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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

July 2016-
present

Rice University — Houston, TX
Bhagwaan Mahavir/Chao Family Fellow in Jain Studies

Aug 2014-
July 2016

Monmouth College — Monmouth, IL
Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy and Religious Studies

June 2012-
Dec 2013

Claremont School of Theology — Claremont, CA
Lecturer, Jain and Sikh Studies
Director, Center for Jain Studies

Jan 2013-
May 2014

University of LaVerne — LaVerne, CA
Adjunct Faculty, Philosophy

June 2009-
June 2012

Claremont School of Theology — Claremont, CA
Coordinator for Indic Traditions
Special Assistant to the Provost

EDUCATION

2012-present

The Australia National University — Sanskrit

2013

PhD. Religious Studies: Process Theology
Claremont School of Theology
Dissertation: “Why Metaphysics Matters for Animal and Planetary Liberation in Process and Jainism”

2013

M.A. Religion
Claremont School of Theology

2007 **M.A. Theology and Ethics**
Anabaptist Mennonite Seminary

2005 **B.A. Bible, Religion, and Philosophy**
Goshen College: Bible, Religion and Philosophy

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

AOS Jainism, South Asian Religions, South Asian Philosophy, Process Philosophy, Critical Animal Studies, Ethics and Bioethics

AOC Religion and Science, Religion and Environment, Comparative Religions,

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Creaturely Cosmologies: Why Metaphysics Matters for Animal and Planetary Liberation (Lexington Books, 2015).

EDITED VOLUMES

Beyond the Bifurcation of Nature: A Common World for Animals and the Environment, ed. Brianne Donaldson (Cambridge Scholars Press, 2014).

The Future of Meat Without Animals, ed. Brianne Donaldson and Christopher Carter (Rowman and Littlefield International, 2016).

BOOKS/VOLUMES IN PREPARATION

Insistent Life: Foundations for Bioethics in Jainism, co-authored with Ana Bajželj (Lexington books, forthcoming spring 2019)

Feeling Animal Death: Being Host to Ghosts, co-edited with Harrison King (Rowman and Littlefield International, forthcoming spring 2019)

Meat, in the Polity Resources Series (under contract: Polity Press, forthcoming spring 2020)

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

“On the Medical Doctrines in the *Tandulaveyāliya*: 1. Teachings of Embryology,” by Colette Caillat, French to English translation. *International Journal for Jaina Studies* 14.1 (2018) 1-14.

“Salvaging Shame, Saving Ourselves: The Productive Role of Shame for Animals and Marginalized Life”, co-authored with student Isaac Willis, *Journal for Critical Animal Studies* 14.3 (2017): 4-25.

“From Ancient Vegetarianism to Contemporary Advocacy: When Religious Folks Decide that Animals Are No Longer Edible,” *Journal of Religious Studies and Theology* 35.2 (2016): 143-160.

“Oxytocin Responses After Dog and Cat Interactions Depend on Pet Ownership and Affects Interpersonal Trust,” Brianne Donaldson, Ben Curry, Moana Vercoe, Matthew Fillipo, and Paul J. Zak. *Human-Animal Interaction Bulletin* 3.2 (2015): 56-71.

“Bad with Names: Replacing “Animal” with Whitehead’s Insistent Particularity of Bodies,” *Process Studies Journal* 42.2 (2014): 181-199.

ARTICLES SUBMITTED

“Transmitting Jainism in U.S. Pāṭhaśāla Temple Education Part I: Implicit Goals, Curriculum as ‘Text,’ and Authority of Teachers, Family, and Self.” Under review at *Transnational Asia*.

“Transmitting Jainism in U.S. Pāṭhaśāla Temple Education Part II: Navigating Non-Jain Contexts, Cultivating Identity Markers and Networks, and Analyzing Truth Claims.” Under review at *Transnational Asia*.

NON-PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Faith of an Abhavya: Kundakunda’s Unlikely Dialectic for Contemporary Jain Science,” *Sramaṇa: A Quarterly Research Journal of Jainology* 62.1 (2011): 86-102.

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Jainism and Darwin: Evolution Beyond Orthodoxy,” *Asian Religious Response to Darwinism*, ed. C. McKenzie Brown (Springer, 2019; forthcoming).

“Witness at the Slaughterhouse: Seeking Conflicting Propositions for Alternate Futures,” *Propositions and Events: Whitehead in Motion*, ed. Roland Faber and Michael Halewood (2019; forthcoming)

“Environmental Rites: Plants and Animals in Jain Rituals of Repentance,” *Nonviolence as a Way of Life: History, Theory, and Practice*, ed. Predrag Cicovacki (New Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 2017).

