

## EDUCATION

**PhD in History**, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV 2008-2016

- Doctoral Dissertation: Muslim Education and Communal Conflict in Colonial Bengal: British Policies and Muslim Responses from 1854 to 1947.
- Degree Awarded: 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016
- Fields of Study: World (Teaching), British Imperial (Major), Modern Europe (Minor), and Modern Africa (Minor)

**Master of Arts (History)**, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India 2005-2007

- Fields of Study: South Asia (Major), British Imperial (Minor), East Asia (Minor), and Twentieth Century World (Minor)

**Bachelor of Arts (History Honors)**, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India 2002-2005

- Minor: Political Science
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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

**Associate Professor of History**, (Tenure) The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, TX Sep 2023- Present

**Assistant Professor of History**, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, TX Aug 2016 – Aug 2023

**Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellowship**, Wabash College, IN (declined) May 2016

**Graduate Teaching Instructor of History**, West Virginia University, WV Aug 2010 – May 2015

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**, West Virginia University, WV Aug – Dec 2014, Jan – May 2011

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## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

### BOOK

- *Bengal Muslims and Colonial Education, 1854-1947: A Study of Curriculum, Educational Institutions, and Communal Politics*. Routledge, 2022.

Reviewed in: Aminur Rahim, *Daily Star*, Anisah Setyaningrum & Muhammad Misbah, *Teaching Theology & Religion*, Humayun Kabir, *Middle Ground Journal: World History and Global Studies*, Aritra De, *Journal of International Women's Studies*, Sara Legrandjacques, *Global Nineteenth Century Studies*.

### ARTICLES

- The Indian Mission of the Institute of Blessed Virgin Mary Nuns: Curriculum, Convents and Indian Women, *Journal of International Women's Studies*, v.24 n.2 (2022)  
Part of a Joint Special issue, *Wagadu: A Journal of Transnational Women's and Gender Studies* v.24 n. 1 (2022)
- Introduction: South Asian Feminisms and Youth Activisms: Focus on India and Pakistan. *Journal of International Women's Studies*, v.24 n.2 (2022) Guest Editors: Nilanjana Paul, Namita Goswami, Gowri Parameswaran, Sailaja Nandigama and Fawzia Afzal Khan.  
Part of a Joint Special Issue, *Wagadu: A Journal of Transnational Women's and Gender Studies* v.24 n. 1 (2022)
- Gentlewomen in Colonial Calcutta: Experiences of Schooling, *South Asia Research* v. 39 3S (2019) pp.13S-25S
- "And Fazlul Huq was Bengal": Education and Communal Conflict in Colonial Bengal *Journal of History* v.32 (2017-18) pp. 78-104.

## PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

- Breaking Barriers: The Women's Movement and Writings from Late Colonial Bengal in Pallavi Chakraborty ed. *Urbanisation in Bengal: Ideas, Institutions and Policies*, Routledge, 2024.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

- Medicine and Women: American Missionaries, Indian Women and Feminist Politics in Colonial India (Monograph in progress)

## BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of Samiparna Samanta's *Meat Mercy and Morality: Animals and Humanitarianism in Colonial Bengal 1850-1920*, *Economic and Political Weekly* v. 57 n. 51 (2022)
- Review of Vijay Prashad's "Red Star Over The Third World," *Frontline*, January 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.  
[https://frontline.thehindu.com/books/article30536059.ece?fbclid=IwAR2Vvq\\_MAnUu5SoBUTYjzHpXW1WahrKEE6MZ0u70pds9fL5S4H9UHxK58ZM](https://frontline.thehindu.com/books/article30536059.ece?fbclid=IwAR2Vvq_MAnUu5SoBUTYjzHpXW1WahrKEE6MZ0u70pds9fL5S4H9UHxK58ZM)
- Review of Parna Sengupta's "Pedagogy for Religion: Missionary Education and the Self-fashioning of Hindus and Muslims in Bengal," *Studies on Asia* n.2 v.2 October 2012

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE (Undergraduate and Graduate Courses)

