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Education and Academic Qualifications

July 2001

Awarded D.Phil (Modern History), University of Oxford, Oxford, UK.
(Dissertation, entitled 'The Domestic World of the Mughals in the reigns of Babur, Humayun and Akbar, c.1500-1605 A. D.', submitted and defended in July 2000)

December 1995

M.Phil. in History; Department of History, University of Delhi, Delhi, India.
(Dissertation entitled, 'Nizam-al Din Awliya's *Tariqa*: Women and the Way of the Sufi')

July 1991

MA in History; University of Delhi.
(Specialization in pre-colonial Indian History)

July 1989

BA (Honours) in History; Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi.

Academic Appointments and Teaching Experience

November 2007-present

Associate Professor, 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.

January 1993-July 1996

Successive one-year appointments as Lecturer in History at the following four colleges of the University of Delhi, Delhi: Lady Shri Ram College, Deshbandhu College, Janaki Devi College, Vivekananda College.

Professional Appointments

March 2009-2012

Committee of Women's Historians, American Historical Association

2008-present

Emory Trustee to the American Institute of Indian Studies

Research

Editorial Positions in Journals and Academic Series

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* (Executive editor: Gordon Newby).

Publications

Books:

Domesticity and Power in the Early Mughal World, Cambridge Studies in Islamic Civilization, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge and New York, 2005.

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

Coming of Age in Nineteenth Century India: The Girl-Child and Art of Playfulness, Cambridge University Press, New York, 2013.

Nur Jahan, Uncrowned Empress (W.W. Norton, US and UK; and Random House, India, for South Asia. 2015). In progress.

Harem Tales: a General Reader (Cambridge University Press has solicited the book)

Reviews of the First Book (recent citations):

- i. Salim Kidwai, *Economic and Political Weekly*, June 24, 2006
- ii. Eugeniya Vanina, *The International Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol.3, No.2, July 2006.
- iii. Ramya Sreenivasan, *The Medieval History Journal*, Vol. 9, no.2, October 2006.
- iv. Rudrangshu Mukherjee, *The Telegraph*, December 29, 2006.
- v. Katherine Butler Brown, *The Journal of Asian Studies*, Volume 66, Issue 02, May 2007.
- vi. Karuna Sharma, *Reviews in History*, August 22, 2007.
- vii. William Dalrymple, *The New York Review of Books*, November 22, 2007.
- viii. Monica Juneja, *The Book Review*, October, 2007.
- ix. Rita Costa-Gomes, *Revue Historique*, Fall 2008.

Projects in Progress:

Invited as editor for Oxford University Press, Delhi, for a volume entitled, 'Family History in Early Modern India'.

Invited as guest co-editor along with Rita Costa-Gomes (Towson University, Baltimore) for the *Medieval History Journal* (London and Paris), to edit a volume on 'the history of childhood in pre-modern South Asia and Europe' in 2010-11 (Editorial consultation recently begun).

Articles and Essays in Edited Volumes:

Refereed/Peer-Reviewed Publications:

'Recording Death: Invocations from the Early Mughal World,' in Karl-Heinz Spiess (ed.), *Death at Court* (Brill Publishers, Spring 2013).

'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, 2010): 47-62. Reproduced from the *Interventions* article cited below. Both productions of Routledge Press.

'Recasting the Woman Question: the 'Girl-Child/Woman' in the Colonial Encounter',

Interventions Vol. 10 (3) (2008): 321-339.

‘Gender and *Sharafat*: Rereading Nazir Ahmad’, *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, Volume 18, Part I (January 2008): 15-30.

‘Mughal Palace Women,’ in Anne Walthall (ed.), *Servants of the Dynasty: Palace Women in World History* (Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 2008): pp. 96-114.

‘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, 2007): 48-67.

‘Historicizing the *Harem*: the Challenge of a Princess’s Memoir’, *Feminist Studies*, vol. 30, no. 3 (Fall/Winter 2004): 590-616.

‘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, 2003): 64-71.

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

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, Fall 2007).

Historical and Political Commentaries:

‘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 (March 17-23, 2001): 941-958.

‘Rethinking Mughal India: the Challenge of a Princess’s Memoir’, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XXXVIII, no. 1 (January 4, 2003): 53-65.

