

Curriculum Vitae
T.S. Rukmani
Department of Religion
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Education

1991 D.Litt. Delhi University, Department of Sanskrit

Published work: Yogavarttika of Vijnanabhiksu Vols. 1-4

First D.Litt. awarded in the Department of Sanskrit and the only one to date

1958 Ph.D. Delhi University, Department of Sanskrit

Thesis: A Critical Study of the Bhagavata Purana with special reference to Bhakti

1954 M.A. Delhi University, Department of Sanskrit

First in the University, Convocation Gold Medalist

1952 B A Delhi University, Miranda House

First in the University. Subjects: Sanskrit, Mathematics, Economics, English

Academic

- Aug 2006-31st May 2011 Associate professor at the Faculty of Theology, University of Montreal
- One of four executive editors of the Essential Encyclopedia of Hinduism, South Carolina University, 2006-2008
- April 2007-August 2007 Visiting professor at Jawaharlal University New Delhi (JNU), India and at Madras University Chennai, India.
- Member Editorial Board, Journal of Hinduism Brill
- Member on the Advisory Board of the Oxford Journal for Hindu Studies, Oxford University, UK
- April-June 2006 Trinity Term, Visiting Professor as Shivdasani Fellow at Oxford University Hindu Studies Centre, Oxford University, UK
- June 2002-present Adjunct Professor, Hindu University of America, Orlando, USA
- Jan. 1996-present Professor and Chair, Hindu Studies, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada
- Jan. 1993-Dec. 1995 Professor, Head of Department of Hindu Studies and Indian Philosophy, University of Durban Westville, Durban, South Africa
- Aug. 1982-Jan. 1993 Principal, Miranda House, University of Delhi. Miranda House is a college affiliated to Delhi University with over 2200 students and about 140 faculty members in 17 departments.

- 1981-1982 Director, Non-collegiate Women's Education Board, University of Delhi
- 1964-1981 Lecturer and Senior Lecturer, Indraprastha College, University of Delhi

Administrative

Jan. 1996 present Chair in Hindu Studies, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada

Aug. 1990-Jan. 1993 Member, University Court, Delhi University

1990-1993 Member, Managing Committee, Centre for Professional Development and Higher Education, Delhi University

1989-1992 Member, Fellowships Committee, International Federation for University Women, Geneva, Switzerland

1981-1982 Provost, Post-Graduate Women's Hostel, Delhi University

1979-1981 Teacher-in-charge Post-Graduate Teaching Centre, Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board, Delhi University

1974-1977 Convener, Joint Consultative Committee, Indraprastha College, Delhi University

1974-1977 Convener, Teachers' Welfare Fund Committee for Class IV Employees, Indraprastha College, Delhi University

1975-1976 Teachers' Representative, Governing Body, Indraprastha College

1974-1977 Convener, Students' Activities, Indraprastha College, Delhi

1966-1968 Secretary, Staff Association, Indraprastha College, Delhi

Professional

Member Editorial Board, Journal of Hinduism Brill, Present

Member Advisory Board, Oxford Journal of Hindu Studies, Present

Member on Yoga in Theory and Practice Consultation, American Academy of Religion, Present

April-June 2006 Visiting Professor at the Hindu Studies Centre at Oxford

- University, UK as Shivdasani Fellow
- Feb 2006 Visiting Professor at the Hindu University of America; intensive course on The Six Schools of Indian Philosophical Thought
- July 2005 Visiting Professor at the Hindu University of America; intensive course on advaita Vedanta
- June 2002 Visiting Professor at the Hindu University of America, Orlando, teaching a Summer Intensive Course on Patanjali's Yogasutras.
- May 2001 Convener and Organiser of International Conference on the Mahabharata, Concordia University
- 2000-2003 Member, Hinduism Steering Committee, American Academy of Religion
- 1994-present Member, Consultative Committee, International Association of Sanskrit Studies
- Aug. 1998-Aug. 2000 Chair, Standing Committee on Epics, World Association for Vedic Studies, Los Angeles
- Aug. 1997 Convener, International Conference on the Hindu Diaspora, Concordia University
- 1997 Member, Advisory Board, Tenth World Sanskrit Conference, Bangalore, India
- Jan.-May 1995 Visiting Scholar, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada
- 1995 Member, Advisory Panel on Theology - Human Sciences Research Council, Pretoria, South Africa
- 1994-1995 Approved Referee, CSD Scholarships and Grants, Human Sciences Research Council, Pretoria, South Africa
- 1994-1995 Member, Working Committee for Hindu Studies, Department of Education, Durban
- 1994-1995 Editor, Nidan, Departmental Journal, University of Durban Westville, South Africa
- 1994-1995 Editor, Journal of the Indological Society of Southern Africa

1993-1995 Member, Senate, University of Durban-Westville

1993-1995 Member, Senate Committee University of Durban Westville,
University Journal, Context

1994-1995 Member, Executive Committee, Arts Faculty, University of
Durban Westville

1993-1995 Member, Senate Committee on Culture, University of Durban
Westville

1990-1993 Member, Editorial Board, Delhi University Annual Report

1991-2000 Member, Editorial Board, Yoga International, Honesdale, Penn. U.S.A.

