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EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, Yale University, 2002
M.A., History, Yale University, 1998
B.A., *summa cum laude*, Yale University, 1996

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of History and International Affairs, University of Colorado (CU) Boulder
(2010-present)
Assistant Professor of History and International Affairs, CU Boulder (2003–2010)

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Book

Borders and Conflict in South Asia: The Radcliffe Boundary Commission and the Partition of Punjab
(Manchester, UK: Manchester UP, 2009)

Refereed Articles and Chapters

- “Close Parallels?: Interrelated Discussions of Partition in South Asia and the Palestine Mandate,” in *Partitions: A Transnational History of 20th Century Territorial Separatism*, eds. Arie M. Dubnov and Laura Robson (Stanford: Stanford UP, 2019) 128-153
- “Image and Imagination in the Creation of Pakistan,” in *Mapping Migration, Identity, and Space*, eds. Tabea Linhard and Tim Parsons (Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018) 137-158
- “A ‘High Iron Railing’: Plans to Implement Partition in the Palestine Mandate and British India,” *American Diplomacy* 20:5 (Sep 2016) <<http://americandiplomacy.web.unc.edu/2016/10/a-high-iron-railing-plans-to-implement-partition-in-the-palestine-mandate-and-british-india>>
- “Factors Impeding the Effectiveness of Partition in South Asia and the Palestine Mandate,” *Order, Conflict, and Violence*, eds. Stathis Kalyvas et al (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2008): 75-96
- “Boundary Commissions as Tools to Safeguard British Interests at the End of Empire,” *Journal of Historical Geography* 34:3 (Jul 2008): 494-515
- “Imperial Cartography in the End of Empire: Map Use During the 1947 Partition of South Asia,” in *La cartografia europea tra primo Rinascimento e fine dell'Illuminismo*, eds. D.R. Curto, A. Cattaneo, and A.F. Almeida (Firenze: L.S. Olschki, 2004): 177-94
- “Mapping Imperial Expansion: Colonial Cartography in North America and South Asia,” *The Portolan* 45 (Fall 1999): 9-24

Non-Refereed Articles

- “On Creating a Palestinian Pakistan,” *Sb'ma: A Journal of Jewish Responsibility* (May 2011) 17-18.
- “The 1947 Partition: Drawing the Indo-Pakistani Boundary,” *American Diplomacy* 7:1 (Feb 2002)
Reprinted in Tan Tai Yong and Gyanesh Kudaisya, eds. *Partition and Post-Colonial South Asia: A Reader*, vol. 1 (London: Routledge, 2007): 461-76.
- “The Mapping of Empire: French and British Cartographies of India in the Late Eighteenth Century,” *Portuguese Studies* 16 (Oct 2000): 256-75
- “Parting of the Ways,” *History Today* (Mar 2000): 42-43

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

External

Senior Short-Term Fellowship, American Institute of Indian Studies (2012)
Short Term Lecturing and Research Fellowship, American Institute of Pakistan Studies (2012)
(security advisory prevented travel to Pakistan)
Participant, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation International Research Seminar on Decolonization,
National History Center, Washington DC (Jul-Aug 2006)
Junior Faculty Research Grant, Smith Richardson Foundation (2004–2005)
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs (BCSIA),
Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (2002–2003)
Visiting Fellow, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University (2001–2002)
Graduate International Fellowship, National Security Education Program (2000–2001)
Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, American Institute of Pakistan Studies (2000)
Public Service Prize, J.W. Saxe Foundation (1997)

