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I. Academic/Professional Background

A. Name: Title: Associate Professor
Leah Madge Renold

B. Educational Background

Degree	*Year*	*University*	*Major*	*Thesis/Dissertation*
Ph.D.	1999	University of Texas at Austin	History	Construction of Hindu Identity at Banaras Hindu University (1915-1947)
M.A.	1992	University of Texas at Austin	Asian Studies	
B.A.	1986	University of Texas at Austin	Humanities	

C. University Experience

Position	*University*	*Dates*
Associate Professor	Texas State University	2007-Present
Visiting Assistant Professor	University of Virginia	2005-2006
Visiting Assistant Professor	St. Lawrence University	2001-2004

D. Relevant Professional Experience

Position	*Entity*	*Dates*
Academic Program Director Education Abroad in India	Texas State University	Summer 2023
Academic Program Director Study Abroad in India	Texas State University	Summer 2018
Academic Program Director Study Abroad in India	Texas State University	Summer 2017
Academic Program Director Study Abroad in India	Texas State University	Winter, 2011-12
Academic Program Director Study Abroad in Indochina	Texas State University	Summer 2011
Director, New York State Independent College Consortium for Study in India	St. Lawrence University	2004-2005

E. Other Professional Credentials (licensure, certification, etc.) De

Quality Matters Designing Your Online Course Certificate, January 2019

II. TEACHING

A. Teaching Honors and Awards:

2024-2025 Faculty of the Year Award, Center for International Studies, Texas State University

Special Distribution of the Teaching Award of Honor (2020) Texas State University

College of Liberal Arts Excellence in Teaching Award (2018) Texas State University

B. Courses Taught:
Texas State University

HIST 2311 World Civilizations to 1500
HIST 4328 History of India
HIST 4348 Mahatma Gandhi and Non-violence
HIST 4350J History and Culture of Modern India
HIST 4350X Peace and Nonviolence
HIST 4350Z History of Drugs
HIST 4399 Senior Seminar
HIST 5395 E Gandhi in World History (Graduate)
IS 4380 International Studies Senior Seminar

C. Graduate Theses/Dissertations, Honors Theses, or Exit Committees (if supervisor, please indicate):

BreAnna Jackson, International Studies, 2023 (Exit Committee)

Alyssa Garcia, Honors Thesis, 2023 (Supervisor)

Kate Plymale, International Studies, 2022 (Supervisor)

Alyssa Garcia, International Studies, 2022 (Exit Committee)

Justin Bowling, History MA, 2017 (Supervisor)

Tony Coniglio, History MA, 2017 (Supervisor)

James Spencer, History MA, 2016 (Supervisor)

Danielle Smith, MA Thesis in History, Texas State University, 2015 (Supervisor)

Jennibeth Rodriguez, International Studies MA, Texas State University, 2015

Syed Ali Haider, Creative Writing MFA, 2013

Don Carington, History MA, 2012

Rachael Gillespie, International Relations MA, 2012

Kara Hester, International Studies MA, 2012

Paul Vega, International Studies, MA, Texas State University, 2012.

Emily Pinto, International Studies MA, Texas State University, 2012

Alysia Khendak, International Studies MA, Texas State University, 2011 (Supervisor)

Michael Brett King, International Studies MA, Texas State University, 2011.

Brett King, International Studies M.A., Texas State University, 2011

Emily Erdmann, Political Science MA, Texas State University, 2011

Monirith Ly, Adult, Professional, and Community Education, Ph.D., Texas State University, 2011.

