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## **Education and Academic Qualifications**

2001 D.Phil. (Modern History), University of Oxford, Oxford, UK.

1995 M.Phil. (History), University of Delhi, Delhi, India.

1991 MA (History); University of Delhi.  
(Specialization in pre-colonial Indian History)

1989 BA (Honours) in History; Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi.

## **Academic Appointments and Teaching Experience**

November 2007-present

Associate Professor, Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Emory University, Atlanta.

August 2005 – November 2007

Assistant Professor, Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Emory University, Atlanta.

July 2002 – June 2005

Assistant Professor, Departments of Anthropology and History, and Associate Director, Program for the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

July 2001-June 2002

Associate Director, Program for the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality, and Lecturer, Department of History, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

January 1993-July 1996

Successive one-year appointments as Lecturer in History at the following four colleges of the University of Delhi, Delhi: Lady Shri Ram College, Deshbandhu College, Janaki Devi College, Vivekananda College.

## **Publications**

### **Books:**

2013 *Coming of Age in Nineteenth Century India: The Girl-Child and Art of Playfulness*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge and New York.

2005 *Domesticity and Power in the Early Mughal World*, Cambridge Studies in Islamic Civilization, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge and New York.

*Domesticity and Power in the Early Mughal World* included in Cambridge University Press's new electronic publishing initiatives. Released as electronic book in 2007.

### *Nominations for Book Awards*

*Coming of Age in Nineteenth Century India: The Girl-Child and Art of Playfulness*, Cambridge University Press, New York, 2013 is being nominated by CUP for the following prizes (decisions will be announced between June and August 2014):

- AAS Bernard S. Cohn Book Prize (South Asia)
- AAS SAC COOMARASWAMY BOOK PRIZE (South Asia)
- AHA John F. Richards Prize in South Asian History
- AHA Joan Kelly Memorial Prize in Women's History
- Berkshire Conference Prize
- Longman History Today Award UK
- International Convention of Asia Scholars Book Prize

### **Books in Progress:**

*Nur Jahan, Uncrowned Empress* (W.W. Norton, US and UK; and Random House, India. Projected date, 2015; first draft due to editor on July 31, 2014)

*Harem Tales: a General Reader* (Cambridge University Press has solicited the book)

Invited editor for a volume entitled, 'Family History in Early Modern India' (Oxford University Press, Delhi)

### **Reviews of *Domesticity and Power in the Early Mughal World* (select list):**

- i. Salim Kidwai, *Economic and Political Weekly*, June 24, 2006
- ii. Eugeniya Vanina, *The International Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol.3, No.2, July 2006.
- iii. Ramya Sreenivasan, *The Medieval History Journal*, Vol. 9, no.2, October 2006.
- iv. Rudrangshu Mukherjee, *The Telegraph*, December 29, 2006.

- v. Katherine Butler Brown, *The Journal of Asian Studies*, Volume 66, Issue 02, May 2007.
- vi. Karuna Sharma, *Reviews in History*, August 22, 2007.
- vii. William Dalrymple, *The New York Review of Books*, November 22, 2007.
- viii. Monica Juneja, *The Book Review*, October, 2007.
- ix. Rita Costa-Gomes, *Revue Historique*, Fall 2008.

**Reviews of *Coming of Age in Nineteenth Century India: The Girl-Child and Art of Playfulness***

- i. Rudrangshu Mukherjee, *The Telegraph*, December 13, 2013.

