

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- Ph.D. Theories of Cultural and Political Interpretation (Interdisciplinary Ph.D.) University of California, Berkeley, 1991. Dissertation: "The Power of Murugan's Lance: The Hindu Tamil Festival of Thaipusam in Penang, Malaysia."
M.A. Folklore, University of California, Berkeley, 1986
M.P.H. Health Education, University of California, Berkeley, 1967
B.A. Political Science (with Distinction), University of California, Berkeley, 1964

Grants and Awards

- Social Justice Award, United Christian Ministry, Athens, Ohio (2008)
Distinguished Service Award, Ohio University Office of Nationally Competitive Awards 2006
Travel/Research Grant, Southeast Asian Studies January – February 2005
Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Program, January – July 2003
Fulbright Senior Scholar, University Islam Negeri Syarif Hidayatullah, Jakarta, Indonesia, September- December 2002
Department of Education, ALO Partnership Grant, Southeast Asian Studies Program at Ohio University and the National Islamic University Sharif Hidayatullah, Jakarta, Indonesia: Civic Education and Comparative Religion, October 2002-October 2004, \$97,105. (Co PI, Prof. Michael Malley, Political Science, Ohio University).
US State Department, Conflict Management and Democratic Dialogue in Indonesia: Training-of-Trainers Workshops \$164,552.
Open Society Institute, "Summer Internships for NGO Activists" \$20,000.
Baker Grant, Ohio University "Democratic Practice in South Sumatra" \$10,000. Summer 2000.
Title VI NRC Grant awarded to the Southeast Asian Studies Program \$672,349. over three years. June 2000.
Asia Foundation (Jakarta) Grant to the Center for Research on Intergroup Relations and Conflict Resolution (CERIC), jointly sponsored by the Southeast Asian Studies Program at O.U. and the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Indonesia \$40,000/one year. September 2000.
Ford Foundation/Indonesia (with Laurel Heydir, National Resources Management Program), Grant of \$100,00 to fund study entitled Participatory Democracy: South Sumatran Field Studies 1999
Dean's Outstanding Teacher Award, Ohio University 1998
Ohio University Research Council Grant 1995
Una's Fellow in the Humanities, The Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities, University of California, Berkeley 1990-1
Graduate Student Instructor Course Improvement Grant 1989

N.D.E.A. Foreign Language Fellowship Grant 1968-9 (Hindi)
N.D.E.A. Foreign Language Fellowship Grant 1967-8 (Hindi)
Department of Health, Education and Welfare Grant 1966-7
Woodrow Wilson Fellow (declined) 1964
Fulbright Grant to India 1964-5
Phi Beta Kappa 1964
Psi Alpha Omega (National Political Science Honor Society) 1964
Tower and Flame Honor Society 1962-4
Robert Gordon Sproul Prize 1961

Employment

2009 Professor, Classics and World Religions, Ohio University
2003-4 Director, International Development Studies, Ohio University
2003 Associate Professor, Classics and World Religions, Ohio University
1999-2002 Director, Southeast Asian Studies Program, International Studies Center, Ohio University
1997 Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Ohio University.
1997 Visiting Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Division of Comparative Studies in the Humanities, Ohio State University (Winter-Spring quarters)
1991-1997 Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Ohio University.
1991 Lecturer, San Jose State University
1987-1990 Graduate Student Instructor, University of California, Berkley.
1975-6 Director, Informal Education Program, University Sains, Penang, Malaysia.
1974-7 Director, Tadika, University Sains, Penang, Malaysia.
1967-8 Lecturer, Southgate Technical College, London, U.K.
1967-8 Research, Tavistock Institute of Human Relations, London, U.K.
1964-5 Lecturer, Baring Union College, Punjab, India.

Fieldwork and Foreign Research Experience

Indonesia July 2012; December 2008; Summer 2007; Summer 2005; Summer 2004; Fulbright Senior Researcher 2002-2003; Summer 2001, Summer 2000, Sabbatical 1998-1999; Summer 1997, Summer 1996; Summer 1995; Summer 1994; Summer 1992; 1971-73.
Malaysia July 2009; February 2006; Summer 1997; September 1980; 1974-77.
Cambodia January 2014; June 2012; July & December 2009, November 2000, June 1965
Vietnam February 2014; December 2009, January 2006, November 2000, 1965
Thailand 2009; 1973
Laos July 2012; July 2009
Burma June 1973
The Philippines January 2014
India 1964-1965
England 1967-1968

Languages

Indonesian (speak, read), German (read), French (read).

