

CURRICULUM VITÆ

NAME: Michael William Meister

BORN: 20 August 1942, West Palm Beach, Florida, USA

EDUCATION:

- * Harvard University, Ph.D., Fine Arts, 1974
- * Harvard University, M.A., Fine Arts, 1971
- * Harvard College, B.A. (honors), History and Literature, 1964

HONORARY DEGREE:

University of Pennsylvania, M.A., 1979

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Teaching

- 2008 Gastprofessor, Institut für Kunstgeschichte, Universität Wien, April-June.
2002- W. Norman Brown Professorship in South Asia Studies, University of Pennsylvania.
2000-2002 Edmund J. and Louise W. Kahn Term Chair, University of Pennsylvania.
1988- Professor, Department of the History of Art, University of Pennsylvania. South Asian Curator, Asian Section, University Museum; Curator, South Asian Art Archive, van Pelt library. Member, Ph.D. Architecture Graduate Group, Graduate School of Fine Arts, and South Asia Regional Studies, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Religious Studies, and History of Art Graduate Groups, School of Arts and Sciences.
1979-88 Associate Professor, Departments of the History of Art and South Asia Regional Studies, University of Pennsylvania.
1976-79 Assistant Professor, Departments of the History of Art and South Asia Regional Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
1974-76 Assistant Professor, Department of Art, Center for Asian Studies, and Graduate Faculty, University of Texas, Austin.
1969-70 Dunster House India Seminar, Harvard.
1968 Experiment in International Living, Group Leader, India.
1964-66 Fulbright Tutor (English), Maharaja's College, Jaipur (1964- 65); Fergusson College, Pune (1965-66).

Lecture Series, Panels, Symposia

- 2009.1
"An Art of Pure Energy: The Works of Akbar Padamsee — A Conversation with the Artist, Gieve Patel, and Michael Meister," Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi.
2008.1
"Figuration and Corporeality in South Asia," Panel Organiser and Chair. College Art Association Annual Conference. Dallas.
2008.2
"Multiple Modernities: South Asian Art in the 20th Century," Institut für Kunstgeschichte, Universität Wien, Vienna.
2008.3
"Palaces, Kings, and Sages: New Evidence for Early Indian Architecture." "Kanganhalli: A Newly Discovered Stupa" Symposium. Frei Universität, Berlin.
2008.4
"Social, Symbolic, and Formal Origins of the Indian Temple" lecture series, Institut für Kunstgeschichte, Universität Wien [Vienna].
2007.1
"Archaeology in Real Time: The Getty Project." European Association of South Asian Archaeologists, 19th International Conference on South Asian Archaeology, Ravenna.
2007.2
"Kings, Palaces, and Sages: New Evidence for Early Indian Architecture," ACSAA Symposium XIII, Asian Art Museum, San Francisco.
2007.3
"Traveling from One Temple to the World," Oriental Club of Philadelphia Symposium.
2007.4
"A Web of Imagery: A Temple's Mountainous Surround," Mildred and McLeod Riggins Lectureship.
"Fashioning the Divine" symposium, Ackland Art Museum, University of North Carolina.

2007.5
 “Workshop on India’s Angkor, Masrur,” Western Himalayan Archive Vienna (WHAV), University of Vienna, Austria.

2006.1
 “Approaching the Buddha & Kanganhalli Narratives,” Swiss-India Society, Museum of Cultures, Basel, Switzerland.

2006.2
 “Iconoplasty and Iconopraxis in South Asia,” College Art Association, Annual Conference, Boston.

2006.3
 “Mountain Temples and Temple-Mountains,” School of Architecture, Bari Polytechnic, Bari, Italy.

2006.4
 “Stone Temple Construction,” School of Architecture, Bari Polytechnic, Bari, Italy.

2006.5
 “Masrur: Secrets of an Ancient Indian Temple,” Philomathean Society, Philadelphia.

2005.1
 “Building a Temple,” Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, Chicago.

