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#### RESEARCH INTERESTS

South Asian history: modern South Asia, social and political history of Punjab, veterinary medicine and animal breeding; other history: agrarian history, comparative colonialism, environmental history, world history.

#### TEACHING AREAS

South Asia, East Asia, modern Middle East; environmental; comparative colonialism

#### EDUCATION

##### **University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, PA

Ph.D., History, 2003. Dissertation: "Settling for the State: Pastoralists and Colonial Rule in Southwestern Panjab, 1840-1900."

M.A., with distinction, South Asia Regional Studies, 1995. Thesis: "Politics of Sikh Historiography, 1700-1995."

##### **College of William and Mary**, Williamsburg, VA

B.A., Honors in Government, 1993. Major, International Relations (Middle East and South Asia); minor, Religion. Thesis: "Political Instability in the States of India: Four Case Studies."

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

##### **Luther College**, Decorah, IA

Associate Professor of History, 2010-present; Assistant Professor of History, 2003-10  
Department Head, 2013-present

##### **University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, PA

College of Arts and Sciences: Instructor, 2002-03; Teaching Assistant, 2000 and 1996.  
College of General Studies: Instructor, 2003, 1998-2000, and 1996.

##### **University of Delaware**, Newark and Wilmington, DE

Instructor, 2000-01

##### **Philadelphia University**, Philadelphia, PA

College of Graduate and Continuing Studies: Instructor, 1999.

## PUBLICATIONS

- “The Transition from Animal Capital to Land Capital in Colonial Punjab, 1850-1900.” In “Capitalism, Modernity and the Environment in South Asia,” ed. H. Karrar and A. N. Ahmad. Special issue, *Capitalism Nature Socialism* 26, no. 3 (Sept. 2015): 64-72.
- “Afghan Wars,” “Afghanistan, Russian Invasion of,” “Akali Dal,” “Assam,” “Ayodhya,” “Bandaranaike, Sirimavo,” “Bharatiya Janata Party,” “Bhutan,” “Desai, Morarji,” “Golwalkar, M. S.,” “Gujarat and Gujaratis,” “Janata Party,” “Kerala,” “Maldives,” “Nepal,” “Rao, P. V. Narasimha,” “Singh, Ranjit,” “Sri Lanka,” and “Tamil Nadu and Tamils.” In *Cambridge Dictionary of Modern World History*, ed. Sugata Bose, et al. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.
- “Teaching South Asia beyond Colonial Boundaries.” In “Teaching Modern Asian History: Themes and Sources,” ed. Brian Caton. Special issue, *ASIANetwork Exchange* 21, no. 2 (Spring 2014): 45-53.
- “The Imperial Ambition of Science and its Discontents: Animal Breeding in Nineteenth-Century Punjab.” In *Shifting Ground: People, Animals and Mobility in India’s Environmental History*, ed. Mahesh Rangarajan and K. Sivaramakrishnan, 132-54. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2014.
- “Writing the History of a Colonial Institution: the Case of the Government Cattle Farm, Hissar.” Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Occasional Papers Series, n.s. 38. New Delhi: Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, 2013.
- “The Invisible Animal and the Visible Institution: the Government Cattle Farm, Hissar, 1800-1845.” *Agora* 26, no. 1 (Fall 2013): 21-4.
- “Punjab.” In *Oxford Companion to Pakistani History*, ed. Ayesha Jalal. Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2012.
- “The Colonial Birth of Scientific Breeding and Veterinary Medicine in Punjab.” In *Proceedings of the XXXVIII International Congress of the World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine*, ed. Max Becker, 103-8. Zürich: Swiss Association of the History of Veterinary Medicine, 2008.
- “Why History Matters,” *The Nation* (Lahore). 14 March 2005.
- “Social Categories and Colonisation in Panjab, 1849-1920.” *Indian Economic and Social History Review* 41 (2004): 33-50. Reprinted in Sumit Sarkar and Tanika Sarkar, eds., *Caste in Modern India: A Reader*, 2 vols. (Ranikhet: Permanent Black, 2013).
- “Gender and Sikh Studies.” *The Sikh Review* 49 (October 2001): 44-8.
- “Sikh Identity Formation and the British Rural Ideal, 1880-1930.” In *Sikh Identity: Continuity and Change*, ed. Pashaura Singh and N. Gerald Barrier, 175-93. New Delhi: Manohar, 1999.

## BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of *Army and Nation: The Military and Indian Democracy since Independence*, by Steven I. Wilkinson. *Journal of Military History*, forthcoming.
- Review of *Animal Kingdoms: Hunting, the Environment, and Power in the Indian Princely States*, by Julie E. Hughes. *The Historian* 76, no. 4 (December 2014): 845-6. doi: 10.1111/hisn.12054\_35

- Review of *Forests and Ecological History of Assam, 1826-2000*, by Arupjyoti Saikia. *Environmental History* 17, no. 1 (January 2012): 186-8. doi: 10.1093/envhis/emr125
- Review of *Landscapes and the Law: Environmental Politics, Regional Histories, and Contests over Nature*, by Gunnel Cederlöf. *American Historical Review* 114 (2009): 712.
- Review of *Between Colonialism and Diaspora: Sikh Cultural Formations in an Imperial World*, by Tony Ballantyne. *Canadian Journal of History* 42 (2007): 574-6.
- Review of *The Garrison State: The Military, Government and Society in Colonial Punjab, 1849-1947*, by Tan Tai Yong. H-Albion Book Review, 14 June 2006.
- Review of “*Sicques, Tigers or Thieves*”: *Eyewitness Accounts of the Sikhs (1606-1809)*, ed. Amandeep Singh Madra and Parmjit Singh. *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* 26 (2006): 151-2.
- Review of *Settling the Frontier: Land, Law, and Society in the Peshawar Valley, 1500-1900*, by Robert Nichols. *Indian Economic and Social History Review* 41 (2004): 509-11.
- Review of *Archives of Empire, vol. I: From the East India Company to the Suez Canal*, ed. Barbara Harlow and Mia Carter. *Journal of Asian Studies* 63 (2004): 1171-2.
- Review of *Khizr Tiwana: The Punjab Unionist Party and the Partition of India*, by Ian Talbot. H-Asia Book Review, 26 June 2003. [<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=25326>]
- Review of *Agrarian Environments: Resources, Representations, and Rule in India*, ed. Arun Agrawal and K. Sivaramakrishnan. *Journal of Asian Studies* 61 (2002): 282-3.

#### AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Student-Faculty Collaborative Research, Luther College, Summer 2016, for “Paths of Veterinary Knowledge: Connecting Early Modern South Asia to the Arabic Intellectual Ecumene.”
- H. George and Jutta F. Anderson Faculty Development Fund award, Summer 2005, for “The Animal Sciences of Imperialism.”
- Student-Faculty Collaborative Research, Luther College, Summer 2005, for “The Local Archive in British India: Phalpota Village, District Jullunder.”
- Chimicles Fellowship in the teaching of writing, Writing Across the University Program, University of Pennsylvania, 2002-03.
- Fifth-Year Ph.D. Funding Program, Mellon Foundation, awarded through the Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, 1998-99.
- Dissertation research grant from the South Asia Program of the Social Science Research Council with funds provided by the Near and Middle East Research and Training Act, to cover research conducted in Pakistan, 1997-98.
- Title VI Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship to support study of Intermediate Persian at the 1996 Eastern Consortium for Persian and Turkish, at the Ohio State University, 1996.
- Received two Title VI Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships, Department of South Asia Regional Studies, University of Pennsylvania. FLAS Fellowships awarded annually and disbursed over the academic year, 1993-95.

