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EDUCATION

- 2001 D.Phil. (Modern History), University of Oxford, Oxford.
UK. 1995 M.Phil. (History), University of Delhi, Delhi, India.
1991 MA (History); University of Delhi.
1989 BA (Honours) in History; Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi.

PUBLICATIONS

Creative Non-Fiction: Historical Biography

- June 2019 Rebel Princess: The Great Adventures of Gulbadan (New Haven: Yale University Press; New Delhi: Juggernaut; Contracted in June 2019; In Progress)
July 2018 *EMPRESS: The Astonishing Life of Nur Jahan* (NY: W.W. Norton)
August 2019 *EMPRESS: The Astonishing Life of Nur Jahan* (New Delhi: Penguin-Random House, India)

Academic Books

- 2019 In Pursuit of Playfulness: The Girl-Child/Woman and Nineteenth Century India, Primus Books, New Delhi. A New India Edition of *Coming of Age*.
2013 *Coming of Age in Nineteenth Century India: The Girl-Child and Art of Playfulness*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge and New York.
2005 *Domesticity and Power in the Early Mughal World*, Cambridge Studies in Islamic Civilization, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge and New York.
Domesticity and Power in the Early Mughal World included in Cambridge University Press's new electronic publishing initiatives. Electronic book in 2007.

Domesticity and Power in the Early Mughal World A new anniversary edition under discussion with Cambridge University Press.

Refereed/Peer-Reviewed Publications in Journals and Edited Volumes

- 2018 Co-authored with Beverly Bossler, 'Gender Systems: The Exotic Asian and Other Fallacies, in Sheldon Pollock and Benjamin Ellman (ed.) *What India and China Once Were: The Pasts that May Shape the Global Future* Columbia University Press). Based on conversations from a three year workshop, entitled, *Comparative China-India Project*.
- 2017 'Harem and Eunuchs: Liminality and Networks of Mughal Authority,' in Almut Höfert, Matthew M. Mesley, Serena Tolino (ed.), *Celibate and Childless Men in Power: Ruling Eunuchs and Bishops in the Pre-Modern World* (London: Routledge, 2017).
- 2016 'From the Inside Out: Spaces of Pleasure and Authority,' in Sonya Rhea Quintanilla, (ed.), *Art and Stories from Mughal India* (Cleveland: Cleveland Museum of Art, July 2016).
- 2014 'In the Wake of Colonial Ascendancy: Rethinking Muslim Respectability,' In Crispin Bates (ed.), *Mutiny at the Margins: New Perspectives on the Indian Uprising of 1857*, Vol. 5, 'Muslim, Dalit and Subaltern Narratives' (London and New Delhi: Sage Publications): 117-134.
- 2013 'Rethinking Mughal India: the Challenge of a Princess's Memoir.' In Syed Jaffar Ahmed (ed.), *Challenges of History Writing in South Asia* (Karachi: University of Karachi, Pakistan Labour Trust): 251-283; Reproduced from 2003 *Economic and Political Weekly* article cited below.
- Spring 2013 'Recording Death: Invocations from the Early Mughal World,' in Karl- Heinz Spiess (ed.), *Death at Court* (Leiden: Brill Publishers): 301-319.
- Spring 2011 'The Lure of the Archive: Recent Investigations from South Asia', *Feminist Studies* vol. 37, no. 1: 93-110.
- 2010 'Recasting the Woman Question: the 'Girl-Child/Woman' in the Colonial Encounter', in Gyanendra Pandey (ed.), *Subaltern Citizens and their Histories: Investigations from India and the USA* (London and New York: Routledge): 47-62; Reproduced from 2008 *Interventions* article cited below.
- 2008 'Recasting the Woman Question: the 'Girl-Child/Woman' in the Colonial Encounter', *Interventions* Vol. 10 (3): 321-339.
- January 2008 'Gender and *Sharafat*: Rereading Nazir Ahmad', *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, Volume 18, Part I: 15-30.
- 2008 'Mughal Palace Women,' in Anne Walthall (ed.), *Servants of the Dynasty: Palace Women in World History* (Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press): pp. 96-114.

2007 'The Mughal Construction of Domesticity and Empire', in Meg Greer, Walter Mignolo, and Maureen Quilligan (eds), *Rereading the Black Legend: the Discourses of Racial Difference in the Renaissance Empires* (Chicago: Chicago University Press): 48-67.