- History of South Asia to 1947
- Women in History
- History of the Global South
- World Environmental History
- World History: 1500 CE to Present
- World History: Antiquity to 1500 CE
- World History Studies
- Senior Research Seminar
- Historiography & Methods (Graduate)
- Readings in Women's History
- Graduate Seminar in World History
- Readings in World History

## STUDENTS MENTORED

- Karina Garcia  
Served as Committee Member/Examiner for Comprehensive Exam in World History (MA in History) Dec 2021
- Rogelio Garza  
Served as Committee Member/Examiner for Comprehensive Exam in World History (MA in History) May 2019

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## INVITED TALKS

- The International Scholars of the History of Women Religious Association, Durham UK November 2023
- Loreto Nuns and Indian Women: A study of curriculum and convents in nineteen and twentieth century India
- Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, Canada
- Women in Colonial India: Education, Institutions and Fight for Equality November 2023
- Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata, India
- Anandibai Joshi, Gurubai Karmakar, Ida Scudder and Clara Swain: Education, missionaries, and women's rights in Colonial India. July 2023

**Université Paris Sciences et Lettres – PSL, Paris, France**

- Women of Colonial India: From Zenana Education to formal schooling April 2023

**Women's History Conclave, Kolkata, India**

- Bengal Muslims and Colonial Education, 1854-1947: A Study of Curriculum, Educational Institutions and Communal Politics March 2023

**Universite De Reims, Champagne Ardenna, Reims, France**

- Bengal Muslims and Colonial Education, 1854-1947: A Study of Curriculum, Educational Institutions and Communal Politics December 2022

**State University of New York, Cortland, New York, USA**

- Education Empire and Communal Politics in India October 2022

**Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad, India**

- Bengal Muslims and Colonial Education, 1854-1947: A Study of Curriculum, Educational Institutions and Communal Politics May 2022

**8<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Women's Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka (plenary session, held virtually)**

- Feminist Futures in precarious times: decoloniality, borderlands and transformative visions May 2022

**Fairmont State University, Fairmont, West Virginia**

- Women in Colonial India March 2022

**McAllen Public Library, McAllen, Texas**

- Breaking Barriers: #MeToo in India March 2019

**PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**Britain and the World Conference (Presented virtually)**

- Anandibai Joshi, Gurubai Karmakar and Clara Swain: Education, Empire and Women's Right in Colonial India June 2024

**Annual South Asia Conference, Madison Wisconsin (Panel Chair & Presenter)**

- Anandibai Joshi, Gurubai Karmakar and Clara Swain: Education, Empire and Women's Right in Colonial India October 2022

**Annual South Asia Conference, Madison Wisconsin (Panel Chair & Presenter)**

- Missionary Education in Nineteenth Century Calcutta: The Clewer Sisters October 2021

**Britain and the World Conference, Kansas City, Kansas (Presenter)**

- Missionary Education and Empire Building: The case of Loreto Schools April 2019

**Coalition Against Violence and Exploitation Conference, UTRGV, Brownsville, Texas (Presenter)**

- Rape Culture: Historically and in the Institutions, from Government to Academia October 2018

**North American Conference on British Studies, Denver, Colorado (Presenter)**

- Bethune School and Sakhawat Memorial Girls' School: A comparative study of Women's Educational Institutions in colonial Bengal November 2017

**Annual South Asia Conference, Madison, Wisconsin (Presenter)**

- Bethune School and Sakhawat Memorial Girls' School: A comparative study of Women's Educational Institutions in colonial Bengal October 2017

**Britain and the World Conference, Austin, Texas & Edinburgh, Scotland (Presenter)**

- Nawab Bahadur Abdul Latif and Fazlul Huq: Pioneers of Muslim Education in colonial Bengal in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries April 2017
- Education in Nineteenth Century India, 1854-1881: the case of Colonial Bengal June 2012

**International Graduate Historical Studies Conference, Mount Pleasant, Michigan (Presenter)**

- Muslim Education in Colonial Bengal, 1921-1935: from diarchy to the India Act of 1935 March 2014
- Muslim Education in Colonial Bengal, 1905-1921: from Partition to the establishment of the Dhaka University in 1921 April 2013

