

**Curriculum Vitae**  
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**Education**

Ph.D. History, May 2008

Syracuse University, Department of History

Dissertation title: *Towards a Congress Raj: Indian Nationalism and the Pursuit of a Potential Nation-State*

Fields of Concentration: Modern South Asia, British Empire, Modern Britain

M.A. History, August 1997

State University College at Buffalo, Department of History

Thesis title: *Activities of the French Administration in French Indochina During the Second World War, 1939-1945*

Fields of Concentration: Southeast Asia and East Asia

B.S. Chemical Engineering, December 1991

Clarkson University, Department of Chemical Engineering

**Administrative Experience**

Dean, College of Humanities, Social Sciences and Arts, A&M–Commerce, June 2018—July 2023

Interim Dean, College of Humanities, Social Sciences and Arts, A&M–Commerce, January 2018—June 2018

Department Head, Department of History, A&M–Commerce, September 2015—June 2018

Interim Associate Dean, College of Humanities, Social Sciences and Arts, A&M–Commerce, November 2014—  
August 2015

Associate Provost Intern, A&M–Commerce, January 2014—May 2014

Vice-President and senior grant writer, Lucy Curley & Company, Inc., January 2002—May 2004

**Teaching Experience**

Professor of History, A&M–Commerce, Fall 2018—present

Associate Professor of History, A&M–Commerce, Fall 2015— Spring 2018

Assistant Professor of History, A&M–Commerce, Fall 2009—Spring 2015

Instructor, Utica College, Spring 2008

Visiting Assistant Professor of History, State University of New York at Fredonia, Spring 2007

Instructor, Wells College, Fall 2007, Spring 2006, Spring 2005

## **Previous Employment**

Disability History Museum

Online Digital History Collections & Project Information Manager

November 2008—July 2009

Lucy Curley & Company, Inc.

Grantwriter, senior grantwriter, vice-president

November 1997—January 2002

## **Publications**

*Politics and Left Unity in India: The United Front in Late Colonial India* (London: Routledge, 2018).

*The State and Governance in India: The Congress Ideal* (London: Routledge, 2010).

“Source Silver: an informant, collaboration and the ambiguity of an Indian socialist ideal,” *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*, 40, 4 (2017), pp. 744–762.

“Sentiments and Patriotism: the Indian National Army, General Elections and the Congress’s Appropriation of the INA Legacy,” *Modern Asian Studies*, 44, 4 (July 2010), pp. 817–56

“Colonial India and External Affairs: relating Indian nationalism to global politics” *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, Vol. 42, 6 (December 2007): pp 517–32.

“Gandhi, Non-violence and Terrorism: the Release of Political Prisoners in British India,” *Journal of Terrorism and Security*, Volume 2, (March 2007), pp. 15–26.

“The Experiment in Representative Self-Government in India: The Implementation of the Government of India Act of 1935 and the Ascendancy of Constitutionalism” *Maxwell Review*, Spring 2005, pp. 34–43.

Review of Janet M. Powers, *Kites Over the Mango Tree*, *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, Vol. 46, 3 (June 2011): pp. 317–318.

## **In progress**

*Critics of Empire* (under contract, Routledge)

*The Pursuit of Authenticity: Socialists within the Indian National Congress, 1934–1939* (invited to revise and resubmit, Brill)

“Congress Socialism, Marxist–Leninist Definitions and Backsliding Bourgeois Nationalism: the Misguided Intentions of India’s Congress Socialist Party” (unsubmitted article manuscript)

*A History of Compromise: Congress Socialists Confront Compromise in Late Colonial India* (draft manuscript)

“The Foundations of Indian Socialism: Intentions not Historical Outcomes” (unsubmitted article manuscript)

“Comintern Intentionality: A Colonial Indian Case Study” (unsubmitted article manuscript)

“Recharging the Battery of Indian Spirit: the nation, unity and democracy in the Indian National Congress, 1934–1938” (draft article)