**Articles and Essays in Edited Volumes**

**Refereed/Peer-Reviewed Publications:**

- 2014 'In the Wake of Colonial Ascendancy: Rethinking Muslim Respectability,' In Crispin Bates (ed.), *Mutiny at the Margins: New Perspectives on the Indian Uprising of 1857*, Vol. 5, 'Muslim, Dalit and Subaltern Narratives' (London and New Delhi: Sage Publications): 117-134.
- 2013 'Rethinking Mughal India: the Challenge of a Princess's Memoir.' In Syed Jaffar Ahmed (ed.), *Challenges of History Writing in South Asia* (Karachi: University of Karachi, Pakistan Labour Trust): 251-283.
- Spring 2013 'Recording Death: Invocations from the Early Mughal World,' in Karl-Heinz Spiess (ed.), *Death at Court* (Leiden: Brill Publishers): 301-319.
- Spring 2011 'The Lure of the Archive: Recent Investigations from South Asia', *Feminist Studies* vol. 37, no. 1: 93-110.
- 2010 'Recasting the Woman Question: the 'Girl-Child/Woman' in the Colonial Encounter', in Gyanendra Pandey (ed.), *Subaltern Citizens and their Histories: Investigations from India and the USA* (London and New York: Routledge): 47-62. Reproduced from the *Interventions* article cited below. Both are productions of the Routledge Press.
- 2008 'Recasting the Woman Question: the 'Girl-Child/Woman' in the Colonial Encounter', *Interventions* Vol. 10 (3): 321-339.
- January 2008 'Gender and *Sharafat*: Rereading Nazir Ahmad', *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, Volume 18, Part I: 15-30.

2008 'Mughal Palace Women,' in Anne Walthall (ed.), *Servants of the Dynasty: Palace Women in World History* (Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press): pp. 96-114.

2007 'The Mughal Construction of Domesticity and Empire', in Meg Greer, Walter Mignolo, and Maureen Quilligan (eds), *Rereading the Black Legend: the Discourses of Racial Difference in the Renaissance Empires* (Chicago: Chicago University Press): 48-67.

Fall/Winter 2004 'Historicizing the *Harem*: the Challenge of a Princess's Memoir', *Feminist Studies*, vol. 30, no. 3: 590-616.

2003 'Mughal India: 15<sup>th</sup> to Mid-18<sup>th</sup> Century', in Suad Joseph (ed), *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures: Methodologies, Paradigms and Sources* Vol. 1 (Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers): 64-71.

January-June 2001 'The 'Domestic World' of Peripatetic Kings: Babur and Humayun, c. 1494-1556', *Medieval History Journal*, Volume IV, no. 1: 43-82.

Forthcoming Refereed/Peer-Reviewed Publication:

2014 Paper in progress, co-authored with Beverly Bossler, 'Gender in Early Modern China and India,' for an edited volume by Sheldon Pollock and Ben Ellman, which will come out of conversations from a three year workshop entitled, Comparative China-India Project.

**Encyclopaedia Entries**

Fall 2007 i) 'Gulbadan Banu Begum'; ii) 'Khanzadeh Begum'; iii) 'Hamideh Banu Begum', in Bonnie G. Smith (ed.), *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Women in World History* (Oxford University Press, NY).

'Nur Jahan,' Encyclopaedia of Islam (in progress); due Fall 2015.

**Historical Essays For A Wider Intellectual Reader:**

(The *Economic and Political Weekly* is an outstanding intellectual and political journal published from Bombay since the 1960s: perhaps the nearest parallel in the US is *The New Republic*)

January 2003 'Rethinking Mughal India: the Challenge of a Princess's Memoir', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XXXVIII, no. 1: 53-65.

March 2001 'Settled, sacred and All-Powerful: the Making of New Genealogies and New Traditions of Empire under Akbar', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XXXVI, no.11: 941-958.

### **Political Commentaries:**

(Co-authored with Gyanendra Pandey)

- July 2004 'Hail the Modern Media', *Economic and Political Weekly*: 3080-3082.
- June 2004 'Hazardous Journeys', *Economic and Political Weekly*: 2423-2424.
- May 2004 'Who Are We?', *Economic and Political Weekly*: 1870-1971.
- April 2004 'Who Decides Our Elections', *Economic and Political Weekly*: 1446-1447.
- March 2004 'The Unashamed Political Violence of Our Times', *Economic and Political Weekly*: 1011-1013.

