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EDUCATION

1998 Ph.D. in History, Temple University, Philadelphia.

DISSERTATION: *Middle Class, Women, and Domesticity in Colonial Calcutta, 1900-1947*

FIELDS OF STUDY

MAJOR: i) Modern South Asian History with Professors David Ludden, University of Pennsylvania, and Partha Chatterjee, Columbia University and the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, India.

ii) Issues in Comparative Third World History with Prof. Peter Gran, Temple University.

MINOR: iii) Theoretical Approaches to Issues in Comparative Women's History with Professor Kathleen Uno, Temple University.

iv) Russian History (1855-1932) with Professor Timothy Mixer, Temple University.

1993 M.A. in History, Temple University, Philadelphia.

1989 M.A. in History (Modern), University of Calcutta, India.

Rank: 1st Class Third.

Graduated with First Class in top 2 percentile of the class.

1987 B.A. majoring in History from Presidency College, Calcutta, India.

Graduated with Honors in the First Division in top 5 percentile of the class from Presidency College, Calcutta (affiliated to the University of Calcutta), India.

1984 Junior Certificate in German language from Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Calcutta.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

FALL 1998-

PRESENT

Assistant Professor, Graduate Faculty in History, University of Florida
 Affiliate Faculty, Women's Studies Program, University of Florida

FALL 2002

-SUM 2003

Visiting Research Associate in Women's Studies Program, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA.

FALL 1997-2000	Affiliated Scholar in Women's Studies Program, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA.
SPRING 1998	Visiting Assistant Professor in History, Brown University, Providence, RI.
SPRING 1998	Visiting Assistant Professor in History, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. (Offer Declined)
1993-1994	Lecturer in the Dept. of History and Women's Studies Program, Temple University, Philadelphia.
1988-1989	Bengali language Instructor at USIS and US Consulate, Calcutta, India.
1988-1989	Instructor of Spoken English, Indo-American Society, Calcutta, India.
1987-1988	Instructor of History & English, South Point High School, Calcutta, India.

PUBLICATIONS

FORTHCOMING:

Book *Men, Women, and Domestic Workers: Articulating Middle-Class Identity in Colonial Bengal*, Oxford University Press, India, (May 2004).

“Subverting the Moral Universe: Analyzing "Narratives of Transgression" in Construction of Middle-Class Identity” in Crispin Bates ed. *Beyond Representation: Construction of Indian Identity*, forthcoming, 2004.

“Child, Mother, and Servant: The Discourse of Motherhood and Domestic Ideology in Colonial Bengal” in Avril Powell and Siobhan Lambert-Hurley eds. *Rhetoric and Reality: Gender and Colonial Experience in South Asia* [forthcoming from Oxford University Press as School of Oriental and African Studies' (University of London) series in South Asia, 2005]

“Servants as Masters”: Learning and Socialization of Middle-Class Children through Domestic Workers in Colonial Bengal” in Nita Kumar ed. *Expanding the Discourse of Education: Families, Communities, and Schools*, forthcoming.

- March 2004: “Down Memory Lane: Representations of Domestic Workers in Middle-Class Writings of Colonial Bengal” in *The Journal of Social History*, Spring 2004, vol. 37 # 3, pp. 681-708.
- Nov. 2001 Book Review of Sarah Dickey & Kathleen Adams eds. *Home and Hegemony* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2000) in *The Journal of Asian Studies*, vol. 60, # 4, Nov. 2001 pp. 1118-1120.
- Aug. 2001 “Domestic Manuals on Mistress-Servant Relationships: Constructing Bengali Middle Class Identity through "Appropriate" Codes of Conduct,” *Modern Historical Studies*, vol. 2 (June-July 2001), Rabindrabharati University, Calcutta, India.