Graduate Seminars: Contemporary Religious Movements, Buddhism in Southeast Asia, Islamic Societies in Comparative Perspective: Africa and Southeast Asia (team-taught with Prof. Steve Howard), Women and Globalization

Undergraduate Courses: Introduction to the Study of Religion, Difficult Dialogues: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality; Buddhism, Hinduism, Myth and Symbol, Contemporary Religious Movements, Globalization and Women; Introduction to Southeast Asia.

Work in Progress: *Ritual and Rule: Religion in Southeast Asia*
(under contract with University of Hawaii Press).

Publications

- 2014 “The Politics of Ritual Performance and Ritual Authority Among Murugan’s Malaysian Devotees.” In *Ritualizing In, On, and Across the Boundaries of the Indian Subcontinent*, ed. Linda Penkower and Tracy Pintchman, University of South Carolina Press.
- 2013 “Hinduism in Southeast Asia.” Annotated Bibliography, Oxford University Press on-line publication: <http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/obo/page/hinduism>
- 2013 “Hinduism in Malaysia,” *Brill’s Encyclopedia of Hinduism*, Vol. 5.
- 2011 “Jemaah Islamyiah” (Vol. 1, pp 620-621); Malaysia (Vol.2, pp 740-742); “Tattooing, Piercing” (Vol.2, pp 1265-1267) in the *Encyclopedia of Global Religion*, ed. Mark Juergensmeier.
- 2011 “The Role of Religion in Civil Society in Indonesia.” Web publication, Luce Project on Religion in Global Civil Society, Workshop on *The Role of Religion in Global Civil Society: A Focus on South and Southeast Asia*. Orfalea Center for Global and International Studies, university of California, Santa Barbara.
<http://www.global.ucsb.edu/orfaleacenter/luce/luce11/participants/collinse.html>
- 2008 ***Indonesia Dikhianati*** (translation of *Indonesia Betrayed*), translated by Syubah Asa. Gramedia Press, Jakarta. (New Introduction)
- 2007 ***Indonesia Betrayed: How Development Fails***, University of Hawaii Press.
- 2006 “Islam is the Solution: Dakwah and Democracy” *Alternatives Internationales*, Paris, France.
- 2004 “Partai Keadilan Sejahtera (PKS): Islam and Democracy!” With Ihsan Ali Fauzi. *Inside Indonesia* (January-March 2005):21-22.
- 2004 “Islam and the Habits of Democracy: Islamic Organizations in Post-New Order South Sumatra.” *Indonesia* 78 (October 2004): 93-120.
- 2004 “Blood or Money: Ethnicity now plays a role in local politics in South Sumatra but money still rules.” With Muhammad Sirozi. *Inside Indonesia* 78 (April-June): 15-16.
- 2003 “Islam is the Solution: Dakwah and Democracy in Indonesia,” *Kultur* Vol. 3 (1): 151-181.
- 2003 “Religious Resurgence at the End of the Twentieth Century” in *Islam and the West: Dialogue of civilizations in Search of a Peaceful Global Order*, ed. Chaider Bamualim, Dick van der Meij, and Karlina Helmanita, Center for Languages and Cultures, UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta (pp. 27-34).
- 2002 “The Struggle for Political Reform in South Sumatra” in *Autonomy and Disintegration in Indonesia*. Damien Kingsbury and Harry Aveling, eds. Routledge Curzon (157-176).
- 2002 “Indonesia: A Violent Culture?” *Asian Survey* 42:4: 582-604.

- 2001 "Grassroots Democracy and Land Conflict in South Sumatra." With Jamilah M. Nuh. *Antropologi Indonesia* 64:41-55.
- 2001 "Multinational Capital, New Order 'Development' and Democratization in South Sumatra." *Indonesia* 71:111-134.
- 2000 "Grassroots Politics and the Dynamics of Violence in South Sumatra" in *Jurnal Politik Lokal & Sosial Humaniora* (55-77).
- 2000 "To Know Shame in Malay Societies." With Ernaldi Bahar. *Crossroads* 14: 35-70.
- 1999 "Divinity and Humanity" and "Anthropology of Religion" and "New Religious Movements in Southeast Asia" in the *Encyclopedia of Women and World Religion*.
- 1998 "Reflections on Ritual and Theorizing About Ritual" *Journal of Ritual Studies*, vol. 12(1): 1-7.
- 1997 ***Pierced by Murugan's Lance: Ritual, Power, and Moral Redemption Among Malaysian Hindus***. Northern Illinois University Press.
- 1996 "(Re)negotiating Gender Hierarchy in the New Order: A South Sumatran field study," in *Asia Pacific Viewpoint*, v. 37(2): 127-138.
- 1996 "A Ceremonial Animal" *Journal of Ritual Studies*, v. 10(2): 59-84.
- 1993 "Pierced by Murugan's Lance: The Symbolism of Vow Fulfillment" in *The Psychoanalytic Study of Society*, v. XVIII: 277-298.