### **Book Reviews:**

- Spring 2011 'The Lure of the Archive: Recent Investigations from South Asia', *Feminist Studies* vol. 37, no. 1: 93-110.
- 2008 Salman Rushdie, *The Enchantress of Florence*; 'The Novelist as Conjuror: the power of make believe worlds,' *The Economic and Political Weekly* 43 (41): 33-35.

### **Fiction:**

- March/April 2011 'The Whistle', *Indian Literature: Sahitya Academy's Bi-Monthly Journal*: (No. 262): 143-154.
- 2003 'Nur Banu's Invitation', *The Little Magazine* (Vol. IV, issues 5 and 6): 233-236.

*Rubble and Other Stories*. A collection of short stories, Completed and under Review.

### **Grants, Awards, Recognitions and Fellowships**

- December 2013 *Coming of Age in Nineteenth Century India: The Girl-Child and Art of Playfulness*, Cambridge University Press, New York, 2013. One of the four selected nationally for the history entry of the national newspaper in India, The Telegraph, Kolkata, *In Our Good Books* (End of the year book award similar to being put on Oprah Winfrey's Booklist).
- April 2011 Emory University, University Research Council for Arts and Sciences Fellowship
- September 2010 Emory Conference Centre Subvention Fund  
(To organize a two-day workshop, 18-19 February 2011, entitled, 'Un-

archived Histories’).

- May 2009 Arts and Humanities Research Council Grant, UK, awarded to Siobhan Lambert-Hurley (Principle Coordinator); along with Event Facilitators, Ruby Lal (Emory), Gail Minault (Texas), and Sunil Sharma (Boston) to run conferences in India, USA and the Middle East on the theme, ‘Women’s Autobiography in Islamic Societies’.
- August 2008 Provost’s Office and Halle Institute’s Special Grant for Emory Faculty trip to a series of workshops in India (Awarded along with Professor Gyanendra Pandey)
- November 2007 Research Grant from the Institute of Comparative and International Studies, Emory University, Atlanta. Grant proposal: ‘Portraits of Respectability: Debates over Family and Childhood in Northern India, circa, nineteenth century.
- May-June 2007 Affiliated Senior Fellow, International Institute of Asian Studies, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- July 2006 Nominated by Emory University, Atlanta, for a Carnegie Fellowship (did not receive).
- November 2006 Research Grant from the Institute of Comparative and International Studies, Emory University, Atlanta. Grant proposal: ‘The Making of a ‘modern’ Muslim Family’.
- July 2003 William R. Kenan Jr. Fund, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, for innovative teaching of ‘Gender, Sexuality, and Modern Islam’, Fall 2003.
- 1999 Brockhues Graduate Award, St. Edmund Hall, University of Oxford, Oxford.
- 1999 Research Grant, from the Beit Fund, University of Oxford, Oxford.
- 1999 Research Grant, The Radhakrishnan Memorial Bequest, The Oriental Institute, University of Oxford, Oxford.
- 1999 Curzon Memorial Prize, for the best graduate essay in the field of South Asian History, University of Oxford, Oxford.
- 1997-1998 Brockhues Graduate Award, St. Edmund Hall, University of Oxford, Oxford.
- 1996-1997 Research grants from the following foundations at the University of Oxford, Oxford: The Max Muller Fund; The Oriental Institute; The Beit Fund; Arnold, Bryce and Read Travel Grant; Research Grant, The Modern History Faculty; and the Sultan Hassan al Bolkihah Award, Centre for Islamic Studies.
- 1996-1999 Overseas Research Student Award, University of Oxford, Oxford.

1996-1999 Inlaks Scholarship, awarded by the Inlaks Foundation, London, to undertake doctoral research at Oxford.

1992 Junior Research Fellowship from the University Grants Commission, Government of India, and the Certificate for National Eligibility for College Teachers.

