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EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Ph.D., 1978, Department of History
University of Chicago, M.A., 1973, Department of History
Trinity College, Hartford, CT., B.A., 1972, Department of English

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Oberlin College, Department of History
Robert S. Danforth Professor of History, 2002-present
Department Chair, 1997-2001
Associate Professor, Professor 1990-2002

University of Michigan, South Asia Studies Center
Center Associate, 2005-07

Western Washington University, Department of Liberal Studies
Assistant, Associate Professor, 1978-1990

University of Pennsylvania, Southern Asian Studies Center
Visiting Scholar, 1988

University of Washington, Department of History
Visiting Assistant Professor, 1984

RESEARCH LANGUAGE

Urdu

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

Visions of Mughal India: An Anthology of European Travel Writing (London: I.B. Tauris, 2007); published in India as Across the Three Seas: Travellers Tales from Mughal India (New Delhi: Random House, 2007).

A South Asian History of Britain: Four Centuries of Peoples from the Indian Subcontinent (co-authored with Shompa Lahiri and Shinder Thandi; London: Greenwood Press, 2007).

Counterflows to Colonialism: Indian Travellers and Settlers in Britain, 1600-1857 (Delhi: Permanent Black, 2004; Paperback edition, 2006).

The Travels of Dean Mahomet: An Eighteenth Century Journey through India (edited) (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1997 cloth, paperback; electronic edition 1999 www.ucpress.berkeley.edu:3030/dynaweb/public/books/south_asia/mahomet).

Chapter excerpted in Amitava Kumar, Away: The Indian Writer as Expatriate (New York: Routledge, 2004), pp. 59-66.

The First Indian Author in English: Dean Mahomed (1759-1851) in India, Ireland, and England (Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1996; 2000 paperback).

The Politics of the British Annexation of India, 1757-1857 (edited) Themes in Indian History series, (Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1993; 2nd ed. 1997).

Indirect Rule in India: Residents and the Residency System, 1764-1858 (Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1991; 2nd ed. 1998).

A Clash of Cultures: Awadh, the British, and the Mughals

India edition: (Delhi: Manohar Publications, 1987; reissued in Print on Demand, 2007).

U.S. edition: (Riverdale, Md.: The Riverdale Company, 1987).

British edition: (London: Sangam, 1988).

BOOK IN PRESS

The Inordinately Strange Life of Dyce Sombre: Victorian Anglo Indian M.P. and Chancery 'Lunatic' (co-published, London: Hurst; New York: Columbia University Press, 2009).

PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

"The Coronation," in Shaam-e-Awadh: Writings on Lucknow, ed. Veena Talwar Oldenburg (New Delhi: Penguin, 2008), pp. 37-40.

"Seeing England Firsthand: Women and Men from Imperial India, 1614-1769," in Europe Observed: Multiple Gazes in Early Modern Encounters, ed. Kumkum Chatterjee and Clement Hawes (Lewisburg: Bucknell University Press, 2008), pp. 143-171.

"The Many Meanings of 1857 for Indians in Britain," Economic and Political Weekly vol. 42, no. 19 (May 12-18, 2007), pp. 1703-09. Republished in 1857: Essays (Hyderabad: Orient Longman, 2008), pp. 81-101.

"Asians in Westminster during the Early Nineteenth Century," in Westminster History Review, Volume 5 (2007). 1-8.

"Excluding and Including 'Natives of India': Early-Nineteenth-Century British-Indian Race Relations in Britain," Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East, vol. 27, no. 2 (2007), pp. 301-12.

"From India to England and Back: Early Indian Travel Narratives for Indian Readers," in special issue, Travel Writing in the Early Modern World, ed. Peter C. Mancall, Huntington Library Quarterly, vol. 70, no. 1 (2007), pp. 153-172.