- Aug. 2001 Book Review of Sudhir Chandra's *Enslaved Daughters: Colonialism, Law and Women's Rights* (Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1998) in *Gender and History*, vol 13, # 2, August 2001, pp. 101-103.
- Fall-Winter 1999 Translations of 4 poems by Rajlaksmi Devi: *If I Touch, The Last Hour, Thirtysixth Year, Escalator*, and 2 poems by Kabita Sinha: *Friends Nowadays & Uncorrupted Sun* published in *Compost Journal of Art, Literature and Ideas* in a series on Calcutta Women Poets, Issue 10, Fall 1998-Winter 1999, Boston: Jamaica Plain, MA.
- May 1998 "A Good Rebuttal But "Elegies" Nonetheless....." Review article of Frederic C. Thomas's *Calcutta Poor: Elegies on a City Above Pretense*" (N.Y., London: M.E. Sharpe, 1997) in *H-Urban*, the internet history journal (May 1998).
- Spring 1996 "Exploring the World of Domestic Manuals: Bengali Middle-Class Women and Servants in Colonial Calcutta" in *Sagar, South Asia Graduate Research Journal*, Vol. 3, # 1, Spring 1996.
- Winter 1993 Translation of Kabita Sinha's poem (original in Bengali) *I Left A Long Time Back* published in *Harvard Review*, Number III, Winter 1993.
- July-Aug. 1993 Translations of Kabita Sinha's poems (original in Bengali), *The Last Door's Name is Sorrow & The Diamond of Character* published in the *Journal of Literary Translation*, vol. XXI, Spring 1989, Columbia University, NY. Republished in *American Poetry Review*, July-August 1993, vol. 22/no. 4
- Spring 1993 Translation of Rajlaksme Debi's poem (original in Bengali), *Error* published in *Poetry Review*, London, vol. 83, # 1, Spring 1993.
- 1988 Translations of poems by Umashankar Joshi & Niranjan Bhagat published in Bengali literary journal, *Samatat*, July-September, 1988.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

- March 2004 Guest Speaker (talk entitled "Indian Women: Past and Present) for Women's History month at an event organized by students of Center for Women and Gender Studies at UF.
- June 2003 "Unraveling the Family Story: Children and Childhood in Colonial Bengal" presented at the Women's Studies Scholars program of Brandeis University, Waltham, MA.
- April 2003 Invited lecture "The Mother and the Child: the Manuals versus the Personal Narratives of the Colonial Bengali Middle Class" presented at the Edward Dimmock Center of the American Institute of Indian Studies, Kolkata, India.

- April 2003 University of Calcutta's Curriculum development Extension lecture on "The Women's Question and the issue of Domesticity in Colonial Bengal" at Ramkrishna Sarada Vivekananda Mission College, Calcutta University.
- March 2003 Invited lecture "*Bhadralok, Bhadramahila* and Domestic Workers: Articulating Middle-Class Identity in Colonial Bengal" for the seminar on Gender and Culture at the School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University, Calcutta.
- Dec. 2002 Invited lecture "*Santaner Charitragathan* (Building the Character of Children): The Rhetoric of Motherhood and the Reality of Children's Experience: Child, Mother, and Domestic Ideology in Colonial Bengal" at the workshop "Rhetoric and Reality: Gender and the Colonial Experience in South Asia" in Dhaka sponsored by the Association of Commonwealth Universities, the School of Oriental and African Studies in London University, and the International Federation in Research in Women's History.
- June 2002 Chaired the panel "Interpreting Erotica: Comparative Perspectives, Intercultural Contacts" at the 12th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Connecticut.
- March 2002 "Narratives of Childhood: Three Readings from Colonial Bengal" at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Washington, DC.
- March 2000 Invited lecture "Men, Women, and Domesticity: Articulating Middle-Class Identity in Colonial Calcutta" at the Center for South Asian Studies, University of Iowa.
- Oct 1999 "Defining Respectability: Servants and Sexuality in Middle Class Writings of Colonial Calcutta." Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin.
- Oct 1999 Interlocutor in a Roundtable discussion on South-South dialogue and Shahid Amin's paper on "Alternative Histories: A View From India" in an International Workshop on Latin American Studies, sponsored by Wenner Gren Foundation and organized and hosted by the Department of History and Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida.
- Aug 1999 Invited talk on "Appropriate Conduct of Women's Behavior and Construction of Middle-Class Identity in Colonial Calcutta" at Rabindrabharati University, Calcutta, India.
- Aug 1999 Invited lecture at Netaji Institute on "Employers and Servants in Colonial Calcutta," Calcutta, India.
- June 1999 "The Mistress and the Maid: Salvaging an Unequal Relationship from Colonial Bengali Literature." Berkshires Conference in Women's History, Rochester, NY.

