study of Religions in India annual meeting, Albion, MI, June 2005).

“Singing of Satnam: Blind Simon Patros, *Satnami*-Christian Identity, and *Dalit* Christian Music in Chhattisgarh, India” (paper presented at the Mid-Atlantic Association for Asian Studies annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 2004).

*Panels
Organized/
Convened:*

“Christians, Cultural Interactions, and South Asia’s Religious Traditions” (panel co-organized and co-convened for the European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies, Bonn, 27 July, 2010).

“‘Religious Literacy’ and Student ‘Spirituality’: Coming to Terms with the Terms” (panel co-organized for the Teaching Religion Section of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL, 3 November 2008).

“Conversion Issues in Christian and Dharma Traditions” (panel co-organized for the Dharma Association of North America annual meeting, Chicago, IL, 31 October 2008).

“Christians, Cultural Interactions, and South Asia’s Religious Traditions” (panel co-organized and co-convened for the European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies, Manchester, England, 10 June 2008).

“Hindus, Christians, and the Other” (panel organized for the Society for Hindu-Christian Studies/American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 17 November 2006).

“Revisioning Murtis” (panel chaired at the Conference for the Study of Religion in India Annual Meeting, Loyola University, Chicago, IL, 8-11 June 2006).

“Hybridity as Orthodoxy: Christianity, Culture, and History” (panel organized for the American Society of Church History Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, January 2006).

*Invited
Academic and
Public
Lectures:*

“Theorizing Religion and Culture with Clifford Geertz and Andrew Walls: Organic Indigenization and the Satnami Christians of Chhattisgarh,” two-part Staff-Student Seminar, Part 1: Medicine and Medical Itineration; Part 2: Women and “Christian” Womanhood (Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth Faculty of Philosophy, Pune, India, 12 September 2011).

“The Future is Yours: On the State of Indian Pentecostalism” (Doon Bible College, Dehradun, India, 8 September 2011).

“Islam and Christianity” (Village Forum, Robin Run Village, 22 May 2011).

“Be Yourself: A Lesson on the *Bhagavad Gita*” (Gita Mandal, Hindu Temple of Central Indiana, 10 April 2011).

“Hindu Nationalism, Christian Conversion, and Religious Conflict in Contemporary India” (Depauw University, 10 May 2010).

“Imagining the World as it Might be Otherwise” (Faculty Commencement Address, Butler University, 8 May 2010).

“Conversion and Inter-Religious Conflict in Contemporary India” (Illinois Wesleyan University, 9 April 2009).

“Identity, Conversion, and American Complicity in Contemporary Hindu-Christian Conflict” (Juniata College, 2 April 2009).

“Is India Still a Secular Country? A Response to Mark Juergensmeyer” (Butler University Seminar on Religion and World Civilization, Indianapolis, 30 January 2008).

“Identity, Conversion, and Hindu-Christian Conflict: Notes and Reflections on a Year of Violence” (Vidyajyoti College of Theology, Delhi, India, 28 August 2008).

Dissertation: **Identifying the Satnam: Hindu *Satnamis*, Indian Christians, and *Dalit* Religion in Colonial Chhattisgarh, India, 1868-1947** (Princeton Theological Seminary, 2005).

Non-Academic Publications **Review of *A Brain Wider than the Sky*, by Andrew Levy, *Nuvo* 20/50 (Feb. 3-10, 2010): 3.**