2005.2
 “Early Architecture and Its Transformations,” European Association of South Asian Archaeologists, 18th International Conference on South Asian Archaeology, London.

2005.3
 “Mountain Temples and Temple-Mountains: Masrur,” Art History Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania.

2005.4
 “New Research on the Architecture of South Asia,” Department of Architecture, University of Hawaii, Manoa.

2005.5
 “Responses to Shangrila: Doris Duke’s Islamic Art in Hawaii,” Honolulu Academy of the Arts.

2005.6
 “Studying Architecture in South Asia,” History, Theory, and Criticism, Department of Architecture, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

2004.1
 “Fig Gardens of Amb-Sharif, Folklore and Archaeology,” in the “International Seminar on the Salt Range Culture Zone, Pakistan,” University of Pennsylvania and University of Wisconsin, Madison.

2004.2
 “New Research on the Architecture of South Asia,” Penn in India Program, Pune.

2003.1
 “Architecture in Early Islamic Pakistan,” Humboldt University, Berlin.

2003.2
 “The Art of India: The Jaipaul Family Indian Art Collection,” Allentown Art Museum, Allentown PA.

2003.3
 “Reinterpreting Architecture: Early Pakistan,” University of Vienna.

2003.4
 “Saints and Mausoleums: Homage to Grabar,” Art History Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania.

2003.5
 “Water in a Desert Landscape,” European Association of South Asian Archaeologists, 17th International Conference on South Asian Archaeology, Bonn.

2002.1
 “Cities of God: Temples in South Asia,” South Asia Council, Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

2002.2
 “Crossing Lines: Architecture in Early Islamic South Asia,” University of Rome.

2002.3
 “Open Boundaries: Early Islamic Art in Pakistan,” Museo Nazionale di l’Arte Orientale, Roma.

2002.4
 Chair, “Open Session: South Asia or Transnational Studies,” College Art Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia.

2002.5
 Respondent, “A Temple and a Text: Two Monuments in the Intellectual Life of Dennis Hudson,” The Barbara Stoller Miller Memorial Seminar, Barnard College and Columbia University.

2001.1
 “Archaeology at Kafirkot,” European Association of South Asian Archaeologists, 16th International Conference on South Asian Archaeology, Paris.

2001.2

“Crossing Lines: Architecture in Early Islamic South Asia,” symposium on “Exploring the Frontiers of Islamic Art and Architecture” organized by the Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture at MIT, Cambridge, MA.

2001.3

“Monuments and Architecture: Continuities of Experience,” International Colloquium on Indus Civilization: Dialogue Among Civilizations, Islamabad.

2001.4

Panelist, “On Knowledge and its Objects in South Asia,” conference held at The Asia Society and Columbia University.

2001.5

“Recent Archaeological Discoveries at Kafirkot,” Asia Study Group, Islamabad.

2001.6

“Vernacular Architecture and the Rhetoric of Re-Making,” International Seminar on “Traditional and Vernacular Architecture,” DakshinaChitra, Chennai.

1999.1

“Giving Up and Taking On: The Body in Ritual,” Sarira Conference, University of California, Santa Cruz.

1999.2

“Naked Icons: Images and Ornament,” Power of Sight Faculty Seminar, University of Pennsylvania.

1999.3

“Naked Icons: Ornament in Ritual,” Amy M. Sackler Memorial Lectureship, Mt. Holyoke College.

1999.4

“India’s Temples and the Practice of Architecture,” Peabody-Essex Museum, Salem, Massachusetts.

1999.5

“Self-Preservation and the Life of Temples,” Continuities of Community Patronage Workshop, University of Pennsylvania.

1999.6

“Temple Conservation and Transformation,” 15th International Conference of the European Association of South Asian Archaeologists, Leiden.

1998.1

“Light on the Lotus: Temple Decoration or Essential Form?,” International Symposium on “Sunghar and Sringer,” Bombay, India. (Reprinted in Desert Temples above.)