Book Reviews

- 2010 Review of Eric Tagliacozzo, ed. *Southeast Asia and the Middle East: Islam, Movement and the Longue Duree*. *Indonesia* No. 89, pp. 183-186.
- 2010 Review of Joseph Chinyong Liow, *Piety and Politics: Islamism in Contemporary Malaysia*. *The Journal of Asian Studies*, 69:1, pp. 325-327.
- 2009 Review of Greg Fealy and Sally White (eds), *Expressing Islam: Religious Life and Politics in Indonesia*. *Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies*, 45:1 pp. 128-130.
- 2009 Review of Thomas Gibson, *Islamic Narrative and Authority in Southeast Asia*. *Anthropology Newsletter*, Society of Anthropology of Religion Column.
- 2007 Review of Jean DeBernardi, *The Way that Lives in the Heart: Chinese Popular Religion and Spirit Mediums in Penang, Malaysia*. H-Net Book Review (H-Asia@h-net.msu.edu).
- 2004 Review of David J. Stuart-Fox, *Pura Besakih: Temple, Religion and Society in Bali*. *The Journal of Asian Studies* 63:3 (August): 855-856.
- 2001 Review of Andrew Beatty, *Varieties of Javanese Religion: An Anthropological Account*. *Journal of Ritual Studies* 15:92-4.
- 2000 Review of Raymond. Lee and Susan Ackerman, *Sacred Tensions: Modernity and Religious Transformation in Malaysia*. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, v. 68:191-194.
- 1998 Review of John Pemberton, *On the Subject of "Java,"* *Journal of Ritual Studies*, 12(2):78-79.
- 1998 Review of Robert Hefner and Patricia Horvatich, eds., *Islam in an Era of Nation-States: Politics and Religious Renewal in Muslim Southeast Asia*, *Antara Kita* No. 54:23-24.
- 1998 Review of Anne Munro-Kua, *Authoritarian Populism in Malaysia*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, v. 57:1, 286-288.
- 1993 Review of Joyce B. Flueckiger and Laurie J. Sears, eds., *Boundaries of the Text: Epic Performances in South and Southeast Asia*. *Crossroads: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, v.8: 137-8.

Non-academic Publications

- 2000 “No Peace Without Justice” *Jakarta Post* (December 30).
1999 “The Plight of Refugees from Troubled Aceh Province” *Jakarta Post* (December 4).
1999 “The Forgotten Refugees of Buton.” *Inside Indonesia*, Vol. 59 (reprinted from the *Jakarta Post*)
1999 “NGOs, Students and Workers: the Anatomy of a Movement for Democracy” *Indonesia Alert*, Vol. 2:1 (June):5-8 & Vol.2:2 (Fall):14-16.
1999 “An Interview with Munir” *Indonesia Alert*, Vol.2:2 (Fall):17-18.