#### PAPERS PRESENTED

- “The Military and the Formalization of Veterinary Knowledge in the Transition to Colonial Rule in Northern India,” 41<sup>st</sup> International Congress of the World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine, London, United Kingdom, 9/13/14.
- “Writing the History of a Colonial Institution: the Case of the Government Cattle Farm, Hissar,” Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, 8/2/13.
- “The Transition from Animal Capital to Land Capital in Colonial Punjab, 1850-1900,” Conference on “Asian Ecologies: Capital, Modernity, and the Environment,” Lahore University of Management Sciences, 4/6/13.
- “Building the History of an Institution: the Government Cattle Farm, Hissar, 1800-1840,” Satyawati College (Evening), University of Delhi, 1/7/13.
- “Teaching South Asia,” 2012 Annual Meeting, American Historical Association, Chicago, IL, 1/6/12.
- “Implementing a Critical South Asian History Course,” roundtable panel with John Pincince (Loyola University, Chicago) and Jayanta Sengupta (Notre Dame University), presented at Teaching South Asia Critically Conference, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL, 4/22/11.
- “Reading the Landscape of Precolonial Animal Husbandry in India,” 2011 Annual Meeting, American Historical Association, Boston, MA, 1/7/11.
- “A Very Short History of Asian Immigration,” invited lecture, Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum, Decorah, IA, 5/28/09.
- “The Imperial Ambition of Science and its Discontents: Animal Breeding in Nineteenth-Century Punjab,” International Conference on Terrestrial Environments and their Histories in Modern India, Yale University, 5/2/09.
- “The Colonial Birth of Scientific Breeding and Veterinary Medicine in Punjab,” Workshop on Veterinary Science and Empire, Centre for the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, University of Manchester (UK), 9/18/08.
- “The Colonial Birth of Scientific Breeding and Veterinary Medicine in Punjab,” 38<sup>th</sup> International Congress of the World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine, Engelberg, Switzerland, 9/12/08.
- “The Scene of Gigantic Undertakings’: Political Imagination and Environmental Change in the Creation of Lyallpur District, Punjab,” 2008 Annual Meeting, American Society for Environmental History, Boise, ID, 3/13/08. Organizer of panel, “Drawing the Boundaries of Environmental versus Political Regions.”
- “Building the Modern State in Nineteenth-Century Punjab,” 2008 Annual Meeting, American Historical Association, Washington, DC, 1/3/08.
- “The Emergence of Animal Breeding and Veterinary Science in Colonial Punjab,” 2006 Annual Meeting, Association for Asian Studies, San Francisco, CA, 4/9/06. Organizer of panel, “Rethinking Imperial Science and Science of Empire.”
- “History, Terrorism, and the Wartime Classroom,” 2005-06 Paideia Texts and Issues Lecture Series, Luther College, 10/20/05.
- “Constructing Masculinity in the Agrarian Production of Panjab, 1840-1900,” 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 10/25/03. Chair and organizer of panel.
- “No Caste in the Bar: Social Categories in Panjab, 1800-1947,” 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 10/20/01.

- “Gender and Sikh Studies,” Conference on “Sikhs in the Diaspora: New Century, New Challenges,” Renison College, University of Waterloo, Canada, 5/26/01.
- “Gender in Sikh Studies,” SARS Forum, University of Pennsylvania, 4/4/00. Organized and chaired panel of six presenters.
- “Animal Traffic: Pastoralists and Local Trade in Southwestern Panjab,” 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 10/15/99. Chair and organizer of panel.
- “State and Pastoral Society in Colonial Panjab in the Nineteenth Century,” Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan, 2/23/99.
- “Settling the Southwest: The Case of Tirni in Nineteenth-Century Panjab,” Triangle South Asia Consortium Colloquium Series, Raleigh, North Carolina, 11/12/98.
- “Sikh Identity Formation and the British Rural Ideal, 1880-1930,” Conference on “Sikh Identity: Context and Continuity,” University of Michigan, 8/30/96.
- “Bhindranwale and the State-Society Relations of the Sikhs,” Second Annual Conference of Students for Advanced Research in Indian Studies (SARIS), University of Virginia, 4/23/94.

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Association for Asian Studies, 1997-present  
 American Historical Association, 1998-present  
 American Society for Environmental History, 2004-present  
 American Institute for Pakistan Studies, 2005-present  
 American Veterinary Medical History Society, 2005-present  
 Society for Advancing the History of South Asia, 2009-16; at-large member of Executive Committee, 2009-14 (founding member); life member since 2016

LANGUAGE SKILLS: Panjabi, Persian, French

#### OTHER SERVICE

##### **Luther College**

- Paideia I Staff, 2003-13  
 Paideia I Planning Committee, 2005-07  
 Paideia I Writing Committee, 2005-06  
 European History Search Committee, 2004-05  
 African History/Africana Studies Search Committee, 2005-06  
 International Studies Board, 2005-08  
 Advisor, Asian Student and Allies Association, 2005-11  
 Advisor, Muslim Student and Allies Association, 2005-08  
 U.S. History Search Committee, 2007  
 Diversity Council, 2007-10  
 Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta, 2009-11  
 Academic Planning Committee, 2010-12 (Chair, Course and Program Review Subcommittee, 2011-12)  
 Luther College faculty advisor to ACM India Program, 2009-14, 2015-present  
 Director, Nottingham Program, 2014-15

Asian Studies Board, 2015-present

**Associated Colleges of the Midwest**  
Faculty Coordinator, India Program, 2013