## Presentations

- “Permanent Not Proletarian Revolution: Indian socialists and a subtle surrender of labor activism,” virtual presentation at Southeast Regional Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, 16 January 2021
- Panel commentator, “Mobilities, Belongings, and Citizenship(s) in the Afro-Asian Indian Ocean World,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, March 2020 (*unable to attend due to Covid-19*)
- “Dreams about Unity: CSP, CPGB, CPI and India’ United Front,” Southern Conference on British Studies, Dallas, 11 November 2017
- “Socialism as the Subject of Political and Socioeconomic Citizenship,” 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 27 October 2017
- “New World Orders, New Deals and Nehru’s India,” Fifth Annual New Deal Symposium, Texas A&M University–Commerce, University Center at Dallas, 10 June 2017
- “Problems of Left Unity in India: Socialists, Communists and the Meanings of Unity,” American Historical Association, 7 January 2017
- “Combating Congress decay: socialist attempts to secure collective affiliation of labor and peasant unions,” 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 23 October 2016
- “Congress Socialism and the ambivalence of corruption: rhetoric, challenge and defeat,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, 1 April 2016
- Panel chair, “The Friendly, no not so Friendly Skies,” Texas Oral History Association, Fourth Annual Conference, Texas A&M University–Commerce, 25 April 2015
- “Congress Socialist definitions and backsliding nationalism: the misguided intentions of the Congress Socialist Party,” Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, 2 September 2014
- “Authenticities of Knowledge: Congress Dominance and the Creation of Socialist Subordination,” paper presentation for the panel “Centres and Margins: The Nation and its Dissonances in Late Colonial India,” 23<sup>rd</sup> European Conference on South Asian Studies, University of Zurich, 23 July 2014 (*unable to attend*)
- “Congress and CSP: knowledge and power in Indian nationalism, 1934–1939,” lecture topic for Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Seminar Series 2014, 3 June 2014 (*unable to attend*)
- Panel organizer, “Contesting ‘Corruptions’: History, the nation and its constituents” for Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, 28 March 2014
- “Uncorrupted Nationalism: Corruption as Conflict in the Indian National Congress,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, 28 March 2014
- Panel commentator, “The Experience of British Imperialism around the World” for Northeast and North Texas Regional Phi Alpha Theta Conference, Texas A&M University–Commerce, 14 April 2012
- “Becoming Helen Keller: Perspectives and Experiences Integrating Disability into U.S. Survey, Higher Education, and Secondary School Coursework,” American Historical Association, 9 January 2010
- “Contextualizing Indian nationalism and British imperialism,” Syracuse University’s South Asia Center Speaker Series, 17 April 2007
- “The Emergence of Post-Colonial Democracy in India,” paper for the workshop on “New Approaches to the State in India,” University of Leeds, UK, 17 February 2007 (*unable to attend*)
- Participant, panel discussion on the status of democracy in South Asia, Syracuse University Leaders for Democracy Fellows Program, 2 February 2007
- “Democracy and Discipline: the pursuit of an imagined democratic nation-state” for the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 20 October 2006
- “Gandhi, Non-violence and Terrorism: the Release of Political Prisoners in British India” for the Student Association on Terrorism and Security Analysis (SATSA), 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference on Terrorism, Peace and Security

### **Awards, Fellowships and Honors**

- Governor's Executive Development Program, Class XXXVII (2018)
- Fulbright–Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Award (Research), 2014
- Nominated for C. Paul W. Barrus Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching, Spring 2014

### **Professional Affiliations**

- Member, European Association for South Asian Studies (EASAS), Spring 2013—present
- Member, British Association for South Asian Studies (BASAS), Fall 2010—present
- Member, Society for Advancing the History of South Asia (SAHSA), Spring 2009—present
- Member, Association for Asian Studies (AAS), Fall 2005—present
- Founding member, *Vichaar*, graduate student organization, Fall 2004—present
- Member, American Historical Association (AHA), Fall 2002—present

### **Language Proficiencies**

- Fluent in American Sign Language
- Reading and writing knowledge of French
- Intermediate understanding of written and spoken Hindi