## **National and International Conferences and Seminar Presentations**

### **Distinguished Lectures/Keynote Addresses:**

December 18, 2013 ‘What It Means To Be A Woman: Teaching And Writing the History of India,’ Ashoka University, New Delhi. Inaugural Keynote address.

October 7, 2010 ‘Domesticity and Power in the Early Mughal World,’ Women’s Studies and History, University of Montana, Missoula.

March 7, 2009 ‘The Girl-Child and Woman in India: Texts, Spaces, Histories,’ Keynote Address at the Annual South Asia Conference of the Pacific North West, Seattle, University of Washington.

September 27, 2008 ‘Global Mughals: Courtly Cultures and Methods,’ Keynote Address to the symposium *Focus on Central and South Asia* symposium Georgia Perimeter College, Atlanta, Georgia.

November 7, 2007 ‘Harem Portraits: Women and Power in the Mughal World,’ Victoria and Albert Museum Annual Benjamin Zucker Lecture on Mughal Art, London.

March 31, 2006 ‘The Making of Modern Muslim Women,’ Distinguished Lecture in the Arts and Humanities, Women’s Studies, and the Diversity Committee, Howard Community College, Columbia, Maryland.

### **Invited National and International Talks:**

May 18, 2014 ‘Opening the Door: Methods, Texts, and the Question of Chronology in Writing the Girl-Child,’ Department of History, Ryukoku University, Osaka, Japan.

March 3, 2013 ‘Coming of Age in Nineteenth Century India: The Girl-Child and the Art of Playfulness’, Cornell University, Department of History and the South Asian Studies Program.

August 28-30, 2013 ‘Nur Jahan, The Light of the World: Networks of Authority and the iconic Mughal sovereign,’ The University of Zurich, Switzerland. Presentation at a conference entitled, “Orders of Gender, Knowledge and Rule: Hermaphrodites, Eunuchs and Priests in Western Europe and the Middle East (700-1500 C.E).”

- March 19, 2013 Book discussion, *Coming of Age in Nineteenth Century India: The Girl-Child and the Art of Playfulness* (NY: CUP, 2013). Hosted by The South Asia Seminar Series, MESAS, Emory University.
- March 14, 2013 Book discussion, *Coming of Age in Nineteenth Century India: The Girl-Child and the Art of Playfulness* (NY: CUP, 2013). Brown India Initiative. Brown University, Providence.
- January 13, 2012 'Opening the Door: The Girl-Child/Woman and the Art of Playfulness,' The Nehru Memorial Library, New Delhi.
- November 22, 2011 'In Pursuit of Playfulness: The Girl-Child and Woman in Nineteenth Century India', Department of History, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh.
- June 19-21, 2011 'Nur Jahan: The Uncrowned Empress,' at an International Conference entitled, The Court and its Critics, held at a retreat in Sedona, Arizona.
- January 19, 2011 'The Woman of the Forest: The Question of Desire and History in Nineteenth Century Northern India,' South Asian Studies Council and the Macmillan Center, Yale University. New Haven, Connecticut.
- April 19, 2011 'Becoming Woman: Ethnographic Encounters'. South Asian Studies Centre, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- July 12-14, 2010 'Invocations of the Dead in a Wandering, Peripatetic World', at an International Conference entitled Death at Court, Greifswald, Germany.
- January 27-31, 2010 'Gulbadan Banu Begum's *Ahval-i Humayun Badshah: Thinking a Pre-Modern Genre*,' at an International Conference entitled Women's Autobiography in Islamic Societies' University of Texas, Austin.
- September 17, 2009 'In Pursuit of Playfulness: Historical Debates and Literary Imaginings on the Girl-Child in Nineteenth Century India,' Department of English and Women's Studies, York University, Toronto.
- May 21, 2009 'Women and the Colonial Modern: Investigations from Nineteenth Century Northern India'. Department of South Asian Languages and Cultures, The University of Chicago, Chicago.
- December 7-8, 2007 'The Girl-Child in the Colonial Encounter, 1815-1875' at a conference entitled 'Subaltern Citizens and Their Histories: Investigations from India and the USA', Emory University.
- July 15, 2007 'In the Wake of Colonial Ascendancy: Rethinking Muslim Respectability,' at a conference marking the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Indian Mutiny of 1857, Department of South Asian Studies, University of Edinburgh,



Edinburgh.

