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EDUCATION

B.A. Manhattanville College, 1971
Ph.D. University of Pennsylvania, 1976

EMPLOYMENT

1976-77 Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Coe College
1977-81 Assistant Professor of Theology, Fordham University
1981-84-88- Assistant, Associate, Professor of Religious Studies, Arizona State University
1992-93 Visiting Professor of Indology, South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg
1996 Professor in the Penn-in-India summer program (University of Pennsylvania)
Spring, 2002 Fulbright University of Vienna Distinguished Chair in the Humanities
May, 2003 Visiting Professor, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris
July, 2005 Participant as faculty member in month-long Summer Academy in Regional Sanskrit Literatures, Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

1979-80 NEH and American Institute of Indian Studies, Translation Grant
1982 NEH, Fellowship for Independent Study and Research
1982 American Council of Learned Societies, Travel Grant
1983 Arizona State University, Faculty Grant-in-Aid
1984 Arizona State University, Faculty Grant-in-Aid
1984-85 American Institute of Indian Studies, Senior Research Fellowship
1986 Arizona State University, College of Liberal Arts, Summer Research Grant
1987 Arizona State University, College of Liberal Arts, Summer Research Grant
1987-88 Fulbright-Hays Research Award
1987-88 Arizona State University, Sabbatical Year Grant
1989 Arizona State University, College of Liberal Arts, Summer Research Grant
1989-90 Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung, Research Fellowship
1989-92 Smithsonian Institution, Special Foreign Currency Program Grant
1994 Fulbright-Hays Research Award
1994-95 Arizona State University, Sabbatical Year Grant
1995 Social Science Research Council Research Award
1996-97 Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Fellowship
1996-97 American Council of Learned Societies, Travel Grant
1996-97 Arizona State University, College of Liberal Arts, Travel Grant
1997 Arizona State University, Center for Asian Studies, Steele Travel Grant
1998-2000 National Endowment for the Humanities, Collaborative Research Grant
2001 National Science Foundation, Grant for Collaborative Workshop in India
Spring, 2002 Fulbright Fellowship to teach at the University of Vienna
2002-2003 John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship
2005 American Institute of Indian Studies Fellowship
2006 British Library, Endangered Archives Program Pilot Project Award

- 2006-2009 US Dept. of Ed., Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Grant for enhancing South Asian Studies at ASU (co-PI)
- 2007-2008 National Endowment for the Humanities, Fellowship for Independent Research
- 2009-2011 British Library, Endangered Archives Program Grant
- 2009-2010 Institute for Humanities Research, ASU, Fellowship for Transdisciplinary Humanities Research.
- 2011 Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung research fellowship, University of Wuerzburg, Germany
- 2011-2016 National Endowment for the Humanities, Collaborative Research Grant
- 2015 Max-Weber-Kolleg für kultur- und sozialwissenschaftliche Studien, Universität Erfurt, Germany, Fellowship

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Books (single-authored)

The Religious System of the Mahānubhāva Sect: The Mahānubhāva Sūtrapāṭha. South Asian Studies XII (University of Heidelberg). New Delhi: Manohar Book Service, 1983.

The Deeds of God in Ṛddhipur. New York: Oxford University Press, 1984.

Water and Womanhood: Religious Meanings of Rivers in Maharashtra. New York: Oxford University Press, 1995.

Connected Places: Region, Pilgrimage, and Geographical Imagination in Maharashtra. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2003. (South Asian edition in press, New Delhi: Manohar).

Nadī āṇi Strīpratimā. Marathi translation of *Water and Womanhood*, translated by Vijaya Dev. Pune: Padmagandhā Prakāśan, 2014.

Say to the Sun "Don't Rise" and to the Moon "Don't Set": Two Oral Epics from the Countryside of Maharashtra (translated and with an extensive introduction by Anne Feldhaus, with Ramdas Atkar and Rajaram Zagade). New York: Oxford University Press, 2014. New Delhi: Primus Books, 2015.

