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UNIVERSITY DEGREES

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

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

July 1-December 31, 2022

Visiting Professor and Public Humanities Fellow, The Jackman Humanities Institute,
University of Toronto

August 2021-August 2022

Inaugural Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) Fellow, Institute of Liberal Arts, Emory
University

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 Emory 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 Assistant Professor, Department of History, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

PUBLICATIONS

Public History Books

- May 2021 Tiger Slayer: A Remix of Empress for Young Adults (NY: W.W. Norton); In Progress
- June 2019 Royal Vagabond: The Great Adventures of Gulbadan (New Haven: Yale University Press; New Delhi: Juggernaut; Contracted in June 2019; Submitted)
- August 2019 *EMPRESS: The Astonishing Life of Nur Jahan* (New Delhi: Penguin-Random House, India)
- July 2018 *EMPRESS: The Astonishing Life of Nur Jahan* (NY: W.W. Norton)

Academic Books

- 2023 *Domesticity and Power in the Early Mughal World*, A new South Asia edition (New Delhi: Permanent Black and Ashoka University, forthcoming)
- 2021 Gulbadan Banu Begum, *The Ahval-i Humayun Badshah, or The History of Humayun*, tr. By Annette Beveridge (1901). A new edition of the translation with Commentary by Ruby Lal (New Haven: Yale University Press; In Conversation)
- 2019 *In Pursuit of Playfulness: The Girl-Child/Woman and Nineteenth Century India*, A New South Asia edition of *Coming of Age* (New Delhi: Primus Books)
- 2013 *Coming of Age in Nineteenth Century India: The Girl-Child and the Art of Playfulness* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press)
- 2005 *Domesticity and Power in the Early Mughal World*, Cambridge Studies in Islamic Civilization (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press)

Domesticity and Power in the Early Mughal World included in Cambridge University Press's new electronic publishing initiatives. Electronic book in 2007

Translations

2022 *Malika-e Hind: Nur Jahan ka Achraj Bhara Shasan Kaal*, a Hindi translation of *Empress: The Astonishing Reign of Nur Jahan* (Bombay: Samvad Publication, March 2022)

Refereed/Peer-Reviewed Publications in Journals and Edited Volumes

2022 'Historical Craft: Narrating a History of a Mughal Princess in the Pandemic', in Christina Garsten (ed.), *Pandemic Ponderings* (Uppsala: SCAS Publications)

2019 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)

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)

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
- 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: University of California Press)
- 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)
- Fall/Winter 2004 'Historicizing the *Harem*: the Challenge of a Princess's Memoir', *Feminist Studies*, vol. 30, no. 3: 590-616
- 2003 'Mughal India: 15 to Mid-18 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

Encyclopedia

- 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 a political journal published from Bombay since the 1960s: nearest parallel in the US is *The New Republic*)

Fiction and Non-Fiction

Spring 2022 'Hope And Magnolias,' *Atlanta Magazine*

<https://rubylal.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/HOPES-AND-MAGNOLIAS.pdf>

October 2021 'Magnolias, Life and Loss in the Time of Corona,' *Mint Lounge*

<https://lifestyle.livemint.com/author/ruby-lal>

March/April 2011 'The Whistle', *Indian Literature: Sabitya 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, Completed and under Review.

GRANTS, AWARDS, HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

July 1-December 31, 2022 Visiting Professor and Public Humanities Fellow, The Jackman Humanities Institute, University of Toronto

August 2021-August 2022 Inaugural Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) Fellow, Institute of Liberal Arts, Emory University

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; Winner, 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; The Telegraph London, Best History Books 2018; Prospect Magazine, UK, Best History Book of 2018; NY Times Editors Pick/Staff Choice

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 of the India Consortium: Victoria, Wellington; Otago, Dunedin, and Canterbury at Christchurch)

November 2015 Research Grant, 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). The Telegraph, Kolkata, *In Our Good Books* (End of the year book award similar to Oprah Winfrey's Booklist)

April 2011 Emory University, University Research Council for Arts and Sciences Fellowship

September 2010 Emory Conference Centre Conference Subvention Fund

May 2009 Arts and Humanities Research Council Grant, UK, along with Siobhan Lambert-Hurley (Principle Coordinator); Facilitators, Ruby Lal (Emory), Gail Minault (Texas), and Sunil Sharma (Boston) to run conferences in India, USA and the Middle East on '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

November 2007 Research Grant, The Institute of Comparative and International Studies, Emory University, Atlanta.

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

July 2006 Nominated by Emory University, Atlanta, for a Carnegie Fellowship

November 2006 Research Grant, The Institute of Comparative and International Studies, Emory University, Atlanta.