1998.2

“Lost Temples of the Indus and Living Pilgrimage Temples in Rajasthan,” Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts, New Delhi.

1998.3

“New Archaeological Discoveries Along the Indus: Temples, Their Chronology, and Questions About Their Cults,” Derarshri Memorial Lecture, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur.

1998.4

“New Discoveries of Temples On the Indus,” American Institute of Indian Studies Center for Art and Archaeology, Varanasi.

1998.5

“Rajasthan Studies: The Getty Project,” Madison South Asia Conference, Madison WI.

1998.6

“Self-Preservation and the Life of Temples,” American Council for Southern Asian Art Symposium, Charleston.

1998.7

“Unknown Temples of Pakistan,” Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur, Rajasthan.

1997.1

“Chronology of Temples Along the Indus,” Asia Studies Group Symposium on Indus Civilization: The Known and Unknown, American Center, Islamabad, Pakistan.

1997.2

“Chronology of Temples in the Salt Range, Pakistan,” 14th International Conference of the European Association of South Asian Archaeologists, Rome, Italy.

1997.3

“Making Mandalas in India as Physical Constructs,” Mandala: Spaces and Symbols of Enlightenment symposium, The Asia Society, New York City.

1997.4

“The Rise of the Temple Complex,” SARS South Asia Seminar on Power and Culture.

1997.5
 “Temple Architecture and Divine Vision,” in the “Art of Angkor and Ancient Cambodia” series, Smithsonian Associates, Washington, D.C.

1997.6
 “Temples of the Indus,” Department of History, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan, Pakistan.

1996.1
 “Cosmos in a Teacup: The Unity and Gravity of an Elemental Architecture,” South Asia Conference, University of California, Berkeley.

1996.2
 “Origins of Mosques in South Asia,” American Center, Lahore, Pakistan, co-sponsored by the Department of Archaeology, Panjab State.

1996.3
 “Temples Along the Indus,” American Committee for South Asian Art Symposium, Minneapolis.

1996.4
 “The Unity and Gravity of an Elemental Architecture,” panel on “Embedded Ecologies,” Wisconsin South Asia Conference, Madison.

1994.1
 “Sweetmeats and Corpses: Ethno- or Art-History?” American Committee for South Asian Art, New York, NY.

1994.2
 “Temples in the Salt Range.” Third International Rajasthan Studies Conference, Jaipur, India.

1993.1
 “Hindutva or Al-Hind?: What Was ‘Middle India’ Really Like?” Workshop on “Middle Space, Middle Time: Central India, 700-1200 C.E.” Columbia University, New York.

1993.2
 “Sweetmeats or Corpses: Community, Conversion, and Sacred Places.” Workshop on “Jains in Indian History and Culture,” Amherst College, Amherst, MA.

1993.3
 “Why So Many Deities When One Cosmos is Enough?” The Asia Society, New York and Washington.

1992.1
 “Cosmos in a Tea-cup,” symposium on “Creating Environments: Nature, Space and Form,” School of Architecture, University of California, San Diego.

1992.2
 “The Unity and Gravity of an Elemental Architecture,” seminar on the “Pañcamahâbhûtas (Five Elements),” Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi.

1992.3
 Chaired panel on “Regional Identity in Architecture and Music,” workshop on “Sacred Regions and Dreaded Realms: Defining the ‘South’ in the Indian Traditions,” Conference on Religion in South India, San Francisco.

1991.1
 “Seeing and Knowing: Semiology, Semiotics and the Art of India,” colloquium on “Discourses on Art,” Instituto de Investigaciones Estéticas, National University of Mexico.

1991.2
 “Style Lines, Pilgrims and Patronage in Early Rajasthan,” Second International Conference on Rajasthan, Rajasthan Studies Group and the University of Rajasthan, Udaipur.

1991.3
 “Symbolology and Architectural Practice, India,” conference on “Architecture and Traditional Systems of Belief,” Center for Architectural History and Theory, University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

1991.4
 “The Time of Form: Deconstructing and Reconstructing the Indian Temple,” M. Victor Leventritt Lecture, Harvard University Museums, Harvard University.

