

## TEXAS STATE VITA

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### I. Academic/Professional Background

A. Name: Title: Associate Professor

Leah Madge Renold

#### B. Educational Background

<i>Degree</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>University</i>	<i>Major</i>	<i>Thesis/Dissertation</i>
Ph.D.	1999	University of Texas at Austin	History	Construction of Hindu
		Identity at Banaras Hindu University (1915-1947)		
M.A.	1992	University of Texas at Austin	Asian Studies	
B.A.	1986	University of Texas at Austin	Humanities	

#### C. University Experience

<i>Position</i>	<i>University</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Associate Professor	Texas State University	2007-Present
Visiting Assistant Professor	University of Virginia	2005-2006
Visiting Assistant Professor	St. Lawrence University	2001-2004

#### D. Relevant Professional Experience

<i>Position</i>	<i>Entity</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Academic Program Director Study Abroad in India	Texas State University	Summer 2018
Academic Program Director Study Abroad in India	Texas State University	Summer 2017
Academic Program Director Study Abroad in India	Texas State University	Winter, 2011-12
Academic Program Director Study Abroad in Indochina	Texas State University	Summer 2011
Director, New York State Independent College Consortium for Study in India	St. Lawrence University	2004-2005

#### E. Other Professional Credentials (licensure, certification, etc.)

Quality Matters Designing Your Online Course Certificate, January 2019

## II. TEACHING

### A. Teaching Honors and Awards:

Special Distribution of the Teaching Award of Honor (2020) Texas State University

College of Liberal Arts Excellence in Teaching Award (2018) Texas State University  
2020 Special Distribution of the Teaching Award of Honor

### B. Courses Taught:

#### **Texas State University**

HIST 2311 World Civilizations to 1500  
HIST 4328 History of India  
HIST 4348 Mahatma Gandhi and Non-violence  
HIST 4350J History and Culture of Modern India  
HIST 4350X Peace and Nonviolence  
HIST 4350Z History of Drugs  
HIST 4399 Senior Seminar  
HIST 5395 E Gandhi in World History (Graduate)  
IS 4380 International Studies Senior Seminar

#### **University of Virginia**

HIS 100: World of Mahatma Gandhi  
HIS 203: History of Modern India  
HIS 303: Twentieth Century India

#### **St. Lawrence University**

REL 100: Mystery and Meaning: An Introduction to Religion  
REL 221: The Religious Life of India  
REL 222: Buddhist Religious Traditions  
REL 224: Islamic Religious Traditions  
REL 247: Religion and Violence  
REL 247: Moral Dilemmas  
REL 451: Independent Study: Sanskrit  
REL 248: Mahatma Gandhi: Religion, Non-violence, and Resistance to Globalization  
REL 270: Fundamentalism as Cultural Encounter  
REL 312: Mystical Experience: Eastern and Western  
REL 370: Asian Religions in the Modern World  
REL 403: Hindu Muslim Relations in South Asia  
REL 380: Mythology and Popular Religious Thought in India

### C. Graduate Theses/Dissertations, Honors Theses, or Exit Committees (if supervisor, please indicate):

Alyssa Garcia, Honors Thesis, 2023 (Supervisor)

Kate Plymale, International Studies, 2022 (Supervisor)

Alyssa Garcia, International Studies, 2022 (Exit Committee)

Justin Bowling, History MA, 2017 (Supervisor)

Tony Coniglio, History MA, 2017 (Supervisor)

James Spencer, History MA, 2016 (Supervisor)

Danielle Smith, Master's Thesis in History, Texas State University, 2015 (Supervisor)

Jennibeth Rodriguez, International Studies MA, Texas State University, 2015

Syed Ali Haider, Creative Writing MFA, 2013

Don Carington, History MA, 2012

Rachael Gillespie, International Relations MA, 2012

Kara Hester, International Studies MA, 2012

Paul Vega, International Studies, MA, Texas State University, 2012.

Emily Pinto, International Studies MA, Texas State University, 2012

Alysia Khendak, International Studies MA, Texas State University, 2011 (Supervisor)

Michael Brett King, International Studies MA, Texas State University, 2011.