- “Bound for Britain: Changing Conditions of Servitude, 1600-1857,” in Indrani Chatterjee and Richard M. Eaton, Slavery and South Asian History (Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2006), pp. 187-209.
- “Early Indian Travel Guides to Britain,” in Travel Writing in the Nineteenth Century: Filling in the Blank Spaces, ed. Tim Youngs (London: Anthem, 2006), pp. 87-106.
- “Asian Travelers’ Visions of Britain and Ireland in the Early Modern Period,” in Education about Asia, vol. 11, no. 3 (Winter 2006), pp. 7-11.
- “Working across the Seas: Indian Maritime Labourers in India, Britain, and in Between,” International Review of Social History, vol. 51 (2006), pp. 21-45; reprinted as a chapter in: India's Labouring Poor: Historical Studies c. 1600-2000 (New Delhi: Foundation Books, 2007)
- “An Initial Student of Delhi English College: Mohan Lal Kashmiri (1812-77)” in Margrit Pernau, ed., The Delhi College: Traditional Elites, the Colonial State, and Education before 1857 (Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2006), pp. 232-60.
- “Migration to Britain from South Asia, 1600s-1850s” in History-Compass (Blackwood), on-line journal of historiography (Fall 2005).
- “From Princely Court to House of Commons: D.O. Dycce Sombre (1808-51), from Sardhana to London,” in Living Together Separately: Cultural India in History and Politics, ed. Mushirul Hasan and Asim Roy (Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2005), pp. 294-319.
- “England in the Urdu Tongue,” in Kathryn Hansen, ed., A Wilderness of Possibilities: Urdu Studies in Transnational Perspective, Essays for Professor C. M. Naim (Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2005), pp. 122-46.
Extracted and reprinted in Biblio, vol. 11, nos. 3-4 (March-April 2006), pp. 32-3.
- “Becoming and Making ‘Family’ in Hindustan” in Indrani Chatterjee, ed., Unfamiliar Relations: Family and History in South Asia (Rutgers: Rutgers University Press, 2004 and Delhi: Permanent Black, 2004), pp. 95-121.
- “Asians in Britain: Negotiation of Identity through Self-representation,” in Kathleen Wilson, A New Imperial History: Culture, Identity and Modernity in Britain and the Empire, 1660–1840 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004), pp. 91-112.
- “Indian Political Representations in Britain during the Transition to Colonialism,” in Modern Asian Studies, volume 38, number 3 (July 2004), pp. 649-76.
- “Contested Political Representations: Early Indian Diplomatic Missions to Britain, 1764-1857,” in Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies in History and Archaeology, 1, 1 (Summer 2004), pp. 87-100.

- “Amuzsh Zaban Farsi dar Inglitan: Mirza Muhammad Ebrahim, 1826-44” [Persian translation of my article “A Persian Professor in Britain”] in *Iran Nameh*, vol. 21, no. 3 (Fall 2003), pp. 313-34.
- Biographical Entries, “Sake Dean Mahomet,” “David Octerlony Dyce Sombre,” “Eighteenth Century Visitors to Britain,” “Emin Joseph Emin,” in *New Dictionary of National Biography* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004).
- “‘Homeless Texts’: Early Indian English Authors in Britain,” in *Evam*, vol. 1, nos. 1&2 (2002), pp. 11-37.
- “Persian Professor in Britain: Mirza Muhammed Ibrahim at the East India Company’s College, 1826-44,” *Comparative Studies in South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*, vol. 21, nos. 1&2 (2001), pp. 24-32.
- “Autoethnographic Representations by Asians in late 18th Century British Society,” in *Perspectives of Mutual Encounters in South Asian History, 1750-1850*, ed. Jamal Malik (Leiden: Brill, 2000), pp. 157-87.
- “Representing ‘His’ Women: Mirza Abu Talib Khan’s 1801 ‘Vindication of the Liberties of Asiatic Women’,” in *Indian Economic and Social History Review* 37, 2 (2000), pp. 215-37.
- “Women and the Feminine in the Court and High Culture of Awadh, 1720-1856,” in *Women in the Medieval Islamic World: Power, Patronage, Piety*, ed. Gavin Hambly (New York: St. Martin’s Press, 1998), pp. 489-519.
- “Representations of India, the English East India Company, and Self by an Eighteenth Century Indian Emigrant to Britain,” *Modern Asian Studies*, 32, 4 (1998), pp. 891-911.
- Encyclopedia Entries, “Ashoka,” “Chandragupta Maurya,” “Gupta Dynasty,” “Harsha,” “Kanishka,” “Kushan Empire,” “Mauryan Empire,” *World Book Encyclopedia* (1998).
- “Dean Mahomet, the Original Unknown Indian,” *The India Magazine*, 17 (May 1997), pp. 24-32.
- “Awadh and the East India Company,” *Lucknow: Memories of a City*, ed. Violette Graff (Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1997), pp. 32-48.
- “British and Indian Interactions before the British Raj in India, 1730s-1857” (Review Article), *Journal of British Studies*, 36, 3 (July 1997), pp. 363-370.
- “From 18th Century Bengal to Victorian England: The Journey of Dean Mahomed,” *Nibandhamala*, Dhaka University, Centre for Advanced Research (June 1996), pp. 213-248.