Recent Papers and Conference Presentations

- 2013 “The Social Dynamics of Sustainable Development in Indonesia,” Invited Speakers, Yale Indonesia forum Spring Workshop, March 29-20.
2012 *The Ramayana*, Four lectures with discussion. Athens Public Library (November-December)
2009 “Religions of Indonesia.” Midd-fest, Middletown, Ohio. (October 9-11)
2009 “Reflections on Western Scholarship on Southeast Asia.” Workshop on Southeast Asian Studies, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur (July 13-16).
2009 “Indonesia: Islam, Sharia Law and Democracy.” Islamic Center, Cincinnati, Ohio (April 24).
2008 “Local vs. National Politics in Indonesia: The Evolving Political Landscape at the Local Level.” Roundtable organized by Elizabeth Collins. Presentation: “The Politics of Syariah at the Local Level. Association of Asian Studies, Atlanta. March.
2008 “Needed: A New Vision for Economic Development in Indonesia” at the Annual Corporate Conference of the Asia Society in collaboration with the Indonesian Embassy in Houston, February 15, 2008.
2007 “The Complex Politics of Syariah in Indonesia” System Planning Corporation, contracted by the US State Department, Washington DC (July 27).
2006 “Murugan’s Malaysian Devotees at the Beginning of the 21st Century” presented at Conference in honor of Fred Clothey, Pittsburgh, PA.
2005 “Decentralization and Democratization Indonesian Style: Devolution and Social Welfare Provision in Post Reformasi Indonesia.” Co-authors Ann Tickamyer and Siti Kusujarti. Association of Asian Studies, Chicago, April.
2004 “The Islamic Parties.” Round Table: Indonesia’s elections: What Should We Expect? Association of Asian Studies, San Diego, CA. March 3-7.
2003 “Islam is the Solution: The Emergence of New Movements to Establish an Islamic State in Indonesia,” International Seminar, UIN Syarif Hidayatullah, Jakarta, Islamic Militant Movements in Southeast Asia, July 22-24.
2003 “Dakwah and Democracy: The Significance of Partai Keadilan and Hizbut Tharir” Association of Asian Studies, New York, March 27-30.
2003 “1996: The Year of the Gender Gap” National Seminar of Aisyiyah: *Perempuan dan Proses Politik Demokratik*, Yogyakarta, February 21-22, 2003.
2002 “Religious Resurgence at the End of the Twentieth Century.” Islam and the West One Year after September 11, 2002: Obstacles and Solutions in Search for a New World Civilization.” International Seminar, September 11-13, Jakarta Inter-Continental Hotel
2002 “Building Peace: Sustainable Reconciliation in Multicultural Society.” Workshop on Conflict Resolution Strategy, October 22-23, Ciawi, Bogor, Indonesia.

- 2002 “Islam and Civil Society in South Sumatra: 1998-2002.” Invited Talk, Law Faculty, Sriwijaya University, 18 October, Palembang, Indonesia.
- 2001 “*Dari Kekerasan Menuju Pendidikan dan Hidup Damai Dalam Perbedaan*” [From Violence to Education and Peace with Tolerance] Street Children’s Conference, Palembang, South Sumatra, Indonesia (July).
- 2001 “Corporate ‘Development,’ Local Autonomy, and NGO Activism: Three Case Studies of Conflict over Control of Natural Resources.” “Autonomy and Disintegration in Indonesia.” Melbourne Indonesian Consortium Conference (by invitation), Melbourne, Australia (July).
- 2001 “*Konflik Etnik dan Agama sebagai sebuah Tantangan bagi konsep Negara-Bangsa*” [Ethnic and Religious Conflict as a Challenge to the Concept of the Nation-State] Center for Research on Intergroup Relations and Conflict Resolution (CERIC) Workshop, University of Indonesia, Jakarta (July).
- 2001 “New Order Violence and Violent Conflict in Indonesia Today” Association of Asian Studies, Chicago (April).
- 2001 “The Economic and Political Roots of Violence in Indonesia.” The 18th Conference on Southeast Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley: “Mass Political Violence in Southeast Asia: Causes, Consequences, Representations” (February 16-17).
- 2000 “Mob Violence in South Sumatra.” American Anthropology Association Meetings, San Francisco, CA (November).
- 2000 “Multinational Capital, New Order ‘Development’ and Democratization in South Sumatra.” International Conference on Indonesia, Makassar, Indonesia (August)
- 2000 “Grassroots Politics and the Dynamics of Violence in South Sumatra.” International Seminar sponsored by the Ford Foundation: “*Dinamika Politik Lokal di Indonesia: Perubahan, Tantangan dan Harapan*” Yogyakarta, Indonesia (July).
- 2000 “The Struggle for Human Rights in Indonesia.” Association of Asian Studies Meetings. San Diego, California (March).
- 2000 “Building Democracy from the Ground Up in South Sumatra,” Southeast Asian Studies Conference: “Religion, Civil Society, and NGOs in Southeast Asia, University of California, Berkeley, California (February).
- 2000 “Update on East Timor” Contemporary History Institute, Ohio University (February 24).
- 1999 “Hannah Arendt on Political Action and Moral Leadership: The Struggle for Democratic Reform in Indonesia.” American Academy of Religion. Boston, Mass.
- 1999 “Defending Islam in Indonesia” American Academy of Religion. Boston, Mass.
- 1999 “The Rise of Militant Islam in the New Order and Reformasi” Indonesian Studies Conference. University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon.
- 1999 “The Student Movement and Class in the Indonesian Democracy Movement” Southeast Asian Studies Conference, University of California, Berkeley.
- 1998 “Globalization and the Indonesian Democracy Movement” (Invited lecture) Northern Illinois University, DeKalb. IL.
- 1997 “Gender and Islam in Indonesia” American Academy of Religion. San Francisco, November 24.
- 1997 Panel Organizer and Paper Presenter, “Change and Continuity in South Sumatra.” Association of Asian Studies. Chicago, March 16.
- 1996 “Re-negotiating Gender Hierarchy in the New Order: A South Sumatran Field Study” American Anthropology Association. San Francisco, November 24.
- 1996 Discussant, “Bodies as Objects, Objects Inscribing the Body” Ritual Studies Group, American Academy of Religion. New Orleans, November 27.

