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Designation	Associate Professor					
Department	History					
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Education						
Subject	Institution			Year	Details	
Ph.D History	University of Delhi			2002		
M.Phil. History	University of Delhi			1991		
M.A. History	St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi			1987		
B.A. (Honours) History	St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi			1985		
Career Profile						
Organisation / Institution		Designation	Duration	Role		
Department of History, University of Delhi		Associate Professor	October 2009	Research and Teaching		
Indraprastha College, University of Delhi		Associate Professor	November 1999	Research and Teaching		
Indraprastha College, University of Delhi		Assistant Professor	August 1988	Research and Teaching		
St. Stephen's College/Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi		Assistant Professor	Nov. 1987-Aug 1988	Research and Teaching		
Research Interests / Specialization						
Ancient Indian Social History, Gender Studies						
Teaching Experience (Subjects/Courses Taught)						
<u>M. Phil. Courses:</u>						
Course 3: Significant Historiographical Readings						
Course 2: On Historical Sources						
Course 1: On Historiography						
<u>M.A. Courses:</u>						
Gender and Women in Ancient Societies						
Gender and Women in Early India						
Early Indian Social Orders: Structures and Processes						
Social and Economic History 320-1200 CE						
Ancient Societies (Greece)						
Compulsory Core Course for M.A. (Previous)						
History of India 1500 – 400 BCE						
<u>B.A. (Honours) Courses (before October 2009)</u>						
Ancient Indian History up to 750 AD						
Rise of the Modern West: Mid-Fifteenth Century to the Industrial Revolution						

History of Russia: 1871 to the Khrushchev era

B.A. Courses (before October 2009)

History of Europe 1815-WWII

History of Modern India

Honors & Awards

Prof. Vijay Kumar Thakur Memorial Prize, for the best paper in the Ancient India Section, awarded at the 69th Annual Session of the Indian History Congress, 30th December 2008.

Publications: Books

- (1) Naritva Ka Gathan: Mahabharata Mein Laingik Sambandhon Ki Sarachana, Grantha Shilpi, Delhi, 2016
- (2) *Mahabharata: A Book of Quotes*, Aryan Books International, New Delhi, 2014.
- (3) *Teaching History*, Aakar Books, New Delh, 2013 (with K.M. Shrimali et al.).
- (4) *The Making of Womanhood: Gender Relations in the Mahabharata*, Second Revised Edition, Manohar, Delhi, 2012.
- (5) *Love, Eroticism and Female Sexuality in Classical Sanskrit Literature: Seventh-Thirteenth Centuries*, Manohar, Delhi, 2009.
- (6) Themes in Indian History, NCERT Class XII History Textbooks, **Hindi Translation** of chapters in volumes I and II, 2007.
- (7) *The Making of Womanhood: Gender Relations in the Mahabharata*, Manohar, Delhi, 1995.

Publications In Peer Reviewed Journals

- (1) 'On Gender, Wives and Pativratas', *Social Scientist*, vol. 41, July 2012.
- (2) 'The Srngari versus the Prema Tradition in the Early-Medieval Classical Sanskrit Literature', *Sumangali* (Centre for Women's Studies, Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth), vol. 1, no. 2, 2011
- (3) 'The Poetesses in Classical Sanskrit Literature, 7th-13th Centuries CE' *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, vol. 15, no. 1, 2008.
- (4) 'The Philosophy of Kama in the Classical Sanskrit Literature: 7th-13th Centuries CE', *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress*, Delhi, 2008.
- (5) 'Women and the Notion of *Kama* in the Dharmashastriya Discourse', *Indian Historical Review*, Vol. 33, No. 2. July 2006
- (6) 'Representation of Female Sexuality in the Ayurvedic Discourse of the Early-Medieval Period,' *Studies in History*, Vol. 22, No. 1. January-June 2006.

- (7) 'Female sexuality in the Kamashastrya discourse, circa 7th-13th centuries A.D.', *Social Science Probings*, Summer 2003.
- (8) 'In the business of *Kama*: Prostitution in classical Sanskrit literature : 7th – 13th centuries', *The Medieval History Journal*, Vol. 5, No. 1, 2002.
- (9) 'Women and sexuality in the Mahabharata', *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress*, 52nd Session, Delhi, 1991-92.
- (10) 'Patriarchy and Property in the *Mahabharata*', *Social Science Probings*, Vol. 6, Nos. 1-4, Jan-Dec, 1989.

