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Education

Ph.D. in World History, Northeastern University, Boston, M.A. (2004)
M.A. in World History, Northeastern University, Boston, M.A. (1998)
B.A. in History and Education, Moravian College, Bethlehem, P.A. (1995) *magna cum laude*

Areas of Interest

World History: Comparative nationalism, imperialism, post-colonial identity, communalism, and globalization
South Asia: The princely state of Mysore, missionary history, modern colonialism, religious identity and statecraft
Gender: identity of the colonized/colonizer, women's activism and resistance, identity politics in Islam and India

Professional Experience

Plymouth State University, Plymouth, New Hampshire (2004-present)

Associate Professor of History/Social Studies, Department of History and Philosophy, 2010 to present

Course offerings: India and the World
Sex and Empire in Colonial India
Women and Global Colonialism
The British Empire
Islamic Empires in World History
Social Studies Methods for Secondary Educators
Modern World History (1500 to present)
Roots of Current Global Conflicts
Cross Cultural Contact in World History
Race and Education: Cross Cultural Perspectives from North America and Africa (w/ fieldwork in Tanzania 2007)
Perspectives on India: Eco Spirituality and Sustainability (w/ fieldwork in Auroville, South India 2011)

Assistant Professor of History/Social Studies, Department of Social Sciences, 2004-2010

Course offerings (see above)

Visiting Fellow, Department of History, Scott Christian College, Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu, India Summer 2007

Course offering: History Research Methods (Graduate level)

Part-time Lecturer, Department of History, Suffolk University, Boston. 2003-2004.

Course offerings: Ancient World History (to 1500), World History (1500 to Present), Cultural Contact, and
The Emergence of Modern South Asia

Part-time Lecturer, Department of History, Salem State College, Salem, MA. 2003.

Course offering (multiple sections): Ancient World History (to 1500)

Part-time Lecturer, Department of History, Northeastern University, Boston. 1999-2003.

Course offerings: World History (1500 to present) and Third World Women

Research Associate and Staff. World History Center, Northeastern University. 1995 to 2004.

-- Coordinated and directed various educational conferences and teaching training institutes,
-- Guest lectured at seminars and workshops on various topics in World History
-- Researched, developed, and helped to produce extensive multi-media world history course on CD-ROM

Archives Intern. John F. Kennedy Presidential Museum and Archives, Boston. October 1999-February 2000

-- Processed United States governmental records and collections
-- Worked in the film, photo and audio archives with Kennedy materials

Thesis Work

Doctoral Dissertation: "Mission to Modernity: Formation of a Hindu Political Community in Late-Nineteenth Century Mysore," submitted to the Department of History, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, 2004.

Master's Thesis: "Forced Migration in the Twentieth Century: Imagining the Self and the Nation" (regions examined: Czech Sudetenland, Turkey, Pakistan, and India), submitted to the Department of History, Northeastern University, 1998.

Scholarship

- Howarth, Whitney. *The Adivasi Struggle in Kerala: Culture, Economy and Quest for Land*, Readings in Modern Kerala History, Volume I, ed. Suresh Jnanaswaran, Orient Black Swan (chapter submitted January 2014, *publication in progress*)
- Howarth, Whitney. *Land, Labor and Loss: the role of indigenous land rights in Nineteenth century Nation-State formation in the United States of America, Australia and India*, chapter four in U.S. History in Global Perspective, National History Day Publication, Longview Foundation (September 2013).
- "Teaching Regionalism in Indian History" presentation with Dr. M. Louro, Harvard University Center for Government and International Studies, South Asia Initiative, *Forging Democracy in India* Educators for Teaching India conference (April 2013)
- Obama-Singh 21st Century Knowledge Initiative (April 2012), An Interdisciplinary and Community Oriented Innovative Approach Towards Sustainable Development, Program III, Project Director for Plymouth State University (USA) -Mahatma Gandhi University (Kerala, INDIA) collaboration, *Livelihood Adaptations and sustainable development of indigenous communities in the Kerala Western Ghats*. Field work presentations at MGU (Kottayam, Kerala, India), University of Kerala, and Kerala Historical Research Center (Trivandrum, Kerala, India) December 2012 and January 2013.
- Howarth, Whitney. *Advocates and Arbiters: Travancore and Mysore Missionaries as Public Petitioners and Champions of Social Justice (1806-1886)* Journal of Postcolonial Theory and Theology. Sopher Press, Volume 1, Issue 2 (October 2010).
- "Tantra: Exploring Hinduism, Sexuality and the Feminine Divine" presented to the Philosophy Circle Talk, Plymouth State University, October 2010.
- "Out-sourcing, Yoga, Nukes, and Bollywood dreams: Perceptions of India in Popular Media and World Politics," presentation to the Rye Public Library Association, Rye, New Hampshire. March 2010.
- "Re-Defining the Dharma: Shifting views of Hindu Statecraft in late nineteenth century South India" paper presented at the New England Regional History Association, Portland, Maine, April 28 2009
- "Rajdharm: Mediating Modernity within the context of Hindu Kingship" paper presented to The North Carolina Center for South Asian Studies Colloquium, March 2008.
- "Natural Resources: Curse of Blessing?" co-presented with Dr. Filiz Otucu, New Hampshire Council for Social Studies Conference, Manchester, NH, October 2008.
- "After the Tsunami: Politics, Privatization and Plight of the Poor in South India Today" presentation for the Society of Scholarly Dialogue, Faculty Forum, Plymouth State University, Plymouth, New Hampshire, November 2007.
- "Advocates and Arbiters: The role of missionaries in public petitions and social justice causes in the Hindu kingdoms of Travancore and Mysore (1806-1906)" paper presented at Scott Christian College History Symposium Conference on Missionaries in Travancore History, Nagercoil, India, July 2007.
- "Neoliberalism and the Failure of International Water Management" paper presented at the International Studies Association Conference, San Diego, March 2006 (*publication in progress*).
- "African Women: Colonized bodies, empowered voices" co-presented with Dr. Ann McClellan for International Woman's Day, The Frost Center, Plymouth State University, March 2006.
- "The Indian Ocean Economy: Lesson on Secondary Sources" published in *Special Focus: Teaching about the Indian Ocean World*, College Board Advanced Placement (AP) World History, pp 50-65 (2006).