Internal

Center for Humanities and the Arts Fellowship, CU (2021, 2012)
Faculty Success Grant, Leadership Education for Advancement and Promotion, CU (2019)
College Scholar Award, CU (2018)
Kayden Research Grant, CU (2017, 2011, 2007)
Scholars Grant, Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences, CU (2016)
Associate Professor Growth Grant, Leadership Education for Advancement and Promotion,
CU (2014)
Scholars Grant, Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences, CU (2011)
Graduate Committee on Art and Humanities Research Grant, CU (2009)
Junior Faculty Development Award, Council on Research and Creative Work, CU (2005)
John Addison Porter Dissertation Prize, Yale University (2003)
Smith Richardson Fellowships, International Security Studies, Yale University, for dissertation
research and language training in Britain (1999-2000, 1998), Seattle (1998), and India (1997)
Fox International Fellowship for dissertation research at Cambridge University, Yale Center for
International and Area Studies (1999)
Austin F. Howard Fellowship, Yale University (1997-99)
Elected to Phi Beta Kappa (1996)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Entangled Debates about Partition in British India and the Palestine Mandate,” Millennium
Conference on Entanglements and Detachments in Global Politics, London School of
Economics (Oct 2020, via Zoom)
“Networks of Partition in Britain’s Withdrawal from India and Palestine, 1947-1948,” American
Historical Association, New York (Jan 2020)
“Networks of Decolonization: Imperial Webs, Anti-Colonial Currents, and the In-Between,”
Connected Histories: Decolonization and the 20th Century, Yale University (Apr 2019)
“The Radcliffe Boundary Commission and the Geographical Imagination of Pakistan,” London
School of Economics, UK (Invited presentation) (Oct 2017)
“Analogy and Empire: India, the Palestine Mandate, and Britain in the 1920s-1940s,” Yale
University, New Haven, CT (Invited presentation) (May 2017)
“The Radcliffe Boundary Commission: Cartography and Conflict in the Partition of India and
Pakistan,” South Asia Institute, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (Invited presentation)
(Mar 2017)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (cont.)

- “India and the Palestine Mandate: Anti-Colonial Connections and the End of Empire,” Imperial Comparison, All Souls College, Oxford University, Oxford, UK (Jul 2016)
- “The Mutual Influence of India and Palestine, 1933-1939: Reflections on Anti-Colonialism,” Capstone Conference on Decolonization, Library of Congress, Washington, DC (Jul 2016)
- “The Eyes of Islam Are Watching: Transcolonial Activism in India and the Palestine Mandate, 1920-1948,” Center on American and Global Security, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN (Invited presentation) (Oct 2015)
- “Planning for Partition in India and Palestine,” Global Conflict and Conflict Management: Israel/Palestine and Beyond, St. Anne’s College, Oxford University, Oxford, UK (Invited presentation) (May 2014)
- “‘Close Parallels?’: Interrelated Discussions of Partition in South Asia and the Palestine Mandate,” Partitions: Towards Transnational History of 20th Century Territorial Separatism, Stanford University, Palo Alto (Invited presentation) (Apr 2013) [presented via internet due to illness]
- “Gandhi, Zionism, and the Palestine Mandate,” Jewish Studies Colloquium, University of Colorado (Mar 2013)
- “Indian National Congress Leaders’ Views on the Palestine Mandate, 1917-1950,” Center for Humanities and the Arts, University of Colorado (Mar 2012)
- “‘Palestinian Pakistans’: Arab and Indian Muslim Views on Partition in South Asia and the Palestine Mandate,” Centre for West Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, India (Feb 2012)
- “‘Palestinian Pakistans’: Arab and Indian Muslim Views on Partition in South Asia and the Palestine Mandate,” Middle East Studies Association, Washington, DC (Dec 2011)
- “Borderlands of Empire: Partition in Ireland, British India, and the Palestine Mandate,” North American British Studies Association, Denver (Nov 2011)
- “‘Palestinian Pakistans’: Arab and Indian Muslim Views on Partition in South Asia and the Palestine Mandate,” International History Conference, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan (Oct 2011) [paper presented via internet due to visa problems]
- “A Phantom Behind Official Chairs: British Fears of Indian Muslim Unrest,” Madison South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin (Oct 2011)
- “Uncertainty and Danger: Mapping the 1947 Partition of India and Pakistan,” Midnight’s Images: Spatial and Artistic Imaginings around a Contested Border, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC (Invited presentation) (Apr 2011)
- “‘Indian Ulsters’ and ‘Palestinian Pakistans’: Britain’s Withdrawal from South Asia and the Palestine Mandate” American Historical Association, Boston, MA (Jan 2011)
- “‘Nothing to Fear’: Links between Nationalists in South Asia and Palestine,” British Studies Seminar, University of Texas at Austin (Invited presentation) (Feb 2008)
- “Policymakers and Nationalists: Biography and Empire in India and Palestine,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington, DC (Jan 2008)
- “‘A Political Decision, and Not a Judicial One’: The Creation of the Radcliffe Line,” The Independence of India and Pakistan: Sixtieth Anniversary Reflections, University of Southampton, Southampton, UK (Jul 2007)
- “‘The Caliphate Bogey’: Pan-Islamic Identities in South Asia and the Palestine Mandate,” Anglo-American Conference of Historians, Institute of Historical Research, London, UK (Jul 2007)
- “The Role of the State in Mass Violence in South Asia and Palestine,” Mellon Seminar on Mass Violence and Genocide, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA (Dec 2006)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (cont.)