Publications: Others

- (1) 'In the Business of Kama: Prostitution in Classical Sanskrit Literature', in Vijaya Ramaswamy (ed) *Women and Work in Pre-Colonial India: A Reader*, Sage, New Delhi, 2016
- (2) 'Patni Banam Pativrata', *Tadbhav*, vol. 33, no. 2, June 2016
- (3) 'Social-Sexual World of Vesavasa and Antahpura: A Study in Contrast', in D.N. Jha (ed) *The Complex Heritage of Early India: Essays in Memory of R.S. Sharma*, Sage, New Delhi, 2014
- (4) 'Linga, Samaj Aur Itihasa', NMML, Hindi Lecture Series, 2013
- (5) 'Scientific History: The Writing and Teaching of Social Studies in Schools', in K.M. Shrimali et al. (eds) *Teaching History*, Aakar Book, New Delhi, 2013.
- (6) 'Homosexuality in Ancient Indian Literature', in D.N. Jha (ed) *Contesting Symbols and Stereotypes: Essays on Indian Culture*, Aakar Books, New Delhi, 2013.
- (7) 'Women in the Courtly Sringari Culture: A Study of Early Medieval Sanskrit Literature', in Irfan Habib (ed), *Literature and Reality in Indian Culture*, Papers from the Aligarh Historians Society, Mumbai, December 2012.
- (8) 'Women and the Notion of Kama in the Dharmashastra Discourse', in Chandrakala Padia (ed.) *Women in Dharmasastras: A Phenomenological and Critical Analysis*, Rawat Publications, 2009.
- (9) 'Gender and Sexuality in early Medieval Sanskrit literature', in D.N. Jha and Eugenia Vanina (Eds.) *Mind Over Matter: Essays on Mentalities in Medieval India*, Tulika, Delhi, 2009.
- (10) 'The Principle of Kama Purushartha in the *Mahabharata*: Its Conception and Variations', in Kalyan Kumar Chakravarty (ed) *Text and Variations of the Mahabharata: Contextual, Regional and Performative Traditions*, Munshiram Manoharlal, Delhi, 2009.
- (11) Spashtaucharan, Asahmati Aur Unmoolan: Sankrit Sahitya Mein Nari Atmchetana Aur Swantantra ki Chaviyan, *Tadbhav*, vol. 20, July 2009.
- (12) Langik Rajniti Tatha Mahabharata Mein Matrivediyan, *Tadbhav*, vol. 18, July 2008.
- (13) 'Patriarchy and the myth of the Panchakanyas', *Women's Watch*, Vol. 2, No. 4, July-Sept

2005.

(14) 'Gender and Sexuality in Ancient Punjab: Case Study of Karnaparva in the *Mahabharata*' in Aparna Basu and Anup Taneja (eds) *Breaking Out of Invisibility: Women in Indian History*, ICHR, Delhi, 2002.

(15) 'The Sexual Politics and the cult of the Mother Goddess in the Mahabharata', in N.Chitgopekar (ed.) *Invoking the Goddess*, Har-Anand, Delhi, 2002.

Book Reviews:

(16) Kumkum Roy, The Power of Gender and the Gender of Power: Explorations in Early Indian History, *Social Scientist*, June 2011.

(17) Rahul Peter Das, The Origin of the Life of a Human Being, *Wellcome History*, vol. 34, 2007.

(18) Harsh V. Dehejia (ed), A Celebration of Love, *Indian Historical Review*, vol. 33, no. 2, 2006.

(19) Kirit K. Shah (ed), History and Gender: Some Explorations, *Social Science Probing*s, vol. 17, no. 1, June 2005.

Conference/Seminar Presentations/Talks

- (1) 'Gendered Construction of The Female Body: A Study of Sanskrit Texts', presented at a seminar on Social Construction of Gender in Ancient and Early Medieval India, Aryabhatta College, University of Delhi, March 7, 2017
- (2) 'Feminist Historiography: Issues and Objectives', Janaki Devi Mahavidyalaya, University of Delhi, February 28, 2017
- (3) 'Narivadi Itihasa Lekhan Ke Mudde', Sri Aurobindo College (Evening), University of Delhi, March 21, 2017
- (4) 'Historical Sources and the Masculine Politics of Representation in Sanskrit Texts', presented at the conference: Shifting Contours, Widening Concerns: Women's History, Historiography and the Politics of Historical Representation, 11-13 February, 2015, S.N.D.T University, Juhu Campus, Mumbai
- (5) 'Articulation, Dissent and Subversion: Female Voice in Sanskrit Literature – A 21st Century Perspective', Conference on Gender Relations in Developing Societies: A 21st Century Perspective, Maharaja Agrasen College, University of Delhi, March 20, 2013.
- (6) Workshop on 'Gender', Department of Psychology, University of Delhi, March 19, 2013.
- (7) 'Linga, Samaj Aur Itihasa', Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, March 4, 2013.
- (8) Two Lectures on 'Society and Gender', Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, July 18, 2012.