July 2003 William R. Kenan Jr. Fund, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, for innovative teaching

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 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 Bolkiah Award, Centre for Islamic Studies, all at the University of Oxford

1996-1999 Overseas Research Student Award, University of Oxford

1996-1999 Inlaks Scholarship, awarded by the Inlaks Foundation, London

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

Writer Residencies

August 2018; Aug2020 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)

DISTINGUISHED LECTURES/KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

March 21-23, 2022 'Empress: The Astonishing Reign of Nur Jahan,' Annual India Address, University of Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.

March 9, 2022 'Empress: The Astonishing Reign of Nur Jahan,' K. M. Ashraf memorial Address, University of Delhi.

March 3, 2022 'Historians Craft and the History of India's Great Woman Mughal,' Women's History Keynote Lecture, University of North Texas

February 7, 2021 'Lacunae: Crafting a Narrative History of a Sixteenth Century Mughal Princess,' The Swedish Collegium for Advanced Studies, Uppsala, Sweden

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 Gender Studies Lecture

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

PUBLIC HISTORY CONVERSATIONS

February 7-11, 2022 Conversation with Irina Dumitrescu and Alison Keith on the idea of craft and history writing; The Jackson Humanities Institute, University of Toronto, Canada

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'. India 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*. The Indian International Center and Cambridge University Press, New Delhi

11 January, 2007 Public talk introducing the exhibition, ‘Domains of Wonder,’ The Carlos Museum, Emory University

7 August, 2006 Public talk at the launch of *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,’ Stony Run Friends, The Quaker Church, Baltimore.

December 18, 2000 ‘Domesticity and Power: Mughal Births and History,’ The Nehru Centre (Cultural Centre of India), London

LITERARY FESTIVALS

Full details, EVENTS on www.RubyLal.com

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

MEDIA, Select entries

All links and podcasts available on www.RubyLal.com

Think Fest Conversations, Lahore Pakistan, October, 2020

The Scheherazade Project, Episode #2 of 101Nights: July 26, 2020

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

MONOCLE SUNDAY BRUNCH, WEEEND READ BY RUBY LAL

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

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

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

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL BOOKSTORES

Select entries, details on www.RubyLal.com

- March 31, 2021 The Book Club, Bombay; Ruby Lal in Conversation with Mini Menon
- June 12, 2020 Ruby Lal in Conversation with Rana Safavi, Public Discussion Hosted by *Karvaan India*, Public History Forum, India
- June 4, 2020 History Women; *Candid Talk*, Online Forum, Ruby Lal in Conversation with Ira Mukhoty and Rana Safavi, Hosted by Avik Chanda, India
- May 5, 2020 Charis Bookstore; Ruby Lal in Conversation with Gail O’Neil, Atlanta Journalist
- 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 Reading, 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

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Invited National and International Talks

- January 17, 2019 ‘History and Women in India,’ 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 ‘History and Archive: 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 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
- 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, 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 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, 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,' 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, two-day workshop, entitled, 'Un-archived Histories'

August 1-15, 2009 Co-organizer, four one-day workshops with American and Indian scholars, '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 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/participated in a panel, entitled 'Debating the Public/Private in South Asia,' Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin

March 30, 2002 Organized/ 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

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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 in academic institutions

Emory Trustee to the American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS); Since 2016, position redefined as Delegate to the AIIS 2008-2019

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

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

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 eight 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

SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION

Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Emory University

Fall 2005-2015 Director, *The South Asia Program*. Duties included curriculum design, meetings with South Asia faculty, budgeting and planning the lecture series.

Fall 2005-present Member, Advisory Board, *The South Asia Program*. 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

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

2010- 2017 Member, Selection Committee, 3 Hindi searches, 1 Telegu History search.

2007-2008; 2022-present Member, Curriculum Committee. Designed 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 Harem Tales.

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

Emory College

Fall 2005-Present Faculty Advisor, Workshop in Colonial Post-Colonial History,
Department of History

Fall 2005-2015 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.

2015- Present Member, The South Asia Seminar Series Committee

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

Emory University

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

May 2012 Faculty Advisor, The Halle Institute Faculty Development Plans on China and South Korea for increased undergraduate admissions at Emory.

August 1-15, 2009 Organizer, Emory Faculty trip to India for four one-day workshops involving American and Indian scholars, on '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).

2008-2015 Emory Trustee, American Institute of Indian Studies

2008 Advisor, Emory Fulbright Committee

2005-2006 Faculty Liaison, Honor Council, Emory University.

March 2006 Co-organizer, International conference, 'All in the Family? Islam, Women and Human Rights'. Emory initiative on 'Religions and the Human Spirit.'

October 2006 Co-organizer, International Conference, 'Subaltern Citizens and their histories: investigations from India and the USA'

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

Fall 2001-2005 Member, Advisor, 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

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

The American Historical Association

Association for Asian Studies

Society for Advancing the History of South Asia

World History Association

Berkshire Conference of Women Historians