

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2000 Ph.D., UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, Storrs, Connecticut.
- 1995 Ph.D., UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD, INDIA.
- 1991 M. Phil., UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD, INDIA.
- 1989 M. A., VISVA BHARATHI UNIVERSITY, SANTINIKETAN, INDIA. (Topped the list of candidates getting First Class.)
- 1986 B.A. with Honors in Philosophy with Sanskrit and Political Science as Minors, UNIVERSITY OF BURDWAN, INDIA.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Mind & Consciousness, Indian Philosophy, Comparative Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Asian Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Epistemology, Third World Feminism

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2003 *On Putnam (Wadsworth Philosophers Series)*, Wadsworth-Thomson Learning, CA.

Published Journal Articles

- Forthcoming "Externalism & Self-Knowledge: A Solution from Sellars" in the Special Issue of *TAULA* on W. Sellars. (Peer reviewed)
- Forthcoming "Meanings of 'Multiculturalism': Can Philosophy be Taught from a truly Multiculturalist Perspective?" in *Journal of Indian Philosophy and Religion*. (Peer reviewed)
- 2013 "Questions of Identity & Agency in Feminism without Borders: A Mindful Response" *Hypatia* Special Issue on *Crossing Borders*, vol. 28:2; pp. 360-376. (Peer reviewed)
- 2012 "Ambedkar & the Constitution of India: A Deweyan Experiment" *Democratic Experimentalism*, Special Issue of *Contemporary Pragmatism*, vol. 9:2; pp. 301-320. (Invited)

- 2006 “Comparing the *Bhagavad-Gita* and Kant: A Lesson in Comparative Philosophy” in *Philosophy in the Contemporary World*, vol. 13:1, Spring; pp. 63-67. (Peer reviewed)
- 2005 “Privileged Knowledge: Privileged in Access or Privileged in Authority?” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, vol. 21:2, July; pp. 101-114. (Peer Reviewed)
- 2002 “Leibniz’s Doctrine of Error,” *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 10:1, February; pp. 63-73. (Peer Reviewed)
- 2001 “An Understanding of the Concept of ‘Indian Culture’: A Naturalist Alternative”, *Asian Philosophy*, vol. 11:1, March; pp. 15-22. (Peer Reviewed)
- 1992 “The Theory of Natural Kind Terms and Internal Realism,” *The Journal of the Indian Academy of Philosophy*, XXXI:1; pp. 53-65. (Peer Reviewed)
- 1992 “Wittgenstein’s ‘Individualistic Conception’ of Rule-Following: A Critique”, *Jadavpur Journal of Philosophy*, 4:2; pp. 1-12. (Peer Reviewed)

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming “Nyaya Theory of Concepts” in *Indian Epistemology and Metaphysics* (ed. Joerg Tuske); Bloomsbury Publishing.
- 2014 “Mindfulness, *anatman*, and the Possibility of a Feminist Self-consciousness” in *Asian and Feminist Philosophies in Dialogue: Liberating Traditions* (eds J. McWeeny & A. Burton); Columbia University Press; pp. 101-122.
- 2004 “Ancient India: Introduction”; “Introduction” (Rig Veda); “Introduction” (Katha Upanisad) in *The Asheville Reader: The Ancient World* (eds. Hook, Moseley & Peters); Copley Custom Publishing Com; pp. 237-9; 240-1; 254. (Invited)

Book Reviews

- 2002 Review of *Dislocating Cultures: Identities, Traditions and Third-World Feminism* by Uma Narayan, Routledge, New York, 1997, *APA Newsletters on Asian/Asian American Philosophers and Philosophies*, Vol. 1:2, Spring; pp. 47-49. (Invited)
- 2000 Review of *Explanation and Understanding in the Human Sciences* by M. Gurpreet, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1992, *International Studies in Philosophy*, vol. 32:4; pp. 130-132. (Invited)
- 2000 Review of *Human Rights in India: Historical, Social and Political Perspectives* by C. J. Nirmal, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1999, *The Law and Politics Book Review*, vol. 11.10, November; pp. 623-627. (Invited)

