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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2019-2024	Philosophy Department Chair Colorado State University
2018	Global Teaching Scholar Semester at Sea
2018-	Professor of Philosophy Colorado State University
2012-2018	Associate Professor of Philosophy Colorado State University
2008-2012	Assistant Professor of Philosophy Colorado State University
2005-2008	Assistant Professor of Philosophy Muhlenberg College
2003-2005	Assistant Professor of Philosophy Antioch College
2001-2003	Coordinator, Center for South Asian Studies University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

EDUCATION

2004	Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Hawai'i, Mānoa
1998	M.A., Philosophy, University of Hawai'i, Mānoa
1995	B.A., Philosophy, Fort Lewis College

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Indian Philosophy
Buddhist Philosophy
Philosophy of Mind

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Asian Philosophy
Pragmatism
Phenomenology

PUBLICATIONS

Authored Books:

1. *Consciousness in Indian Philosophy: Illuminating Mind, World, and Self*, Introductions to World Philosophies, Bloomsbury Academic (2026).

2. *Buddhist Philosophy and the Embodied Mind: A Constructive Engagement*, Critical Inquires in Comparative Philosophy, Rowman & Littlefield, 2022.
 - Reviewed in: *Philosophical Psychology*, *Journal of Buddhist Philosophy*, and *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*.

Edited Books:

1. *Thinking without Borders: Essays in Honor of Arindam Chakrabarti*, Matthew MacKenzie, Amy Donahue, and Anand Vaidya eds., Bloomsbury Academic, 2025.

Articles and Chapters:

1. “Look! How Wonderful! On Chakrabarti’s Phenomenology of Wonder and Witness,” in *Thinking without Borders: Essays in Honor of Arindam Chakrabarti*, London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2025.
2. “Reflexivity, Intentionality, and the Embodied Subject: A Phenomenological Reflection in Honor of J.N. Mohanty,” *Philosophy East and West*, 75:3, 2025.
3. “Minimal Subjectivity and Reflexive Awareness,” *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 31: 5-6, pp. 37-61, 2024.
4. “Emotion, Self-Knowledge, and Liberation in Indian Philosophy” in *Emotional Self-Knowledge* (A. Montes Sánchez, A. Salice, eds.), London: Routledge, 2023.
5. “A Post-Reductionist Buddhism?” in *Reasons and Empty Persons: Mind, Metaphysics, and Morality: Essays in Honor of Mark Siderits*, Dordrecht: Springer, 2023.
6. “Enactivism and Gender Performativity,” with Ashby Butnor, in *Feminist Philosophy of Mind* (Keya Maitra and Jen McWeeny, eds.), New York: Oxford University Press, 2022.
7. “Meditative Experience and the Plasticity of Self-Experience” in *Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Meditation* (Rick Repetti, ed.), London: Routledge, 2022.
8. “Spiritual Animals: Sense-Making, Self-Transcendence, and Liberal Naturalism,” *Zygon: Journal of Science and Religion*, 56:4, pp. 971-983, 2021.
9. “Dual-Aspect Reflexivism in Śāntarākṣita’s Philosophy of Mind,” *Journal of Buddhist Philosophy*, vol. 3, pp. 97-120, 2021.
10. “Volition, Action, and Skill in Indian Buddhist Philosophy,” in *The Routledge Handbook of Skill and Expertise* (Ellen Fridland and Carlotta Parvese, eds.), London: Routledge, 2020.