1987-1993 Chairperson, Committee on Drugs and Related Problems, Delhi
University

1990-1992 Coordinator, Humanities, University of California, Berkeley,
Education Abroad Programme in India

1989-1991 Member, International Fellowship Committee, International Federation
of University Women, Geneva, Switzerland

Feb. 1989 Leader, five member academic delegation invited to visit North Korea

1986-1989 Member, Managing Committee, Modern School, Delhi

1980-1982 President, University Women's Association of Delhi

1976-1977 Vice-President, University Women's Association of Delhi

1974 Convener, Indraprastha College Golden Jubilee Magazine
Committee

1974 News Editor, Quarterly News Bulletin, University Women's
Association of Delhi

Awards

- DANAM/Taksha Institute Abhinavagupta Award for Sustained
Achievement in Indic Philosophy, 2009
- Hind Rattan Award by NRI organization in India, 2009

- Shivadasani Fellowship of the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, Oxford University, UK for Trinity term, April-June 2006.
- Concordia University Certificate in recognition of contributions to Concordia University Libraries, June 5, 2003
- Award for Sanskrit promotion in Foreign land by First Gita Global Conference, Bangalore, Nov. 2003
- Fellowship awarded for one year at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla. Accepted it for six months, to work during my sabbatical in 2003.
- Award by the National Association of Canadians of Indian Origin (NACOI), Montreal, for distinguished service to the Community, 1998
- Award by Mandakini, Sanskrit Research organization, for excellence in Sanskrit Research (Vidyavacaspati) at the Tenth World Sanskrit Conference, Bangalore, 1997
- Award for Sanskrit Scholarship, Delhi Sanskrit Academy, 1991
- Fellowship awarded for one year at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, India, 1989-1990
- Grant from SSHRC for International Conference on the Mahabharata, 2001
- Research Grant by Concordia University, FRDP
Project: Sannyasin and the Sannyasasrama in Hinduism, evidence from Sanskrit and other sources, 1997
- Research Grant for Supervisor, Human Sciences Research Council, Pretoria, South Africa, 1994
- Research Grant (Post-Doctoral Research Abroad), Human Sciences Research Council, Pretoria, South Africa, 1994
- Ida Smedley International Fellowship, International Federation of University Women, Geneva. Fellowship was used to support post-doctoral research on Navya-Nyaya and Indian Philosophy at the University of Toronto, Canada, 1972-73
- Government of India Humanities Scholarship for Doctoral Program at the University of Delhi, 1955-1958

- Convocation Gold Medalist for first position in University of Delhi, MA Sanskrit, 1954

Selected Publications:

Books:

1. Hindu Samnyasins: Changing Perspectives, (forthcoming, manuscript with publishers), D.K. Publishers, New Delhi
2. *The Mahabharata: What is Not Here is Nowhere Else* (Ed) (2005), Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers, Delhi
3. *Yogasutrabhasyavivarana*, Vols. I and II (2001) Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers, Delhi.
4. *Yogasutras of Patanjali with The Commentary of Vyasa*, (2001), Chair in Hindu Studies.
5. *Hindu Diaspora: Global Perspectives* (Ed.), Jointly published by Chair in Hindu Studies (1999) and by Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers, Delhi (2001).
6. *Sankaracarya*: Publications Division, Government of India: Delhi, 1994, Reprinted in 2000
7. *Sankara: The Man and his Philosophy*, Indian Institute of Advanced Study: Shimla, India, 1991.
8. *Religious Consciousness and Life Worlds* (Ed.) Indian Institute of Advanced Study; Shimla, India, 1988
9. *Yogavarttika of Vijnanabhiksu* Vols. I, II, III and IV, 1981-1989, Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers, Delhi.
10. *A Critical Study of the Bhagavata Purana*, Chowkhamba Sanskrit Series Varanasi, India, 1971.

