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DEGREES

Ph.D. in Anthropology, University of Chicago, 1974

M.A. (pro forma) University of Cambridge, 1973

M.A. in Anthropology, University of Chicago, 1968

Graduate study in Social Relations, Harvard University, 1965-66

B.A. in Anthropology, Reed College, Phi Beta Kappa, 1965

POSITIONS

2015-2017 President, American Institute of Sri Lankan Studies

2009-2013. Professor of Anthropology, University of Colorado at Boulder.

2006-2010. Chair, Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado at Boulder.

1998-2000, 2004-2005. Director, Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado at Boulder

1989, 1991. Directeur d'Etudes Associé, Centre d'études de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud,
École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales. Paris, France. [2 visiting appointments]

1980-2009. Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Colorado at Boulder.
Associate Curator, University of Colorado Museum.

1978-80 Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

1973-78 University Assistant Lecturer, Department of Social Anthropology,
Cambridge University. Director of Studies, Emmanuel College. Cambridge, England

1972-73 Acting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology & Anthropology
University of Santa Clara, Santa Clara, CA

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming

A House for Every Daughter: Matrilocal Marriage and Dowry in Sri Lanka and South India. Rutgers University Press.

Books

Tsunami Recovery in Sri Lanka: Ethnic and Regional Dimensions. Dennis B. McGilvray and Michele R. Gamburd, eds. London and New York: Routledge 2010.

Crucible of Conflict: Tamil and Muslim Society on the East Coast of Sri Lanka. Durham and London: Duke University Press 2008. Reprint edition Colombo, Sri Lanka: Social Scientists' Association, 2011. . Second reprint edition Colombo: Tambapanni Academic Publishers, 2024.

Muslim Perspectives on the Sri Lankan Conflict. Dennis B. McGilvray and Mirak Raheem. Policy Studies 41. Washington DC: East-West Center Washington 2007.

Symbolic Heat: Gender, Health, and Worship among the Tamils of South India and Sri Lanka. [Photobook] Ahmedabad: Mapin Publishers 1998. Reprinted 2003. Middletown, NJ: Grantha Corporation.

Caste Ideology and Interaction. Dennis B. McGilvray, ed., Cambridge Papers in Social Anthropology 9, Cambridge University Press 1982.

Journal Articles

"Gananath Obeyesekere: Dazzling Scholar with Integrity." *Polity* 14(2): January-June 2026.
<https://polity.lk/gananath-obeyesekere-dazzling-scholar-of-integrity-dennis-b-mcgilvray/>.

"A Matrilineal Sufi Shaykh in Sri Lanka." *South Asian History and Culture* 5(2): 246-261, April 2014. (Reprinted in Neilesh Bose, ed., *Culture and Power in South Asian Islam: Defying the Perpetual Exception*. New York and London: Routledge 2015: 113-128).

"Sri Lankan Muslims: Between Ethno-nationalism and the Global Ummah." *Nations and Nationalism* 17 (1): 45-64, January 2011.

"Tsunami and Civil War in Sri Lanka: An Anthropologist Confronts the Real World" *India Review* 5(3-4): 372-393. July/October 2006. Special issue on public anthropology.

"Tamil and Muslim Identities in the East," *Marga Journal*. New Series 1(1): 79-116. Jan-Mar 2003. Colombo: Marga Institute. Also available as a softcover booklet, *Tamil and Muslim Identities in the East*, Marga Monograph Series on Ethnic Reconciliation, No. 24. ISBN 955-582-087-2.

"Arabs, Moors, and Muslims: Sri Lankan Muslim Ethnicity in Regional Perspective" *Contributions to Indian Sociology* 32(2): 433-483. December 1998.

"Tamils and Muslims in the Shadow of War: Schism or Continuity?" *South Asia* 20: 239-253. Special issue 1997.

"A Few Selected Excerpts from My Sri Lanka Fieldwork Diary 1969-71," *Cultural Anthropology Methods Newsletter* 1(2):6-7. November 1989.

"The 1987 Stirling Award Essay: Sex, Repression, and Sanskritization in Sri Lanka?" *Ethos* 16(2): 99-127. June 1988.

"Paraiyar Drummers of Sri Lanka: Consensus and Constraint in an Untouchable Caste," *American Ethnologist* 10(1): 97-115. February 1983.

"Dutch Burghers and Portuguese Mechanics: Eurasian Ethnicity in Sri Lanka," *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 24(2): 235-263. April 1982.