- January 29, 2007 'Colonialism and the Debate on Muslim Respectability,'  
Department of History, Ryukoku University, Osaka, Japan.
- November 16, 2006 'Portraits of Respectability: Rereading Nazir Ahmad,'  
Department of South Asian Studies, University of Texas, Austin.
- October 2006 'The history of the family: Some Historiographical Reflections,' at a  
panel entitled, Family in Early Modern and Modern South Asia, Wisconsin,  
Madison, The Annual Conference on South Asia.
- March 15, 2006 'Domesticity and Power in Early modern Muslim Courts: an  
Initial Comparison,' Institute of Oriental Culture, University of Tokyo, Tokyo.
- March 14, 2006 'Pre-colonial India: Historiographical Issues,' Department of  
History, University of Kyoto, Kyoto.
- May 13, 2005 'Love and Marriage in a Peripatetic Court,' at a One-day workshop  
entitled Friendship, Love, Sex, Kin, and Marriage: Early Modern and Modern  
Transformations,' Center for Middle Eastern Studies and Committee on  
Degrees in the Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Harvard University,  
Boston.
- February 7, 2005 'Domesticity and Power in the Early Mughal World: Some  
Historiographical and Historical Questions,' Department of Asian Studies,  
University of British Columbia, Vancouver.
- November 5, 2004 'Conceptualizing the Domestic in the Early Mughal World,'  
Black Studies/Women's Studies Department, William and Mary College,  
Williamsburg.
- June 24-27, 2004 **I.** 'Islamic and Non-Islamic Traditions in Medieval India: An  
Introduction.' **II.** 'Rethinking Akbar: Unsettling the Polarities of  
Contemporary Discourse'
- Presented the above two talks at the NEH sponsored program on 'Religion and  
Politics in India: Culture, History, and Contemporary Experience,' East-West  
Center, University of Hawaii, Hawaii.
- August 27, 2004 'Historicizing the *Haram*: the Challenge of a Princess'  
Memoir' Department of History and South Asian Studies Program, National  
University of Singapore, Singapore.
- May 26, 2004 'Genealogy of the Mughal *Haram*: the Challenge of a Princess'  
Memoir,' Department of History, University of Heidelberg,  
Heidelberg.
- March 17-21, 2004 '*Haram* and Beyond: Domesticity and Politics in the Mughal

Imperium,' at a conference entitled Palace Women and Court Life across the World,. University of California, Irvine.

April 14, 2003 'Where was the *Haram* in a Peripatetic World? The Domestic Life of Babur and Humayun,' Department of History and Women's Studies, Villanova College, Pennsylvania.

April 12-13, 2002 'Writing Women's Histories,' at a One-day conference entitled 'Cracking India: Literary and historical perspectives,' Hamilton College, Clinton, NY.

September 8-9, 2001 'The Construction of the Oriental *haram*: European Accounts of Mughal 'private' Life,' at a conference entitled Hazard and Necessity: Debates in the Present Panorama of Science and Culture, Cursos da Arrabida Lisbon.

April 23, 2000 '*Haram* and Beyond: the Memoir of a Mughal Princess'. Department of History, Middle Eastern Studies and the Women's History Program, Ohio State University, Ohio.

