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Primary Classification: BU  
Additional Classification: HI, WS

Academic Specialization: Buddha's Biography in Sanskrit Texts.

Teaching Competence: Buddhism, Hinduism, Introduction to Religious Studies, World Religions, Asian Philosophy, Asian Religions, Comparative Religions, Asian Religions in America, Women in Religion, Gender and Religion, Gender in Asian Religions

Languages: French, German, Sanskrit, Pali, Hindi (reading)

<u>Education:</u>	Temple University 1993-2003	PhD Religious Studies Certificate in Women's Studies
	New York University 1989-1992	MA Religious Studies
	University of Southern California 1982-1986	BS in Business Administration

Honors and Awards: USC College of Arts and Sciences Scholarship (1985)  
New York University Graduate Arts and Sciences Scholarship (1990)  
Temple University Teaching Assistant Award (1998)  
Interreligious and Interfaith Course Development Award (2015)

Work Experience:

Full-Time Lecturer teaching Religions in Asia, Introduction to Religious Studies, Buddhism, Hinduism. Gender and Religion, and Topics in Buddhism at Loyola University (2012-present)

Taught Introduction to Buddhism and Introduction to Hinduism at Loyola University (2008- 2012)

Taught Comparative Religions, Asian Religions in America, Buddhism and Hinduism at DePaul University (2006-2011)

Taught Hinduism, Buddhism, Buddhist Pilgrimage and Buddhist Heaven to Loyola Museum of Art docents (2009- present)

Taught Hinduism and Buddhism at continuing education program at First Presbyterian Church Chicago, 2012

Taught World Religions, Asian Humanities and Asian Philosophy at Oakton Community College (2004-2008)

Taught Asian Philosophy at Loyola University (Fall 2006)

TA at Northwestern University (Buddhism and Hinduism 2004-5)

Taught Buddhist Philosophy at State University of New York- Purchase (2001)

Temple University Search Committee for Indology Professor (1999)

Administrative Assistant for three Deans at Barnard College. Experience with advising, policies on Learning Disabilities, Multiculturalism, Study Abroad and Transfer related concerns (1991-2000).

#### Research/Publications/Presentations:

Re-submitted manuscript, “Domestication of Enlightenment” for publication to SUNY Publishing.

Self-published “Benefit of Modern Yoga” (2021)

TAK Panel "White Supremacy in Historical and Contemporary Theologies" (2/2021)

"Project CaLM: A Pilot Intervention Integrating Mindfulness Strategies into Head Start Classrooms" will be published this fall in the Western Journal of Nursing Research.

Independent Consultant for Loyola Psychology Department Grant for Sleep Patterns in At Risk Pre-Schoolers Project (2017 – 2018)

Independent Consultant for Loyola Psychology Department Grant for Mindfulness Practices for At Risk Pre-Schoolers Project Calm (2015-17)

Introduction to Jainism Talk - Loyola (2015)

Interfaith Panel on Art and Meditation – Loyola (2014)

Panel on Teaching Religious Diversity at the Focus on Teaching and Learning Conference – Loyola (2014)

Presented paper “Mind and Body: Teaching Yoga and Meditation in the Classroom” at DePaul Teaching Conference (2011)

“Adaptive Judo” *National Center for Activity and Disabilities* (2011)

Presented paper “Ch’an and the Martial Arts” at China Symposium Conference (2006)

“The Radha Cycle: From Lila to Bhakti” *Journal of Vaishnava Studies* (Spring 2000)

“Transformation of Buddhism in Sri Lanka during British Colonialism” *Journal of Law and Religion, XIV, 1* (2000)

“Discipline as Performance: The Bhikkunis’ Gurudharmas” *The Journal of Ritual Studies* (1999)

“Woman as Mirror” *Sophia* (Spring 1999)

#### Professional Associations

American Academy of Religion 1993-present

Committee on South Asia Studies at University of Chicago Associate Member 2005-present

Board Member of Menomonee Club for Boys and Girls 2007- 2020

General Manager/Parent Liaison of the Menomonee Judo Club 2002- 2018

Board Member of Chicago Music and Performing Arts Foundation 2010-2012

Yoga Alliance Registered 200 Hour Hatha Yoga Instructor and 95hour Specialty Certificate in Children’s Yoga (2010-11)

Certified Taiji Fit Instructor 2016

Faculty Advisor for Indian Student Organization at Loyola 2018- present