- 1996 Panel Organizer and Discussant, "Intellectual Dissent in Southeast Asia" Midwest Conference on Asia Affairs, Champaign, Illinois. October 11-13.
- 1996 "Asian Voices and Asian Values." Presented to the Burma Forum, Ohio University, September 25.
- 1995 "Malu: Shame, Gender, and Sexuality in Sumatran Society." Purdue University Women's Studies Symposium. April 1995
- 1994 "Voices from South Sumatra: Neo-traditional Islam Among University Students." American Academy of Religion. Chicago, November 1994
- 1994 Panel Organizer and Paper Presenter, "Religious Innovation, Higher Education, and the Middle Class: An Indonesian Study." American Anthropology Association. Atlanta, December 1994
- 1994 "Neo-Traditional Islam in Indonesia". New England American Academy of Religion, March 1994.
- 1992 "Male Identification with the Feminine in Symbolic Vow Fulfillment: A Hindu Contrast to the Culture of Machismo." American Psychological Association, Division of Psychoanalysis, Spring 1992.
- 1991 "Blood, Milk, Rice, & Flowers: Dialectics of Women's Worship and Women's Lives." Panel organized for the American Academy of Religion, Chair. Paper entitled, "The Goddess as Metaphor Among the Hindu Tamils of Malaysia."
- 1991 "The Virgin Mother and the Dreadful Goddess: Gender and the Unconscious in Hindu Tamil Culture." American Anthropological Association.
- 1991 "The Decline of Goddess Worship among Malaysian Tamils." Conference on South Indian Religion, Williams College, June 14.
- 1990 Panel Organizer and Paper Presenter, "Culture, Power, and Legitimacy: South and Southeast Asian Case Studies," Association for Asian Studies/ Western and Southwestern Conference, Austin, Texas. Paper entitled "Bhakti Devotionalism and Class Consciousness."
- 1990 "Walking on Fire for the Goddess." Lecture in the series on The Divine Feminine in India and Southeast Asia, Asian Art Museum, San Francisco.
- 1990 "Possession Trance, Protest, and Power." Southeast Asia Studies Conference on the Realm of the Sacred in Southeast Asia, University of California, Berkeley.
- 1990 "The Pilgrimage Temple Tradition: The Politics of Thaipusam in Malaysia." South Asia Studies Conference, Old Voices, New Listeners: Text Authority and Power Relations in South Asia, University of California, Berkeley.
- 1990 Organizer of a Panel Presentation on "Women in the Third World: The Next Decade." "Women of Southeast Asia enter the World Market." A.A.U.W., Berkeley and El Cerrito Chapters. on Ethnographic Films, Kroeber Society Meetings, U.C., Berkeley.
- 1987 "The Psychology of Trance as Interpreted through Folk Narrative," American Folklore Society Meetings, New Mexico.

Service

Ohio University Press, Editor, Southeast Asia Series.

Chairperson, Friends of India Board – Organize programs on India; fund raise for scholarships; and develop relationship between Gawande College in India and Ohio University.

President, People-to-People Aid in Support of Nurani Dunia, (a U.S. registered NGO that provides seed money to NGOs in Southeast Asia, Latin America, and Africa).

Advisory Board, Center for Research on Inter-group Relations and Conflict Resolution (CERIC),
Faculty of Social and Political Science, University of Indonesia. Jakarta, Indonesia.
Advisory Board, *Yayasan Nurani Dunia* (Crisis Center for Natural and Social Disasters), Jakarta,
Indonesia.