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### EDUCATION

#### **PhD, Philosophy, May 2008, University of Missouri-Columbia**

Dissertation- *Vasubandhu's Consciousness Trilogy: A Yogācāra Buddhist Process Idealism*, Dr. Bina Gupta, director

#### **MA, Philosophy, July 1994, University of Missouri-Columbia**

Master's thesis- *Roll on Dancing: Alfred North Whitehead and Yogācāra Buddhism*, Dr. Bina Gupta, director

#### **BA, Philosophy, May 1990, Hendrix College (with Distinction)**

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Comparative philosophy (East-West), process philosophy (A. N. Whitehead, Buddhism)

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

History of Western philosophy; history of South Asian philosophy; ethics (history, comparative, applied); logic and critical thinking; social and political philosophy; existentialism; philosophy of religion

### CURRENT POSITION

#### **Columbia College, Columbia, Mo.**

Adjunct Instructor, 2013- present, Visiting Assistant Professor (sabbatical replacement), 2011-2013; Adjunct Instructor, 2008-2011

- RELI 101- Religion and Human Experience
- PHIL 201- Introduction to Western Philosophy
- PHIL/RELI 202- Introduction to Eastern Philosophies and Religions
- PHIL 210- Logic and Critical Thinking
- PHIL 321- Ancient Philosophy
- PHIL 322- Modern Philosophy
- PHIL 330- Ethics
- PHIL/WMST 377- Women in English Modernism (study abroad)
- PHIL 401- Significant Figures: Alfred North Whitehead
- PHIL/POSC 402- Classical Political Philosophy
- PHIL 490- Thematic Seminar: Existentialist Social and Political Philosophy

PHIL 377- Byzantine and Classical Greek Philosophy also developed as study abroad course.

Online Campus: Course developer and instructor, 2012-present

- PHIL 210- Logic and Critical Thinking

## **University of Missouri-Columbia**

Adjunct Lecturer, 2008-2011, 2013-present

- PHIL 1000- Introduction to Philosophy
- PHIL 1100- Introduction to Ethics, PHIL 1100H- Honors Introduction to Ethics
- PHIL 1200- Logic and Reasoning, PHIL 1200H- Honors Logic and Reasoning
- PHIL 2440- Medical Ethics
- HMI 7564- Health Ethics Theory (online, fall 2016)

Instructional technology competency in Blackboard, D2L (Desire to Learn) and Moodle course software.

### COURSE DEVELOPMENT INTERESTS

History of Women in Philosophy, Eastern Ethics (India and China), Philosophical Themes in Science Fiction

I am currently developing an upper-level undergraduate course on Wonder Woman to be team-taught with a colleague and cross-listed with philosophy, history and women's studies at Columbia College.

### PRIOR TEACHING EXPERIENCE

## **University of Missouri-Columbia**

Graduate Instructor, 1992-95, 1997-98

- PHIL 1- Introduction to Philosophy
- PHIL 52- Introduction to Logic, PHIL 52H- Honors Introduction to Logic

## **Ohio State University**

Graduate Instructor, 1990-92

- PHIL 101- Introduction to Philosophy
- PHIL 150- Introduction to Logic
- PHIL 240- Aesthetics (grader)

### HIGHLIGHTS OF GRADUATE COURSEWORK

- Topics— ethics, medical ethics, environmental ethics, Eastern ethics; social and political philosophy; logic, decision theory; epistemology, metaphysics; philosophy of religion; aesthetics; teaching of philosophy
- Figures—Plato, Aristotle, Kant, Heidegger, Russell, Wittgenstein, Whitehead
- Movements— British empiricism, Marxism, phenomenology, analytic philosophy; Buddhism, Advaita Vedanta
- Graduate courses in philosophy taken at the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, 1990-92.