11. "Physicalism and Beyond: Flanagan, Buddhism, and Consciousness," in *Naturalism and Asian Philosophy: Owen Flanagan and Beyond* (Bong Rae Suk, ed.), London: Routledge, 2019.
12. "Reflexivity, Subjectivity, and the Enacted Self," in *Problem of the Self: Consciousness, Subjectivity, and the Other* (Manidipa Sen, ed.) New Delhi: Aakar Books, 2018.
13. "Virtue, Self-Transcendence, and Liberation in Yoga and Buddhism," in *Self-Transcendence and Virtue: Perspectives from Philosophy, Psychology, and Theology* (Jennifer Frey and Candace Volger, eds.) London: Routledge, 2018.
14. "The Yogācāra Theory of Three Natures: Internalist and Non-Dualist Interpretations," *Comparative Philosophy* 9:1, pp. 18-31, 2018.
15. "Buddhism and the Virtues," in *The Oxford Handbook of Virtue* (Nancy Snow ed.), Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017.
16. "Luminous Mind: Self-Luminosity versus Other-Luminosity in Indian Philosophy of Mind," in *The Bloomsbury Research Handbook to Indian Epistemology and Metaphysics* (Joerg Tuske ed.), Bloomsbury Academic, 2017.
17. "Dewey, Enactivism, and the Qualitative Dimension," *Humana.Mente*, 31:1, pp. 21-36, 2016.
18. "(Re-) Constructing the Self," *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 23: 1-2, pp. 105-124, 2016.
19. "Reflexivity, Subjectivity, and the Constructed Self: A Buddhist Model," *Asian Philosophy*, 25:3, pp. 275-292, 2015.
20. "Radical Transformation in the *Yogavāsiṣṭha*: A Phenomenological Interpretation," in *Engaged Emancipation: Mind, Morals, and Make-Believe in the Mokṣopāya*, SUNY Press, 2015.
21. "Self-Awareness, Intentionality, and Perception in Coseru's *Perceiving Reality*," *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 22:9-10, pp. 39-45, 2015.
22. "Enacting Selves, Enacting Worlds: Reflections on the Buddhist Theory of Karma," *Philosophy East and West*, Vol. 63, pp. 194-212, 2013.
23. "Self-Making and World-Making: Indian Buddhism and Enactive Philosophy of Mind," *APA Newsletter on Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies*, Vol. 13, pp. 14-17, 2013.
24. "Luminosity, Subjectivity, and Temporality: An Examination of Buddhist and Advaita Views of Consciousness," in *Hindu and Buddhist Ideas in Dialogue: Self and No-Self*, (C. Ram-Prasad and J. Ganeri), Ashgate, 2012.

25. "Enacting the self: Buddhist and enactivist approaches to the emergence of the self," in *Self, No Self? Perspectives from Analytical, Phenomenological, and Indian Traditions*, (M. Siderits, E. Thompson, and D. Zahavi), Oxford University Press, pp. 239-273, 2011. (revised and extended version)
26. "Enacting the self: Buddhist and enactivist approaches to the emergence of the self," *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, Vol. 9, pp. 75-99, 2010.
27. "Ontological Deflationism in Madhyamaka," *Contemporary Buddhism*, Vol. 9, pp. 197-207, 2008.
28. "Self-Awareness without a Self: Buddhism and the Reflexivity of Awareness," *Asian Philosophy*, Vol. 18, pp. 245-266, 2008.
29. "The Illumination of Consciousness: Approaches to Self-Awareness in the Indian and Western Traditions," *Philosophy East and West*, Vol. 57, pp. 40-62, 2007.
30. "The Five Factors of Action and the Decentring of Agency in the *Bhagavad Gītā*," *Asian Philosophy*, Vol. 11, pp. 141-150, 2001.

Other writing:

1. "Indian philosophy helps us to see clearly, act wisely in an interconnected world," in *The Conversation* (<https://theconversation.com/indian-philosophy-helps-us-see-clearly-act-wisely-in-an-interconnected-world-135412>), June 10, 2020.