- “Little Commissions Set up Lesser Commissions: Comparing the Role of Boundary Commissions in British India and the Palestine Mandate,” International Boundaries Research Unit Conference on Border Management in an Insecure World, Durham, UK (Apr 2006)
- “Indian Opinion and British Bayonets in the End of the Palestine Mandate,” Humboldt Foundation Conference on Power and Principle, St. John’s College, Cambridge University (May 2005)
- “(Not) Resolving Religious Conflict in South Asia and the Middle East: British Attempts to Impose Order,” International Conference on Order, Conflict, and Violence, Yale University, New Haven, CT (Apr-May 2004)
- “Competing Cartographies: Indian and Pakistani Maps of Kashmir,” International Conference on the History of Cartography, Portland, ME (Jun 2003)
- “Drawing the Indo-Pakistani Boundary,” International Security Program, BCSIA, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (Oct 2002)
- “The Radcliffe Commission: Cartography, Carnage, and the Roots of Indo-Pakistani Conflict,” Foreign Service Institute, Washington, DC (Invited presentation) (Jan 2002)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Networks of Decolonization: Britain’s Withdrawal from South Asia and Palestine* (book-length project, under contract with Oxford University Press)
- The Geographical Imagination of Pakistan, 1930-1947* (book-length project)

TEACHING (www.colorado.edu/history/chester)

History Department

- HIST 3020: Historical Thinking and Writing (sophomore seminar)
- HIST 3133: Britain since 1688 (senior seminar)
- HIST 4053: Britain and the British Empire (upper-division lecture course)
- HIST 4020: Imperialism and Colonialism: The British Empire in India, 1760 to 1947
- HIST 4339: Borderlands of Empire (upper-division lecture course)
- HIST 4349: Decolonization of the British Empire (upper-division lecture course)
- HIST 4538: History of Modern India (upper-division lecture course)
- HIST 6020: Modern Empires (graduate seminar)
- HIST 6628: Readings in South Asian History (graduate seminar)

International Affairs Program

- IAFS 1000: Global Issues and International Affairs (introductory survey course; up to 400 students)
- IAFS 1000 Honors: Global Issues and International Affairs (honors seminar)
- IAFS/JWST 3650: History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict
- IAFS 4500: Post-Cold War South Asia (senior seminar)
- IAFS 4800/4810: Honors Thesis

Additions to Department and Program Curricula

- HIST 4339: Borderlands of Empire (Fall 2005)
- HIST 4349: Decolonization of the British Empire (Fall 2010)
- HIST 6020: Modern Empires (Fall 2006)
- HIST 6628: Readings in South Asian History (Spring 2009)
- IAFS/JWST 3650: History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict

Advising

Graduate:

Third reader Eric Morgan (History PhD, completed 2009)
Outside reader Rahat Zubair Malik (History PhD, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan, 2014)

Undergraduate:

History Honors Advising: Adrian North (*summa cum laude*, 2020)
Trevor Borasio (*summa cum laude*, 2018)
Sophie Buur (*summa cum laude*, 2017)
Alan Sielaff (*magna cum laude*, 2011)
Kathryn Wataha (*summa cum laude*, 2010)
Katherine Herman (*summa cum laude*, 2008), Outstanding Arts and Sciences Graduate (2010)

Intl Affairs Honors Advising: Liam Comer-Weaver (*summa cum laude*, 2015)
Walker Bradley (*cum laude*, 2009)

Asian Studies Thesis Advising: Alison Clowes (2009), Emily Orendorff (2016)

General Honors Advising: Consuelo Amat (*magna cum laude*, 2005)

UROP Advising: Consuelo Amat, "Exploring Existing Economic and Political Ties among the United States and Israel" (UROP project, 2005)

Prize-Winning Student Papers

History Honors Thesis Prize Adrian North, "The Invisible Eyes of the Raj: Indigenous Actors in Intelligence Gathering and Empire Building Along British India's Northwest Frontiers (1860-1895)" (2020)
Kathryn Wataha, "Managing Disease as an Imperial Threat: The Role of Medicine, Morality, Locality, and Sanitary Policy in Framing Epidemic Cholera in 19th-Century India" (2010)

Philip Mitterling Paper Prize Rachael Gessert, "A Woman's Place is in the Revolution: The Poetry of Sarojini Naidu and the Rhetoric of Resistance" (2018, written in HIST 4349)
Jhelene Shaw, "'Get Out of the Way': Ideological and Diplomatic Conflict between American Anti-Imperialism, British Decolonization, and Indian Nationalism in the 1940s" (2016, written in HIST 4349)
Jason Cleland, "Showcasing the Empire: The World's Fairs as Public Apologists for Racial Empire" (2011, written in HIST 4339)
Breanna Lohman, "A Brief Political History of Indian Cricket" (2010, written in HIST 3133)
Cecily Harms, "Memsahibs: The Victorian Domestic Angel Exposed" (2007, written in HIST 4339)

(The Mitterling Prize recognizes the best paper submitted by a history major or minor in a history course at the University of Colorado Boulder.)