"Caste and Matriclan Structure in Eastern Sri Lanka: A Preliminary Report on Fieldwork in Akkaraipattu," *Modern Ceylon Studies* 4: 5-20. 1973.

Chapters in Books

"Engaging with Islamic Inheritance: Matrilocal Marriage and Women's Dowry Houses in Sri Lanka and the Coromandel Coast of Tamil Nadu." In Mahmood Kooria, ed. *Customizing Islamic Law: Matrilineal Muslims of the Indian Ocean*. New York and London: Routledge 2026. 31-61.

"From Chicago to Sri Lanka: How I Tackled Tamil in the Field." In Margherita Trento, C.V. Nakassis, N. Govindarajan, and Sascha Ebeling, eds., *For the Love of Tamil: Essays in Honor of E. Annamalai*. Series Minor. Naples: UniOr Press 2025: 507-515.

<http://www.fedoabooks.unina.it/index.php/fedoapress/catalog/book/691>

“Sufis in Sri Lanka: A Fieldwork Story.” In Mark P. Whitaker, Darini Rajasingham-Senanayake, and Pathmanesan Sanmugeswaran, eds., *Multi-religiosity in Contemporary Sri Lanka: Innovation, Shared Spaces, Contestation*. New York and London: Routledge 2022: 207-219.

“Rethinking Muslim Identity in Sri Lanka.” In John C. Holt, ed., *Buddhist Extremists and Muslim Minorities: Religious Conflict in Contemporary Sri Lanka*. New York: Oxford University Press 2016: 54-77.

“Islamic and Buddhist Impacts on the Shrine at Daftar Jailani, Sri Lanka.” In Deepra Dandekar and Torsten Tschacher, eds., *Islam, Sufism and Everyday Politics of Belonging in South Asia*. New York and London: Routledge 2016: 62-76.

“A Matrilinal Sufi Shaykh in Sri Lanka.” In Neilesh Bose, ed., *Culture and Power in South Asian Islam: Defying the Perpetual Exception*. New York and London: Routledge 2015: 113-128. (Repr. of McGilvray 2014 from *South Asian History and Culture* 5(2): 246-261)

“Matrilocal Marriage and Women’s Property among the Moors of Sri Lanka.” In Robin Jeffrey and Ronojoy Sen, eds., *Being Muslim in South Asia: Diversity and Daily Life*. Delhi: Oxford University Press 2014: 87-115.

“Celebrations of Maturity and Marriage.” In S.H.M. Jameel and Asiff Hussein, eds., *The Muslim Heritage of Eastern Sri Lanka*. Colombo: Muslim Women’s Research and Action Forum, July 2011: 33-56.

Dennis B. McGilvray and Mirak Raheem, “Origins of the Sri Lankan Muslims and Varieties of the Muslim Identity.” In John C. Holt, ed., *The Sri Lanka Reader: History, Culture, Politics*. Durham and London: Duke University Press 2011: 410-419. Section on Muslim Identities (pp. 409-457) compiled and edited by Dennis B. McGilvray.

Dennis B. McGilvray and Patricia Lawrence, “Dreaming of Dowry: Post-tsunami Housing Strategies in Eastern Sri Lanka.” In Dennis B. McGilvray and Michele R. Gamburd, eds., *Tsunami Recovery in Sri Lanka: Ethnic and Regional Dimensions*. London and New York: Routledge 2010: 106-124.

Michele R. Gamburd and Dennis B. McGilvray, “Introduction.” In Dennis B. McGilvray and Michele R. Gamburd, eds., *Tsunami Recovery in Sri Lanka: Ethnic and Regional Dimensions*. London and New York: Routledge 2010:1-16.

Dennis B. McGilvray and Michele R. Gamburd, “Conclusion: Hybrid Perspectives on Tsunami Recovery.” In Dennis B. McGilvray and Michele R. Gamburd, eds., *Tsunami Recovery in Sri Lanka: Ethnic and Regional Dimensions*. London and New York: Routledge 2010: 163-166.

“Dowry in Batticaloa: The Historical Transformation of a Matrilineal Property System.” In H.L. Seneviratne, ed., *The Anthropologist and the Native: Essays for Gananath Obeyesekere*. Florence:

Società Editrice Fiorentina 2009. pp. 137-162. New edition: London and New York: Anthem Press 2011: 137-159.

