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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Ph.D. Study of Religion, Spring 2011

M.A. Study of Religion, December 2009

Graduate Certificate, Women's and Gender Studies, December 2008

Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA

M.T.S., May 1988

State University of New York, New Paltz, NY

B.A. Philosophy, *cum laude*, 1978

DISSERTATION

Title: *Picturing the Goddess: Bazaar Images and the Imagination of Modern Hindu Religious Identity*

Defense Date: March 14, 2011

Committee: Richard McGregor (chair), Ellen Armour, John Thatamanil, Jina Kim

AREAS OF SPECIALTY AND COMPETENCE

AOS: History and Critical Theories of Religion: Hinduism

AOC: World Religions; Philosophies and Religions of the Indian Subcontinent;
Women in World Religions; Yoga Darshana

TEACHING - ACADEMIC

Teaching Fellow

Religions of China, Spring 2011

Introduction to Asian Traditions, Vanderbilt University, Fall 2007, Fall 2008

Buddhist Traditions, Vanderbilt University, Fall 2007

Guest Lecturer

Introduction to Asian Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, Fall 2008

Grader

Introduction to Islam, Vanderbilt University, Spring 2009
African Music, Blair School of Music, Spring 2010, Spring 2009, Spring 2007
History of Rock, Blair School of Music, Fall 2008, Spring 2007
American Popular Music, Blair School of Music, Spring 2007
Blues, Blair School of Music, Spring 2007

Adjunct professor

Death and Dying, Belmont University, Department of Philosophy, Fall 1989
Introduction to Sociology, Walkill Correctional Facility, Spring 1978
Modern Jewish History, Walkill Correctional Facility, Fall 1977

TEACHING – EXTRA- ACADEMIC

Lead Instructor

Yoga Teacher Training, The Yoga School, Nashville, 2006-2010
Yoga Instructor, Nashville, 1991 – present
Yoga Philosophy workshops, nationally, 2008 - present

Co-instructor

Non-violence curriculum, PEACE, Nashville, 1992-1993
Volunteer Trainer, Hospice of Cambridge, 1986 – 1988

PUBLICATIONS

“A Joyous Refuge,” chapter in Cherry, Alisa, ed., *Stories from the Yogic Heart*,
Yogic Heart Publishing, Toronto, 2010
Downward Dogs and Warriors: Wisdom Tales for Modern Yogis,
Himalayan Institute Press, Fall 2007: **winner, Nautilus silver medal,
Book of the Year, 2008**
Book review: Sumathi Ramaswamy, *The Goddess and the Nation*, in *Journal of
Asian Studies*, Spring 2011 (forthcoming)
Book review: Radhanath Swami, *The Journey Home: Autobiography of an
American Swami* (Mandala, 2010) in *Yoga International*, winter 2010
Book review: Ram Dass, *Be Love Now: The Path of the Heart* (Harper Collins
2010), in *Yoga International*, winter 2010
Book review: Stefanie Syman, *The Subtle Body: The Story of Yoga in America*
(Farrar, Strauss, 2010), in *Yoga International*, summer 2010

PRESENTATIONS

“Yoga and Trauma: A Compassion-Based Model for Teachers”
Paper and experiential break-out session, Arizona State University
conference, “New Approaches to Trauma”, October 2010

“She is a Man: Gender in Indian Sufism”

Paper, Graduate symposium, Vanderbilt Center for the Study of Religion and Culture, Spring 2009

“Restorative Yoga for Survivors of Rape and Domestic Violence”

Lecture and experiential break-out session, symposium, “The Healing Journey: Surviving Violence Against Women”, Vanderbilt, Spring 2007

“The Ten Commandments and Yoga’s Yamas and Niyamas”

Edgehill United Methodist Church, Nashville, 2004

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Initiator/facilitator: graduate discussion group in Trauma Studies, Robert Penn Warren Center, Vanderbilt, Fall 2008 – Spring 2009

This student-led, interdisciplinary study group met monthly to discuss readings on trauma from the fields of history, literature, religious studies, sociology, and medicine.

Organizer: “Divided We Fall: Americans in the Aftermath” film/discussion event, Vanderbilt, 9/11/08

“Divided We Fall” is the first independent feature documentary on hate crimes in the U.S. following 9/11/2001, created by then-undergraduate Valarie Kaur, a member of the Sikh community. Vanderbilt’s screening was coordinated with events in 50 cities nationwide, as part of a grassroots campaign to promote dialog on race and religion in America.

Program assistant, Harvard University, 1982-1988

Harvard-Radcliffe Hillel, 1982-1985

Harvard Hillel houses four congregations and a kosher kitchen/dining room. It is a focal point for religious services, holiday celebrations, and all aspects of Jewish religious life for both the university and the surrounding communities. I assisted the orthodox, conservative and liberal rabbis with all aspects of programming.

University Marshal’s Office, 1984-1988

The University Marshal’s Office hosts visiting scholars and dignitaries, organizes Commencement, and coordinates ceremonial occasions and functions. I assisted with Harvard’s 350th anniversary as well as hosting visitors and organizing visits of Harvard delegates to other universities.

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Graduate Tuition award, Fall 2007- present

Service Free Graduate Stipend, Fall 2007 - present

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion

Society for Hindu-Christian Studies

COUNSELING AND PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

Chaplain/eucharistic minister, Nashville Rehabilitation Hospital, 2002-2006

Case manager, counselor in spiritually-based recovery program, House of Mercy, 2003-2005

Resident, Chaplain Service, Tennessee Valley Healthcare System, 2000-2002

Bereavement group coordinator, Gilda's Club, 1998-2000

Case manager, addictions recovery program, Maximus RMA, 1994-1996
Cleared and re-organized a backload of cases in which addictions were the basis for disability claims.

Primary Counselor, Try Angle House, 1992-1995
Provided counseling and case management to adolescent girls in YWCA residential treatment facility for abused/neglected teenagers.

Clinical Therapist, Luton Mental Health Center, 1990-1992
Provided individual and group counseling to survivors of sexual abuse.

Co-facilitator, PEACE, Inc., 1992 – 1993
Female member of two-person team teaching feminist nonviolence curriculum to court-ordered male domestic violence offenders.