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EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, Yale University, 2002
M.A., History, Yale University, 1998
B.A., *summa cum laude*, Yale University, 1996

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of History and International Affairs, University of Colorado at Boulder
(2003–present)
Teaching Fellow, Department of History, Yale University (1998–1999)

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming (Refereed)

Borders and Conflict in South Asia: The Radcliffe Boundary Commission and the Partition of Punjab (Manchester University Press, forthcoming 2009)

Refereed

“Factors Impeding the Effectiveness of Partition in South Asia and the Palestine Mandate,” *Order, Conflict, and Violence*, eds. Stathis Kalyvas, Ian Shapiro, and Tarek Masoud (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2008): 75-96

“Boundary Commissions as Tools to Safeguard British Interests at the End of Empire,” *Journal of Historical Geography* 34:3 (Jul 2008): 494-515

“Imperial Cartography in the End of Empire: Map Use During the 1947 Partition of South Asia,” in *La cartografia europea tra primo Rinascimento e fine dell'Illuminismo*, eds. D.R. Curto, A. Cattaneo, and A.F. Almeida (Firenze: L.S. Olschki, 2004): 177-94

“Mapping Imperial Expansion: Colonial Cartography in North America and South Asia,” *The Portolan* 45 (Fall 1999): 9-24

Other Publications

“Partitions”, *The Palgrave Dictionary of Transnational History*, eds. Akira Iriye and Pierre-Yves Saunier (Palgrave Macmillan, in press)

“The 1947 Partition: Drawing the Indo-Pakistani Boundary,” *American Diplomacy* 7:1 (Feb 2002)

“The Mapping of Empire: French and British Cartographies of India in the Late Eighteenth Century,” *Portuguese Studies* 16 (Oct 2000): 256-75

“Parting of the Ways,” *History Today* (Mar 2000): 42-43

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

Kayden Research Grant, University of Colorado at Boulder (2007)

Participant, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation International Research Seminar on Decolonization, National History Center, Washington DC (Jul-Aug 2006)

Junior Faculty Research Grant, Smith Richardson Foundation (2004–2005)

Junior Faculty Development Award, Council on Research and Creative Work, University of Colorado at Boulder (Summer 2005)

John Addison Porter Dissertation Prize, Yale University (2003)

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS (cont.)

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs (BCSIA),
Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (2002–2003)
Visiting Fellow, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University (2001–2002)
Graduate International Fellowship, National Security Education Program (2000–2001)
Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, American Institute of Pakistan Studies (2000)
Smith Richardson Fellowships, International Security Studies, Yale University, for dissertation
research and language training in Britain (1999–2000, 1998), Seattle (1998), and India (1997)
Fox International Fellowship for dissertation research at Cambridge University, Yale Center for
International and Area Studies (1999)
Austin F. Howard Fellowship, Yale University (1997–99)
Public Service Prize, J.W. Saxe Foundation (1997)
Elected to Phi Beta Kappa (1996)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Nothing to Fear:’ Links between Nationalists in South Asia and Palestine,” British Studies
Seminar, University of Texas at Austin (Invited presentation) (Feb 2008)
“Policymakers and Nationalists: Biography and Empire in India and Palestine,” Annual Meeting of
the American Historical Association, Washington, DC (Jan 2008)
“A Political Decision, and Not a Judicial One:’ The Creation of the Radcliffe Line,” The
Independence of India and Pakistan: Sixtieth Anniversary Reflections, University of
Southampton, Southampton, UK (Jul 2007)
“The Caliphate Bogey:’ Pan-Islamic Identities in South Asia and the Palestine Mandate,” Anglo-
American Conference of Historians, Institute of Historical Research, London, UK (Jul 2007)
“The Role of the State in Mass Violence in South Asia and Palestine,” Mellon Seminar on Mass
Violence and Genocide, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford
University, Palo Alto, CA (Dec 2006)
“Little Commissions Set up Lesser Commissions:’ Comparing the Role of Boundary Commissions
in British India and the Palestine Mandate,” International Boundaries Research Unit
Conference on Border Management in an Insecure World, Durham, UK (Apr 2006)
“Indian Opinion and British Bayonets in the End of the Palestine Mandate,” Humboldt Foundation
Conference on Power and Principle, St. John’s College, Cambridge University (May 2005)
“(Not) Resolving Religious Conflict in South Asia and the Middle East: British Attempts to Impose
Order,” International Conference on Order, Conflict, and Violence, Yale University, New
Haven, CT (Apr–May 2004)
“Competing Cartographies: Indian and Pakistani Maps of Kashmir,” International Conference on
the History of Cartography, Portland, ME (Jun 2003)
“Mass Violence and the Indo-Pakistani Boundary in the 1947 Partition of Punjab,” Sawyer Seminar
on Mass Violence and Genocide, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences,
Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA (Dec 2002)
“Drawing the Indo-Pakistani Boundary,” International Security Program, BCSIA, Kennedy School
of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (Oct 2002)
“The Radcliffe Commission: Cartography, Carnage, and the Roots of Indo-Pakistani Conflict,”
Foreign Service Institute, Washington, DC (Invited presentation) (Jan 2002)
“Imperial Cartography in the End of Empire” at conference on “The Making of European
Cartography,” Florence, Italy (Invited presentation) (Dec 2001)