1991.5
 Chaired panel on “Indian Temple Art,” American Committee for South Asian Art Symposium, Sackler Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

1991.6
 Respondent, symposium on “Environments for Housing,” School of Architecture, University of California, San Diego.

1990.1
 “Art History and South Asia Studies,” seminar on “Whither Regional Studies?,” South Asia Regional Studies Department, University of Pennsylvania.

1990.2
 “Monumental Buddhist Architecture,” Sackler Gallery, Smithsonian Institution.

1990.3

“De- and Re-constructing the Indian Temple: Ritual and Real Time,” international seminar on “Kāla (Time),” Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi.

1990.4

Discussant: “Hindu Temple Imagery: Beyond Iconography” panel, Association of Asian Studies annual meeting, Chicago.

1989.1

“Art History and Ethnohistory: Competing Constants,” 18th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

1989.2

“Indian Islam’s Lotus Throne,” international conference on “Regional Varieties of Islam in Premodern India.” South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg.

1989.3

Invited participant in the concluding panel, “Indian and Comparative Examples,” international conference on “Perceptions of India’s Past from Ancient to Modern Times,” American Institute of Indian Studies, Center for Art and Archaeology, Varanasi, India.

1988.1

“Is Style Central? The Case of Rajasthan,” American Committee for South Asian Art Symposium. Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond.

1988.2

“Seeing Things in South Asia,” panel on the “Humanities in South Asia,” Social Science Research Council, New York.

1988.3

“Siva and Visnu as Masters of Yoga,” symposium on “Ascetics and Asceticism in India: A Comparative Study,” Department of Religion, University of Florida, Gainesville.

1987.1

“Temples, Tīrthas, and Pilgrimage: The Case of Osiāñ,” international seminar on “Conservation of the Environment and Culture in Rajasthan,” University of Rajasthan, India. Sponsored by the Ford Foundation, Rajasthan Studies Group, and Rajasthan Studies Association, Jaipur.

1987.2

Discussant, “The Making of Public Culture in India,” panel organized by Carol Breckenridge, 16th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

1986.1

“The Hindu Temple: Axis and Access,” international seminar on “Inner and Outer Space,” inauguration, Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, New Delhi, India.

1986.2

“Reading Monuments and Seeing Texts,” international symposium on “The Sastric Tradition,” University of Heidelberg, Germany; chaired concluding session.

1986.3

“India: Levels of Meaning, Layers of Time,” Getty-sponsored symposium on “Astronomy, Astrology, and the Arts,” College Art Association Annual Meeting, New York; organized and co-chaired with Linda Seidel.

1985.1

“Asceticism and Monasticism as Reflected in Indian Architecture,” research conference on “Monastic Life in the Christian and Hindu Traditions, a Comparative Study,” Department of Religion, University of Florida, Gainesville.

1985.2

“Regions and Indian Architecture,” panel on “Regionalism: Confines of Style in South Asian Art,” College Art Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles.

1985.3

“Formal and Systemic Origins of Nâgara Architecture,” American Committee for South Asian Art Symposium, Nelson Gallery, Kansas City.

1984.1

“Measurement and Proportion in Indian Temple Architecture,” panel on “Proportions in Architecture,” College Art Association Annual Meeting, February. Toronto.

1984.2

Co-chaired panel on “New Field Methodologies” with Louise Cort, College Art Association Annual Meeting, Toronto.

1984.3

Five-lecture series on “The Morphology and Geometry of a Symbolic Architecture: The Hindu Temple,” Department of Architecture elective week, University of Pennsylvania.

1983.1
Seminar on "Urban Studies in India," Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

1983.2
Organized panel on "Methodologies of Indian Art History," Mid-Atlantic Region of the Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.

1983.3
Five-lecture series on "Geometry and Measure in Hindu Temple Architecture," Department of Architecture elective week, University of Pennsylvania.

