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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

Associate Professor of History and International Affairs, University of Colorado at Boulder
(2010-present)
Assistant Professor of History and International Affairs, University of Colorado at Boulder
(2003–2010)
Teaching Fellow, Department of History, Yale University (1998–1999)

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Book

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

Refereed Articles and Chapters

“Factors Impeding the Effectiveness of Partition in South Asia and the Palestine Mandate,” *Order, Conflict, and Violence*, eds. Stathis Kalyvas et al (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

Non-Refereed Articles

“The 1947 Partition: Drawing the Indo-Pakistani Boundary,” *American Diplomacy* 7:1 (Feb 2002)
Reprinted in Tan Tai Yong and Gyanesh Kudaisya, eds. *Partition and Post-Colonial South Asia: A Reader*, vol. 1 (London: Routledge, 2007): 461-76.
“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

External

Participant, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation International Research Seminar on Decolonization,
National History Center, Washington DC (Jul-Aug 2006)
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs (BCSIA),
Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (2002–2003)
Junior Faculty Research Grant, Smith Richardson Foundation (2004–2005)
Visiting Fellow, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University (2001–2002)
Graduate International Fellowship, National Security Education Program (2000–2001)

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS (cont.)

Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, American Institute of Pakistan Studies (2000)

Public Service Prize, J.W. Saxe Foundation (1997)

Internal

Graduate Committee on Art and Humanities Research Grant, University of Colorado (CU) at Boulder (2009)

Kayden Research Grant, CU Boulder (2007)

John Addison Porter Dissertation Prize, Yale University (2003)

Junior Faculty Development Award, Council on Research and Creative Work, CU Boulder (2005)

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)

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

Networks of Decolonization: Britain's Withdrawal from South Asia and Palestine (book-length project)
“Cartographic Aggression:’ When the Map Changed the Territory of the Kashmir Conflict”

TEACHING

History Department

HIST 3133: Britain since 1688 (senior seminar)

HIST 4053: Britain and the British Empire (upper-division lecture course)

HIST 4339: Borderlands of Empire (upper-division lecture course)

HIST 4349: Decolonization of the British Empire (upper-division lecture course)

HIST 4538: History of Modern India (upper-division lecture course)

HIST 6020: Modern Empires (graduate seminar)

HIST 6628: Readings in South Asian History (graduate seminar)

International Affairs Program

IAFS 1000: Global Issues and International Affairs (introductory survey course; up to 400 students)

IAFS 4500: Post-Cold War South Asia (senior seminar)

Advising

Graduate:

Third reader Eric Morgan (History PhD, completed 2009)

Undergraduate:

Advisor Walker Bradley (*cum laude* IAFS honors thesis, 2009)

Advisor Alison Clowes (Asian Studies thesis, 2009)

Advisor Katherine Herman (*summa cum laude* History honors thesis, 2008),
Outstanding Arts and Sciences Graduate (2010)

Advisor Consuelo Amat (*magna cum laude* general honors thesis, 2005)

Advisor Consuelo Amat, “Exploring Existing Economic and Political Ties
among the United States and Israel” (UROP project, 2005)

Prize-Winning Student Papers

Philip Mitterling Paper Prize Cecily Harms, “Memsahibs: The Victorian Domestic Angel
Exposed” (2007, written in HIST 4339)

(This prize recognizes the best paper submitted by a History Major or Minor in a History course at
the University of Colorado at Boulder.)

Published Student Papers

The Columbia Undergraduate Journal of South Asian Studies

Gretchen Heuberger, “The Indian Diaspora after Independence” (accepted for publication in Fall
2010, written in HIST 3133)

The Tufts Historical Review (Tufts University undergraduate journal)

Samantha Koontz, “The Importance of Education in Political Success: The Palestine Mandate Case”
(accepted for publication in 2010, written in HIST 3133)

The Colorado Historian (CU History Department undergraduate journal)

Jessica Bryant, “A Turning Point: An Analysis of the Causes Leading up to, and the Effects of, the
Indian Uprising of 1957” (published 2006, written in HIST 4339)

Zach Gelman, “Irgun in June and July of 1946: Short Term Success, Long Term Failure” (published
2004, written in HIST 4053)

Published Student Papers cont.

The Colorado Historian

- Tamara Mack, "The Failure to Translate Ideals into Practice: The Amalgamation of the Southern and Northern Protectorates, 1914" (published 2006, written in HIST 4339)
- Gregory Miller, "Bogyoke Aung San: Independence and International Relations" (published 2007, written in HIST 3133)
- Ayesha Nawaz, "British Education in India and Evolving Social Spaces" (published 2004, written in HIST 4053)
- Savannah Snyder, "Pursuing the British Self-Interest: Unintended Consequences of British-Indian Rule" (published 2006, written in HIST 4339)
- Troy Tice, "Hybrid of the Sind" (published 2006, written in HIST 4339)

Additions to Department Curriculum

- HIST 4339: Borderlands of Empire (Fall 2005)
- HIST 4349: Decolonization of the British Empire (Fall 2010)
- HIST 6020: Modern Empires (Fall 2006)
- HIST 6628: Readings in South Asian History (Spring 2009)

Websites Produced for Student Use

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| IAFS 1000 | www.colorado.edu/history/chester/IAFS1000.htm |
| IAFS 4500 | www.colorado.edu/history/chester/IAFS4500.htm |
| HIST 3133 | www.colorado.edu/history/chester/HIST3133.htm |
| HIST 4053 | www.colorado.edu/history/chester/BritishEmpire.htm |
| HIST 4339 | www.colorado.edu/history/chester/HIST4339.htm |
| HIST 4349 | www.colorado.edu/history/chester/HIST4349.htm |
| HIST 4538 | www.colorado.edu/history/chester/ModernIndia.htm |
| HIST 6020 | www.colorado.edu/history/chester/HIST6020.htm |
| HIST 6628 | www.colorado.edu/history/chester/HIST6628Syllabus.html |

Teaching Honors

- 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

Departmental

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| Member | History Department Executive Committee (2005-2007, 2008-2009) |
| Member | History Department Diversity Committee (Fall 2007, 2008-2009) |
| Presenter | History Department Mentoring Committee workshop on "Navigating the Reappointment Process," (Nov 2007) |
| Member | International Affairs Program Executive Committee (2005-2007) |
| Organizer | History Department Junior Faculty Writing Group (2006-2007) |
| Member | History Department Outreach Committee (Spring 2005-Spring 2007) |
| Member | History Department Undergraduate Studies Committee (2003-2004) |
| Faculty Advisor | History Club and Phi Alpha Theta Honors Society (Spring 2005) |
| Member | International Affairs Program Curriculum Review Committee (Spring 2004) |
| Organizer | History Department workshop on "Teaching at a Party School" (Nov 2003) |

Boulder Campus

Presenter	Center for Asian Studies workshop on “Moden India” (Apr 2010)
Member	Center for Asian Studies Executive Committee (2009-2010)
Member	Center for Asian Studies Faculty Affairs Committee (2009-2010)
Presenter	“The Future of Pakistan”, Alumni College panel on “Responses to Obama, Home and Abroad” (May 2009)
Organizer	Sobha Chattopadhyay (Jadavpur University, Calcutta) talk on “Literature and Film of the Indian Partition,” Center for Asian Studies (Apr 2009)
Presenter	Students Taking Action Now: Darfur conference talk on “A Brief History of Darfur (Jan 2007)
Presenter	Center for Asian Studies workshop on “Contemporary South Asia: Issues & Challenges” (Apr 2006)
Participant	Leadership Education for Advancement and Promotion Introductory Leadership Workshop (Jul 2004)
Presenter	“Imperialism Today?” Family Weekend Panel on “The World and America after the Iraq War” (Oct 2003)
Guest Speaker	“South Asia Today,” CU Model United Nations (Feb 2004)

Professional

Reviewer	<i>International Security</i> (2009)
Member	Board of Scholars, International Security Studies, Yale University (2007-present, compensated)
Panelist	Rocky Mountain Region, National Security Education Program (2004)
Panelist	International Affairs Selection Committee, National Security Education Program (2003)

Reviews and Encyclopedia Article

“Partitions”, <i>The Palgrave Dictionary of Transnational History</i> , eds. Akira Iriye and Pierre-Yves Saunier (Houndmills, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009)
Review of Peter J. Brobst, <i>The Future of the Great Game: Sir Olaf Caroe, India's Independence, and the Defense of Asia</i> , <i>Journal of Interdisciplinary History</i> 37:4 (Spring 2007): 676-77
Review of Ritu Menon and Kamla Bhasin, <i>Borders and Boundaries: Women in India's Partition</i> , <i>Contemporary South Asia</i> 8:2 (Jul 1999): 250-51

Other

Speaker	“Introduction to Islam,” St. John’s Episcopal Church (Jan 2009)
Judge	Colorado History Day (state-level student competition) (2005-2007)
Panel Chair	Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference (2003, 2006, 2009)
Speaker	“Pakistan Country Study,” Longmont Public Library (Apr 2005)
Interviewee	“Indian Community Reacts to New Prime Minister,” <i>Colorado Daily</i> (24 May 2004)
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, decolonization
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, women and nationalism, ethnic/religious violence

LANGUAGES

Arabic (advanced-beginning speaking and writing)
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