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CURRENT POSITIONS

Professor Emerita of Religious Studies, **Chapman University**, 2024-

Life Member, Clare Hall, **Cambridge University**, 2003-

International Research Advisor, Rupayan Sansthan (**Folklore Institute of Rajasthan**),
Jodhpur, India, 1996-

EDUCATION

Ph.D., History of Religions, **Graduate Theological Union (and University of California, Berkeley)**, 1995

M.A., Divinity School, **University of Chicago**, 1984

B.A., Religion and Literature, **University of Puget Sound**, 1981 Summa cum Laude

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chapman University, Department of Religious Studies, Professor, 2020-2024

Chapman University Department of Religious Studies, Chair, 2011-2024

Chapman University, Albert Schweitzer Institute, Director, 2014-2024

Chapman University, Department of Religious Studies, Associate Professor, 2001-2020

National High School Ethics Bowl, Regional Organizer: Orange County (2015-2016) and Southern California (2016-2024)

Global Ethics and Religion Forum, Co-Founder and Co-Director, 2001-2009

Library of Global Ethics and Religion, Oneworld Publications, Oxford, England, Co-Editor, 1999-2003

Chapman University, Department of Religious Studies, Assistant Professor, 1995-2001

University of California, Berkeley, Religious Studies Program, Lecturer:

Women, Gender, and Religion in India, Spring 1995

Devotional Religion in India, Fall 1994

Methods in Religious Studies, Spring 1992

University of California, Berkeley, Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies,
Research Assistant to Dr. Linda Hess, Spring 1991

University of California, Berkeley, Religious Studies Program, Teaching Assistant:

World Religious Traditions: 1991 (Huston Smith); 1989 (Jennifer Rycenga)

Methods in Religious Studies: 1991 (Richard Payne), 1990 (Karen McCarthy Brown)

University of Washington, Seattle, Medical Genetics and Hematology

Advanced Research Technologist, 1984-1987

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Pediatric Oncology, Seattle

Research Technologist, 1982-1983

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

Mirabai: The Making of a Saint. New York: Oxford University Press, 2023.

Edited Volumes

- Human Rights and Responsibilities in the World Religions*. Co-editor. Oxford: Oneworld Publications, 2003 (352 pages)
- Ethics in the World Religions*. Co-editor. Oxford: Oneworld Publications, 2001 (380 pages)
- Love, Sex, and Gender in the World Religions*. Co-editor. Oxford: Oneworld Publications, 2000 (320 pages)
- The Meaning of Life in the World Religions*. Co-editor. Oxford: Oneworld Publications, 1999 (330 pages)

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- "Hinduism for Women: Present and Future Prospects for Socio-Spiritual Emancipation." In *Women in World Religions: Exploring the Future*. Edited by Arvind Sharma. Singapore: Springer Nature, 2024. Pages 71-101. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-97-5975-0_4
- "The Spiritual Prodigy, the Reluctant Guru, and the Saint: Mirabai and Collaborative Leadership at Hari Krishna Mandir." Invited essay for *Religions* Special Issue: Gurus, Priestesses, Saints, Mediums and Yoginis: Holy Women as Influencers in Hindu Culture. Edited by June McDaniel and Antoinette DeNapoli. *Religions* 15 (2024): 486. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel15040486>
- "'Reciprocal Illumination' of Hinduism, Human Rights, and the Comparative Study of Religion: Arvind Sharma's Contributions." *International Journal of Hindu Studies* (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11407-024-09369-2>
- "Invoking Mirabai: Elision and Illumination in the Global Study of Women Mystics." In *Gender and Medieval Mysticism from India to Europe*. Edited by Alexandra Verini and Abir Bazaz. New York: Routledge, 2023. Pages 170-188.
- "Jesus and Spirituality in Interreligious Perspective." *Religions* 13, 12 (2022): 1157. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel13121157>
- "Loving God the Mira Way: A Sadhana in Song and Story." *Journal of Vaishnava Studies* 30, 2 (2022): 9-17.
- "Mirabai's Poetry: The Worlding of a Hindu Woman Saint's Dynamic Song Tradition." In *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to World Literature*. Volume V. Edited by Ken Seigneurie and B. Venkat Mani. Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1002/9781118635193.ctwl0070>
- "The Gendering of Voice in Medieval Hindu Literature." In *The Bloomsbury Research Handbook of Indian Philosophy and Gender*. Edited by Veena Howard. London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2019. Pages 97-123.
- "Fluid Boundaries and the Assertion of Difference in Low-caste Religious Identity." In *Lines in the Water: Religious Boundaries in South Asia*. Edited by Tazim Kassam and Eliza Kent. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2013. Pages 239-267.
- "Mirabai Comes to America: The Translation and Transformation of a Saint," *Journal of Hindu Studies* (Oxford: 2010) 3:12-35.
- "Transforming Love: Holiness and the Vocation of Justice." In *Justice and Mercy will Kiss: Paths to Peace in a World of Many Faiths*. Edited by Michael Duffey and Deborah Nash. Milwaukee: Marquette University Press, 2008. Pages 19-40.
- "Love." In *Oxford Handbook of Religion and Emotion*. Edited by John Corrigan. Co-authored with J. Runzo. New York: Oxford University Press, 2008. Pages 310-332.