Brett King, International Studies M.A., Texas State University, 2011

Emily Erdmann, Political Science MA, Texas State University, 2011

Monirith Ly, Adult, Professional, and Community Education, Ph.D., Texas State University, 2011.

D. Courses Prepared and Curriculum Development:

**Texas State University**

IS 4380.253 International Studies Capstone Course (Revised course for Spr. 23)

HIST 4350Z History of Drugs

HIST 4350X Peace and Nonviolence

HIST 4328 History of India

HIST 4348 Mahatma Gandhi and Non-violence

HIST 4350J History and Culture of Modern India

HIST 5395E Gandhi in World History (Graduate)

IS 4380 International Studies Senior Seminar

**St. Lawrence University**

HIS 403: Hindu Muslim Relations in South Asia  
 HIST 2311: World Civilizations to 1500  
 REL 100: Mystery and Meaning: An Introduction to Religion  
 REL 221: The Religious Life of India  
 REL 222: Buddhist Religious Traditions  
 REL 224: Islamic Religious Traditions  
 REL 247: Religion and Violence  
 REL 247: Moral Dilemmas  
 REL 451: Independent Study: Sanskrit  
 REL 248: Mahatma Gandhi: Religion, Non-violence, and Resistance to Globalization  
 REL 270: Fundamentalism as Cultural Encounter  
 REL 312: Mystical Experience: Eastern and Western  
 REL 370: Asian Religions in the Modern World  
 REL 380: Mythology and Popular Religious Thought in India

- E. Funded External Teaching Grants and Contracts:  
 F. Submitted, but not Funded, External Teaching Grants and Contracts:  
 G. Funded Internal Teaching Grants and Contracts:  
 H. Submitted, but not Funded, Internal Teaching Grants and Contracts:

## I. Other:

Program Coordinator for Peace and Social Justice Minor  
 Co-created a proposal for a Peace and Justice Minor with Rebecca Montgomery in 2019. The new minor was approved in 2020.  
 Received Certificate in Online Course Design by Quality Matters, 2019

**III. SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE**

## A. Works in Print (including works accepted, forthcoming, in press)

## 1. Books (if not refereed, please indicate)

## a. Scholarly Monographs:

*A Hindu Education: The Early Years of the Banaras Hindu University*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2005.

## b. Textbooks:

## c. Edited Books:

## d. Chapters in Books

“Nationalist Education: The Case of Banaras Hindu University and Malaviya. *Handbook of Education Systems in South Asia*, P. M. Sarangapani and R. Pappu, eds. Singapore: Springer, 2020.

“The Maharaja Grants the Brahman a Boon: The subordination of history to myth.” Manu Bhagavan and Syed Akbar Hyder, eds. *Hidden Histories: Religion and Reform in South Asia*. New Delhi: Primus Books, 2018.

“A Hindu Temple of Learning: The Hybridization of Religion and Architecture.” Michael S. Dodson, ed. Banaras: *Urban Forms and Cultural Histories*. New Delhi: Routledge, 2011.

“Fundamentalism.” John Collins and Ross Glover, editors. *Collateral Language: A User's Guide to America's New War*. New York: New York University Press, 2002. Also in an Italian otranslation, *Linguaggio Collaterale*, Ombre Corte, 2006, and in a Spanish translation, *Lenguage Collateral: Claves Para Justicar una Guerra*, Madrid: Paginas de Espuma, 2003.

e. Creative Books:

2. Articles

a. Refereed Journal Articles:

“The Mahatma and the Missionary: Gandhi’s Conflicting Accounts of His First Encounter with Christianity.” *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 19, no. 1 (Spring 2018) <https://muse.jhu.edu/> (accessed April 2, 2019).

“Only the Impure Can Be Violated: Gandhi’s Views on Female Sexuality, Dalit Women, and Rape.” *Indian Journal of Dalit and Tribal Studies* 5, no. 1 (January-June 2017) 1-11.

“Predecessors of *Prajna: A Survey of Pre-Independence Journals*.” *Prajna* 54, no. 1-2 (December 2008) 255-258.

