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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Oregon, December, 1996

M.A. Philosophy, University of Oregon, 1993

B.A. Religious Studies, University of Oregon, 1990

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Comparative Eastern and Western philosophy, Buddhist Philosophy, South & SE Asian Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Contemporary European philosophy, Nietzsche and Foucault, Chinese and Japanese Philosophy.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

St. Mary's College of Maryland: Associate Professor of Philosophy, July 2004 – Present.

Payap University, Thailand: Senior Visiting Lecturer, July 2009, January-May 2010.

St. Mary's College of Maryland: Assistant Professor of Philosophy, August 1997-2004.

St. Mary's College of Maryland: Visiting Instructor of Philosophy, August 1995-1997.

College of Wooster: *Purna, Rao, Raju Visiting Professor of East-West Philosophy*, 1994-1995.

University of Oregon: Instructor of Religious Studies, 1992-1995.

REGULAR COURSE OFFERINGS

South Asian Philosophies and Religions (PHIL352)

Asian Studies (ASIA200)

First Year Core Seminar (Core100)

Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL101)

Introduction to Ethics (PHIL120)

Critical Thinking and Logic (PHIL215)

Introduction to World Religions (RELG110)

Contemporary Buddhism in SE Asia (PHIL360)

RECURRING SEMINARS

Comparative Eastern and Western Philosophy (PHIL380)

Nietzsche and Foucault (PHIL380)

Seminar on the Buddha (PHIL380)

Philosophy of Sexuality and Gender (PHIL380)

Philosophy of Film (PHIL380)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Skillful Means: The Heart of Buddhist Compassion, Motilal Banarsidass Press, Buddhist Tradition Series, 2004, reprinted from *Skillful Means: The Heart of Buddhist Compassion*, University of Hawaii Press, 2001.

Upaya: Il Cuore della Compassione Buddhista, tr. M. Marino, Editrice Pisani, Rome, Italy, 2003.

Articles & Book Reviews

"Truth, Deception, and Skillful Means in the Lotus Sūtra." In *Asian Philosophy*. Vol.21/1. February 2011.

"Nāgārjuna and the Philosophy of Upāya." In *Buddhist Studies*. Mahayana Buddhist Texts Series. ed. V. Pannyavaro. January 2011, No.11/14.

Socially Engaged Buddhism, by Sallie King. Review in *Philosophy East and West*, Vol. 60:2 (Forthcoming, August 2012).

Wittgenstein's Philosophical Investigations: Critical Essays. By Meredith Williams. Rowman & Littlefield, Pub, Inc., 2007. Pp.v- 238. In *Essays in Philosophy*, Vol 9 No 2. 2008.

"Buddhist Ethics and Global Justice," in *A Mindful Walk: Reflections on Engaged Thai Buddhism*, St. Mary's College of Maryland, 2006.

"Art of the Spirit: Tibetan Monks at St. Mary's College" in *River Gazette*, Vol.5, Nr 6, 2005.

"Mistress of Spices: Review of Indian Books" in *River Gazette*, Vol 5, Nr 2, 2004.

"Nagarjuna and the Doctrine of 'Skillful Means'" *Philosophy East and West*, October 2000, Vol.51:1.

"Induction and Inference in Indian Philosophy" book review in *Philosophy East and West*; January, 1999, Vol. 49:1

"Buddhist Saints in India," book review in *Philosophy East and West*, April, 1999, Vol. 50:2

"Mind As Mirror and Mirroring the Mind" book review in *Philosophy East and West*; January 1997, Vol. 47:1.

Encyclopedia Entries

"Buddhism in South Asia: 1200-1900 CE." In *Cultural Sociology of South Asia*, vol. 4 of *Cultural Sociology of the Middle East, Asia, and Africa: An Encyclopedia*, ed. Orlando Patterson. London: SAGE. (Forthcoming, January 2012.)

"Jainism in South Asia: 1200-1900 CE." In *Cultural Sociology of South Asia*, vol. 4 of *Cultural Sociology of the Middle East, Asia, and Africa: An Encyclopedia*, ed. Orlando Patterson. London: SAGE. (Forthcoming, January 2012.)

"Philosophy in South Asia: Prehistory-1200 CE." In *Cultural Sociology of South Asia*, vol. 4 of *Cultural Sociology of the Middle East, Asia, and Africa: An Encyclopedia*, ed. Orlando Patterson. London: SAGE. (Forthcoming, January 2012.)

"Philosophy in South Asia: 1200-1900 CE." In *Cultural Sociology of South Asia*, vol. 4 of *Cultural Sociology of the Middle East, Asia, and Africa: An Encyclopedia*, ed. Orlando Patterson. London: SAGE. (Forthcoming, January 2012.)

"Philosophy in East and SE Asia: Prehistory to 1200 CE." In *Cultural Sociology of East and SE Asia*, vol. 3 of *Cultural Sociology of the Middle East, Asia, and Africa: An Encyclopedia*, ed. Orlando Patterson. London: SAGE. (Forthcoming, January 2012.)

"Philosophy in East and SE Asia: 1200-1900 CE." In *Cultural Sociology of East and SE Asia*, vol. 3 of *Cultural Sociology of the Middle East, Asia, and Africa: An Encyclopedia*, ed. Orlando Patterson. London: SAGE. (Forthcoming, January 2012.)

PRESENTATIONS

"Bodhisattvas and Arhats: What's the Difference?" presented to the Department of Philosophy, Chulalongkorn University, April 14, 2011.

"Theravada and Mahayana Paths of Engaged Buddhism" at the International Conference on Culture and Religion, Payap University, Chiang Mai, Thailand, August 7-14, 2008.

"Critical Philosophy and the *Lotus Sutra*" at the International Conference on Culture and Religion, Payap University, Chiang Mai, Thailand, June 7-14, 2007.

"Madhyamika and Thai Buddhism." Invited Keynote Lecture at Graduate Philosophy Symposium, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, July 2006.

"Does Nagarjuna have a Philosophical Position?" presented to the Department of Philosophy, Chiang Mai University, June 2006.

"Truth and Deception in the *Lotus Sutra*," presented to the Department of Philosophy, Chiang Mai University, Thailand, January 20, 2003

"Truth and Deception in the *Lotus Sutra*," invited participant at the XIII International Conference on the Lotus Sutra, Tokyo Japan, June 17-23, 2002

"Skillful Teachings: Buddhist Ethics and Pedagogy" Presented to the Philosophy Department, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, July 2001

"Buddhist and Jewish Ethics" presented at the Asian Studies Meeting, Chicago, March 2001.

"Levinas and Nagarjuna" presented at the conference: "Levinas, Face to Face with the Real World," March 17, 1999.

"Pragmatism and the Buddhist Doctrine of 'Skillful Means,'" invited paper at La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia, July 1998 and Deakin University, Geelong, Australia, July 1998.

"Western Interpretations of Nagarjuna" read at the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy conference, at the University of Hawaii, January 6, 1998.

"The Doctrine of *Upaya* in Mahayana Buddhism" invited paper at The College of Wooster, Department of Philosophy, April, 1997.

"Foucault and Nagarjuna: A Comparative Study," invited paper at Springfield College, MA, Department of Philosophy, April, 1997.

"Does Buddhism Have a Philosophy" invited paper at Lewis and Clark College, Department of Philosophy, May 1996.

"Indian Buddhism and the Strategies of Philosophy" Presented to the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, St. Mary's College of Maryland, January 1995.

"India and the Problem of Philosophy: East meets West?" Inaugural Address for the Purna, Rao, Raju Visiting Chair of East-West Philosophy; presented to The College of Wooster, October 1994.

"The Nature of Buddhist Philosophy" Presented to the Department of Philosophy at The College of Wooster, September 1994.

"Nagarjuna's Anti-Metaphysical Stance: A Buddhist Case Against Realism," Presented to the

“Postmodern Ethics” A panel discussion, the University of Oregon, March 1994.

“Madhyamika Buddhism and the Pragmatics of Philosophy” Presented to the Department of Philosophy, The College of Wooster, March 1994.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

General Editor, *Monographs of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*, 2002-present.

Program Coordinator, Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, 2000-present.

Peer Reviewer: *Exchange*, Journal of AsiaNetwork, 2011.

Peer Reviewer: *Philosophy East and West*, 2003-Present.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Freeman-ASIANetwork Faculty-Student Fellow Grant 2005: A \$36,000 grant to mentor the research projects of five St. Mary’s College students during the summer 2005—“Engaged Buddhism in Thailand.”

NEH Summer Institute: “Indian Politics and Religion, 2004” hosted by the University of Hawaii and the East-West Center.

CIEE Fellowship: “Vietnam: Traditions and Transformations, 2001” A two week academic tour of Vietnam, including lectures on economics, rural and agricultural development, policy change, and Vietnamese culture.

US-Japan Friendship Fellowship 2000: Curriculum development fellowship with 30 other U.S. college and university faculty at Penn U. Tokyo, and Kyoto. Partially funded by St. Mary’s College.

NEH Summer Seminar 1997: "Zen Buddhism: Traditional, Modern, and Beyond," hosted by the Ohio State University and directed by the Japanese scholar, Thomas Kasulis.

Univeristy of Oregon Research Grant 1990: Bodhgaya and Dharmasala, India. “Buddhist philosophy and Tibetan Buddhist dialectics.” Semester research on the Buddhist philosopher Nagarjuna, with Tenzin Gyatso, the XIV Dalai Lama, and Kirti Thubten Rinpoche.

LANGUAGES

Sanskrit: Reading

Thai: Reading and Conversational

Hindi: Reading

REFERENCES

Asif Dowla, Chair of Economics, St. Mary’s College, (240) 895-4404
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Sahar Shafqat, Chair of Political Science, St. Mary’s College, (240) 895-4910
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