**Phi Alpha Theta, Western Pennsylvania Regional Conference, Erie, Pennsylvania**

- Public Debates on the state of Public Education in England: The Act of 1870 April 2010

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Received the **M.Louise Gloeckner M.D. Summer Research Fellowship** (August 2023) from Drexel University Legacy Center and Archives. Conducted archival research for South Asian women's medical education.
- Received the **Humanities Texas Grant** (2019), a state affiliate of NEH for organizing the Hispanic Heritage Lecture in collaboration with McAllen Public Library, Texas
- Received the **Faculty Travel Award** (2017) from UTRGV for presentation at the North American Conference on British Studies
- Received the **New Faculty Startup Grant** (2016-17) from UTRGV for research at the British Library
- Received the **Humanities Summer Internship Grant** (2014) from West Virginia University and interned at UN Women
- Received the **Dissertation Research Fellowship** (2012) and **Global Education Opportunities Grant** (2013) from West Virginia University
- Awarded the **Chitwood Graduate** (2012-2013) and **Chester and Jane Higby** Fellowships (2013-2014) by West Virginia University in recognition for outstanding graduate student
- Awarded the **Graduate Research Fellowship** by West Virginia University (2011 & 2012)

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## SERVICE

Member of the Public History Search Committee	July 2024
Member of the College of Liberal Arts Awards Committee	September 2023-Present
Member of the Policies Committee	September 2023-Present
Organized Dr. Mou Banerjee's Lecture	October 23, 2023
Organized Dr. Jacob Ivey's Lecture	November 7, 2023
Member of the Undergraduate Program Committee	September 2021-August 2023
Member of the Scholarship Committee	September 2021-August 2022
Member of the One Year Lecturer Search Committee	July-August 2022
Member of the Latin American History Search Committee	March 2022
Member of the Outreach Committee	September 2020 – August 2021
Organized Hispanic Heritage Month Lecture Series	September 2019
Judge for the Regional History Day	March 2019
Member of the Graduate Comprehensive Exam Committee	March 2019
Member of the Policies Committee	September 2019 – August 2020
Member of the Graduate Committee	Sep 2017 – Aug 2018
Presented at UTRGV Model UN Club	February-March 2017
Member of the Scholarship Committee	Sept 2016 - Aug 2017
Member of the Search Committee: Lecturer in US History,	Dec 2016 – March 2017

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Peer-reviewer for <i>World History Bulletin</i>	August 2024
Peer-reviewer for <i>South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies</i>	February 2024
External examiner for M.Phil thesis, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India	June 2023
Peer-reviewer for <i>Women's History Review</i>	August 2023
Peer-reviewer for <i>World History Bulletin</i>	June 2023
Book Proposal reviewer for Routledge	August 2022
Peer-reviewer of abstracts for the Fifth International Conference on Gender and Sexuality	July 2022

Article Reviewer for <i>The Middle Ground Journal: World History and Global Studies</i>	May 2022
Book manuscript reviewer for Routledge	October 2021
Book Proposal Reviewer for Routledge	July 2021
Article Reviewer for <i>World History Connected</i>	August 2021
Peer- Reviewer for the <i>History of Applied Science and Technology: An Open Access Textbook</i>	May 2020
Article Reviewer for the <i>Journal of South Texas</i>	July 2019

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## MEDIA CONTRIBUTION

- South Asian Women pushing back against rape culture, *360info*, November 25, 2022  
<https://360info.org/south-asian-women-pushing-back-against-rape-culture/>
- **Interview with New Books Network:** *Bengal Muslims and Colonial Education, 1854-1947: A Study of Curriculum, Educational Institutions and Communal Politics*. Routledge, 2022. Hosted by Dr. Bekeh Ukelina. July 5, 2022.

## EDITORIAL WORK

- Book Review Editor for *Wagadu: A Transnational Journal for Women's Gender Studies*
  - Member of the Editorial Board for *World History Bulletin*.
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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages Known: English (Fluent), Bengali (Native) and Hindi (Fluent)