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EDUCATION
Ph.D (History of Religions) University of Chicago
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
2008 Senior Lecturer of South Asian Religions, Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand
2002 - 2007 Lecturer of South Asian Religions, Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand
2001 - 2002 Visiting Assistant Professor, Whitman College, Washington, USA
2000 Lecturer, The Graham School, University of Chicago, Illinois, USA
1989 - 1991 Math and Science teacher, U. S. Peace Corps, Swaziland
TEACHING, STUDENTS SUPERVISION
<u>For teaching:</u> Religious Studies 103: Introduction to Asian Religions Religious Studies 205: Religions of India Religious Studies 326: Healing and Religion Religious Studies 425: Advanced Studies in Asian Religions
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PUBLICATIONS
Authored Book and Monograph
2003 <i>The Reformulation of a Holy Science: Siddha Medicine and Tradition in South India</i> (dissertation monograph). Ann Arbor, MI: UMI, 2003.
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Review. Susan Bayly. *Saints, Goddesses and Kings: Muslims and Christians in South Indian Society, 1700-1900*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003. *New Zealand Journal of Asian Studies* 8.2: 197-200.

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Review. C. J. Fuller. *The Renewal of the Priesthood: Modernity and Tradition in a South Indian Temple*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2003. *History of Religions* 46.2 (Nov. 2006): 171-73.

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"The Global Guru: Sai Baba and the Miracle of the Modern." In *New Zealand Journal of Asian Studies* 7.2 (December 2005): 5-19.