### CURRENT PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Philosophical Association, 1998-2000, 2006- present
- International Institute for Field Being, 2013- present
- Society for the Study of Women Philosophers, 2013- present
- Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, 1998-2000, 2006- present

### Prior Memberships

- American Academy of Religion, 2006-2009
- International Society for Chinese Philosophy, 2007-08
- Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, 2007-08
- Bertrand Russell Society, 2006-08
- North American Nietzsche Society, 2006-08
- Society for Philosophy and Technology, 2006-08

## GRANTS

- Kline faculty travel support, Department of Philosophy, University of Missouri-Columbia, December 2014.
- Columbia College Office of Academic Affairs travel grant, February 2012. Secured to support student presenters traveling to the Mid-South Undergraduate Philosophy Conference.
- University of Missouri Center for the Arts and Humanities research travel grant, February 2010.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- Honored faculty member, Phi Kappa Pi Academic Dinner, University of Missouri-Columbia, Nov. 19, 2014.
- Honored faculty member, Alphi Chi honor society induction ceremony, Columbia College, October 2014 (Robert Sherman), October 2013 (Ryan Smith), October 2012 (Ambima Bhuzyason), October 2010 (Alexandria Ward).
- Honored Faculty Member, A+ Banquet, February 2015 (Anthony John, Jade John, and Ethan Veit); October 2012 (U. Onwuzusuoha); March 2012 (Spencer Alexander); October 2011 (Tiffany Waddell).
- Academic Affairs commendation for student evaluations in the top 5% of Columbia College faculty,
- Service Award, Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, Sept. 2000.
- Anderson Graduate Student Teaching Award, Graduate School, University of Missouri-Columbia, April 1994.
- William Gregory Graduate Fellow, University of Missouri-Columbia, 1992-93.
- Robert G. Shoemaker Award in Philosophy, Hendrix College, April 1990.
- Isaac Andrew Campbell Poetry Prize, Hendrix College, Conway, Ark., April 1989.
- Roy and Vada Wilson Scholarship, Hendrix College, Conway, Ark., Sept. 1986 – May 1989.

## PUBLICATIONS

“Bound to Face the Truth: The Morality of Using Wonder Woman’s Lasso,” forthcoming in *Wonder Woman and Philosophy*, ed. Jacob Held (Blackwell Publishers).

“A. N. Whitehead: Mysticism and the Expressive Impulse,” accepted to *Mysticism and Silence*, ed. Laura Weed (under review by Palgrave Press).

“Re-thinking the Matter: Organians are Still Organisms,” *The Ultimate Star Trek and Philosophy*, eds. Kevin S. Decker and Jason T. Eberl (Blackwell Publishers, April 2016).

Indexer (transliterated Sanskrit/English), *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy: Perspectives on Reality, Knowledge, and Freedom* by Bina Gupta (Routledge, August 2011).

Indexer (German/English), *Edmund Husserl’s Freiburg Years: 1916-1938* by Jitendra N. Mohanty (Yale University Press, July 2011).

Indexer (German/English), *The Philosophy of Edmund Husserl: A Historical Development* by Jitendra N. Mohanty (Yale University Press, 2008).

Copy Editor, *The Impact of Telemedicine on Health Care Management*. Editors M. Nerlich and R. Kretschmer. Studies in Health Technology and Informatics Series No. 64 (IOS Press, 1999).

Indexer (transliterated Sanskrit/English), *The Disinterested Witness: A Fragment of Advaita Vedānta Phenomenology* by Bina Gupta (Northwestern University Press, 1998).

Indexer, *Neal-Schumann Authoritative Guide to Web Search Engines*, Susan Maze, David Moxley and Donna J. Smith (Neal-Schumann Publishers, 1997).

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Threading the Needle: A Whiteheadian Assessment of Disruption.” International Institute for Field Being Group Session on Exploring Fields of Interaction, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Washington, DC, January 5, 2016.

“Saving the Data: The Ālayavijñāna of Yogācāra Buddhism and Whitehead’s Philosophy of Organism.” International Institute for Field Being Group Session on Field Being Ontology, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia, Penn, December 29, 2014.

Commentator, Laura Weed’s “Holmes Ralston III’s Field Being Ecology,” International Institute for Field Being Group Session on Ecology and Field Being, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia, Penn., Dec. 28, 2014.

Commentator, Miran Bozovic’s “Diderot’s Ontology and Hollywood Metaphysics,” International Institute for Field Being Group Session on Ecology and Field Being, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia, Penn., Dec. 28, 2014.

Commentator, Sietske Dijkstra’s “Love Beyond Language: Applying Polanyi’s Tacit Dimension to the Amelioration of High-Conflict Divorce,” International Institute for Field Being Group Session on Ecology and Field Being, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia, Penn., Dec. 28, 2014.