- "Rajasthan: Mirabai and her Poetry." In *Krishna: A Source Book*. Edited by Edwin Bryant. New York: Oxford University Press, 2007. Pages 241-254.
- "Rights, Roles, and Reciprocity in Hindu Dharma." In *Human Rights and Responsibilities in the World Religions*. Edited by J. Runzo, N. M. Martin, and A. Sharma. Oxford: Oneworld Publications, 2003. Pages 266-280.
- "North Indian Hindi Devotional Literature." In *The Blackwell Companion to Hinduism*, edited by Gavin Flood. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2003. Pages 182-198.
- "Interrogating the Oral and Written Traditions of Mirabai and Kabir." In *Devotional Literature in South Asia: Current Research 1997-2000*, edited by Winand Callewaert and Dieter Taillieu. Delhi: Manohar Publications, 2002. Pages 129-138.
- "Homespun Threads of Dignity and Protest: Songs of Kabir in Rural Rajasthan." In *Images of Kabir* edited by Monika Boehm-Tettelbach. Delhi: Manohar Publications, 2002. Pages 199-214.
- "Introduction: Inter-Religious Understanding." In *Ethics in the World Religions*. Co-edited by J. Runzo and N. M. Martin. Oxford: Oneworld Publications, 2001. Pages 1-16.
- "Mirabai and Kabir in Rajasthani Folk Traditions: Meghwal and Manganiyar Repertoires." In *The Banyan Tree: Essays on Early Literature in New Indo-Aryan Languages*. Edited by Mariola Offredi. Delhi: Manohar Press, 2000. Volume 2, pages 391-418.
- "Loving the Goddess in Hinduism." In *Love, Sex and Gender in the World Religions*. Co-edited by J. Runzo and N. M. Martin. Oxford: Oneworld Publications, 2000. Pages 89-111.
- "Mirabai in the Academy and the Politics of Identity." In *Faces of the Feminine from Ancient, Medieval and Modern India*. Edited by Mandakranta Bose. New York: Oxford University Press, 2000. Pages 162-182.
- "Love and Longing in Devotional Hinduism." In *The Meaning of Life in the World Religions*. Co-edited by J. Runzo and N. M. Martin. Oxford: Oneworld Publications, 1999. Pages 201-219.
- "Mira Janma Patri and Other Tales of Resistance and Appropriation." In *Religion, Ritual, and Royalty*. Edited by Rajendra Joshi and N. K. Singhi. Jaipur: Rawat Press, 1999. Pages 227-261. Republished in *Girdhar Anuragi Meera*. Edited by Kalyan Singh Shekhavat and Mahendra Singh Nagar. Jodhpur: Maharaja Mansingh Pustak Prakash Research Center, 2009. Pages 359-393.
- "Mira Bai: Shastron mem Ullikhit, Jivan mem Rupayit." Mangilal Nagda and Ashok Kumar Bhatnagar, trans. *Rangayan* 30, 1 (Jan.-Mar. 1997): 7-19.
- "Mirabai: Inscribed in Text, Embodied in Life." In *Vaisnavi: Women and the Worship of Krishna*. Edited by Steven Rosen. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidas, 1996. Pages 7-46. Initially published in *Journal of Vaisnava Studies* 3, 4 (Fall 1995): 5-44.

On-line Bibliographies (invited)

- "Mirabai." *Oxford Bibliographies* in "Hinduism." Ed. Alf Hiltebeitel. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012, www.oxfordbibliographies.com. Revised 2017.

Documentary Film Featured Scholar

- "Meera, Thaare Kain Laage Gopal?/Meera, Who is Krishna to You After All?" 2022. Directed by Shabnam Virani and Prashant Parvataneni. Bangalore: Kabir Project. <https://youtu.be/ogeNtuRsr3k>

Articles in Reference Works

- "Mirabai." *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Medieval Women's Writing in the Global Middle Ages*. Michelle M. Sauer, Diane Watt, and Elizabeth Herbert McAvoy, editors-in-chief. Palgrave Macmillan, 2022. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-76219-3_31-1 (3700 words)
- "Ethics." *Encyclopedia of Hinduism (Volume IV: History, Philosophy, Knowledge Traditions, Interreligious Contact)*. Edited by Knut A. Jacobson. Netherlands: Brill, 2012. Pages 677-691.
- "Mirabai." *Encyclopedia of Hinduism (Volume III: Society, Theology, Biography)*. Edited by Knut A. Jacobson. Netherlands: Brill, 2011. Pages 288-295.
- "Compassion and Grace." *Encyclopedia of Hinduism (Volume II: Sacred Texts, Ritual Traditions, Arts, Concepts)*. Edited by Knut A. Jacobson. Netherlands: Brill, 2010. Pages 752-757.
- "Hinduism in Rajasthan." *Encyclopedia of Hinduism (Volume 1: Regions, Pilgrimage, Deities)*. Edited by Knut A. Jacobson. Netherlands: Brill, 2009. Pages 283-298.
- "Hinduism and Holy People." *Holy People of the World: An Encyclopedia*. Editor-in-Chief: Phyllis G. Jestice. Santa Barbara: ABC CLIO, 2004. Pages 367-371.

