TEXAS STATE VITA

I. Academic/Professional Background

A. Name: Binita Mehta **Title**: Senior Lecturer

B. Educational Background

Degree	*Year*	*University*	*Major*	*Thesis/Dissertation*
Ph.D.	2012	University of Iowa	Religious Studies	Dissertation Title: *Poetics of Self: An Existential Phenomenological Investigation of Hindu Advaita*
M.A.	2010	University of New Mexico	Philosophy	
M.A.	2003	Yale University	Linguistics	
M.Sc.	1996	Moscow State University, Russia	Physics and Mathematics	

C. University Experience

Position	*University*	*Dates*
Senior Lecturer	Texas State University	Aug. 2012 - present
Teaching and Graduate Assistant	University of Iowa	Aug. 2006 – May 2011
Teaching Assistant	University of New Mexico	Aug. 2004 – May 2006

II. TEACHING

A. Teaching Honors and Awards:

Louis Penningroth Award (in recognition of counselor skills), Department of Religious Studies, The University of Iowa, 2012.

B. Courses Taught:

Texas State University:

Philosophy and Critical Thinking (PHIL 1305)
Science & Religion (PHIL 3317)
Meaning of Life (PHIL 3324 & 5324)
Indian Philosophy and Religion (REL 3381)

Religion, Literature and Arts (REL 3340)
Founders, Prophets and Saints (REL 2321)
Asian Religions (REL 2360)
World Religions (REL 1300)
Buddhism (REL 3385)
Mysticism (REL 3361B)
Yoga: Principles and Practice (REL 3386)

New Mexico State University:

Engineering Physics I (PHY 215)

D. Courses Prepared and Curriculum Development:

Courses Developed and Approved by the University Curriculum Committee at Texas State University:

Buddhism (REL 3385), Mysticism (REL 3361B), Yoga: Principles and Practice (REL 3386)

III. SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE

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

1. Books (if not refereed, please indicate)

d. Chapters in Books:

Mehta, Binita. 2021. 'Indian Traditional Dance and the Experience of Ego-Transcendence.' In *The Bloomsbury Handbook of Dance and Philosophy*, edited by Rebecca Farinas & Julie Van Camp, 255-262. London: Bloomsbury Academic.

2. Articles

a. Refereed Journal Articles:

Duerlinger, James, Binita Mehta, and Siddharth Singh. 2020. 'Śāntarakṣita and Kamalaśīla on the Advaita Vedānta Theory of a Self.' *The Indian International Journal of Buddhist Studies* 21 (35-52).

Mehta, Binita. 2020. 'Hindu Framework and the Yoga System'. *The Social Studies Texan* 13 (Fall/Winter; no.3), 44-46.

Mehta, Binita. 2017. 'Self-Knowledge as Non-Dual Awareness: A Comparative Study of Plotinus and Indian Advaita Philosophy'. *The International Journal of the Platonic Tradition* 11 (no.2), 117-148.

Denisov, Victor and Binita Mehta. 1998. 'Electromagnetic Radiation of a Weak Gravitational Wave in a Coulomb Field'. *Gravitation and Cosmology* 4 (no.4), 291-293.

3. Book Reviews:

Mehta, Binita. Review of *Psychology without spirit: The Freudian quandary*, by Samuel Bendeck Sotillos. *The Journal of Transpersonal Psychology* 51, no.1 (2019): 127-131.

B. Works not in Print

1. Papers Presented at Professional Meetings:

June 2018 "Plotinian Principles in Goethe's Philosophy of Nature." International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, Sixteenth Annual Conference. Los Angeles, California.

September 2016 "The Experience of Self-Transcendence: Traditional Hindu Perspective on Art and Dance." Engagement: Symposium of Philosophy and Dance, Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas.

June 2016 "The Challenge of Constructivism and the Plotinian and Advaita Vedantic Models of Self." International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, Fourteenth Annual Conference. Seattle, Washington.

May 2015 "The Application of Yoga and Vedantic Non-Dual Philosophy to Inter-Cultural Interaction." The West East Institute Conference. Prague, Czech Republic.

April 2015 "Relation between Science and Religion: A Reappraisal and its Significance for Multidisciplinary Studies." Religious Studies Conference, Texas State University. San Marcos, Texas.

October 2013 "Self-Knowledge and Mystical Cognition in Plotinus and Indian Advaita Philosophy." Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, 31st Annual Meeting, Fordham University, New York City, New York.

June 2011 "Plotinian Self and the Non-Locality of Consciousness." International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, Ninth Annual Conference. Atlanta, Georgia.

April 2010 "Byzantine Iconography: A Paradigm for Epistemic Non-violence." 6th Annual Religion, Literature and the Arts Conference, The University of Iowa. Iowa City, Iowa.

June 2009 "A Phenomenological Investigation of Plotinian (and Indian Non-Dual) Conceptions of the Self." International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, Seventh Annual Conference. Krakow, Poland.

2. Invited Talks, Lectures, and Presentations:

August 2021 "Aesthetics, Self-Awareness and the Experience of Wholeness: Indian and Cross-Cultural Perspectives". Invited Talk at *Mensa World Gathering*, Houston.

March 2019 "Mystical Frameworks and the Human-Nature Relationship". Guest Lecture for *Sustainability in a Changing World* class (Biology 7360U), Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas.

October 2018 "The Hindu and Goethean View of Participatory knowledge and Forging of Reverence towards Nature". *Nature Spirituality and Environmental Justice* Panel Discussion, sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas.

November 2015 "Mystical Experience as Self-Knowledge in Indian Non-Dual Philosophy." Religious Studies Colloquium, Texas State University. San Marcos, Texas.

March 2015 "The Divinity of the Material World: The Ecological Implications of the Religious Doctrine of Immanence." Religious Studies Colloquium, Texas State University. San Marcos, Texas.

November 2014 "Body and Healing: The Perspective of Indian Medicine." Religious Studies Dialogue Series, Texas State University. San Marcos, Texas.

February 2014 "Arranged Marriages in India." Guest Lecture to FCD 3359, Texas State University. San Marcos, Texas.

October 2012 "Eros, Beauty, and the Experience of the Sacred." Special NEH Lecture, Texas State University. San Marcos, Texas.

D. Fellowships, Awards, Honors:

Ballard Seashore Dissertation Year Fellowship, The University of Iowa, 2011-2012.

Travel Award for Conference Presentation, International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, 2011.

University Lecturers Series Award, Texas State University, 2015.

IV. SERVICE

A. Institutional

1. **University:**

   Adjunct Faculty Committee Liaison, Texas State University (2014-2017)

2. **College: Liberal Arts**

3. **Department/School:**

   Participated in the Religious Studies Committee in the Department of Philosophy (Texas State University) to collaborate for developing the proposal for religious studies major