- “Cork’s Dean Mahomet,” Journal of the Cork Historical and Archaeological Society, 101 (1996), pp. 81-93.
- “Political Information Control and the East India Company’s Residency System,” Indo-British Review, 21, 2 (1995), pp. 84-103.
- “The East India Company’s ‘Suppression of the Native Dak,’” Indian Economic and Social History Review, 31, 3 (July-September 1994), pp. 311-348.
- “The Office of Akhbar Nawis: The Transition from Mughal to British Forms,” Modern Asian Studies, 27, 1 (February 1993), pp. 45-82.
- “Resident in Court Ritual” Modern Asian Studies, Special Volume, Civil Ritual in India, 24, 3 (July 1990), pp. 419-58.
- “Extraterritoriality: The Concept and its Application in Princely India,” in Special Volume, Princely India and the Raj, Indo-British Review, 15, 2 (December 1988), pp. 103-122.
- “The Imperial Coronation of 1819: Awadh, the British, and the Mughals,” Modern Asian Studies, 19, 2 (April 1985), pp. 113-51.
- “Indirect Rule in the British Empire: The Foundations of the Residency System in India (1765-1858),” Modern Asian Studies, 18, 3 (July 1984), pp. 393-428.
Reprinted in Government and Governance of European Empires, 1450-1800, ed. A.J.R. Russell-Wood (Aldershot: Variorum, 2000; Burlington: Ashgate, 2000), pp. 781-816.
- “Muslim Political Marriage at the Shi’i Court of Awadh,” Comparative Studies in Society and History, 25, 4 (October 1983), pp. 593-616.
- “Sources and Strategies for the Study of Women in India,” with Paula Richman, The Journal of Ethnic Studies, 8, 3 (Fall 1980), pp. 123-141.
- “British Expansion in North India: The Role of the Resident in Awadh” The Indian Economic and Social History Review 18, 1 (January-March 1980), pp. 69-82.

PUBLICATIONS: BOOK REVIEWS (Published)
(Total: 106)

- Albion (2)
America (1)
American Historical Review (14)
Anthropology and Education Quarterly (1)
Biblio (1)
The Book Review (Delhi) (2)
Bulletin of the Middle East Studies Association (3)
Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies (1)
Comparative Studies in Society and History (1)

Contemporary South Asia (5)
Contributions to Indian Sociology (1)
Eighteenth Century Studies (1)
English Historical Review (1)
The Historian (2)
Indian Economic and Social History Review (5)
International History Review (3)
International Journal of Hindu Studies (6)
Itinerario (4)
Journal of Asian History (2)
Journal of Asian Studies (15)
Journal of British Studies (1)
Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History (1)
Journal of Ethnic Studies (1)
Journal of Interdisciplinary History (8)
Journal of Southeast Asian Studies (2)
Journal of the American Oriental Society (5)
Labour/La Travail (1)
Pacific Affairs (3)
Social History (2)
South Asia, Journal of South Asian Studies (1)
South Asia in Review (10)

PAPERS RECENTLY PRESENTED
(2003-2009)

"Water and Waste in Shahjahanabad," Symposium on South Asian Architectural History, Oberlin College, May 2, 2009.