D. Courses Prepared and Curriculum Development:

Texas State University

IS 4380.253 International Studies Capstone Course (New topic on Climate Change)
IS 4380.253 International Studies Capstone Course (New topic on Religious Nationalism for Spr. 2024)
HIST 4350Z History of Drugs
HIST 4350X Peace and Nonviolence
HIST 4328 History of India
HIST 4348 Mahatma Gandhi and Non-violence
HIST 4350J History and Culture of Modern India
HIST 5395E Gandhi in World History (Graduate)
IS 4380 International Studies Senior Seminar

E. Funded External Teaching Grants and Contracts:
F. Submitted, but not Funded, External Teaching Grants and Contracts:
G. Funded Internal Teaching Grants and Contracts:
H. Submitted, but not Funded, Internal Teaching Grants and Contracts:

I. Other:
Program Coordinator for Peace and Social Justice Minor (2020-2026)
Peace and Justice Minor (The new minor was approved in 2020)

Co-created a proposal for a Peace and Justice Minor with Rebecca Montgomery, 2019
Received Certificate in Online Course Design by Quality Matters, 2019

III. SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE

A. Works in Print (including works accepted, forthcoming, in press)

1. Books (if not refereed, please indicate)

a. Scholarly Monographs:
A Hindu Education: The Early Years of the Banaras Hindu University. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2005.

b. Textbooks:

c. Edited Books:

d. Chapters in Books

"Nationalist Education: The Case of Banaras Hindu University and Malaviya. *Handbook of Education Systems in South Asia,* P. M. Sarangapani and R. Pappu, eds. Singapore: Springer, 2020.

"The Maharaja Grants the Brahman a Boon: The subordination of history to myth." Manu Bhagavan and Syed Akbar Hyder, eds. *Hidden Histories: Religion and Reform in South Asia.* New Delhi: Primus Books, 2018.

"A Hindu Temple of Learning: The Hybridization of Religion and Architecture." Michael S. Dodson, ed. Banaras: *Urban Forms and Cultural Histories*. New Delhi: Routledge, 2011.

"Fundamentalism." John Collins and Ross Glover, editors. *Collateral Language: A User's Guide to America's New War.* New York: New York University Press, 2002. Also in an Italian translation, *Linguaggio Collaterale*, Ombre Corte, 2006, and in a Spanish translation, *Lenguage Collateral: Claves Para Justicar una Guerra*, Madrid: Paginas de Espuma, 2003.

e. Creative Books:

2. Articles

a. Refereed Journal Articles:

"The Mahatma and the Missionary: Gandhi's Conflicting Accounts of His First Encounter with Christianity." *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 19, no. 1 (Spring 2018) https://muse.jhu.edu/ (accessed April 2, 2019).

"Only the Impure Can Be Violated: Gandhi's Views on Female Sexuality, Dalit Women, and Rape." *Indian Journal of Dalit and Tribal Studies* 5, no. 1 (January-June 2017) 1-11.

"Predecessors of *Prajna: A Survey of Pre-Independence Journals." Prajna 54,* no. 1-2 *(December 2008) 255-258.*

"Gandhi: Patron Saint of the Industrialist." *Sagar: South Asia Graduate Research Journal* 1, no. 1 (Spring 1994): 16-38.

b. Non-refereed Articles:

3. Conference Proceedings

a. Refereed Conference Proceedings:

b. Non-refereed:

4. Abstracts:

5. Reports:

6. Book Reviews:

Review of Vera Hildebrand, *Women at War: Subhas Chandra Bose and the Rani of Jhansi Regiment*. H-War, H-Net Reviews. October, 2019. URL: http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=52575

Review of Charu Gupta, Sexuality, Obscenity, Community: Women, Muslims, and the Hindu Public in Colonial India. *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 4, no. 1 (2003) doi:10.1353/cch.2003.0026.

7. Other Works in Print:

B. Works not in Print

Papers Presented at Professional Meetings:

"The Ganges and the Garden of Eden: Cartography and the Influence of Mythology," 54th Annual Southwest Conference on Asian Studies, Nov. 8, 2025, Texas A&M University- San Antonio.

""From Sin to Divine Creativity: Historical Shifts in Perspectives of Technology in India," 53rd Southwest Conference on Asian Studies, Nov. 2, 2024, Stephen F. Austin University

"In the Eyes of the Beholder: The Ganges Canal System," Annual Meeting of the Southwest Conference on Asian Studies, University of Houston, Nov. 4, 2023.