Chapters in Books

1. Chapter on “ Reconciliation of Mukti for Sisupala in the Bhagavata Purana: A Critique (eds Mislav Jezic and Petteri Koskikallio)(in Epics and Puranas volume, Forthcoming 2010)
2. Two entries on “Mind and Consciousness in Indian Philosophy” and “Jivanmukti in Indian Philosophy” in Encyclopedia of Hinduism, Brill/Reidel publication, Netherlands (forthcoming, 2010)

3. Entry on "Samkhya Yoga Philosophy" in the Oxford Anthology of Philosophy (eds), Nalini Bhusan and Jay Garfield (forthcoming 2010)
4. "Ahimsa versus Himsa in the Context of Hinduism" pp. 300-312 in *Wisdom Indologica: Prof.A.C Sarangi Felicitation Volume*, published by Pratibha Prakashan, New Delhi, March 2009
5. "Samnyasins in a Temple Context" in *Archaeology and Text: The Temple in South Asia* (ed) Himanshu Prabha Ray, (2009), Oxford University Press
6. "Women in the Mahabharata" in V.Raghavan Commemoration Volume (forthcoming), (ed) Kameshvari, Kuppaswamy Sastri Research Institute, Madras
7. "Value Ethics in the Early Upanisads: A Hermeneutic Approach" in *Hermeneutics in Hindu Thought: Towards a Fusion of Horizons* (eds) Rita Sherma and Arvind Sharma, (2008), Springer Publication
8. "Dharmaputra in the Context of Rajadharma and Apaddharma in the Santiparvan" in *The Mahabharata: What is Not Here is Nowhere Else*, (ed) T.S.Rukmani, New Delhi, Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers (2005)
9. "Revisiting the concept of Jivanmukti in Sankhya", in *Theory and Practice of Yoga: Essays in Honour of Gerald James Larson*, (ed) Knut Jacobsen, (2005) Reidel, Holland)
10. "Hindu Samnyasin: Changing Perspectives" in *Encyclopedia of Indian Wisdom* (Felicitation volume for Prof. Satyavrat Sastri) (ed) R.K.Sharma (2005), Delhi:Bharatiya Vidya Prakashan
11. "The problematic of karma and jnanakarmasamuccaya in the Bhagavadgitabhasya of Sankara", in *Parampara, R.Balasubramaniam Felicitation volume*, Srinivasa Rao and Godabarisa Misra (eds), (2003), New Delhi: Indian Council for Philosophical Research
12. "Yogavarttika of Vijnanabhiksu: A Summary" and "Yogasutrabhasyavivarana of Sankara: A Summary", in *Encyclopaedia of Indian Philosophies*, Vol. XII, (2008), New Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass
13. "Gandhi and Tagore" in *Indian Critiques of Gandhi* (2003) Harold Coward (Ed), New York: SUNY
14. 'Literary Foundations for an Ecological Aesthetic: Dharma, Ayurveda, the Arts, and Abhijnanasakuntalam in *Hinduism and Ecology: Intersections of the Earth and Dharma*', (2000) Centre for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachuset

15. "Turmoil, Hope and the Swadhyayamandali", in *South Asia Between Turmoil and Hope*, (eds) Hugh Johnston et al, (2000), Canada: Canadian Asian Studies Association and Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute.
16. 'Vedanta and the Bhakti Traditions' (2000) in *Facets of Indian Culture*, P.C. Muralimadhavan (ed) Oriental Book Centre, Delhi.
17. 'Jivanmukti in Sankhya-Yoga: Is it Epistemic or Ontic', (2000) in *Quest for Perfection*, Richa Prakashan, Delhi.
18. 'Patanjali', 'Pandurang Sastri Athavale' and 'Samnyasa and the Samnyasasrama', in *Encyclopedia of Hinduism* (forthcoming).
19. 'The Concept of the Self in Hindu Thought', *Routledge Encyclopaedia of Philosophy*, released at the World Philosophy Conference, Boston, August 1998.
20. 'The Concept of Jivanmukta in the Advaita and Sankhya-Yoga Traditions', in *Pandit N.R. Bhatt Felicitation Volume 1994*, Pondicherry University, India.
21. 'Folk Traditions Related to the Mahabharata in South India', in *The Mahabharata in the Tribal and Folk Traditions of India*, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, India. 1993.
22. 'Siddhis in the Bhagavata Purana and the Yogasutra-s, A Comparison', in *Researches in Indian and Buddhist Philosophy*, (Essays in honour of Professor Alex Wayman), Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi, 1993.
23. 'Upanisadic Philosophy and the Pancakosa Concept compared with recent Humanistic Psychology in the West', in *Philosophy, Grammar and Indology (Essays in honour of Professor Gustav Roth)*, Indian Books Centre, Delhi, 1992.
24. 'Quality of Life and the Purusartha-s', in *Quality of Life*, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, India, 1992.
25. 'Kalidasa and Shakespeare, A Study of Contrast', in *Kulashreshta Felicitation Volume*, 1991.
26. 'Women in the Bhagavata Purana', in *Puranas and National Integration* (Ed.) Pushpendra Kumar, Nag Publishers, Delhi, 1990.
27. 'Moral Dilemmas in the Mahabharata', in *Moral Dilemmas in the Mahabharata*, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, 1989.

Selected Papers in Research/Refereed Journals

1. "Methodological Approaches to Hindu-Christian Studies: Some Thoughts" in Journal of Hindu-Christian Studies, Vol. 21, 2008
2. "Vijnanabhiksu : A Maverick Philosopher" in Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research, Vol. XXIV Number 4, Oct-Dec 2007
3. Dharmameghasamadhi in the Yogasutras of Patanjali: A Critique in *Journal of Philosophy: East and West*, Jan 2007, Honolulu, Hawaii University.
4. "Yoga in Sankara's Advaita Vedanta" in Annals of the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Vol. LXXXVII, 2006
5. "Rtambhara Prajna as the Truth Bearing Entity in Patanjali's Yogasutra" in Brahma-Vidya Adyar Library Bulletin, vol. 67, 2005
6. "Dr. Richard De Smet and Sankara's Advaita Vedanta" in *Hindu-Christian Studies Bulletin*, Vol. 16, 2003
7. "Consciousness Theories in the Astikadarsanas of Hindu Thought" in *Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences*, Vol.X, No.1, 2003, IAS,
8. "Prakrti is both the upadana and nimittakarana in the Yogasutras of Patanjali", in Brahma-Vidya, Adyar Library Bulletin, Madras, India, (2003).
9. "Perception in Yoga" in *Perception:East and West*, (Ed) V.N.Jha (2003), Srisatguru Publications, Delhi
10. 'The Epics and the Puranas Supplement the Vedas', in *Annals of the Bhandardar Oriental Research Institute*, Vol. LXXXII Pune, India, (2002).
11. 'Where Samkhya and Yoga do not Speak in One Language', in Samkhya Volume of the Asiastiche Studien (1999) Marc Pilloud and Nicola Pozza (editors).
12. 'Sannyasa and some Indian Reform Movements in the 18th, 19th, 20th centuries', in Adyar Library Bulletin, Brahmavidya, Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras, 1999, pp. 23-50.
13. 'Sannyasa, Sankara and the Bhagavadgita', in Journal of Studies on Ancient India, World Association for the Study of World Religions, Los Angeles, August, 1998, pp. 8-23.

14. 'Sankara is not the Author of the Yogasutrabhasya-vivarana', in Journal of Indian Philosophy, Reidel, Holland, June, 1998, pp. 263-274.
15. 'Mahatma Gandhi and Women', in Journal of Gender in World Religions, McGill University, December, 1998, pp. 1-27.
16. 'A Critique of Om based on Early Upanisadic Sources', in Journal of The Institute of Asian Studies, March, 1998, pp. 101-112.
17. 'Tension between Vyutthana and Nirodha', in Journal of Indian Philosophy Reidal, Holland, December, 1997.
18. 'Bhakti, the Bhagavata Purana and the Empowerment of Women', in Journal for the Study of Religion in South Africa, March, 1995.
19. 'Environmental Ethics as enshrined in Sanskrit Sources', in Nidan, Journal of the Department of Hindu Studies and Indian Philosophy, University of Durban Westville, 1995.
20. 'Vitanda in the Khandanakhandakhadya', in Brahma Vidya, Adyar Library Bulletin, 1994.
21. 'The question of the authorship of the Yogasutrabhasya-vivarana in the light of the position that Yoga occupies in the Brahmasutrabhasya', in Journal of Indian Philosophy, Reidal, Holland, December, 1993.
22. 'The question of authorship of the Yogasutrabhasya-vivarana', in Journal of Indian Philosophy, Reidal, Holland, December, 1992.
23. 'Vijnanabhiksu's double reflection theory of knowledge in the Yoga system', in the Journal of Indian Philosophy, Reidal Holland, October, 1988.
24. 'Patanjali's Prajna and Bhartrhari's Pratibha: A Comparative Study', in Indian Philosophical Quarterly, Vol. XIV, No.1, January-June, 1987.
25. 'Avidya in the system of Yoga and an analysis of the negation in it', in Brahma Vidya, Adyar Library Bulletin, 1986.
26. 'Sphota and the Yogasutras-s of Patanjali', in Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan Shodhaprabha: 1985.
27. 'Samprajnata – samadhi in the Yoga system: Difference in interpretation between Vacaspati Misra and Vijnanabhiksu', Ganganatha Jha Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Vol. X., 1984.