"Competing Racial Concepts in India," Uncommon Conversations Series, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, April 9, 2009.

"Shahjahanabad becomes Old Delhi: Transformation from Mughal to Colonial Urbanity," Rethinking Urban History, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, November 13, 2008.

"Cultural Choices in North India: Sardhana, 18th-19th centuries," Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin, October 18, 2008.

"Pakistan: Competing Identities in a New State," Case Western Reserve University, Cox International Law Center, Cleveland, November 14, 2007.

"D.O. Dycce Sombre, '½ Caste' and Rootless Cosmopolitan," Emory University, Atlanta, October 31, 2007.

"Teaching the Historiography of 1857 in America," Royal Asiatic Society, London, July 27,

2007.

"The Many Meanings of 1857 for Asians in Britain," Edinburgh University, Mutiny at the Margins Conference, July 25, 2007.

"Europeans in India," Book Launch of my *Visions of Mughal India*, Nehru Centre, London, July 12, 2007.

Interview about Early European Travelers in India, "Asian Network Show", BBC 4 Radio, July 12, 2007.

"Diplomacy in Mughal India," Conference on British-Atlantic, British-Asia, University of Sussex, July 8, 2007.

"The First Indian in Parliament," Oxford University, January 30, 2007.

"D.O. Dyce Sombre as Rootless Cosmopolitan," Travel Writing Centre, University of Nottingham, January 23, 2007.

"Indian Projections of the Persian Koine into Britain, 18th to early 19th century," University of Pennsylvania, October 7, 2006.

"Early Asian Globalizations," Denison University, January 30, 2006.

"Sources and Strategies for the Study of Asians in Britain," University of Edinburgh, January 19, 2006.

"Asian Images in Britain," School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, January 10, 2006.

"Seeing and Being Indian: Mughal to Early Modern," University of Chicago, Chicago, May 12, 2005.

"Asia's Many(?) Globalizations," University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, April 8, 2005.

"The Production of Persian as a Language of Command in Colleges in India and England" at the National Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, March 31, 2005

"Conflicts over Political Representation and Information Control by Indian Princes, 1757-1857," University of Lund, Sweden, July 9, 2004.

"Teaching Persian as an Imperial Language," Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg, Russia, June 27, 2004.

"Early Indian Travel Narratives for Indian Audiences," University of Southern California and the Huntington Library, Los Angeles, April 30, 2004.

“From the Mughal Imperial Court to England and Back,” Pennsylvania State University, March 26, 2004.

“Art and Evidence about Early Indians in Britain,” Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata (Calcutta), 18 November 2003.

“Sources and Strategies for the Study of Indian Workers in Britain,” Centre for the Study of the Social Sciences, Kolkata (Calcutta), 12 November 2003.

“Early Indians to Britain in Visual Images, 17th to mid-19th centuries,” University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 17, 2003.

“Indians in England: Comparative Analysis, 1614 and 1766,” Faculty Workshop, Pennsylvania State University, College Park, 6 September 2003.

“Observing and Observed: South Asians in Britain, 1600-1857,” Inaugural for two-year workshop on Observing Europe, Pennsylvania State University, 5 September 2003.

“Changing ‘Home’ from India to England within the Early British Empire,” National Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, New York, March 28, 2003.

MANUSCRIPT AND PROJECT REVIEWER
(including multiple reviews)

Bulletin of the History of Medicine
Comparative Studies in Society and History
Critical Asian Studies
Gender and History
History of Medicine
India Review
Journal of Asian Studies
Journal of British Studies
Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History
Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society
Indian Economic and Social History Review
Modern Asian Studies
South Asia
Studies in Eighteenth Century Culture
Harvard University Press
Indiana University Press
Orient Longman Press
Oxford University Press
Palgrave Macmillan
St. Martin’s Press
Routledge

University of Akron Press
University of California Press
University Press of Florida
University of Washington Press
Yale University Press

Department of Education, Field Reader, Faculty Research Abroad and Doctoral Dissertation
Research Abroad, 2008 and 2009.