"The Ganges and the Coming of Missionaries," Annual Meeting of the Southwest Conference on Asian Studies, Central Arkansas State University, Oct.7, 2022.

"Bathing in the Ganges: Liberation and Disease at the Kumbha Mela," 50th Annual Meeting of the Southwest Conference on Asian Studies," (University of Houston was to host the conference, but it was held on Zoom due to COVID), Oct. 22, 2021.

"Mouth of the Cow as the Source of the Ganges River," 49th Annual Meeting of the Southwest Conference on Asian Studies, Texas State was to host the conference, but it was held successfully on Zoom due to Covid, Oct. 24, 2020.

"Sagar Island: Sacrifice by Drowning, British Interference, and the Descent of the Ganges," Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin at Madison, 2019.

"Mahatma Gandhi and the 1889 Carnegie Controversy in London," Britain and the World Conference, University of Newcastle, UK, 2014.

"Annie Besant's Annie Besant's Little Hindu Textbook: Theosophy, Empire, and Hindu Education," Ireland, Slavery, Anti-Slavery, Empire Conference, University College Dublin, 2013.

"The Maharaja Grants the Brahman a Boon: The Subordination of History to Myth," Texas South Asia Conference, University of Texas at Austin, 2012.

2. Invited Talks, Lectures, and Presentations:

"Life and Death on the Ganges River," 2021 Mensa World Gathering, Houston, TX, Sept. 26, 2021.

"Empathy in Asian Religions, Empathy's Role in Community Cohesion Seminar, Texas State, 2019.

"Food Justice, Peace and Bread Symposium for International Peace, Texas State, 2018.

"The Role of the Hindu University in the Indian Independence Movement," Indian Institute of Technology (BHU) Global Alumni, Silicon Valley Meeting, Santa Clara, CA, September 17, 2016.

"The Role of the Hindu University in the Indian Independence Movement," Department of History, Banaras Hindu University, 2015.

"Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya and the Cleaning of the Ganga," Parashurama Jayanti Bhavya Shobha Yatra, Farruckabad, India, April 24, 2015.

"Deities of India," Honors 1390 E: Origins of Civilization Lecture 2015

"Teaching Hinduism," NEH Seminar on Religious Studies, 2013

"War and the Church: Just Warfare and Just Peacemaking," New York State Peace Conference, St. Lawrence University, 2003

3. Consultancies:
World History Advisory Board for STAAR Exam, Texas Education Agency

4. Workshops:
"Rising India: Engaging Students in Learning About India," Teacher Outreach, Southwest Conference on Asian Studies, University of Houston, Nov. 4, 2023.

"History of Southeast Asia," A Cultural Perspective on Southeast Asia Workshop, 2013

5. Other Works not in Print:

a. Works "submitted" or "under review"
b. Works "in progress"
Unholy Confluence: The River Ganga and the British Raj
Hindu Interests: The Life and Times of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya

c. Other works not in print

C. Grants and Contracts

1. Funded External Grants and Contracts:

American Institute for Indian Studies Junior Scholar Fellowship for dissertation research in India, 1996-1997.

Ford Foundation Social Science Research Grant for research on Banaras Hindu University at the India Office Library and Records of the British Library in London, England, 1994.

American Institute of Indian Studies Fellowship for the Hindi Language Program at Banaras, India, 1991-92.

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowships for the study of Hindi and Urdu at the University of Texas, 1990-91, 1994-95, 1995-96.

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship for First-Year Hindi Intensive at the University of California at Berkeley, 1990.

2. Submitted, but not Funded, External Grants and Contracts:

3. Funded Internal Grants and Contracts:

Texas State University

Developmental Leave Grant for 2014-15, Texas State University

Research Enhancement Grant, Texas State University, 2007-2008.