Fall/Winter 2004 'Historicizing the *Harem*: the Challenge of a Princess's Memoir', *Feminist Studies*, vol. 30, no. 3: 590-616. (Currently being translated for a Bengali monthly magazine, PARAM)

2003 'Mughal India: 15th to Mid-18th Century', in Suad Joseph (ed), *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures: Methodologies, Paradigms and Sources* Vol. 1 (Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers): 64-71.

January 2003 'Rethinking Mughal India: the Challenge of a Princess's Memoir', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XXXVIII, no. 1: 53-65.

March 2001 'Settled, sacred and All-Powerful: the Making of New Genealogies and New Traditions of Empire under Akbar', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XXXVI, no.11: 941-958.

January-June 2001 'The 'Domestic World' of Peripatetic Kings: Babur and Humayun, c. 1494-1556', *Medieval History Journal*, Volume IV, no. 1: 43-82.

Encyclopaedia Entries

Fall 2007 i) 'Gulbadan Banu Begum'; ii) 'Khanzadeh Begum'; iii) 'Hamideh Banu Begum', in Bonnie G. Smith (ed.), *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Women in World History* (Oxford University Press, NY).

OP-ED PIECES

July 5, 2018 Empress Nur Jahan and the Politics of Erasure in Modern India, *Literary Hub*, New York (<https://lithub.com/empress-nur-jahan-and-the-politics-of-erasure-in-modern-india/>)

July 5, 2018 The One Who Ruled, *Vogue India* (<http://rubylal.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/VogueIndiaJuly2018.pdf>)

July 2004 'Hail the Modern Media', *Economic and Political Weekly*: 3080-3082.

June 2004 'Hazardous Journeys', *Economic and Political Weekly*: 2423-2424. May

2004 'Who Are We?', *Economic and Political Weekly*: 1870-1971.

April 2004 'Who Decides Our Elections', *Economic and Political Weekly*: 1446- 1447.

March 2004 'The Unashamed Political Violence of Our Times', *Economic and Political Weekly*: 1011-1013.

(The *Economic and Political Weekly* is an intellectual/ political journal published from Bombay since the 1960s: perhaps the nearest parallel in the US is *The New Republic*. Above piece were co-published with Gyan Pandey)

FICTION

March/April 2011 'The Whistle', *Indian Literature: Sahitya Academy's Bi-Monthly Journal*: (No. 262): 143-154.

2003 'Nur Banu's Invitation', *The Little Magazine* (Vol. IV, issues 5 and 6): 233- 236.

Rubble and Other Stories. A collection of short stories, Completed and under Review.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

September 2020- June 2021

Senior Fellow, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Studies (SCAS), Uppsala Sweden

September 2015-present

Tenured Professor of South Asian History, Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Emory University, Atlanta.

April 2015

Alfred B. Howell Professor in Islamic Studies, Department of History and Archaeology, The American University in Beirut (Declined due to prior academic commitments)

November 2007-2014

Associate Professor with Tenure, Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Emory University, Atlanta.

August 2005 – November 2007

Assistant Professor, Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Emory University, Atlanta.

July 2002 – June 2005

Assistant Professor, Departments of Anthropology and History, and Associate Director, Program for the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

July 2001-June 2002

Associate Director, Program for the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality, and Lecturer, Department of History, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

WRITER'S RESIDENCIES

August 2018 Ring Lake Ranch, Dubois Wyoming (2 weeks).

September 2017 Drop Forge and Tool, Hudson NY (1 week).

August 2016 Ring Lake Ranch, Dubois Wyoming (1 week).

APPEARANCES AT LITERARY FESTIVALS

(For details, see www.RubyLal.com)

JLF Boulder Literary Festival, Boulder; Jaipur Literary Festival, Jaipur India; Los Angeles Times Book Festival, Los Angeles

MEDIA APPEARANCES, RADIO AND PODCASTS

(Select entries: All links and podcasts available on www.RubyLal.com)

EMPRESS ON BBC: Saturday 11th August at 20:06 BST on the BBC World Service. podcast

MONOCLE SUNDAY BRUNCH, WEEEND READ BY RUBY LAL

<https://monocle.com/radio/shows/sunday-brunch/13/play/>

RUBY LAL AT POLITICS AND PROSE, WASHINGTON DC

<https://archive.org/details/715Lal>

CITY LIGHTS: Ruby Lal's "Empress"; Atlanta Music Project, Lois Reitzes, Host, City Lights, 90.1 FM WABE Atlanta –

KPFA 94.1 <https://kpfa.org/episode/letters-and-politics-december-20-2018/>

<https://kpfa.org/episode/letters-and-politics-december-20-2018/>

DISCUSSIONS AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL BOOKSTORES

(Select entries, details on www.RubyLal.com)