Published Student Papers

- Gretchen Heuberger, "Transnational Belonging: The Effects of the Independence and Partition of India on the Indo-African Diaspora," *The Columbia Undergraduate Journal of South Asian Studies* 1:2 (Spring 2010) 75-90 (written in HIST 3133)
- Samantha Koontz, "The Importance of Education in Political Success: The Palestine Mandate Case," *The Tufts Historical Review* 4:1 (Spring 2011) 99-118 (Tufts University undergraduate journal, written in HIST 3133)
- The Colorado Historian* (CU History Department undergraduate journal):
- Jessica Bryant, "A Turning Point: An Analysis of the Causes Leading up to, and the Effects of, the Indian Uprising of 1957" (published 2006, written in HIST 4339)
- Zach Gelman, "Irgun in June and July of 1946: Short Term Success, Long Term Failure" (published 2004, written in HIST 4053)
- Ryan Lanham, "Famines in Bengal: The Impact of Opium Trade in British India" (published 2015, written in HIST 4339)
- Ryan Lanham, "Moralizer and Profiteer: Dual British Roles in Imperial India" (published 2016, written in HIST 3020)
- Tamara Mack, "The Failure to Translate Ideals into Practice: The Amalgamation of the Southern and Northern Protectorates, 1914" (published 2006, written in HIST 4339)
- Gregory Miller, "Bogyoke Aung San: Independence and International Relations" (published 2007, written in HIST 3133)
- Ayesha Nawaz, "British Education in India and Evolving Social Spaces" (published 2004, written in HIST 4053)
- Savannah Snyder, "Pursuing the British Self-Interest: Unintended Consequences of British-Indian Rule" (published 2006, written in HIST 4339)
- Troy Tice, "Hybrid of the Sind" (published 2006, written in HIST 4339)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Departmental

Chair	History Department Executive Committee (2019-2020)
Member	Post-Tenure Review Committee for Myles Osborne (2020)
Mentor	Junior Faculty Mentor (2018-2020)
Advisor	<i>The Colorado Historian</i> (undergraduate history journal) (2017-2018, 2014-2015)
Advisor	History Club (2017-2018)
Organizer	Women in International Affairs Speaker Series (2018, 2015, 2011)
Advisor	International Affairs Honors Club (2016-2018)
Interim Director	International Affairs Program (Fall 2017)
Member	History Department Executive Committee (2015-2017, 2008-09, 2005-07)
Member	International Affairs Program Curriculum Committee (2015-2016)
Chair	Primary Unit Evaluation Committee for Miriam Kingsberg (2015)
Speaker	International Affairs Program Commencement (May 2015)
Member	International Affairs Program Executive Committee (2013-2014, 2005-2007)
Member	African-American History Postdoc Search Committee (2014)
Member	History Department Undergraduate Studies Committee (2003-2004, 2013)
Member	Primary Unit Evaluation Committees for Myles Osborne (2011), John Willis (2010)
Member	International Affairs Program Advisor Search Committee (2010)
Member	History Department Diversity Committee (Fall 2007, 2008-2009)

Departmental (cont.)

Presenter	History Department Mentoring Committee workshop on “Navigating the Reappointment Process” (Nov 2007)
Organizer	History Department Junior Faculty Writing Group (2006-2007)
Member	History Department Outreach Committee (Spring 2005-Spring 2007)
Advisor	History Club and Phi Alpha Theta Honors Society (Spring 2005)
Member	International Affairs Program Curriculum Review Committee (Spring 2004)