With Gyanendra Pandey, ‘The Unashamed Political Violence of Our Times’, *Economic and Political Weekly*, March 6, 2004: 1011-1013.

With Gyanendra Pandey, ‘Who Decides Our Elections’, *Economic and Political Weekly*, April 10, 2004: 1446-1447.

With Gyanendra Pandey, ‘Who Are We?’, *Economic and Political Weekly*, May 8, 2004: 1870-1971.

With Gyanendra Pandey, ‘Hazardous Journeys’, *Economic and Political Weekly*, June 12, 2004: 2423-2424.

With Gyanendra Pandey, 'Hail the Modern Media', *Economic and Political Weekly*, July 10, 2004: 3080-3082.

(The *Economic and Political Weekly* is an outstanding intellectual and political journal published from Bombay since the 1960s: perhaps the nearest parallel in the US is *The New Republic*)

Fiction:

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

'The Whistle', *Indian Literature*, March/April, 2011.

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

Book Reviews

Salman Rushdie, *The Enchantress of Florence*; 'The Novelist as Conjuror: the power of make believe worlds,' *The Economic and Political Weekly* 43 (41), 2008, 33-35.

'The Lure of the Archive: Recent Investigations from South Asia', *Feminist Studies* (review article, forthcoming, spring 2011)

Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

April, 2011

Emory University, University Research Council for Arts and Sciences Fellowship 2011 (For spring 2012)

November 2010

Emory University Woodruff Travel Grant

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

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'.

November 2006

Hightower Fund, Emory University, Atlanta, to support the South Asia seminar series that I convene.

July 2003

William R. Kenan Jr. Fund, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, to support innovations in teaching the course 'Gender, Sexuality, and Modern Islam' in 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, from the Radhakrishnan Memorial Bequest, 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; an Arnold, Bryce and Read travel grant; a grant from the Modern History Faculty; and the Sultan Hassan al Bolkih Award, Centre for Islamic Studies.

1996-1999

Overseas Research Student Award, 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.

1987-1989

Merit certificate each year for outstanding performance in the three parts of the BA (Honours) history examination, Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi, New Delhi.

National and International Conferences and Seminar Presentations

Distinguished Lectures/Keynote Addresses

July 18-19, 2013. Canberra, Australian National University. Keynote presentation at the conference, *Childhoods in South Asia: Contemporary and Historical Perspectives*.

March 7, 2009. Seattle, University of Washington, Keynote Address at the Annual South Asia Conference of the Pacific North West.

September 27, 2008. Atlanta, Georgia, Georgia Perimeter College, Keynote Address to the symposium *Focus on Central and South Asia* symposium.

November 7, 2007. London, Victoria and Albert Museum, Annual Benjamin Zucker Lecture on Mughal Art.

March 31, 2006. Columbia, Maryland, Howard Community College, Distinguished Lecture in the Arts and Humanities, Women's Studies, and the Diversity Committee,

Invited National and International Talks

March 14-16, 2013. University of Erfurt Research Centre, Gotha (Germany). Presentation at a conference entitled, *Mixed Courts: Dynasty, Politics, and Religion in Early Modern World*.

January 13, 2012. Nehru Memorial Library, New Delhi. Presentation entitled, *Opening the Door: The Girl-Child/Woman and the Art of Playfulness*.

November 22, 2011. University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Department of History. Presentation entitled, 'In Pursuit of Playfulness: Girl-Child/woman in Nineteenth Century India (from forthcoming book).

November 3-6 2012. Penn State University, Philadelphia, International Conference

entitled, 'Global Asias'. On courtly cultures and methodology of my first book.

June 19-21, 2011. Sedona, Arizona. The Court and its Critics, an International Conference. Talk entitled, "Nur Jahan: The Uncrowned Empress."

January 19, 2011. New Haven, Connecticut. South Asian Studies Council and the Macmillan Center, Yale University.. A seminar from my second book, *Coming of Age in Nineteenth Century India*.

April 19, 2011. Michigan, Ann Arbor. South Asian Studies Centre. Paper entitled, 'Becoming Woman: ethnographic encounters'.

October 7, 2010. Missoula, University of Montana, Department of Women's Studies and History. A public talk from my first book, *Domesticity and Power in the Early Mughal World* (CUP, 2005).

July 12-14, 2010. Greifswald, Germany. Death at Court, an International Conference.. Presentation entitled, 'Invocations of the Dead in a Wandering, Peripatetic World'.