“Sometimes, the Way to the Soul is Through the Gut: Aristotle, Confucius and the Practice of Empathetic Understanding,” Fourth Annual Midwest Conference on Ethics, Columbia College, Columbia, Mo., May 2010.

“Sometimes, the Way to the Soul is Through the Gut: Confucius, Aristotle and the Role of Empathy in Moral Comprehension,” Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World Group Session on Moral Reasoning, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, Ill., Feb. 2010.

“Our Jane and *Gītā-Yoga*: Non-Gender Exclusiveness of the *Bhagavad-Gītā*,” Third Annual Midwest Conference on Ethics, Columbia College, Columbia, Mo., April 2009.

“Our Jane and *Gītā-Yoga*: Non-Gender Exclusiveness of the *Bhagavad-Gītā*,” Panel on Women and Asian Philosophy, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, Ill., Feb. 2009.

“The Void Galloped into Cloud Street: Wittgenstein and Mahāyāna Buddhism on Expressing Transcendental Ideals,” Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Graduate Student Panel, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, New Orleans, La., 1999.

“Tragic Empathy as a Means to Abstracting a Universal: How Confucius Compliments Aristotle’s View of Tragedy,” 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, University of Missouri, St. Louis, Mo., 1995.

“Matter and Essence,” EUREKA: Third Annual Conference on Undergraduate Research, Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, 1989.

“And We Shall Call Him Wise: The World-View of the Philosopher King,” Memphis State University Undergraduate Conference in Philosophy, Memphis, Tenn., 1988.

## OTHER PRESENTATIONS

Invited lecturer, “Paths up the Mountain: Comparative World Religions.” Presented to the community of Sikeston, Mo., February 3, 2016.

Presenter, “Ride at the Head of Your Troops on an Elephant: Strategies for Creating Your Own Success Story,” Women’s Leadership Conference, Columbia, Mo., March 25, 2015.

Presenter, "But I Don't *Think* with My Ovaries!" Women's Leadership Conference, Columbia, Mo., March 2013.

Faculty reader, "Our Jane and *Gītā-Yoga*," Seabrook Festival of Writing, Columbia College, March 2013.

Guest lecturer, "Confucius: Major Themes of the *Analects*," graduate seminar in Asian Philosophy, University of Missouri-Columbia, April 2013.

Presenter, "Life Lessons Inside of History Lessons (or, Ride at the Head of Your Troops on an Elephant)," Women's Leadership Conference, Columbia, Mo., March 2012.

Speaker, "Protecting the Natural World: When 'Useful' Isn't Enough to Move Us," Earthdance, Columbia, Mo., Sept. 24, 2011.

Presenter, "Women in the History of Philosophy: Impressions and Misimpressions," Women's Leadership Conference, Columbia, Mo., April 2011.

Guest lecturer, "Confucius: Major Themes of the *Analects*," Philosophy/South Asian Studies 2100: Philosophy East and West, University of Missouri-Columbia, April 2012 and March 2011.

## SERVICE ACTIVITIES

### Service to Faculty

Member, Committee on the Quality of Adjunct Life, Columbia College (invited by Provost), 2016.

Member, promotion and tenure review committee, Department of Humanities, Columbia College, 2011-13.

### Student Academics

Judge, Spring Undergraduate Research & Creative Achievements Forum, University of Missouri-Columbia, April 26, 2016.

External reader, Marni Gable, MFA thesis: "The Sentient Stone." University of Missouri-Columbia, 2014-15.

Faculty mentor, Honors Undergraduate Distinction projects: Timothy Tevlin (2011-12), Christina Maurizi (2012-13)

### Outreach

Judge, Missouri High School Ethics Bowl, Columbia College, Feb. 2014, Feb. 2015, Feb. 2016.

Instructor of Philosophy segment, Summer Expeditions program for gifted, at-risk elementary school students, Columbia College, 2013-

Philosophy program representative, freshman preview events, Columbia College, 2012-13.

### Student Co-Curriculars

Faculty advisor, Columbia College Philosophy Club, spring 2010-present

- Conference organizer, Columbia College 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Oct. 26, 2015. Keynote speaker: Dr. Amy Olberding, University of Oklahoma-Norman.
- Conference organizer: Columbia College 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Oct. 25, 2014. Keynote speaker: Dr. James McBain, Pittsburg State University (Pittsburg, Kansas).

