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EDUCATION

PH.D. University of California, Berkeley, 1989; Social/Cultural Anthropology.

Dissertation: *Pahalwani: Identity, Ideology, and the Body of the Indian Wrestler*
Professor Gerald D. Berreman, Dissertation Chair.

M.A. University of California, Berkeley, 1984; Social/Cultural Anthropology.

B.A./M.A. Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, 1982; Social/Cultural Anthropology.

Thesis: *Economic Change and Ideological Conflict in a North Indian Hill Village*.
Professor Elizabeth Traube, Thesis Chair.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ideology, Religion and the Body
Medical Anthropology
Cultural Anthropology
Philosophy and Sociology of Religion
Hindu Nationalism
Asian Medicine and Philosophy
Modern India
The Himalaya

CURRENT TEACHING

Magic, Witchcraft and the Supernatural Body
Patients and Healers
Mountains, Mysticism and Medicine
Himalaya: Sacred Geography
Yoga: Consciousness, Transcendence and the Body
Religion and Healing in South Asia
Muscular Religiosity: Nationalism and Colonialism

COURSES TAUGHT (1981 – 2012)

Medical Anthropology	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
Gender and Health	Colonialism, Medicine and Power
Asian Medical Systems	Indian Society and Culture
Nationalism, Colonialism and the Body	Shamanic Healing
Religious Nationalism and Science	Sport and Culture
Introduction to General Anthropology	Asian Society and Culture
Race and Ethnic Relations	Sociology of Rural Development
Social Problems	Family Systems
Social Organization	Cultural Psychology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013 --	Academic Director, Pitt in the Himalayas. UCIS, University of Pittsburgh.
2006 – 2012	Chair, Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh.
June – August, 2004	Core Faculty, Semester at Sea.
2002 --	Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh.
2002 --	Research Professor, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh.
2001 - 2002	Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh.
1996 - 2001	Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh.
1994 - 1996	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh.
1991 - 1993	Adjunct Professor, Department of Anthropology, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
1989, 1992	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, MI.

1989 - 1991 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology,
Goshen College, Goshen, IN.

HONORS/FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS AWARDED

2012 - 14 “Ecological Health and the Embodiment of Nature: Environmentalism, Social
Class and Nature Cure in Modern India.” National Science Foundation (BCS
1125100) \$120,500. Principal Investigator.

2012 – 15 “Wisdom and Aging.” I am the director of a multi-disciplinary research project
involving the Graduate School of Public Health, School of Law, University Center
for International Studies and the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences. Funding
from the Provost (\$150,000) will support a two year post-doctoral fellowship,
workshops and conferences.

2011 “Anthropology in the Era of Globalization: Ethnography, Ethnology and
Comparative Analysis in the Era of Globalization.” December 11, 2011. FRSP
Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, \$15,000

2006 Ananda Kentish Coomaraswamy Book Prize for *Yoga in Modern India*. South
Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies.

2002 “Asian Medicine: Nationalism, Transnationalism and the Politics of Culture.” A
conference grant award from the Asian Studies Program, University of Pittsburgh,
\$ 15,000

2002 “Asian Medicine: Nationalism, Transnationalism and the Politics of Culture.” A
conference grant award from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, FRSP. \$ 10,000

2002 “Ayurveda and Sexuality: Sexual Therapy and the “Paradox” of Virility in North
India.” CRDF Small Grants, \$ 8455.00.

2002 “Traditional Chinese Medicine: Resources for the Construction of an Interactive
Teaching Exhibit.” China Travel Grant, \$2000

2001 “The Medicalization of Yoga Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh,” UCIS
Hewlett International Grant Program, \$1285.00.

2001 “The Medicalization of Yoga Philosophy. University of Pittsburgh,” FAS Faculty
Research Grant, \$4000.00.

- 1999 “Indian State Nationalism and The Science of Yoga: A Cultural Analysis of Biomedical Research on Indian Physiology, 1900 - 1998.” American Institute of Indian Studies, National Endowment for the Humanities, \$9,000.
- 1997-00 “Indian State Nationalism and the Science of Yoga: A Cultural Analysis of Biomedical Research on Indian Physiology, 1900 - 1998. National Science Foundation, Division of Social, Behavioral and Economic Research.” Cultural Anthropology Program, \$ 35,000.
- 1993-94 “Gandhian Wrestlers: Embodied Nonviolence in Colonial India, 1857-1947. American Institute of Indian Studies,” National Endowment for the Humanities Senior Research Fellowship, \$9,000.
- 1988-89 Mabelle McCleod Lewis Memorial Fund, Doctoral Dissertation Writing Grant.
- 1987 Fulbright-Hays, Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship.
- 1986 Humanities Graduate Research Grant, U. C. Berkeley.
- 1985-86 Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant, Hindi.
- 1984-85 Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant, Hindi.
- 1984 Humanities Graduate Research Grant, U. C. Berkeley.
- 1983-84 National Institute of Mental Health Traineeship, Institute for the Study of Social Change, U. C. Berkeley.
- 1982 Cushing Award, Best Anthropology Paper, Wesleyan Univ.
- 1980 Davenport Grant for Social Science Research, Wesleyan University.