March 12, 2019 Ruby Lal in Conversation with Jean Makdisi, Public Discussion Hosted by American University Beirut, Women & Gender Studies and Aaliya's Books

February 16, 2019 Ruby Lal and conversation with Writer Devyani Saltzman, Another Story Bookshop, Toronto, Canada

July 18, 2018 Midtown Scholar Bookstore, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

July 15, 2018 Ruby Lal in conversation with Sarada Peri, Speechwriter for President Obama, Politics and Prose Bookstore, Washington DC

July 12, 2018 Ruby Lal in conversation with NY Times Journalist, Somini Sen Gupta, Greenlight Bookstore, Brooklyn NY

DISTINGUISHED LECTURES/KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

- March 14, 2019 'Isn't this Representation? The Question of the Archive and the Great Woman Mughal, Nur Jahan,' The American University, Beirut. The first Annual Distinguished Lecture in Women and Gender Studies
- March 12, 2018, 'Empress: The Astonishing Reign of Nur Jahan,' Mary Devereux Distinguished Lecture for Women's History Month, St. Bonaventure University, NY .
- March 1, 2018, 'The Small Things of History': The question of the Archive and the Great Mughal, Nur Jahan,' Keynote Address at the Annual South Asia Conference of the Pacific North West, University of British Columbia Canada.
- February 14, 2017, Feminist Landscapes: Teaching and Writing the History of India,' Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, Inaugural Lecture for the new Gender Studies Concentration.
- July 5, 2016, 'The Small Things of History,' The Australian Association of South Asian Studies, Canberra. Keynote Address.
- December 18, 2013 'What It Means To Be A Woman: Teaching And Writing the History of India,' Ashoka University, New Delhi. Inaugural Keynote address.
- October 7, 2010 'Domesticity and Power in the Early Mughal World,' Women's Studies and History, University of Montana, Missoula.
- March 7, 2009 'The Girl-Child and Woman in India: Texts, Spaces, Histories,' Keynote Address at the Annual South Asia Conference of the Pacific North West, Seattle, University of Washington.
- September 27, 2008 'Global Mughals: Courtly Cultures and Methods,' Keynote Address to the symposium *Focus on Central and South Asia* symposium Georgia Perimeter College, Atlanta, Georgia.
- November 7, 2007 'Harem Portraits: Women and Power in the Mughal World,' Victoria and Albert Museum Annual Benjamin Zucker Lecture on Mughal Art, London.
- March 31, 2006 'The Making of Modern Muslim Women,' Distinguished Lecture in the Arts and Humanities, Women's Studies, and the Diversity Committee, Howard Community College, Columbia, Maryland.

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020-21 Senior Fellow, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Studies (SCAS), Uppsala Sweden
- 2019 EMPRESS: The Astonishing Reign of Nur Jahan (W. W. Norton 2018), History Finalist of the Los Angeles Times Book Prize

- 2019 EMPRESS: The Astonishing Reign of Nur Jahan, Nominated for the Georgia Author of the Year Award in Biography.
- 2018 EMPRESS: The Astonishing Reign of Nur Jahan (W. W. Norton 2018), Ten top picks by Time Magazine
- 2018 EMPRESS: The Astonishing Reign of Nur Jahan (W. W. Norton 2018), Telegraph London, Best History Books 2018
- 2018 EMPRESS: The Astonishing Reign of Nur Jahan (W. W. Norton 2018), Prospect Magazine, UK, Best History Book 2018
- 2018 EMPRESS: The Astonishing Reign of Nur Jahan (W. W. Norton 2018), NY Times Editors Pick/Staff Choice, Aug 11, 2018
- Fall 2017 Emory University, University Research Council for Arts and Sciences Fellowship
- July 2016 Distinguished Visiting Speaker, University of Victoria Wellington, New Zealand (Speaking Engagements at Universities that are part the India Consortium: Victoria, Wellington; Otago, Dunedin, and Canterbury at Christchurch).
- November 2015 Research Grant, PERS (Program to Enhance Research and Scholarship), Emory University.
- December 2013 *Coming of Age in Nineteenth Century India: The Girl-Child and Art of Playfulness*, Cambridge University Press, New York, 2013. One of the four selected nationally for the history entry of the national newspaper in India, The Telegraph, Kolkata, *In Our Good Books* (End of the year book award similar to being put on Oprah Winfrey's Booklist).
- April 2011 Emory University, University Research Council for Arts and Sciences Fellowship
- September 2010 Emory Conference Centre Subvention Fund (To organize a two-day workshop, 18-19 February 2011, entitled, 'Un- archived Histories').
- May 2009 Arts and Humanities Research Council Grant, UK, awarded to Siobhan Lambert-Hurley (Principle Coordinator); along with Event Facilitators, Ruby Lal (Emory), Gail Minault (Texas), and Sunil Sharma (Boston) to run conferences in India, USA and the Middle East on the theme, 'Women's Autobiography in Islamic Societies'.
- August 2008 Provost's Office and Halle Institute's Special Grant for Emory Faculty trip to a series of workshops in India (Awarded along with Professor Gyanendra Pandey)
- November 2007 Research Grant from the Institute of Comparative and International Studies, Emory University, Atlanta. Grant proposal: 'Portraits of Respectability:

Debates over Family and Childhood in Northern India, circa, nineteenth century.

May-June 2007 Affiliated Senior Fellow, International Institute of Asian Studies, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

July 2006 Nominated by Emory University, Atlanta, for a Carnegie Fellowship (did not receive).

November 2006 Research Grant from the Institute of Comparative and International Studies, Emory University, Atlanta. Grant proposal: 'The Making of a 'modern' Muslim Family'.

July 2003 William R. Kenan Jr. Fund, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, for innovative teaching of 'Gender, Sexuality, and Modern Islam', Fall 2003.

1999 Brockhues Graduate Award, St. Edmund Hall, University of Oxford, Oxford.

1999 Research Grant, from the Beit Fund, University of Oxford, Oxford.

1999 Research Grant, The Radhakrishnan Memorial Bequest, The Oriental Institute, University of Oxford, Oxford.

1999 Curzon Memorial Prize, for the best graduate essay in the field of South Asian History, University of Oxford, Oxford.

1997-1998 Brockhues Graduate Award, St. Edmund Hall, University of Oxford, Oxford.

1996-1997 Research grants from the following foundations at the University of Oxford, Oxford: The Max Muller Fund; The Oriental Institute; The Beit Fund; Arnold, Bryce and Read Travel Grant; Research Grant, The Modern History Faculty; and the Sultan Hassan al Bolkihah Award, Centre for Islamic Studies.

1996-1999 Overseas Research Student Award, University of Oxford, Oxford. 1996-

1999 Inlaks Scholarship, awarded by the Inlaks Foundation, London, to undertake doctoral research at Oxford.

1992 Junior Research Fellowship from the University Grants Commission, Government of India, and the Certificate for National Eligibility for College Teachers.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Invited National and International Talks

January 17, 2019 'Empress, The Astonishing Reign of Nur Jahan,' Department of History, Miranda House, University of Delhi.

- January 17, 2019 Discussion of Ruby Lal's Books, Q &A with students,' Department of History, St. Stephens College, University of Delhi.
- October 19, 2018 'Empress, The Astonishing Reign of Nur Jahan,' Departments of English and Gender Studies, Middlebury College.
- October 18, 2016 'Light of the World, Nur Jahan: History, Historiography and the Archive,' The Dhar Center, and the Departments of History and Islamic Studies, Indiana University.
- May 22, 2014 'Opening the Door: Methods, Texts, and the Question of Chronology in Writing the Girl-Child,' Department of History, Ryukoku University, Kyoto, Japan.
- May 20, 2014 'History, Historiography and the Archive: Writing the Indian Girl- Child,' Department of History, Kyoto University, Japan.
- March 3, 2013 'Coming of Age in Nineteenth Century India: The Girl-Child and the Art of Playfulness', Cornell University, Department of History and the South Asian Studies Program.
- August 28-30, 2013 'Nur Jahan, The Light of the World: Networks of Authority and the iconic Mughal sovereign,' The University of Zurich, Switzerland. Presentation at a conference entitled, "Orders of Gender, Knowledge and Rule: Hermaphrodites, Eunuchs and Priests in Western Europe and the Middle East (700-1500 C.E.)."
- March 19, 2013 Book discussion, *Coming of Age in Nineteenth Century India: The Girl-Child and the Art of Playfulness* (NY: CUP, 2013). Hosted by The South Asia Seminar Series, MESAS, Emory University.
- March 14, 2013 Book discussion, *Coming of Age in Nineteenth Century India: The Girl-Child and the Art of Playfulness* (NY: CUP, 2013). Brown India Initiative. Brown University, Providence.
- January 13, 2012 'Opening the Door: The Girl-Child/Woman and the Art of Playfulness,' The Nehru Memorial Library, New Delhi.
- November 22, 2011 'In Pursuit of Playfulness: The Girl-Child and Woman in Nineteenth Century India', Department of History, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh.
- June 19-21, 2011 'Nur Jahan: The Uncrowned Empress,' at an International Conference entitled, The Court and its Critics, held at a retreat in Sedona, Arizona.
- January 19, 2011 'The Woman of the Forest: The Question of Desire and History in Nineteenth Century Northern India,' South Asian Studies Council and the Macmillan Center, Yale University. New Haven, Connecticut.
- April 19, 2011 'Becoming Woman: Ethnographic Encounters'. South Asian Studies Centre, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- July 12-14, 2010 'Invocations of the Dead in a Wandering, Peripatetic World', at an International Conference entitled Death at Court, Greifswald, Germany.