"The Portuguese Burghers of Eastern Sri Lanka in the Wake of Civil War and Tsunami." In Jorge Flores, ed., *Re-exploring the Links: History and Constructed Histories between Portugal and Sri Lanka*. Maritime Asia 18. Weisbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag 2007: 325-347 + 3 color plates.

"Jailani: A Sufi Shrine in Sri Lanka." In Imtiaz Ahmad and Helmut Reifeld, eds., *Lived Islam in South Asia: Adaptation, Accommodation & Conflict*. Delhi: Social Science Press / New York and Oxford: Berghahn 2004: 273-289. (Reprinted 2018, New York & London: Routledge).

"Tamils, Moors, and Muslims: Sri Lankan Muslim Ethnicity in Regional Perspective" In T.N. Madan, ed., *Muslim Communities of South Asia*. 3rd enlarged edition. New Delhi: Manohar 2001: 499-553. (Reprint of 1998 article in CIS v.32.)

"Tamils, Moors, and Muslims: Sri Lankan Muslim Ethnicity in Regional Perspective" Ch. 14 in Veena Das, Dipankar Gupta, & Patricia Uberoi, eds., *Tradition, Pluralism, and Identity: In Honor of T.N. Madan*. CIS Occasional Studies 8. New Delhi, Thousand Oaks, and London: Sage Publications 1999: 307-357. (Reprint of 1998 article in CIS v.32.)

"Tamils and Muslims in the Shadow of War: Schism or Continuity?" In Siri Gamage & Ian B. Watson, eds., *Conflict and Community in Contemporary Sri Lanka: 'Pearl of the East' or 'Island of Tears'?* Studies on Contemporary South Asia 3. New Delhi, Thousand Oaks, & London: Sage 1999: 217-228. (Reprint of 1997 article in *South Asia* v.20)

"Households in Akkaraipattu: Dowry and Domestic Organization among the Matrilineal Tamils and Moors of Sri Lanka." In John N. Gray & David J. Mearns, eds., *Society from the Inside Out: Anthropological Perspectives on the South Asian Household*. New Delhi, Newbury Park, & London: Sage 1989: 192-235.

"Gandhi as a Moral and Religious Leader: A View from South Asia." In Sanford Krolick and Betty Cannon, eds., *Gandhi in the "Postmodern" Age: Issues in War and Peace*. Colorado School of Mines Press 1984: 71-75.

"Introduction," in Dennis B. McGilvray, ed., *Caste Ideology and Interaction*. Cambridge University Press 1982: 1-7.

"Mukkuvar Vannimai: Tamil Caste and Matriclan Ideology in Batticaloa, Sri Lanka." In Dennis B. McGilvray, ed., *Caste Ideology and Interaction*. Cambridge University Press 1982: 34-97.

"Sexual Power and Fertility in Sri Lanka: Batticaloa Tamils and Moors." In Carol P. MacCormack, ed., *Ethnography of Fertility and Birth*. London: Academic Press 1982: 25-73. (2nd edition, Waveland Press 1994: 15-63.)

Other Publications

"The Muslim Community (Moors)." In *People of Sri Lanka*. Colombo: Ministry of National Coexistence, Dialogue and Official Languages 2017: 83-98.

"Sri Lanka." *The Encyclopaedia of Islam*, Third Edition. Leiden and Boston: Brill. Part 2015-1: 148-152 (2015).

"Sri Lankan Sufi Transnational Networks." In Peter Reeves, ed., *The Encyclopedia of the Sri Lankan Diaspora*. Singapore: ISAS and Editions Didier Millet 2013: 55.

"An Unlikely Tamizhan: Dr. Dennis B. McGilvray Teaches about Tamils at CU Boulder," *Malai Chaaral* 2: 2-3 (May 2009). [Newsletter of the Tamil Association of Colorado]

"Muslim Folklore, Sri Lanka" in Margaret Mills, Peter Claus, and Sarah Diamond, eds. *South Asian Folklore: An Encyclopedia*. New York: Routledge 2003: 419-423.

"Sri Lanka, Tamil" in Margaret Mills, Peter Claus, and Sarah Diamond, eds. *South Asian Folklore: An Encyclopedia*. New York: Routledge 2003: 577-578.

CA* Comment on Jonathan Spencer, "Writing Within: Anthropology, Nationalism, and Culture in Sri Lanka." *Current Anthropology* 31(3): 295, June 1990.

"A Few Selected Excerpts from my Sri Lanka Fieldwork Diary 1969-1971," *Cultural Anthropology Methods Newsletter* 1(2): 6-7. November 1989.