PUBLICATIONS

Books: First Editions

In preparation

Nature Cure and Bio-ecology in India: Mediating Middle-Class Health and Modernity.

2011

Moral Materialism: Sex and Masculinity in Modern India. Penguin: New Delhi.

- 2005
Asian Medicine and Globalization. (Editor) Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.
- 2004
Yoga in Modern India: The Body between Philosophy and Science. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- 2000
Gandhi's Body: Sex, Diet and the Politics of Nationalism. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, Series in Critical Histories.
- Knowing Dil Das: Stories of a Himalayan Hunter*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, Series in Contemporary Ethnography.
- 1992
The Wrestler's Body: Identity and Ideology in North India. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press.

Books: eBooks, Second Editions and Republications

- 2013
Moral Materialism: Sex and Masculinity in Modern India. Penguin Random House (eBook)
- 2011
Gandhi's Body: Sex, Diet and the Politics of Nationalism. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, Series in Critical Histories. (eBook)
- 2011
Asian Medicine and Globalization. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press. (eBook).
- 2011
Knowing Dil Das: Stories of a Himalayan Hunter. Alexandria, VA: Alexander Street Press (eBook)
- 2010
Knowing Dil Das: Stories of a Himalayan Hunter. Penguin: New Delhi.
- 2009

Yoga in Modern India: The Body between Philosophy and Science. New Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass.

1999

The Wrestler's Body: Identity and Ideology in North India. Berkeley: University of California Press. An “electronic publication” on the University of California Press Web Page. <http://www-ucpress.berkeley.edu:3030/dynaweb/public/anthropology/alter>

1997

The Wrestler's Body: Identity and Ideology in North India. New Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal.

Peer Review Articles and Chapters

Manuscripts in preparation

with Dr. Chandrashekhar Sharma, “Epidemiological Transitions and Life-Style Diseases: The Importance of Nature Cure in Contemporary Indian Health Care.”

with Dr. R. M. Nair and Dr. Rukmani Nair, “Life-Style Diseases and Health Care in 21st Century India: Nature Cure and the “Expanding Middle” of the New Middle Class.”

“As You Can See, These Records Make No Sense”: Reflections on Epistemology and Methodology at the Interface of Medicine, Public Health and Medical Anthropology.

Manuscripts near completion

“South Asian Perspectives on Anthropocentrism and the Antinomies of Anthropomorphism.” (5000 words)

Completed manuscripts

“Gandhi, Nature Cure and Ecology: Iconicity and Enemata.” (8000 words)

Manuscripts under review

“Medicine, Alternative Medicine and Political Ecologies of the Body” in *A Companion to Environmental Health: Anthropological Perspectives*. Merrill Singer, editor. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell

“Quackery and Sex Therapy: Law, Medicine and Culture in Modern India.” (For

Caterina Guenzi's ed. *Faults and Flaws: Therapeutic Practices against the Norm in South Asia*. Submitted, January 2010, (9500 words).

Forthcoming publications

"Nature Cure and Ayurveda: Nationalism, Viscerality and Bioecology in India. *Body and Society*. (8000 words).

"Spirits and Exorcism: On the Semiotics of Healing and Recovery." *Ethos*. (8400 words).

"*Gattungswesen* – The Ecology of Species-Being: Alienation, Biosemiotics and Social Theory" *Anthropos*. (12,000 words).

2014

"Sri Yogendra: Magic, Modernity and the Burden of the Middle-Class Yogi." In Mark Singleton ed. *Gurus in Modern Yoga*. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press.

2013

"Yoga, Body-Building and Wrestling: Metaphysical Fitness." In *Yoga: The Art of Transformation*. Debra Diamond, curator and editor. Washington DC: Smithsonian Institution Press. (Contracted and reviewed publication, 3500 words)

"Sex, *Askesis* and the Athletic Perfection of the Soul: Physical Philosophy in the Ancient Mediterranean and South Asia." In Geoffrey Samuel and Jay Johnson eds. *Subtle Bodies* London: Routledge.

2012

"Sacrifice and Immortality: Theoretical Implications of Embodiment in Hathayoga." *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* 35 (2): 408-433.