- January 27-31, 2010 'Gulbadan Banu Begum's *Abval-i Humayun Badshah*: Thinking a Pre-Modern Genre,' at an International Conference entitled Women's Autobiography in Islamic Societies' University of Texas, Austin.
- September 17, 2009 'In Pursuit of Playfulness: Historical Debates and Literary Imaginings on the Girl-Child in Nineteenth Century India,' Department of English and Women's Studies, York University, Toronto.
- May 21, 2009 'Women and the Colonial Modern: Investigations from Nineteenth Century Northern India'. Department of South Asian Languages and Cultures, The University of Chicago, Chicago.
- December 7-8, 2007 'The Girl-Child in the Colonial Encounter, 1815-1875' at a conference entitled 'Subaltern Citizens and Their Histories: Investigations from India and the USA', Emory University.
- July 15, 2007 'In the Wake of Colonial Ascendancy: Rethinking Muslim Respectability,' at a conference marking the 150th anniversary of the Indian Mutiny of 1857, Department of South Asian Studies, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh.
- January 29, 2007 'Colonialism and the Debate on Muslim Respectability,' Department of History, Ryukoku University, Osaka, Japan.
- November 16, 2006 'Portraits of Respectability: Rereading Nazir Ahmad,' Department of South Asian Studies, University of Texas, Austin.
- October 2006 'The history of the family: Some Historiographical Reflections,' at a panel entitled, Family in Early Modern and Modern South Asia, Wisconsin, Madison, The Annual Conference on South Asia.
- March 15, 2006 'Domesticity and Power in Early modern Muslim Courts: an Initial Comparison,' Institute of Oriental Culture, University of Tokyo, Tokyo.
- March 14, 2006 'Pre-colonial India: Historiographical Issues,' Department of History, University of Kyoto, Kyoto.
- May 13, 2005 'Love and Marriage in a Peripatetic Court,' at a One-day workshop entitled Friendship, Love, Sex, Kin, and Marriage: Early Modern and Modern Transformations,' Center for Middle Eastern Studies and Committee on Degrees in the Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Harvard University, Boston.
- February 7, 2005 'Domesticity and Power in the Early Mughal World: Some Historiographical and Historical Questions,' Department of Asian Studies, University of British Columbia, Vancouver.
- November 5, 2004 'Conceptualizing the Domestic in the Early Mughal World,' Black Studies/Women's Studies Department, William and Mary College, Williamsburg.
- June 24-27, 2004 **I.** 'Islamic and Non-Islamic Traditions in Medieval India: An

Introduction.' II. 'Rethinking Akbar: Unsettling the Polarities of Contemporary Discourse'

Presented the above two talks at the NEH sponsored program on 'Religion and Politics in India: Culture, History, and Contemporary Experience,' East-West Center, University of Hawaii, Hawaii.

August 27, 2004 'Historicizing the *Haram*: the Challenge of a Princess' Memoir' Department of History and South Asian Studies Program, National University of Singapore, Singapore.

May 26, 2004 'Genealogy of the Mughal *Haram*: the Challenge of a Princess' Memoir,' Department of History, University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg.

March 17-21, 2004 '*Haram* and Beyond: Domesticity and Politics in the Mughal Imperium,' at a conference entitled Palace Women and Court Life across the World, University of California, Irvine.

April 14, 2003 'Where was the *Haram* in a Peripatetic World? The Domestic Life of Babur and Humayun,' Department of History and Women's Studies, Villanova College, Pennsylvania.

April 12-13, 2002 'Writing Women's Histories,' at a One-day conference entitled 'Cracking India: Literary and historical perspectives,' Hamilton College, Clinton, NY.