Manuscripts & Journal Articles under Review or Revision

- A Manuscript titled, *The Bhagavad-Gita for the Philosophers* (Fresh Translation and Introduction).
 “Why Epistemology needs to be Mindful?”
 “Consciousness in the *Bhagavad-Gita*”
 “Two Solutions to Moore’s Paradox: A Critique”
 “*Sultana’s Dream*: Feminist Consciousness through a Bengali Muslim Lens”
 “Self-Intimating Accounts of Self-Knowledge: Comparing Dinnaga and Shoemaker”
 “It is raining but I don’t believe it”: Solving Moore’s Paradox”
 “Beyond Diversity and Pluralism: A Lesson from the *Bhagavad-Gita*”

Works in Progress

- Commenced work on an edited volume on Feminist Philosophy of Mind with Jennifer McWeeny.
 Working on a paper entitled “Emotions in the *Bhagavad-Gita*.”
 Working on a paper entitled, ““Self-Intimation and Self-Deception: Comparing the Reflexive Accounts of Shoemaker and Dinnaga”.”
 Working on a paper entitled, “The Dynamics of Self-Awareness and Self-Knowledge: Implications from Content Externalism”.”
 Working on a project titled, “Dowry and Arranged Marriage in India: A Philosophical and Socio Economic Investigation” (with Mohammed Mohsin).

LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONSInvited

- 2016 “Why Epistemology needs to be mindful?” UNC Asheville Department of Philosophy Colloquia Series, March 24.
- 2016 “Equanimity, Compassion, and Mindfulness: A Conversation between Buddhism and the *Bhagavad Gita* (with Emily McRae) APA Panel organized by Asian & Asian-Americans Philosophies & Philosophers, Eastern APA, Washington DC, Jan 7.
- 2015 “What Epistemology stands to gain by being Mindful” Philosophy Department, Delhi University, New Delhi, India, Nov, 27.
- 2015 “Miranda Fricker on Testimonial Injustice: A Room for Mindful Epistemology?” Philosophy Discussion Group of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), New Delhi, India, Oct 1.
- 2015 “Epistemology of Mindfulness: Some Preliminary Reflections” at the Centre for Philosophy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, Sep 2.
- 2015 “India changes Course” at 4 locations in Western North Carolina as part of the *Great Decisions Series* of World Affairs Council of Western North Carolina, 3/3-3/5.
- 2013 “*Sultana’s Dream*: Feminist Consciousness Through a Bengali Muslim Lens” Humanities Council at Appalachian State University, Boone NC, 11/18.
- 2013 “Consciousness & Attention in the *Bhagavad-Gita*” Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, India, 7/30.
 “Consciousness in the *Bhagavad-Gita*” Wofford College, SC, 2/19.
- 2011 “Solving Moore’s Paradox Through a Defense of Evans’s Principle” at the international & interdisciplinary conference on *Rationality, Spirituality and Morality: East and West* at Davis & Elkins College in WV, 4/9.
- 2010 “The Questions of Identity & Agency in Feminisms without Borders” at the UNCA Philosophy department colloquium, 11/9.
 “The Questions of Identity & Agency in Feminisms without Borders” at the international conference on *Crossing Boundaries: Transforming Identities, Cultures and Human Relations in a Global Village* at Davis and Elkins College, WV, 11/12.
- 2009 “Beyond Diversity and Pluralism: A Lesson from the *Bhagavad-Gita*” at the *International Conference on Spirituality, Art and Social Justice: East and West*, at the Davis and Elkins College, WV, 11/13.
 “‘It is raining but I don’t believe it’: Solving Moore’s Paradox”, at the UNCA Philosophy Department Colloquia Series, 4/9.
 Prepared Comments on Melanie Johnson-Moxley’s “‘Our Jane’ and *Gita-yoga*: Non-Gender exclusiveness of the *Bhagavat-Gita*”, APA Central Division, Chicago, 2/21. (Due to the Budget