December 8, 2000 'Settled, Sacred and All-Powerful: the Making of New Genealogies and New Traditions of Empire under Akbar,' Department of History, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

21 February 2000 '*Haram* and Beyond: the challenge of Gulbadan Banu Begum's *Ahval-i Humayun Badshah*,' Department of History, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

October 1999 'Rethinking Mughal India: Babur and Humayun's Hindustan'. At a conference entitled Rethinking the Borders of South Asia,' South Asian Studies Program and Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

November 1998 'The 'Domestic World' of the Mughals: *Haram* and Beyond,' Department of History, School of Oriental and African Studies, London.

March 1996 'Systematization of the Chisti *Tariqa*: Nizam al-Din Awliya and the *Fawa'id-al-Fu'ad*'. Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi.

### **Conference and Workshop Papers:**

March 28, 2014 *Coming of Age in Nineteenth Century India: The Girl-Child and the Art of Playfulness* (NY: CUP, 2013), a panel discussion, The Association of Asian Studies, Philadelphia.

September 5-7, 2014; June 7-9, 2013; September 15, 2012

Invited participant in a three year workshop entitled, Comparative China-India Project, Princeton University, Princeton. Paper in progress, co-authored with

Beverly Bossler, 'Gender in Early Modern China and India'.

January 6, 2011 'The question of Difference: girl-child/woman in the Colonial Encounter,' presented at a panel entitled, 'Subalternity and Difference: Conversations from India and the USA,' The American Historical Association, Boston.

October 21, 2009 'Figure and Desire: Inshallah Khan's Rani Ketki ki Kahani,' Invited to a preconference panel on the theme, 'Sexualities,' Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin.

January 2-5, 2009 'The girl-child in the Colonial Encounter, circa, 1815-1870,' at a panel entitled, 'Reclaiming Family History: Global Perspectives,' The American Historical Association, NY.

October 16-19, 2008 'The girl-child in the Colonial Encounter, circa, 1815-1870,' at a panel entitled, 'Modernist Redactions: Writings on Family, Caste, Culture,' Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin.

March 3-4, 2006 'A pre-history of rights: thinking about early modern Islamic societies,' at an International conference entitled 'All in the Family? Islam, Women and Human Rights,' The Law School, Emory University.

February 6, 2006 'Modern' Muslim families: Investigations from North India (1750-1850),' Annual Research Workshop, Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Emory University.

January 8, 2006 'Babur's Peripatetic Mughal Court Society,' at a Panel entitled 'Comparative Studies in Cultural History: New Research into the Everyday Life and Legacy of Mughal Emperor Babur, 1483-1530,' The American Historical Association, Philadelphia.

October 15, 2004 'Historicizing the *Haram*: a History of Early Mughal Domestic Life,' at a panel entitled 'Transversing the public/private,' Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin.

April 9, 2004 'Public/Private: Historicizing the *Haram*,' at a one-day workshop on 'The Question of Public and Private,' Departments of Anthropology and History, Program for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

June 6-9, 2002 'Representations of the *Haram*: the Challenge of a Mughal Princess' Memoir,' at a panel entitled, 'Recovering Sources for the Study of Elite Women in Early Modern China, India, and France: A Comparative Approach' (Session sponsored by the Society for the Study of Early Modern Women), Berkshire Conference on History of Women, University of Connecticut, Storrs..

March 30, 2002 'The Invention of "the *haram*": the Mughal case,' at a one-day

workshop on 'Women and Islam in Historical and Contemporary Perspectives,' Program for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

March 1997 'The 'Domestic World' of the Mughals: *Haram* and Beyond,' South Asia Seminar Series, Faculty of Modern History, University of Oxford, Oxford.

### **Seminars and Conferences Organized:**

February 18-19, 2011 Co-organizer along with Gyanendra Pandey of two-day workshop, entitled, 'Un-archived Histories'.

August 1-15, 2009 Co-organizer along with Gyanendra Pandey of four one-day workshops involving American and Indian scholars (on the theme 'Subalternity and Difference in International Perspective'), held at Tata Institute of Social Sciences (Bombay); English and Foreign Language university (Hyderabad); Centre for Studies in Social Sciences (Calcutta); and Jamia Milia Islamia (New Delhi).

