

## Curriculum Vitae

**KEYA MAITRA**

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### EDUCATION

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2000 Ph.D., UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, Storrs, Connecticut.

1995 Ph.D., UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD, INDIA.

1991 M. Phil., UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD, INDIA.

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Classical Indian Philosophy, Comparative & Cross-Cultural Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind & Consciousness, Feminist Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology of Mindfulness

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Buddhist Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Contemporary Virtue Epistemology, Third World and Transnational Feminisms

**LANGUAGE:** Sanskrit (Advanced reading)

### TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

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LENNEY DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR, Univ of Hawai'i at Mānoa	August 2025-Present
DIRECTOR, Humanities Program, UNC Asheville	July 2024-June 2025
PROFESSOR, UNC Asheville	July 2015-June 2025
THOMAS HOWERTON DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF HUMANITIES, UNC Asheville	July 2018-2022
CHAIR, Dept. of Philosophy, UNC Asheville	August 2012-June 2018
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, UNC Asheville	July 2007-June 2015
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, UNC Asheville	August 2002-July 2007
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, College of Staten Island/CUNY	Sep.1999-March 2002
LECTURER, Univ. of Connecticut, Avery Point and Waterbury	Spring, 1999 and 1997
TEACHING ASSISTANT, University of Connecticut, Storrs	1995-96, 1998

### HONORS AND AWARDS

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2024	• <b>The Rama Watamull Collaborative Lecture Series Scholar</b> , University of Hawai'i, Manoa
2023	• <b>The University of North Carolina Board of Governors Award</b> for Excellence in Teaching
2023	• <b>Commencement Speaker</b> at UNCA December Graduation
2015	• <b>Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Senior Research Award</b>
2018	• <b>Thomas Howerton Distinguished Professor of Humanities</b> , UNCA 2018-22
2018	• <b>Champion for Students Award</b> , UNCA
2016	• <b>Ruth and Leon Feldman Professorship for Scholarship</b> , UNCA

**HONORS AND AWARDS (contd.)**

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- 2023 • **NEH Summer Institute** on “Women in Buddhism”
- 2023 • **Nominated** for UNCA **Teaching Award** for 2022-23
- 2022 • **UNCA Mills Award (Research)**
- 2022 • **Nominated** for UNCA **Teaching Award** for 2021-22
- 2022 • **NEH Summer Institute** on “Imagination and Imaginal Worlds” (unable to attend).
- 2020 • **Annual Robinson A. Grover Alumni Lecturer**, the University of Connecticut
- 2019 • **Annual John C. Maraldo Lecturer in Comparative Philosophy and Religion**, the UNF Asia Council and the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Univ. of North Florida
- 2017 • **NEH Summer Institute** on “Islam in Asia”
- 2017 • **UNCA University Research Council Grant**
- 2014 • **UNCA Interdisciplinary BLOCK Grant** for the collaborative Project titled “Art & Science of Meditation: A New Spring 2015 Interdisciplinary Course” (With Drs. Ameena Batada, Richard Chess and Patrick Foo)
- 2013 • Funding support from the UNCA NEH Professor for a collaborative project titled “The Inquiring ‘I’: First-Person Inquiry across Disciplines & Domains” through the **Engaged Humanities Project**
- 2012 • **NEH Summer Institute** on “Investigating Consciousness: Buddhist and Contemporary Philosophical Perspectives”
- 2012 • The **Title VI ASDP China Grant** Institute on Chinese History & Society at the East West Center, Honolulu
- 2011 • **UNCA Teaching Award in the Humanities**
- 2010 • Nominated for UNCA **Teaching Award** for 2009-10
- 2009 • Selected for **Asian Studies Development Program’s “Institute on Infusing East-Asian Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum.”**
- 2009 • **UNCA University Research Council Grant**
- 2006 • Nominated for UNCA **Teaching Award** for 2006-07
- 2006 • UNCA University Teaching Council **Travel Grant**.
- 2005 • UNCA University Teaching Council **Academic Activity Award**
- 2005 • UNCA Humanities Program **Travel Grant**
- 2004 • **UNCA University Research Council Grant**
- 2002 • COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND (CUNY) **Scholar Incentive Leave**
- 2001 • COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND (CUNY) **Faculty Summer Research Stipend**
- 1998 • APA, EASTERN DIVISION **Graduate Student Travel Stipend**
- 1998 • UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT **Dissertation Fellowship**
- 1994-98 • UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT **Graduate Assistantship**
- 1995-98 • UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT **Summer Fellowship**
- 1992-1994 • UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION, INDIA, **Junior and Senior Research Fellowships**
- 1990-1992 • INDIAN COUNCIL OF PHILOSOPHICAL RESEARCH, INDIA, **General Fellowship** for the project entitled, “Epistemological Foundation of New Metaphysics”
- 1989-1990 • UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD, INDIA, **M.Phil. Fellowship**
- 1984 • GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, **National Scholarship**

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

- 2022      *The Feminist Philosophy of Mind*, Oxford University Press (co-edited with Jennifer McWeeny) (Peer Reviewed)  
<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/feminist-philosophy-of-mind-9780190867621?cc=us&lang=en&>  
 Reviewed by Marianne Janack at the *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* on 11/9/2024
- 2021      *The Ethics of Governance: Moral Limits of Policy Decisions*, Springer (co-authored with Shashi Motilal and Prakriti Prajapati) (Peer Reviewed)  
<https://www.springer.com/gp/book/9789811640421>
- 2018      *Philosophy of the Bhagavad Gita: A Contemporary Introduction*, Bloomsbury Publishing (Peer Reviewed)  
[Article length review by Malcolm Keating at \*Philosophy East and West\* vol. 69:3](#)  
[Reviewed at the American Academy of Religion's online book review website \*Reading Religion\*](#)  
[Featured in the \*New Books in Philosophy Podcast\* on 8/15/2018](#)  
[Used in \*The Partially Examined Life Blog\* episode 204 on 12/3/2018](#)
- 2003      *On Putnam (Wadsworth Philosophers Series)*, Wadsworth-Thomson Learning, CA. (Peer Reviewed)

