

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **Academic Interests**

Medieval and Modern South Asia; Political and Cultural History of Islam;  
Intellectual History; Economic History

### **Education**

2012: Ph.D. with Distinction (Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations, and Department of History), University of Chicago.

Doctoral Dissertation: *Politics for Faith: Karamat Ali Jaunpuri and Islamic Revivalist Movements in British India circa 1800-73*

Advisor: Professor Muzaffar Alam. Review: Nathan Spannaus, *Dissertation Reviews*, 2014

2006: M.A. (South Asian Languages and Civilizations), University of Chicago.  
Advisor: Professor Muzaffar Alam.

2001: M.A. (History), University of Calcutta, India.

1999: B.A. Honours (History), Presidency College, University of Calcutta, India.

### **Academic Work Experience**

2014: Guest Faculty, Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata 700073, India

April 2013 till present: Assistant Professor in History, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, R-1 Baishnabghata-Patuli Township, Kolkata 700094, India.

May 2012 till March 2013: Fellow, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (An Autonomous Body under the Ministry of Culture,

Government of India), Azad Bhavan, IB 166, Sector III, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700106, India

January 2012-June 2012: Guest Faculty, Department of History, Jadavpur University, Kolkata 700032, India

### **Awards, Distinctions, and Fellowships**

2012: Awarded Ph.D. with Distinction (Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations, and Department of History), University of Chicago.

2010-11: Dissertation Write-up Support Award, Committee on Southern Asian Studies, University of Chicago.

2009-10: Pre-dissertation Travel Support Award, COSAS, University of Chicago.

2008-09: Pre-dissertation Travel Support Award, COSAS, University of Chicago.

2008: Provost's Summer Fellowship, University of Chicago.

2004-2010: Graduate Student Fellowship, Division of Humanities, University of Chicago.

2001: Chandra Narayan Medal for securing highest marks in M.A. (History) Examination, Presidency College, University of Calcutta.

2001: First in First Class, MA (History) Examination, University of Calcutta.

### **Conferences, Lectures, and Workshop Presentations**

April 12, 2014: Presented paper titled "Colonial Courts, Islamic jurisconsults, and the Emergence of the Ahl-i hadis Movement in late-nineteenth century north India", University Grants Commission sponsored state level seminar on "Rethinking Multiculturalism: Some reflections" [Organized by the Departments of English, Bengali, History, Economics and Political Science, Maharaja Srischandra College, Kolkata], Maharaja Srischandra College, Kolkata

April 25-27, 2013: Presented paper titled "Colonial Courts, Islamic jurisconsults, and the Emergence of the Ahl-i hadis Movement in late-nineteenth century north India", International Conference, "Thinking through Law South Asian Histories and the Legal Archive" [Organized by Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Department of History, University of Delhi, Department of History, Princeton University, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library], Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Teen Murti Bhawan, New Delhi.

March 21-22, 2013: Presented paper titled "Two Mosques and the Imam al-Hind: Mawlana Azad, the practice of Islamic law, and the politics of decolonization", International Conference, "Cultural Institutions and Knowledge Arenas post-1947: Revisiting the roles of Maulana Azad" [Organized by Nehru Memorial Museum and Library in association with Dr Veena Naregal, Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi], Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Teen Murti Bhawan, New Delhi

February 13, 2013: Invited Lecture on "New Perspectives on the Mughal state", Refresher Course on "State and Society in Premodern Europe and Asia", Department of History, Jadavpur University, Kolkata 700032, India.

February 13, 2013: Invited Lecture on "New Perspectives on the Ottoman state", Refresher Course on "State and Society in Premodern Europe and Asia", Department of History, Jadavpur University, Kolkata 700032, India.

December 11-13, 2012: Presented paper titled "Making of a '*Domain of Islam*': Sunni Islamic debates on the religio-juridical status of British India circa 1803-1871", International Workshop, "Spaces of law: territories, boundaries, corridors and beyond"[Organized jointly by Centre for Studies in Social Sciences Calcutta and Plymouth University (UK) within the British Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) funded research network '*Subjects of law: rightful selves and the legal process in imperial Britain and the British empire*'], Centre for Studies in Social Sciences Calcutta, Kolkata, India.

November 23, 2012: Invited lecture on "Making of a '*Domain of Islam*': Mawlana Karamat Ali and Politics in British India circa 1800-73" in PhD Seminar Programme (2012-13), Department of History, West Bengal State University, Barasat, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, India.

November 3, 2012: Extension lecture on "18<sup>th</sup> Century in Indian History", Department of History, Jadavpur University, Kolkata 700032, India

August 30, 2012: Convener of International Colloquium, "Ethical Imperatives?: Muslim Identities and Political Islam in Colonial and Postcolonial South Asia", Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata 700106, India.