- (9) 'Gender Relations in Early India', Orientation lecture at CPDHE, University of Delhi, August 25, 2012.
- (10) Refresher Course on Gender Studies, CPDHE, University of Delhi, October 4, 2012.
- (11) 'On Gender, Wives and Pativratas: A Review of the Epics', Indian Council of Historical Research, June 28, 2012.
- (12) 'Langik Sambandhon Ki Avadharana', Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, March 22, 2012.
- (13) NCERT Workshop on 'Dictionary of Historical Terms for School Students: Classes VI to XII', NCERT Delhi, February 27 to March 2, 2012.
- (14) 'The Socio-sexual World of Vesavasa and Antahpura: A Study in Contrast', International Seminar, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (Looking Within, Looking Without: Engendering the Pre-Colonial Household), February 24-26, 2011.
- (15) 'Patriarchy in Early India', Refresher Course, CPDHE, Institute of Lifelong Learning, December 20, 2011.
- (16) 'Gender, Wives and Pativrata: A Review', Department of History, University of Delhi, November 30, 2011.
- (17) 'Structure of the Female Body in Sanskrit Literature', Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi, November 8, 2011.
- (18) 'Gender, Women and Pativrata in the Mahabharata', Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, October 4, 2011.
- (19) 'The Female Voice in Ancient Sanskrit Literary Sources', Bharati College, University of Delhi, March 22, 2011.
- (20) 'Structuring of the Female Body: A Study of Ancient Indian Literature', Department of Psychology, University of Delhi, March 10, 2011.
- (21) 'The Concept of the Erotic in Early-Medieval Classical Sanskrit Literature', National Seminar, Banaras Hindu University (Ancient India: New Perspectives), November 23, 2010.
- (22) Book review Discussion for Kumkum Roy 'The Power of Gender and the Gender of Power', organized by Oxford University Press, at Miranda House, University of Delhi, August 20, 2010.
- (23) 'Major Trends in the Writing of Indian History: Gender Relations in Early India', Centre for the Promotion of Development in Higher Education, University of Delhi, January 2010.
- (24) 'The Teaching of Social Studies in Secondary School', presented at session on Scientific History in Science Education, Symposium on Science Education in India, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 12-13 December 2009.
- (25) 'Articulation, Dissent and Subversion: Images of Women's Emancipation in the Sanskrit Literary Sources', presented at the session on The Future as Conceived in the Past: The Evolving Visions of Women's Emancipation, Centre for Women's Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, 20-22 October, 2008.

- (26) 'Women and Dissent', Gargi College, University of Delhi, 24 September 2008.
- (27) 'Transitions in History', Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, invited discussant for the paper by Dr. Jaya Tyagi, March 2008.
- (28) 'The Principle of Kama Purushartha in the *Mahabharata*: Its Conception and Variations', paper presented at a seminar on Text and Variations of the Mahabharata: Contextual, Regional and Performative Tradition, organized by National Manuscript Mission, 5th-7th February 2007.
- (29) 'The Philosophy of Kama in the Classical Sanskrit Literature: 7th-13th Centuries CE', presented at the 68th Session of the Indian History Congress, Delhi, 2007.
- (30) 'Women and the Notion of Kama in the Dharmasastrya Discourse', presented at Women in the Dharmasastras: A Phenomenological and Critical Analysis, Centre for Women's Studies, Benares Hindu University, 8-9 March 2006.
- (31) 'Gender and Sexuality in Ancient Punjab: A Case Study of the Mahabharata', presented at Gender Relations in the Punjab, Institute of Punjab Studies, Chandigarh, 27-29 November, 1998.
- (32) 'Towards Equality, Development and Peace: The Gender Issues and Books in India, National Conference for Women, August 1995. (Official Delegate).
- (33) 'On the Russian Revolution', Broadcast on All India Radio, November 1988.

Public Service / University Service / Consulting Activity

At the Department of History, University of Delhi

- (1) Subject Expert for the Academic and Resource Auditing of Delhi Institute of Heritage Research and Management, GGS Indraprastha University, New Delhi, May 31, 2017
- (2) Member, Board of Research Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi, 2016
- (3) Member, Department Committee for North-East Students, 2013-16
- (4) Member, Scholarship Committee, 2014-16
- (5) Member, MPhil Committee, 2014-16
- (6) Convenor, Gender-Sensitising Committee, 2014-16
- (7) Co-convenor, Board of Examiners (BA programme) - 2012, 2011, 2010.
- (8) Expert member, Selection committee for promotion to senior lecturer scale, Janki Devi Mahavidyalaya, 28 April, 2010.
- (9) Library Committee
- (10) Students Welfare Committee

(11) Framed new courses – Gender and Women in Ancient Societies (M.A. previous optional); Gender and Women in Early India (M.A. final optional).

