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Educational Qualifications						
Degree	Institution				Year	
Ph.D.	Columbia University, New York				2008	
M.Phil. / M.Tech.	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi				1999	
PG	University of Delhi				1997	
UG	University of Delhi				1995	
Any other qualification	Advanced Diploma in Spanish, University of Delhi				1996	
Career Profile						
2010- present: Faculty in the Department of History, University of Delhi						
Administrative Assignments						
Member of Seminar Committee, Department of History. Member of Purchase Committee, Department of History						
Areas of Interest / Specialization						
Early colonial South India, legal history, urban history, the archive						
Subjects Taught						
MPhil (Course 1): Department of History (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013) MPhil (Course 3): Department of History (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015,2016,2017) MA (Final): Law and the Colonial State (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016) MA (Previous): The Archive and History (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017) MA (Previous): Imperialism and Nationalism c 1850-1964, (2010, 2011) MA (Final): National Movement, c 1870-1917 (2010, 2011, 2012) MA (Final): National Movement, c 1917-1947: (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016,2017, 2018)						

MA (Final): Fiction, Fieldwork, Film, History (2016, 2017,2018)
MA (Final) Cultural Histories of India (2016)

Research Guidance

List against each head (If applicable)

1. *Supervision of Doctoral Thesis, under progress:*

Vijay Nawaria, “An Untouchable Caste: Social And Political Histories of Khatiks in United Provinces”, 1891-1956.”

2. *Supervision of awarded M.Phil dissertations*

Niharika Yadav, “Gender, Space and Everyday Life: The Emergence of New Urban Subjects in Late Colonial Bombay (1920-1947)”

Muhammad Niyas, “Reading Makti Tangal: Islamic Modernity and Reform in Colonial Kerala, 1884-1912”

Saeed Ahmad, “Daily Akhbar: Newspapers and Reading Publics in Delhi, 1945-1952”

Anna Jacob, “Rethinking Conversion and Belief: Lower Caste Christianity in 19th Century Travancore.”

Paridhi David Massey, “Women’s Writings in the Dravidian Movement.”

Saeed Ahmad, “Daily Akhbar: Newspapers and Reading Publics in Delhi, 1945-1952”

Shourjendra Mukherjee, “History, Memory and Community: A Study of 1984 Anti Sikh Riots”

3. *Supervision of M.Phil dissertations, under progress*

Ainee Farooqui, “Fashioning a History Student: Post Independence History Textbooks in India” Somi

Raikhan, “Missionaries and Conversion in late 19th century Manipur

Publications Profile

List against each head (If applicable) (as Illustrated with examples)

1. *Books/Monographs (Authored/Edited)*

Co-author of monograph, *Archive and Access: History, Technology and Archiving Practices in India*, Centre for Internet and Society, 2012.

Co-editor of volume, *Iterations of Law: South Asian Legal History Beyond the Courtroom*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, September 2017.

2. *Research papers published in Refereed/Peer Reviewed Journals*

“Of Corporations and Caste Heads: Urban Rule in Company Madras, 1640-1720”, *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History*, Vol 9 (2), 2008.

“Catholics in Protest: Lower Caste Christianity in Early Colonial Madras”, *Studies in History*, Volume XV1,

Number 2, July – December 2000.

3. *Other publications (Edited works, Book reviews, Festschrift volumes, etc.)*

“Petitions, The City and the Early Colonial State in South India,” *Modern Asian Studies* (forthcoming).

Review of Mrinalini Rajagopalan, *Building Histories: The Archival and Affective Lives of Five Monuments in Modern Delhi*, *The JMC Review*, Vol II, 2018.

Review of Ezra Rashkow, Sanjukta Ghosh and Upal Chakrabarti (eds.), *Memory, Identity and the Colonial Encounter: Essays in Honour of Peter Robb*, *Book Review*, September 2018.

Review of A. R. Vencatachalapthy, “The Province of the Book: Scholars, Scribes, and Scribblers in Colonial Tamilnadu”, *South Asian History and Culture*, 6:4 (2015)

Review of Rachel Sturman, “The Government of Social Life in Colonial India: Liberalism, Religious Law and Women's Rights”, *Economic and Political Weekly XLIX* : 43-44, November, 2014

Review of *Memories and Movements : Borders and Communities in Banni, Kutch* by Rita Kothari, *The Book Review*, 38:1, 2014.

Review of Mitch Fraas, “Review of “They have Travailed into a Wrong Latitude: The Laws of England, Indian Settlements and the British Imperial Constitution by Mitch Arthur Fraas (Phd dissertation submitted to Duke University), *Dissertation Reviews*, 17 October, 2013. .

Review of Gopalkrishna Gandhi (ed), “My Dear Bapu”, *Indian Express*, 13 January, 2013.

Review of “Illustrating India: The Early Colonial Investigations of Colin Mackenzie (1784-1821)”, *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, Volume 46:1-2, 2012.

“The Many Pasts of *Mamul*: Custom, Law and Religious Identity in Nineteenth Century South India” in Anne Murphy ed, *Time, History and the Religious Imaginary in Early Modern South Asia*, New York: Routledge, 2011.

Review of “The Making of Indian Secularism: Empire, Law and Christianity, 1830-1960” by Nandini Chatterjee, *Biblio*, 16: 3-4, 2011.

Review of “Besieged: Voices from Delhi, 1857” by Mahmood Farooqui, *Tehelka*, August 2010.