Books (co-authored)

(With S. G. Tulpule) *In the Absence of God: The Mahānubhāvs' Early Years*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 1992.

(With S. G. Tulpule) *A Dictionary of Old Marathi*. Bombay: Popular Prakashan, 1999/New York: Oxford University Press, 2000.

Marāṭhī Maukhik Varīmaya: Sonthāymar Saṅgrahāṭīl Ovyā va Kathā, edited by Ramdas Atkar, Rajaram Jhagaḍe, and Anne Feldhaus, with assistance from Sakharam Lakade. In Marathi. Pune: Śrīvidyā Prakāśan, 2006.

(With V. L. Manjul) *Union Catalog of Marathi Manuscripts*. Volume I. *Manuscripts in Institutions in Pune*, Part 1. Pune: Utkarsha Prakashan, 2014. (Volumes II and III in preparation).

Translated Scholarly Books

Translation of Günther Sontheimer, *Pastoral Deities in Western India*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1989.

Translation of R. C. Dhere, *The Rise of a Folk God: Viṭṭhal of Pandharpur*. South Asia Research. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011; Ranikhet: Permanent Black, 2012.

Edited Volumes

Tender Ironies: A Tribute to Lothar Lutze. Edited by Dilip Chitre, Günther-Dietz Sontheimer, Heidrun Brückner, Anne Feldhaus & Rainer Kimmig. New Delhi: Manohar, 1994.

Images of Women in Maharashtrian Literature and Religion, edited by Anne Feldhaus. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1996.

Images of Women in Maharashtrian Society, edited by Anne Feldhaus. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1998.

House and Home in Maharashtrian Culture, edited by Irina Glushkova and Anne Feldhaus. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1998.

In the Company of Gods. Günther-Dietz Sontheimer Memorial Volume, edited by Aditya Malik, Anne Feldhaus, and Heidrun Brückner. New Delhi: Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts/Manohar, 2005.

Region, Culture, and Politics in India, edited by Rajendra Vora and Anne Feldhaus. New Delhi: Manohar, 2006.

Claiming Power from Below: Dalits and the Subaltern Question in India. One of two felicitation volumes for Eleanor Zelliott, edited by Manu Bhagavan and Anne Feldhaus. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2008.

Speaking Truth to Power: Religion, Caste, and the Subaltern Question in India. One of two felicitation volumes for Eleanor Zelliott, edited by Manu Bhagavan and Anne Feldhaus. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2008.

Edited Papers (of a single author)

Günther D. Sontheimer, *Essays on Khaṇḍobā*. Edited by Anne Feldhaus, Aditya Malik, and Heidrun Brückner. New Delhi: Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts/Manohar, 1997.

Günther D. Sontheimer, *Essays on Religion, Literature, and Law*. Edited by Heidrun Brückner, Aditya Malik, and Anne Feldhaus. New Delhi: IGNCA/Manohar, 2004.

Articles and Book Chapters

“The Mahānubhāvas and Scripture.” *Journal of Dharma* III (1978), 295-308.

“The *devatācakra* of the Mahānubhāvas.” *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London* XLIII (1980), 101-109.

“Bahiṇā Bāī: Wife and Saint.” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* L (1982), 87-100.

“God and Madman: Guṇḍam Rāūl.” *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London* XLV (1982), 74-83.

Foreword to reprint edition of R.D. Ranade, *Indian Mysticism: The Poet Saints of Maharashtra*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1982.

“Kṛṣṇa and the Kṛṣṇas: Kṛṣṇa in the Mahānubhāva Pantheon.” In *Bhakti in Current Research, 1979-1982*, edited by Monika Thiel-Horstmann. Collectanea Instituti Anthropos, Volume 30. Berlin: Dietrich Reimer Verlag, 1983.

Introduction to reprint edition of *Bahiṇā Bāī*, translated by Justin E. Abbott. New Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 1985.

“Maharashtra as a Holy Land: A Sectarian Tradition.” *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London* XLIX (1986), 532-548.

