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EDUCATION:

- PhD Anthropology and Linguistics, University of Chicago, 1994-2004
MA Social Science, University of Chicago, 1993-1994
BA Linguistics, Reed College, 1989-1993

SCHOLARSHIP:

Publications

Articles

- 2008 "Licked by the Mother Tongue: Translating the Sanskrit Everyday." *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* 18(1):24-45.
- 2004 (with Paul Manning). "Introduction: Acts of Alterity." *Language and Communication* 24(4):291-311.
- 2003 "Simplifying Sanskrit." *Pragmatics* 13(4):499-513.
- "From Ritual to Grammar: Sacrifice, Homology, Metalanguage." *Language and Communication* 23(3-4):275-285. (Special issue: Words and Beyond: Linguistic and Semiotic Studies of the Sociocultural Order)
- 1996 "Defining 'Language' and 'Dialect' in the *Linguistic Survey of India*." In Lisa McNair, et. al., eds. *CLS 32: Papers from the Parasession on Theory and Data in Linguistics*. Pp. 59-68. Chicago: Chicago Linguistic Society.

Other

- 2004 (co-editor with Paul Manning). "Acts of Alterity." Special issue of *Language and Communication* 24(4).

In Progress

"Science in Sanskrit and Sanskrit as Science" Paper in preparation to be submitted to *Modern Asian Studies*.

"Cinematic Darshan." Paper in preparation to be submitted to *Cultural Anthropology*.

“The Transcendental Linguistics of B. L. Whorf.” Paper in preparation to be submitted to *Language and Communication*.

Modern Sanskrit in Six Easy Lessons: The Culture and Politics of a Classical Language. Book manuscript in preparation.

Presentations

- 2008 “Making Sanskrit Modern.” Paper presented at conference on Traditional Knowledge and Asian National Modernity, October 4-6, 2008, Bloomington, IN.
- 2007 “The Modernity of Sanskrit.” Paper presented at 36th annual Conference on South Asia, October 12-14, 2007 Madison, WI.
- “The Natural Transparency of a Perfected Language: Sanskrit and Science in India.” Paper presented at 106th annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 28-December 2, 2007, Washington, DC.
- 2005 “Creating Philological Objects: Sanskrit in India.” Paper presented at the 104th annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 30-December 4, 2005, Washington, DC.
- “Translating the Sanskrit Everyday.” Paper presented to the Department of Anthropology, London School of Economics, October 7, 2005, London, UK.
- “Ethnic Politics and the Spectre of Authenticity in Contemporary Fiji.” Paper presented at the 6th Conference of the European Society for Oceanists, July 6-8, 2005, Marseille, France.
- “The Discourse of Ethnicity in Fiji.” Paper presented to the GTMS (Genèse et Transformation des Mondes Sociaux) seminar, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, April 29, 2005, Paris, France.
- “Cinematic Darshan: Theaters as Temples in Contemporary India.” Paper presented at the Society for the Anthropology of Religion Meetings, April 8-10, 2005, Vancouver, BC.
- 2003 “Licked by the Mother Tongue: Domesticating a Classical Language in Contemporary India.” Paper presented at the 102nd annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 19-23, 2003, Chicago, IL.
- “Sanskrit Science.” Paper presented to the South Asian Studies Program workshop, University of Iowa, September 4, 2003.
- “Science and Sanskrit.” Paper presented to the Science, Technology, Society, and the State Workshop, University of Chicago, April 8, 2003.
- “Bringing Sanskrit Home: Domains and Domesticity in a Contemporary Revival Movement.” Paper presented to the Department of Anthropology, University of Iowa, February 14, 2003.
- 2002 “Sanskrit, Simply Speaking.” Paper presented at the 101st annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 20-24, 2002, New Orleans, LA.
- “The Semiotics of Simple Sanskrit.” Paper presented at the 31st annual Conference on South Asia, October 11-13, 2002, Madison, WI.

- “Signifying Sanskrit in Hindu Revivalist and Nationalist Discourse.” Paper presented to the Semiotics: Culture in Context Workshop, University of Chicago, June 5, 2002.
- “From Ritual to Grammar: Sacrifice, Homology, Metalanguage.” Paper presented at the 4th annual University of Michigan/University of Chicago Graduate Student Conference in Linguistic Anthropology, May 10-11, 2002, Chicago, IL.
- 2001 “The Samsaras of Sanskrit: Language Change and the Authorization of Innovation.” Paper presented at the 100th annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 28-December 2, 2001, Washington, DC.
- 2000 “The ‘Revival’ of Sanskrit in Modern India.” Paper presented at the 2nd annual University of Michigan/University of Chicago Graduate Student Conference in Linguistic Anthropology, April 14-15, 2000, Chicago, IL.
- 1999 “Homological Relations in Vedic Ritual and Sanskrit Grammar.” Paper presented at the 98th annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 17-21, 1999, Chicago, IL.
- 1997 “Transcendental Linguistics: Whorf and Theosophy.” Paper presented at the 96th annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 19-23, 1997, Washington, DC.
- “Representing Language in the *Linguistic Survey of India*.” Paper presented to the South Asia Workshop, University of Chicago, May 8, 1997.
- “Fabre d’Olivet’s Radical Analysis.” Paper presented at the 119th annual meeting of the American Ethnological Society, March 6-9, 1997, Seattle, WA.
- 1996 “Dialectology Abroad: A Colonial Topos.” Paper presented at the 95th annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 20-24, 1996, San Francisco, CA.
- “Defining ‘Language’ and ‘Dialect’ in the *Linguistic Survey of India*.” Paper presented at the 32nd annual meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society, April 11-13, 1996, Chicago, IL.
- 1994 “Language Variation and Linguistic Ideology in South Asia.” Paper presented at the 16th annual South Asian Languages Analysis (SALA) Roundtable, May 21-23, 1994, Philadelphia, PA.