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Educational History

PhD, South Asian History: University of Virginia, Charlottesville, January 2003

MA, South Asian History: University of Virginia, Charlottesville, 1998

BA, History: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1996.

Academic Appointments

- Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Washington, Seattle, 2012-current.
 - Assistant Professor, Dept. of History, UW, Seattle, 2005-2012.
- Assistant Professor, Dept. of History, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, 2003-2005
- Instructor, Dept. of History, Bowdoin College Academic year 2002-2003

Selected Publications

“Networks and Fault Lines in the in Eighteenth-Century Deccani Literary Communities: Lachmi Narayan Shafiq and his circle,” *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 57, 4 (2020).

“Warriors and peasants in Mughal-era Punjab,” *The Oxford Handbook of Mughal Studies*, ed. Ramya Sreenivasan and Richard Eaton, Oxford University Press, 2020.

“Marking Boundaries and Building Bridges: Persian Scholarly Networks in Mughal Punjab,” *Frontiers of Persian*, ed. Nile Green. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2019.

“Sikhism in the Eighteenth Century,” in *Oxford Handbook of Sikh Studies*. ed. by Pashaura Singh and Louis F. Fenech. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014.

When Sparrows Became Hawks: The Making of Khalsa Martial Tradition. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011

“On the Possibilities of Ideographic Analysis: Gu Yanwu’s *Disquisition* Applied to Mughal History,” *Fragments: Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Study of Ancient and Medieval Pasts*, Vol. 1, issue 1, (May 2011).

“Tracing Gender in the Myths and Practices of the Eighteenth-Century Khalsa” in *Sikhism and Women: History, Text and Experience*, ed. Doris Jakobsh. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2010.

“Reading the Texture of History and Memory in Early Nineteenth-Century Punjab,” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*, Vol. 29, Issue 3, (2009).

“Ram Sukh Rao’s *Jassa Singh Binod*: A Novel Approach to Writing a Sikh History,” in *Patronage and Popularisation, Pilgrimage and Procession: Channels of Transcultural Translation and Transmission in Early Modern South Asia*, edited by Heidi Pauwels (Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2009)

“Redemptive Pasts and Imperiled Futures: The Writing of a Sikh History,” *Sikh Formations: Religion, Culture, Theory*, Vol. 3, Issue 2 (2007): 111-124. (Reprinted in edited volume *Time, History, and the Religious Imaginary in South Asia*, ed. Anne Murphy. London: Routledge, 2011.

Co-Authored:

Purnima Dhavan and Heidi Pauwels, “Controversies surrounding the reception of Valī “Dakhanī” (1665?-1707?) in Early Tazkirahs of Urdu Poets,” *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, 25 (4) (2015): 625-646.

Research/Publications in Progress:

“A Feast for the Heart and Mind: Print Culture, Polemics, and Religious Debate in Punjab,” ed. Anshu Malhotra, *Punjabi Centuries, Hyderabad*, Orient BlackSwan. Submitted.

“Ass-loads of Rice:” Taxes, Wages, Labor, and the Dilemmas of Ecological Sufficiency in Mughal Kashmir, 1586-c.1700,” essay in *Environmental Borderlands* submitted to Univ. of North Carolina Press, April 2021.

“New Religious Imaginings,” for *The Cambridge History of India: Mughals and their World, 1520-1740* submitted for review March 2021.

The Lords of the Pen Write Back: Self-fashioning and Literary Culture in Mughal India (Book Manuscript, in progress)

Co-authored with Heidi Pauwels:

Welcoming Vali: The Reception of Vali Dakhani in Early Urdu Literary Culture (book collaboration with Prof. Heidi Pauwels, Asian Languages and Literature, UW)

“*Mirza Hatim, Vali Dakhani, and Emergence of Literary Urdu*,” journal article under review

Academic Honors, Fellowships, Awards

- Howard and Francis Keller Endowed Chair in History, Dept. of History UW, 2014-18.
- Career Diversity Grant, AHA, to create internships and information about alternative career routes for History PhDs, 2015-2016. *Co-authored with Prof. Jordanna Bailikin, former DGS in History*
- NEH Funded AHS Sr. Fellowship, 2013-2014 for research on book project “Brave New Worlds? Reading Publics and Literary Associations in Early-Modern South Asia.”
- RRF Scholar, UW, Spring, 2012 for research on book project “Brave New Worlds? Reading Publics and Literary Associations in Early-Modern South Asia.”