Boulder Campus

Organizer	“Citizenship Past and Present,” panel discussion (Jan 2021)
Member	Honors Council, College of Arts of Sciences (2016-2017)
Member	Internal Review Committee, Center for Asian Studies (2015-2016)
Member	Investigating Committee, Office of Research Integrity (2015-2016)
Chair	Center for Asian Studies Faculty Affairs Committee (2010-2011, 2012-2013)
FTEP presentation	“Engaging and Evaluating Students in Large Lectures” (Mar 2013)
Member	Center for Asian Studies Executive Committee (2009-2011, 2012-2013)
Presenter	Center for Asian Studies workshop on “Modern India” (Apr 2010)
Member	Center for Asian Studies Faculty Affairs Committee (2009-2010)
Presenter	“The Future of Pakistan”, Alumni College panel on “Responses to Obama, Home and Abroad” (May 2009)
Organizer	Sobha Chattopadhyay (Jadavpur University, Calcutta) talk on “Literature and Film of the Indian Partition,” Center for Asian Studies (Apr 2009)
Presenter	Students Taking Action Now: Darfur conference talk on “A Brief History of Darfur (Jan 2007)
Presenter	Center for Asian Studies workshop on “Contemporary South Asia: Issues & Challenges” (Apr 2006)

Professional

Reviewer	Columbia UP, I.B. Tauris, University of Chicago Press, Oxford UP India, Routledge, Yale UP, <i>International History Review</i> , <i>International Security</i> , <i>J. of Historical Geography</i> , <i>J. of Imperial and Commonwealth History</i> , <i>Modern Asian Studies</i> , <i>Pakistan J. of Social Sciences</i> , <i>South Asia</i>
Guest Lecturer	INR 3227: International Relations of South Asia, Dept of Politics and International Relations, Florida International Univ (via Skype, Apr 2015)
Reviewer	Boren Scholarship Panel, Institute of International Education (Mar 2015)
Organizer	“Rethinking Decolonization in a Transnational World: India, Pakistan, and Anti-colonial Networks”, Madison South Asia Conference (Oct 2011)
Member	South Asian Archive Expert Group, Taylor & Francis (2010-2011)
Member	U.S. Student Fulbright National Screening Committee, India (2010)
Member	Board of Scholars, International Security Studies, Yale University (2007-2010)
Panelist	Selection Committee, National Security Education Program (2003, 2004)

Reviews and Encyclopedia Article

Review of Antoinette Burton, *The Trouble with Empire*, in *Journal of Modern History* 89:4 (Dec 2017): 941-943

Review of Aiyaz Husain, *Mapping the End of Empire*, on H-DIPLO 16:26 (May 2015)

Review of James R. Akerman, ed. *The Imperial Map: Cartography and the Mastery of Empire*, in *Journal of World History* 22:1 (March 2011)

“Partitions”, *The Palgrave Dictionary of Transnational History*, eds. Akira Iriye and Pierre-Yves Saunier (Houndmills, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009): 811-812

Review of Peter J. Brobst, *The Future of the Great Game: Sir Olaf Caroe, India's Independence, and the Defense of Asia*, in *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 37:4 (Spring 2007): 676-77

Review of Ritu Menon and Kamla Bhasin, *Borders and Boundaries: Women in India's Partition*, in *Contemporary South Asia* 8:2 (Jul 1999): 250-51

Other

Speaker “The Caliphate: Flexible Symbol,” St. John’s Episcopal Church (Nov 2015)

Speaker “Introduction to Islam,” St. John’s Episcopal Church (Jan 2009)

Judge Colorado History Day (state-level student competition) (2005-2007)

Panel Chair Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference (2003, 2006, 2009)

Speaker “Pakistan Country Study,” Longmont Public Library (Apr 2005)

Chair Women in Science and International Affairs, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (2002–2003)

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Intern Political Section, United States Embassy New Delhi, India (1997)

Intern Institute for Defense Analyses, Alexandria VA (1996)

Intern Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, D-NY, Washington DC (1995)

Intern Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies, Cambridge MA (1994)

AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTEREST

British Imperial History: boundary making, the “official mind” of imperialism, decolonization

Modern South Asian History: Indian and Pakistani nationalisms, women in South Asia, legacies of partition, historiography

Palestine Mandate: Arab nationalisms, intra-imperial anti-colonial networks, Zionism

International Security Studies: Indo-Pakistan relations, United States policy in South Asia

Partition and Conflict Resolution: South Asian division, comparative partitions

Cartographic History: cartography and empire, cartography and nationalism

Gender History: gender and territoriality, women and nationalism, ethnic/religious violence

LANGUAGES

Arabic (advanced-beginning speaking and writing)

French (advanced speaking and writing)

Hindi (advanced speaking and writing)

Urdu (advanced speaking and writing)

MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association

American Institute of Pakistan Studies

Association for Asian Studies