

Curriculum Vitae
Cynthia Ann Humes
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ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Associate Vice President and Chief Technology Officer 6/2005–present and Associate Professor of Religious Studies 1996–present

Director, Fletcher Jones Student Peer to Peer Technology Training Program, 9/2004–6/2007

Associate Dean for Academic Computing, July 2001–June 2005

Director, Educational Technology Services, July 2001–June 2005

Director, "Sharing Our Strengths" Mellon Grant to The Claremont Colleges Consortium, 7/2002–6/2005

Director, Fluency in Information Technology (FITness) Program Grant, 1/2002–6/2005

Director and founder, Teaching Resource Center, 7/1999–6/2005

Chair or Co-Chair, Gender Studies, Claremont McKenna College, 1994–2005, 2010–present

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor, 1996–present, CMC Department of Religious Studies

Associate Professor, 1996–present, CGU School of Religion and Women's Studies

Assistant Professor, 1990–1996 CMC Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

Assistant Professor, 1990–1996 CGU School of Religion and Women's Studies

Adjunct Instructor, 1989–1990 Grinnell College Department of Religious Studies

EDUCATION

The University of Iowa, Ph.D., History of Asian Religions 1990

Dissertation: *The Text and Temple of the Great Goddess: The Devī-Māhātmya and the Vindhyācal Temple of Mirzapur*, Sheldon I. Pollock, Advisor

Qualifying Exams: History of Religion in India, Indian Buddhism, and Medieval Hindu Devotionalism

Banaras Hindu University (Banaras, Uttar Pradesh, India) 1987–1988

Visiting Research Scholar, Department of Ancient Indian History and Culture

Landour Language School (Mussoorie, Uttar Pradesh, India) 1986

Intensive Intermediate Hindi (Foreign Language and Areas Studies Fellow)

The University of Iowa, M.A., Religion 1985

Qualifying Exams: Psychological Study of Religion, History of Christianity, History of World Religions, and Methodology

Grinnell College, A.B., Religious Studies, Asian Religions track 1981

RELIGIOUS STUDIES PUBLICATIONS – A Selected Listing

Edited peer-reviewed books

Co-Editor, Breaking Boundaries with the Goddess: New Directions in the Study of Saktism, with Rachel Fell McDermott. New Delhi, India: Manohar Publications, 2009.

"Introduction," with Rachel Fell McDermott, pp. xvii–xxxiv.

"Power and the Powerful: Shakti and Metaphors of Seed, Field and Womb," pp. 297–333.

Co-Editor, Gurus in America, with Thomas A. Forsthoefel. State University of New York Press, 2005.

"Making Waves," with Thomas A. Forsthoefel, pp. 1–13.
"Maharishi Mahesh Yogi: Beyond the TM® Technique," pp. 55–79.

Co-Editor, Living Banaras: Hindu Religion in Cultural Context, with Bradley R. Hertel (Albany: SUNY Press), 1993.

"Introduction," with Bradley R. Hertel, pp. 1–18.

"The Goddess of the Vindhyas in Banaras," pp. 181–204.

"Lolark Kund: Sun and Shiva Worship in the City of Light," with Ratnesh K. Pathak, 205–44.

Appendices, Contributors, and Index: "The Thirty-One-Day Program of the Ramnagar

Ramlila"; "An Encapsulation of the Ramcharitmanas by Tulsidas"; "Major Characters of the Ramayana"; "General Glossary"; and Contributors and Index, pp. 269–96, 309–20.

Chapter contributions in peer-reviewed books

"The Transcendental Meditation Organization and its Encounter with Science," eds. Olav Hammer and James R. Lewis, Handbook of Religion and the Authority of Science, Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill, 2010, pp. 345–70.

"Schisms Within a Hindu Guru Group: The Transcendental Meditation Movement in North America," eds. James R. Lewis and Sarah M. Lewis, Sacred Schisms: How Religions Divide, Cambridge University Press, 2009, pp. 287–305.

"Maharishi Ayur-Veda™: Perfect Health™ Through Enlightened Marketing in America," Eds. Dagmar Wujastyk and Frederick M. Smith, Modern and Global Ayurveda: Pluralism and Paradigms, State University of New York Press, 2008, pp. 309–31.