March 3-4, 2006 Co-organizer along with Professor Martha Fineman of a two-day international conference entitled 'All in the Family? Islam, Women and Human Rights,' The Law School, Emory University.

October 15, 2004 Organized and participated in a panel entitled Debating the Public/Private in South Asia,' Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin.

March 30, 2002 Organized and participated in a one-day workshop entitled 'Women and Islam in Historical and Contemporary Perspectives,' Departments of Anthropology and History, Program for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

April 9, 2004 Organized and participated in a one-day workshop entitled 'The Question of Public and Private,' Departments of Anthropology and History, University, Baltimore.

### **Public Service Talks**

December 19, 2013 A panel discussion of *Coming of Age in Nineteenth Century India: The Girl-Child and the Art of Playfulness* (NY: CUP, 2013), for a wider intellectual audience. The Indian International Center and Cambridge University Press, New Delhi.

26 September, 2009 Read my short story, 'The Whistle'. The Decatur Book Festival, Atlanta.

11 January, 2007 Public talk introducing the opening of the exhibition, 'Domains of Wonder,' The Carlos Museum, Emory University

7 August, 2006 Public talk at the launch of my book, *Domesticity and Power in the Early Mughal World*, The Nehru Centre (Cultural Centre of India), London, and Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

April 21, 2002 'Women's Struggles and Feminist Writings in Islamic Societies' at a forum called 'Bridges to Islam'. Stony Runs Friends Meeting at the Quaker Church, Baltimore.

December 18, 2000 'Domesticity and Power: Mughal Births and History,' The Nehru Centre (Cultural Centre of India), London.

## **Professional Organizations and Service Activities**

### **National Service**

#### **Professional Appointments:**

##### ***March 2009-2012***

##### ***Committee of Women's Historians, American Historical Association (AHA)***

Duties included organization of special panels sponsored by the Committee at the AHA; selection of the annual speaker at the Women's Breakfast Meeting of the AHA; and preparation of a national report on gender inequalities in income and service matters in academic institutions.

##### ***2008-present***

##### ***Emory Trustee to the American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS)***

Duties include, discussion of ranks for universities that house South Asian Studies; assessing membership application by colleges and universities for AIIS; undergraduate graduate programming matters in India; discussion of the funding situation of the AIIS, which includes President's Report, Director-General's Report, Treasurer's Report, Development Report, Selection Committee Report. In addition, regular discussion of Language Committee Report, International Learning Committee Report, Art and Archaeology Committee Report, Ethnomusicology Committee Report, and Publications Committee Report.

#### **Editorial Positions in Journals and Academic Series:**

2010-present Editorial Advisory board, *Intersections: Colonial and Postcolonial Histories*. Book series, Routledge Press, London.

2007-present Editorial Advisory board, *The Southeast Review of Asian Studies*, the annual journal of the Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies (SEC/AAS)

2005-present Editorial advisory board, *Encyclopedia of the Middle East and South Asia*

2014- Invited to join the South Asia advisory board of I. B. Tauris London.  
Conversation recently began at the Association of Asian Studies Meeting

### **Reader for Juried Journals**

*Journal of Asian Studies, Feminist Studies, Religion and Law, SOAS Bulletin, Indian Economic and Social History Review, Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient, SIGNS.*

### **Reader for Book Manuscripts**

Routledge Press, London; Cambridge University Press, NY; Cambridge University Press, Delhi; Oxford University Press, Delhi; Indiana University Press.

### **Selected Emory University Service**

#### ***Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Emory University***

Fall 2013-present Faculty Member of Islamic Civilizations (ICIVs) Executive Committee, The Graduate Program of MESAS; and Faculty Member, ICIVs.

Fall 2005-present Director, *The South Asia Seminar Series*. Duties include meetings with South Asia faculty, discussion of names for the lecture series, and hosting of speakers.