September 8-9, 2001 'The Construction of the Oriental *haram*: European Accounts of Mughal 'private' Life,' at a conference entitled Hazard and Necessity: Debates in the Present Panorama of Science and Culture, Cursos da Arrabida Lisbon.

April 23, 2000 '*Haram* and Beyond: the Memoir of a Mughal Princess'. Department of History, Middle Eastern Studies and the Women's History Program, Ohio State University, Ohio.

December 8, 2000 'Settled, Sacred and All-Powerful: the Making of New Genealogies and New Traditions of Empire under Akbar,' Department of History, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

21 February 2000 '*Haram* and Beyond: the challenge of Gulbadan Banu Begum's *Abval-i Humayun Badshah*,' Department of History, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

October 1999 'Rethinking Mughal India: Babur and Humayun's Hindustan'. At a conference entitled Rethinking the Borders of South Asia,' South Asian Studies Program and Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

November 1998 'The 'Domestic World' of the Mughals: *Haram* and Beyond,' Department of History, School of Oriental and African Studies, London.

March 1996 'Systematization of the Chisti *Tariqa*: Nizam al-Din Awliya and the *Fawa'id-al-Fu'ad*'. Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi.

Conference and Workshop Papers

March 28, 2014 *Coming of Age in Nineteenth Century India: The Girl-Child and the Art of Playfulness* (NY: CUP, 2013), a panel discussion, The Association of Asian Studies, Philadelphia.

September 5-7, 2014; June 7-9, 2013; September 15, 2012

Invited participant in a three year workshop entitled, Comparative China-India Project, Princeton University, Princeton. Paper in progress, co-authored with Beverly Bossler, 'Gender in Early Modern China and India'.

January 6, 2011 'The question of Difference: girl-child/woman in the Colonial Encounter,' presented at a panel entitled, Subalternity and Difference: Conversations from India and the USA, The American Historical Association, Boston.

October 21, 2009 'Figure and Desire: Inshallah Khan's Rani Ketki ki Kahani,' Invited to a preconference panel on the theme, 'Sexualities,' Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin.

January 2-5, 2009 'The girl-child in the Colonial Encounter, circa, 1815-1870,' at a panel entitled, 'Reclaiming Family History: Global Perspectives,' The American Historical Association, NY.

October 16-19, 2008 'The girl-child in the Colonial Encounter, circa, 1815-1870,' at a panel entitled, 'Modernist Redactions: Writings on Family, Caste, Culture,' Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin.

March 3-4, 2006 'A pre-history of rights: thinking about early modern Islamic societies,' at an International conference entitled 'All in the Family? Islam, Women and Human Rights,' The Law School, Emory University.

February 6, 2006 'Modern' Muslim families: Investigations from North India (1750-1850),' Annual Research Workshop, Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Emory University.

January 8, 2006 'Babur's Peripatetic Mughal Court Society,' at a Panel entitled 'Comparative Studies in Cultural History: New Research into the Everyday Life and Legacy of Mughal Emperor Babur, 1483-1530,' The American Historical Association, Philadelphia.

October 15, 2004 'Historicizing the *Haram*: a History of Early Mughal Domestic Life,' at a panel entitled 'Transversing the public/private,' Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin.

April 9, 2004 'Public/Private: Historicizing the *Haram*,' at a one-day workshop on 'The Question of Public and Private,' Departments of Anthropology and History, Program for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

June 6-9, 2002 'Representations of the *Haram*: the Challenge of a Mughal Princess' Memoir,' at a panel entitled, 'Recovering Sources for the Study of Elite Women in Early Modern China, India, and France: A Comparative Approach' (Session sponsored by the Society for the Study of Early Modern Women), Berkshire Conference on History of Women, University of Connecticut, Storrs..

March 30, 2002 'The Invention of "the *haram*": the Mughal case,' at a one-day workshop on 'Women and Islam in Historical and Contemporary Perspectives,' Program for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

March 1997 'The 'Domestic World' of the Mughals: *Haram* and Beyond,' South Asia Seminar Series, Faculty of Modern History, University of Oxford, Oxford.

Seminars and Conferences Organized

February 18-19, 2011 Co-organizer along with Gyanendra Pandey of two-day workshop, entitled, 'Un-archived Histories'.

August 1-15, 2009 Co-organizer along with Gyanendra Pandey of four one-day workshops involving American and Indian scholars (on the theme 'Subalternity and Difference in International Perspective'), held at Tata Institute of Social Sciences (Bombay); English and Foreign Language university (Hyderabad); Centre for Studies in Social Sciences (Calcutta); and Jamia Milia Islamia (New Delhi).