Encyclopedia Entries

- "Divine Love in Hinduism." *Encyclopedia of Love in the World Religions*. Editor-in-Chief: Yudit Greenberg. Santa Barbara: ABC CLIO, 2007. Pages 162-163.
- "Saints in Hinduism." *Encyclopedia of Love in the World Religions*. Editor-in-Chief: Yudit Greenberg. Santa Barbara: ABC CLIO, 2007. Pages 532-533.
- "Mirabai." *Encyclopedia of Religion*, second edition. Editor-in-Chief: Lindsay Jones. Macmillan Reference, 2004. Pages 6048-6049.
- "Bhakti Saints." *Holy People of the World: An Encyclopedia*. Editor-in-Chief: Phyllis G. Jestice. Santa Barbara: ABC CLIO, 2004. Pages 121-122.
- "Kabir." *Holy People of the World: An Encyclopedia*. Editor-in-Chief: Phyllis G. Jestice. Santa Barbara: ABC CLIO, 2004. Pages 460-461.
- "Mirabai." *Holy People of the World: An Encyclopedia*. Editor-in-Chief: Phyllis G. Jestice. Santa Barbara: ABC CLIO, 2004. Page 586.
- "Bhakti Saints." *South Asian Folklore: An Encyclopedia*. Edited by Peter J. Claus and Margaret Mills. New York: Routledge, 2003. Page 60.
- "Komal Kothari." *South Asian Folklore: An Encyclopedia*. Edited by Peter J. Claus and Margaret Mills. New York: Routledge, 2003. Pages 344-345.
- "Mirabai." *Encyclopedia of Women and World Religions*. Edited by Serenity Young. New York: Macmillan Publishing, 1998. Volume 2, pages 664-665.

Book Reviews

- Laura R. Brueck, *Writing Resistance: The Rhetorical Imagination of Hindi Dalit Literature* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2014). *The Journal of Hindu Studies*, 9, 3 (November 2016): 370-372.
- Elaine Craddock, *Siva's Demon Devotee: Kāraikkāl Ammaiyār* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2010). *The Journal of Hindu Studies* (2011) 4 (3): 292-294.
- Jeaneane Fowler, *Hinduism: Beliefs and Practices* (Portland, OR: Sussex Academic Press, 1997). *Religious Studies Review* 24, 3 (July, 1998): 326.
- Parita Mukta, *Upholding the Common Life: The Community of Mirabai* (Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1994). *Journal of Asian Studies* 56, 1 (February, 1997)

Forthcoming Journal Articles and Book Chapters (peer reviewed):

"Forging Self and Sampradāy: Inclusion, Equality and Religious Diversity in Pre-Modern Bhakti." In *Provincializing Pluralism: Difference and Diversity in South Asian Traditions*. Edited by Brian Black and James Madaio. Bloomsbury Academic. Expected publication 2025.

Monographs in Progress

The Voice of Mirabai: Co-Creating the Songs of a Medieval Hindu Woman Saint. Projected Completion 2025

Mirabai: Postcolonial and Global Incarnations and Invocations. Projected Completion 2026

Edited Volume in Progress

Transforming Mirabai: From Sixteenth-century Rajput Princess to Twenty-first-century Global Saint. Projected completion: 2026.

Book Chapters/Journal Articles in Progress

Revision of "Hinduism in Rajasthan." *Encyclopedia of Hinduism (Volume 1: Regions, Pilgrimage, Deities)*. Edited by Knut A. Jacobson. Netherlands: Brill. First published in 2009.

PAPERS/PRESENTATIONS

International

Invited Lecture/Paper Presentation

Oxford, England: "Hindi Devotional Literature of North India: Story and Song Inside and Outside Sectarian and Nationalist Formations." Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, 2025.

Cambridge, England: "The Renunciant Rani and the Weaver of Dignity: Low-caste Hindu Reflections on Gender, Society and Religion." Cambridge University, 2003

Oxford, England: "The Renunciant Rani and the Weaver of Dignity: Low-caste Hindu Theological Reflection in the Songs of Mirabai and Kabir." Oxford University, 2003

Jodhpur, India: "Multiple Miras: The Dynamics of a Living Tradition." International Mirabai Conference, January 2001

Beijing, China: "The Contemporary Challenges of Comparative Ethics: Examples from Hinduism, Buddhism, and Christianity." Tsinghua University, December 2000

Heidelberg, Germany: "Homespun Threads of Dignity and Protest: Songs of Kabir in Rural Rajasthan." International Symposium on Kabir. University of Heidelberg, June 1999

Cambridge, England: "Living Realities of Saints Past: The Sixteenth-century Saint Mirabai and Women in India Today." Cambridge University, June 1998

Jaipur, India: "Singing Mirabai and Kabir: Meghwal and Manganiyar Repertoires in Western Rajasthan." Institute for Development Studies, July 1997

Paper Presentation

Canberra, Australia: "Bhakti Voices: From Song to Text in Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century North India." Paper accepted for presentation at the 15th International Conference on the Early Modern Literatures of North India, The Australian National University, July 2025.