"Wrestling with Kali: South Asian and British Constructions of the Dark Goddess," Encountering Kali: In the Margins, at the Center, in the West, eds. Rachel Fell McDermott and Jeffrey J. Kripal, University of California Press, 2003, pp. 145–68.

"Is the Devi Mahatmya a Feminist Scripture?," in Eds. Alf Hiltebeitel and Kathleen M. Erndl, Is the Goddess a Feminist? The Politics of South Asian Goddesses. Sheffield Academic Press, 2000, pp. 123–50.

"Glorifying the Great Goddess or Great Woman? Hindu Women's Experience in Ritual Recitation of the Devi-Mahatmya," in Eds. Karen Torjesen and Karen King, Women and Goddess Traditions, Fortress Press, 1997, pp. 39–63.

"Becoming Male: Salvation through Gender Modification in Hinduism and Buddhism," in Ed. Sabrina Petra Ramet, Gender Reversals and Gender Cultures: Anthropological and Historical Perspectives, Routledge Press, 1996, pp. 123–37.

"Vindhyavasini: Local Goddess Yet Great Goddess," in Eds. John S. Hawley and Donna I. Wulff, Devi: The Goddess in India, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1996, pp. 49–76.

"Rajas, Thugs, and Mafiosos: Religion and Politics in the Worship of Vindhyavasini," in Eds. Sabrina Petra Ramet and Donald W. Treadgold, Render Unto Caesar: Religion and Politics in Cross-Cultural Perspective, Washington, D. C.: American University Press, 1995, pp. 219–47.

Articles in refereed journals

"Hindutva, Mythistory, and Pseudoarchaeology," Numen 59, 2012, 178–201.

Guest Editor and contributor. *Spotlight on Teaching*, Religious Studies News, Fall, 2006. "Gurus, Swamis, and Others."

"In Her Image: New Studies of Female Divinity in South Asian Art," Journal of the American Academy of Religion. December 2001, Vol. 69, No. 4, pp. 893–907.

Invited article in journal

"Vindhya Kshetra Mem Hindu Samskriti Tirtha," Banaras: Sanmarg Bharatiya Samskriti Visheshank (August 15, 1988), pp. 460–73.

Book reviews

I have reviewed many books for various journals, including the Journal of Asian Studies, Journal of the American Academy of Religion, and The Journal of Hindu Studies. Most recently:

Transcendent in America: Hindu-Inspired Meditation Movements as New Religion. By Lola Williamson. New York: New York University Press, 2010. The Journal of Hindu Studies (2010)

Untimely Bollywood: Globalization and India's New Assemblage. By Amit S. Rai. Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press, 2009. Journal of Asian Studies. (2010)

Strangers & Bandits: A Historical Anthology of Thuggee. By Wagner, Kim. OUP, 2009. Journal of Asian Studies. (2010)

Book accepted and under contract after Peer Review

The Transcendental Meditation Movement and its History in the United States, with co-author Dana W. Sawyer. Contract after peer review by State University of New York Press.

Book conditionally accepted after peer review of book proposal

Shankaracharya Brahmananda Saraswati. Introduction to the Shankaracharya Tradition of Advaita Vedanta, biography of the great master, and featuring English translations from Hindi and Sanskrit of the mid-nineteenth century Shankaracharya with commentary and annotations. Now under contract with Edwin Mellen Press.

UNDER REVISION:

Goddess of Blood, Goddess of Love: Divinity and Power in the *Devi Mahatmya* and Vindhyachal Temple.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES PRESENTATIONS – A Selected Listing

The American Academy of Religion — Annual National Meeting, Montreal, Canada 2009
Respondent, "American Gurus," North American Hinduism Consultation
Respondent, "Online Puja and Darshan: Cyber Sites and Sights" Hinduism Group

Exploring the Nature of Our Offense: A Symposium on the Study of Hinduism in a World of Identity Politics and Religious Intolerance — Big Sur, California 2004

Untitled speech: I presented on my experience having received death threats regarding publishing my work on Brahmin mafiosos at Vindhyachal Temple in Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh, as well as current trends in attacks on western scholars of Asia, in particular, over the internet.