Reviews:

1. "Buddhism naturalized? Review of Owen Flanagan, *the Bodhisattva's brain: Buddhism naturalized*," *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, vol. 13, no. 3, pp. 503-506, 2014.
2. "Blue Skies," review of *Subjective Consciousness: A Self-Representational Theory* by Uriah Kriegel, in *The Times (London) Literary Supplement*, 2011.
3. *Ethics and The History of Indian Philosophy* by Shyam Ranganatham, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2006.
4. *The Disinterested Witness* by Bina Gupta, in *APA Newsletter on the Status of Asian and Asian American Philosophers and Philosophies*, 2003.
5. *Following Form and Function* by Stephen T. Asma, in *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science* Vol. 13, pp. 84-87, 1999.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Articles/Chapters:

1. "Yoga and the Paradox of Subjectivity" (planned)

2. “Witness Consciousness and Inner Acquaintance” (planned)
3. “Prakāśa and Vimarśa as Primordial Structures of Consciousness”

PRESENTATIONS

1. “Thinking without Borders: On the philosophical legacy of Arindam Chakrabarti,” Pacific APA 2025.
2. “Comments on Bliss” and “Comments on Finnigan,” on Indian Metaphysics of the Self panel, Eastern APA 2025.
3. “Constructive Realism and Cultivating Compassion,” author meets critic panel on my *Buddhist Philosophy and the Embodied Mind*, Pacific APA, San Francisco, CA, 2023.
4. “Emotions, Self-Knowledge, and Liberation in Indian Philosophy,” Workshop on Self-Knowledge and the Emotions, University College Cork, Ireland, 2022.
5. “Spiritual Animals,” *Naturalism — as Religion, within Religions, or without Religion?* Institute for Religion in the Age of Science, Star Island, NH, 2021.
6. “Look! How Wonderful! On Chakrabarti’s Phenomenology of Wonder and Witness,” Pacific APA, 2021.
7. “Dual-Aspect Reflexivism in Buddhist Philosophy of Mind,” UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, 2019.
8. “Luminous Cognizance: Toward a Buddhist Model of Consciousness,” Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, India, 2019.
9. “Self as a Dynamic Construct: A Pragmatist-Enactivist View,” *Understanding the Self*, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India, 2019
10. “Luminosity: Consciousness in Indian Philosophy,” Faculty Evening Lecture Series, Semester at Sea, 2018.
11. “Luminous Cognizance: Toward a Buddhist Model of Consciousness,” Department of Philosophy, Bates College, Lewiston, ME, 2018.
12. “Dual-Aspect Reflexivism in Śāntarakṣita’s Philosophy of Mind,” International Association of Buddhist Studies, University of Toronto, Canada, 2017.
13. “The Yogācāra Theory of Three Natures: Internalist and Non-Dualist Interpretations,” Eastern Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Baltimore, MD, 2017.

14. "Luminous Cognizance: Toward a Buddhist Model of Consciousness," *Reflexive Theories of Consciousness: A Cross-Cultural Workshop*, Centre for Consciousness, Australian National University, Canberra, 2016.
15. "Comments on Coseru," Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Vancouver, CA, 2015.
16. "Comments on Siderits," Central Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, St. Louis, MO, 2015.
17. "Comments on Albahari," Central Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, St. Louis, MO, 2015.
18. "Reflexivity, Subjectivity, and the Constructed Self," *Self-Awareness and Subjectivity in Consciousness: Buddhist and Contemporary Philosophical Perspectives*, Marquette University, 2014.
19. "Luminosity, Subjectivity, and Temporality: An Examination of Buddhist and Advaita Views of Consciousness," *Society for the Status of Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies*, APA Central meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2013.
20. "Reflexivity, Subjectivity, and the Enacted Self," *Problems of the Self: Debates in Consciousness Subjectivity and Otherness*, Centre for Philosophy, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, India, 2013.
21. "Enacting Selves, Enacting Worlds in Buddhist Philosophy," *Society for the Status of Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies*, APA Eastern meeting, Atlanta, GA, 2012.
22. "Selfless Subjectivity: An Engagement with Dan Zahavi's Phenomenology of Self," *Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy*, Rochester, NY, 2012.
23. "Enacting Wisdom: Phenomenology, Cognitive Science, and Asian Philosophy," *NEH Institute: Investigating Consciousness: Buddhist and Contemporary Philosophical Perspectives*, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, 2012.
24. "Buddhist Concepts of Self," *Great Conversations Series*, Colorado State University, 2012.
25. "Luminosity, Subjectivity, and Temporality: An Examination of Buddhist and Advaita Views of Consciousness," at *First-person Studies of Consciousness*, Center for Creative Inquiry, Berkeley, CA, 2011.
26. "Who is I?" Panel Presentation at Mangalam Research Center for Buddhist Languages, Berkeley, CA, 2011.