- Panel presentation at Roundtable discussion “Multimedia in World History: Evaluating the “*Migration in Modern World History, 1500-2000*” CD-ROM, American Historical Association Conference, Chicago, January 2002.
- “Modernity and Mission: The Creation of a Hindu State in 19th Century South India,” presented at the World History Seminar Series, Northeastern University, May 2001.
- “Competing Modernities: Conflicting Visions of Modern Civil Rights in turn-of-the-century South India,” presented with panel on “Law and Colonial Society” at the World History Association Conference, Northeastern University, June 2000.
- “Forced Migrations in the Twentieth Century: Imagining the Self and the Nation,” presented at the World History Association Conference, University of Colorado, Fort Collins, June 1998.
- “Expulsion and Identity: Self and the Other in Twentieth Century Nationalism,” presented at the Graduate History Symposium, panel on “Gender, Nationalism and Identity,” Boston College, March 1998.

Honors and Affiliations

- New Hampshire Regional World History Association, Executive Board member (2011-2013)
- Executive Committee member, New Hampshire Council for the Social Studies (2011-2012)
- Phi Kappa Phi (Scholar Honor Society) member and Vice President of PSU chapter 2005-2009
- Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society) since 1993
- Omicron Delta Kappa (Leadership/Scholarship Honor Society) since 1994
- Member of the World History Association and the New England Regional World History Association

Committees and Community Outreach

- Project Director and Program III liaison, Obama-Singh 21st Century Initiative Collaboration grant program (in partnership with Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, India) August 2012-August 2015.
- Academic Affairs Council (active in Academic Integrity Panel and Appeals process, 2010-2012)
- Faculty Advisor and coordinator of PSU International Trip to Sadhana Forest, India (2011)
- Faculty Advisor and coordinator of Nicaragua Club trip to Nicaragua (May 2010)
- Faculty Advisor and coordinator of PSU International Trip to Nyamuswa, Tanzania (January 2007)
- President’s Commission on Diversity, Plymouth State University- President 2010-2012 (Sept. 2004-2012)
- Assistant Coordinator of the State of New Hampshire’s National History Day program (October 2004- 2010)
- Co-Coordinator of the Social Studies Education program at Plymouth State University (November 2004- 2010)
- Women’s Studies Council, Plymouth State University (September 2006-2012)
- Steering Committee for the Peace and Social Justice Task Force, Plymouth State University (September 2006-2013)
- President Plymouth State University Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society (2010-2012)
- Faculty Advisor Amnesty International, Plymouth State University (December 2010-)
- Faculty Advisor for the History Club, Plymouth State University (February 2005-2012)
- Faculty Advisor for the PSU International Service Trip to the Dominican Republic (2004-2005)
- Co-Coordinator and Project Humanist for N.H. Humanities Council funded “*Cross Cultural Exchange in the Indian Ocean: A Humanities Institute to Support the N.H. K-12 Social Studies Curriculum Frameworks*” Residential colloquium/graduate course, Plymouth State University (August 2005)