“Gandhi: Patron Saint of the Industrialist.” *Sagar: South Asia Graduate Research Journal* 1, no. 1 (Spring 1994): 16-38.

b. Non-refereed Articles:

3. Conference Proceedings

a. Refereed Conference Proceedings:

b. Non-refereed:

4. Abstracts:

5. Reports:

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6. Book Reviews:

Review of Vera Hildebrand, *Women at War: Subhas Chandra Bose and the Rani of Jhansi Regiment*. H-War, H-Net Reviews. October, 2019. URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=52575>

Review of Charu Gupta, *Sexuality, Obscenity, Community: Women, Muslims, and the Hindu Public in Colonial India*. *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 4, no. 1 (2003) doi:10.1353/cch.2003.0026.

7. Other Works in Print:

B. Works not in Print

1. Papers Presented at Professional Meetings:

“The Ganges and the Coming of Missionaries,” Annual Meeting of the Southwest Conference on Asian Studies, Central Arkansas State University, 2022.

“Bathing in the Ganges: Liberation and Disease at the Kumbha Mela,” Annual Meeting of the Southwest Conference on Asian Studies, Zoom, 2021.

“Mouth of the Cow as the Source of the Ganges River,” 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwest Conference on Asian Studies (Texas State was to host the conference, but it was held successfully on Zoom due to Covid), 2020.

“Sagar Island: Sacrifice by Drowning, British Interference, and the Descent of the Ganges,” Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin at Madison, 2019.

“Mahatma Gandhi and the 1889 Carnegie Controversy in London,” Britain and the World Conference, University of Newcastle, UK, 2014.

“Annie Besant’s Annie Besant’s Little Hindu Textbook: Theosophy, Empire, and Hindu Education,” Ireland, Slavery, Anti-Slavery, Empire Conference, University College Dublin, 2013.

“The Maharaja Grants the Brahman a Boon: The Subordination of History to Myth,” Texas South Asia Conference, University of Texas at Austin, 2012.

“Gandhi and the Gospel of Wealth,” American Academy of Religion Meeting, Philadelphia, 2005.

"Religion in its Broadest Sense: The Diffusion of Hindu Identity and the Sanctification of Western Knowledge at the Hindu University," South Asian Seminar of the Center for South Asia at the University of Virginia, 2005.

“Annie Besant and the Way We Teach Hinduism,” Conference on South Asia at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, 2002.

“Religious Pluralism and Educational Reform in India,” Teaching World History and Geography 2000, Austin, Texas, 2000.

“Saffron Walls and the Missing Clock Tower: The Politics of Difference at Banaras Hindu University,” South Asian Seminar, Center for Asian Studies, University of Texas, 1998.

“Gandhi and Trusteeship,” Conference on South Asia at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1995

“Defining the Hindu in Banaras Hindu University,” Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Washington, DC, 1995.

“Gandhi: Patron Saint of the Industrialist Birla,” Conference on South Asia at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1994.

“Defining the Hindu in Banaras Hindu University,” Ford Foundation Social Science Research Symposium, the University of Texas, 1994.

“The Foundation of Banaras Hindu University: Patronage and Politics,” Southwestern Association of Asian Studies Conference at Texas A & M University, 1994.

## 2. Invited Talks, Lectures, and Presentations:

“Racism and Religious Nationalism,” International Peace Day, Texas State University, 2022

“Anti-Semitic Groups Operating in Our Area,” Responding When Anti-Semitism Comes to Town, Texas State University, 2021

“Empathy in Asian Religions, Empathy’s Role in Community Cohesion Seminar, Texas State, 2019.

“Food Justice, Peace and Bread Symposium for International Peace, Texas State, 2018.

“The Role of the Hindu University in the Indian Independence Movement,” Indian Institute of Technology (BHU) Global Alumni, Silicon Valley Meeting, Santa Clara, CA, September 17, 2016.

“The Role of the Hindu University in the Indian Independence Movement,” Department of History, Banaras Hindu University, 2015.

“Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya and the Cleaning of the Ganga,” Parashurama Jayanti Bhavya Shobha Yatra, Farruckabad, India, April 24, 2015.

“Deities of India,” Honors 1390 E: Origins of Civilization Lecture 2015

“Teaching Hinduism,” NEH Seminar on Religious Studies, 2013

“War and the Church: Just Warfare and Just Peacemaking,” New York State Peace Conference, St. Lawrence University, 2003

### 3. Consultancies:

World History Advisory Board for STAAR Exam, Texas Education Agency

### 4. Workshops:

“History of Southeast Asia,” A Cultural Perspective on Southeast Asia Workshop, 2013

### 5. Other Works not in Print:

a. Works “submitted” or “under review”

b. Works “in progress”

*An Environmental History of the Ganges River*

*Spinning: Gandhi’s Experiments with Truth*

*Hindu Interests: The Life and Times of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya*

c. Other works not in print

## C. Grants and Contracts

### 1. Funded External Grants and Contracts:

American Institute for Indian Studies Junior Scholar Fellowship for dissertation research in India, 1996-1997.

Ford Foundation Social Science Research Grant for research on Banaras Hindu University at the India Office Library and Records of the British Library in London, England, 1994.

American Institute of Indian Studies Fellowship for the Hindi Language Program at Banaras, India, 1991-92.

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowships for the study of Hindi and Urdu at the University of Texas, 1990-91, 1994-95, 1995-96.

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship for First-Year Hindi Intensive at the University of California at Berkeley, 1990.

2. Submitted, but not Funded, External Grants and Contracts:

3. Funded Internal Grants and Contracts:

**Texas State University**

Developmental Leave Grant for 2014-15, Texas State University

Research Enhancement Grant, Texas State University, 2007-2008.

**University of Texas at Austin**

University of Texas Summer Study Abroad Fellowship for research trip to India, 1995.

Professional Development Award of the University of Texas Graduate Studies Program, 1995.

Dora Bonham Grant for research at the India Office Library, London, England, 1994.

4. Submitted, but not Funded, Internal Grants and Contracts:

D. Fellowships, Awards, Honors:

2018 College Achievement Award for Excellence in Teaching, College of Liberal Arts, Texas State University

**IV. SERVICE**

**A. Institutional**

1. University:

Faculty Advisor for Indian Students Association (2020-present)

Outstanding Master's Thesis Award in the Humanities and Fine Arts Selection Committee (2022)

University Curriculum Committee (2018-2020)

University Governance Committee (2019-2021)

Faculty Handbook Committee (2016-2018)

Faculty Advisor for South Asian Studies Association (2010-2017)

2. College:

Academic Program Coordinator, Peace and Social Justice Minor 2021-present

Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee (2018-2021)

Liberal Arts Research Enhancement Program Committee (2015)

3. Department/School:

Member, Ingram Professor Nominating Committee (2016 and 2022)

Member, History Research Fund Committee (2022-present)

Member, Curriculum Committee (2020-present)

Member, Senior Seminar Committee (2020-present)

Member, Study Abroad Committee (2020-present)

Chair, History Research Fund Committee (2017-2018)

Chair, Library Committee (2015-2016)

Chair, Study Abroad Committee

Member, Ingram Professor Committee, 2016

Member, Travel Committee

B. Professional:

Treasurer and member of the board of Southwest Conference on Asian Studies, 2020-present

Editorial Review Board Member, *Indian Journal of Dalit and Tribal Studies*, 2020-present.

Chair of panel on Cultures of Belonging: Religion, Folklore, and Mythology in India, 49<sup>th</sup> Southwest Conference on Asian Studies (Was to be held at Texas State, but was held on Zoom due to Covid), October 24, 2020

External tenure reviewer, University of Oklahoma, 2019.

Chair and discussant of Panel on Environmental Histories, Policies, and Management, Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin at Madison, 2019.

C. Community:

Volunteer, Red Cross

D. Service Honors and Awards:

E. Service Grants and Contracts

1. Funded External Service Grants and Contracts:

2. Submitted, but not Funded, External Service Grants and Contracts:

3. Funded Internal Service Grants and Contracts:

4. Submitted, but not Funded, Internal Service Grants and Contracts:

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