- Simpson Center, UW, Cross-disciplinary Conversation Award, 2011-2012 (with Heidi Pauwels, Asian Languages and Literature), Project on Vali Dakhani and Early Urdu
- South Asia Center, UW, to organize speaker series, “Persian and Vernaculars” Spring, 2011
- Simpson Center, UW, to organize conference “Metropolis and Micropolitics: Conflicting Imaginaries and Politics in South Asia’s Sutured Cities, May 2009
- Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Funding, 2000-2001: University of Virginia
- American Institute of Indian Studies Junior Fellowship: 1999-2000
- DuPont Fellowship of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 1998-1999: University of Virginia
- Persian FLAS (U. S. Department of Education, Title VI Foreign Language Area Studies grants), 1998-1999: University of Virginia
- Punjabi FLAS, Summer, 1998: University of Virginia (For study at University of California, Berkeley)
- Persian FLAS, 1997-1998: University of Virginia
- Persian FLAS, 1996-1997: University of Virginia
- Angell Scholar, 1993-94, 1994-95: University of Michigan

Scholarly Papers Presented at Conferences:

- “Brawls, Jokes, and Spectral Encounters: Populating Urban Memories in Eighteenth century Delhi” South Asia Workshop, CAS, Jackson School May 20, 2021.
- “The Ethics of Teaching “the Rest” in Global Environmental History,” *American Historical Association Annual Meeting*, January 2021. Cancelled due to COVID.
- “Bedil’s Ghosts: Emotive Memoryscapes and the Spectral Presence in Tazkirah Writing,” *Annual South Asia Conference* Madison, October, 2019
- “Environmental Histories of the Indus Basin,” *Connecting South Asian and Himalayan Communities Across Cascadia*, University of British Columbia, Nov, 2018.
- “Mapping Roots and Routes in Tazkirahs,” *Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting*, Toronto, March 2017.
- “Repopulating the Tavern: Decay, Ferment, and Experimentation in a Dakhani Poetic Cluster,” *Annual South Asia Conference*, Madison, Wisconsin, October 2017.
- (with Heidi Pauwels) “*Crafting the Language of the ‘Pleasure Seekers:’ Mirza Hatim, Vali Dakhani, and Emergence of Literary Urdu*,” Association of Asian Studies Conference, March 2016.
- “A Memento for my Friends”: Urdu Circulation and the Literary Network of Abd-ul Vali ‘Uzlat,” at the *American Association of Asian Studies Conference*, March 2013.
- “Bureaucrats without States? Surviving Imperial Transitions in Eighteenth-Century Punjab,” at the *Center of South Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Madison, Wisconsin. October 2012.
- “Literary Self-Fashioning and the Adhyatmi Jains of Agra,” at the *Center of South Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Madison, Wisconsin. October 2011.
- “Brave New Worlds?” SACPAN, March 2011, UW, Seattle. March 2011
- “In Love and Service: Re-calibrating the Value of *Naukari* in Pre-colonial Punjab,” at the *Center of South Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Madison, Wisconsin. October 2010.
- “Vernacular Ambitions—Reimagining Courtly Lives in the Sikh Kingdoms,” at the *Center of South Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Madison, Wisconsin. October 2008.

- “Navigating the Shoals of Naukari and Sardari: Khalsa Sikhs and the Military Labor Market in 18th Century Punjab,” SACPAN, March 2008, UBC, Vancouver
- “Translating Narratives of the State: History and Memory in Early Nineteenth Century Punjab,” *American Historical Association Annual Meeting*, January 2008, Washington D. C.
- “Practicing What Others Preached: Popular Religion in South Asia,” for *Teaching World Religions: A Workshop for Social Studies, Humanities, and Other Educators*, June 27-29, 2007, University of Washington, Seattle
- “Redemptive Pasts and Imperiled Futures: The Writing of a Sikh History,” at the *Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting*, Boston, March 2007.
- “Following the Guru’s Path: Masculinity and Honor in the Eighteenth-Century Sikh Warrior Community,” at the *American Historical Association Annual Meeting*, January 2006.
- “History, Prophecy, and Power: The Role of Gurbilas Literature in Shaping Khalsa Identity,” at the *Center of South Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Madison, Wisconsin. October 2005
- “Sanctioned Violence? Situating Honor and War in Khalsa History,” at the *Midwestern Conference on Asian Affairs*, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. October 2004
- “Warriors at the End of Time: Tracing Gender in the Myths and Practices of the Eighteenth-Century Khalsa,” at the *Center of South Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Madison, Wisconsin. October 2003
- “Relocating the Sikh ‘Marauder,’” at the *Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting*, in New York. March 2003.
- “From Rebels to Rulers: Ideology and Statecraft in Eighteenth-century Punjab,” at the *Center for South Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Madison, Wisconsin. October 2001

Presentations By Invitation:

- Workshop Speaker, AHA Career Diversity Faculty Institute, 2021
- “Revisiting the 18th Century in South Asia” *Karwaan Heritage Exploration Initiative*, Season 2, 2nd August 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fT1tsIBMSQM>
- “Refining and Redefining the Dar-ul-Islam in Mughal India” *Community College Master Teacher Institute 2020 - Borders: Real and Imaginary*, July 31, 2020
- ““Ass-loads of Rice:” Taxes, Wages, Labor, and the Dilemmas of Ecological Sufficiency in Mughal Kashmir, 1586-c.1700,” *Global Environmental Borderlands*, Clements Center, joint collaboration, Southern Methodist University and Stanford University, October, 2019.
- “New Religious Imaginings,” Madison Symposium to workshop chapters for *The Cambridge History of India: Mughals and their World, 1520-1740*, October 2019.
- “The Purpose of a History PhD: Insights from the Career Diversity Initiative,” and “Many Ways of Being a Historian,” AHA-PCB, July, 2019.
- “Switching Gender: Love, Desire, and Ethical Debates in Mughal India,” *History Lecture Series: Challenging Gender*, January 2019.
- “The Persistence of Debate: Vernacular Intellectuals in Mughal Punjab,” South Asia Seminar, Princeton University, October, 2018.
- “Networks and Fault Lines in the in Eighteenth-Century Deccani Literary Communities,” *Professions in Motion: Culture, Power, and the Politics of Mobility in India’s Long Eighteenth Century*, University of Oxford, June 2017.

- “Archive Making and Archival Silences in Mughal Punjab,” *South Asia Across Disciplines*, Harvard University, April 2017.
- “Head in the Clouds, Feet on the Ground: Mughal Bureaucracy, Scholars, and Social Mobility in Late Mughal India,” Classics, Medieval, and Early Modern Studies Group (CMEMS), November 2016.
- “Mapping the Topography of Persian in Mughal Punjab—Where were the Farsiguan?,” *The Frontiers of Persian Learning: Testing the Limits of a Eurasian Lingua Franca, 1600-1900, Session 1: The Geographical Frontiers of Persian Learning*, UCLA Center for Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Studies, Oct. 16, 2015
- “Method in the Margins: Debates about Plagiarism and Scholarship in Late Mughal India,” at the *Polyvocal Hindustan: Literatures, Languages, and Publics*, at Stanford University, March 6-7, 2014.
- “Rogues and Robbers: The Dilemma of Religion and Ethics in late Mughal Punjab,” The Institute for Religion, Culture and Public Life, Columbia University, September, 2012.
- “Chelas, Premis, and Sikhs: Debates about Authenticity and Reform in Sikh Hagiographies,” *Religion, Patronage, and Reform in Modern South Asia Workshop*, sponsored by the Department of South Asian Studies, University of Philadelphia, April 6-7, 2012
- “Devotion and its Discontent: Affective Communities in the Sikh Kingdoms,” *Expanding Horizons: Sikh Studies at the Turn of the Twenty-first Century*, University of California, Santa Barbara, Nov. 14-15, 2009
- “Re-ordering Royal Authority: The Politics of Art Patronage in Patiala and Jodhpur,” Symposium at Seattle Asian Art Museum for *Garden and Cosmos: The Royal Paintings of Jodhpur* Exhibition, March 26-27, 2009.
 - Also participated in Roundtable for exhibition, Feb. 19, 2009.
- “Heteroglossia and the Production of History in the Early Sikh States,” Sikh Studies Program, University of California, Santa Barbara, April 14, 2008.
- “Rama Sukha Rao’s *Jassa Singh Binod: A Study of Possible Pasts*,” at the conference on *Patronage, Performance, Procession, and Pilgrimage: Channels of Religious Discourse in Early Modern India*, Seattle, May 17-18, 2007.
- “Authenticity and Corruption—Searching for Roots in Eighteenth-Century Sikh History” at the Identity and Belonging in South Asia Workshop organized by CISAR, University of British Columbia. October 2005.
- “The Khalsa Identity in Current Sikh Research,” at the *Sikh Studies Seminar* in Luther College, Decorah, IA. March 2004

Service:

University of Washington:

- Advisory Committee on Faculty Code and Regulations, 2019-21
- UW, Bias Incident Advisory Committee, 2018-2020
- Faculty Affairs Committee, UW Faculty Senate, 2016-19
- Royalty Research Fund Review Committee, 2014-2016: evaluate and award UW-wide funding.
- Faculty Senator for History Department, 2008-9

History Department:

- Graduate studies, 2020-21
- Long Range Planning Committee, 2019-20
- Review Committee, Assistant Professors and Lecturers, 2019-20
- Korean History Search Committee, 2018-19
- Tenure Committee for Prof. Arbella Bet-Shlimon, 2018-19
- Graduate Studies, 2018-19
- Director of Graduate Studies, 2015-2018
- History of the Islamic World pre-1850, History Department, 2014-2015
- Mideast/Islamic World Cluster Search Hiring Committee, NELC and History (4 searches), 2012-2013
- Graduate Studies Committee, 2010-2011, 2011-2012
- Graduate Admissions, 2009-2010
- Undergraduate Committee, 2008-2009
- Outreach Committee, 2007-2008
- Organizer, Comparative Colonialisms Reading Group, 2006-2008
- Long Range Planning Committee, 2006-2007
- Undergraduate Committee, 2005-2006

