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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** South Asian Languages & Civilizations, University of Chicago, 2010
- M.A.** South Asian Languages & Civilizations, University of Chicago, 2004
- M.A.** Divinity, University of Chicago Divinity School, 2002
- B.A.** Religion, Classics, Vassar College, 1998

DISSERTATION

The *Svasthānī Vrata Kathā* Tradition: Translating Self, Place, and Identity in Hindu Nepal. Advisor: Wendy Doniger. Readers: Matthew Kapstein and Yigal Bronner

EMPLOYMENT

- Postdoctoral (ACLS New Faculty) Fellow, Department of Religion, Rutgers University, 2011-2013.
- Lecturer, "South Asia," Department of Geography, Rutgers University, Fall 2010.
- Lecturer, "Expository Writing," The Writing Program, Rutgers University, Fall 2010.
- Faculty Assistant, "Intermediate Sanskrit," South Asian Language Summer Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison, June-August 2007.
- Teaching Assistant, "First-year Sanskrit," University of Chicago, Autumn/Winter/Spring 2006-07.
- Faculty Assistant, "Intermediate and Advanced Nepali Language," South Asia Language Summer Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison, June-August 2006.
- Macalester College, Admissions Officer, 1999- 2000.

FELLOWSHIPS

- ACLS New Faculty Fellowship, Dept of Religion, Rutgers University, 2011-2013
- Global Scholar, Institute for Research on Women, Rutgers University, 2009-2010
- Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2007-2008
- AAUW Dissertation Completion Fellowship (Declined)
- Committee on South Asian Studies Dissertation Fellowship, Summer 2007
- Martin Marty Center Dissertation Fellowship, 2006-07
- Committee on South Asian Studies Dissertation Fellowship, 2006-07
- Doolittle-Harrison Fellowship, 2006
- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, 2004-2005
- Foreign Language and Area Studies (Academic Year) Fellowship, 2001-2004

for Hindi at the University of Chicago
Foreign Language and Area Studies (Summer) Fellowship, 2001-2003
for Nepali at the Campus of International Languages, Tribhuvan University,
Nepal, Nepali Language Program, Summer 2003
for Nepali at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, South Asian Summer
Language Institute, Summer 2002
for Nepali at Cornell University, Nepali Language Program, Summer 2001
Foreign Language Enhancement Program Fellowship, 2002
Center for Institutional Cooperation Traveling Scholar, 2002
Elizabeth Skinner Hubbard Fellowship, 2000-2002
Vassar College Maguire Fellowship (for research in Nepal), 1998-1999

PUBLICATIONS and FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

“Seeking Svasthānī: The Politics of Gender, Location, and Identity in Hindu Nepal,”
Journal of Hindu Studies (under review).
Review of *Women in the Hindu Tradition Rules Roles and Exceptions* by Mandakranta
Bose. Routledge, 2010. Published in the *Journal of Hindu Studies*, March 2012
(Advanced Access [10.1093/jhs/his002](https://doi.org/10.1093/jhs/his002)).
“Translating Tradition, Creating Culture: A Reconstruction of the History and
Development of the *Svasthānī Vrata Kathā* of Nepal.” Published in *Himalaya*,
Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies, Vol 25: 1-2, 2005.
Review of *A History of Nepal* by John Whelpton. Cambridge University Press, 2005.
Published in *Himalaya*, *Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan
Studies*, Vol 25: 1-2, 2005.
Review of *A History of Nepal* by John Whelpton. Cambridge University Press, 2005.
Published in the University of Chicago South Asia Newsletter. Spring/Summer
2006.

PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

Protecting One’s Own Place: The Politics of Gender, Location, and Identity in Hindu Nepal
(book manuscript in progress).
Religion and Modernity in the Himalayas (an edited volume in progress).
The *Svasthānī Vrata Kathā* (a translation; rough drafts of several chapters completed).
“The Modernization of a Medieval Tradition: Recent Innovations in Nepal’s Svasthānī Textual
and Ritual Tradition” (partial draft completed).
“The Purāṇization of a Nepali Textual Tradition: Redefining the Local in the 18th Century
Nepal” (partial draft completed).
“Gendered Space in Text and Ritual: Rethinking a Popular Nepali Women’s Tradition” (partial
draft completed).

CONFERENCES & INVITED LECTURES

“Seeking Svasthānī: The Politics of Gender, Location, and Identity in Hindu Nepal.” A
paper submitted for consideration at the Annual Meeting of the American
Academy of Religion in Chicago, November 2012.