27. "No-Self and Distributive Principles in Mahāyāna Ethics," *The Tenth East-West Philosophers' Conference*, University of Hawai'i, Honolulu, HI, 2011.
28. "The Co-Arising of Self and World: On the Buddhist Theory of Karma," Workshop for BodhiMind Center, Colorado Springs, CO, 2011.
29. "The Co-Arising of Self and World: On the Buddhist Theory of Karma," Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO, 2011.
30. "The Co-Arising of Self and World: on the Buddhist Theory of Karma," Metropolitan State College of Denver, Denver, CO, 2011.
31. "Enacting the Self: Buddhist and Enactivist Approaches to the Emergence of the Self," Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO, 2010.
32. "Luminous Consciousness, Subjectivity, and the Self: An Examination of Buddhist and Advaita views of Consciousness" at *Self: Hindu Responses to Buddhist Critiques*, University of Sussex, UK, 2010.
33. "Reflexive Awareness, Temporality, and the Living Present," *Society for Indian Philosophy and Religion*, Pacific Division APA, San Francisco, CA, 2010.
34. "Enacting Wisdom: Phenomenology, Cognitive Science, and Asian Philosophy," *Mind and Life Summer Research Institute*, Garrison, NY, 2009.
35. "Perception, Action, and Conditioning: A Buddhist Phenomenology of Karma," *Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*, Pacific Division APA, Vancouver, BC, Canada, 2009.
36. "Enacting the Self: Buddhist and Enactivist Approaches to the Emergence of the Self," Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, 2008.
37. "The Autopoietic Self: Buddhist and Neurophenomenological Approaches to the Emergence of the Self," *Cognition: Embodied, Embedded, Enactive, Extended*, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, 2007.
38. "The Future of Comparative Philosophy," *Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*, Asilomar, CA, 2007.
39. "Ontological Deflationism in Madhyamaka," *Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*, Asilomar, CA, 2007.
40. "Karma: Self-Making and World-Making in Buddhist Philosophy," St. Mary's College of Maryland, MD, 2007.
41. "Global Warming: Ethical Issues," Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA, 2007.

42. "Exploitation: A Left-Libertarian Perspective," *The Molinari Society*, Eastern Division American Philosophical Association, Washington, D.C., 2006.
43. "Ontological Deflationism in Madhyamaka," *International Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy*, Fordham University, New York, NY, 2006.
44. "Karma: Self-Making and World-Making in Buddhist Philosophy," Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY, 2006.
45. "Buddhism and the Metaphysics of Causation," Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY, 2006.
46. "Enacting Worlds: Karma and the Construction of the Lifeworld," *Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*, Eastern Division APA, New York, NY, 2005.
47. "Enacting Worlds: Karma and the Construction of the Lifeworld," *Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*, Asilomar, CA, 2005.
48. "The Reflexivity of Consciousness: Some Arguments from the Indian Tradition," Committee on the Status of Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies, Central Division APA, Chicago, IL, 2005.
49. "Education for Liberation," Distinguished Alumni Panel, *East-West Philosophers Conference*, University of Hawai'i, Manoa, Honolulu, HI, 2005.
50. "Buddhism and/as Radical Analysis," *Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*, Asilomar, CA, 2004.
51. "The Self-Illumination of Consciousness: The Advaita Vedānta Theory of Consciousness and Pure Consciousness Events," *The Fourteenth International Congress of Vedānta*, Miami University, Miami, OH, 2004.
52. "No-Self, Egoism, and Altruism in Buddhist Philosophy," Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI, 2003.
53. "Does Self-Awareness Require a Self?," California State University, San Bernardino, 2003.
54. "Does Self-Awareness Require a Self?," *Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*, APA Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2002.