"Village Sufism in Sri Lanka: An Ethnographic Report" *La Transmission du Savoir dans le Monde Musulman Peripherique: Lettre d'Information* 8: 1-12. January 1988. Programme de Recherches Interdisciplinaires sur le Monde Musulman Peripherique, Centre d'études de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud, EHESS, Paris.

"The Matrilineal Viracaiva Priests of Eastern Sri Lanka," *Proceedings of the Fifth International Conference-Seminar of Tamil Studies, Madurai 1981*. Madras: International Association for Tamil Research, 1981. Volume 2, Section 11: 73-84.

"Pukkai," in Jessica Kuper, ed., *The Anthropologists' Cookbook*. London: Routledge & Kegan Paul 1977; NY: Universe Press 1978: 194-197. (Reprinted by Routledge 1998).

"Caste, Matri-kinship, and Bodily Substance in Eastern Sri Lanka," *Papers Presented to the 5th European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies*. Leiden 1976: 286-299.

Traveling Photographic Exhibit (1986 – 2002)

Symbolic Heat: Gender, Health, and Worship among the Tamils of South India and Sri Lanka. University of Colorado Museum. A total of 71 framed color photographs, maps, and explanatory text panels (all 16" x 23"), plus slide-tape video, poster, and 16 page brochure. Also mounted at Smith College, McGill University, University of Calgary, Memorial University of Newfoundland, CU School of Nursing, University of Chicago, Bowdoin College, Bates College, Reed College, CU Center at Cortez, Phoebe Hearst Museum of Anthropology at UC Berkeley, University of Pennsylvania Museum, Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, Emory University, and Beloit College.

Recent Reviews

Sidharthan Maunaguru, *MARRYING FOR A FUTURE: TRANSNATIONAL SRI LANKAN TAMIL MARRIAGES IN THE SHADOW OF WAR.* University of Washington Press, 2019. (Reviewed in *Journal of Anthropological Research* 76(3): 378-79, Fall 2020).

Sharika Thiranagama, *IN MY MOTHER'S HOUSE: CIVIL WAR IN SRI LANKA.* Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2011. (Reviewed in *Asian Ethnology* 73(1 & 2): 348-49, 2014).

Frida Hastrup, *WEATHERING THE WORLD: RECOVERY IN THE WAKE OF THE TSUNAMI IN A TAMIL FISHING VILLAGE.* New York and Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2011. (Reviewed in *Anthropos* 107(2): 622-23, September 2012)

Bernard Bate, *TAMIL ORATORY AND THE DRAVIDIAN AESTHETIC: DEMOCRATIC PRACTICE IN SOUTH INDIA.* Columbia University Press, 2009. (Reviewed in *Journal of Anthropological Research* 67(1): 136-37. Spring 2011).

Samuel Holt and Ethan Higbee, *PILGRIMAGE TO KATARAGAMA, SRI LANKA.* DVD 2007, 93 min. Distributed by Nomad Productions. (Reviewed in *Visual Anthropology* 23(4): 356-357, Special Issue 2010).

Thomas R. Trautmann, *LANGUAGES AND NATIONS: THE DRAVIDIAN PROOF IN COLONIAL MADRAS.* University of California Press, 2006. (Reviewed in *Journal of Anthropological Research* 64(1): 123-25. Spring 2008).

Joanna Kirkpatrick, *TRANSPORTS OF DELIGHT: THE RICKSHA ARTS OF BANGLADESH.* CD-ROM. University of Indiana Press, 2003. (Reviewed in *American Anthropologist* 108(3): 596. September 2006)

Rohan Bastin. *THE DOMAIN OF CONSTANT EXCESS: PLURAL WORSHIP AT THE MUNNESVARAM TEMPLES IN SRI LANKA.* Berghahn Books, 2002. (Reviewed in *South Asia* 28(3): 389-390. December 2004)

Lakshmanan Sabaratnam. *ETHNIC ATTACHMENTS IN SRI LANKA: SOCIAL CHANGE AND CULTURAL CONTINUITY*. Palgrave, 2001. (Reviewed in *Contemporary Sociology* 33(1): 90-91. January 2004)

Clifford Geertz. *AVAILABLE LIGHT: ANTHROPOLOGICAL REFLECTIONS ON PHILOSOPHICAL TOPICS*. Princeton Univ. Press, 2000. (Reviewed in *Religious Studies Review* 27(1): 51. January 2001)

Recent Conference Papers

Moors and Marakkayars: Muslim Cousins across the Palk Strait. University of Pennsylvania workshop on Islam in the Tamil World. April 28-19, 2025. Sri Lanka Roundtable, University of Ghent. May 5-7, 2026.