- situation declined to attend the conference in person but my comments were read by another participant.)
- 2008 “Mindfulness, *anatman*, and the Possibility of a Feminist Self-consciousness” APA Eastern Division, Philadelphia, 12/29.
 “Two accounts of the Self-intimation Thesis: Comparing Dinnaga and Shoemaker” Department of Philosophy & Religion, Appalachian State University, 1/24.
- 2007 “*It is not born, it does not die; having been, it will never not be;*”—Hindu Views on Death and Reincarnation” Kellogg Center for Applied Philosophy, Hendersonville, North Carolina, 10/2.
 “How Millikan’s Substance Concept can Strengthen the Nyaya Understanding of Perception?” Seventeenth International Vedanta Conference, Oxford, Ohio, 9/22.
 “Two accounts of the Self-intimation Thesis: Comparing Dinnaga and Shoemaker” Philosophy Department, Oklahoma State University, 1/22.
 “Two accounts of the Self-intimation Thesis: Comparing Dinnaga and Shoemaker” Philosophy Department, Marquette University, 1/29.
- 2006 “How Millikan’s Substance Concepts can Strengthen the Nyaya Understanding of Perception” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, Washington DC, 12/28.
 “‘We Aren’t Brains in a Vat’: Putnam on Scepticism” Kellogg Center for Applied Philosophy, Hendersonville, North Carolina, 10/3.
 “International Justice from a Third-World feminist perspective” Furman University Philosophy Department, Greenville, South Carolina, 1/12.
- 2005 “‘Is the Wheel the Chariot?’—Reflections on the Buddhist Views on Mind” Kellogg Center for Applied Philosophy, Hendersonville, North Carolina 10/4.
 “Meanings of ‘Multiculturalism’: Can Philosophy be Taught from a truly Multiculturalist Perspective?” Ninth East-West Philosophers’ Conference, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Hawaii 5/31; also at Furman University, South Carolina, 5/12; also at UNCA Faculty Forum, 3/22.
 “Eastern Reflections on Experience” Kellogg Center for Applied Philosophy, Hendersonville, North Carolina, 2/1.
- 2004 “Violence and Peace: a Hindu Perspective” at the United Religions Initiative of Henderson County Forum, 4/4.
 “Pacifism and Eastern Philosophical Traditions” Kellogg Center for Applied Philosophy, Hendersonville, North Carolina, 3/3.
 “Self-Intimating Accounts of Self-Knowledge: An East-West Comparison” at the 14th *International Congress of Vedanta*, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, 4/8; also presented at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India, 6/8; also presented at the UNCA Philosophy Department Colloquium Series, UNCA, 10/28.
- 2002 “What is Happiness and How do We Achieve it?” Kellogg Center for Applied Philosophy, Hendersonville, North Carolina. (With Sarah Worth from Furman University), 10/2.
 A guest Lecture on the topic of “*Sati* and Third-World Feminism” at Dr. Betsy Postow’s class on “Philosophy of Feminism” at the University of Tennessee, 4/25.
 “Comparing Kant and the *Bhagavad-Gita*: A Lesson in Comparative Philosophy” Philosophy Department, University of North Carolina at Asheville, 2/4.
- 2001 “The Concept of Indian Women: A Naturalist Alternative,” *Feminism and Feminist Studies in the Twenty-first Century: II* (A Workshop sponsored by the Women’s Studies Program, College of Staten Island/CUNY), 5/12.
- 2000 “The Mind *And* the Body: Are they the Same or Different, or Does it Matter?” CSI/IBR Center for Developmental Neuroscience’s Colloquium on Current Topics in Developmental Disabilities, 9/25.
 “Beyond Diversity and Pluralism: A Message from the *Bhagavad-Gita*”, *CSI Philosophy Forum Meeting*, April 14. A version of this talk was also given at the *CSI World on Wednesday Lecture*

Series on International Topics, 4/12.

- 1999 “Duty: A Comparative Study of *Bhagavad-Gita* and Kant,” College of Staten Island Philosophy Department, 1/8.