WORK IN PROGRESS

Imperial Defeat: Britain's Withdrawal from South Asia and Palestine (working title)

“‘Cartographic Aggression:’ When the Map Changed the Territory of the Kashmir Conflict”

TEACHING

(syllabi available at <www.colorado.edu/history/chester>)

History Department

Borderlands of Empire (upper-division lecture course)

Britain and the British Empire (upper-division lecture course)

Britain since 1688 (senior seminar)

History of Modern India (upper-division lecture course)

Modern Empires (graduate seminar)

International Affairs Program

Global Issues and International Affairs (introductory survey course)

Post-Cold War South Asia (senior seminar)

TEACHING HONORS AND AWARDS

Nominee, Faculty of the Year Award, National Society of Collegiate Scholars (2006)

Residence Life Academic Teaching Award, University of Colorado at Boulder (2004)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Member	Board of Scholars, International Security Studies, Yale University (2007-present)
Member	International Affairs Program Executive Committee, University of Colorado (2005-2007)
Member	History Department Outreach Committee, University of Colorado (Spring 2005-Spring 2007)
Faculty Advisor	History Club and Phi Alpha Theta Honors Society, University of Colorado (Spring 2005)
Selection Panelist	Rocky Mountain Region, National Security Education Program (March 2004)
Member	History Department Undergraduate Studies Committee, University of Colorado (2003-2004)
Merit Review Panelist	International Affairs Selection Committee, National Security Education Program (2003)
Chair	Women in Science and International Affairs, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (2002–2003)

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Intern	United States Embassy New Delhi, Political Section (1997)
Intern	Institute for Defense Analyses (1996)
Intern	Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, D-NY (1995)
Intern	Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies (1994)

AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTEREST

British Imperial History: boundary making, the “official mind” of imperialism, comparative imperial history, decolonization, imperial historiography

Modern South Asian History: Indian and Pakistani nationalism, women in South Asia, legacies of partition, historiography

Palestine Mandate: Arab nationalism, intra-imperial anti-colonial networks

International Security Studies: Indo-Pakistan relations, United States policy in South Asia

Partition and Conflict Resolution: South Asian division, comparative partitions

Cartographic History: cartography and empire, cartography and nationalism

Gender History: gender and territoriality, links between women’s agency, female symbolism, and nationalism, ethnic/religious violence and violence against women

LANGUAGES

French (advanced speaking and writing)

Hindi (advanced speaking and writing)

Urdu (advanced speaking and writing)

MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association

American Institute of Pakistan Studies

Association for Asian Studies

Women in International Security