With Eleanor Zelliot. “Marathi Religious Traditions.” In the *Encyclopedia of Religion*, edited by M. Eliade and others. New York: Macmillan Publishing Company, 1986.

“Mahānubhāvāṃcā Mahārāṣṭra” (in Marathi). *Abhiruci* XXVIII (Divālī, 1986), 17-21.

“The Religious Significance of Rddhipur.” In *Religion and Society in Maharashtra*, edited by Milton Israel and N.K. Wagle. Toronto: University of Toronto, Centre for South Asian Studies, 1987.

“The Destruction of Sins in the *Gautamī Māhātmya*.” *The Adyar Library Bulletin* LI (1987), 104-122. Festschrift for Professor Ludo Rocher, edited by Richard W. Lariviere and Richard Salomon.

“The Orthodoxy of the Mahānubhāvas.” In *The Experience of Hinduism*, edited by Eleanor Zelliot and Maxine Berntsen. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1988.

“Gondhalī,” translation of a Marathi article by R.C. Dhere. In *The Experience of Hinduism*, edited by Eleanor Zelliot and Maxine Berntsen. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1988.

“The Image of the Forest in the *Māhātmyas* of the Rivers of the Deccan.” In *History of Sacred Places in India as Reflected in Traditional Literature*, edited by Hans Bakker. Leiden: Brill, 1990.

“Response to the Paper of Hans Bakker.” In *History of Sacred Places in India as Reflected in Traditional Literature*, edited by Hans Bakker. Leiden: Brill, 1990.

“Paithaṇ and the Nāgas.” In *Devotion Divine: Bhakti Traditions from the Regions of India. Studies in Honour of Charlotte Vaudeville*, edited by Diana L. Eck and Françoise Mallison. Groningen/Paris: Egbert Forsten/École Française d'Extrême Orient, 1991.

“Separation, Connection and Obedience among the Early Mahānubhāvs.” In *Studies in South Asian Devotional Literature*, edited by Alan W. Entwistle and Françoise Mallison. Paris: École

Francaise d'Extrême-Orient/New Delhi: Manohar, 1994, pp. 154-168.

"The Pain, the Bier, & Eternity. A Story by Dilip Chitre, translated from Marathi with Vijaya Chitre." In *Tender Ironies: A Tribute to Lothar Lutze*, edited by Dilip Chitre et al. New Delhi: Manohar, 1994, pp. 57-65.

"Types of River Goddesses in Maharashtra." In *Folk Culture, Folk Religion and Oral Traditions as Components in Maharashtrian Culture*, edited by Günther Sontheimer. New Delhi: Manohar, 1995.

Introduction to *Folk Culture, Folk Religion and Oral Traditions as Components in Maharashtrian Culture*, edited by Günther Sontheimer. New Delhi: Manohar, 1995.

"Goddess as Sister: The Case of Bhivāī." In *Images of Women in Maharashtrian Literature and Religion*, edited by Anne Feldhaus. Albany: SUNY Press, 1996

(With assistance from Vijaya Chitre) Translation of Tara Bhavalkar, "Women Saint-Poets' Concept of Liberation." In *Images of Women in Maharashtrian Literature and Religion*, edited by Anne Feldhaus. Albany: SUNY Press, 1996.

"Goddesses and the Domestic Realm in Maharashtra." In *House and Home in Maharashtrian Culture*, edited by Irina Glushkova and Anne Feldhaus. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1998.

"Rivers and the Death of Children." In *Ways of Dying: Death and Its Meaning in South Asia*, edited by Elisabeth Schömbucher and Claus Peter Zoller. New Delhi: Manohar, 1999.

"Hinduism: Religious Rites and Practices." In *Encyclopedia of Women and World Religion*, edited by Serinity Young. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 1999.

"Mountains, Rivers, and Shiva: Continuity among Religious Media in Maharashtra." In *Intersections: Socio-Cultural Trends in Maharashtra*, edited by Meera Kosambi. New Delhi: Orient Longman Limited, 2000.

"*Sthānapothī*: The Mahānubhāva Book of Places. In *Bhakti Literature in South Asia*, edited by M. K. Gautam et al.. Lucknow: Indo-European Publications, 2000, pp. 229-254. (I have not seen a copy of this publication.)

"Utsavī Puṇe" (in Marathi). In *Śahar Puṇe: Ekā Sāṃskṛtik Saṃcitācā Māgovā.....*, Volume 2, edited by Arun Tikekar, with the assistance of Abhay Tilak. Puṇe: Niḷubhāū Limaye Foundation, 2000, pp. 13-18.

"On My Way of Living in India." In *Ethnography and Personhood: Notes From the Field*, edited by M. W. Meister. Jaipur and New Delhi: Rawat Publications, 2000, pp. 47-63.
<http://dept.arth.upenn.edu/meister/feldhaus.html>

"Region, Pilgrimage, and Religious Geography in Maharashtra." *Journal of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai* 77-78 (2002-2003, published 2004), 65-79.

"Brahmans and the Representation of Folk Religion in Maharashtra." In *In the Company of Gods. Günther-Dietz Sontheimer Memorial Volume*, edited by Aditya Malik, Anne Feldhaus, and

Heidrun Brückner (New Delhi: Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts/Manohar, 2005), pp. 53-64.

“Religious Geography and the Multiplicity of Regions in Maharashtra.” In *Region, Culture, and Politics in India*, edited by Rajendra Vora and Anne Feldhaus (New Delhi: Manohar, 2006), pp. 189-209.

“Walking and Thinking.” In *Mārga: Ways of Liberation, Empowerment, and Social Change in Maharashtra*, edited by M. Naito, I. Shima, and H. Kotani (New Delhi: Manohar, 2008), pp. 441-53.

“River Goddesses.” *Brill’s Encyclopedia of Hinduism*, edited by Knut A. Jacobsen et al. Volume 1: *Regions, Pilgrimage, Deities* (Leiden: Brill, 2009), pp. 695-701.

“The Femininity of Rivers.” *Down to Earth* (Delhi), August 15-31, 2013. (Online version: <http://www.downtoearth.org.in/content/rivers-close-and-personal#anne>)

(With Dilip Chitre) Articles on Marathi literature for a German *Literatur-Lexikon* of South Asia, edited by Heidrun Brückner and Rainer Kimmig. Forthcoming

“Mahanubhav Pilgrimage Traditions and the Religious Archaeology of Maharashtra.” In the D. Kosambi birth centenary volume, edited by Meera Kosambi et al. Forthcoming.

“The World of Two Dhangar Ovīs.” In *Rethinking Western India: The Changing Contexts of Culture, Society and Religion*, edited by Dusan Deak and Daniel Jasper. Hyderabad: Orient BlackSwan, 2014, pp. 15-29.

Creative Writing

“Who Will Write the Poem for Dilip?” An elegy for Dilip Chitre. *New Quest: A Quarterly Journal of Participative Inquiry*. October, 2010, p. 11.

WORK IN PROGRESS

With Megha Budruk (School of Community Resources and Development, Arizona State University). Field research and text work on four mountain places in the Western Ghats that are ecologically sensitive, religiously important, and attractive to tourists and hikers. Funded by a 3-year NEH Collaborative Research grant.

Translation of *Līlācaritra*, the 13th-century Mahānubhāv biography of Cakradhar. Under contract with Harvard University Press.

Field research on pilgrimage goddesses of Maharashtra. Ongoing.

Field work on pastoralist oral traditions. Ongoing

Research on 13th-century Maharashtra. Ongoing.