Islam is Not a Tamil Religion in Sri Lanka. Symposium on Tamil Religions. Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison. October 18, 2023.

Keynote address. *An Anthropologist among the Faithful: Fieldwork with Muslims in Sri Lanka*. *Tarikh-i-Lanka: Histories of Sri Lankan Islam*, a research workshop at Harvard Divinity School. February 2-3, 2023.

Sri Lankan Moorish Dowry and Matrilocal Marriage: Cultural and Legal Interpretations. Conference on Customizing the Sharia: Matrilineal Muslims and Islamic Law in the Indian Ocean Littoral. Ashoka University, New Delhi. August 27-29, 2019.

Avoiding Islamic Inheritance: Matrilocal Marriage and Women's Dowry Houses in Sri Lanka and South India. Conference on Uses of the Past in Islamic Law, University of Exeter. September 27-29, 2018.

Transnational Connections in Sri Lankan Popular Sufism. NSF-Wenner Gren Workshop on Innovative Religion in Post-War Sri Lanka. Colombo: Open University of Sri Lanka. July 11-13, 2017.

Houses are for Women: Tamil and Muslim Marriage Patterns in Eastern Sri Lanka. Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison. October 20-23, 2016.

Alternative Muslim Identities in Sri Lanka. AISLS workshop on Muslims in Sri Lankan social science. Colombo, Sri Lanka. December 3, 2015.

A House for Every Daughter: Matrilocal Marriage in Sri Lanka and South India. AISLS workshop on kinship and marriage. Kandy, Sri Lanka. September 4-5, 2015.

Daftar Jailani: A Sufi Shrine in Sri Lanka Confronting the Threat of Militant Buddhism. CAORC workshop on Practice, Performance, and Politics of Sufi Shrines in South Asia and Beyond. Ellora-Khuldabad, Maharashtra State, India. August 1-4, 2014.

Friendly Fieldwork: Studying Matrilocal Marriages in Post-War Sri Lanka. American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL. November 24, 2013.

Renegotiating Identity with an Upwardly Mobile Caste: Tamil Valluvars (Ex-Drummers) of Sri Lanka. Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison. October 17-20, 2013

A House for Every Daughter: Tamil and Muslim Marriage in Sri Lanka Today. Ninth Annual Conference on Tamil Studies. University of California, Berkeley. May 2-5, 2013.

Sri Lankan Muslims: Strategic Dilemmas of Race, Language, Religion, and Ethno-nationalism. Association for Asian Studies. San Diego, CA. March 24, 2013.

From Sacred Baths to Stretch Limos: Tamil Puberty Celebrations in Sri Lanka and Canada. (With co-presenter: R. Cheran, Univ. of Windsor, Ontario.) American Anthropological Association, San Francisco. November 14, 2012.

Art of Resistance? Student Murals on the Parapet Walls of Batticaloa, Sri Lanka. 41st Annual Conference on South Asia. University of Wisconsin-Madison. October 12-14, 2012.

Love, Dowry, and Wedding Videos: Post-Conflict Marriage Trends in Eastern Sri Lanka. Association for Asian Studies. Toronto, Canada. March 16, 2012.

Sri Lanka after the Tigers. 1st Annual Center for Asian Studies Symposium: Asia on Edge. University of Colorado, Boulder. March 3, 2012.

Popular Sufism in Sri Lanka: Connections and Conflicts. CAORC Symposium on Sufism in South Asia. Connecticut College, New London CT. October 13-14, 2011.

A Matrilineal Sufi Shaykh in Sri Lanka. Workshop on Margins and Centers in South Asian Islam. University of North Texas, Denton. March 11, 2011.

Sri Lankan Ethnic Identities, and Tsunami Recovery in Sri Lanka. Two presentations at the Conference on Sri Lanka: Post-Civil War and Post-Tsunami. Johnson County Community College, Overland Park KS. February 17-19, 2011.

Popular Sufism in Sri Lanka: Origins, Links, and Innovations. AISLS Sufism Workshop. Colombo, Sri Lanka. November 15, 2010

RECENT LECTURES AND COLLOQUIA

Adventures in Anthropological Fieldwork: Expect the Unexpected! Linneaus University, Växjö, Sweden. May 4, 2016.