Center of South Asian Studies:

- Executive Committee, 2020-21
- Coordinator, SACPAN Conference, 2018-19
- Coordinator, Himalyan Studies Working Group (Collaboration with UBC) 2018-19
- Graduate Admissions, 2018-19
- Executive Committee, 2015-18
- Admissions and Graduate Funding Committee, 2011-2012
- Curriculum Committee, 2011-2012
- Executive Committee, CSA, 2010-2011
- Curriculum Committee, 2010-2011
- South Asia Development Committee, 2009-2010
- Distinguished Visitor Committee, 2008
- Curriculum Committee 2005-2007
- Library Committee, 2006-2008
- Graduate Admissions, 2005-2006

NMES Interdisciplinary PhD

- Admissions Committee, 2020-21
- Annual Review Committee, Graduate Studies, 2019-20
- Executive Committee, 2018-20
- Graduate Studies Committee, 2018-19

Service to Profession

- Nominating Committee, American Institute of Indian Studies, 2020-23(three year elected term)

- South Asia Council, Association of Asian Studies, 2018-21 (three year elected term)
 - Chair, 2019-20); Executive Board Member for AAS (2019-20)
 - Program committee, AAS-in-Asia, 2020
- Nominating Committee, AHA, 2016-19 (three year elected term)
- Program Committee, Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, 2018
- Career Diversity Grants Selection Committee, American Historical Association, 2016
- Selection Committee, American Institute of Indian Studies, 2015-2017
 - Chair, Selection Committee in 2017-2018
- Manuscript Reviewer for Harvard University Press, Stanford University Press, Columbia University Press, Oxford University Press, Yale University Press, Sage Books, *Modern Asian Studies*, *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*, *South Asia*, *Sikh Formations*, *Visual Anthropology*, *Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians*
- Executive Committee, South Asia Microfilm Project (SAMP) 2009-2011
 - *This is a project organized by the Center for Research Libraries to review and select archival material for preservation*

Graduate Advising

MA committee:

- Urooj Hanafi, Jackson School, chair, exp grad 2021
- Sukhman Bajwa, exp. grad 2022
- Ilsa Abdul Razzak, Chair, exp. grad 2022
- Ali Mehdi Zaidi, Jackson School, March 2020
- Spencer Parrington, Jackson School, chair, June 2019
- Shariq Khan, Jackson School, chair, June, 2018
- Mariam Sabri, Jackson School, chair, June 2017
- Krysta Ahluwalia, Jackson School, chair, June 2016
- Kelsey Utne, Jackson School, chair, June 2015
- Jessica Bachman, Jackson School, chair, June 2015
- Grant Gilford, Jackson School, chair, June 2013
- Michael Skinner, Asian Languages and Literature, 2012
- Shruti Patel, History, 2010
- Tavleen Kaur, Architecture, 2010
- Amanda Minx, Jackson School, June 2006
- Kelley McHenry, Jackson School, Dec 2006
- Jacqueline Paquette, Jackson School, June 2007
- Tracy Ann Buck, Museology, June 2007

Phd Examination and Dissertation Committees

- Sukhdip Kaur Jagrop Singh, History, Chair
- Amaal Akhtar, History
- Nastasia Paul Gera, Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies
- Anandi Bandyopadhyay, History
- Jessica Bachman, History
- Ting-Chieh Ou Yang, History

- Adrian Kane, History
- Rachel L. Taylor, History
- Katie Blank, History
- William Bamber, Interdisciplinary NMES PhD
- Shruti Patel History, 2017
- Eric Johnson, History, 2017
- Michael Skinner, AL and L, 2017
- Monica Kim Meadows, History, 2013, Co-chair
- Catherine Warner, History, 2014
- Stefan Kamola, History, 2013
- Dana Garvey, (GSR, Art History)
- Tabitha Hart (Communications, GSR, 2012)
- Srinivas Chokkakula, (Geography, GSR)
- Rowan Suzanne Ellis, (Geography, GSR, January 2010)

Languages

Hindi: Native speaker

Urdu/Dahkani: Advanced proficiency in speaking, reading, translating

Persian: Proficiency in reading, and translating

Punjabi: Proficiency in reading, and translating

Spanish: Proficiency in reading, and translating

Major Fields of Specialization

- Early Modern/Medieval South Asia—1200-1800 CE
- Modern South Asia—1800 CE-Present
- Environmental History

Minor Fields of Specialization

- History of Islam
- Global/World History

References

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