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Curriculum Vitae
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Education

University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL
PhD Candidate, Religion and Literature

University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL
MA in Religion, 2001

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
BA *magna cum laude* in English and American Literature and Language, 1995

Dissertation (projected)

Tentative title: "India and Identity in T.S. Eliot's Poetics of the Self"
Advisor: Wendy Doniger
Readers: Anthony Yu, Michael Murrin

Doctoral Examinations

1. *Literary Criticism* (administered by Anthony Yu, Michael Murrin, Richard Rosengarten, Robert Bird). This exam covered major texts in literary criticism and theory from Plato and Aristotle to contemporary theory.
2. *Genres of literature: religious lyric poetry and the novel* (administered by Anthony Yu, Michael Murrin, Richard Rosengarten, Robert Bird). The aim of the exam was to examine changing literary configurations of religious sensibility through close readings of literary texts and examination of developments within genres over time.
3. *Modern Theology* (administered by David Tracy, Kathryn Tanner). This exam traced the development of major trends in philosophical theology from Kant, Hume, and Schleiermacher through the major 20th century figures (e.g., Barth, Tillich, Rahner). Of major concern were issues of method, theological anthropology, doctrinal development, the doctrine of revelation, the concept of "religion" in theology, and religious language.

4. *Ancient Indian Religion and Orientalism* (Wendy Doniger). This exam provided a survey of major early Indian texts (e.g., *Rg Veda*, *Upanishads*, *Mahabharata*, *Laws of Manu*) along with an examination of scholarship on Orientalism (e.g., Said, Inden, Halbfass, van der Veer). It also required analysis of several modern Orientalist literary texts (e.g., Arnold, Forster, Kipling).

Languages

French and German

Honors

- 2008-2009 University of Chicago Provost's Dissertation Fellowship
- 2006-2007 Martin Marty Fellow, University of Chicago Divinity School
(Student representative to Advisory Board of Marty Center)
- 2003 Nathan Scott, Jr. Fellow in Religion and Literature

Professional Experience

- 2003-2008 Research Assistant, Dean Richard Rosengarten
- 2003-2006 Editorial Assistant, *The Journal of Religion*
- 1997-1998 Research Assistant, James Joyce Research Center, Boston University
(Annotated three chapters of *Ulysses* for a multimedia CD-Rom version of the novel.)

Teaching Experience

- 2008 Writing Intern, "Human Being and Citizen." Spring Quarter.
Undergraduate Humanities Common Core, University of Chicago.
- 2008 Lecturer, "Human Being and Citizen," Winter Quarter. Undergraduate
Humanities Common Core, University of Chicago.
- 2007 Lecturer, "Human Being and Citizen," Fall Quarter. Undergraduate
Humanities Common Core, University of Chicago.
- 2006-2007 Writing Intern, "Readings in World Literature." Undergraduate
Humanities Common Core, University of Chicago.
- 2002-2003 Writing Intern, "Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities."
Undergraduate Humanities Common Core, University of Chicago.

2001, 2002 Teaching Assistant, “Religion and the Human Sciences” (MA sequence course). University of Chicago Divinity School (taught in the course for two consecutive years).

Presentations

- 2006 “Mary Shelley’s *Frankenstein*” (invited speaker). “Readings in World Literature.” Undergraduate Humanities Common Core, University of Chicago.
- 2005 “T.S. Eliot and Madhyamaka Buddhism” (invited speaker). “T.S. Eliot.” University of Chicago Divinity School.
- 2003, 2004 “T.S. Eliot and Indian Traditions” (invited speaker). “Introduction to Religion and Literature.” University of Chicago Divinity School.
- 2003 “Kant’s Moral Philosophy” (two guest lectures). “Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities.” Undergraduate Humanities Common Core, University of Chicago.
- 2002 “W.H.Auden” and “John Donne,” at Hyde Park Union Church, Chicago, IL. (Lecturer and discussion leader in two sessions of a Lenten lecture series on religious lyric poetry.)

Professional Associations

American Academy of Religion
Modern Language Association

References

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Prof. Michael Murrin	(773) 702-7985	mmurrin@uchicago.edu
Dean Richard Rosengarten	(773) 702-8221	raroseng@uchicago.edu
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