Sonepat, India: "Speaking and Crafting Lives with a Medieval Hindu Devotional Saint: Mirabai Then and Now." Gender in Global Medieval Mysticism Speaker Series, Ashoka University, March 30, 2021.

Toronto, Canada: "'Reverence for Life' Reconsidered: Ethical Mysticism for Our Time." Parliament of the World's Religions, November 2018

Toronto, Canada: "Meeting Mirabai: Finding Our Voices, Reimagining Ourselves with a Hindu Poet-Saint." Parliament of the World's Religions, November 2018

Toronto, Canada: "The Dignity of Women in Hinduism." Parliament of the World's Religions, November 2018

Lancaster, England: "The Tapestry of Being, the Weaver of Dignity, and the Meghwals: A Hindu Engaged Spirituality of Liberation." International Conference on Asian Religious Values and Social Justice. September 26-28, 2011

Melbourne, Australia: "Decolonizing the Mind and Recovering the Sacred: First Nations' Voices from the Yukon." Parliament of the World's Religions, December 2009

Montreal, Canada: "Mirabai Comes to America: The Transformation of a Sixteenth Century Hindu Woman into a Global Saint." American Academy of Religion National Annual Meeting, November 9, 2009

Monterrey, Mexico: "The Role of Religion and Spirituality in Society." Universal Forum of Cultures, September 2007

Monterrey, Mexico: "Recovering the Sacred," Universal Forum of Cultures, September 2007

Monterrey, Mexico: "Religion and Women's Reproductive Rights." Universal Forum of Cultures, September 2007

Montreal, Canada: "Religion, Rights and the Poor: The Call to Become Fully Human." Global Congress: World's Religions after September 11, September 2006

Barcelona, Spain: "Transforming Our 'Enemies': A Hindu Perspective." Fourth Parliament of the World's Religions, July 2004

Ahmedabad, India: "Imaging Global Peace: A Role for Indian Saints." International Peace Conference, Gujarat University, December 2003

Chiang Mai, Thailand: "Religious Transformation in Global Interreligious Encounter." International Conference on "Religion and Globalization," Payap University, July 31, 2003

Leuven, Belgium: "Interrogating the Oral and Written Traditions of Mirabai and Kabir." Eighth International Conference on Early Literature in New Indo-Aryan Languages, August 2000

Durban, South Africa: "Contextualizing Moral Universals and Human Rights: Views from the Underside." Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions, August 2000

Durban, South Africa: "Reaching toward Universality, Honoring Particularity: A Human Rights Declaration from the World Religions." Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions, August 2000

Capetown, South Africa: "Roles, Rights and Religion: Voices from the Margin." Parliament of World Religions, December 1999

Venice, Italy: "Mirabai and Kabir in Rajasthani Folk Traditions: Meghwal and Manganiyar Repertoires." Seventh International Conference on Early Literature in New Indo-Aryan Languages, August 1997

Jaipur, India: "Mira's Horoscope and Other Tales of Resistance and Appropriation." International Rajasthan Studies Conference, December 1994

Panelist

Montreal, Canada: "Guiding Principles for the Work of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions." Global Congress: "World's Religions after September 11," September 2006

Panel Moderator

Capetown, South Africa: "Religion and the United Nations." Parliament of the World Religions, December 1999

Invited Workshop Participant

Chittor, India: National Research Workshop on Mira's Authentic Works. April 1993

National

Invited Lecture/Plenary/Paper

"Seeking Mirabai: The Making of a Saint and Cultural Heroine." Invited lecture. University of California Santa Barbara. May 22, 2024

"Seeking Mirabai: Scholarly Engagement and Personal Empowerment." Invited lecture. Loyola Marymount University. March 13, 2024. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qL9LrqJKaz8>

"Mirabai speaks...': The Emergent Voice of a Medieval Saint." Invited lecture. Claremont McKenna College. November 8, 2017

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ieejXQgvFE&list=PL4orrodQTmUNy09UygbPz_N8nbJKrnUbX&index=2

"Hinduism, Female Empowerment and Resistance." Invited lecture. Claremont School of Theology, April 2011.