1983.4
"The Udayapur Temple's Plan," American Committee for South Asian Art Symposium, Denver.

1983.5
"Art-Regions and Rajasthani Regionalism," in panel on "Rajasthani Regionalism," Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, San Francisco.

1982.1
Chaired panel, Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.

1982.2
"Making a Temple's Plan," Association of Indian Art Historians national seminar, Ahmedabad, India.

1981.1
"Style and Idiom in the Art of Upamâla," Indian Art panel, South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

1981.2
"Science as Technology's Constraint," Seminar on "Science and Technology in South Asia," University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

1981.3
"The Hindu Temple," Manifestations of Shiva exhibition lecture series, Philadelphia Museum of Art.

1981.4
"Siva's Forts in Central India," international symposium on "Discourses on Siva," Philadelphia; symposium convenor.

1981.5
"Constructing Hindu Temple Plans," American Committee for South Asian Art Symposium, Minneapolis.

1979.1
"Altars and Shelters in India: The Hindu Temple, North and South," Cooper Foundation Symposium on the Hindu Temple, Swarthmore College.

1979.2
"Dating Kusumâ," panel on "Problems in the Use of Dated Inscriptions," Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Los Angeles; panel organizer.

1979.3
Chaired panel on "Pâla art," Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Los Angeles.

1978.1
"New Developments in the Study of Indian Art," College Art Association Annual Meeting, New York.

1978.2
"Indian Architecture," Haverford College, Gest Lecture Series.

1978.3
"The Hindu Temple, Symbol and Form," South Asia Studies University Museum Lecture Series, Philadelphia.

1977.1
"Shaman, Symbol, Emblem," in seminar on "Man and Animal in South Asia," University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

1977.2
"Hindu Temples in Stone," Seminar on Stone, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge.

1976
"Regional Variations in Mâtrkâ Conventions," College Art Association Annual Meeting, Chicago.

1975
"Art in Western India in the Year 700," panel on "Indian Art in A.D. 700," Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, San Francisco.

1974
Symposium on the Meaning of History in Art, University of Texas, Austin.

1973
"Pearl Roundels and Chinese Textile Design," Mid-Atlantic Region of the Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Glassboro, N.J.

1972

“A Plea for the Restoration of Aesthetics to the Consideration of Jaina Art,” Seminar on Jaina Art, State Museum, Lucknow, India.

1970

“Essay in Indian Architecture,” Frick Symposium, Frick Museum, New York.

I have lectured also at the University of California at Berkeley, Los Angeles, and San Diego, University of Chicago, Graduate School and University Center, CUNY, MIT, Colgate University, George Washington University, St. Lawrence University, Harvard University, Haverford College, Swarthmore College, and the University of Washington and at the Laguna Gloria Museum (Austin), Philadelphia Museum of Art, Museum of Fine Arts (Boston), Honolulu Academy of Arts, Prince of Wales Museum (Bombay), Academy of Architecture (Bombay), the mid-Texas branch of the American Archaeological Association, The Asia Society (New York, Washington, and Houston), Boston Museum School, Misawa School of Interior Design (Tokyo), Philomathean Society, Oriental Club (Philadelphia), Lalit Kala Akademi (New Delhi), School of Architecture (Ahmedabad), for a “Perspectives” program in a series on Cosmology for WGBH-TV (Philadelphia), and for a program on Khajuraho temples for “Archaeology” on the Discovery channel.

Travel

In residence, American Academy in Rome, March-June 2002.

India: March, 2009, May, 2006, June-July, Oct. 2005, Jan. 2001, 2000, Jan.-May, Dec. 1998, July-August 1996, Dec. 1994, March, 1992, Nov.-Dec. 1991, July-Aug., Nov.-Dec. 1990, Dec. 1989, Oct.-Dec. 1988, Jan. 1987, July-Aug., Nov. 1986, July-Aug. 1985, March 1984, July-Aug. 1983, Jan.-April 1982, Jan.-March, Aug. 1981, July-Aug. 1980, Dec. 1979, July-Aug. 1978, Dec. 1977, Dec. 1976-77, 1974, 1971-73, 1968-69, 1964-66; Pakistan: April 2001, Feb. 2000, Oct.-Nov. 1998, Feb. 1997, Dec.-Jan. 1995-96, 1993, 1976.