Peer-Reviewed

- 2016 “Philosophy Curricular revision at UNC Asheville” on the panel titled “Rethinking Philosophy Major” organized by APA Committee on the Teaching of Philosophy, Eastern APA, Washington DC, Jan 6.
- 2014 “*Sultana’s Dream: Feminist Consciousness through a Bengali Muslim Lens*” at the New England Association for Asian Studies conference, Univ. of Conn, Storrs, CT, 10/4.
- 2014 “Consciousness & Attention in the *Bhagavad-Gita*” at the 20th Towards a Science of Consciousness Conference at Tucson, Arizona, 4/23.
- 2014 “Emotion in the *Bhagavad-Gita*” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA 3/29.
- 2013 “Consciousness & Attention in the *Bhagavad-Gita*” Harvard Workshop on Mind & Attention, Harvard University, Boston, 9/20-21.
- 2012 “Self-Intimation and Self-Deception: Comparing the Reflexive Accounts of Shoemaker and Dinnaga” at the South Carolina Society for Philosophy & North Carolina Philosophical Society Joint Annual Meeting on 2/25 at Elon University.
- 2011 “The Questions of Identity & Agency in Feminisms without Borders” at the 2011 FEAST Annual conference organized by the Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy on 9/23.
- 2010 “From Dualism to Mindfulness: Biofeedback and Consciousness: An Experiential Workshop” (With Connie Schrader); one of the Pre-conference workshops at the Towards the Science of Consciousness 2010 conference; University of Arizona, 4/12.
 “Mindfulness, *anatman*, and the Possibility of a Feminist Self-consciousness” Towards the Science of Consciousness 2010 Conference, University of Arizona, 4/14.
- 2008 “Consciousness and Self-Consciousness in Eastern and Western Philosophy” (with Paula Droege) one of the Pre-conference workshops at the Towards the Science of Consciousness 2008 conference; University of Arizona, 4/7.
- 2007 “The Role of Non-Conceptual Content in a perception of God” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Annual Meetings, Baltimore, 12/29.
- 2006 “Does Self-ascription Always Precede Other-ascription? Comparing Abhinavagupta and Sellars” International Interdisciplinary conference on “Consciousness, Self-Consciousness and Cultural Identity” Calcutta, India, 7/28.
- 2005 “Does Self-ascription Always Precede Other-ascription? Comparing Abhinavagupta and Sellars” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Annual Meetings, New York, 12/28.
- 2004 “Self-Intimating Accounts of Self-Knowledge: An East-West Comparison” as a Poster at the *Towards a Science of Consciousness Conference 2004*, University of Arizona, Tucson, 4/10.
 “Comparing the *Bhagavad-Gita* and Kant: A Lesson in Comparative Philosophy” at the Annual Meeting of the *Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World*, Cullowhee, NC, 7/20.
- 2002 “Self-Knowledge: Privileged in Access or Privileged in Authority?” The Annual MidSouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, Tennessee. 2/23. A version of this paper was also presented at the 94th Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Nashville, Tennessee. March 29 and at the New Jersey Regional Philosophical Association Spring 2001 Meeting, Montclair State University, New Jersey, 4/12
- 2001 “Dowry and Arranged Marriage in India: A Philosophical and Institutional Investigation,” *New England Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Williams College, Mass. (with Mark D. White), 10/14.

- “An Understanding of the Concept of ‘Indian Culture’: A Naturalist Alternative,” 11th Annual Conference of *Philosophy, Interpretation and Culture*, Binghamton Univ., New York. 4/27.
- 2000 “An Understanding of the Concept of ‘Indian Culture’: A Naturalist Alternative,” SACP 4th International Research Conference in Asian and Comparative Philosophy, Columbia, Missouri, 9/30.
- “Internalism, Self-Knowledge and Minimal Content,” Presented as a Poster at the 26th Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Barnard College and Columbia University, New York, 6/16.
- 1998 “Leibniz’s Doctrine of Error”, APA, Eastern Division, Washington DC, 12/28.
- “Duty: A Comparative Study of *Bhagavad-Gita* and Kant”, 3rd International Research Conference in Asian and Comparative Philosophy, Honolulu, Hawaii, 1/5.

PANEL, CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATIONS

- 2014 Participated in the weeklong Summer Session on Contemplative Pedagogy, Smith College, MA 8/4-8/8.
- 2013 participates on a panel during the Democratic Experimentalism Workshop at UNCA on 4/26.
- 2010 Participated on a panel presentation on “Should *We* Fear *Them*? Islamophobia in the Contemporary World” at UNCA, 10/6.
- 2007 Lead a workshop on Hinduism at the “Missions and Ministries Conference” in Asheville, NC organized by the North Carolina Episcopal Church, 8/25.
- 2005 Organized a panel and chaired the session on “Self-Awareness and Self-Consciousness in a Comparative Light” at the Central Division Meetings of the APA, 4/28.
- 2004 Represented Hinduism and Buddhism at the Religion Diversity Panel at the AB Tech Community College, 12/3.
- 2002 Commented on “Is Introspection Inferential?” by Murat Aydede at the 94th Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Nashville, Tennessee, 3/29.
- Commented on “Conflicting Attitudes Towards Goals” by Peter Baumann at the Annual MidSouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, Tennessee, 2/23.
- 2001 Commented on “What Good is Self-Knowledge?” by Minh Nguyen, Rutgers at the New Jersey Regional Philosophy Association Fall 2001 Meeting at Felician College, New Jersey, 11/17.
- Served as a panelist on the “World Views on the News: International Perspective on the Current Crisis” at the College of Staten Island (CUNY), 11/8.
- 2000 Chaired a session on “Consciousness” at the New Jersey Regional Philosophy Association Fall 2000 Meeting at Felician College, New Jersey, 11/18.
- Served as a panelist on the Panel on “Beyond Postmodernism” at the “Millennium Conference on Whence? What? Whither?” College of Staten Island/CUNY, 2/15.

TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

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| July 2015-Present | PROFESSOR, University of North Carolina, Asheville. |
| August 2012-Present | CHAIR, Dept. of Philosophy, Univ. of NC-Asheville. |
| July 2007-June 2015 | ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, University of North Carolina at Asheville. |
| August, 2002-July 2007 | ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, University of North Carolina at Asheville. |
| Sep.1999-March 2002 | ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, College of Staten Island/CUNY. |
| Spring, 1999 and 1997 | LECTURER, Univ. of Connecticut, Avery Point and Waterbury. |
| 1998, 1995-96 | TEACHING ASSISTANT, University of Connecticut, Storrs. |

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2015 • **Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Senior Research Award**
Aug 2015-Dec 2015.
- 2014 • UNCA Interdisciplinary **BLOCK Grant** for the collaborative Project titled “Art & Science of Meditation: A New Spring 2015 Interdisciplinary Course” (With Drs. Batada, Chess & Foo).
- 2013 • Funding support from the UNCA NEH Professor for a collaborative project titled, “The Inquiring ‘I’: First-Person Inquiry across Disciplines & Domains” through the **Engaged Humanities Project**.
- 2012 • **NEH Summer Institute** on “Investigating Consciousness: Buddhist and Contemporary Philosophical Perspectives”.
- 2012 • The Title VI **ASDP China Grant** Institute on Chinese History & Society at the East West Center, Honolulu.
- 2012 • UNCA **Mills Award (Research)**.
- 2011 • Recipient of the UNCA **Teaching Award in the Humanities**.
- 2010 • Nominated for UNCA **Teaching Award** for 2009-10.
- 2009 • UNCA **University Research Council Grant**.
- 2009 • Selected for **Asian Studies Development Program’s “Institute on Infusing East-Asian Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum.”**
- 2008 • UNCA **Mills Award (Research)**.
- 2006 • Nominated for UNCA **Teaching Award** for 2006-07.
- 2006 • UNCA University Teaching Council **Travel Grant**.
- 2005 • UNCA **Mills Award (Research)**.
- 2005 • UNCA University Teaching Council **Academic Activity Award**.
- 2005 • UNCA Humanities Program **Travel Grant**.
- 2004 • UNCA **University Research Council Grant**.
- 2003 • UNCA **Mills Award (Research)**.
- 2002 • COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND (CUNY) **Scholar Incentive Leave**.
- 2001 • COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND (CUNY) **Faculty Summer Research Stipend**.
- 1998 • APA, EASTERN DIVISION **Graduate Student Travel Stipend**.
- 1998 • UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT **Dissertation Fellowship**.
- 1994-98 • UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT **Graduate Assistantship**.
- 1995-98 • UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT **Summer Fellowship**.
- 1992-1994 • UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION, INDIA, **Junior and Senior Research Fellowships**.
- 1990-1992 • INDIAN COUNCIL OF PHILOSOPHICAL RESEARCH, INDIA, **General Fellowship** for the project entitled, “Epistemological Foundation of New Metaphysics”.
- 1989-1990 • UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD, INDIA, **M.Phil. Fellowship**.
- 1984 • GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, **National Scholarship**.

COURSES DESIGNED & TAUGHT

- Introduction to Phil. from a Comparative Perspective (Sp 97 at Uconn; F 04, 05, 06 & 09 at

UNCA).