March 3-4, 2006 Co-organizer along with Professor Martha Fineman of a two-day international conference entitled 'All in the Family? Islam, Women and Human Rights,' The Law School, Emory University.

October 15, 2004 Organized and participated in a panel entitled 'Debating the Public/Private in South Asia,' Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin.

March 30, 2002 Organized and participated in a one-day workshop entitled 'Women and Islam in Historical and Contemporary Perspectives,' Departments of Anthropology and History, Program for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

April 9, 2004 Organized and participated in a one-day workshop entitled 'The Question of Public and Private,' Departments of Anthropology and History, University, Baltimore.

Public Lectures and Discussions

September 18, 2018 EMPRESS: A panel discussion. The Fox Center for Humanist Inquiry, Emory University, Atlanta

September 15, 2018 Public talk on EMPRESS: The Astonishing Reign of Nur Jahan, The Carlos Museum, Emory University

- July 18, 2018 *New Books by Asian Writers*, Lecture and discussion, Asian American Writers' Workshop, New York.
- September 14, 2016 'Nur Jahan: The Great Mughal of India' Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland. Talk in conjunction with the launch of the exhibition *Art and Stories from Mughal India*.
- January 8, 2015 'Uncrowned Empress: Nur Jahan'. The Indian International Center, New Delhi.
- October 21, 2014 'Mughal Empress Nur Jahan'. Talk at the Cleveland Museum of Art, accompanying the museum's exhibition of recently acquired bequest that contains a portrait of Nur Jahan.
- December 19, 2013 A panel discussion of *Coming of Age in Nineteenth Century India: The Girl-Child and the Art of Playfulness* (NY: CUP, 2013), for a wider intellectual audience. The Indian International Center and Cambridge University Press, New Delhi.
- 26 September, 2009 Read my short story, 'The Whistle'. The Decatur Book Festival, Atlanta.
- 11 January, 2007 Public talk introducing the opening of the exhibition, 'Domains of Wonder,' The Carlos Museum, Emory University
- 7 August, 2006 Public talk at the launch of my book, *Domesticity and Power in the Early Mughal World*, The Nehru Centre (Cultural Centre of India), London, and Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
- April 21, 2002 'Women's Struggles and Feminist Writings in Islamic Societies' at a forum called 'Bridges to Islam'. Stony Runs Friends Meeting at the Quaker Church, Baltimore.
- December 18, 2000 'Domesticity and Power: Mughal Births and History,' The Nehru Centre (Cultural Centre of India), London.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION

National Appointments

March 2009-2012

Committee of Women's Historians, American Historical Association (AHA)

Duties included organization of special panels sponsored by the Committee at the AHA; selection of the annual speaker at the Women's Breakfast Meeting of the AHA; and preparation of a national report on gender inequalities in income and service matters in academic institutions.

2008-2019

Emory Trustee to the American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS); Since 2016, position redefined as Delegate to the AIIS

Duties include, discussion of ranks for universities that house South Asian Studies; assessing membership application by colleges and universities for AIIS; undergraduate graduate programming matters in India; discussion of the funding situation of the AIIS, which includes President's Report, Director-General's Report, Treasurer's Report, Development Report, Selection Committee Report. In addition, regular discussion of Language Committee Report, International Learning Committee Report, Art and Archaeology Committee Report, Ethnomusicology Committee Report, and Publications Committee Report.

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

2010-present Editorial Advisory board, *Intersections: Colonial and Postcolonial Histories*. Book series, Routledge Press, London.

2007-present Editorial Advisory board, *The Southeast Review of Asian Studies*, the annual journal of the Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies (SEC/AAS)

2005-present Editorial advisory board, *Encyclopedia of the Middle East and South Asia*

2014- Editor, *Islamic South Asia*, I. B. Tauris London. New Book Series. Published four academic monographs; three in process of publication.

Reader for Juried Journals

Journal of Asian Studies, *Feminist Studies*, *Religion and Law*, *SOAS Bulletin*, *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*, *SIGNS*.

Reader for Book Manuscripts

Routledge Press, London; Cambridge University Press, NY; Cambridge University Press, Delhi; Oxford University Press, Delhi; Indiana University Press.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Emory University

Fall 2015-present Member, Advisory Board, *The South Asia Seminar Series*.

