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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor , University of Colorado at Boulder	2000–2006
Associate Professor , University of Colorado at Boulder	2007-2022
Professor , University of Colorado at Boulder	2022–present

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Religious Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
B.A., English, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ,

PUBLICATIONS

Books (Peer-reviewed):

The Matter of Wonder: Abhinavagupta’s Panentheism and New Materialism, Oxford University Press, 2023.

Co-Editor: *Panentheism Across the World’s Religious Traditions*, Oxford University Press, 2013.

The Renowned Goddess of Desire: Women, Sex and Speech in Tantra, Oxford University Press, 2007.

Winner of the Kayden Book Award, 2008

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters:

2023 “Abhinavagupta’s Panentheism in Dialogue with Contemporary Neuroscience: Vimarśa and Integrated Information Theory (IIT)” in *Panentheism in Indian and Western Thought: Cross-cultural Interventions*. New York: Routledge, 2023. (11,625 words).

2022 “Tantric Bodies, AI Immortality and a Yogurt Model of Self” in *Routledge Handbook on Religion and the Body*. Eds., George Pati and Yudit Greenberg. New York: Routledge, 2022. (10,240 words).

2022 “Abhinavagupta’s Svātantryavāda: Mental Causality, Emergentism and Intuitionist Mathematics” in *Cross Cultural Approaches to Consciousness: Mind, Nature and Ultimate Reality*. Eds., Itay Shani and Susanne Beiweis. London: Bloomsbury Press, 2022 (10,685 words).

2022 “Body and Mind in Medieval Hinduism” in *Cultural History of Hinduism in the Post-Classical Age, 800-1500 CE*. London: Bloomsbury Press, 2022 (10423 words).

2020 "The Body and Wonder in Tantra" in *Contemplative Studies and Hinduism*. Purushottama Bilimoria and Rita Sherma, Eds., New York: Routledge, 2020, 132-142 (5095 words).

2019 "Subtle Body: Rethinking the body's subjectivity through Abhinavagupta" in *Transformational Embodiment in Asian Religions: Subtle Bodies, Spatial Bodies*. George Pati and Katherine Zubko, Eds., Routledge Press, 2019, 108-127 (13591 words).

2018 "Abhinavagupta" in *Routledge History of Indian Philosophy*, New York: Routledge, 2018, 437-445 (4182 words).

2017 "Material Subjects, Immaterial Bodies: Abhinavagupta's Panentheist Matter" in *Entangled Worlds: Religion, Science and the New Materialisms*. Mary-Jane Rubenstein and Catherine Keller, Eds., Fordham University Press, 2017, 182-202 (9554 words).

2016 "Psychology of Meditation: Philosophical Perspectives" in *The Psychology of Meditation: Research and Practice*. Michael West, Ed., New York: Oxford University Press, 2016, 93-118 (10422 words).

2016 "Connecting Consciousness to Physical Causality: Abhinavagupta's Phenomenology of Subjectivity and Tononi's Integrated Information Theory" *Religions* 7, 87 (2016), 1-11 (7071 words) DOI: 10.3390/rel7070087.

2016 "Words and Word-bodies: Writing the Religious Body," in *Words. Religious Language Matters.*, Hemel, Ernst van den, and Asja Szafraniec, Eds., New York: Fordham University Press, 2016, 70-83 (8714 words).

2015 "The Conscious Body: Thinking about the Relation between Mind and Body with Abhinavagupta's Tantra" in *Beyond Physicalism: Toward Reconciliation of Science and Spirituality*. Edward Kelly, Adam Crabtree and Paul Marshall, eds., Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield. 2015, 349-386 (14856 words).

2014 "Abhinavagupta's Theogrammatical Topography of the One and the Many," in *Divine Multiplicity: Trinities and Diversities*, Chris Boesel, Ed., New York: Fordham Press, 2014, 85-105 (9372 words).

2013 "Panentheism Outside the Box" in *Panentheism Across the World's Traditions*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013, 1-17 (6819 words).

2013 "Panentheism and Hindu Tantra: Abhinavagupta's Grammatical Cosmology" in *Panentheism Across the World's Traditions*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013, 161-176 (6868 words).