28. 'A Brief History of Hinduism' in Divine Life, Rishikesh, September and October , 1981.
29. 'Patanjali's Yogasutras; A Synthesis of Yogic Traditions', in Annals of the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Journal, Vol. 62.
30. 'Vikalpa as defined by Vijñānabhikṣu in the Yogavarttika', in Journal of Indian Philosophy, Reidal Holland, 1980.
31. 'Bhavapratyayas and Upayapratyayas in the Yogasutras', in Journal of Indian Philosophy, Vol. 5, 1978.
32. 'The Theory of Knowledge in the Yoga System', in Ganganatha Jha Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha Journal, Vol. XXXIV, 1978.

Lectures and Seminars

1. Distinguished Guest Speaker at VSEI (Volunteers in Service to Education in India), May 2, 2010, West Hartford, Connecticut
2. Talk on the Gita at the Yoga Vedanta Centre, St. Laurent, Montreal Aug, 2009
3. Paper on Globalization and Cultural Homogenization at CASA meeting Ottawa, May, 2009
4. Lecture tour for three weeks in Brazil (Rio de Janeiro, Garo Paba), Argentina (Beunos Aires) and Uruguay (Monte Video) , Jan 24th-19th Feb, 2010 on various topics like Indian Philosophy, Sanskrit and Sanskrit Culture, Hinduism, Sankaracarya, Yoga Philosophy.
5. Two Lectures on The Origins of Yoga and Sanskrit in Vrndavana Yoga Retreat, Jan, 12th and 13th, 2010
6. Lecture on the Upanisads at Yoga Vedanta Research Institute, Rishikesh, March, 2010
7. India International Centre, New Delhi, Feb. 2nd, 2009, "The Indian Diaspora Phenomenon"
8. Indraprastha College, Delhi, 22nd Jan. 2009, Sanskrit: The Language and its place in the Academia.
9. Ramakrishna Cultural Centre, Calcutta, Feb. 3rd, 2009, Santanu Sengupta Memorial Lecture on "Violence and Non-Violence in Hindu Thought"
10. Talk at Venkateswara University, Tirupati, 9th Feb. 2009

11. "The Indian Diaspora Phenomenon", Pondicherry University, Feb. 17th, 2009
12. Keynote address on "Gandhi and Women" at the Ottawa Gandhi Society, 4th Oct, 2008
13. Lecture on "Empowerment of Women as evidenced in Hindu sacred texts" at Department of Religion and Asian Studies, Birmingham University, UK, 23rd May 2006.
14. Two lectures at Chinmayananda International Foundation Centre for Advanced Sanskrit Research and Indology, Veliyanad, Kerala, 7th and 8th Jan, 2006.
Topics Indian Intellectual Tradition and Yogasutras of Patanjali
15. Two Endowment lectures at Department of Philosophy, University of Madras Jan. 23 2006. Topics: 'Is Advaita Vedanta of Sankara devoid of Ethics'? and 'Yoga Presence in Samkaracarya's Advaita Vedanta'.
16. Special lecture organized by Indian Council of Philosophical Research, Department of Philosophy, Madras University, Jan. 24th 2006. Topic: Indian Philosophy and Culture
17. Seminar on Sankara and Advaita Vedanta at UQAM, Feb. 9th, 2005
18. Intensive course on Advaita Vedanta at the Hindu University of America, Orlando, USA, 11th-13th Feb, 2005
19. Series of five lectures at the Sivananda Yoga Retreat, Bahamas, Jan 15th-29th, 2005
20. Panellist on CBC Radio panel discussion after the Tsunami tragedy, Jan 6th, 2005
21. Two lectures at the Shankaracarya University of Sanskrit, Kaladi, Kerala, Dec.9th, 2003. Topics: "Ethics in Hinduism" and "Pravrtti and Nivrtti in Hindu Thought"
22. Three lectures at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, Aug. 18-19, 2003.
Theme 'Indian Intellectual Tradition'.
23. Colloquium on 'An Approach to Morality: A Case for Value Ethics in the Upanisads', 28th Aug. 2003 at Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla

24. Colloquium on “Intellectual Language as a Source of Culture”, 11th June, 2003, IAS, Shimla.
25. Subramania Sastri Endowment Lecture at Vivekananda College, Madras University, 31st Dec, 2002
26. Panel member on Symposium : “Scientific Ethos as an Antidote to Religious Fundamentalism” in Forum for Dialogue Between Science and Religion, Toronto University, 25th Nov, 2002
27. Two lectures on ‘Rtambhara Prajna’ and ‘Yoga Philosophy’ at the Centre for Advanced Study of Sanskrit, Pune in February, 2001.
28. Lecture at Rabindra University Calcutta, February, 2001 on ‘Yoga Philosophy’.
29. Lecture at Madras University, March, 2001 on ‘Pratyaksa as a Means of Knowledge in Indian Thought’.
30. Lecture at the South Campus, University of Delhi, March, 2001, on ‘The Epics and the Puranas.’
- 31 Seminar on ‘Tagore and Gandhi’ at the South Asian Centre, British Columbia University, Canada, March, 2001.
32. Lecture at the India International Centre on ‘Hinduism and Ecology’, April, 2000.
33. Seminar at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, July, 2000.
34. Lecture on ‘Sannyasa-Dharma in Hinduism’ at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, London, 30th July, 2000.

Conferences: Attended and presented papers

1. Indian Council of Philosophical Research International Conference on Asian Philosophy, New Delhi. Presented paper on ‘Retrospective and Prospective of Sannyasa in India’, March 5th-9th, 2010. Also chaired a session
2. Participant at the International Conference on Understanding Schopenhauer Through The Prism of Indian Culture, JNU, 5th March, 2010
3. Talk at the Academic Staff College, JNU (Jawaharlal Nehru Unviversity) on Sanskrit and Sanskrit Culture, 10th March, 2010

5. AAR in Montreal, Nov. 2009, Chaired a session on the Diaspora Communities in Quebec
6. World Sanskrit Conference, Kyoto, September 2009. Presented two papers, one in the Philosophy section and the other in the History of Religion section. Also Chaired a session on Yoga
7. Participant at the American Academy of Religion Conference, Chicago, USA, 31st Oct-Nov 3rd, 2008. Chaired a session and was the respondent for another session on “Conversion in Christianity and Hinduism”
8. Participant at the Epics International Conference in Dubrovnik, Croatia, Aug, 2008 Conference. Presented paper on “ The Hermeneutics of Reconciliation of Sisupala’s mukti in the Bhagavata Purana” and also Chaired a session
9. Participant at the International Congress on “World Religions after September An Asian Perspective” Jan. 17-20, 2009, New Delhi. Presented a paper on “A Minimal Ethical Code for Worlds’ Religions” and also Chaired a session on Religion, Peace, Conflict
10. Invited participant at Diversity Conference at North Dakota University, April 2008
11. Invited participant at Mahabharata Conference organized by Damini House of Culture, Oslo Norway, March 2008
12. Invited participant at the Hindu Dharma Summit, Orlando Dec. 14-16, 2007, Chaired session on College level Education Issues.
13. AAR Conference at San Diego, Nov.16th -21st, 2007, Chaired two sessions and was respondent for two sessions
14. Invited participant at Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, Oxford University, International Conference on Temples in South and Southeast Asia, Oct 19th-21st, 2007
15. Invited participant at International Vedanta Conference, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, Sept. 19th-21st 2007, Paper “Vijnanabhiksu :A Maverick Philosopher”. Also Chair for the first Plenary Session on Advaita Vedanta on the 20th.
16. World Sanskrit Conference, July 10-14th 2006, Edinburgh, Scotland, Paper: The problematic of Samadhi in Sadananda’s Vedantasara

17. Religion Conference after 9/11, Palais the Congres, Montreal, Member on two Panels organized by Elijah School of Wisdom. Sept. 12th and 14th, 2006
18. International Vedanta Conference at Orlando, Florida, Oct. 13-16, 2005 Paper: Janaka Dialogues in the Mahabharata
19. American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, USA, Nov 18-21, 2005
20. WAVES International Conference, Jaipur, India, 16-18 Dec, 2005 Paper: Health and Healing in the context of the Bhagavadgita
21. Second Indic International Conference, New Delhi, 18-21, Dec, 2005
22. CASA, April 27th-May 1st, 2005, Montreal. Paper on “Globalization and Homogenization of Culture”
23. East West Philosophers’ International Conference at Honolulu, Hawaii, May 28th-June 3rd, 2005, Paper on “ Discussion on the dynamics between Ahimsa and Himsa in Hindu Thought”
24. International Conference on the Mahabharata, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK, July 7th-9th, 2005. Paper on Janaka Dialogues as discussions on the tension between pravrttimarga and nivrttimarga
25. Participant at the International Association of History of Religion International Conference, Tokyo, Japan, March 24th-30th, 2005. Paper on “ Tension between Violence and Non-violence in Hindu Thought”
26. Participant at the 214th Meeting of the American Oriental Society. 12th-15th March, 2004. Paper on “Revisiting the Jivanmukti Concept in Sankhya”.
27. Participant at the 14th International Conference of Vedanta at Miami University, Oxford Ohio, 8-11 April, 2004. Paper: “Commentaries/Bhasyas can further or diminish our understanding of a darsana”. Also presided over a Sanskrit session on Yoga, Jnana and Sankara.
28. Participant at the AAR International Conference at San Antonio, USA Nov.19th-21st, 2004. Presented a paper and Chaired a session on Advaita Vedanta
29. Invited participant at the International Conference on the Bhagavadgita, Nov. 28-30, 2003, Bangalore. Paper on “ The significance of the fifth and sixth chapters of the Bhagadvadgita”.