2011

"Yoga, Modernity and the Middle-Class: Locating the Body in a World of Desire" In *Companion to South Asian Studies*. Pp. 154 – 168. Isabelle Clark-Deces ed. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell.

"Wrestling." *Encyclopedia of Hinduism*. Pp 18 – 24. Knut A. Jacobsen, ed. Leiden: Brill

2009

“Yoga in Asia – Mimetic History: Problems in the Location of Secret Knowledge.” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*. 29(2):213-229.

2008

“Rewriting the History of Medicine in Asia: Hakim Mohammed Said and the Society for the Promotion of Eastern Medicine.” *Journal of Asian Studies*. 67(4):1165-1186.

“Yoga Sivar: Performativity and the Study of Modern Yoga.” *Yoga in the Modern World: Contemporary, Transnational Perspectives*. Mark Singleton, ed. London: Routledge.

“Ayurveda and Sexuality: Sex, Sex Therapy, and the ‘Paradox of Virility’” *In Modern and Global Ayurveda: Pluralism and Paradigms*. Pp. 177-201. Dagmar Wujastyk and Frederick Smith, editors. Albany: SUNY Press.

2007

Yoga at the *Fin de Siècle*: Muscular Christianity with a “Hindu” Twist.” In *Muscular Christianity and Colonialism*, John J. MacAloon ed. New York: Routledge.

The Once and Future ‘Apeman’: Chimera, Human Evolution, and Disciplinary Coherence. *Current Anthropology* 48(5): 637 – 652.

Yoga and Physical Education: Swami Kuvalayananda’s Nationalist Project. *Asian Medicine: Tradition and Modernity* 3: 20 – 36.

Physical Education, Sport and the Intersection and Articulation of ‘Modernities’: Hanuman Vyayam Prasarak Mandal. *The International Journal of the History of Sport* 24(9): 1155-1170.

2006

“Yoga and Fetishism: Reflections on Marxist Social Theory.” *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* (N.S.) 12: 763-783.

“Yoga at the *Fin de Siècle*: Muscular Christianity with a “Hindu” Twist.” *International Journal of the History of Sport* 23(5): 759-776.

2005

“Ayurvedic Acupuncture – Transnational Nationalism: Ambivalence about the Origin and Authenticity of Medicine.” In *Asian Medicine and Globalization*. Joseph S. Alter, editor. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press. Pp. 21-44

“Introduction: The Politics of Culture and Medicine.” In *Asian Medicine and Globalization*. Joseph S. Alter, editor. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press. Pp. 1-20

“Celibacy, Sexuality and the Transformation of Gender into Nationalism.” In *Bodies in Contact: Rethinking Colonial Encounters in World History*. Antoinette Burton and Tony Ballantyne, editors. Durham: Duke University Press (Republication). Pp. 310-320

“Playing With and Empowering Yourself: Sport, Sexuality and Autoeroticism in North Indian Jori Swinging.” In *Sport in South Asia*, James Mill, editor. London and New York: Anthem.

“Modern Yoga and Medicine: Struggling With a History of Magic, Sex and Mysticism.” *Asian Medicine: Tradition and Modernity* 1(1): (Invited submission for the inaugural issue of the journal of the International Association for the Study of Traditional Asian Medicine)

2004

“Indian Clubs and Colonialism: Hindu Masculinity and Muscular Christianity” *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 46 (3): 497-534.

“Body, Text, Nation: Writing the Fit Body in Post Colonial India” in Satadru Sen, editor. *Confronting the Body: Essays on Physicality in Colonial and Postcolonial India*, Pp. 16-38. London and New York: Anthem.

2003

“Historical Magicalism -- Manure into Milk into Money: Colonialism, Commodity Fetishism and Leisure Capitalism in the Himalayas” *Journal of the Kroeber Anthropological Society: Behind Many Masks, A Volume in Honor of Gerald D. Berreman*. 89/90: 5-24.

Celibacy, Sexuality and the Transformation of Gender into Nationalism in North India. In *The Decolonization Reader*, ed. James D. Le Sueur. Pp. 316-335. New York: Routledge Press. (Republication)

2002

"Pahalwani: Indian Wrestling and Somatic Nationalism." In David E. Jones, ed. *Combat, Ritual, and Performance: Anthropology of the Martial Arts*. Pp. 81-98. Westport CT: Praeger. (Republication)

"Nervous Masculinity: Consumption and the Production of Gender in Indian Wrestling. In Diane Mines and Sarah Lamb, eds. *Everyday Life in South Asia*. Pp. 132-145. Indianapolis: Indiana University Press.

"Mountains of Milk" in Ravena Aggrawal, ed. *Into the High Ranges*. Pp. 162-174. New Delhi: Penguin

2000

"Subaltern Bodies And Nationalist Physiques: Gama the Great and the Heroics of Indian Wrestling" *Body and Society* 6(2):45-72.

"Kabaddi, A National Sport of India: The Internationalism of Nationalism and the Foreignness of Indianness. In Noel Dyke, editor. *Getting Into the Game: The Anthropology of Sport* pp. 81-116. Oxford and New York: Berg.

1999

"Heaps of Health, Metaphysical Fitness: Ayurveda and the Ontology of Good Health in Medical Anthropology" *Current Anthropology* 40: s43-s66.

1997

"The Celibate Wrestler: Sexual Chaos, Embodied Balance and Competitive Politics in North India. In Patricia Uberoi, editor, Pp. 109 - 131. *Social Reform, Sexuality and the State*. New Delhi, London, Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.

"A Therapy to Live By: Public Health, the Self, and Nationalism in the Practice of a North Indian Yoga Society." *Medical Anthropology* 17: 309-335.

"Seminal Truth: A Modern Science of Celibacy in North India." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 11: 275-298.

1996

"Gandhi's Body, Gandhi's Truth: Nonviolence and the Biomoral Imperative of Public Health." *The Journal of Asian Studies* 55(2):301-322.

1995

"The Celibate Wrestler: Sexual Chaos, Embodied Balance and Competitive Politics in North India." *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, n.s. 29(1,2):109-131.

1994

"Celibacy, Sexuality and the Transformation of Gender into Nationalism in North India." *The Journal of Asian Studies* 54(1):45-66.

"Somatic Nationalism: Indian Wrestling and Militant Hinduism." *Modern Asian Studies*. 28(3):557-88.

1993

"The Body of One Color: Indian Wrestling, The Indian State and Utopian Somatics." *Cultural Anthropology* 8(1):49-72.

"Hanuman and the Moral Physique of the Banarsi Wrestler." In Bradley Hertel and Cynthia Ann Humes, eds. *Living Banaras: Hindu Religion in Cultural Context*. pp. 127 - 144. Albany: SUNY Press.

1992

"The Sannyasi and the Indian Wrestler: The Anatomy of a Relationship." *American Ethnologist* 19(2):317-336.

Book Reviews

Forthcoming *Disenchanted India: Organized Rationalism and Criticism of Religion in India.* *American Anthropologist*.

Forthcoming *Ayurveda Made Modern: Political Histories of Indigenous Medicine in North India, 1900 – 1955.* *American Historical Review*.

Forthcoming *Nationalizing the Body: The Medical Market, Print and Dakari Medicine.* *Asian Medicine: Tradition and Modernity*.

2013 *Healing Elements: Efficacy and the Social Ecologies of Tibetan Medicine.* *World Medical and Health Policy Journal*. 5(3) 264-265.

2012 *Sinister Yogis – In the Eye of the Beholder.* *South Asian Religions* (2300 words)

- 2011 *In the Presence of Sai Baba: Body, City and Memory in a Global Religious Movement* American Ethnologist 38(1): 197-198.
- 2011 *Missionaries and Their Medicine: A Christian Modernity for Tribal India.* Journal of Asian History 44(2): 169-170.
- 2010 *God-Botherer's and Other True Believers: Gandhi, Hitler and the Religious Right.* Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute (N.S.) 16: 683-684.
- 2008
Review essay: *Female Ascetics in Hinduism* by Lynn Teskey Denton, *The Graceful Guru: Hindu Female Gurus in India and the United States* by Karen Pechilis, ed., and *Offering Flowers, Feeding Skulls: Popular Goddess Worship in West Bengal* by June McDaniel. American Anthropologist 108 (3): 549 - 550
- Fluent Bodies. South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies
- 2002
A Mind of Its Own: A Cultural History of the Penis. Choice.
- Imperial Bodies.* Journal of the Royal Anthropological Society 8(4): 800-801
- 2001
Healing Powers and Modernity: Traditional Medicine, Shamanism and Science in Asian Societies. Choice, December 2001, 39(4).
- Global Sex.* Choice, December 2001, 39(4).
- Anatomy of Hatha Yoga: A Manual for Students, Teachers and Practitioners.* Choice December 2001, 39(4).
- Movies, Masculinity and Modernity: an Ethnography of Men's Filmgoing in India.* Social Forces 79 (3): 1207-1208 Mar, 2001
- Himalayan Spaces: Cultural Horizons and Practices.* Journal of Asian Studies 60(1): 258-259
- 1999
No Aging in India: Alzheimer's, The Bad Family and Other Modern Things. By Lawrence Cohen. In Current Anthropology 41(2):303-304.
- 1997

Knowledge and the Scholarly Medical Traditions by Don Bates, ed. In American Ethnologist, 24(1):221

Many Mirrors: Body Image and Social Relations by Nicole Sault, ed. In American Ethnologist, 24(2):463.