The American Academy of Religion — Annual National Meeting, San Antonio, TX 2004

DANAM (Dharma Association of North America) 2004

"'Fair and Balanced': An Inquiry into New Directions Emerging in the Study of Geopolitics and Hinduism," a study and critique of the role of new money among Non-Resident Indians in current trends in attacks on western scholars of South Asia.

The American Academy of Religion — Annual National Meeting, Denver, CO 2001

"Mahagurus and Their Movements in a Global Context: Maharishi Mahesh Yogi and the TM Movement." November 20, 2001

The American Academy of Religion — Annual National Meeting, Boston, MA 1999

"Copyrighted Hinduism and the Transcendental Meditation™ Movement."

Claremont Lectures: Images of the Beloved Son — Claremont, CA 1998

"The 'Asiatick Christ'." January 15, 1998

Claremont Graduate University — Religion Colloquium, Claremont, CA 1997

"The Black Goddess: British and Southasian Portrayals."

South Asian Women's Conference — Los Angeles, CA 1997

"Re-envisioning the Goddess."

The American Academy of Religion — Annual National Meeting, New Orleans, LA 1996

"Methodology and Hindu Goddess Worship: Linking Feminist Theory and Indology."

Gender, Religion, and Social Definition Workshop — School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London 1996

"Power and the Powerful: Women, Men, and the Goddess."

ACADEMIC INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES— A Selected Listing

The World of Buddhism; Hinduism and Indian Culture; Indian Devotional Texts in Translation; Introduction to Eastern Religious Traditions; Introduction to Western Religious Traditions; Methods of Studying Religion; Senior Seminar in Religious Studies; Visions of the Divine Feminine; Wisdom of the East in the West; Hindu Goddesses; Hindu Devotional Texts in Translation; Introductory Sanskrit; Introductory Hindi; Gurus, Swamis and Others; Introduction to Religious Thought

FELLOWSHIPS, PERSONAL GRANTS, AND AWARDS

"South Asian Visual Culture and Expressions of Religious Identity, Social Construction, and Nation," Mellon Foundation "Cluster" Grant to travel to multiple sites in India to create a traveling exhibition, with accompanying didactic materials, documenting 19th-21st century South Asian visual culture (chromolithography, film, video, advertising, photography, theater arts, digital forms, and their hybrids) Summer 2009-Spring 2010

Gould Center for Humanistic Studies Grant 1991 1992 1995 1997 1999 2010

Knight Foundation Excellence in Undergraduate Education Program Grant 1992
Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship 1988–1989
American Institute of Indian Studies Junior Research Fellowship 1988
Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Research Abroad Training Grant 1987–1988
Fulbright Grant to India 1987–8 (declined)
Arthur Steindler Award for Academic Excellence and Teaching (University of Iowa) 1987
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship in Hindi 1985–1986

PROFESSIONAL RELIGIOUS STUDIES ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE – A Selected Listing

Co-Founder; Board Advisor, 2001–present
Foundation for Indic Philosophy and Culture

Founder and Chair, Religions of Asia Section 1998–2001
Western Commission on the Study of Religion, American Academy of Religion

Founder and Chair, Hinduism Group 1997–2000
National American Academy of Religion

Chair, Women in Asian Religions Section 1992–1998
Western Commission on the Study of Religion, American Academy of Religion

COLLEGE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – A Selected Listing

In addition to other committees, I have consistently served on, convened, or chaired the following: Academic Affairs & Research Institutes (Board of Trustees); Administrative Staff; Assessment Committee; BFAC/ITC Disaster Recovery Planning Group (consortial); Committee on Academic Computing; Faculty Committee; Incident Management Team; Information Technology Advisory Board; Information Technology Committee (consortial); Security Camera Taskforce; Senior Staff; Teaching Resource Committee.

COLLEGE GRANT WRITING

Fletcher Jones Foundation, 2004–2006: \$500,000 over three years. This grant established a Peer to Peer technology Training Program benefiting students at CMC. Co-author and Principal Investigator.