August 29, 2012: Presented paper titled "Two Mosques and the Imam al-Hind: Mawlana Azad, the practice of Islamic Law, and politics of decolonization", International Seminar, "For Nation and Islam: Maulana Abul

Kalam Azad in Retrospect", Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata 700106, India.

August 28-29, 2012: Convener of International Seminar, "For Nation and Islam: Maulana Abul Kalam Azad in Retrospect", Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata 700106, India

June 3, 2010: Presented paper titled "Religious Thought and Politics in the Cusp of Empires: From 'Muslim kingship' (*badshahat*) to a new 'politics for faith' (*siyasat-i imani*) (1756-1831)", Theory and Practice in South Asia (TAPSA) Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago.

May 26, 2009: Presented paper titled "The Islamic discursive tradition and the rise of a discourse public: The Tariqah-i Muhammadiyah and Religious Practice in Colonial South Asia", Middle Eastern History and Theory (MEHAT) Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago.

April 12, 2008: Presented paper titled "Religion and Politics in Nineteenth Century Bengal: The Case of Shah Karamat Ali (1800-1873)", New Perspectives in South Asian Research: Fifth Annual South Asia Graduate Student Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago.

April 5, 2008: Presented paper titled "Debating Histories: Bengal Muslims and the Politics of the Colonial Era", New Directions in Modern South Asian Studies: An Interdisciplinary Workshop for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars, Tufts University, Medford, USA.

October 14, 2007: Presented paper titled "Literary Practice in Nineteenth Century Bengal: the case of '*Muslim punthi-sahitya*'", The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, USA.

May 15, 2007: Presented paper titled "Literary Practice in Nineteenth Century Bengal: the case of '*Muslim punthi-sahitya*'", Indian Council of Historical Research International Seminar on Identity, Emotions and Culture: Languages and Literature in the Subcontinent, c.900 to c.2000, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, India.

### **Selected Publications**

"Mawlana Karamat 'Ali Jawnpuri", Encyclopaedia of Islam Three (eds.) Kate Fleet, Gudrun Krämer; Denis Matringe; John Nawas; Everett Rowson with: Roger Allen, Edith Ambros, Oliver Bast, Thomas Bauer, Jonathan Berkey, Sheila Blair, Jonathan Bloom, Léon Buskens, Stephen Dale, Eve Feuillebois-Pierunek, Maribel Fierro, Edmund Herzig, Alexander Knysh, Roman Loimeier,

Marie Miran-Guyon, David Powers, Merle Ricklefs, Ayman Shihadeh and Gotthard Strohmaier (Leiden, New York: E.J.Brill, 2007-) (In progress)

"Farai'di", Encyclopaedia of Islam Three (eds.) Kate Fleet, Gudrun Krämer; Denis Matringe; John Nawas; Everett Rowson with: Roger Allen, Edith Ambros, Oliver Bast, Thomas Bauer, Jonathan Berkey, Sheila Blair, Jonathan Bloom, Léon Buskens, Stephen Dale, Eve Feuillebois-Pierunek, Maribel Fierro, Edmund Herzig, Alexander Knysh, Roman Loimeier, Marie Miran-Guyon, David Powers, Merle Ricklefs, Ayman Shihadeh and Gotthard Strohmaier (Leiden, New York: E.J.Brill, 2007-) (In progress)

"Islamic Law And Imperial Space: British India as "domain of Islam" circa 1803-1870", *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History*, Volume 15, Number 1 (Spring 2014) (The Johns Hopkins University Press) Online ISSN: 1532-5768.

Review of Ronit Ricci, *Islam translated: literature, conversion and the Arabic cosmopolis of South and Southeast Asia* (Chicago and London: University of Chicago Press, 2011) in *South Asian History and Culture* (Taylor & Francis), Volume 3 Number 3 (2012) pp.461-464.

Review of Saurabh Dube, *Untouchable Past: Religion, Identity, and Power among a Central Indian Community, 1780-1950* (Albany, New York: State University of New York Press, 2001) in *The Telegraph* (Kolkata), June 28, 2002.

### **Other Recent Professional Activities**

2014: Examiner of M.PHIL. dissertation submitted to Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences I, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi 110067 by Abhay Kumar titled "Perceptions of Muslim Backwardness: Bengal and the North Western Provinces & Oudh (1871-1900)".

2014: Advisor on "History" curriculum to Expert Committee on School Education, School Education Department (Secondary Branch), Government of West Bengal.

### **References**

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