1996

The Savage Freud and Other Essays by Ashis Nandy. In American Ethnologist, 23(4):936.

1995

Self as Body in Asian Theory and Practice by Thomas Kasulis et. al. eds. In *Journal of Asian Studies* 54(1):143-145.

Modernity and Identity: Asian Illustrations by Alberto Gomes, ed. In American Ethnologist 22(4):1046-1047

1993

Friends, Brothers and Informants: Fieldwork Memoirs of Banaras by Nita Kumar. In The Journal of Asian Studies 52(1):194-195.

The Life of a Text: Performing the Ramcaritmanas of Tulsidas by Philip Lutgendorf. In Anthropological Quarterly 66(2):103-104.

Miscellaneous Publications

2012 (forthcoming)

“Dr. Shanti Prakash Atreya.” *Wrestling World*. (1600 words).

2004

“Foreword” In Andrew Morris. *Marrow of the Nation: A History of Sport and Physical Culture in Republican China*. Berkeley: University of California Press, Pp.. xv-- xx.

2003

“Conference Report: Asian Medicine: Nationalism, Transnationalism and the Politics of Culture.” *IASTAM Newsletter*.

2001

“Spiritual Development and Religion in the Martial Arts of India.” In. *Martial Arts of the World*, ed. Thomas Green, pp. 462-471. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO.

“Indian Wrestling.” In *Martial Arts of the World*, ed. Thomas Green, 719-727. Santa Barbara ABC-CLIO.

- 2000 "Comments" on Dr. Nancy Scheper-Hughes' "Body Trades" in *Current Anthropology* 41(2).
- 1997 "Da Restlars Badi: Shodh awen Sarwekshan." Anuwadak, Shri Krishnadatta Bhat. *Bharatiya Kushti* 34(11):17-19.
- 1996 "Da Restlars Badi: Shodh awen Sarwekshan." Anuwadak, Swarup Vajpay aur Surendar Kawthekar. *Bharatiya Kushti* 34(4):24-28.
- "Da Restlars Badi: Shodh awen Sarwekshan." Anuwadak, Swarup Vajpay aur Surendar Kawthekar. *Bharatiya Kushti* 34(2):55-56.
- 1995 "Gama the World Champion: Wrestling and Physical Culture in Colonial India." *Iron Game History* 4(2):3-9.
- "Da Restlars Badi: Shodh awen Sarwekshan." Anuwadak, Surendar Kawthekar. *Bharatiya Kushti* 33(9):11-13.
- "Da Restlars Badi: Shodh awen Sarwekshan." Anuwadak, Surendar Kawthekar aur Swarup Vajpay. *Bharatiya Kushti* 33(12):24-26.

INVITED WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2001 "Modern Yoga Workshop" organized under the auspices of the Dharma Hinduja Institute for Indic Research, Cambridge University.
- 2001 "The Body in South Asia" a conference organized under the auspices of the South Asia Institute, University of Texas, Austin.
- 2002 "Modern Yoga Conference" organized under the auspices of the Dharma Hinduja Institute for Indic Research, Cambridge University.
- 2003 "Modern Ayurveda Workshop" organized under the auspices of the Dharma Hinduja Institute for Indic Research, Cambridge University.
- 2004 "Modern Ayurveda Conference" organized under the auspices of the Dharma Hinduja Institute for Indic Research, Cambridge University.

- 2005 “Muscular Christianity and Colonialism” organized by John MacAloon, University of Chicago.
- 2007 “The Body in India: Ritual, Transgression, Performativity.” Organized by Axel Michaels, University of Heidelberg, and Cristoph Wulf, Free University Berlin. University of Berlin). (Presentation canceled, but paper submitted)
- 2008 “Olympic Visions” organized by Vivienne Lo, University College London and Adrian Renton, University of East London, Wellcome Trust Center for the History of Medicine, London. (Presentation canceled, but paper submitted)
- 2008 “Material Culture, Performance and the Public Sphere” organized by Sandria Freitag, Associate Director, North Carolina Center for South Asia Studies: Duke University, UNC Chapel-Hill, North Carolina State.
- 2011 “Keynote Address: Quackery and Sex Therapy: Law, Medicine and Culture in Modern India.” Organized by Elizabeth Wilson, Department of Religions. Conference on South Asian Masculinities. Miami University of Ohio.
- 2011 “The Future of Masculinity in South Asia.” Organized by Elizabeth Wilson, Department of Religions. Conference on South Asian Masculinities. Miami University of Ohio.
- 2013 “Nature Cure and Ecology in India: Mediating Middle-Class Modernity.” Organized by Lauren Minsky (NYUAD), Justin Stearns (NYUAD), and Hugh Slotten (Otago). Globalizing the History of Science Technology and Medicine, May 19 – 21, 2013. NYU Abu Dhabi.
- 2013 “The Body Conference: History, Politics, Health and Mortality, Indian and Western Perspectives.” Chaired by Isabella Thomas. (India-Europe Foundation for New Dialogues) “Talks at the Labyrinth.” June 23-24, 2013. The Labyrinth, Zagarolo, Italy.
- 2013 “Yoga Nature Cure and the Embodiment of Ecology.” Organized by Karl Baier (Vienna), Philipp Maas (Vienna) and Karin Preisendanz (Vienna). Yoga in Transformation: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on a Global Phenomenon.” September 19 – 21, 2013, University of Vienna.

INVITED LECTURES

- 2012 Eckerd College, *Nature Cure and Ecology: The Affective Politics of Intimate Nationalism*.

- 2011 Johns Hopkins University, Institute of the History of Medicine *Quackery and Sex Therapy: Law, Medicine and Culture in Modern India.*
- 2011 University of Pennsylvania, Department of Anthropology. *Quackery and Sex Therapy: Law, Medicine and Culture in Modern India.*
- 2009 University of California – Santa Cruz, Department of Anthropology. *Sex Substance and Embodied Identity*
- 2009 Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Department of Religious Studies. *Yoga Today: Asana, Sex and the Politics of Knowledge.*
- 2008 University of Indiana, Bloomington, Center for Indian Studies. *Yoga Today: Asana, Sex and the Politics of Knowledge.*
- 2007 Center for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi. *From Wrestling to Yoga: Readings and Reflections.*
- 2007 University of Michigan, Center for South Asian Studies. *Islamic Cosmopolitanism: Hakim Mohammed Said and the Society for the Promotion of Eastern Medicine.*
- 2005 University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology. *Ayurvedic Acupuncture: Transnationalism and the Politics of Medical Knowledge.*
- 2004 Princeton University, Department of Anthropology. *Modern Medicalized Yoga: Struggling with a History of Sex, Magic and Mysticism.*
- 2004 University of Iowa, Asian Languages and Literature. *Ayurveda and Sexuality: Sex, Sex Therapy and the Paradox of Virility.*
- 2003 Syracuse University Department of Anthropology, *Modern Medicalized Yoga: Struggling with a History of Sex, Magic and Mysticism.*
- 2002 Smith College, Department of Anthropology, “*Like the Wand of Some Kind of Fairy: Indian Clubs, Muscular Christianity, and Hindu Masculinity.*”
- 2002 University of Chicago, Department of Southern Asian Languages and South Asian Studies, *Like the Wand of Some Kind of Fairy: Indian Clubs, Muscular Christianity, and Hindu Masculinity.*
- 2001 Cambridge University, Department of Social Anthropology, *Indian Clubs and Jori Swinging: Colonial Masculinity and Muscular Christianity.*

- 2001 University of British Columbia, Department of Anthropology, “*Subjecting Yoga to Science: Swami Kuvalyananda and Global Modernity in India*”
- 2000 University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign, Department of Anthropology. “*Kabaddi, A National Sport of India: The Internationalism of Nationalism and the Foreignness of Indianness.*”
- 2000 University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign, Department of Anthropology, Seminar on Medical Anthropology. “*Indian Yoga and German Nature Cure: Medical Mimesis in the context of Nationalism, Transnationalism, Metabolism.*”
- 1998 University of Virginia, Center for South Asian Studies. “*Gandhi’s Fasts: Digestion, Ethereal Politics and the Power Vacuums of Embodied Communal Violence.*”
- 1998 Columbia University, Dharma Hinduja Center. *Subaltern Somatics: Gama the Great and the Heroic Indian Body.*
- 1995 New York University, the Kovorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies. *Gama the Great and the Decolonized Indian Body: Wrestling with Colonialism in North India.*
- 1993 University of Chicago, Center for South Asian Studies and the Committee on Human Development. Two lectures: *Seminal Truth: Celibacy, Sexuality and the Science of Sex in North India*, and *Somatic Nationalism: Indian Wrestling and Militant Hinduism.*
- 1993 University of Wisconsin, Madison, Center for South Asian Studies and Department of Anthropology. Three Lectures: *Seminal Truth: Celibacy, Sexuality and the Science of Sex in North India*; *The Body of One Color: Indian Wrestling, The Indian State and Utopian Somatic*, and *Somatic Nationalism: Indian Wrestling and Militant Hinduism.*
- 1992 University of Texas, Austin, Department of Anthropology and Center for Asian Studies lecture series on the cultural construction of the body. *Seminal Truth and the Celibate Wrestler: Sexuality and the Science of Sex in North India.*