30. Participant at the IAHR (International Association for History of Religion), New Delhi, Dec. 18-21, 2003. Read two papers: one on "Philosophical Hermeneutics within a Sampradaya" and the other on "Women as Cultural Ambassadors in the Hindu Diaspora"
31. Participant in the 12th World Sanskrit Conference at Helsinki, July, 2003. Read paper on "Constructed Hermeneutics within a Sampradaya". Also presided over a session in the Religion and Philosophy section.
32. Invited participant in T.R.V.Murthy Birth Centenary International Conference in Varanasi, on 'Fundamental Questions and Issues in Indian Philosophy: Retrospect and Prospect' Dec 17-21, 2002
33. Invited Participant at the WAVES Conference, Dartmouth Campus, University of Massachusetts, July 12-14, 2002. Inaugural Lecture on 'The Dynamics of Being and Becoming in Hindu Thought'. Also presided over a session on the Mahabharata: A Source of Perennial Wisdom' and presented a paper on 'Consciousness examined in the light of the Six Astika Systems of Hindu Thought'
34. Invited Participant at the Global Renaissance Series, 'Completing the Global Renaissance: The Indic Contributions' July 24-29, 2002, Menla, New York
35. Participant at the XIIIth Vedanta Conference, Oxford University, Ohio, U.S.A., Sept, 12-14th, 2002. Paper on 'Dharmameghasamadhi in the Yogasutras of Patanjali: A Critique'
36. AAR Meeting at Toronto in Nov, 2002. Chair on Session titled "The Kumbhamela"
37. American Oriental Society, 212th Conference in Houston, Texas, March 22-25, 2002. Paper on 'Rtambhara Prajna in Patanjali's Yogasutras: Is it One or Many?'
38. World Association for Vedic Studies, Waves Conference, Boston, July, 2002.
39. Convener, International Conference on the Mahabharata at Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, May, 2001.
40. Invited participant at the World Sanskrit Conference in Delhi, April 2-6, 2001. Paper

on 'Sanskrit and Contemporary Challenges'.

41. Invited participant at the National Seminar on 'Perception in Philosophy: East and West', Centre for the Advanced Study of Sanskrit (CASS), Pune, India February 5-7, 2001.
42. Invited participant at the International Conference on Sikhism at Amritsar, India, February 26-28th, 2001. Paper on 'Parallelisms between Adi Granth and the Upanishads'.
43. American Oriental Society, 211th Conference, Toronto, March, 2001. Paper on 'Sankara on Buddhism in the Brahmasutrabhasya and the Yogasutrabhasyavivarana: A Critique'.
44. Invited participant at DHIIR International Conference, Cambridge University, Divinity School, England, July 7-8, 2000. Paper on 'Bhakti in the Context of itihapuranaabhyam vedam samupaharet'.
45. 'The Role of the Sannyasin in the preservation of Hindu Spirituality' at the XIth World Sanskrit Conference, Turino, Italy, April, 2000.
46. Respondent for the panel 'Hinduism in Diaspora' at 18th Congress for the International Association for the History of Religions, August 5-12, 2000, Durban, South Africa.
47. Respondent for the plenary talk by Madhu Kishwar, at 18th Congress for the International Association for the History of Religions, August 5-12, 2000, Durban, South Africa.
48. ICANAS Conference in Montreal, August, 2000. Paper on 'Sankara on Buddhism: A Critique'.
49. Canadian Learned Societies' Conference, June 10th and 11th, 1999, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Paper on 'Panduranga Sastri Athavale's Swadhyayamandali in the context of Turmoil and Hope in India'.