- March 1999 "Subverting the Moral Universe: Analyzing "Narratives of Transgression" in the Construction of Bengali Middle-Class Women's Identity." Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting in Boston.
- Dec 1998 "Difference or Involvement? A Critical Reading of Mistress-Maid Relationship in Colonial Bengal." Annual Conference of the American Anthropological Association in Philadelphia.
- Oct 1998 "Remembering and Writing the Subaltern: Reminiscences of Domesticity in Middle-Class Writings of Colonial Calcutta." Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin.
- Jan. 1998 "Middle Class, Women and Domesticity in Late Colonial Calcutta." Invited speaker at South Asia seminar series in Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.
- June 1998 " 'Down the Memory Lane': Reminiscences of Domestic Workers in the Personal Narratives of the Middle Class in Late Colonial Calcutta". Paper presented at the International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS) at Leiden University, the Netherlands.
- Nov 1997 "Articulating Middle-Class Cultural Identity: Bengali 'Narratives of Transgression' and Domestic Workers in Colonial Calcutta." Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the American Anthropological Association in Washington, D.C.
- Oct 1997 "Domestic Manuals Defining 'Appropriate Conduct' for Women: Constructing Bengali Middle-Class Identity through Mistress-Servant Relationship". Paper presented at the Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin.
- Nov 1996 "Hegemonizing the Domestic: Bengali Middle-Class Construction of Mistress-Servant Relationship in Colonial Calcutta". Paper presented in "Gramsci, Political Economy and the Critique of Anthropology" panel at the Annual Conference of the American Anthropological Association in San Francisco, CA.
- Oct 1996 Chaired a panel entitled "Women of Bengal and Bangladesh" and presented a paper on Bengali Domesticity in the same panel at the 25th Annual Mid-Atlantic Region-Association for Asian Studies Conference at South Orange, NJ.
- Oct 1996 "From Being 'Figures in the Landscape' to becoming Important Actors: The Politics of Representation of Servants in Bengali Middle-Class Writings of Colonial Calcutta". Paper presented at the 25th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin.

HONORS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- SUMMER 2003 University of Florida Asian Studies Program Faculty Award.
- 2002-03 Visiting Research Associate in Women's Studies Scholars Program, Waltham, MA.
- 2002-03 NEH-funded American Institute of Indian Studies' Senior Research Fellowship.
- Summer 2002 Humanities Scholarship Grant from Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund Committee of the University of Florida. Granted through university-wide competition among faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
- 2000 Nominated by UF student/students as a teacher who has influenced them greatly.
- 1999 Nominated by Anderson Scholars (students with at least a GPA of 3.8 or more during 4 academic semesters of course work) as a teacher who has greatly influenced them so far.
- 1999 HUMANITIES SCHOLARSHIP GRANT from Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund Committee of University of Florida. Granted through University-wide competition among faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
- 1997-1998 Visiting Scholar in Women's Studies Program at Brandeis University, MA.
- 1995-1996 Dissertation Fellowship, Temple University, Philadelphia. Awarded through competition across the University.
- 1994-1995 American Institute of Indian Studies, Junior Research Fellowship for fieldwork in India.
- 1994 Arthur Cooke award from History Dept., Temple University, as outstanding graduate student in non-American History.
- 1993 Shumpei Okamoto award from History Dept., Temple University, as outstanding graduate student doing research of an international nature.
- 1992 Arthur Cooke award from History Dept., Temple University, as outstanding graduate student in non-American History.
- 1990-1993 Graduate Fellowship from Temple University.
- 1981-1989 National Merit Scholarship from High School through Masters degree from the State Government of West Bengal, India.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Fall 1998-Spring 2002: University of Florida