- Introduction to Logic (Fall 97 & Sp 99 at Uconn; Fall 03, Spring 04, 05, 06, 07, 08 7 09 at UNCA).
- Critical Thinking (Fall 99, Fall 00, Fall 01 at CSI).
- Introduction to Ethics (Fall 99, Sp 00, Fall 00 at CSI, Fall 06 at UNCA).
- Introduction to Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies (Fall 14 at UNCA).
- History of Modern Philosophy (Sp, 00 & 01 at CSI; Fall 04 & 05 at UNCA).
- Asian Philosophy (Fall 00 at CSI; Fall 04, Fall 07 at UNCA).
- Indian Philosophy (Fall 02 at UNCA).
- Philosophy of Science (Fall 02, Sp 04, Fall 06, Sp 09 & Fall 14 at UNCA).
- The Philosophy of *Bhagavad-Gita* (Fall 99 at CSI).
- Philosophy of Religion (Sp 04, Sp 06, Sp 07, Sp 08, & Sp 09 at UNCA).
- The Philosophy of Mind of Daniel C. Dennett (Fall 01 at CSI).
- Human Religious Experience (Fall 02 & Fall 03 at UNCA).
- Major Philosopher: Mahatma Gandhi (Sp 01 at CSI).
- Philosophy, Religion and Psychology (Sp 00 at CSI).
- Gandhi & King: Peace and Non-Violence (Sp 05).
- Philosophies of Perception (Sp 06 & Sp 14 at UNCA)
- Senior Colloquium: Cultivating Citizenship in the Contemporary World (F 06, F 07, Sp 09 & F 09 at UNCA)
- Feminist Theory (Fall 2007 UNCA)
- Consciousness & Self-Consciousness: A Comparative Perspective (Fall 12 at UNCA)
- Realists and Their Opponents: Issues in Comparative Metaphysics (Fall 09 at UNCA)
- Project Seminar (Masters of Liberal Arts: Fall 2007 UNCA)
- Introductory Sanskrit (Fall 07, Fall & S 09 at UNCA)

SERVICE

Institutional (UNCA)

- Serving as the Chair of the Philosophy Department, UNCA since Fall 2012.
- Serving on UNCA Position Allocation Committee since Fall 2013.
- Serving on the UNCA Graduate Council since Fall 12.
- Serving on the UNCA Inquiry ARC Executive Committee since 2013.
- Serving as the Chair of the Tenure & Promotion (to Full Professor) committee of UNCA Foreign Languages Chair, Wiebke Strehl.
- Serving on the promotion (to Full Professor) committee of UNCA Religious Studies Chair, Rodger Payne.
- Member, Hearing Committee, UNCA, 2011-2014.
- Served as the chair of the Mills Grant committee 2013-14.
- Served as the Coordinator for HUM 214 (Medieval and renaissance World), Fall 11-Spring 13.
- Member, UNCA Teaching Awards Committee 2011-12.
- Served as a co-leader of a UNCA Study Abroad Program in India, Dec 2011.
- Member, UNCA Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity in Faculty Recruitment.
- Served on the screening committee for Humanities Director. F 09& S 10.

- Served on the committee for Review of Tenure and Promotion System in S 09 until early F 09.
- Served on the tenure committee of UNCA Religious Studies professor Rodger Payne.
- Member, UNCA Provost Search Committee.
- Member, University Planning Commission, UNCA, Spring 2009-Spring 2010.
- Director, Religious Studies Program, UNCA, 2006-07.
- Member, Grievance Committee, UNCA, 2006-08.
- Member, Minority Affairs Commission, UNCA, 2004-07.
- Lead a group of 5 UNCA Humanities Professors to a seminar on India during Spring 2008.
- Lead a group of 5 UNCA Hum. Professors to a two-weeks Study tour of India, Summer 2008.
- Member, Search Committee UNCA Art Department Assistant Professor, 2005-2006.
- Coordinator & Organizer, UNCA Philosophy Department Colloquium Series, 2003 – Present.
- Faculty Advisor, Student Diversity Alliance, UNCA Student organization, 2005 – Present.
- Chaired Sessions at the NCUR 2006 on April 6 and 7, 2006.
- Reviewer for Submissions to UNCA Undergraduate Journal, 2005 – Present.
- Reviewer for Submissions to *NCUR Proceedings*, 2006.
- Represented the Department and the following Programs at these Open House:
 - Department of Philosophy (Fall 04; Fall 05; Fall 06);
 - Women's Studies Program (Fall 03; Sp 04);
 - Religious Studies Program (Fall 04; Fall 05; Fall 06);
 - Legal Studies Program & Pre-law Program (Fall 04; Fall 05; Fall 06).
- Helped in organizing and Participated in the Bulldog Day events at the UNCA Peace Garden (Fall 04 & Fall 05); Volunteered with ACT in Asheville (Fall 06).
- Helped with the 2005, 2006 Move-Ins.
- Presented at various Series organized by UNCA Center for Diversity Education:
 - Presented "Hindu Pilgrimage to Varanasi" on March 29, 05 at the Brown Bag lunch Series on "In the Footsteps of Pilgrims: Historic Travels of Faith"
 - Presented "Hindu and Muslim Intermarriage in India" on September 22, 05 at the "Of Many Colors: Portraits of Multiracial Families".
- Participated in various Learning Circles organized by the UNCA Center for Teaching and Learning:
 - On motivation during Fall 2005 and read and actively discussed E.L. Deci's *Why We Do What We Do?*
 - On Segregated School during Fall 06 and read and actively discussed Jonathan Kozol's *The Shame of the Nation*.
- Participated and presented at the Celebration for Dr. M. L. King at the invitation of Nucleus and Black Student Association (Sp 04).
- Participated and presented at the Students for Democracy and Peace rally on March 19, 04 at UNCA Quad.
- Volunteered at the 2004 UNCA Knowledge Bowl.
- Participated in the Panel Discussion on "Women in the Global World" organized by Women's Studies student Gail Council on April 1, 04.
- Served on a Panel on "Women in Colleges: Dubai, Mumbai, Khorog, and Bishkek" organized by Dr. Peg Downes, UNCA Literature Department on August 27, 04.