Review of “The Argumentative Indian: Writings on Indian History, Culture and Identity” and “Identity and Violence: The Illusion of Destiny” by Amartya Sen, *Interventions: International Journal of Postcolonial Studies*, Vol. 9 (3), 2007.

Conference Organization/ Presentations (in the last three years)

List against each head (If applicable):

1. *Organization of a Conference:*

Workshop on Legal History, University of Delhi, March 2016.

Co-organizer of conference entitled “Thinking Through Law: South Asian Histories and the Legal Archive” (organized with Princeton University, Delhi University, JNU and Nehru Memorial Museum and Library), April 25 – 27, 2013.

2. *Participation as Paper/Poster Presenter:*

“The Archive in South Asia: History and Practice,” Seminar on History in the Classroom: Challenges, Issues and Pedagogical Issues in Undergraduate History Education, Bharati College, University of Delhi, April 2018.

Discussant, Digital Humanities Workshop held by the Arts and Humanities, Research Council (UK), Delhi, April 2018.

Discussant in Symposium on Shahid Amin’s Conquest and Community, the Afterlife of Warrior Saint Ghazi Miyan, Jamia Millia Islamia, March 2018.

Discussion with Professor Shahid Amin on History and the Archive, History Society, St Stephen College, March 2018.

“Law and the City: Colonialism and Urban Rule in Company Madras,” South Asian Legal History, Beyond Boundaries, workshop organised by NALSAR, Hyderabad and Max Planck Institute for European Legal History, December 2016.

Chair and discussant on panel entitled “Evidence of Colonial Legality,” LASSNET conference, December 2016.

“Religion and Legal Pluralism: The Case of Colonial Madras,” Workshop on Legal History, University of Delhi, March 2016.

“Questioning the Past: The Many Sides of History,” panel discussion organised by the History Association, St Stephen’s College, University of Delhi, April 2017.

“Policing the Archive: Urban Governance in Early Colonial Madras,” Police, Public Order and the City: Comparative Perspectives from China, India and Britain 1840-1940, workshop organised by University of Leicester and History Institute of SASS, Shanghai, July 2016.

“Petitioning Publics: Early Colonial Law in South India”, Department of History, SOAS, June 2016

“Policing the Archive: Urban Governance in Early Colonial Madras”, Workshop organized by the Centre for

Urban History Leicester , Shanghai, July 2016.

“Mamul in the City: Urban Petitions in Early Colonial Madras” Workshop on Petitioning and Political Cultures in South Asia, Magdalene College, Cambridge, June 2014.

“The Law of Mamul: The History of Custom in Colonial and Pre-Colonial India”, Law Addressing Diversity: Pre-Modern Europe and India in Comparison (12th to 17th Centuries), May 2014.

“From City State to Territory: The Case of Early Colonial Madras, Patterns of Early Asian Urbanism, International Institute of Asian Studies, Leiden, November 2013.

“From Mercantile to Territorial Space, The Case of Colonial Madras”, Colonial Misunderstandings: Portugal and Europe in Global Perspective 1450-1900, Centre for the Study of Overseas History, Lisbon, July 2013

“The Many Pasts of Mamul: Custom and the City in Early Colonial Madras”, Thinking Through the Law: South Asian Histories and the Legal Archive, April 2013.

“Christians in Conflict: Christianity, Outcastes and the City in Nineteenth Century South India”, 22nd European Conference on South Asian Studies, Lisbon, July 2012.

“Incorporated Subjects: Outcaste Tamils in Company Madras”, Legal Histories of the British Empire Conference, National University, Singapore, July 2012.

“Christian Encounters: Religion, Caste and the City in Colonial South India”, Talk at the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, April 2012

“The Internet and the Archive”, Locating Internets: Histories of the Internet in India, Centre for Internet and Society, Bangalore and CEPT University, Ahmadabad, July, 2011.

“Of Corporations and Caste Heads: Urban Rule in Early Colonial Madras”, BASAS Annual Conference, University of Southampton, April 2011.

“History, Evidence, Custom: *Mamul* and the Legitimation of the Past in Colonial Madras”, International Labour History Conference, Delhi, March 2010.

“Law, History and Custom: The Public in Early Colonial South India”, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology-Madras, Chennai, May 2009.

Research Projects (Major Grants/Research Collaboration)

Awards and Distinctions

Research and Development Grant, University of Delhi, 2015-2016

Research and Development Grant, University of Delhi, 2013- 2014

Research and Development Grant, University of Delhi, 2012- 2013

Visiting Fellow, Department of History, University of South Wales, June 2012.

Visiting Fellow, Judging Empire: The Global Reach of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, University of Plymouth, 2011- present.

Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History prize for outstanding essay, 2008-2010.

Grant for research project entitled “Archives and Access: Archival Practices and Technology in India” from the Centre for Internet Studies, Bangalore, 2010-2012.

British Academy three month visiting fellowship at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London, May – July 2009.

Fellow of the Faculty, Department of History, Columbia University, 2000- 2004.

Columbia Traveling Grant for Dissertation Research, 2003-2004.

Summer Research Grant, Department of History, Columbia University, 2001, 2004, 2005.

American Institute of Indian Studies Summer Language Grant (Tamil). Summer 2001.

Passed the National Eligibility Test for Lecturership run by the University Grants Commission, India, 1999.

University Gold Medal for standing first in the Masters Program in History, Delhi University, 1997.

Hindu College History Prize for standing first in the MA (Final) Examination, 1997.

Hindu College History Prize for standing first in the MA (Previous) Examination, 1996.

History Department Prize for Academic Achievement, Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University, 1995.

Association With Professional Bodies

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Other Activities

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