January 27-31, 2010. Austin, University of Austin, Texas. International Conference on 'Women's Autobiography in Islamic Societies'. Paper entitled, 'Gulbadan Banu Begum's *Ahval-i Humayun Badshah*: thinking a pre-modern genre.'

April 22-24, 2010 (Declined due to date conflict). York, York University, Manchester, UK. Tenth Cultural Studies Conference entitled, 'Femininities',

September 17, 2009. Toronto, York University, Department of English and Women's Studies, Paper entitled, 'In Pursuit of Playfulness: girl-child/woman in nineteenth century north India'.

May 21, 2009. Chicago, University of Chicago, Department of South Asian Languages and Cultures, Paper entitled, 'Girl-child/woman and the Colonial Modern: Investigations from nineteenth century northern India'.

December 7-8, 2007. Atlanta, Georgia, Emory University, Conference entitled 'Subaltern Citizens and Their Histories: Investigations from India and the USA'. Paper entitled, 'The Girl-Child in the Colonial Encounter, 1815-1875'

November 4-6, 2007. Santa Barbara, University of California at Santa Barbara, Department of History of Art and Architecture and Film Studies, Invited to a conference entitled, 'The Subaltern and the Popular: State, Space, and Statelessness'. Paper entitled, 'Colonialism and the Reform of the Muslim Family'. (Declined due to conflict of dates).

July 15, 2007. Edinburgh, University of Edinburgh, Department of South Asian Studies, Invited to a conference marking the 150th anniversary of the Indian Mutiny of 1857. Paper entitled, 'In the Wake of Colonial Ascendancy: Rethinking Muslim Respectability'.

29 Jan 2007. Osaka, Japan, Ryukoku University, Invited to deliver a lecture at a workshop on 'Colonialism, Modernity and Social Change'. Paper entitled, 'Colonialism and the Debate on Muslim Respectability'.

June 22-23, 2007. Benaras, India, Centre for Postcolonial Education and Centre for Women's Studies and Development, Benaras Hindu University, Invited to an International Conference entitled, *Women, Work, and Family: Constructions of Gender in South Asia*. (Declined due to a fellowship commitment).

November 16, 2006. Austin, University of Texas, Department of South Asian Studies,. Invited talk entitled 'Portraits of Respectability: Rereading Nazir Ahmad'.

October 2006. Wisconsin, Annual Conference on South Asia, Invited to a panel discussing the history of the family in early modern and modern South Asia. Presentation entitled 'The history of the family: Some Historiographical Reflections'.

March 15, 2006. Tokyo, University of Tokyo, Institute of Oriental Culture, Invited talk, entitled 'Domesticity and Power in Early modern Muslim Courts: an Initial Comparison'.

March 14, 2006. Kyoto, University of Kyoto, Invited talk, entitled 'Pre-colonial India: Historiographical Issues'.

May 13, 2005. Boston, Harvard University, Center for Middle Eastern Studies and Committee on Degrees in the Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Invited for a One-day workshop on 'Friendship, Love, Sex, Kin, and Marriage: Early Modern and Modern Transformations'. Paper entitled 'Love and Marriage in a Peripatetic Court'.

November 5, 2004. Williamsburg, College of William and Mary, Black Studies/Women's Studies Department, Invited talk, entitled 'Conceptualizing the Domestic in the Early Mughal World'.

June 24-26, 2004. Amsterdam, Invited to Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis (ASCA) at the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Amsterdam, in conjunction with the Center for the Study of World Religions (CSWR, Harvard Divinity School) for a conference on 'Globalization and Political Theologies'. Declined.

June 24-27, 2004. Hawaii, University of Hawaii, East-West Center, Invited at the NEH sponsored program on 'Religion and Politics in India: Culture, History, and Contemporary Experience'. Presented two talks, entitled i) 'Islamic and Non-Islamic Traditions in Medieval India: An Introduction'; ii) 'Rethinking Akbar: Unsettling the Polarities of Contemporary Discourse'.

May 26, 2004. Heidelberg, University of Heidelberg, Department of History, Invited talk, entitled 'Historicizing the *Haram*: the Challenge of a Princess' Memoir'.

March 17-21, 2004. University of California, Irvine, Invited to a conference on 'Palace

Women and Court Life across the World'. Paper entitled '*Haram* and Beyond: Domesticity and Politics in the Mughal Imperium'.