Community Service

- Serving on the Executive Board of Ten Thousand Villages, Asheville since Fall 2012.
- Presented on "Hindu Beliefs & Practices around the End of Life" for Asheville Hospice & Palliative

Medicine Fellowship, Spirituality series at the MAHEC Educational Campus on 4/30/14.

- Featured in the multi-cultural network, Ebru Television Network's 2009 series on "Matter and Beyond".
- Advised Dr. Paul Herskovitz, Associate Professor of Business Law at College of Staten Island/CUNY on his research on Hilary Putnam.
- Made a Presentation and lead Discussion on "Violence and Peace: a Hindu Perspective" at The United Religions Initiative of Henderson County Forum on April 4, 04.
- Represented Hinduism and Buddhism at the Religion Diversity Panel at the AB Tech Community College on Dec 3, 04.
- Read and helped with a senior thesis on 'Hindu Fundamentalism in Contemporary India' by Pol Edmonds, a graduating senior of Asian Studies at Warren Wilson College.
- Interviewed by Asheville Citizen Times' Columnist Jill Ingram on the relation between generalization and evaluation for her column on Sep 3, 04.
- Our Bulldog Day event during Fall 04 at the Peace Garden was featured in the Asheville Citizen's Times' Mountains Section on August 17, 2004.
- My Kellogg Center presentations were featured by the Asheville Daily Planet: "The Eastern Reflections on experience" on April 13, 05; "Is the Wheel the chariot" on October 12, 05; and "We aren't Brains in a Vat" on October 11, 06.
- Participated in the Western North Carolina Post-Colonial Reading Group consisting of faculty from UNCA, Western Carolina University and Warren Wilson College.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- Served as a Reviewer for the Philosophy journal *Hypatia*.
- Served as a Reviewer for the Philosophy journal *Erkenntnis*.
- Served on the Program Committee of Feminist Ethics and Social Theory (FEAST) for its 2015 conference.
- Served as one of the two External Reviewers for SUNY Geneseo Philosophy Department's Review. Visited the SUNY Geneseo campus during Spring 12 and met with Philosophy Department faculty, student and university administrators and wrote a joint report (with the other reviewer) on the Department's performance.
- Served as an External Examiner for a Dissertation titled "Phenomenological Psychology of Sartre & Merleau-Ponty: A Critical Study" submitted to the Dept. of Philosophy, Pondicherry university, India.
- Served on the Advisory Board of the *International Congress on Philosophical Questions Related to Literature and the Study of Literature*, at the University of Vaasa, Finland, 27-28 May 2010.
- Served as an External Examiner for a Dissertation titled "Paradigms and prospects in Cognitive Science: A Philosophical Inquiry" submitted to the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India for completion of work towards a Ph. D. degree in philosophy.
- Elected Member of the APA Committee on Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies (2002-2005).
- Served as an External Reviewer for a PSC-CUNY Research Project in Philosophy of Mind.
- Reviewed a book proposal entitled "A History of Philosophy" by Nigel Tubbs for Palgrave Publishing Company.
- Member of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World.

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- Served as an External Examiner for a Dissertation titled “Individuation of Mental States: Individualism vs. Non-Individualism” submitted to the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India for completion of work towards a Ph. D. degree in philosophy.