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Curriculum vitae

EDUCATION

2008 Ph.D., Department of Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin

2004 M.A., Department of Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin

1995 B.A., Philosophy, Hampshire College

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Indian Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics, Logic/Critical Thinking, Philosophy of Religion, Asian Philosophy

SPECIAL TEACHING COMPETENCIES

Online Teaching

Adult Education

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2008-15 St. Edward's University, New College, Adjunct Faculty

2008-15 University of Houston–Victoria, Arts & Sciences Humanities Division, Adjunct Lecturer

2009-15 Austin Community College, Department of Philosophy, Adjunct Assistant Professor

2012-15 Texas State University, Department of Philosophy, Adjunct Lecturer

OTHER ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2015 Contractor, Development of Online Course: Moral Issues in Society Capstone, St. Edward's University, New College

2014 Contractor, Development of Online Course: Critical Thinking, St. Edward's University, New College

PUBLICATIONS

2010 Stansell, Ellen and Stephen H. Phillips. "Hartshorne and Indian Panentheism." *Sophia* 49 (2010): 285-295.

2010 Bilimoria, Purushottama and Ellen Stansell. "Suturing the Body Corporate (Divine and Human) in the Brahmanic Traditions." *Sophia* 49 (2010): 237-259.

2008 Stansell, Ellen Briggs. "The *Guṇa* Theory of the *Bhagavad Gītā*." *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research* 25.4 (2008): 61-80.

DISSERTATION

2008 "Freedom and Desire in the *Bhagavad Gītā*"
Supervisor: Stephen Phillips
Abstract: The *Bhagavad Gītā* (*Gītā*) describes the practice of *karma yoga*, (yoga of works), central to which is *niṣkāma karman* (action without desire). I elucidate the *Gītā*'s metaphysics, ethics, and soteriology and argue that *niṣkāma karman* challenges the Humean view that desire is necessary for action.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2013 St. Edward's University, Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award New College Nomination

2003 University of Texas at Austin, Distinguished Teacher Award

INIVITED TALKS

2006 "Classical Indian Logic," Washington State University, Vancouver

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

2009 "Suturing the Body Corporate (Divine and Human) in the Brahmanic Traditions," presented by co-author Purushottama Bilimoria, Panentheism Panel, 2009 Parliament of the World's Religions, Melbourne, Australia

2008 "On Deriving Moral Prescriptions from *Ahiṃsā*" (commentary), Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Annual Meeting, Pacific Grove, California

2005 "Adapting Traditional Yoga Teachings for Secular Settings," 2005 East-West Philosopher's Conference at the University of Hawaii at Manoa

SELECTED ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Austin Community College
Introduction to Philosophy (all terms Spring 2009 to present)
Ethics (Fall 2012 to present)

St. Edward's University
Moral Reasoning (most terms Spring 2009 to present)
Capstone (Summer 2008)

Texas State University
Philosophy and Critical Thinking (Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2014)

University of Houston–Victoria
Ethics (all terms Fall 2008 to present)
Yoga as Philosophy and Practice (Fall 2008, Fall 2009)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2013 Oxford University Press, Reviewer

2005 *Philosophy East and West*, Referee

2002 University of Texas at Austin, Department of Philosophy, Departmental Review Committee, Member

LANGUAGES

Classical Sanskrit—reading proficiency

Modern German—reading proficiency and conversation