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Research Interests

- Religion in ancient India
- Hindu law (*dharmaśāstra*) and statecraft (*nītiśāstra*; *arthaśāstra*)
- political power, religious authority, and law
- secularism
- Sanskrit language and literature
- textual criticism

Education

- PhD Asian Cultures & Languages, specialization in Sanskrit & Indian Religions,
The University of Texas at Austin, 2009
Dissertation: *Political Brāhmanism and the State: A Compositional and Religious
History of the Arthaśāstra*
Advisor: Patrick Olivelle
- MA Asian Cultures & Languages, specialization in Sanskrit & Indian Religions
The University of Texas at Austin, 2000
Thesis: *Different Courses: The Prasthānabheda of Madhusūdana Sarasvatī in
Translation*
- BA Religious Studies, Indiana University, 1998 (*high honors*)
minors: Greek, India Studies, Philosophy

Employment

Northwestern University, Department of Religious Studies,
Associate Professor, 2020 to present
Assistant Professor, 2015 to 2020

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Director of Graduate Studies, 2020 to present
Courtesy appointment: Asian Languages and Cultures

Birmingham-Southern College, Department of Religion
Assistant Professor, 2010-2015

Ripon College, Department of Religion
Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellow, 2009-2010

Publications

Books:

3. *The History of the Arthasāstra: Sovereignty and Sacred Law in Ancient India*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019.
2. *A Sanskrit Dictionary of Law and Statecraft*. Ed. by Patrick Olivelle. Assoc. eds. David Brick and Mark McClish. Delhi: Primus Books, 2015.
1. *The Arthasāstra: Selections from the Classic Indian Work on Statecraft*. Tr. with introduction and notes by Mark McClish and Patrick Olivelle. Cambridge: Hackett Publishing, 2012. (Introduction and notes by McClish; translations by Olivelle)

Articles and Chapters:

12. "From Law to *Dharma*: State Law and Sacred Duty in Ancient India," *Journal of Law and Religion* 34.3, 2019: 284–309.
11. "Wielding the Staff: Punishment in Hindu Law." *Quaderni di diritto e politica ecclesiastica* (special issue: *Daimon. Annuario di diritto comparato delle religioni*) 2019: 115–138. (revised and expanded version of #6)
10. "Artha" in *Sources of Indian Tradition*. 3rd ed. Rachel Fell McDermott, Vidya Dehejia, and Indira Peterson, eds. New York: Columbia University Press. (accepted; awaiting copy-edits).
9. "Computation in the *Arthasāstra*" in *Mathematics, Administrative and Economic Activities in Ancient Worlds*. Why Sciences of the Ancient World Matter 5. C. Michel and K. Chemla, eds. Springer, 2020.

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8. “Householders, Holy and Otherwise, in the *Nīti* and *Kāma* Literature,” in *Gṛhastha: The Householder in Ancient Indian Religious Culture*. Patrick Olivelle, ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 2019.
7. “Titles of Law: *vyavahārapada*,” in *Hindu Law: A New History of Dharmaśāstra*. Patrick Olivelle and Don Davis, eds. New York: Oxford University Press, 2018, pp. 299-312.
6. “Punishment: *daṇḍa*,” in *Hindu Law: A New History of Dharmaśāstra*. Patrick Olivelle and Don Davis, eds. New York: Oxford University Press, 2018, pp. 273-282.
5. “King: *rājadharmā*,” in *Hindu Law: A New History of Dharmaśāstra*. Patrick Olivelle and Don Davis, eds. New York: Oxford University Press, 2018, pp. 257-272.
4. “Non-Aggression Pacts and Strategic Alliances in Kauṭilyan Foreign Policy,” in *Indigenous Historical Knowledge*. P.K. Gautam, Saurabh Mishra, and Arvind Gupta, eds. Delhi: Pentagon Press, 2016, pp. 16-32.
3. “The Four Feet of Legal Procedure and the Origins of Jurisprudence in Ancient India,” (w/ Patrick Olivelle) *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 135.1: 33-47, 2015.
2. “The Dependence of Manu’s Seventh Chapter on Kauṭilya’s Arthaśāstra,” *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 134.2: 241-262, 2014.
1. “Is the *Arthaśāstra* a Mauryan Document?” in *Reimagining Aśoka: Memory and History*. Patrick Olivelle, Janice Leoshko, and Himanshu Ray, eds. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012, pp. 280-309.

Book Reviews:

5. “Against Dharma: Dissent in the Ancient Indian Sciences of Sex and Politics. By Wendy Doniger,” *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 139.3: 749–751.
4. “Ashoka in Ancient India. By Nayanjot Lahiri,” *Indian Economic and Social History Review* 54.2: 288–90, 2017.
3. “Fortified Cities of Ancient India: A Comparative Study. By Dieter Schlingloff,” *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 136.1: 164–67, 2016.
2. “The Traditional Kerala Manor. By Henri Schildt,” *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 134.4: 742–744, 2014.

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1. “*Feeding the Dead: Ancestor Worship in Ancient India.* by Matthew R. Sayers,”
Religious Studies Review 40.4: 231, 2014.