2013 "The Yoginī and the Tantric Sex Rite, or How to Keep a Secret" in *'Yoginī' in South Asia: Interdisciplinary Approaches*. Istvan Keul, Ed. New York: Routledge Press, 2013, 213-225 (6662 words).

2011 "The Absent Mother and Bodied Speech: Psychology and Gender in Late Medieval Tantra" in *Transformations and Transfer of Tantra in Asia and Beyond*, Istvan Keul, Ed., De Gruyter Press, December 2011, 215-238 (9440 words).

2011 "Kālī Practice: Revisiting Women's Roles in Tantra" in *Woman and Goddess in Hinduism: Reinterpretations and Re-envisionings*, ed. Tracy Pintchman and Rita Sherma, Palgrave-McMillan, 2011, 121-145 (10420 words).

2007 "Possession, Absorption and the Transformation of *Samāveśa*": in *Expanding and Merging Horizons: Contributions to South Asian and Cross-cultural Studies in Commemoration of Wilhelm Halbfass*, Ed., Karin Preisendanz, *Veröffentlichungen zu den Sprachen und Kulturen Sudasiens* series. Wien: Osterreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, 2007 and Varanasi: Motilal Banarsidass 2007, 491-505 (7134 words).

2004 "Shree Maa of Kamakkhya" in *The Graceful Guru: Hindu Female Gurus in India and the US*, Oxford University Press, 2004, 179–202 (10624 words).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

2018 "Darwinian selection and religion: emic and etic contrasts." *Religion, Brain & Behavior*. DOI:10.1080/2153599X.2018.1513862, 2018 (2750 words).

2018 "Transcendence in Sports: How Do We Interpret Mysticism in Sports? Tantra and Cognitive Science Perspectives." *Journal for the Study of Religious Experience*, July 2018, 4:24-39 (9233 words).

2017 "Imagining the Body in Tantric Contemplative Practice" *International Journal of Dharma Studies* 5(4), 1-15; Jan 2017, (8031 words). DOI: 10.1186/s40613-016-0043-7.

2014 "A Cognitive Science View of Abhinavagupta's Understanding of Consciousness," *Religions* 5(3), 2014, 767-779 (6840 words).

2014 "The Paranormal Body: Reflections on Indian Perspectives towards the Paranormal." *Paranthropology* 5:1, 2014, 81-92 (7137 words).

2014 "Miming Manu: Authority and Mimicry in a Tantric Context," *Journal of South Asian Studies*, 36:4, 2014 644-660 (10514 words).

2012 "Real Men Say No: Representations of Masculinity in Hinduism" in *English Language Notes*, Fall/Winter 2012, 50:2, 49-62 (7427 words).

2011 "Towards A Tantric Nondualist Ethics through Abhinavagupta's Notion of Rasa" in *Oxford Journal of Hindu Studies*, 4:3 October 2011, 4:3 October 2011, 258-273 (8487 words).

2006 "Sex Talk and Gender Rites: Women and Tantric Sex" in *International Journal of Hindu Studies*, 10:2 August, 2006, 187–208 (13536 words).

Non-Peer Reviewed Articles:

2018 "Panentheism and Technology: The Immanence of Rage" in eds. Andrew Davis and Philip Clayton. *How I found God in everyone and everywhere*. New York: Monkfish Press 2018, 128-144 (4725 words).

2016 “Abhinavagupta’s Tantric Theology of Becoming and Contemporary Secularism” in *Prabuddha Bharata*, vol.121, no.1, January 2016,191-204, (6837 words, invited, with editorial review, not blind review).

2012 “The Future of Hinduism: A Rich and Strange Metamorphosis: Glocal Hinduism” in ed. Kathleen Mulhern, *Future of Religion: Traditions in Transition*, Patheos Press, 2012, 16-17 (reprint from "A Rich and Strange Metamorphosis: Glocal Hinduism" July 1, 2010, Washington Post
<http://newsweek.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/patheos/> and
<http://www.patheos.com/Resources/Additional-Resources/A-Rich-and-Strange-Metamorphosis.html>).

2010 “Hinduism” for *Sacred Agent* Website, an interactive web project,
<http://www.sacredagent.com/> (6000 words), 2010.

2007 "Wilhelm Halbfass: India and Philology": in *Religious Studies Review*, 33:2 August 2007, 95–111 (6380 words).