Buddhist – Muslim Tensions in Contemporary Sri Lanka. Lund University, Sweden. May 3, 2016.

Transnational Sufi Networks: Sri Lanka – South India – Middle East. Lund University, Sweden. May 2, 2016.

Muslim Identity in Contemporary Sri Lanka. American Institute for Indian Studies, Delhi. April 7, 2015.

Matrilocal Marriage in South India: A Fieldwork Report from Tamilnadu and Kerala. Madras Institute for Development Studies, Chennai. April 6, 2015.

Muslim Identity and Ethno-Nationalism: Dilemmas of Race, Language, and Religion. Madras University, Chennai. August 8, 2014.

Popular Sufism in Sri Lanka: Connections and Conflicts. Center for South Asia, Stanford University. December 5, 2013.

A House for Every Daughter: Tamil and Muslim Marriage in Sri Lanka Today. Heartland Community College, Normal, IL. September 25, 2013.

Tsunami Recovery in Sri Lanka. Global Health Studies Program, University of Iowa. October 10, 2012

Love, Dowry, and Wedding Videos: Post-conflict Marriage Trends in Eastern Sri Lanka. Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern, Switzerland. September 26, 2012.

Sri Lankan Muslims: Between Ethno-nationalism and the Global Ummah. UFSP Asien und Europa, Dept. of Geography, University of Zurich, Switzerland. September 25, 2012.

Tsunami Recovery in Sri Lanka. Center for the Study of Asia, Boston University. October 12, 2011

Sufis in Sri Lanka: Tradition, Conflict, and Innovation. ISAS-ARI Seminar. National University of Singapore. May 3, 2011.

Sri Lankan Muslims: Between Ethno-nationalism and the Global Ummah. Rohatyn Center for International Studies. Middlebury College, VT. October 29, 2009.

The Sufi Scene in Sri Lanka: Between Ethno-nationalism and the Global Ummah. Center for South Asia Lecture Series. University of Wisconsin – Madison. November 13, 2008.

Sufis, Saints, and Dargahs: Dimensions of Popular Islam in Sri Lanka and South India. Department of Religious Studies, University of Iowa. October 25, 2006.

The Sri Lankan Tsunami: Societal Resilience in Two Coastal Regions. Global Health Studies Program, University of Iowa. October 25, 2006.

Sufis, Saints, and Dargahs: Transnational Sufi Mysticism in Sri Lanka and South India. Graduate Workshop on Comparative Mysticism. Harvard University. May 3, 2005.

FIELDWORK

November 2024. Interviews in Colombo with experts on the Thesawalamai Law of the Jaffna Tamils.

August 2019. Interviews in Colombo with experts on Islamic law in Sri Lanka regarding matrilineal dowry practices of Sri Lankan Moors.

February – April 2015. Fieldwork on matrilineal household systems in coastal Tamilnadu and Kerala, south India, funded by AIFS Fellowship. Two weeks of fieldwork in eastern Sri Lanka, self-funded.

February 2014. Flag-raising festival for Sufi saint Abdul Qadir Jilani at Daftar Jailani (Kuragala) near Balangoda, Sri Lanka. Continuation of fieldwork on Tamil and Muslim matrilineal marriage trends in Akkaraipattu, Sri Lanka.

May 2011 and June 2012. AISLS Fellowship project on “Matrilineal Households and Women’s Property in Post-Conflict Sri Lanka.” Fieldwork in Akkaraipattu, Amparai District, on contemporary dowry negotiations and wedding celebrations in Tamil and Muslim families.

November 2010. Preliminary fieldwork on Tamil and Muslim marriage trends in eastern Sri Lanka. Conducted in conjunction with AISLS workshop on Sufism, Colombo, November 15, 2010.

June 2008. Fieldwork on popular Muslim Sufi festivals, and local Sufi religious leaders, in eastern Sri Lanka. Funded by University of Colorado IGP Seed Grant “Transnational Discourses of the Global Islamic Community: A Pilot Study.” Carla Jones and Ruth Mas, co-PIs.

Summers 2005 and 2007. The Sri Lankan Tsunami: Societal Resilience in Two Coastal Regions. A 30 month 5-person project funded by National Science Foundation grant SES-0525260 (2005-2008). Comparison of the Sinhala-speaking Buddhist/Catholic southern coast of Sri Lanka versus the Tamil-speaking Hindu/Muslim eastern coast, examining effects of ethnicity and politics on post-tsunami recovery processes. Initial fieldwork August 2005, concluding fieldwork phase June 2007.

Summers 2001-2003. Sufi Circuits in Sri Lanka and South India. Funded by grants from American Institute of Sri Lankan Studies (June-August 2001, June 2002, July 2003) and American Institute of Indian Studies (July-August 2002), this project traced transnational paths of Sufi religious teaching and saintly shrines in the southernmost parts of the Subcontinent: Sri Lanka, Tamilnadu, Kerala, and Lakshadweep.

June-July 1995. Sri Lanka: Archival research in Colombo to publish an annotated edition of three Dutch colonial descriptions of eastern Ceylon dating from the late 17th to the late 18th centuries. Ethnographic fieldwork in Akkaraipattu, Amparai District, to assess impact of ethnic conflict on local communities. Short fieldwork trip to Kerala, South India, to survey Sufi shrines and religious teachers in the north Malabar region. Partially supported by CU Graduate Committee on Arts & Humanities.

July-September 1993. Sri Lanka: Revisit to Batticaloa and Amparai Districts, Eastern Province, to survey impact of a decade of inter-ethnic violence and military occupation. Additional research on Sufi shrines in Eastern & Southern Provinces. Funded by SSRC and CU Faculty Fellowship.

May-June 1983. Fieldwork in southern Tamilnadu, south India. Study of Hindu artisan castes (e.g., stonecarvers, brassworkers) in several temple towns, including Kumbakonam and Tirunelveli, focusing on their caste structure, interaction patterns, and ritual activities in relation to other local castes. Preliminary inquiries concerning ethnography of vernacular architecture & the building trades. Funded by American Institute of Indian Studies.

January 1981. Field reconnaissance in Tamilnadu, south India. Pilot survey of fieldwork sites for a study of vernacular architecture and artisan castes, covering the region of central eastern Tamilnadu, Madurai to Madras. Funded by CRCW and Smithsonian.

April-July 1978. Fieldwork in Akkaraipattu and in other settlements of the Batticaloa region, eastern Sri Lanka. Investigation of social interaction and marriage patterns between households and descent groups. Participant observation of ritual, domestic authority, and role-structure within matrilineal households, both Hindu and Muslim. Funded by British SSRC.

March-October 1975. Fieldwork in Akkaraipattu and Kokkatticcolai, eastern Sri Lanka. Research on temple and mosque organization, annual festivals, domestic worship, ritual trance, and ethnomedical belief systems. Follow-up research on caste hierarchies and matrilineal organization among both Hindus and Muslims. Funded by British SSRC.

August 1969-July 1971. Fieldwork in Akkaraipattu, eastern Sri Lanka. Study of caste structure, matrilineal kinship, and religion in a Tamil-speaking Hindu and Muslim town. Funded by NIMH doctoral fellowship.

EXTERNAL GRANTS

2014-2015. American Institute of Indian Studies Research Fellowship. "Matrilocal Marriage on the South Indian Coast." Airfare and research stipend in India for 2 months. Rupee stipend = \$4309.

2011-2012. American Institute of Sri Lankan Studies Research Fellowship. "Matrilocal Households and Women's Property in Post-Conflict Sri Lanka." Round-trip airfare to Sri Lanka, per diem fieldwork stipend for two months, and supplementary research expenses. Total award \$11,000.

2006 – 2010. US Dept. of Education Title VI. "National Resource Center for Undergraduate Asian Studies and FLAS Fellowships." Grants #P015A060039 and #P015B060039. Laurel Rodd, PI; Dennis McGilvray, co-PI. Four-year renewable grant, including the first FLAS Fellowships ever awarded to the University of Colorado at Boulder. Total award \$1,796,944.

September 2005 – February 2008. NSF Human and Social Dynamics Program, "The Sri Lankan Tsunami: Societal Resilience in Two Coastal Regions." NSF grant #SES-0525260. Dennis McGilvray, PI. Michele Gamburd and Randall Kuhn, co-PIs. Patricia Lawrence and Alan Keenan, co-investigators. Total award \$125,000.

2005 – 2008. US Department of Education Title VI Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program, "West Asia: A Critical Region for Undergraduate Education." Grant #P016A050020. Dennis McGilvray, PI. Laurel Rodd, co-PI. Total award \$159,380.

July 2003. American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies. Grant to organize a research workshop on "Muslims of Sri Lanka: History, Culture, & Politics." Workshop took place July 26, 2003 at the Galle Face Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka. Total award \$3000.

2001 – 2004. US Department of Education Title VI Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program, "Expanding the Horizons of Asian Studies." Grant #P016A010048. Co-PI with Steven Snyder. Total award \$172,000.

January 2001. American Institute of Sri Lankan Studies. "Sufi Circuits to and from Sri Lanka" Senior research fellowship for summers 2001 and 2002. Awarded \$5100 plus travel expenses.

December 2000. American Institute of Indian Studies. "South Indian Sufi Circuits to Sri Lanka" Short-term Senior Research Grant for summer 2002. Total award Rs. 225,450 plus travel expenses.

1997-98. NSF doctoral dissertation grant for Sawa Becker. "Making Uchi: Japanese Corporate Wives' Home and Self-Making in the US." PI. Total award \$11,988.

AY 1993-94. Social Science Research Council, South Asia Advanced Research Grant. Combined with University of Colorado Faculty Fellowship, for balance of salary. Total SSRC award \$15,000.

September 1984 - August 1985. Social Science Research Council. Funding to support library research and release time for work on monograph about Sri Lankan matrilineal social structure. Total award \$5000.

May - June 1983. American Institute of Indian Studies short-term grant and travel expenses. Funding to support exploratory fieldwork on architecture and artisans in Tamilnadu, south India. Total award Indian Rs. 21,000 plus travel expenses \$2192.

January 1981. Smithsonian Institution travel expenses of \$1504, plus a grant-in-aid of \$440 from the Committee on Research and Creative Work, University of Colorado, Boulder. Funding to support pilot survey of sites for possible fieldwork on architecture and artisans in Tamilnadu, south India. Total award \$1944.

April - July 1978. Research grants from the British Social Science Research Council, the Smuts Memorial Fund, and the Cambridge University Travelling Expenses Fund. Funding to support fieldwork on matrilineal household patterns among Hindus and Muslims in eastern Sri Lanka. Total awards \$2407.

March - October 1975. Research grants from the British Social Science Research Council, the Smuts Memorial Fund, and the Cambridge University Travelling Expenses Fund. Funding to support fieldwork on religion, ritual, and ethnomedical systems among Hindus and Muslims in eastern Sri Lanka. Total awards \$2399.

August 1969 - July 1971. Pre-doctoral Fellowship, plus additional Research Grant from the National Institutes of Mental Health, U.S. Public Health Service. Funding to support travel expenses, equipment costs, and per diem maintenance during 22 months of fieldwork in eastern Sri Lanka. Total research award \$5974 plus tuition and maintenance stipend.

TEACHING (PRIOR TO RETIREMENT)

Courses

ANTH 1100	Exploring a Non-Western Culture: The Tamils [A&S Core]
ANTH 4520/5520	Symbolic Anthropology [A&S Core]
ANTH 4530/5530	Theoretical Foundations of Socio-Cultural Anthropology
ANTH 4750/5750	Culture and Society in South Asia
ANTH 5780	Seminar: Graduate Core Course in Cultural Anthropology
ANTH 7000	Seminar: Love, Marriage, and the Family in Global Perspective
ANTH 7620	Seminar: Ethnography and Cultural Theory

HONORS AND AWARDS

2010-11 Faculty Fellowship, CU Committee on Research & Creative Work.

1993-94 Faculty Fellowship, CU Committee on Research & Creative Work.

1989 Dean's Social Science Writing Award, for publication of "Sex, Repression,

and Sanskritization in Sri Lanka?" *Ethos* 16(2), June 1988.
1989 Boulder Faculty Excellence in Service Award, Boulder Faculty Assembly.
1987 Stirling Award for Contributions to Psychological Anthropology,
awarded by the AAA and the Society for Psychological Anthropology, for essay
"Sex, Repression, and Sanskritization in Sri Lanka?"
1983 & 1988. Nominated for SOAR teaching award.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association	Society for Cultural Anthropology
American Ethnological Society	Society for the Anthropology of Religion
Association for Asian Studies	Society for Visual Anthropology
Royal Anthropological Institute	

INTERESTS

Ritual, belief, & symbolism	Ethnic conflict & diaspora
Caste, social organization, & kinship	Architecture & Artisans
History & postcolonial theory in anthropology	Visual anthropology

AREA FOCUS South Asia: Fieldwork in Sri Lanka & South India

LANGUAGES Tamil, French, Spanish

SKILLS Ethnographic photography