"Holiness and the Pursuit of Justice: Perspectives from the World Religions." Invited lecture. California Lutheran University, November 2010

"Mirabai: Devotional Saint, National Heroine, Voice of the Oppressed, Role Model for Women." Invited lecture. California Lutheran University, November 2010

"Religion and Human Rights." Invited paper. Inaugural conference Human Rights Initiative: "America, Human Rights and the World." Marquette University, September 2007

"The Lila of Mirabai: Validating Women's Religious Authority." Invited lecture. **Library of Congress**, April 2007

"Transforming Love: Holiness and the Vocation of Justice," **Plenary Address**. International conference on "The Vocation of Peacemaking in a World of Many Faiths." Marquette University, September 22-24, 2005

"Religion and Politics in South Asia." Invited week-long seminar presented for summer program on "Religion, Democracy and Foreign Policy." **CURA Institute for Religion, Culture and World Affairs**, Boston University, June 14-18, 2004

"Fluid Boundaries and the Assertion of Difference in Low-caste Religious Identity." Invited paper. International conference on "Drawing a Line in Water: Religious Boundaries in South Asia." Syracuse University, April 1-3, 2004

"Mirabai and the Saints of India in Poetry." Invited lecture. **Los Angeles County Museum of Art**, October 3, 2002

"Love of Lyrics, Lyrics of Love: The Social Impact of Mirabai across Caste and Gender." Invited lecture. Center for South Asian Studies, University of Hawaii, January 2002

"In Search of Mirabai: Multiple Representations of a Hindu Woman Saint." Invited lecture. University of Iowa, November 2001

"Is a Universal Religious Ethic Possible?: Glimpses of a Global Perspective." **Lowell Lecture**. Boston University, February 2001

"Oral Traditions of Mirabai and Kabir: Interrogating the Literary Canon." Invited lecture. South Asia Colloquium. University of Washington, Seattle, May 2000

"The World Religions in the New Millennium." Invited lecture. California Lutheran University, April 2000

Paper Presentation

"The Taste and Scent, Sight and Sound of Bhakti: Intersubjective Sensual Encounter with Divine Presence." Regional Bhakti Scholars Network Annual Meeting, Annual Conference on South Asia. University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 2022

"Encountering Presence in Twentieth-Century India: Indira Devi Meets Mirabai." National American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. San Diego, November 2019

"Troubling the Boundaries of Past and Present: Indira Devi's Extraordinary Encounters with Mirabai." Annual Conference on South Asia. University of Wisconsin, October 2019

"Trance Encounters with Mirabai: Experiencing Presence in a Bhakti Milieu." Regional Bhakti Scholars Network Meeting, Annual Conference on South Asia. University of Wisconsin, Madison, Oct. 2018

"Will the Real Mirabai Please Stand Up?: Competing Claims to Authenticity and Truth." Conference for the Study of Religion in India. University of California, Davis, June 2018

"Mirabai in the Popular Imaginary." Regional Bhakti Scholars Network Meeting, Annual Conference on South Asia. University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 2017.

"Co-creating the Voice of a Saint: Becoming Mīrābāī/Mīrābāī Becoming." American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. San Diego, November 2014

"Singing Saints: Improvising Music and Meaning in Devotional Hinduism." Annual Conference on South Asia. University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 2014

"Women Speaking, Speaking in Women's Voice: Breaking the Binary of Gender Complementarity in Hinduism." International conference on "Religious Genderings: The Socio-Spiritual [Dis-] Empowerment of Women and Men." Chapman University, February 2014

"To Whom does Mirabai Belong?: Fidelity and Corruption of a Cultural Icon." Annual Conference on South Asia. University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 2012

"In Between Imaginings: Mirabai in Film and Fiction." South Asian Studies Association Annual Conference. Claremont, April 2012

"From Bhakti to National Heroine: Print and the Canonization of Mirabai." National American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. San Francisco, November 2011

"Indira Devi and Mirabai: A Trance Encounter with a Saint." Annual Conference on Religion in South Asia. Los Angeles, June 2011

"Identities, Communities and Religious Figures in Transition: The Transformation a Sixteenth-Century Hindu Saint into a Global Icon." International Conference on the Image. UCLA, December 2, 2010

"Mirabai Transformed: How a Sixteenth-Century Hindu Woman Becomes a Global Saint." Conference on Religion in South Asia. Knoxville, September 2008

"The Weaver of Dignity: Low-caste Theology in the Songs of Kabir." American Academy of Religion National Annual Meeting. Atlanta, November 2003

"Mirabai and the Dynamics of a Living Tradition," International Mirabai Conference. University of California, Los Angeles, October 5, 2002

"Weaving Resistance, Singing Kabir in Western Rajasthan." American Academy of Religion National Annual Meeting. Orlando, November 1998

"Loving the Goddess: Devotional and Mythic Relationships in Hinduism." International conference on "Gender and Love in the World Religions." Chapman University, April 1998

"The Traditions of Mirabai: Narrative Abundance and Reimagining the Self." American Academy of Religion National Annual Meeting. San Francisco, November 1997

"Rajputizing Mirabai: The Politics of Identity and Rajput Historiography," 26th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin, October 1997