I have also travelled in Nepal, Ceylon, Thailand, Cambodia, Burma, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Japan, Formosa, Indonesia, Singapore, Hong Kong, southern Africa, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Iran, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Turkey, Greece, Italy, France, Germany, Austria, Scotland, Ireland, and England.

Other

Local/National/International Responsibilities

- * American Institute of Indian Studies Board of Trustees, 2002 to date.
- * Director, National Resource Center, South Asia, University of Pennsylvania, 2002-04.
- * Institute for International Education, National Selection Committee, India. 2003-06.
- * Indian Art Committee, Philadelphia Museum of Art, 1978 to date.
- * Contributing Editor, *Res, Anthropology and Aesthetics*, 1987 to date.
- * Editorial Advisor, *Yale Dictionary of International Architecture*, ed. Nicholas Adams, 1998- .
- * Society of Architectural Historians’ millenium tour, *India’s Architectural Traditions, Ancient and Modern*, 2000.
- * Advisory Committee, The Asia Society Galleries, New York City, 1992-94; Multimedia Committee, 1995-98.
- * President, Oriental Club of Philadelphia, 1994-95.
- * CONSALD, Association of Asian Studies, 1983-86.
- * Editorial Board, Princeton University Press *Encyclopedia of Indian History*, 1983-84.
- * Nomination for AAS Board of Directors, 1983.
- * Advisory Council of Scholars, South Asia Religious Art Studies (SARAS), 1982- .
- * Secretary/Treasurer, University Research Club, 1980-81.
- * General Editor, *Encyclopædia of Indian Temple Architecture*, American Institute of Indian Studies, 1978-92; advisor, 1992-to date.
- * Art and Archaeology Committee, American Institute of Indian Studies, 1978-82; ex-officio member, 1982-92.
- * Publications Committee, American Institute of Indian Studies, 1982-92.
- * Board of Directors, American Committee for South Asian Art, 1976-79; 1983-86.
- * Gupta Selection Committee, Archives of South Asian Art Project, American Committee for South Asian Art, 1973.

Exhibitions

- * “Multiple Modernities: India, 1905-2005,” William Wood Gallery, Philadelphia Museum of Art, June-December 2008, organised by a Halpern-Rogath Curatorial Seminar taught at the University of Pennsylvania.

- * “Jains as Temple Worshipers, Architecture and Planning,” Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania, 1999.
- * Coordinator, “Cooking for the Gods,” The Newark Museum, 1992-96.
- * Advisor, “Gods, Guardians, and Lovers,” The Asia Society, New York, 1990-93.
- * Symposium coordinator, “The Manifestations of Shiva” exhibition, Philadelphia Museum of Art, 1981.
- * Entries on Hindu medieval sculpture, Homburger catalogue, Fogg Art Museum, 1971.
- * “Hindu Icons,” Dunster House India Seminar, Fogg Art Museum, Harvard University 1969.

Professional Membership

- * American Council for Southern Asian Art,
- * Association for Asian Studies,
- * College Art Association,
- * Oriental Club of Philadelphia,
- * Rajasthan Studies Group, AAS,
- * South Asia Religious Art Studies (SARAS),

ADMINISTRATION:

- * Interim Chair, Department of South Asia Studies, 2008-2009; Chair, South Asia Regional Studies Graduate Group, fall 2008.
- * Chairman, Department of South Asia Studies; Chair, SARS Graduate Group; and Director, South Asia Center, University of Pennsylvania, 2002-04.
- * Chairman (acting), Graduate Group in the History of Art, University of Pennsylvania, 2001.
- * Chairman, Department of the History of Art, University of Pennsylvania, 1994-97.
- * Chairman, Graduate Group in the History of Art, University of Pennsylvania, 1979-81; 1986-91.
- * Acting Undergraduate Chairman, History of Art, University of Pennsylvania, 1979.
- * Undergraduate Chairman, South Asia Regional Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 1978-80.
- * Vice-Chairman for Art History, College of Fine Arts, University of Texas, Austin, 1975-76.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED:

2004

“International Seminar on the Salt Range Culture Zone, Pakistan,” University of Pennsylvania and University of Wisconsin, Madison.

2003

co-organised South Asia Forum with Frank Matero and Deborah Klimburg-Salter: “Historical Reconstruction and Cultural Conservation,” workshops of case studies and cultural conservation in Afghanistan.

2001

International Seminar on “Traditional and Vernacular Architecture” sponsored by the Madras Craft Foundation, Dakshina Chitra Center, Chennai.

2000

Program Committee, American Council for Southern Asian Art Symposium 9, Philadelphia Museum of Art.

1999

Workshop for the Getty-sponsored multi-disciplinary project, “Continuities of Community Patronage: Pilgrimage Temples in Western India,” History of Art and South Asia Regional Studies Departments, University of Pennsylvania.

1995-96

“Art History and Ethnography: Art, Ritual, and Pilgrimage,” thematic seminar for the Center for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania.

1995-96

“Defining Spaces: Islam and Cultural Geographies in South Asia,” SARS seminar, University of Pennsylvania (co-organized with Margaret Mills, et. al.).

1992

“Creating Environments: Nature, Space, and Form,” UCSD Conversations, University of California, San Diego, School of Architecture.

1985-86

“Astronomy, Astrology, and the Arts,” symposium sponsored by the J. Paul Getty trust for the College Art Association; planning session, Los Angeles, 1985; public session, New York, 1986. (Organized and co-chaired with Linda Seidel.)

1985-86

“Making Things in South Asia, the Role of Artist and Craftsman,” South Asia Studies Seminar, 1985-86, in association with the Festival of India.

1981

“Discourses on Siva, a Symposium on the Nature of Religious Imagery,” organized at the University of Pennsylvania as an international seminar in association with the Philadelphia Museum of Art’s “Manifestations of Shiva” exhibition.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS:

- * Curator, South Asia Art Archive, Van Pelt Library, University of Pennsylvania.
- * General Editor, “Encyclopædia of Indian Temple Architecture” project. American Institute of Indian Studies, 1977-1992.
- * Collaborative project with the Pakistan Heritage Society, Peshawar, for an “Integrated Study of Hindu-Sahi and Salt-Range Temple Sights,” 1995-to date.
- * “Continuities of Community Patronage: Pilgrimage Temples in Western India.” Multi-disciplinary project with L. A. Babb and John E. Cort, 1996-99.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS:

2005.1

Fulbright-Hays’ “Cultural Diversity in India’s Democracy” GPA teacher-travel grant (with Jody Chavez, Assistant Director, University of Pennsylvania South Asia Center).

2003.1

Office of Education, National Resource Center grant, 2003-2006.

2003.2

University Research Foundation, “Cultural History of the Western Himalayas: Architecture.”

2001

American Institute of Pakistan Studies, “Scholar in Residence,” Overseas Research Center, Islamabad.

2000

Canadian Center for Architecture, travel grant to coordinate an international seminar, “Traditional and Vernacular Architecture,” at the Dakshina Chitra, Chennai.

1999.1

American Institute of Pakistan Studies, research and travel grant for Kafirkot Archaeological Project.

1999.2

South Asia Regional Studies Department, University of Pennsylvania, grant for archaeological excavation, Kafirkot and Amb.

1996-99

J. Paul Getty Trust Interpretive Research Program grant for a multidisciplinary project on “Continuities of Community Patronage: Pilgrimage Temples in Western India,” with L. A. Babb & John E. Cort.