April 12-13, 2002. Clinton, New York, Hamilton College, Invited to a One-day conference entitled 'Cracking India: Literary and historical perspectives'. Paper entitled 'Writing Women's Histories'.

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

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

October 1999. Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania, South Asian Studies Program and Department of History, Invited to a three-day conference on the theme, 'Rethinking the Borders of South Asia'. Paper entitled, 'Rethinking Mughal India: Babur and Humayun's Hindustan'.

Conference and Workshop Papers

September 15, 2012. Princeton, Princeton University, Paper entitled, 'Notes on a Practice in Comparing Pre-modern India and China,' presented at the Workshop entitled, Comparative China-India Project.

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

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

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

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

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

February 6, 2006. Atlanta, Emory University, Department of Middle Eastern and

South Asian Studies, Annual research workshop of the Department. Paper entitled 'The Making of a 'Modern' Muslim family: Investigations from North India (1750-1850)'.

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

February 7, 2005. Vancouver, University of British Columbia, Department of Asian Studies, Paper entitled 'Domesticity and Power in the Early Mughal World: Some Historiographical and Historical Questions'.

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

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

April 9, 2004. Baltimore, Johns Hopkins University, Program for the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality, One-day workshop on 'The Question of Public and Private'. Paper entitled 'Historicizing the *Haram*'.

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

June 6-9, 2002. Storrs, University of Connecticut, Berkshire Conference on History of Women, 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). Paper entitled 'Representation of the *Haram*: the Challenge of a Mughal Princess' memoir'.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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).

Fall 2005-present. Atlanta, Emory University. I have convened the South Asia Seminar Series, under the auspices of the Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies (MESAS), and the Workshop in Colonial and Postcolonial Studies.

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

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

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

April 9, 2004. Baltimore, The Johns Hopkins University, Organized a one-day workshop entitled 'The Question of Public and Private' under the auspices of the Departments of English and Anthropology, and the program for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality.

Public Service Talks

Atlanta, The Atlanta Book Festival, Decatur. 26 September, 2009. Read my short story, 'The Whistle'.

Atlanta, The Carlos Museum at Emory University, 11 January, 2007. Public talk introducing the opening of the exhibition, 'Domains of Wonder'.

London, The Nehru Centre (Cultural Centre of India), 7 August, 2006. Public talk and discussion at the launch of my book, *Domesticity and Power in the Early Mughal World*.

Baltimore, Stony Runs Friends Meeting at the Quaker Church of Baltimore, April 21, 2002. Talk entitled, 'Women's struggles and Feminist Writings in Islamic societies' at a forum called 'Bridges to Islam'.

London, Nehru Centre, December 18, 2000. Talk entitled 'The Domestic World of the Mughals: Births, Celebrations, History'.

Professional Service

Emory University

Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Emory University

*2005-2006: Joint coordinator along with Ofra Yeglin, Events Committee, organizing special events and lecture series in the Department.

*2005- present. Member of the South Asian Studies Committee. Developed South Asian track of the Major in Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies.

* Designed three courses for the South Asian track of the Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies major (MESAS 100, 202, 300).

* Fall 2006: Member of the MESAS Curriculum Committee.

Emory College

Fall 2005-present. Convenor, The 'South Asia Seminar Series', under the auspices of the Departments of Religion, Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies (MESAS), and the program of Asian Studies.

Emory University

* 2008-present: Emory Trustee to the American Institute of Indian Studies

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

*March 2006: in line with a crucial initiative being developed at Emory to investigate 'Religions and the Human Spirit' worldwide, Professor Martha Fineman and I organized and participated in a two-day international conference at the Law School entitled 'All in the Family? Islam, Women and Human Rights'.

* October 2006: International Conference organized at Emory College, entitled,

‘Subaltern Citizens and their histories: investigations from India and the USA’

Johns Hopkins University

*Fall 2001-2005: served on the advisory and curriculum committees of the *Program for the study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality* (WGS).

*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.

The South Asia Association, Madison, Wisconsin.

Language Skills

English, Hindi, and Urdu: excellent reading, writing and speaking ability.

Punjabi: excellent speaking ability.

Persian: fluent in reading and writing (special emphasis on Indo-Persian court chronicles).