“Exploiting Fantasy: Overconformity in Animal Agriculture, Meatless Meat, and Animal Ethics,” *The Future of Meat Without Animals*, ed. Brianne Donaldson and Christopher Carter (Rowman and Littlefield International, 2016).

“Architectures of Risk: Experiential Religious Naturalism in Tagore and Whitehead” *Living Traditions and Universal Conviviality: Prospects and Challenges for Peace in Multireligious Communities*, ed. Santiago Slabodsky and Roland Faber (Lexington Books, 2016).

“Immortality and Omniscience: Conceptual Bridges to Reworlding in Process and Jainism,” *Beyond the Bifurcation of Nature: A Common World for Animals and the Environment*, ed. Brianne Donaldson (New York: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2014).

“Does Whitehead Have a Theory of Mourning?: A Response to Butler’s Inquiry,” *Beyond Superlatives: Regenerating Whitehead’s Philosophy of Experience*, ed. Hollis Phelps, J. R. Hustwit, and Roland Faber (New York: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2014).

“They Will Know We Are Process Thinkers By Our...: Finding Whitehead’s Ecological Ethic Through the Lens of Ecofeminism and Jainism,” *Polydoxy: Theologies of the Manifold*, ed. Catherine Keller and Laurel Schneider (New York: Routledge Press, 2010).

“Animals and Humanity in the World: Job 38-39” *Celebration of Wisdom: Life and Meaning in Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes*, ed. Steven Schweitzer (Elkhart: Institute of Mennonite Studies, 2009).

RESEARCH PROJECTS UNDERWAY

Ethical Transmission through *Pāṭhśālā* (Temple Education) Programs Among U.S. Jains

- 175-question national survey with 178 responses from past/current pāṭhśālā teachers/students; currently preparing analyses for publication

Foundations for Bioethics in the Jain Tradition

- 100-questions international survey of Jain medical and healthcare professionals as part of manuscript titled *Insistent Life: Foundations for Bioethics in the Jain Tradition* (Lexington Books, forthcoming 2019)

Understanding the Ritual of *Āṅgī* among Diaspora Śvetāmbara Jains

- Observation and interviews during holiday of Paryuṣana 2016-2018, and recent completion of 20-question survey for Houston Jain community with 60 participants

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES, PEER REVIEWED

Religious Violence Today: Faith and Conflict in the Modern World, ed. Michael Jerryson. (Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, forthcoming 2019).

- Ahimsā
- Svastika
- Jain vegetarian diet

Encyclopedia of Indian Religions: Buddhism and Jainism, ed. K. T. S. Sarao and Jeffery Long (New York: Springer, 2017). <https://link.springer.com/referencework/10.1007/978-94-024-0852-2#toc>

- Samavasaraṇa
- Ṇamōkarā mantra
- Divya-dhvani

Lexikon of Human-Animal Relations, ed. Arianna Ferrari and Klaus Petrus (Bielefeld Germany: Transcript, 2015).

- Animals and Jainism (p. 184-186)

Global Guide to Animal Protection, ed. Andrew Linzey (Champaign IL: University of Illinois Press, 2013).

- Animal Courses in Academia (p. 273-274)

ONLINE ANALYSES

- “Offer the Other Cheek? The Risks of Listening and Peacemaking.” *Patheos.com*. April 11, 2017.
- “Politics and the Lies We Tell About Grief.” *Patheos.com* March 9, 2017.
- “The Sacred No: The First World for a New Future for Animals.” *TheDodo.com*. April 19, 2015.
- “Jains In America: A Socially-Engaged Second Generation.” *Patheos.com*. July 1, 2015.
- “Outlawing the Jain Fast-Unto-Death is a Bioethical Issue.” *Patheos.com*. August 17, 2015.
- “Chicago Jains Celebrate Ancient Ritual of Forgiveness.” *Patheos.com*. September 22, 2015.
- “Chicago Jains Celebrate Annual Fast for Self, Neighbor, and the World.” *Patheos.com*. October 9, 2015.