Berger Foundation, March 2005: \$45,350. This one-time grant funded technological improvements in McKenna Auditorium. Author and Principal Investigator.

Ryal Poppa gift, 2003: \$100,000. This one-time gift from an alumnus provided the means to establish a state of the art wireless network at CMC. Author and Principal Investigator.

Andrew W. Mellon, 2001–2004: \$665,000 over three years. This grant supported a “Sharing Our Strengths” Faculty Fluency Initiative linking support across The Claremont Colleges. Co-author, Principal Investigator, and Director of the intercollegiate program.

The Atlantic Philanthropies, 2001–2004: \$1,300,000 over three years. This grant launched a Fluency in Information Technology Program at Claremont McKenna College. Co-author, Principal Investigator, and Director of the program.

Trustee Gift, 2001–2: \$195,000. This gift helped support the Teaching Resource Center. Provided talking points for trustee ask and served as Principal Investigator.

Rockefeller Foundation, Fall 1999–Spring 2001: \$176,000. Helped establish the Teaching Resource Center. Co-author and Principal Investigator.

ARCO Foundation, 1998: \$48,500. This one-time gift supported technology capital purchases to provide laptops for faculty in the classroom. Co-author and Principal Investigator.

Alden Foundation, 1998: \$50,000. This one-time gift supported technology capital purchases to help establish the Teaching Resource Center. Co-author and Principal Investigator.

I have also influenced the acquisition of private gifts of \$250,000 to establish a student computing lab (2008) and \$500,000 (2008) to an Information Technology building project.

TECHNOLOGY AND HIGHER EDUCATION CONTRIBUTIONS – A Selected Listing

“Data Center Planning for Disaster Recovery and Cloud Computing in Higher Education,” Gartner Data Center Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, Presentation December 6, 2010.

Session proposal reviewer, EDUCAUSE West/Southwest Regional Conference, 2008-10

Various IT briefs, 2009-10, including: “The Future of Cloud Computing: Standards, Security, and Other Key Trends”; “The Evolution of a Small Liberal Arts College Web Site”; “The Ivory Tower and the Cloud” with Jeremy Whaley; and “Staying in the IT Game on Campus.”

“Online Learning Spaces: Beyond the Text,” co-authored with Cynthia Gautreau to the Volume 32, Number 1, edition of EDUCAUSE Quarterly Journal (January–March 2009).

Senior Reviewer, *EQ* (EDUCAUSE Quarterly) Review Committee– 2008-2012

Technology Across the Curriculum Symposium – George Mason University, May 19, 2005
“Systemic Transformation of Teaching and Learning: Curriculum Development,” Co-Presenter, with Micheal Malsed and Jason Stiffler

EDUCAUSE National Conference – Denver, CO, October 2004
"Claremont McKenna College's FITness Program Highlights: Reflection, Planning, Acting, Observing, FITness Goals," Co-Presenter, with Micheal Malsed and Jason Stiffler

"Disaster Prevention and a Student Team," Co-Presenter, with Micheal Malsed

"The Whole is Greater Than the Parts: Models for Systemic Transformation of Teaching and Learning," a pre-conference seminar, co-presented with Anne Agee, Dee Ann Holisky, Sharon P. Pitt, and Dennis A. Trinkle, October 16, 2004

EDUCAUSE Western Regional Conference – Sacramento, CA, March, 2004
“A Technical Solution to a Teaching Problem: A Study of Emerging Anti-Plagiarism Tools,” Presenter

EDUCAUSE National Conference – Anaheim, CA – November, 2004
“Examining Anti-Plagiarism Software: Choosing the Right Tool,” Presenter

The Frye Institute – Fellowship June, 2002

COMMUNITY SERVICE – A Selected Listing

Commissioner, Planning Commission, City of Claremont September, 2009 to present

Member, Grinnell-in-Los Angeles Planning Group, 2008 to present

President, Claremont High School Golf Boosters, 2006–2007

Representative, “Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities Committee,” City of Claremont General Plan, 2004–2006

Representative, General Plan Vision Subcommittee (one of seven elected citizen representatives), City of Claremont, 2004–2006

Trustee, Monte Vista Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 1998–2006

President, Monte Vista Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 2003–2004