- “The Modernization of a Medieval Nepali Hindu Tradition: Recent Textual and Ritual Innovations.” A paper submitted for consideration at the Annual Conference on South Asia at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 2012.
- “Now You See Her, Now You Don’t: The Politics of Gender, Location, and Identity in Nepal’s Svasthānī Tradition.” A paper submitted for consideration at the Feminist South Asia Pre-Conference at the Annual Conference on South Asia at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 2012.
- “Hindu Goddesses.” A presentation given at the Rutgers University Hindu Students’ Council meeting on Women in Hinduism and South Asian Studies, October 2011.
- “The Modernization of a Medieval Nepali Hindu Tradition: Preliminary Observations of Recent Changes.” Presented at the first Himalayan Studies Conference, held at Macalester College, September 2011.
- Respondent, “Religion and Modernity in the Himalayas II: Language and Discourse.” A panel presented at the first Himalayan Studies Conference, held at Macalester College, September 2011.
- Panel co-organizer, “Religion and Modernity in the Himalayas, I and II.” A joint panel presented at the first Himalayan Studies Conference, held at Macalester College, September 2011.
- “Gendered Agency/Authority in Text and Ritual: Deconstructing a Popular Women’s Tradition in Nepal.” Presented at the Annual Conference on South Asia at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 2010.
- “Gendered Space in Text and Ritual: Rethinking a Popular Nepali Women’s Tradition.” Presented at the Annual Conference of the Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies at Penn State, October 2010.
- “The Becoming of a Ritual: The Disjunction between Narrative and Performance in Nepal’s *Svasthānī* Tradition.” Paper accepted for the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies in Chicago, 2009.
- Panel organizer and co-chair, “Textuality and Performativity in South Asia.” A panel presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies in Chicago, 2009.
- “Purāṇization and Parbatīyāzation: Redefining the Local in the 18th Century Nepal.” Presented at the Theory and Practice in South Asia Workshop at the University of Chicago, April 2008.
- “Locating the Translocal, Relocating the Local: A Discussion of a Nepali Purāṇic Textual Tradition.” Presented at the South Asian Summer Language Institute Lecture Series, University of Wisconsin-Madison, July 2007.
- “Situating the *Svasthānī*: Investigating the Local/Translocal Dynamic of a Popular Nepali Textual Tradition.” Presented at the Theory and Practice in South Asia Workshop at the University of Chicago, January 2007.
- “Not Just Another Local Purāṇa: The Unparalleled Success of the *Svasthānī Vrata Kathā* in Nepal’s Religio-Cultural Literary Traditions.” Presented at the Annual Conference on South Asia at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 2006.
- “*Svasthānīparameśvarīvratakathā*: A Translation of the Oldest Extant Nepalbhasa Manuscript, 1603 CE / NS 723.” Presented at the University of Iowa Translation Colloquium, April 2006.
- “Recent Findings on the Svasthānī Vrata Kathā Tradition.” Rotary Club of Yala

(Lalitpur, Nepal), 17 February 2006.

INVITED INTERVIEWS

Metro FM Cultural Program, Radio Nepal, Kathmandu, Nepal, 7 February 2006.
Sandhya Times (Newar Language Daily Newspaper), Kathmandu, Nepal, 17 February 2006.

TEACHING COMPETENCY

Hinduism; South Asian Religions; World Religions; South Asian Goddess Traditions;
Women and Religion; South Asian History; Nepali History and Culture; Sanskrit; Nepali

COURSES TAUGHT

Hindu Goddesses
Gender and Hinduism
Religions of the Eastern World
Elementary and Intermediate Sanskrit
Intermediate and Advanced Nepali

LANGUAGES

Sanskrit, Nepali, Newar (Classical, Modern), Hindi, French

ACADEMIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
Association of Asian Studies
Association of Nepal and Himalayan Studies

TRAVEL and RESEARCH in SOUTH ASIA

Ph.D. follow-up research in Kathmandu and Sankhu, Nepal as Mellon/ACLS Fellow,
January-February 2008.
Ph.D. research in Kathmandu and Sankhu, Nepal as a Fulbright-Hays DDRA Fellow,
December 2004-March 2006.
Preliminary research visit, Darjeeling, West Bengal and Sikkim, India, September 2005.
Campus of International Languages, Tribhuvan University, Nepal, Nepali Language
Program, June-August 2003.
Preliminary research visit, Rajasthan, India, September 2003.
Independent research in Kathmandu, Sankhu, and Janakpur, Nepal as a Maguire Fellow,
September 1998-June 1999.
School for International Training Study Abroad in Nepal Program, Sept – Dec 1996.