SPEECHES AND ADDRESSES

- 2009 Commencement Address. “Renaissance.” Department of Anthropology, May

- 2010 Commencement Address. "Heralds of Marathon." Department of Anthropology, May.
- 2011 Commencement Address. "Rites of Passage." Department of Anthropology, May.
- 2012 Commencement Address. "Magic: The Power of Words." Department of Anthropology, May

RESEARCH

"Nature Cure: The Embodiment of Health and Ecology in 20th Century India." Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship. Proposal submitted September, 2012.

"Research Experience for Graduates – Cultural Anthropology: Embodied Empathy: Suffering and Healing in the Context of Medical Pluralism" NSF-REG Proposal Submitted, March 2012.

"Ecological Health and the Embodiment of Nature: Environmentalism, Social Class and Nature Cure in Modern India." National Science Foundation (BCS 1125100) \$120,500. Principal Investigator.

"Ayurveda and Sexuality: Sex Therapy and the 'Paradox of Virility' in Modern India." CRDF Small Grants, University of Pittsburgh, July 1, 2002 – September 1, 2004, \$8455.00. Principal Investigator.

"The Medicalization of Yoga Philosophy," University of Pittsburgh, UCIS Hewlett International Grant Program, May - June 2001, \$1285.00. Principal Investigator.

"The Medicalization of Yoga Philosophy." University of Pittsburgh, FAS Faculty Research Grant, June - August, 2001, \$4000.00. Principal Investigator.

"Indian State Nationalism and The Science of Yoga: A Cultural Analysis of Biomedical Research on Indian Physiology, 1900 - 1998." American Institute for Indian Studies, National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer 1999. Principle Investigator

"Indian State Nationalism and The Science of Yoga: A Cultural Analysis of Biomedical Research on Indian Physiology, 1900 - 1998." National Science Foundation, September 1997 -- September 2000. Principle Investigator.

"Gandhian Wrestlers: Embodied Nonviolence in Colonial India, 1857-1947." American Institute of Indian Studies, National Endowment for the Humanities: October 1993 - June 1994. Principle Investigator.

"Indian Wrestling: Physical Culture, Identity and Health." Dissertation research sponsored by Fulbright-Hays, DDRA: January 1987 - December 1987. Principle Investigator.

"Popular Literature on Indian Wrestling." Pre-doctoral research funded by a Humanities Graduate Research Grant: Summer 1986.

"Indian Nationalism: Ideology and Popularization, 1875-1947." Research sponsored by Professor Ernst Haas, Department of Political Science, U. C. Berkeley: Fall 1985.

"The Life History of an Indian Hill Villager." Research funded by a Humanities Graduate Research Grant: Summer 1985.

"Economic Change and Ideological Conflict in a North Indian Hill Village." Research funded by a Davenport Grant for Social Science Research, Wesleyan University: December 1980 - August 1981.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

"Asian Medicine: Nationalism, Transnationalism and the Politics of Culture" November 14 --16, 2002, University of Pittsburgh. Fifteen leading scholars in the field were invited to present papers focusing on a set of predefined questions.

"Mountains, Oceans, Rivers: Complex Societies and Complicated Ecologies." March 20, 2008, University of Pittsburgh. Nine leading scholars invited to present papers in honor of James B. Richardson, III on questions of climate change, archaeology and the emergence of complex societies.

"Asian Medicine: Cultivating Traditions and the Challenges of Globalisation. 7th International Congress on Traditional Asian Medicine," Thimphu Bhutan, September 7 – 11, 2009. Two hundred and fifty delegates from over twenty countries. Role: executive planning committee and treasurer.

"Anthropology in the Era of Globalization: Ethnography, Ethnology and Comparative Analysis" University of Pittsburgh, December 9, 2011. Six distinguished alumni and nine current graduate students from the Department of Anthropology presented papers. Dr. Sidney Mintz gave the key note address.

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISEES

Amy Speier: "*Health Tourism: Balneotherapy in the Czech Republic.*"
Dissertation writing grant from Provost's Development Fund, University of

Pittsburgh. Dissertation completed 2005; Two year post-doctoral fellowship, Lawrence University; Tenure track position, Eckerd College St. Petersburg FL. 2009 – 2012; Tenure track position, University of Texas. 2012

Daisy Yang: “*Actively Aging in Chinese Medicine.*”
Research funded by the Wenner-Gren Foundation.
Defended and graduated, May 2006.