TEACHING

Graduate:

Seminar in Philosophy of Mind:

Classical Indian Theories of Consciousness
Body, Mind, World

Seminar in Major Philosophical Texts:

M. Merleau-Ponty, *Phenomenology of Perception*

Śāntideva, *Bodhicaryāvatāra*

Seminar in Asian Philosophy:

Subjectivity, Self, and Consciousness in Indian Philosophy

Seminar in Metaphysics:

The Self: Indian and Western Perspectives

Group Study in Embodied Cognition

Group Study in Indian Ethics

Independent Studies in:

Enactivism

Philosophy of Emotion

Buddhist Philosophy

Philosophy of Mind

Pragmatism and Ethics

Undergraduate:

Philosophy Capstone:

Philosophy and Flourishing

Meaning in Life

Topics in Asian Philosophy:

Buddhist Philosophy

Indian Philosophy

Philosophy of Mind

Seminar in Religious Studies:

Contemplative, Philosophical, and Scientific Approaches to Consciousness

Contemplative Studies in Theory and Practice

Philosophies of Peace and Non-violence

Issues in the Study of Religion: Religious Experience

World Philosophies

SERVICE

Comm. Studies external reviewer 2026

CLA T&P Committee 2025

- Fall sabbatical review chair

T&P Committee Chair 2025

Program Review Chair 2025

Anth/Geo Chair Search Chair 2023

T&P dossier external reviewer 2023

NTT dossier external reviewer 2022

CLA HR Director Search 2022

T&P dossier external reviewer 2021

LLC Chair Search Chair 2019

Department Chair 2019-2024

CLA Undergraduate Committee 2017-2019

Philosophy Club Advisor 2016-2018

Director of Undergraduate Program 2012-2018

Undergraduate Committee	2011-2019
Scholarship Committee Chair	2012-2013
Dept. Advisory Council	2012-2017
Program Review Committee	2012
Assessment Committee	2010-2015
Colloquium Coordinator	2011-2103
Faculty Senate Representative	2009-2012

HONORS AND AWARDS

Nominated for College of Liberal Arts Excellence in Teaching, 2017
Nominated for College of Liberal Arts Excellence in Teaching, 2011
G. J. and Ellen Watumull Foundation Scholarship for Study in India, 2002
Infinity Foundation Grant 1997-98

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Professional Activities:

Certification in Philosophical Counseling, American Philosophical Practitioners Association, 2024
Global Teaching Scholar for Semester at Sea, Fall 2018
Participant, "Investigating Consciousness: Buddhist and Contemporary Philosophical Perspectives," *NEH Summer Institute*, Charleston, SC 2012
Senior Research Investigator, "Neuroscientific and Contemplative Views of the Self" *Mind and Life Summer Research Institute*, Garrison, NY, 2009
Visiting Scholar, *Nitārtha Institute for Higher Tibetan Studies*, Bellingham, WA, 2009

Professional Societies:

American Philosophical Association
American Philosophical Practitioners Association
Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy
Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy
International Association of Buddhist Studies

Editorial Board:

Critical Inquiries in Comparative Philosophy, Rowman & Littlefield

Journal and Manuscript Referee:

Oxford University Press
Routledge
Bloomsbury
SUNY Press
Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Monograph Series
Rowman & Littlefield
Philosophy East and West
Analysis

Asian Philosophy
Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences
Journal of Consciousness Studies
Mind and Language
Sophia
Philosophy Compass
Philosopher's Imprint
Review of General Psychology
Journal of World Philosophies
Journal of Buddhist Philosophy
Journal of Indian Philosophy
Religious Studies
Philosophy and Society