Cataloging and Preservation of Marathi manuscripts in Maharashtra. Ongoing.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 1983-1989 Member of the Steering Committee, Religion in South Asia Section, American Academy of Religion.
- 1987-2009 Member of the organizing committee, Maharashtra Studies Group (Association for Asian Studies).
- 1989-1994 Member of the Board of Directors and Coordinator for South and Southeast Asia Section, American Oriental Society, 1989-1994.
- April 1991 Organizer of the Fourth International Conference on Maharashtra: Culture and Society, ASU.
- 1995-2010 Member of organizing committee, 6th International Conference on Maharashtra: Culture and Society, Moscow, May 1995; 7th Conference, Pune, January 1997; 12th Conference, Pune, December 2007; 13th Conference, Bratislava, May 2010; and 14th Conference, Mumbai, January 2012.
- 1997-1999 Member of Selection Committee, American Institute of Indian Studies.
- 1997-2000 Member of South Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies.
- 1998-2001 Co-chair, Religion in South Asia Section, American Academy of Religion.
- 1999-2003 Member of Executive Committee, American Institute of Indian Studies (Vice-President, 2000-2001; Chair of the Selection Committee, 2001-2002; member of Selection Committee, 2000-2003).
- 2004 Candidate for Vice-President (and then automatically President) of the Association for Asian Studies.
- 2008-2011 Member of Nominating Committee, American Institute of Indian Studies.
- 2012-2015 Member of South Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies (Chair, 2013-2015).
- 2015-2018 Member of the Board of Trustees, American Institute of Indian Studies.
- 2017-2021 Vice President, then President, then Past President, then Past Past President, Association for Asian Studies

SERVICE TO ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY SINCE 1983

- Member of the Standards Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, January 1986-May 1987.
- Member of the Research Awards Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, January-May 1987, January-May 1989, 2003-2006.
- Member of a working group on research in the humanities, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 1986-87.
- Member of the selection committee for the Graduate College teaching award, May 1987.
- Member of the Center for Asian Studies, 1981-present (Publications Committee, 1983-84; Lecture Committee, 1986-87; Executive Committee, 2006-)
- Undergraduate Studies Co-ordinator, Department of Religious Studies, 1983-84.
- Graduate Studies Co-ordinator, Department of Religious Studies, January 1986-May 1987.
- Member and/or Chair of the Personnel Committee, Department of Religious Studies, Spring, 1987; Spring, 1991; 1991-1992; Fall, 1993; 1997-2000; 2003-2004; many other semesters and years, including 2011-2014.
- Faculty sponsor for the Vedic Cultural Society, 1984-1985.
- Chair of Search Committee for Department Chair, Department of Religious Studies, Spring, 1989; 1997-1998.
- Member of Search Committee, Department of Religious Studies, Spring, 1991; 2003-2004.
- Chair of Search Committee, Department of Religious Studies, 1991-1992.
- Member of the University Promotion and Tenure Committee, 1993.
- Member of Promotion Committee, Department of Religious Studies, 1996.

Member of Graduate Council, 1998-2001 (Standards Committee, 1998-1999, 1999-2000).
Chair of a Center for Asian Studies committee for promoting South Asian Studies at
ASU, 1998-present.

Member of the Center for Asian Studies Advisory Committee, 2000-2001, 2003-2006.

Interim Director, Center for Asian Studies, Arizona State University, fall 2004.

Chair, Search Committee for faculty position in Religious Studies and Global Studies,
2004-2005.

Member, Search Committee for faculty position in Islam, Department of Religious
Studies, 2006-2007.

Member, Executive Committee, Center for Asian Research, 2006-2008, 2012-2014.

Member, Search Committee for faculty position in Hindi/Urdu, Department of
Languages and Literatures, 2006-2007 and summer 2008.

Member, Graduate Committee, Department of Religious Studies, Spring 2007, 2009-2010.

Co-PI, Department of Education UISFL grant for enhancing South Asian Studies at
ASU, 2006-2009.

Member, President's Academic Council, 2002-2009.

Member of the University Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2009-2010, 2011-2013.

Co-convener, 15th International Conference on Maharashtra: Culture and Society, April
2014.

Member and Chair of Personnel Committee, School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious
Studies, 2013-2015, 2016-2017.