- Conference organizer: Columbia College Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Oct. 26, 2013. Keynote speaker: Dr. Jeffrey Freelin, Lincoln University (Jefferson City, Mo.)
- Conference organizer: Columbia College Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Oct. 20, 2012. Keynote speaker: Dr. John H. Kultgen, Jr., Professor Emeritus, University of Missouri-Columbia.
- Columbia College student conference trip facilitator: Mid-South Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 2012, 2013 and 2014.
- Developed and conducted workshops in philosophical writing, Columbia College, summer 2011 – present.

Co-creator, Feminist Reading Series, Columbia College, 2014-present. (*The Heroines of YA Fiction*, *The Secret History of Wonder Woman*, *Persepolis*)

Member, Women's History Month Committee, Columbia College, 2011-present

- Coordinator, Women's History Month lunch discussion, "Unabridged: Gender and Identity," Columbia College, March 15, 2016.
- Coordinator, Women's History Month lunch discussion, "Subjects, Objects and Persons," Columbia College, March 5, 2015.
- Coordinator, Women's History Month lunch discussion, "Joining Our Houses: Marriage, Family and Community," Columbia College, March 2014.
- Coordinator, Women's History Month lunch discussion, "REVOLT-ing /v/ Rising in rebellion; causing disgust," Columbia College, March 2013. Included development of a 'zine to acclimate students to the rhetoric of the Riot Grrl movement in advance of keynote speaker Kathleen Hannah's campus visit.
- Coordinator, Women's History Month lunch discussion, "Progressing Toward What?" Columbia College, March 2012.
- Co-presenter, Women's History Month lunch discussion, "The F-Word: Reconsidering Feminism," Columbia College, March 2011.

Faculty co-advisor, Columbia College Peace Club, 2011-12.

#### OTHER ACTIVITIES

Web site creator, International Institute for Field Being, 2015-

Contributor, *Vox Magazine*. "How to Achieve Zen at Finals," Nov. 20, 2014.

Committee member, Retirement Reception for Dr. Bina Gupta, Department of Philosophy, University of Missouri-Columbia, Nov. 9, 2014.

Coordinator, *Professor John H. Kultgen, Jr. Endowment in Philosophy* alumni fundraising campaign, University of Missouri-Columbia, spring 2007. Included prospect research and development of materials for mail campaign.

Coordinator, annual College of Arts and Science endowed scholarship luncheon, University of Missouri-Columbia, 2003-07.

Conference assistant, international meeting of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, University of Missouri-Columbia, September 2000.

Web site creator, Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, international, 1998-2000.

Co-creator, Paideia graduate student philosophy reading series, University of Missouri-Columbia, 1997-98.

Attendee, 44th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs (St. Louis, Mo), Oct. 1995.

Attendee, Society for Social and Political Philosophy Annual Meeting (Columbia, Mo.), April 1994.

#### SELECTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Online Course Developer's Conference, Columbia College, February 2012.
- Online Course Instructor's Conference, Columbia College, October 2012.
- Grant-writing course, *The ABC's of Proposal Writing*, Donor's Forum of Chicago (Chicago, Ill.), April 2006.
- Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) web seminar, *Ethics and Accountability in Advancement*, Reynolds Alumni Center, MU, February 2006.

#### RESEARCH IN PROGRESS AND PLANNED

I am in the nascent stages of developing a full-length book proposal on Whitehead's the ethical, social and political dimensions of philosophy of organism.

After collecting student response data over eight years of conducting "The Ventilator Committee" classroom exercise, which gives students the opportunity to test utilitarian approaches in medical ethics, I am planning an article for submission to *Teaching Philosophy*.

Ongoing research, *The Loki Problem* (working title). It has been more than a century since Andrew Peter Fors produced his *Ethical World-Conception of the Norse People* as a dissertation for the University of Chicago, and decades since Jan DeVries published *The Problem of Loki* for Folklore Fellows Communications. A resurgence of interest in traditional Norse mythology through the popularity of the reinterpreted characters and themes of the *Eddas* makes new assessment of the ethical elements of that mythology timely. Of particular interest is the challenge of interpreting and understanding the character of Loki from an ethical standpoint. This is not a Marvel comics-filtered view of the Norse trickster, but Sigfusson's Loki, who seems to undergo a transformation from filial member of the house of Odin to its much-abused conscience (or at least, its unappreciated truth-teller) before finally becoming an embodiment of retribution roughly parallel to the Greek Furies.