50. Invited participant at the International Conference on Sankhya at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, November 6-8, 1998.
51. Sannyasa and the 18th, 19th and 20th Century Reform Movements in India at the Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities Annual Conference, Ottawa, June, 1998.
52. Sannyasa, Sankara and the Bhagavadgita at the Canadian Association for the Study of Asian Religions, Annual Conference, Ottawa, June, 1998.
53. Respondent for the Award winning book Seeing Through Texts of Francis X. Clooney, S.J. at the Annual American Academy of Religion Conference, 1997.
54. Invited participant at the Hinduism and Ecology International Conference, Centre for the Study of World Religions. Harvard University, USA, October, 1997.
55. Session Chair, Indian Philosophy, Tenth World Sanskrit Conference, Bangalore, India, January, 1997.
56. Session Chair, Indian Philosophy, Kunjanraja Centenary Celebrations, Trichur, Kerala, India, 1997.
57. Inaugural Address at the Eighth International Conference on Vedanta, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, October, 1996. Topic: Vedanta and the Bhakti Traditions.
58. Public Lecture – Gandhi and Women, Lonergan College, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada, 1996.
59. Inaugural Address – Let Us Talk about Hinduism, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada, April, 1996.
60. Women and Gandhi at the 17th National Conference of the Association for the Study of Religion in South Africa, June, 1995.
61. Chair – First Plenary Session, World Hindu Conference, Durban, South Africa, July, 1995.

62. Environmental Ethics as Enshrined in Sanskrit Sources at the First Indological Conference, South Africa, May, 1994.
63. Inaugural Address – Hinduism – A Paradigm of the Centre and the Circumference, University of Durban, Westville, South Africa, August 18, 1994.
64. Session Chair, Indian Philosophy, Ninth World Sanskrit Conference, Melbourne, Australia, 1994.
65. Science and Spirituality at Conference on Sankara, University of Durban, Westville, South Africa, May, 1993.
66. Environment and Ecology in Sanskrit Literature, National Conference, Sagar University, Sagar, India, January, 1990.
67. Vitanda as a method of Debate in the Khandanakhandakhadya of Sri Harsa, Sixth East West Philosophers' Conference, Honolulu, U.S.A., August, 1989.
68. Delegate, Indian Federation of University Women's Associations, 23rd IFUW. International Conference, Helsinki, Finland, August, 1989.
69. Keynote Address on Kautilya's Arthasastra, South Campus Sanskrit Department Seminar, Delhi University, March, 1988.
70. Yoga and Indian Culture at South Pacific University, Suva, Fiji, September, 1986.
71. Session Chair on Yoga, Seventh World Sanskrit Conference, Leiden, The Netherlands, August, 1987.
72. Delegate, Indian Federation of University of Women's Associations, 22nd IFUW. International Conference, Christchurch, New Zealand, August, 1986.
73. Talk on Yoga at University of California, Berkeley and Vincent College, New York, U.S.A., October, 1984.
74. Delegate, Government of India, Sixth World Sanskrit Conference, Philadelphia, U.S.A. October, 1984.

75. Session Chair on Philosophy and Grammar, Sixth World Sanskrit Conference, Philadelphia, U.S.A., October 1984.
76. Co-ordinator, Seminar on Developing Human Potential: Education (17 Discussion groups comprising about 500 participants from 54 countries), IFUW International Conference, Groningen University, the Netherlands, August, 1983.
77. Chair, Seminar on Women and Culture, (University Grants Commission), Indraprastha College, Delhi, India, November, 1981.
78. Chair, Workshop on Human Values, IFUW. International Conference Vancouver, Canada, August, 1980.
79. Convener, Biennial Conference, Indian Federation of University Women's Associations, Delhi, 1979.

Membership in Academic Bodies

Member on Organizing Committee for 15th World Sanskrit Conference to be held in India in 2012

One of four Executive Editors for the Essential Encyclopedia of Hinduism

Elijah Wisdom School, Jerusalem – Member on International Advisory Board.

Member on the Consultative Committee of the International Association for the Study of Sanskrit.

Life Member, Indian Philosophical Quarterly, Pune.

Life Member, Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute.

Member, American Academy of Religion.

Member, American Oriental Society.

Member CASA

Member on Book Award Committee, Society for Hindu-Christian Studies, 2003-2005

Member DANAM Academic Advisory Board

Member Advisory Board, Journal of the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, Oxford University

Outreach Classes for the Community

Since joining the Department of Religion, Concordia University in 1996, I have been taking voluntarily, free of charge, classes for the community where original Sanskrit texts like the Upanishads, Bhagavadgita, Yogasutras etc., are studied.

Co-curricular

Keenly interested in Indian Classical Musical and Classical Dance, particularly Odissi and Bharatanatyam.

Involved with Debating Clubs in College and University. President of Debating Society both at the undergraduate and post-graduate levels. Also won many individual prizes in inter-college and inter-university debates.

Keenly interested in Dramatics. Acted in many plays both during and after student days. I have also directed plays in Sanskrit.

Participated in sports at the college level. Was runner-up (semi-finalist) in the Delhi University Table-Tennis Tournament in 1955. Also member of College Netball and Throwball Teams.