- “What is Justice?” series (6 entries) 2015-16. *Processandfaith.com*.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2017 Rice University, Summer Research Grant
 2015 Associated Colleges of the Midwest, Digital Storytelling Fellowship
 2013 Teaching for Peace, International School for Jain Studies
 2012 American Academy of Religion (AAR) Project Grant: Ahimsā in the Face of Disaster: The Jain Response to the Partition of India, 1947
 2011 Uberoi Foundation, Center for Jain Studies at Claremont Lincoln University
 2010 International School for Jain Studies (India) 6-week research fellowship
 2007 Lilly Endowment, Teaching Fellowship (Introduction to Theology), Goshen College

SELECT INVITED TALKS

- 2016 “I Ask Pardon of All Creatures”: Making Violence Visible through the Jain Ritual of Pratikramaṇa, 24th Annual Chander Mohan Jain Lecture, Huron College at University of Western Ontario, October 12.
- 2016 Book talk: “New Narratives for Animal Rights and Planetary Preservation: Jainism and Process Philosophy,” Animals and the Kingdom of God Speaker Series, Calvin College, March 10.
- 2015 Book talk: “New Narratives for Animal Rights and Planetary Preservation: Jainism and Process Philosophy,” New Perspectives Lecture at Goshen College, November 15
- 2015 “Finding a Fresh Start on the Kill Floor: The Role of Religious Refugees and Immigrants in America’s ‘Heartland,’” Knox College Anthropology Lecture, September 30
- 2014 “Jainism and the Visual Arts,” Getty Museum, Los Angeles, April 29
- 2014 Keynote: “Uncommon Groundlessness: Cultivating Entangled Autonomy,” Common Ground: Student Leaders in Interfaith Collaborations, University of LaVerne, LaVerne CA, April 12.
- 2013 “The Limits of Empathy and the Singularity of Life,” Interfaith Cooperation Through Empathy Panel, University of LaVerne, April 4.
- 2011 “All Life Counts: Animals in Jain Cosmology and Practice,” Animals in Science and Religion course, University of LaVerne, March 10.
- 2011 “Human-Animal in Jain Philosophy,” Freie University, Berlin, Oct 26-28.

HOME INSTITUTION TALKS

- 2018 “Transmitting Identity Through Pāṭhśālā Temple Education Among U.S. Jains,” Transnational Asian Research Initiative, Rice University, April 11.

- 2016 “(im)Practical Ethics?: Remembering Plants, Animals, and Microscopic Life in Jain Rituals of Nonharm,” Transnational Asian Research Initiative, Rice University, November 4.
- 2013 “The Treatment of Other Animals,” Center for Process Studies Ethics Conference, Claremont School of Theology, Sept 27.
- 2011 “Animals, Ecology, and Jainism,” Faith and the Future of the Planet International Lecture Series, Claremont School of Theology, March 23.

SELECT CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOPS

- 2018 “Jainism and Darwin: Evolution Beyond Orthodoxy,” Jainism and the Environment Conference, University of North Texas, April 14.
- 2017 “Religious Studies and Ethical Curiosity in a Slaughterhouse Town,” AAR Special Topics Forum on “Religious Scholars as Humanitarians: Publications, Pedagogies, and Protection of the Most Vulnerable,” American Academy of Religion (AAR), Nov 18-21.
- 2016 “The Productive Role of Shame in Ethical Rituals for Animals, Plants, and Marginalized Life,” Midwest AAR, Ball State University, April 1-2.
- 2015 “Plants and Animals in Jain Rituals of Repentance,” Midwest AAR, Ohio Northern University, April 11-12.
- 2014 “Deep Empiricism East and West,” Gyan Sagar Jain Science Foundation, New Delhi, Feb 7-8.
- 2012 “Why Animals Need Jainism to Differ with Science: An Intervention in Bioethics,” Claremont International Jain Conference on Bioethics, Claremont School of Theology, Aug 24-25.
- 2012 “Experiential Religious Naturalism in Whitehead and Tagore,” South Asian Studies Conference, Claremont Graduate University, April 13-15.
- 2011 ““Does Whitehead Have a Theory of Mourning?” A Response to Butler’s Inquiry,” Whitehead: Next Generation Conference, Claremont Graduate University, Dec 1-3.
- 2011 “Ethics of Irreducibility: Cultivating Habits of Thought for Critical Animal Studies,” European Conference for Critical Animal, Charles University, Prague, Oct 15-16.
- 2011 “Animal Bodies and the Unruly Soul: Rethinking Animal Liberation with Judith Butler and Jain Karma,” Divinimality Conference, Drew University, Sept 29-Oct 2.
- 2011 “How Dogs and Cats Explained What Neuroscience Could Not: Writing Neuroscience at its Othermost,” Zoosemiotics conference, University of Tartu, Estonia, April 4-8.
- 2011 “Happy Cows, Sacred Cows: Addressing the Animal in the California Academy,” California American Studies Association, CSU Fullerton, May 6.