Fall 2013-present Faculty Member of Islamic Civilizations (ICIVs) Executive Committee, The Graduate Program of MESAS; and Faculty Member, ICIVs.

Fall 2005-2015 Director, *The South Asia Seminar Series*. Duties include meetings with South Asia faculty, discussion of names for the lecture series, and hosting of speakers.

2010 Member, Selection Committee, Hindi Urdu search.

2007-2008 Member, Curriculum Committee. Designed two courses for the South Asian track of the Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies major (MESAS 100, 202); and a MESAS 300 course intended both for the students of South Asia as well as the Middle East. Also designed elective offerings such as Women in India, Family in South Asia, Women and Islam, and freshmen seminar, Harem Tales.

2005-2006 Joint Coordinator, Events Committee; duties included special events and lecture series in the Department.

2005- present Member, South Asian Studies Committee. Duties included the development of the South Asian track of the Major in Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies; currently, matters related to courses taught, development of new courses, student matters in South Asian Studies, Intellectual development of the track and its relationship to the department.

Emory College

Fall 2005-present Director, The 'South Asia Seminar Series', under the auspices of the Departments of Religion, Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies (MESAS); Initiated and designed The South Asia Seminar Series in 2006 for the former Asian Studies Program.

2005- 2008 Member, South Asian Studies Committee, of the former Asian Studies Program. Duties included new course designs, outreach, and public lectures for student organizations.

Emory University

Fall 2014-Fall 2017 Representative of Emory College Faculty, Honorary Degree Committee.

May 2012 Faculty Member, The Halle Institute Faculty Development Trip to China and South Korea to encourage increased undergraduate admissions at Emory.

August 1-15, 2009 Along with Gyanendra Pandey led Emory faculty to India, for four one-day workshops involving American and Indian scholars (on the theme 'Subalternity and Difference in International Perspective'). Meetings held at Tata Institute of Social Sciences (Bombay); English and Foreign Language university (Hyderabad); Centre for Studies in Social Sciences (Calcutta); and Jamia Milia Islamia (New Delhi).

2008-present Emory Trustee to the American Institute of Indian Studies (Duties listed above)

2008 Emory Fulbright Committee

2005-2006 Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies liaison to the Honor Council, Emory University.

March 2006 Along with Professor Martha Fineman organized a two-day international conference, 'All in the Family? Islam, Women and Human Rights'. Part of the Emory initiative to investigate 'Religions and the Human Spirit.'

October 2006 Along with Gyanendra Pandey, organized an International Conference at Emory College, entitled, 'Subaltern Citizens and their histories: investigations from India and the USA'

Emory University Graduate Committee Work and Dissertation Supervision Committee Work

Faiza Rahman (Advisor, Fall 2017 onwards), 'Muslim Women's Poetry, Desire and Shariah Law in 20th Century Pakistan.

Sayali Bapat (Committee member since 2015-2018), Emory Law School, 'The Rights of the Child in Indian Law'.

Durba Mitra (Co-Advisor, 2013), 'Restraining Desire: Women and the Regulation of Sexuality in Colonial Bengal, c. 1830-1930, Department of History.

Aditya Pratap Deo (Committee Member, 2013), 'Spirits, State Effects and Peoples' Politics: Negotiating Sovereignty in 20th Century Kanker, Central India', Department of History.

Pankhuree Dube (Committee Member), Department of History.

Shatam Ray (Exam Committee Member), Department of History.

Navyug Gill, Department of History. Taught two courses, worked on his exam lists, currently advising him on the job market, serving as his referee.

Emory University Courses

Undergraduate: Introduction to South Asian Civilizations; South Asian History and Identity; Gender, Sexuality and Modern Islam; Harem Tales; Women in India; Family in South Asia; Women and Islam.

Graduate: Gender, Sexuality and Modern Islam; South Asia Research Seminar; History and Literature: South Asian Perspectives; South Asian Feminist Landscapes: History, Historiography and the Archive.

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

Fall 2001-2005 Member, Advisory, and Curriculum Committees, *Program for the study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality.*

Fall 2001-Spring 2005 Associate Director, *Program for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality*. Duties included: coordination of courses for a Minor in WGS, student and faculty activities, outreach programs, publication of three newsletters a year, organization of an annual seminar series and a one-day international workshop.

Dissertation Committee, Johns Hopkins University

Anna C. Rose (2005, Committee Member), 'Children's Moral Culture and the Experimental Human Sciences in Britain, France, and Italy, 1748-1899,' Centre for Liberal Arts.

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

The American Historical Association.
Association for Asian Studies.