(12) Evaluation of Scripts for courses taught and the MA and MPhil entrance exams – 2010, 2011, 2012.

At Indraprastha College, University of Delhi

(1) National Service Scheme (NSS), Programme Officer, 1989-1991.

(2) Union Advisor for English Debating Society, 1991-1993.

(3) Head, Department of History, 1993-1995.

(4) Joint Secretary, Staff Association, 1996-1997.

(5) Coordinator, Environment Consciousness Certificate Course, 2001-2004.

(6) Joint Secretary, Staff Council, 2004-2005.

(7) Convenor, Students' Aid and Scholarship Committee, 2005-2009.

(8) Member, Kalawati Gupta Hostel Committee, 2001-2007.

Professional Societies Memberships

Indian History Congress, Life Member

Referee for Research Papers and Books

Indian Historical Review, International Journal of Asian Studies, Intersections, Manohar Publishers, Pearson (India).

Research Examiner for MPhil and Phd Dissertations

MPhil Dissertations:

(1) Anasuya Sreedhar, 'Kaikeyi: Uncovering and Questioning the Making of a Tradition for Women as Represented in the Ramayana, School of Human Studies', B. R. Ambedkar University, Delhi, 2015

(2) Neha Singh, 'Shiva's Family: Representations in the Purana and Early Medieval Indian Temple Art', Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 2012.

(3) Kang Myung Nam, 'Star, Stone and Goddess: Arundhati, Ahilya and Savitri in the Brahmanical Representation of Ideal Women in Early India', Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 2012.

(4) Kavita Gaur, Wives and Courtesans: Perspectives From the Normative Literature of Early India, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 2009.

(5) Samira Verma, Constructing and Contesting Gender Identity: Birth and Death in the Grhasutras and the Mahabharata, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 2008.

(6) Dipankar Das, Gendering Vedic Rituals: A Case Study of the Srauta Sacrifices in the Satapatha Brahmanas, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 2007.

(7) Shubhayan Ganguli, Varnasamkara in the Mahabharata, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru

University, 2006.

- (8) Meenakshi Ray, *Understanding the Realm of Radha: An Exploration of Textual Traditions in Early-Medieval Eastern India*, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 2005.
- (9) Deepak Rawat, *Representing Masculinity: An Exploration of the Mahabharata*, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 2003.

Supervisor

- (1) Guneet Kaur, 'Representation of Body in Jaina Texts of First Millennium A.D', completed 2017.
- (2) Ratnapriya, 'Representing Masculinity in the Kamasastriya Tradition: Reading Kamasutra and Anangranga', completed 2017.
- (3) Ramchandra, 'Baudhayana Aur Gautama Dharmasutra Mein Shudra: Eka Anusheelan', completed 2017
- (4) Virendra Singh, 'Socio-Economic, Political and Cultural History of Delhi and its Environs: An Inscriptional Study 400-1328 A.D.', completed 2014.
- (5) Anuradha Goswami, 'Social Dynamics of Kushana, Satvahana period: A Study of Vajrasuchi and Gahasattasai', completed 2013.

Ph.D Dissertations:

Examiner

- (1) Sushmita Chatterjee, *The Politics of Subordination: Transformations of the Goddess and Worship of Durga in Bengal*, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 2009.

Supervisor

- (1) Ratan Lal, 'K.P. Jaiswal: The Making of a 'Nationalist Historian'', completed 2015.
- (2) Mrityunjaya Kumar, 'The Saktism in North Bihar and Nepal Terai: A Historical Study of Regional-Religious Process c. 700-1500 AD', in progress.
- (3) Priyanka Thakur, 'Structure and Spaces in the Shastric Tradition: A Study of Manusmrti and Yajnavalkya Smrti with their Commentators', in progress.
- (4) Ratnapriya, 'Social Aspects of Death and Death Rituals: A Study of Sanskrit Texts 400-1200 C.E', in progress.

Courses Framed

- (1) B.A (Hons) discipline-specific elective Gender In Indian History – 'Pre-history to 1500 CE'
- (2) B.A (Programme) generic elective – (a) 'Women in World History'
(b) 'Women In Indian History: Ancient to Modern'