1997.1

University of Pennsylvania Research Foundation, grant for Salt Range Temples Project.

1996.1

American Institute of Pakistan Studies, research and travel grant, Salt Range Temple project.

1996.2

Center for the Advanced Study of India, summer travel grant in association with the “Continuities of Community Patronage” project.

1996.3

Department of Archaeology, Government of Pakistan, three-year license for integrated study of Hindu-Sahi sights (1996-98).

1994.1

Center for the Advanced Study of India award for preparation of a thematic seminar on “Art, Ritual, and Patronage” and a research initiative on “Continuities of Community Patronage” in western India.

1994.2

University of Pennsylvania Research Foundation summer and research awards for “Documentation of Salt-Range Temples.”

1993

Travel grant to Pakistan, Penn/Peshawar exchange, Middle East Center, University of Pennsylvania.

1992

Visiting Research Professor, School of Architecture and Department of Visual Arts, University of California, San Diego.

1991

British Council, partial travel subvention for “Cosmos” seminar, Edinburgh.

1990

Indo-U.S. Subcommission travel grant for “Time” seminar, IGNCA, Delhi.

1988-91

National Endowment for the Humanities, Reference Materials Program, "Encyclopædia of Indian Temple Architecture," editing and archive development renewal grant.

1988

American Institute of Indian Studies, short-term research grant.

1986

Smithsonian Institution Counterpart Currencies Program, publication subvention for the Encyclopædia of Indian Temple Architecture, Vol. II, pt. 1.

1986

Smithsonian Institution, Counterpart Currencies Program, travel grant for American Institute of Indian Studies' delegates to the inauguration of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi.

1985-88

National Endowment for the Humanities, "Encyclopædia of Indian Temple Architecture" editing and archive development renewal grant.

1983

Smithsonian Institution, Counterpart Currencies Program, publication subvention for Discourses on Siva: Proceedings of a Symposium on the Nature of Religious Imagery.

1983

University Research Foundation grant for preparation of "Discourses on Siva" manuscript.

1982-85

National Endowment for the Humanities, "Encyclopædia of Indian Temple Architecture," renewal grant.

1981

Indo-U.S. Sub-Commission travel subvention grant for international participants in the "Discourses on Siva" symposium.

1981

National Endowment for the Humanities Research Conferences Grant, "Discourses on Siva: a Symposium on the Nature of Religious Imagery."

1980

Smithsonian Institution, project development grant for Documentation of Monuments in Pakistan.

1980-82

National Endowment for the Humanities Research Materials grant, "Encyclopædia of Indian Temple Architecture," editing and for development of the photo-archive facility, University of Pennsylvania.

1978

University of Pennsylvania Subcommittee on Faculty Grants and Awards Summer Research Fellowship for continuation of a study of Indian temple plans.

1976

U.S. Fulbright Foundation Senior Research Fellowship, United States Educational Foundation, New Delhi, India, 1976-77.

1975

National Committee on United States-China Relations, Chinese Archaeological Exhibition Travel Grant.

1975

University Research Institute, University of Texas, Austin, publication subvention grant.

1974

University Research Institute, University of Texas, Austin, travel/research grant.

Graduate and Undergraduate:

Harvard Final Year Fellowship, 1973-74; Harvard Traveling Fellowship, 1971-73; The JDR 3rd Fund Fellowship, 1970-71; National Defence Education Act, Title VI Fellowship, Harvard University, 1967-70; National Defence Foreign Language Summer Fellowship, 1967, University of Pennsylvania; Harvard Departmental Fellowship, 1966-67. United States Educational Foundation in India, Fulbright renewal grant, 1965-66, Fergusson College, Pune. United States Educational Foundation in India, Fulbright Student/Tutor Grant, 1964-65, Maharaja's College, Jaipur. National Merit (honorary) and G.M. National scholarships, 1960-64; Detur Prize, Harvard College, 1962.

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Books

2008

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