"Love and Longing in Devotional Hinduism," international conference on "The Meaning of Life in the World Religions," Chapman University, April 1997

"To Become the Beloved: Female Devotees Who Take up the Flute and the Peacock Crown," AAR National Annual Meeting, November 1995

"The Demon-Devouring Devi: A Reading of the *Devi-mahatmya*," AAR Annual National Meeting, 1991

Invited Delegate

"Gathering the Spiritual Voices of America—To Deepen our Knowing of Oneness and our Compassion as a Nation." Aspen Institute. Colorado, November 6-10, 2008

Panelist/Respondent/Chair

Dharma Academy of North America Annual Book Review Panel: *Mirabai: The Making of a Saint* (OUP 2023). Respondent. National American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, 2024

"South Asian Studies in 21st Century Academia: Assessing the Present, Influencing the Future." Invited Plenary Panelist. South Asian Studies Association Annual Conference, 2021

"Reconstructing Authority: Female Gurus Today." Panel presider. National American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, 2017

"The Influence of Religion on Women's Legal Rights in India." Moderator. Special Topics Session with Flavia Agnes, Monmayee Basu and Uma Cakravarti. National American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, 2008

"Educating to Kill, Educating for Peace: The Role of Religion." Panel chair. Global Ethics and Religion Forum Additional Meeting. American Academy of Religion National Annual Meeting, 2005

"Religious Tolerance in an Age of Terrorism." Panelist. Global Ethics and Religion Forum Additional Meeting. American Academy of Religion National Annual Meeting, 2004

"Religion, Power and the New Economy." Distinguished alumni panelist. Graduate Theological Union, 2001

"Satire in South Asian Religious Texts." Panel respondent. American Academy of Religion National Annual Meeting, 2000

Regional

Invited Keynote Address

"Global Ethical Responsibility and Engaged Religion: Reimagining the Future, Motivating Action and Transforming the Self." American Academy of Religion Western Region Annual Meeting, 2007

Paper Presentation

"Bhakti: Forging Solidarities, Speaking Truth to Power," AAR Western Region Annual Meeting, 2023

"Bhakti as a Mode of Waging Resistance: Transforming Self and Social Relations," AAR Western Region Annual Meeting, 2019

"Perspectives on Human Cloning from the World Religions." Paper presented for a panel on "The Ethical Implications of Human Cloning." Graduate Women in Science. Cal State University, Fullerton, 1999

"Women Saints, Saintly Women: The Hidden Lives of Mirabai," AAR Western Region Annual Meeting, 1998

"Indira Devi and the Lila of Mirabai: A Tale of Oral Tradition in Transformation," Southern California Seminar on South Asia, 1997

"Entering the Divine Drama: The Lila of Mirabai," Association for Asian Studies Western Region Annual Meeting, 1994

"The Living Mirabais of Vrindavan," AAR Western Region Annual Meeting, 1994

"Toward a Christian Realization of Dependent Co-Origination: The Contemplative Journey of Bernadette Roberts." American Academy of Religion Western Region Annual Meeting, 1990

Panelist/Respondent/Moderator

"Self-forgetting, Grace and Presence in Vaishnava and Tibetan Contexts." Panel Respondent. American Academy of Religion Western Region Annual Meeting, March 2022.

"Pandemic Responses and Race and Religion Across History and the Contemporary World in Religions of Asia." Moderator. American Academy of Religion Western Region Annual Meeting, March 2021.

"Women and Spirituality: A Hindu-Christian Dialogue." Conference respondent. Loyola Marymount University, October 1999

"Book Event: Huston Smith's and Ninian Smart's books *The World's Religions*." Panelist. American Academy of Religion Western Region Annual Meeting. 1992

"Love and Power in the Thought of Simone Weil." Panelist. American Academy of Religion Western Region Annual Meeting, 1991

BOOK SERIES CO-EDITOR: The Library of Global Ethics and Religion
Oneworld Publications, Oxford, England

Volume I: The Meaning of Life in the World Religions (1999). Contributors: Masao Abe, John Berthrong, Karen McCarthy Brown, Christopher Key Chapple, Charlotte Fonrobert, John Hick, Anne C. Klein, Julius Lipner, Sallie McFague, Nancy M. Martin, F.E. Peters, Philip Quinn, Joseph Runzo, Ninian Smart, Huston Smith, Keith Ward.

Volume II: Love, Sex and Gender in the World Religions (2000). Contributors: Clare B. Fisher, Charlotte Fonrobert, John Stratton Hawley, Carter Heyward, Jeffrey Hopkins, Zayn Kassam, William R. LaFleur, Karen Lebacqz, Julius Lipner, Nancy M. Martin, Elizabeth McAlister, Vivian-Lee Nyitray, Joseph Runzo, Arvind Sharma, Karen Jo Torjesen.

