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CURRICULUM VITAE

Mrinal Kaul

EDUCATION:

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL (CANADA) PH.D., DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION	2009- in progress
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD M.ST., ST CROSS COLLEGE Methodological Essay: "The flawed Methodology of Early Research on the Literature of the Trika and Krama" Thesis: "Causality and Ontological Hierarchy in the Tantrāloka" (supervised by Prof Alexis Sanderson)	2007
UNIVERSITY OF DELHI M.A., DEPARTMENT OF SANSKRIT Examinations: Sanskrit Language and Literature, Indian Philosophical Literatures	2006
B.A. HONS., ST STEPHEN'S COLLEGE Examinations: Sanskrit Language and Literature	2003
UNIVERSITY OF PUNE ADVANCED COURSE IN INDIAN GRAMMATICAL TRADITIONS, CENTER OF ADVANCED STUDY IN SANSKRIT Course work: Pāṇinian and Post-Pāṇinian Systems of Sanskrit Grammar	2004
CERTIFICATE IN MANUSCRIPTOLOGY, CENTER OF ADVANCED STUDY IN SANSKRIT Examinations: Textual Criticism, Paleography, Forms & Contents of Manuscripts	2004
M.A., (INCOMPLETE) DEPARTMENT OF SANSKRIT AND PRAKRIT Examinations: Sanskrit Literature and Language, Navya-Nyāya	2004
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, NEW DELHI ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN PC APPLICATIONS Examinations: Advanced Computer Applications	2000

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Kashmirian Śaiva Schools, Trika Śaivism, Sanskrit Traditions of Kashmir, History and Historiography (especially in context of early medieval South Asia), Indian philosophical literatures, Kashmirian Tantric Traditions, Kashmiri and Sanskrit literatures and literary aesthetics, Kashmiri and Indo-Persian languages and literatures

ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENTS:

- Independent research in different parts of India 2007-2009
- Privately studied some select Śaiva Tantras under the supervision of
 - Pandit Dinanath Yaksh (Kashmir) - Sanskrit literature, Śaiva Tantras 1998-2005
 - Prabha Devi (Kashmir) – Selections from the Tantrāloka 2003-2006
 - Prof Nilkanth Gurtu (Delhi) - Īśvarapratyabhijñā-vimarśinī, Parātrimśikā-vivaraṇa 2003-2006
 - Pandit H N Chakravarty (Varanasi) - Laghuvṛtti, Tantravaṇadhānikā 2003, 2005, 2008

AWARDS & PRIZES RECEIVED:

- CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY International Tuition Fee Remission Award 2009
- KISHAN PERSHAD MEMORIAL PRIZE by St Stephen's College, Delhi for steady interest in extracurricular activities, with a reasonable standard in studies 2006
- ASHA CHATTERJEE PRIZE by St Stephen's College, Delhi for distinguishing in academic work, strength of character & leadership qualities 2006
- Nominated for the award of the POET OF THE YEAR 2004 by the International Society of Poets, Florida in recognition of the publication of best English poetry from India 2004
- SWAMI VIVEKANANDA CHICAGO LECTURE'S CENTENARY PRIZE by St Stephen's College for the orientation towards service, Indian culture, personal values and a good and steady standard in academics 2003
- Nominated for the NATION'S VIKAS RATNA AWARD by the National Economic Development & Growth Society, New Delhi 2002

SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS RECEIVED:

- NAVAJBAI RATAN TATA TRUST PARTIAL GRANT for Ph.D. Religion, Concordia University, Montreal 2009
- DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP by Chair of Hindu Studies, Concordia University, Montreal 2009
- PAUL FOUNDATION PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIP for Ph.D. Religion, Concordia University, Montreal 2009
- ASHVATTA NARAYAN SCHOLARSHIP by the Oxford Center for Hindu Studies, University of Oxford 2007
- Partial grant by the KASHMIRI OVERSEAS ASSOCIATION, MARYLAND for pursuing Master of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford 2006
- Graduate Fellowship by the MUKTABODHA INDOLOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, CALIFORNIA for pursuing Master of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford 2006
- Scholarship from KASHMIRI OVERSEAS ASSOCIATION, MARYLAND in recognition to outstanding achievement in academics and financial need 2006
- SMT. KAMLARANI RAMKISHORE SCHOLARSHIP by St Stephen's College, Delhi for financially deserving, academically good, all round participation in the college life and showing promise for the future 2006
- Scholarship by DELHI SANSKRIT ACADEMY, NEW DELHI for scoring decent marks in M.A. Sanskrit 2006
- Scholarship from the ST STEPHEN'S COLLEGE CENTENARY FUND for Needy and Meritorious students 2006
- Graduate Scholarship from the MUKTABODHA INDOLOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, CALIFORNIA for partial completion of M.A. in Sanskrit and pursuing an independent study of Śaivism 2005
- RANVIRA JUNEJA SCHOLARSHIP on the basis of Need cum Merit from St Stephen's College, Delhi 2005
- Scholarship from the Students' Need cum Merit Fund by RAMAKRISHNA MISSION, SRINAGAR, KASHMIR 2005
- Scholarship from the TRIKA INTERRELIGIOUS TRUST, VARANASI, for M.A. Sanskrit 2005
- SANWA BANK SCHOLARSHIP (Japan) in collaboration with St Stephen's College, Delhi in recognition to the academic excellence and outstanding achievements 2003

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Recognized as a SPECIAL VOLUNTEER by the Students' Union Society, St Stephen's College, Delhi 2001
- Invited by the Station Director, PRASAR BHARATI BROADCASTING CORPORATION OF INDIA, RADIO KASHMIR, JAMMU TO DELIVER TALKS ON CULTURE AND LITERATURE OF KASHMIR. In all 9 talks were broadcasted in Kashmiri, Sanskrit and Hindustani on different topics

PAID ASSIGNMENTS:

- Working as Research Assistant, Department of Religion, Concordia University, Montreal 2009-Till date
- Worked as Research Associate in the ABHINAVAGUPTA RESEARCH LIBRARY, Varanasi 2008
- Worked as a part of the University Grant's Commission project on the Concordance of Upaniṣads in the Centre of Advanced Study in Sanskrit, University of Pune, Pune 2004

LANGUAGES:

- Research Languages: Sanskrit
- Reading Proficiency: Kashmiri (mother tongue), English
- Limited Study: Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi, Dogri

PUBLICATIONS:**A. BOOKS EDITED/EDITING:**

1. THE VARIEGATED PLUMAGE: ENCOUNTERS WITH INDIAN PHILOSOPHY (A Commemoration Volume in Honour of Pt Jankinath Kaul Kamal) (Ed.) with N.B.Patil (SSRI, J&K / MLBD, Delhi) 2003
2. LINGUISTIC TRADITIONS OF KASHMIR (Essays in Honour of Pandit Dinanath Yaksha) (Ed.) with Ashok Aklujkar (D.K. Printworld, New Delhi / HSIRI, J&K) 2008
3. THE AMAREŚVARA MĀHĀTMYAM (A Page from the *Bhṛṅgiśa Saṃhitā*) English Translation by Jankinath Kaul (Edited, thoroughly revised and corrected) (Forthcoming)
4. THE SVĀTANTRYADĪPIKĀ, an unpublished text on Kashmirian Trika school by Pandit Mansaram Monga (A Critical Edition) (Ed.) with Pandit Dinanath Yaksh (Forthcoming)
5. ABHINAVAGUPTA (Ed.) (Forthcoming)

B. SELECTED ARTICLES:

METALLURGY AS EXPOUNDED IN THE ARTHAŚĀSTRA In *Journal of the Ananthacarya Indological Research Institute*, Mumbai. Volume IV. pp. 126-132 2001-2002