Chair, Program Committee, American Historical Association Annual Meeting (to be held 2011).

National Endowment for the Humanities, Division of Research Programs: Conference Category;
Translation Category,

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

American Institute of Indian Studies

Chair, External Review Committee, Department of History, Middlebury College

South Asia Book Review Editor (with Paula Richman), Journal of Asian Studies (1995-98).

AWARDS AND ACADEMIC HONORS

Distinguished Teaching Award, Oberlin College (2007).

Visiting Faculty Fellow, Delhi University (2007).

Franklin Research Grants, American Philosophical Society (1982, 2007-08).

Thomas J. Klutznick Fellowship for Research Status, Oberlin College (2007-08).

Luce Environmental Studies curriculum development grant (2003).

First Year Seminar Program curriculum development grant (2003).

Mellon, disciplinary specific course grant (2003).

Visiting Faculty Fellow, Centre for Advanced Study of Ancient, Cultural and Statistical History,
University of Allahabad, (October 2002).

Smithsonian Institution and American Institute of Indian Studies, Senior Research Fellowships
(1991, 2002).

American Council of Learned Societies, Fellowship (2001-2002).

Vice President of the American Institute of Indian Studies (elected by member colleges and
universities).

MacGregor-Oresman Undergraduate Research Grant, Project Supervisor (Summer 1998).

H. H. Powers Grants (1996, 1997, 1999).

National Endowment for the Humanities, Younger Scholars Program, Project Advisor (1995).

Research Status, Oberlin College (1994-95).

Grant-in-Aid for Research, Committee on Research and Development, Oberlin College (1992).

Western Washington University, Faculty Research Grants (1980, 1982, 1987, 1988, 1990).

Smithsonian Institution and American Institute of Indian Studies, Senior Research Fellowship
(1986).

National Endowment for the Humanities Faculty Summer Seminar, "Ethnic Groups and the
State," (1984).

Social Science Research Council, Dissertation Grant (1975-1977).

Fulbright-Hays, Office of Education, Doctoral Research Fellowship (1975-1976).

Smithsonian Institution and American Institute for Indian Studies Language Study Fellowship
(1974).

University of Minnesota, Language Study Grant (1973).
Office of Education, NDEA Title VI Fellowships (1972-1975).
Trinity College, Phi Beta Kappa (1972); Honorary George F. Baker Fellow (1968-1972).

SELECTIVE LIST OF COMMITTEE/COMMUNITY SERVICE
(2000-2009)

Advising Committee (2006-07)
American Historical Association, Program Committee Chair for 2011 Annual Meeting
American Institute of Indian Studies, elected Vice President (2000-10)
Benefits Committee (1995-2001, 2004-07)
Board of Trustees member, American Institute for Indian Studies (1995-present); elected Vice President, 2001-02.
Board of Trustees member, Oberlin Shansi Memorial Association (1993-98, 2002-); Vice Chairman (2004-06)
Chair, Department of History (1997-2001)
Contributing Editor, Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East (2002-)
Contributing Editor, Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies in History and Archaeology (2003-)
Distribution and Advising Committee member (1993-2001, 2005-06)
Fulbright-Hays Reader, faculty and doctoral dissertations, 2007
General Faculty Committee member (1999-2001)
Jerome Davis Student Research Fellowship Committee member (1993-2001)
MENA ad-hoc Committee member (2001, 2005, 2006)
Off Campus Study Committee (2005-07)
Outside referee for fourteen tenure and/or promotion cases
Outside Evaluator, University of Washington, South Asia National Resource Center (2005)
Search Subcommittee member for numerous History faculty appointments (1997-2005)
South Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies (2004-06)
Strategic Plan Working Group member, "Internationalizing Oberlin" (2005-06)