### Journal Articles

- 2022      "Consciousness and Attention in the *Bhagavad Gita*" *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* (9<sup>th</sup> article in a special series of commissioned articles on non-Western Philosophies), Vol 8:2; pp. 191-207. (Commissioned)
- 2022      "*Bhagavadgītā*." In *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion* (ed. Stewart Goetz and Charles Taliaferro), Vol 1, 214-219. Oxford: Wiley Blackwell. (Invited)
- 2020      "From Accidental to Integral: My journey with doing philosophy" in Special Issue of *APA Newsletter on Asian and Asian American Philosophers and Philosophies* titled "*What Is It Like to Be a Philosopher of Asian Descent?*" Vol 20:1; pp. 42-43. (Invited)
- 2020      "Testimonial Injustice and a Case for Mindful Epistemology" *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, Vol 58:1; pp. 137-160. (Peer Reviewed)
- 2019      "The Nature of the disposition to care: Discursive and Pre-discursive Dimensions" *Philosophy East and West* Vol. 69:3; pp. 863-869. (Invited)
- 2015      "Externalism & Self-Knowledge: A Solution from Sellars" in the Special Issue of *TAULA* on W. Sellars, Vol. 46; pp. 77-88. (Peer reviewed)

- 2013 “Questions of Identity & Agency in Feminism without Borders: A Mindful Response” *Hypatia* Special Issue on *Crossing Borders*, Vol. 28:2; pp. 360-376. (Peer reviewed)
- 2012 “Ambedkar & the Constitution of India: A Deweyan Experiment” *Democratic Experimentalism*, Special Issue of *Contemporary Pragmatism*, Vol. 9:2; pp. 301-320. (Invited)
- 2009 “Meanings of ‘Multiculturalism’: Can Philosophy be Taught from a Truly Multiculturalist Perspective?” *Journal of Indian Philosophy and Religion*, Vol. 14; pp. 115-128 (Peer reviewed)
- 2006 “Comparing the *Bhagavad-Gita* and Kant: A Lesson in Comparative Philosophy” in *Philosophy in the Contemporary World*, vol. 13:1, Spring; pp. 63-67. (Peer reviewed)
- 2005 “Privileged Knowledge: Privileged in Access or Privileged in Authority?” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, vol. 21:2, July; pp. 101-114. (Peer Reviewed)
- 2002 “Leibniz’s Doctrine of Error,” *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 10:1, February; pp. 63-73. (Peer Reviewed)
- 2001 “An Understanding of the Concept of ‘Indian Culture’: A Naturalist Alternative”, *Asian Philosophy*, vol. 11:1, March; pp. 15-22. (Peer Reviewed)
- 1992 “The Theory of Natural Kind Terms and Internal Realism,” *The Journal of the Indian Academy of Philosophy*, XXXI:1; pp. 53-65. (Peer Reviewed)
- 1992 “Wittgenstein’s ‘Individualistic Conception’ of Rule-Following: A Critique”, *Jadavpur Journal of Philosophy*, 4:2; pp. 1-12. (Peer Reviewed)

### **Book Chapters**

- 2022 “Toward a Feminist Theory of Content” in *Feminist Theory of Mind* (co-edited by Keya Maitra & Jennifer McWeeny) Oxford University Press; pp. 70-85. (Peer Reviewed)
- 2022 “What is Feminist Philosophy of Mind?” (Introduction co-written with Jennifer McWeeny for *Feminist Philosophy of Mind* (co-edited by Keya Maitra & Jennifer McWeeny) Oxford University Press; pp. 1-37. (Peer Reviewed)
- 2018 “Dignāga and Sellars: Through the Lens of Privileged Access” in *Wilfrid Sellars and Buddhist Philosophy: Freedom from Foundations (Routledge Studies in American Philosophy)* edited by Jay L. Garfield; Routledge; pp. 159-174. (Peer reviewed)
- 2018 “Not a Matter of Will: A Narrative and Cross-Cultural Exploration of Maternal Ambivalence” in *Lived Experiences of Women in Academia: Metaphors, Manifestos and Memoir* (with Melissa Burchard) edited by Alison L. Black and Susanne Garvis; Routledge; pp. 152-160 (Peer reviewed)

- 2017 “Nyaya Theory of Concepts” in *Handbook to Indian Epistemology and Metaphysics* (ed. Joerg Tuske); Bloomsbury Publishing; pp. 381-395 (Invited)
- 2014 “Mindfulness, *Anatman*, and the Possibility of a Feminist Self-consciousness” in *Asian and Feminist Philosophies in Dialogue: Liberating Traditions* (eds J. McWeeny & A. Butnor); Columbia University Press; pp. 101-122 (Peer Reviewed)

### **Book Reviews**

- 2022 Review of *The Bhagavad-gita: A critical Introduction* Edited by Ithamar Theodor. London: Routledge, 2020, *Philosophy East & West*. <https://link-gale-com.proxy177.nclive.org/apps/doc/A719029277/LitRC?u=ashv45734&sid=bookmark-LitRC&xid=8bd7d4cd>. (Invited)
- 2002 Review of *Dislocating Cultures: Identities, Traditions and Third-World Feminism* by Uma Narayan, Routledge, New York, 1997, *APA Newsletters on Asian/Asian American Philosophers and Philosophies*, Vol. 1:2, Spring; pp. 47-49. (Invited)
- 2000 Review of *Explanation and Understanding in the Human Sciences* by M. Gurpreet, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1992, *International Studies in Philosophy*, vol. 32:4; pp. 130-132. (Invited)
- 2000 Review of *Human Rights in India: Historical, Social and Political Perspectives* by C. J. Nirmal, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1999, *The Law and Politics Book Review*, vol. 11.10, November; pp. 623-627. (Invited)

### **Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL): Books**

- 2022 *Global Humanities Reader: Modern Worlds and Perspectives* (Volume 3), edited by Alvis Dunn, James Perkins, Katherine C. Zubko, and **Keya Maitra**. Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press and UNC Asheville Humanities Program. (Peer Reviewed)
- 2021 *Global Humanities Reader: Ancient Worlds and Perspectives* (Volume 1), edited by Brian S. Hook, Sophie Mills, Katherine C. Zubko, and **Keya Maitra**. Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press and UNC Asheville Humanities Program. (Peer Reviewed)
- 2021 *Global Humanities Reader: Premodern Worlds and Perspectives* (Volume 2), edited by Renuka Gusain, **Keya Maitra**, and Katherine C. Zubko. Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press and the UNC Asheville Humanities Program. (Peer Reviewed)

### **Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL): Entries with Introductions and Learning Support Features**

- 2022 “from *Annihilation of Caste* by Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar.” In *Global Humanities Reader*:

*Modern Worlds and Perspectives* (Volume 3), edited by Alvis Dunn, James Perkins, Katherine C. Zubko, and Keya Maitra. Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press and UNC Asheville Humanities Program; pp. 142-151

- 2022 ““Correspondences between Gandhi and Tagore” by Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore.” In *Global Humanities Reader: Modern Worlds and Perspectives* (Volume 3), edited by Alvis Dunn, James Perkins, Katherine C. Zubko, and Keya Maitra. Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press and UNC Asheville Humanities Program; pp. 359-372
- 2022 “*Sultana’s Dream* by Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain.” In *Global Humanities Reader: Modern Worlds and Perspectives* (Volume 3), edited by Alvis Dunn, James Perkins, Katherine C. Zubko, and Keya Maitra. Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press and UNC Asheville Humanities Program; pp. 560-572
- 2021 “General Editors’ Welcome” (With Katherine C. Zubko). In *Global Humanities Reader: Ancient Worlds and Perspectives* (Volume 1), edited by Brian S. Hook, Sophie Mills, Katherine C. Zubko, and Keya Maitra. Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press and UNC Asheville Humanities Program; pp. xvii-xxvii. [Also appears in Volume 2 and Volume 3]
- 2021 “Bhagavad Gita.” In *Global Humanities Reader: Ancient Worlds and Perspectives* (Volume 1), edited by Brian S. Hook, Sophie Mills, Katherine C. Zubko, and Keya Maitra. Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press and UNC Asheville Humanities Program; pp. 445-447
- 2021 “from *Administration of Akbar (A’in-i Akbari)* by Abu’l-Fazl ‘Allami.” In *Global Humanities Reader: Premodern Worlds and Perspectives* (Volume 2), edited by Renuka Gusain, Keya Maitra, and Katherine C. Zubko. Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press and the UNC Asheville Humanities Program; pp. 171-184
- 2021 “from *Divine Stories (Divyavadana)*.” In *Global Humanities Reader: Premodern Worlds and Perspectives* (Volume 2), edited by Renuka Gusain, Keya Maitra, and Katherine C. Zubko. Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press and the UNC Asheville Humanities Program; pp. 185-189
- 2021 “from *A Guide to the Bodhisattva Way of Life (Bodhicaryavatara)* by Shantideva.” In *Global Humanities Reader: Premodern Worlds and Perspectives* (Volume 2), edited by Renuka Gusain, Keya Maitra, and Katherine C. Zubko. Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press and the UNC Asheville Humanities Program; pp. 205-218
- 2021 “from *The Ocean of Story (Kathasaritsagara)* by Somadeva.” In *Global Humanities Reader: Premodern Worlds and Perspectives* (Volume 2), edited by Renuka Gusain, Keya Maitra, and Katherine C. Zubko. Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press and the UNC Asheville Humanities Program; pp. 219-239

- 2004 "Ancient India: Introduction"; "Introduction" (Rig Veda); "Introduction" (Katha Upanisad) in *The Asheville Reader: The Ancient World*, edited by Brian S. Hook, Merritt W. Moseley Jr. & Kathleen W. Peters; Copley Custom Publishing Com; pp. 237-9; 240-1; 254

### **Manuscripts & Journal Articles under Review or Revision**

- "From Mindfulness to Well-Being: A Philosophical Blueprint"  
"Emotions in the *Bhagavad Gītā*"  
"*Sultana's Dream*: Feminist Consciousness through a Bengali Muslim Lens"  
"Beyond Diversity and Pluralism: A Lesson from the *Bhagavad Gītā*"

### **Works in Progress**

- Working on a book length manuscript tentatively titled, *Foundations for Well-Being: Toward A Buddhist Virtue Epistemology*.  
Working on a paper entitled, "The Dynamics of Self-Awareness and Self-Knowledge: Implications from Content Externalism".  
Working on a project titled, "Dowry and Arranged Marriage in India: A Philosophical and Socio-Economic Investigation" (with Mohammed Mohsin).

### **SERVICE**

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#### **Institutional (UNCA)**

- Faculty Advisor in the Department of Philosophy, (2002-2025)
- Served on the Teaching Awards Committee, 2023-24
- Serving on UNCA AI Task Force – Pedagogical Subcommittee (2023-2025)
- Served on the Advisory Task Force for the UNC Asheville Provost Search Committee
- Served as the co-chair of the UNCA Committee of Tenured Faculty, 2018-19
- Served on the UNCA Committee of Tenured Faculty, 2016-18
- Served as the UNCA Fulbright Liaison to Fulbright Scholars Program under the US Department of State, 2016-2020
- Served as the Chair of the Philosophy Department, UNCA Fall 2012 –June 2018
- Served on UNCA Position Allocation Committee Fall 2013-Spring 2015
- Served on the UNCA Graduate Council, Fall 2012-Spring 2015
- Serving on the UNCA Inquiry ARC Executive Committee since 2013
- Served on the Chair of the Tenure & Promotion (to Full Professor) committee of UNCA Foreign Languages Chair, Wiebke Strehl
- Served on the promotion (to Full Professor) committee of UNCA Religious Studies Chair, Rodger Payne
- Member, Hearing Committee, UNCA, 2011-2014
- Served as the chair of the Mills Grant committee 2013-14
- Served as the Coordinator for HUM 214 (Medieval and renaissance World), Sum 11-Spring 13
- Member, UNCA Teaching Awards Committee 2011-12

- Served as a co-leader of a UNCA Study Abroad Program in India, Dec 2011
- Member, UNCA Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity in Faculty Recruitment
- Served on the screening committee for Humanities Director. F 09& S 10
- Served on the committee for Review of Tenure and Promotion System in S 09 until early F 09
- Served on the tenure committee of UNCA Religious Studies professor Rodger Payne
- Member, UNCA Provost Search Committee
- Member, University Planning Commission, UNCA, Spring 2009-Spring 2010
- Director, Religious Studies Program, UNCA, 2006-07
- Member, Grievance Committee, UNCA, 2006-08
- Member, Minority Affairs Commission, UNCA, 2004-07
- Lead a group of 5 UNCA Humanities Professors to a seminar on India during Spring 2008
- Lead a group of 5 UNCA Hum. Professors to a two-weeks Study tour of India, Summer 2008
- Member, Search Committee UNCA Art Department Assistant Professor, 2005-2006
- Coordinator & Organizer, UNCA Philosophy Department Colloquium Series, 2003 – Present
- Faculty Advisor, Student Diversity Alliance, UNCA Student organization, 2005 – Present
- Chaired Sessions at the NCUR 2006 on April 6 and 7, 2006
- Reviewer for Submissions to UNCA Undergraduate Journal, 2005 – Present
- Reviewer for Submissions to *NCUR Proceedings*, 2006
- Represented the Department of Philosophy, the Women’s Studies (now WGSS), the Religious Studies, the Legal Studies, and the Pre-law Programs at numerous UNCA Open Houses
- Helped in organizing and Participated in the Bulldog Day events at the UNCA Peace Garden (Fall 04 & Fall 05); Volunteered with ACT in Asheville (Fall 06)
- Helped with the 2005, 2006 UNCA First Year Students Move-Ins
- Participated in more than 25 Learning Circles organized by the UNCA Center for Teaching and Learning between 2005 and 2023
- Participated and presented at the Celebration for Dr. M. L. King at the invitation of Nucleus and Black Student Association (Sp 04)
- Participated and presented at the Students for Democracy and Peace rally on March 19, 04 at UNCA.
- Volunteered at the 2004 UNCA Knowledge Bowl
- Participated in the Panel Discussion on “Women in the Global World” organized by Women’s Studies student Gail Councill on April 1, 04
- Served on a Panel on “Women in Colleges: Dubai, Mumbai, Khorog, and Bishkek” organized by Dr. Peg Downes, UNCA Literature Department on August 27, 04
- Participated as a panelist at the Immigration panel titled “Living in the Crosshair: UNCA Faculty Share their Immigrant Experiences” on Feb 27, 17

### **Community Service**

- Serving as a consultant for Michael Johnson ([Clearlight Yoga](#)) on the *Bhagavad Gita* since 2021.
- Was a guest on the local Asheville FM (103.3) show titled "Time & Other Thieves: Reflections and Conversations on the Nature of Existence" by Sarah B on Nov 4, 2021, which was focused on my book, *Philosophy of the Bhagavad Gita* [www.ashevillefm.org](http://www.ashevillefm.org)
- Co-taught with Dr. Ron Manheimer an eight-week long course on “How to Think Like a Philosopher” for OLLI during Spring 2017
- Offered two sessions on Hinduism for Blue Ridge Community College’s Lifelong Learning Community

on 8/18/16 & 8/25/16

- Served as the treasurer for 03 Black team for HFC soccer league during the 2016-17 season
- Served on the Executive Board of Ten Thousand Villages, Asheville, Fall 2012-Spring 2015
- Presented on “Hindu Beliefs & Practices around the End of Life” for Asheville Hospice & Palliative Medicine Fellowship, Spirituality series at the MAHEC Educational Campus on 4/30/14
- Featured in the multi-cultural network, Ebru Television Network’s 2009 series on “Matter and Beyond”
- Advised Dr. Paul Herskovitz, Associate Professor of Business Law at College of Staten Island/CUNY on his research on Hilary Putnam
- Made a Presentation and lead Discussion on “Violence and Peace: a Hindu Perspective” at The United Religions Initiative of Henderson County Forum on April 4, 04
- Represented Hinduism and Buddhism at the Religion Diversity Panel at the AB Tech Community College on Dec 3, 04
- Read and helped with a senior thesis on ‘Hindu Fundamentalism in Contemporary India’ by Pol Edmonds, a graduating senior of Asian Studies at Warren Wilson College
- Interviewed by Asheville Citizen Times’ Columnist Jill Ingram on the relation between generalization and evaluation for her column on Sep 3, 04
- Our Bulldog Day event during Fall 04 at the Peace Garden was featured in the Asheville Citizen’s Times’ Mountains Section on August 17, 2004
- My Kellogg Center presentations were featured by the Asheville Daily Planet: “The Eastern Reflections on experience” on April 13, 05; “Is the Wheel the chariot”? on October 12, 05; and “We aren’t Brains in a Vat” on October 11, 06
- Participated in the Western North Carolina Post-Colonial Reading Group consisting of faculty from UNCA, Western Carolina University and Warren Wilson College

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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- Elected to serve on the American Philosophical Association’s Committee on Women and Gender (term July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027)
- Joined the Text Advisory Board of *Wisdom’s Edge*, an outreach organization that brings philosophy to the edges of society <https://www.wisdoms-edgefoundation.org/> since 2022
- Served on the Peer Review Committee, Fulbright U. S. Scholar Program, 2020-21
- Served as the Treasurer of Feminist Ethics and Social Theory (FEAST), 2015-20
- Served as a Referee for the Philosophy journal *Philosophy East and West*
- Served as a Referee for the Philosophy journal *Southern Journal of Philosophy*
- Served as a Referee for the Philosophy journal *Sophia*
- Served as a Referee for the Philosophy journal *Hypatia*
- Served as a Referee for the Philosophy journal *Erkenntnis*
- Served as a Reviewer for *The Arrow Journal: A Journal of Wakeful Society, Culture and Politics*
- Served as a Reviewer of a book proposal for Bloomsbury Publishers
- Served as one of two External Reviewers for Eastern Connecticut State University Philosophy Department’s Review
- Served as External Reviewer for Tenure and Promotion files in Philosophy Departments at different U.S. universities
- Served on the Program Committee of Feminist Ethics and Social Theory (FEAST) for its 2015 conference
- Served as one of two External Reviewers for SUNY Geneseo Philosophy Department’s Review

- Served as an External Examiner for Ph. D. Dissertations titled “Paradigms and Prospects in Cognitive Science: A Philosophical Inquiry,” “Individuation of Mental States: Individualism vs. non-Individualism,” “Phenomenological Psychology of Sartre & Merleau-Ponty: A Critical Study,” “Buddhism and Dalit Identity with Special Reference to Pandit Iyothee Thass and B. R. Ambedkar,” and “Education for the Embodied Human: An Enquiry into Human Nature and Education” at various Universities in India
- Served on the Advisory Board of the *International Congress on Philosophical Questions Related to Literature and the Study of Literature*, at the University of Vaasa, Finland, 27-28 May 2010
- Elected Member of the APA Committee on Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies (2002-2005)
- Served as an External Reviewer for a PSC-CUNY Research Project in Philosophy of Mind
- Reviewed book proposals for Palgrave Publishing Company

## COURSES DESIGNED & TAUGHT

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to Philosophy: East &amp; West</li><li>• Introduction to Logic</li><li>• Critical Thinking</li><li>• Logic, Creativity and Culture</li><li>• Buddhist Philosophy</li><li>• Asian Philosophies</li><li>• Indian Philosophy</li><li>• Philosophy of Science</li><li>• Philosophy of Mind</li><li>• Philosophy of Psychology</li><li>• Introduction to Ethics</li><li>• Introduction to Women, Gender &amp; Sexuality Studies</li><li>• Philosophy of Third World Feminism</li><li>• Feminist Theory</li><li>• History of Modern Philosophy</li><li>• The Philosophy of <i>Bhagavad-Gita</i></li><li>• Human Religious Experience</li><li>• Major Philosopher: Mahatma Gandhi</li><li>• Gandhi &amp; King: Peace and Non-</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Violence</li><li>• Philosophy of Religion</li><li>• Philosophy, Religion and Psychology</li><li>• The Philosophy of Mind of Daniel C. Dennett</li><li>• Philosophies of Perception</li><li>• Philosophy of Psychology</li><li>• Consciousness &amp; Self-Consciousness: A Comparative Perspective</li><li>• Philosophy of Consciousness</li><li>• Realists and Their Opponents: Issues in Comparative Metaphysics</li><li>• Project Seminar for Master of Liberal Arts</li><li>• Senior Capstone Colloquium: Cultivating Citizenship in the Contemporary World</li><li>• Sustainable Cultures (for the Environmental and Cultural Sustainability Masters Certificate)</li><li>• Introductory Sanskrit</li></ul> |
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## KEYNOTES, DISTINGUISHED PRESENTATIONS AND ADDRESSES

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- 2024 “*Sultana’s Dream*: Philosophical Accounts of Decolonial Feminist Consciousness and Social Identity” Rama Watamull Collaborative Lecture Series Workshop, Department of Philosophy, University of Hawai’i, Manoa, October 8
- 2024 “Emotions in the *Bhagavad Gītā*” Rama Watamull Collaborative Lecture Series Colloquium, Department of Philosophy, University of Hawai’i, Manoa, October 11
- 2024 “*Bhagavad Gita*: Translation and Interpretation” at a Plenary session of the 1<sup>st</sup> South Asian

- Exchanges International Conference on Indian Arts and Literature, March 9. (Virtually)
- 2023 Delivered the Commencement Speech at UNCA's December Graduation, December 15
- 2023 "From Mindfulness to Well-Being: A Philosophical Blueprint" Featured Speaker at the 2023 Austin J. Fagothey, SJ Philosophy Conference: Philosophy as a Way of Life, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA, March 4
- 2023 "Sultana's Dream: Decolonial feminist Consciousness through a Bengali Muslim Lens" *International Conference on Reflections on Hundred Years of Philosophy in India*, Department of Philosophy University of Delhi, Feb 28 (Virtually)
- 2021 "Philosophy as lived practice: Mindfulness industry, wellness and philosophy" Keynote at the Tennessee Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Nov 19 (Virtually)
- 2020 "Consciousness and Attention in the *Bhagavad Gita*" as the 2020 Annual Robinson A. Grover Lecture at the University of Connecticut on March 6
- 2019 "Testimonial Injustice and a Case for Mindful Epistemology" as the Annual John C. Maraldo Lecture in Comparative Philosophy and Religion, sponsored by the UNF Asia Council and the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Jacksonville, FL. April 24
- 2017 "Sultana's Dream: Feminist Consciousness through a Bengali Muslim Lens" at 3rd Annual MAP-Penn Non-western Philosophy Conference on Global Feminisms at University of Pennsylvania, March 24
- 2017 "Why Epistemology Needs to be Mindful" Keynote at the North Carolina Philosophical Society Annual Meeting, Wilmington, NC, Feb 24
- 2016 "Feminism and the Debate over Mental Content" Keynote at the Florida Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Melbourne, FL, Nov 5

## LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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### Invited

- 2023 "Feminist Theory of Mental Content" at the Oslo, Mind, Language and Epistemology Network Special Seminar: Feminist Philosophy of Mind, University of Oslo, Nov 10. (Virtually)
- 2022 "Toward a Feminist Theory of Mental Content" International Reading Group on *Feminist Philosophy of Mind*, Dec 7. (Virtually)
- 2022 "Buddhism and Gender" Cosmopolitan Philosophy Group at UC Berkeley, Nov 1. (Virtually)
- 2022 "What is Feminist Philosophy of Mind" (with Jennifer McWeeny) International Reading Group on *Feminist Philosophy of Mind*, Oct 19. (Virtually)
- 2022 "Philosophy as lived practice: Mindfulness industry, wellness and philosophy" School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies, Goa University, India, Jan 28. (Virtually)
- 2021 "Philosophy as lived practice: Mindfulness industry, wellness and philosophy" UNCA Philosophy Department series, *Philosophy for hard times*, April 2. (Virtually)
- 2020 Presented a workshop titled "The *Bhagavad Gita* in the Classroom" at the APA Eastern Division Meetings in Philadelphia on Jan 10, 2020. (Invited by the American Association of Philosophy Teachers (AAPT) and Society for Teaching Comparative Philosophy (STCP))
- 2018 "Nature of the disposition to care: Discursive *and* pre-discursive dimensions: Comments on Vrinda Dalmiya's *Caring to Know*" at APA Pacific, March 29
- 2017 "Privileged access as a "social thesis affirming a sort of property rights"?" at Appalachian State

- University, Nov 9
- 2017 "Feminism and the Debate over Mental Content" at the Invited Symposium on Feminism and Philosophy of Mind at APA Pacific, Seattle, April 13
- 2016 "Why Epistemology Needs to be Mindful?" UNC Asheville Department of Philosophy Colloquia Series, March 24
- 2016 "Equanimity, Compassion, and Mindfulness: A Conversation between Buddhism and the *Bhagavad Gita* (with Emily McRae) APA Panel organized by Asian & Asian-Americans Philosophies & Philosophers, Eastern APA, Washington DC, Jan 7
- 2015 "What Epistemology Stands to Gain by Being Mindful" Philosophy Department, Delhi University, New Delhi, India, November 27
- 2015 "Miranda Fricker on Testimonial Injustice: A Room for Mindful Epistemology?" Philosophy Discussion Group of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), New Delhi, India, October 1
- 2015 "Epistemology of Mindfulness: Some Preliminary Reflections" at the Centre for Philosophy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, September 2
- 2013 "*Sultana's Dream*: Feminist Consciousness Through a Bengali Muslim Lens" Humanities Council at Appalachian State University, Boone NC, November 18
- 2013 "Consciousness & Attention in the *Bhagavad-Gita*" Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, India, July 30
- 2013 "Consciousness in the *Bhagavad-Gita*" Wofford College, SC, February 19
- 2011 "Solving Moore's Paradox Through a Defense of Evans's Principle" at the international & interdisciplinary conference on *Rationality, Spirituality and Morality: East and West* at Davis & Elkins College in WV, April 9
- 2010 "The Questions of Identity & Agency in Feminisms without Borders" at the UNCA Philosophy Department colloquium, November 9
- 2010 "The Questions of Identity & Agency in Feminisms without Borders" at the international conference on *Crossing Boundaries: Transforming Identities, Cultures and Human Relations in a Global Village* at Davis and Elkins College, WV, November 12
- 2009 "Beyond Diversity and Pluralism: A Lesson from the *Bhagavad-Gita*" at the *International Conference on Spirituality, Art and Social Justice: East and West*, at Davis and Elkins College, WV, November 13
- 2009 "'It is raining but I don't Believe it': Solving Moore's Paradox", at the UNCA Philosophy Department Colloquia Series, April 9
- 2008 "Mindfulness, *Anatman*, and the Possibility of a Feminist Self-consciousness" APA Eastern Division, Philadelphia, December 29
- 2008 "Two Accounts of the Self-intimation Thesis: Comparing Dinnaga and Shoemaker" Department of Philosophy & Religion, Appalachian State University, January 24
- 2007 "How Millikan's Substance Concept Can Strengthen the Nyaya Understanding of Perception?" Seventeenth International Vedanta Conference, Oxford, Ohio, September 22
- 2007 "Two Accounts of the Self-intimation Thesis: Comparing Dinnaga and Shoemaker" Philosophy Department, Oklahoma State University, January 22; also at the Philosophy Department, Marquette University, January 29
- 2006 "How Millikan's Substance Concepts Can Strengthen the Nyaya Understanding of Perception" American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, Washington DC, December 28
- 2006 "International Justice from a Third-World Feminist Perspective" Furman University Philosophy Department, Greenville, South Carolina, January 12
- 2005 "Meanings of 'Multiculturalism': Can Philosophy be Taught from a Truly Multiculturalist

- Perspective?" Ninth East-West Philosophers' Conference, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Hawaii May 31; also at Furman University, South Carolina, May 12; also at UNCA Faculty Forum, March 22
- 2004 "Self-Intimating Accounts of Self-Knowledge: An East-West Comparison" at the 14<sup>th</sup> *International Congress of Vedanta*, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, April 8; also at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India, June 8; also at the UNCA Philosophy Department Colloquium Series, Asheville NC, October 28
- 2002 A guest Lecture on the topic of "Sati and Third-World Feminism" at Dr. Betsy Postow's class on "Philosophy of Feminism" at the University of Tennessee, April 25
- 2002 "Comparing Kant and the *Bhagavad-Gita*: A Lesson in Comparative Philosophy" Philosophy Department, University of North Carolina at Asheville, February 4
- 2001 "The Concept of Indian Women: A Naturalist Alternative," *Feminism and Feminist Studies in the Twenty-first Century: II* (A Workshop sponsored by the Women's Studies Program, College of Staten Island/CUNY), May 12
- 2000 "The Mind *and* the Body: Are they the Same or Different, or Does it Matter?" CSI/IBR Center for Developmental Neuroscience's Colloquium on Current Topics in Developmental Disabilities, Sep 25.
- 2000 "Beyond Diversity and Pluralism: A Message from the *Bhagavad-Gita*", *CSI Philosophy Forum Meeting*, April 14. A version of this talk was also given at the *CSI World on Wednesday Lecture Series* on International Topics, April 12
- 1999 "Duty: A Comparative Study of *Bhagavad-Gita* and Kant," College of Staten Island Philosophy Department, January 8

#### LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Cont.)

##### Peer-Reviewed

- 2023 "Expanding the Philosophy of Science Curriculum: Including Robin Wall Kimmerer and the First Person Perspective and its Cultivation" Teaching Hub: Innovative Pedagogy *The American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Annual Meeting*, April 8
- 2019 "Testimonial Injustice and a Case for Mindful Epistemology" as a part of the 2019 SJP Workshop on the Epistemology of Justice, Memphis, TN. March 22
- 2018 "*Bhagavad Gita* and Consequentialism: Implications for Global Governance" at *The Ethics of Business, Trade and Global Governance: An Interdisciplinary Conference*, St Anselm College Center for Ethics, Business and Governance, Dec 1
- 2018 "*Sultana's Dream*: Decolonial Feminist Consciousness through a Bengali Muslim Lens" at *Toward Decolonial Feminisms: A Conference Inspired by the Work of Maria Lugones*, Penn State, May 12
- 2016 "*Sultana's Dream*: Feminist Consciousness through a Bengali Muslim Lens" at International Association for Women Philosophers Symposium, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, July 10.
- 2016 "Emotions in the *Bhagavad Gita*" at the Australasian Association of Philosophy conference on New Perspectives on Mind, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, July 5
- 2016 "Philosophy Curricular Revision at UNC Asheville" on the panel titled "Rethinking Philosophy Major" organized by APA Committee on the Teaching of Philosophy, Eastern APA, Washington DC, Jan 6
- 2014 "*Sultana's Dream*: Feminist Consciousness through a Bengali Muslim Lens" at the New England Association for Asian Studies conference, Univ. of Conn, Storrs, CT, Oct 4
- 2014 "Consciousness & Attention in the *Bhagavad-Gita*" at the 20<sup>th</sup> Towards a Science of Consciousness Conference at Tucson, Arizona, April 23

- 2014 "Emotion in the *Bhagavad-Gita*" Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA March 29
- 2013 "Consciousness & Attention in the *Bhagavad-Gita*" Harvard Workshop on Mind & Attention, Harvard University, Boston, September 20-21
- 2012 "Self-Intimation and Self-Deception: Comparing the Reflexive Accounts of Shoemaker and Dinnaga" at the South Carolina Society for Philosophy & North Carolina Philosophical Society Joint Annual Meeting at Elon University, Feb 25
- 2011 "The Questions of Identity & Agency in Feminisms without Borders" at the 2011 FEAST Annual conference organized by the Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy on September 23
- 2010 "From Dualism to Mindfulness: Biofeedback and Consciousness: An Experiential Workshop" (With Connie Schrader); one of the Pre-conference workshops at the Towards the Science of Consciousness 2010 conference; University of Arizona, April 12
- 2010 "Mindfulness, *Anatman*, and the Possibility of a Feminist Self-consciousness" Towards the Science of Consciousness 2010 Conference, University of Arizona, April 14
- 2008 "Consciousness and Self-Consciousness in Eastern and Western Philosophy" (with Paula Droege) one of the Pre-conference workshops at the Towards the Science of Consciousness 2008 conference; University of Arizona, April 7
- 2007 "The Role of Non-Conceptual Content in a Perception of God" American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Annual Meetings, Baltimore, December 29
- 2006 "Does Self-ascription Always Precede Other-ascription? Comparing Abhinavagupta and Sellars" International Interdisciplinary conference on "Consciousness, Self-Consciousness and Cultural Identity" Calcutta, India, July 28
- 2005 "Does Self-ascription Always Precede Other-ascription? Comparing Abhinavagupta and Sellars" American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Annual Meetings, New York, Dec 28
- 2004 "Self-Intimating Accounts of Self-Knowledge: An East-West Comparison" as a Poster at the *Towards a Science of Consciousness Conference 2004*, University of Arizona, Tucson, April 10
- 2004 "Comparing the *Bhagavad-Gita* and Kant: A Lesson in Comparative Philosophy" at the Annual Meeting of the *Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World*, Cullowhee, NC, July 20
- 2002 "Self-Knowledge: Privileged in Access or Privileged in Authority?" The Annual MidSouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, Tennessee. Feb 23; also at the 94th Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Nashville, Tennessee. March 29 and at the New Jersey Regional Philosophical Association Spring 2001 Meeting, Montclair State University, New Jersey, April 12
- 2001 "Dowry and Arranged Marriage in India: A Philosophical and Institutional Investigation," *New England Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Williams College, Mass. (with Mark D. White), October 14
- 2001 "An Understanding of the Concept of 'Indian Culture': A Naturalist Alternative," 11th Annual Conference of *Philosophy, Interpretation and Culture*, Binghamton Univ., New York. April 27
- 2000 "An Understanding of the Concept of 'Indian Culture': A Naturalist Alternative," SACP 4<sup>th</sup> International Research Conference in Asian and Comparative Philosophy, Columbia, Missouri, September 30
- 2000 "Internalism, Self-Knowledge and Minimal Content," Presented as a Poster at the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Barnard College and Columbia University, New York, June 16
- 1998 "Leibniz's Doctrine of Error", APA, Eastern Division, Washington DC, 12/28
- 1998 "Duty: A Comparative Study of *Bhagavad-Gita* and Kant", 3<sup>rd</sup> International Research Conference in Asian and Comparative Philosophy, Honolulu, Hawaii, January 5

## PUBLIC TALKS

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- 2024 “On the *Bhagavad Gītā*” at the Ayurvedic Institute of Asheville, NC, May 20
- 2024 “Yoga in the *Bhagavad Gītā*” at the Asheville Yoga Center, NC, June 12
- 2023 “On the *Bhagavad Gītā*” at the Ayurvedic Institute of Asheville, NC, February 6
- 2023 “Yoga in the *Bhagavad Gītā*” at the Asheville Yoga Center, NC, April 22
- 2022 “Book Talk for *Feminist Philosophy of Mind*” (With Jennifer McWeeny) Gordon Library at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, November 4. (Virtually)
- 2019 “Modi’s India through the lens of *panch bhuta* (five elements)” to the World Affairs Council of Western North Carolina, December 3
- 2019 “Ethical Implication of the *Bhagavad-Gita* for our time” a talk as a part of the Philosophy Café series organized by *Sharing Philosophy*, at the Chapel Hill Public Library, August 24
- 2015 “India Changes Course” at 4 locations in Western North Carolina as part of the *Great Decisions Series* of World Affairs Council of Western North Carolina, March 3-5
- 2007 “*It is not born, it does not die; having been, it will never not be;*” —Hindu Views on Death and Reincarnation” Kellogg Center for Applied Philosophy, Hendersonville, North Carolina, Oct 2
- 2006 “‘We Aren’t Brains in a Vat’: Putnam on Scepticism” Kellogg Center for Applied Philosophy, Hendersonville, North Carolina, October 3
- 2005 “‘Is the Wheel the Chariot?’—Reflections on the Buddhist Views on Mind” Kellogg Center for Applied Philosophy, Hendersonville, North Carolina October 4
- 2005 “Hindu and Muslim Inter-marriage in India” as part of the “Of Many Colors: Portraits of Multiracial Families” Series for the UNCA Center for Diversity Education, September 22
- 2005 “Hindu Pilgrimage to Varanasi” as part of the Brown Bag Lunch Series on “In the Footsteps of Pilgrims: Historic Travels of Faith” for UNCA Center for Diversity Education, March 29
- 2005 “Eastern Reflections on Experience” Kellogg Center for Applied Philosophy, Hendersonville, North Carolina, February 1
- 2004 “Violence and Peace: A Hindu Perspective” at the United Religions Initiative of Henderson County Forum, April 4
- 2004 “Pacifism and Eastern Philosophical Traditions” Kellogg Center for Applied Philosophy, Hendersonville, North Carolina, March 3
- 2002 “What is Happiness and How do We Achieve it?” Kellogg Center for Applied Philosophy, Hendersonville, North Carolina. (With Sarah Worth from Furman University), October 2
- 2000 “Beyond Diversity and Pluralism: A Message from the *Bhagavad-Gita*”, *CSI World on Wednesday* Lecture Series on International Topics, April 12

## COMMENTS, PANELS, CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATIONS

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- 2024 Commented on Patrick Pan’s “Testimonial Injustice and Credibility Excess” at a session organized by the Pacific APA Diversity Institute Alumni Committee at *The American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Annual Meeting*, March 22
- 2023 Chaired the invited session on *Feminist Philosophy of Mind* arranged by the APA Committee on the status of Women for *The American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Annual Meeting*, April 7

- 2023 Attended and participated in the hybrid workshop on “Humans and smart machines as partners in thought?” held at UC Riverside on 5/10 & 5/11 (virtually)
- 2017 Served as the Commentator for 4 papers presented at the session titled, “Bodies, Embodiment, and Bodilessness: Reading Gender through Classical Indian Sources” arranged by the APA Committee on the Status of Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies at the APA Pacific Division Meetings, Seattle, April 12
- 2014 Participated in the weeklong Summer Session on Contemplative Pedagogy, Smith College, MA 8/4-8/8
- 2013 participates on a panel during the Democratic Experimentalism Workshop at UNCA on 4/26
- 2009 Prepared Comments on Melanie Johnson-Moxley’s “‘Our Jane’ and *Gita-yoga*: Non-Gender Exclusiveness of the *Bhagavad-Gita*,” APA Central Division, Chicago, 2/21. (Due to the budget situation, I could not attend the conference in person, but another participant read my comments.)
- 2010 Participated in a panel presentation on “Should *We* Fear *Them*? Islamophobia in the Contemporary World” at UNCA, 10/6
- 2007 Led a workshop on Hinduism at the “Missions and Ministries Conference” in Asheville, NC, organized by the North Carolina Episcopal Church, 8/25
- 2005 Organized a panel and chaired the session on “Self-Awareness and Self-Consciousness in a Comparative Light” at the Central Division Meetings of the APA, 4/28
- 2004 Represented Hinduism and Buddhism at the Religion Diversity Panel at the AB Tech Community College, 12/3
- 2002 Commented on “Is Introspection Inferential?” by Murat Aydede at the 94th Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Nashville, Tennessee, 3/29  
Commented on “Conflicting Attitudes Towards Goals” by Peter Baumann at the Annual MidSouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, Tennessee, 2/23
- 2001 Commented on “What Good is Self-Knowledge?” by Minh Nguyen, Rutgers at the New Jersey Regional Philosophy Association Fall 2001 Meeting at Felician College, New Jersey, 11/17  
Served as a panelist on the “World Views on the News: International Perspective on the Current Crisis” at the College of Staten Island (CUNY), 11/8
- 2000 Chaired a session on “Consciousness” at the New Jersey Regional Philosophy Association Fall 2000 Meeting at Felician College, New Jersey, 11/18  
Served as a panelist on the Panel on “Beyond Postmodernism” at the “Millennium Conference on Whence? What? Whither?” College of Staten Island/CUNY, 2/15