Volume III: Ethics in the World Religions (2001). Contributors: John Berthrong, Christopher Key Chapple, Vrinda Dalmiya, Elliot Dorff, Brian Hebblethwaite, Zayn Kassam, James Kellenberger, Vasudha Narayanan, C. Ram Prasad, Philip J. Rossi, Joseph Runzo, Arvind Sharma, Daniel Smith-Christopher, Nathan Tierney, Dale Wright, Keith Ward.

Volume IV: Human Rights and Responsibilities: The Contribution of the World Religions (2003).

Contributors: Khaled Abou el-Fadl, Abdullahi A. An-Na'im, John Berthrong, Arindam Chakrabarti, David Chappell, Elliot Dorff, Charlotte Fonrobert, James L. Fredericks, Gerrie Ter Haar, Amir Hussein, Jerry Irish, Abraham Kahn, Brian Lepard, James Kellenberger, Nancy M. Martin, Philip Quinn, Joseph Runzo, Arvind Sharma, and Sumner B. Twiss.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORSHIPS

"Religious Genderings: The Socio-Spiritual [Dis-]Empowerment of Women and Men." Conference Co-Director. Chapman University, February 26-28, 2014.

"Pain and Terminal Illness: The Ethics of Medical Care from Multi-religious Perspectives." Conference Director. Southern California, October 20, 2006.

"Ecology and Global Health." Conference Series Co-Director. Southern California, May 13, 2005, and Cambridge University, England, May 30-June 1, 2005

"Medical Ethics: Global Issues and Multi-cultural Perspectives." Conference Series Co-Director. Southern California, May 7-8, 2004 and Cambridge University, England, June 7-9, 2004.

"War and Reconciliation: Perspectives of the World Religions." Conference Series Co-Director. Southern California, April 1-3, 2003 and Cambridge University, England, May 26-28, 2003.

"Mirabai: Hindu Saint for a Global World." Director. Southern California, October 3-6, 2002

"International Mirabai Conference." International Participants Coordinator. Jodhpur, Rajasthan, India, January 2001

"Ethics and Religion for a Global Twenty-First Century." Co-Director. Chapman University and Loyola Marymount University, March 23-25, 2000

"Human Rights and Responsibilities: The Contribution of the World Religions." Co-Director. Chapman University, April 8-9, 1999

"Gender and Love in the World Religions: New Perspectives for the Twenty-First Century." Co-Director. Chapman University, April 1-3, 1998

"The Meaning of Life in the World Religions." Co-Director. Chapman University, April 3-5, 1997

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS

Chapman University, Faculty Research Grants

2021-22, 2014-15, 2009-10, 2006-7, 2005-6, 2003-4, 2002-3, 2000-1, 1999-2000, 1996-7, 1995-6, Invited Speaker, "An Uneasy Truce: Religion, Violence and the Pursuit of Peace," Town & Gown Lunch at the Forum, Chapman University, February 2013

Chapman University Residence Life Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2004

Fellowship, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2003

Visiting Fellow, Clare Hall, Cambridge University, 2003; appointed Life Member, 2003

American Institute of Indian Studies, Senior Research Fellowship (declined), 2002-2003

Griset Lecturer in Religion and Ethics, Chapman University, 2001-2002

Lowell Lecturer, Boston University, 2001

Graves Award for Teaching in the Humanities, 1998-1999

Chapman University Achievement Award for Excellence in Teaching and Service, 1998

American Academy of Religion Research Assistance Grant, 1995-1996

Center for the World's Religious and Cultural Traditions, Berkeley, CA, Student Award, 1994

American Institute of Indian Studies, Dissertation Research Fellowship in India, 1992-93

Henry Mayo Newhall Research Fellowship: "Post-colonial Critical Thought and the Study of Women and Religion in South and Southeast Asia," Graduate Theological Union, 1991-92
American Academy of Religion, Western Region, Student Paper Award, 1990
Mortarboard, Phi Kappa Phi, National Merit Scholar (1977-81), University Merit Scholarships (1977-82), graduation with honors 1981

CONSULTATION

International Research Advisor, Rupayan Sansthan (Rajasthan Folklore Institute), Jodhpur, 1996-present
Advisory Board Member (2008-2020) and Planning Board Member (2015-2020), 3Rs Project for Teaching Religion in the Public Schools, Constitutional Rights Foundation
Workshop Presenter, Christianity/Hinduism/Buddhism/Religion in America, 3Rs Project, 2006-2009
Monograph Proposal or Manuscript Reviewer: Routledge, Yale University Press, Bloomsbury
Journal Submission Referee: *Religion*; *Religions*; *International Journal of Hindu Studies*; *Journal of Hindu Studies*; *Journal of Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies*; *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology*; *Religion and Gender*; *Politics and Religion*; *Journal of the American Oriental Society*; *Religion and Literature*
External Program Review Team Member, Department of Religious Studies, Claremont McKenna College, 2021
Collaborative Grant Review Committee Member, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2011, 2014
Fellowship Review Committee Member, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2005, 2008
Program Committee Member, Global Congress: The World Religions after 9/11, Montreal, 2006
Advisory Board Member, Citizen Peacebuilders Program, University of California, Irvine, 2004-2007
Member, Southern California Hindu-Roman Catholic Committee, 2002
Advisory Board Member, *Holy People of the World: An Encyclopedia* (Santa Barbara: ABC CLIO), 2002
Reviewer, Park Ridge Center for the Study of Health, Faith, and Ethics, 2000

MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Leadership Positions:

Unit Chair, Religion in Asia, Western Regional American Academy of Religion 2019-2023
Co-Founder and Co-Director, Global Ethics and Religion Forum, 1999-2009
Committee Member, International Connections Committee, American Academy of Religion, 2002-2005
Steering Committee Member, Religion in South Asia Section, American Academy of Religion, 2001-2004
Executive Board Member: American Academy of Religion, Western Region, 1989-92

Membership:

American Academy of Religion
Association for Asian Studies
Rajasthan Studies Group
North American Association for Religious Studies
International Association for the History of Religions

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Director, Albert Schweitzer Institute, 2014-2024
Chair, Department of Religious Studies, 2011-2024
Chair, Search Committee, Visiting Griscti Chair in Bible and Christian Tradition, 2013-2020

Program Development and Leadership

Member, Planning Team, Health Humanities at Chapman, 2020-2022
Member, Core Faculty, Master of Arts in International Studies, 2012-2024
Member, Core Faculty, Asian Studies, 2010-2016
Coordinator and Advisor, Asian Studies Minor, 2010-2013
Member, Task Force for Institute for International Studies, 2006-2007

Faculty Governance

Leadership

Chair, Faculty Long Range Planning Council, 2011-2012
Member, Faculty Senate Executive Board, 2011-2012
Co-Chair, General Education Committee, 2008-2009
Co-Chair, Program Review Committee of Academic Council, 2004-2005
Wilkinson Senator, Faculty Senate, 2000-2002, 2024
Chair, Graduate Studies Committee, 2000-2001
Chair, General Education Subcommittee of Academic Committee, 1996-1998

Committee and Council Service

Member, Wilkinson College Curriculum Committee, 2023-2024
Member, General Education Committee, 2007-2010, 2019-2022
Member, Arts & Humanities Review Panel for Faculty Opportunity Funds, Spring 2022
Member, Fish Interfaith Center Advisory Council, 2010-2016
Member, Faculty Sustainability Working Group, 2010-2016
Member, President's Interfaith and Community Service Challenge Advisory Board, 2010-2012
Member, Chapman University Retirement Review Committee, 2011-2012
Member, Faculty Long Range Planning Council, 2010-2011
Member, Faculty Research and Development Council, 2010-2011
Member, Academic Council, 2008-2009
Member, Wilkinson Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty Review Committee, 2005-2006; 2007-2008
Member, Sociology Search Committee for Anthropology Position, 2007-2008
Member, Program Review Committee of Academic Council, 2003-2004
Member, Academic Committee, 2001-2002
Member, WASC Diversity Committee, 1999-2001
Member, Academic Committee, 1996-1998

RESEARCH ABROAD/TRAVEL

Ongoing Field Research, Rajasthan, India: 2015 (April); 2011 (January); 2001 (January); 1998 (January, September-October); 1997 (January, June-August); 1996 (January, June-August); 1995 (January)
Dissertation Field Research, Rajasthan, India, August 1992-November 1993
Indigenous Religious Traditions, Australia 2009; Peru 2009, 2010.
"Indigenous Perspectives on the Environment and Global Health," interviews and filming of documentary footage in Japan, March 2007 and the Yukon, Canada, August 2007
"Global Voices for Human Rights," filming of documentary footage, Barcelona, Spain, July 2004
"Pattern for Peace," filming of documentary footage, India, January 2004

"Social Engagement in Thai Buddhism," Thailand, August 2003

Research Trips to East Asia: China, December 2000; Japan, August 1998

"Religion and Human Rights": South Africa, December 1999 and August 2000; China, December 2000

"The Role of Women in Movements of Nonviolent Social Change in India;" international women's delegation sponsored by Lisle Fellowship and the Gandhi Peace Foundation, India, Jan. 1989

University of Puget Sound Asian Study/Travel Program: Korea, Japan, China, Thailand, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Nepal (August 1981-May 1982)

TEACHING

REL 115: Living Religions of the World

Rel 120: Global Ethics and Religion

REL 325: Albert Schweitzer: Life and Times

Rel 330: Women and Religion

Rel 335: Hinduism and the Religions of India

REL 336: Buddhism

REL 398: Junior/Seniors Seminar (Majors/Minors)

REL 498: Religious Studies Capstone (Majors)

IS 529: Religion in the International Arena (MA graduate course)

REL 499: Native American Religious Traditions (Spring 2017)

FTV 443a: Asian Cinema (Fall 2003)

REL 229: Religion and Literature (Spring 2002)