2010 Member, Selection Committee, Hindi Urdu search.

2007-2008 Member, Curriculum Committee. Designed two courses for the South Asian track of the Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies major (MESAS 100, 202); and a MESAS 300 course intended both for the students of South Asia as well as the Middle East. Also designed elective offerings such as Women in India, Family in South Asia, Women and Islam, and freshmen seminar, Harem Tales.

2005-2006 Joint Coordinator, Events Committee; duties included special events and lecture series in the Department.

2005- present Member, South Asian Studies Committee. Duties included the development of the South Asian track of the Major in Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies; currently, matters related to courses taught, development of new courses, student matters in South Asian Studies, Intellectual development of the track and its relationship to the department.

#### ***Emory College***

Fall 2005-present Director, The 'South Asia Seminar Series', under the auspices of the Departments of Religion, Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies (MESAS); Initiated and designed The South Asia Seminar Series in 2006 for the former Asian Studies Program.

2005- 2008 Member, South Asian Studies Committee, of the former Asian Studies Program. Duties included new course designs, outreach, and public lectures for student organizations.

***Emory University***

Fall 2014-Fall 2017 Representative of Emory College Faculty, Honorary Degree Committee.

May 2012 Faculty Member, The Halle Institute Faculty Development Trip to China and South Korea to encourage increased undergraduate admissions at Emory.

August 1-15, 2009 Along with Gyanendra Pandey led Emory faculty to India, for four one-day workshops involving American and Indian scholars (on the theme 'Subalternity and Difference in International Perspective'). Meetings held at Tata Institute of Social Sciences (Bombay); English and Foreign Language university (Hyderabad); Centre for Studies in Social Sciences (Calcutta); and Jamia Milia Islamia (New Delhi).

2008-present Emory Trustee to the American Institute of Indian Studies (Duties listed above)

2008 Emory Fulbright Committee

2005-2006 Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies liaison to the Honor Council, Emory University.

March 2006 Along with Professor Martha Fineman organized a two-day international conference, 'All in the Family? Islam, Women and Human Rights'. Part of the Emory initiative to investigate 'Religions and the Human Spirit.'

October 2006 Along with Gyanendra Pandey, organized an International Conference at Emory College, entitled, 'Subaltern Citizens and their histories: investigations from India and the USA'

***Emory University Graduate Committee Work and Dissertation Supervision Committee Work***

Durba Mitra (Co-Advisor, 2013), 'Restraining Desire: Women and the Regulation of Sexuality in Colonial Bengal, c. 1830-1930, Department of History.

Aditya Pratap Deo (Committee Member, 2013), 'Spirits, State Effects and Peoples' Politics: Negotiating Sovereignty in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Kanker, Central India', Department of History.

### ***Emory University Courses***

***Undergraduate:*** Introduction to South Asian Civilizations; South Asian History and Identity; Gender, Sexuality and Modern Islam; Harem Tales; Women in India; Family in South Asia; Women and Islam.

***Graduate:*** Gender, Sexuality and Modern Islam; South Asia Research Seminar; History and Literature: South Asian Perspectives; Feminist Landscapes: History, Historiography and the Archive.

### **Johns Hopkins University**

Fall 2001-2005          Member, Advisory, and Curriculum Committees, *Program for the study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality*.

Fall 2001-Spring 2005          Associate Director, *Program for the study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality*. Duties included: coordination of courses for a Minor in WGS, student and faculty activities, outreach programs, publication of three newsletters a year, organization of an annual seminar series and a one-day international workshop.

### ***Dissertation Committee, Johns Hopkins***

Anna C. Rose (2005, Committee Member), 'Children's Moral Culture and the Experimental Human Sciences in Britain, France, and Italy, 1748-1899,' Centre for Liberal Arts.

### **Membership of Professional Societies**

*The American Historical Association.*  
*Association for Asian Studies.*

### **Language Skills**

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