- Spring 2004: 1) Junior Colloquium on Women in South Asian History (ASH 3930)
 Fall 2003: 2) Themes in Asian History, 1800-Present (Also offered in Spring 2002, 2000 & Fall 1998).
 3) Imperialism and Gender in South Asian History (Also offered in Fall 2000).
 Fall 2001: 4) An Introduction to Modern South Asian History (Also offered in Spring 1999 and Spring 2000).
 5) Indian History with Films (Also offered in Spring 2000).
 Spring 2000: 6) Women in South Asian History (Also offered in Fall 1998).
 Fall 1999: 7) An Introduction to the Third World History.
 Spring 1999: 8) Junior colloquium on Colonialism & Gender (e.g., undergraduate seminar for history majors, rotating topics)
 Spring 1998: Visiting Assistant Professor, Dept. of History, Brown University, Providence, RI.
 1993-1994: Lecturer in History and Women's Studies, Temple University, Philadelphia.
 1993 Summer Instructor of Study Skills in the Summer Bridge Program at Education Service Summer Component of Temple University, Philadelphia.
 1990-1993 Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Dept. of History, Temple University, Philadelphia, in the following courses:
 a) Introduction to the Third World History
 b) Introduction to the United States History.
 1987-1989 Instructor in Bengali Language for American Consular Officials posted at the United States Consulate & United States Information Service at Calcutta, India.
 1987-1988 Instructor in Spoken English at Indo-American Society, Calcutta, India.
 1986-1988 Instructor in English Language and History at South Point High School, Calcutta, India.

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Fall 1998-
 Spring 2004: **Search Committees:** Director of Asian Studies (2003-04)
 Japanese History Search Committee (2001-02)
 East Asian History Search Committee (1999-2000)
- Other Committees:** History department's Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2003-04)
 Vance Award Committee for graduate students specializing in women's history.
 Organizing Committee of UF's Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research's 25th anniversary symposium in Fall 2002;
 Academic Advisory Committee of History Majors, Fall 1999-2001;
 Colloquium Committee (1998-1999)
 Library Committee (1998-2000)

World History Committee (1999-2000)

Advisory Committees: Supervisor of Senior Thesis (2000-2001).

Member of Masters Committee: 2 (history and Women's Studies).

Dissertation Advisory Committee: 5 English students and 1 Anthropology

Co-supervisor of Honors thesis at Brown University (1998).

- Fall 2003 Coorganizing a panel for the 13th Berkshires Conference on Women's History to be held in June 2005.
- Spring 2004 Coorganizing a panel for the Annual Conference on South Asian History at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, to be held in October 2004.
- Fall 1999 Organized the Panel "National Identity and the 'Woman Question': The Discourse and Practice of Feminism, Respectability, and Sexuality from Colonial to Postcolonial India" for Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI.
- Summer 1999 Co-organized Panel "Constructing Identities of Middle Class Women in Colonial Bengal: The Role of Family, State and an Imperialist Project" for Berkshires Conference on Women's History, 1999.
- Spring 1999 Coorganized the Panel "Half Empty/Half Full: Rethinking Subversion, Resistance, and Control in Constructing a Gendered History of South Asia" for the Annual Meeting of Association of Asian Studies in Boston, MA.
- Spring 1998- Present Member of Policy Committee and Application Committee of Women's Studies Scholars Program at Brandeis University, Waltham, MA.
- Fall 1998- Present Reviewer for *Signs, Journal of Women in Culture & Society*.
- Spring 1999 Reviewer for *Gender and History*.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Sep 93- Jan 94 Computer Consultant at Temple University Computer Services.
- Sep 92 Research Intern at W.E.B. DuBois Film Project, Philadelphia.
- Dec 92 Jan 91- Aug 91 Research Assistant at the Urban Archives at Samuel Paley Library, Temple University. Preserved and catalogued manuscripts, photographs, news clippings, letters and correspondences related to the history of Philadelphia.

AFFILIATION AND MEMBERSHIP

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATION OF ASIAN STUDIES