2009 ““They Will Know We Our Process Thinkers By Our...’: Finding Whitehead’s Ecological Ethic Through the Lens of Ecofeminism and Jainism,” Polydoxy: Theologies of Multiplicity, Drew University, Oct 1-4.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Rice University (undergraduate)

ASIA 238 Introduction to Jainism
ASIA 338 Bioethics and Indian Traditions
ASIA 339 India, Consciousness, and Science

Baylor College of Medicine (graduate) Spring 2017 and 2018
Ethics Course (for first year medical students)

Monmouth College (undergraduate)

PHIL/REL 207 Bioethics
PHIL/REL 300 Religions of Asia: India
PHIL/REL 310 History and Philosophy of Yoga
REL 210 Islam and Judaism
REL 220 Women and Religion
INTG 101 Intro to Liberal Arts
INTG 288 Global Perspectives: What is Justice?
INTG 313 Queer Theory and Nonviolent Movements

Claremont School of Theology (graduate)

LDT 3000/4000 Bioethics and Indian Traditions
LDT 3004/4004 Ecology, Indian Traditions, and Our Planetary Future
LDT 3012/4012 Introduction to Sikhism
LDT 3010/4010 Chanting, Social Change, and the Traditions of India

University of Laverne (undergraduate)

PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy

Goshen College (undergraduate)

Fall 2007 Introduction to Christian Theology, teaching internship

CLINICAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Jan 2010 Center for Neuroeconomics Studies, Claremont Graduate Univ.
to Dec 2012 Lead Researcher: Oxytocin, Animals, and Decision Making
Lead Researcher: Social Ritual and Quakers and Contra Dancing

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Reviewer *American Journal of Bioethics, International Journal for Dharma Studies, Society and Animals, Rice Asian Studies Review Undergraduate Journal, Midwest Journal of Undergraduate Research, various academic presses*

MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
American Society for Bioethics and Humanities
Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy, Baylor College of Medicine - by invitation
The Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society

SERVICE TO INSTITUTION

2016-18 Rice U: Developing Jain and Bioethics library holdings,
Curating Jain studies exhibit
2014-16 Monmouth College: Student advising and faculty review
2012-14 Claremont Sch of Theo: Developing South Asian library holdings
2011-13 Claremont Sch of Theo: Joint Curriculum Committee
2010-13 Claremont Sch of Theo: Curating Sikh, Jain, and Animal
Studies exhibits
2009-13 Claremont Sch of Theo: Conference coordinator for Jain Studies,
Sikh Studies, Whitehead Research Project, Provost's office

MEDIA COVERAGE

- Sept 13-16, 2018. Video "Jain View of Death," by Brianne Donaldson. Recorded by Houston Symphony for performance of Mahler's Symphony No. 2 on theme of resurrection. <https://vimeo.com/289613323>
- Feb 26, 2018. Jeff Falk, "Fondren exhibit highlights richness and philosophy of Jainism," *Rice News*. <http://news.rice.edu/2018/02/26/fondren-exhibit-highlights-richness-and-philosophy-of-jainism/>
- Dec. 9, 2015. Barry McNamara, "Student-created 'Eating Plants' exhibit now on display at Monmouth College," *Monmouth College News*, <http://www.monmouthcollege.edu/information/newsEvents/newsDetails.aspx?Channel=%2FChannels%2FCampus+Wide&WorkflowItemID=85b1b05b-a215-47eb-8c0b-8fd15add1ac3>
- Sept. 5, 2013. "Claremont Lincoln University hosts International Jain Conference," *India West*, www.indiawest.com/news/13381-claremont-lincoln-university-hosts-int-l-jain-conference.html
- Sept 4, 2013. Deepinder Singh, "International Jain Conference Focuses on Status of Women," *India Journal*, www.indiajournal.com/archives/41822
- Aug 18, 2013. The Associated Press, "US-Born Jains Make Ascetic Faith Fit Modern Life," *National Public Radio*, www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=213181894
- Nov 23, 2012. "Claremont Lincoln University Opens Center for Jain Studies," *India Journal*, www.indiajournal.com/archives31473
- Aug 19, 2012. "A look at cultural traditions on death," *Los Angeles Times*, Aug 19, 2012, <http://articles.latimes.com/2012/aug/19/local/la-me-0819-lopez-dyingwell-20120819>

LANGUAGES

Sanskrit advanced translation; intermediate chanting
Hindi intermediate translation; basic spoken
French advanced translation
Spanish intermediate translations; intermediate spoken
Prākṛit beginner

REFERENCES

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Reader in Sanskrit, South and Southeast Asia, The Australia National University

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