A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF SULPHUR AS IN THE RASAJALANIDHIH AND THE MODERN TEXTS OF CHEMISTRY In *Bharatiya Bauddhika Sampada*, 10-Issue. Nagpur. pp 20-21. 2002

KASHMIR ŚAIVISM - A PEEP THROUGH THE TANTRAVATADHĀNIKĀ *Research Bulletin, Visvesvarananda Vedic Research Institute*, Hoshairpur. Volume-2. pp. 225-230. 2003

kāśmīraśaivadarśaneṣu spandaśāstram (In Sanskrit). *Visva Sanskritam*-Year 41, Volume-3,4. Visvesvarananda Vedic Research Institute, Hoshairpur. pp. 13-15. 2004

SOME ASPECTS OF THE PHILOSOPHICO-LINGUISTIC THEORIES IN THE KASHMIRIAN TRIKA SYSTEM OF ABHINAVAGUPTA (Forthcoming)

THE DISTORTION OF HISTORY BY EARLY SCHOLARS IN THE SO CALLED "KASHMIR ŚAIVISM" (Forthcoming)

CAUSALITY AND ONTOLOGICAL HIERARCHY IN THE TANTRĀLOKA OF ABHINAVAGUPTA (Forthcoming)

C. Reviews:

Review of the *Īśvarapratyabhijñākārikā* with Author's *Vṛtti* (Critically edited text) by Raffaele Torella published in the *Prabuddha Bharata*, Kolkatta (June-2005)

PROJECTS:

1. Worked as Editor & Project Coordinator for the Commemoration Volume in honour of Pt. Jankinath Kaul 'Kamal' (a Śaiva scholar from Kashmir) 2000-2003
2. Worked as Editor & Project Manager for the Volume on the GRAMMATICAL TRADITIONS OF KASHMIR under the auspices of The Harbhata Shastri Indological Research Institute, Jammu & Kashmir 2004-2007
3. Working with Prof. Francesco Sferra, Professor of Sanskrit, Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale" on a critical edition and English translation with annotations of the Tantravaṇadhānikā 2005-Till Date
4. Working as the Editor & Project Coordinator for the volume on ABHINAVAGUPTA in Sanskrit under the auspices of The Harbhata Shastri Indological Research Institute, Jammu & Kashmir 2008-Till Date

SEMINARS/CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS ATTENDED / PAPERS PRESENTED:

- Chairperson of the Cultural Session, Kashmiri Pandit Youth Convention, organized by Panun Kashmir Movement, Jammu & Kashmir January, 2000
- National Seminar on Ancient Indian Sciences, Netaji Subhash Institute of Technology, New Delhi 2001
- National Symposium on Ancient Indian Sciences interfaced with Modern Sciences, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi 2002
- First International Workshop on Kashmir Śaivism, Trika Interreligious Trust, Varanasi 2003
- International Seminar on Kashmir Śaivism, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi 2003
- Third International Workshop on Kashmir Śaivism, Trika Interreligious Trust, Varanasi 2005
- Fourth International Workshop on Kashmir Śaivism, Trika Interreligious Trust, Varanasi 2006
- Fourth International Intensive Sanskrit Summer Retreat, Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient, Pondicherry 2007
- Vākyapadīya and Indian Philosophy of Languages. 31 January - 2 February, Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts, Varanasi 2008
- Second International Workshop on Early Tantra, Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient, Pondicherry 2009

MEMBERSHIPS:

- Life Member, Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune, India (Since 2007)

REFERENCES:

- Prof Alexis Sanderson, Spalding Professor of Eastern Religions and Ethics, All Souls College, Oxford
- Prof Ashok Aklujkar, Emeritus Professor of Sanskrit, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
- Dr Kapila Vatsyayan, Chairperson, Asia Project, India International Center, New Delhi
- Dr A. D. Mathur, Reader, Department of Sanskrit, St Stephen's College, University of Delhi, Delhi