Megan Hamm : “*Tawaif: Performing History in a Contemporary Courtesan Community*”
Research funded by Fulbright IIE Fellowship, 2009.
Defended and graduated, 2012

Rory McCarthy : “*The Sikh Diaspora: Khalistan in the Australian Imagination.*” Preliminary research funded by a Grant from the Center for South Asian Studies, U. C. Berkeley.
Research funded by NSF Grant, 2009.
Defended and graduated, Spring 2013

Venera Khalikova: Admitted, 2011: “Embodiment and Medical Pluralism.”
Shelly Horn: Admitted, 2012: “Kallaripayattu: The Body in Performance.”
Amar Bahadur, BK, 2014: “Caste and Social Activism in Nepal”

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

Professional Organizations

Trustee, American Institute of Indian Studies, 2003 – present
Interim Secretary, AIIS, 2011
Elected Board Member, American Institute of Indian Studies, 2004, 2005, 2008
Selection Committee, American Institute of Indian Studies, 2004 – 2008
Review of approximately 130 national graduate student and faculty research proposals per year to award 12 – 15 fellowships, each to support 6 – 12 months in India.
Treasurer, International Association for the Study of Traditional Asian Medicine, 2000 -- 2010

Department Committees

Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor, Language and Culture, 2005/2006
Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor, Language and Culture, 2010/2011
Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor, Japan 2002
Chair, Colloquium Series, Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh, 1996 – 1999.
Chair, Curriculum Committee, Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh, 1999 -- 2012
Chair, Peer Evaluation of Teaching Committee, Anthropology, 2004 -- 2012
Graduate Studies Committee, Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh, 1998 – 2000

Admissions Committee, Sub-disciplinary coordinator, 2006, 2007
Undergraduate Advisory Committee, Anthropology, 2002 –
Chair, Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh, 2006 -- 2012

University Committees

Chair, Search Committee for Associate Director of Asian Studies, 2000
Indo-Pacific Council, Asian Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh, 2000 --
Tenure Council, Faculty of Arts and Science, University of Pittsburgh, 2004, 2005, 2006
Arts and Sciences Council, 2003, 2004, 2006
Lawler Fellowship Selection Committee, 2000
Andrew Mellon Pre-doctoral Fellowships, 2012
Planning and Budget Committee, University Center for International Studies, 2004, 2005, 2010
Asian Studies Center, Grants Selection Committee, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2010
Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Ad Hoc Tenure Review Committees, 2004 (2), 2005 (3), 2006 (2),
2010 (1), 2011 (1).

Professional Service

External review for promotion with tenure:

University of Illinois, Urban/Champaign, Dept of Anth., 2003
Syracuse University, Department of Anthropology, 2006
Univ. of Illinois Chicago Circle, Department of Anthropology, 2006
University of Iowa, Department of Anthropology, 2006
New York University, Department of Anthropology 2007
UC, Santa Cruz, Department of Anthropology, 2007
University of California, Davis, Department of Anthropology, 2007
Scripps College, Department of Anthropology, 2008
Florida Atlantic University, Department of Anthropology, 2008
Queens College, Anthropology 2009
Florida Atlantic University, Anthropology 2009
Princeton University, Anthropology 2009
Tufts University, Anthropology 2010
University of Missouri, Kansas City, Anthropology 2011

External review for promotion to Full Professor, Brandeis University, 2009

JOURNAL EDITING

Co-editor, *Social Science History*, 1997 - 2000.
Associate editor, *Ethnology*, 2000 – 2014
Editorial Advisory Board, *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, 2012-- present
Editor, *Newsletter of the International Association for the Study of Traditional Asian Medicine*,
2005, 2006, 2007

LANGUAGES

Hindi: spoken, fluent; written, proficient.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reader/Reviewer of book manuscripts (multiple times),

Columbia University Press
Oxford University Press
University of Pennsylvania Press
Princeton University Press
University of California Press
SUNY Press
University of Wisconsin Press
Mayfield Publishing
W.W. Norton and Company

Peer review of manuscripts for (multiple times): *Medical Anthropology*; *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*; *Theory, Culture and Society*; *Social Science and Medicine*; *Journal of Ritual Studies*; *American Ethnologist*; *American Anthropologist*; *Gender and History*; *Cultural Anthropology*; *Current Anthropology*; *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*; *Journal of Asian Studies*; *Tropical Medicine and International Health*; *International Journal of Hindu Studies*; *Body and Society*; *Asian Affairs*; *Social Semiotics*; *Sociological Inquiry*; *Religion Compass*.

Book Reviewer, *Choice*, 2000 -- 2003

Conference Proposal Reviewer, Wenner-Gren Foundation (periodic)

External Reviewer of Grant Applications, NSF (periodic)

Hong Kong Grants Commission, (periodic)

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