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EDUCATION

- 1995. University of Toronto. Ph.D. (Religious Studies).
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- 1976. University of Western Ontario. Honors B.A. (English).

EXPERIENCE

- 2001-present. Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Department of Religious Studies, Queen's University.
- 2007-2012. Graduate Program Coordinator, Department of Religious Studies, Queen's University.
- 1996-2001. Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Department of Religious Studies, Queen's University.
- 1995-96. Instructor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Alberta.
- 1994-95. Instructor, Department of Religion and Culture, Wilfrid Laurier University.
- 1993-95. Instructor, Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto.

BOOKS

- In progress. *From Prasād to Popcorn: Religion and Indian Cinema* (co-authored with Aditi Sen).
- 2013. *Gurus of Modern Yoga* (co-edited with Mark Singleton). New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2002. *The Lord Who Is Half Woman: Ardhanārīśvara in Indian and Feminist Traditions*. New York: State University of New York Press.

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- 2005 "Cognitive Science and *Hathayoga*." In *Zygon*. 40 (3); 613-629.
- 2004 "*Sādhana* and the Paradox of Self Cultivation." In *Journal of Dharma*. 30 (1): 53-72.
- 2003 "Ardhanārīśvara: A Symbol of Indian Feminism" *Mārga: Journal of Benares Hindu University*, Varanasi, India.
- 2002 "Parvati Through the Looking Glass." In *Acta Orientalia*. 63: 71-92.
- 2001 "The *Haṭhayogapradīpikā* of Svātmarāma and the *Rahasyabodhini* of Kṛpalvānanda." In *Journal of Indian Philosophy and Religion*. 204: 1-26.
- 2001 "The Romantic Quest of Rabindranath Tagore: Poetry as *Sādhana*." In *Journal of Indian Literature*. 2: 173-196.
- 2000 "Androgynous Methods/Theories and the Study of Religion." In *Journal of Religion and Culture*. 12: 83-95.
- 1999 "The Re-Orienting of Buddhism in North America." In *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion*. 11: 340-350.
- 1999 "Ardhanārīśvara: A New Interpretation." In *East and West*. 49: 175-187.
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- 1998 "Mahaprajapati." In Serenity Young, ed., *Encyclopedia of Women and World Religion*, 614. New York: Macmillan.
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- 1999 "Ardhanārīśvara." SNID Conference. Queen's University.
- 1998 "Teaching World Religions." American Academy of Religion, Toronto.

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- 2009-present. Editorial Advisory Board, *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses*, Sage Publications.
- 2009-present. Editorial Advisory Board, *Literary Discourses: International Journal of Art and Literature*.
1995. Editorial Member. *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion*.
- 1996-present Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, Member.

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- Rels-131: World Religions
- Rels-161: Contemporary Problems in Religion and Culture: Religion and Science
- Rels-222: The Hindu World
- Rels-223: Buddhism
- Rels-322: Yoga in India and the West
- Rels-323: Buddhism in the Modern World
- Rels-802: Theory and Method in Religious Studies
- Rels-801: Religion and Modernity
- Rels-401: Honour's Seminar: Bollywood and Religion

GRADUATE SUPERVISIONS

- Sarah Murphy, 2012-present. PhD. Candidate, Cultural Studies, Queen's University (sole supervisor).
- Saskia Tait, 2010-present. PhD. Candidate, Education Faculty, Simon Fraser University (second reader).
- Mark Eaton, 2012-present. MA Candidate. Religious Studies, Queen's University.
- Sarah Murphy, 2010 MA, *Mysticism in the Contemporary Yoga Culture*.
- Cameron Montgomery, 2010 MA, *Meaning Makers and Secularization: Human Rights as an Expression of Meaning in a Post-Secular Age*.
- Kurt Kersch, 2009 MA, *Imagining the Rational, Egalitarian Nation: Ambedkar's Navayāna as a Buddhist Modernism*.
- Neil George, 2009 MA, *The Epidemic of Enlightenment: Metaphor and Cognition in Buddhism's Encounter with the West*.
- Margarita Delgado, 2008 MA, *An Orientalist Critique of the Discourse of Environmental Ethics: The Case of EcoBuddhism*.
- Terrence Liu, 2008 MA, *Restructuring the Probable Angles: Creating a Balanced Cognitive Science of Religion*.
- Raji Soni, Ph.D. Department of English, Queen's, Supervisor, Special Topics, 2009.
- Jessica Angus, 2007 MA, *Science and Feminism as Adaptive Reorientation Strategies for Buddhism in North America: A Study in Transplantation Processes*.
- Dylan Stagg, 2007 MA, *A Study of Alienation Theory: The Young Hegelians, Berger, and a Buddhist critique of the self*.
- Catherine Rolfsen, 2005, MA, *Resistance, Complicity, and Transcendence: A Postcolonial Study of Vivekananda's Mission in the West*.
- Ryann Miller, 2004 MA, *Aligning the Contemporary Wheel of Dharma: Placing the North American Buddhist Discourse in Global Context*.
- Rong Dao, 2004 MA, *In Search of a New Buddhism: Taixu's Reform Movement in Contemporary Chinese Buddhism*.
- Jennifer Bright, 2004 MA, *Buddhist 'Anatman' and Women*.