4. Submitted, but not Funded, Internal Grants and Contracts:

D. Fellowships, Awards, Honors:

2018 College Achievement Award for Excellence in Teaching, College of Liberal Arts, Texas State University

IV. SERVICE

A. Institutional

1. University:
   University Humanities Research Excellence Award Committee (2023)
   Outstanding M.A. Thesis in the Humanities and Fine Arts Selection Committee (2022)
   University Lecturers Series (Organized Roundtable Session and Lecture by Dr. Rajmohan Gandhi, Mahatma Gandhi's Grandson on "Nationhood Today in the US and India: Learning with Gandhi" (Fall 2021)
   University Governance Committee (Fall 2019-2021)
   University Curriculum Committee (Fall 2019-Spring 2020
   Faculty Handbook Committee (Fall 2016-May 2025)
   Faculty Advisor, Indian Students Association, Fall 2020-2026)
   Faculty Advisor, South Asian Students Association (Spring 2010-Spring 2017)

2. College:
Liberal Arts REP Committee (Fall 2023)
Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee (Fall 2018-Spring 2021)
Research Enhancement Program Committee (Fall 2015)

3. Department/School:
Commentor for Thesis Prospectus Colloquium, May 5, 2026
Member of Search Committee for Environment Historian, 2025-2026
Director Peace and Social Justice Minor (2020-2026)
Member Curriculum Committee (2025-2026)
Member Study Abroad Committee (2025-2026)
Chair, History Research Fund Committee (Fall 2023)
Member Curriculum Committee (Fall 2023)
Member Senior Seminar Committee (Fall 2023)
Chair, History Research Fund Committee (Spring, 2016)
Chair, History Library Committee (Fall 2015-Spring 2016)
Chair, Study Abroad Committee (Fall 2018-Spring 2019)
Member: Senior Seminar Committee (Fall 2021-Spring 2022)
Member, Curriculum Committee (Fall 2020-Spring 2022)
Member, Russian Search Committee (Oct. 1, 2019-Feb. 16, 2020)
Member, Students Awards and Scholarships (August 2018-May 2019)
Member, Ingram Professorship Committee (Spring 2016, Spring 2022)
Member, Study Abroad Committee (Fall 2020-Spring 2022)

B. Professional:

Treasurer of Southwest Conference on Asian Studies, (October 24, 2020-2026)

Guest Editor for a special issue on religion and violence in India for the peer-reviewed journal *Religions,* 2025-2026.

Reviewer for Bloomsbury of a book manuscript titled “Bihar in Colonial India: Region in the Making of a Nation,” by Aryendra Chakravartty, June 2025.

Chair of Panel, “Religion Myth and Politics in South and East Asia,” Southwest Conference on Asian Studies, Texas A&M University, San Antonio, Nov. 8, 2025

Chair of Panel, “Interpreting South Asian Past,” Southwest Conference on Asian Studies, Stephen F. Austin University, Nov. 2, 2024

Chair of Panel, “Digital Identity, Creativity and Materiality in South Asia,” Southwest Conference on Asian Studies, Stephen F. Austin University, Nov. 2, 2024

Chair of panel, “"Spiritual and Ethical Landscapes,” Southwest Conference on Asian Studies, University of Houston, Nov. 4, 2023.

Organizer and Chair of panel, “The Ganges Far Beyond Her Banks: The Cultural Expanse of the Ganges” Southwest Conference on Asian Studies, University of Houston, Nov. 4, 2023.

Reviewer for Bloomsbury of a book proposal for a book titled *Bihar and the Making of National Imaginary in Colonial India.*

Chair of panel on Cultures of Belonging: Religion, Folklore, and Mythology in India, 49th Southwest Conference on Asian Studies (Was to be held at Texas State, but was held on Zoom due to COVID), October 24, 2020

External tenure reviewer, University of Oklahoma, 2019.

Chair and discussant of Panel on Environmental Histories, Policies, and Management, Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin at Madison, 2019.

C. Community:
Volunteer, Red Cross

D. Service Honors and Awards:

E. Service Grants and Contracts

1. Funded External Service Grants and Contracts:

2. Submitted, but not Funded, External Service Grants and Contracts:

3. Funded Internal Service Grants and Contracts:

4. Submitted, but not Funded, Internal Service Grants and Contracts: