

**Diana L. Eck**  
**Curriculum Vitae**

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**Current Position:**

Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies  
Frederic Wertham Professor of Law and Psychiatry in Society (June 2004).  
Department of Sanskrit and Indian Studies and Committee on the Study of Religion  
Faculty of Arts and Sciences  
Harvard University

Member, Faculty of Divinity (1984 - ).  
Harvard Divinity School

Chair, Committee on the Study of Religion (1990- 98).  
Director, The Pluralism Project: World Religions in America (1990- ).  
Head Tutor, The Comparative Study of Religion (1976-86).  
Acting Chair, Department of Sanskrit and Indian Studies (1989-90).  
Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Sanskrit and Indian Studies [2005 - ]  
Master of Lowell House, Harvard University (1998- ).  
Acting Director, Center for the Study of World Religions (2003-04).

**Office Address:**

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Lowell House A22  
(617-495-2283; fax: 617-495-2523).

**Home Address:**

50 Holyoke Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138  
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**Personal:**

Born July 5, 1945 in Tacoma, Washington. Attended grade school and high school in Bozeman, Montana. Partner of 30 years to The Rev. Dr. Dorothy A. Austin, Sedgewick Associate Minister in the Memorial Church and Co-Master of Lowell House. Foster care for Sokol, Kreshnik, Aida and Amella Zejnullahu, Albanian Kosovar refugee young people (1999-2002).

**Education:**

Ph.D. Harvard University (The Comparative Study of Religion), 1976.  
M.A. University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies,  
(South Asian Studies, Modern Indian History), 1968.  
B.A. Smith College (Religion), 1967.

[Post-graduate Diploma, Banaras Hindu University (1965-66;1973-74).  
Ancient Indian History and Culture]

**Professional Experience:**

1984 - : Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies, Harvard University  
1981-84: Associate Professor of Indian Religion, Harvard University  
1977-81: Assistant Professor of Indian Religion, Harvard University  
1976-77: Lecturer on Hindu Religion, Harvard University

1975-76: Instructor in Hindu Religion, Harvard University

**The Pluralism Project (1991- present):**

Founder and Director of The Pluralism Project, a research project studying the changing religious landscape of the United States and the implications of religious pluralism for American public life. Funded by major grants from: The Lilly Endowment, Inc., the Pew Charitable Trusts, the Templeton Foundation, the North Star Fund, with ongoing current funding from the Ford Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation. Total funding of about three million dollars. In June 2003, the Pluralism Project Website (<http://www.pluralism.org>) won the Webby Award in the category of Religion and Spirituality from the International Academy of Digital Arts.

Directed the research of more than eighty students and produced an educational multimedia CD-ROM, *On Common Ground: World Religions in America* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1997). Ongoing work on religious pluralism in a multireligious society: <http://www.pluralism.org>.

Directed and taught N.E.H. Summer Seminar, Harvard University, June-August, 2000: "World Religions in America," with fifteen high school teachers selected from more than 150 applicants.

Helped create special exhibit, "Faithful Boston," for the opening of the new Dreams of Freedom Museum at the International Institute of Boston, 1 Milk Street (2000).

Women's Networks

Organized and Chaired "Religion and Politics 2004: Women's Voices, Women's Votes," National Press Club, Washington, D.C., September 13, 2004.

Organized and Chaired International Conference on "Women, Religion, and Social Change II," (2003), Barker Center, Harvard University and Harvard Divinity School.

Consultation on Women's Networks in Multireligious America, April 27-29, 2002. Barker Center, Harvard University with Kennedy School of Government.

Consultation on Women's Networks in Multireligious America After September 11, November 2, 2001, Harvard Club of New York.

Consultation on Women's Networks in Multireligious America, April 28-29, 2001, Barker Center, Harvard University.

Research Conferences (Recent).

Pluralism Project National Fall Conference, "Religious Pluralism in the American South," Atlanta, Georgia, November 21, 2003, in conjunction with the American Academy of Religion.

Pluralism Project Annual Student Research Conference, October 15, 2003, Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University.

Religious Pluralism in the U.S. and Canada, National Fall Conference, Toronto, November 22-23, 2002, in conjunction with the American Academy of Religion.

Pluralism Project Annual Student Research Conference, October 16, 2002, Barker Center, Harvard University. Pluralism Project Annual Student Research Conference, October 23, 2001, Barker Center, Harvard University.

Civil Society Symposia

Harvard University Provost's Initiative: Convener of Interfaculty Working Group on Immigration, Religious Pluralism, and American Civil Society. Monthly meetings and discussions (2000-2004). <http://www.pluralism.org/events/interfaculty/participants.php>

Symposium on Civil Society and Multireligious America, November 18-20, 1999.

Consultation on Religious Discrimination and Accommodation, May 17, 1999.

**Professional Memberships and Responsibilities:**

American Academy of Arts and Sciences: Elected to membership 1994.

American Academy of Religion: President, 2006. Elected Vice-President and Member of the Executive Committee (2003-04). Chair of Section on Religion in South Asia. Elected for a three year term 1989-92; Board of Directors. Elected for three year term from spring 1986-89. Board of Associate Editors, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (1985-93); New England Program Chairman (1978-80); Editorial Board, (1974-76).

Association of Asian Studies: Elected Member of the South Asia Council (1984-87).

American Oriental Society: Member of Planning Review Committee on Indian Religions (1981-82).

Indo-U.S. Subcommittee on Education and Culture. Grant Review Committee (1982-84).

The Interfaith Alliance Foundation: Member of National Advisory Board (2003-04).

National Endowment for the Humanities: External Reviewer (2002-04).

Phi Beta Kappa: Member, Smith College. Faculty Chair of Teaching Prize Committee, Alpha and Iota Chapters, Harvard University. President of Alpha and Iota Chapter (2001-2003).

United Methodist Church: General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns (1984-88). New England Conference Commission (1994-98).

U.S. State Department, Advisory Commission on Religious Freedom Abroad [1997-99]. Appointed for two year term Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

Washington National Cathedral. Advisory Board (2002-04).

WGBH Public Television. Principal Academic Writer, Adviser, and Host for *Becoming the Buddha in L.A.* (1993), funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

WNET Religion and Ethics NewsHour. Advisory Board (2002-04).

World Council of Churches: Moderator and Chair of the Working Group on Dialogue with People of Living Faiths: Member 1976-91; Moderator 1984-91. This is an international working group of twenty five members which carries on the work of the World Council of Churches in interreligious relations.

World Conference on Religion and Peace: One of elected International Presidents [1995- ]; Member of International Council (1984-89). Staff member for Fifth World Assembly, Nairobi, Kenya (August, 1984).

Women, Religion, and Social Change: Organizer and Administrator, International Conference (Harvard University, June, 1983). A week-long international conference of some 40 women of various traditions. See publications: *Speaking of Faith: Global Perspectives on Women, Religion, and Social Change* (with Devaki Jain).

The Woodrow Wilson Foundation, Charlotte Newcombe Fellowship Final Selection Committee (1985-86).

Memberships: The Cambridge Scientific Club, the Saturday Club, the Examiner Club, the Signet Society.

#### **Individual Research Grants and Fellowships:**

- Residency, Bellagio Study and Conference Center, Rockefeller Foundation (1995).
- Henry Luce III Fellow in Theology; Association of Theological Schools (1995).
- American Express Grant for Ethics in the Undergraduate Curriculum for "World Religions in New England" (Center for Ethics and the Professions, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard, 1990).
- Faculty Fulbright Award for research in India, U.S. Department of Education (1987-88).
- John Simon Guggenheim Foundation research grant (1987-88).
- American Institute of Indian Studies (short term grant for work on India's Sacred Geography (1984).
- Social Science Research Council (Post-Doctoral Research Award, 1981).
- Fulbright Senior Research Award, Delhi University (Research: India's Sacred Geography, 1981).
- Indo-U.S. Subcommission on Education and Culture (Short term research award for final work on *Banaras, City of Light*, 1978).
- American Council of Learned Societies (Grant-in-Aid for recent Ph.D. recipients, 1978).
- Social Science Research Council, Foreign Area Fellow (Doctoral research on Banaras, 1973-74).
- Danforth Foundation, Kent Fellow (1970-74).
- Fulbright Scholar in U.K., University of London, School of Oriental & African Studies (1967-68).

#### **Honors and Awards:**

- Honorary Doctor of Public Service, Cedar Crest College (May 2004).
- Melcher Lifetime Achievement Award, Unitarian Universalist Association (June 2003).
- Governor's Humanities Medal, Montana Committee for the Humanities (February 2003).
- AAR Martin Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion (November 2002)
- Honorary Doctor of Divinity, Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge (May 2002).
- Honorary Doctor of Letters, Lehigh University (May 2002).
- Smith College Medal, presented by President Ruth Simmons (February 2000).
- National Humanities Medal awarded by the N.E.H. and President William J. Clinton (1998).
- National Educom Medal Award for *On Common Ground: World Religions in America* (1998). [Award recognizes a professor whose work exemplifies the best in technological instructional effectiveness; to identify applications of information technology that improve access, quality, and cost-effectiveness in higher education). One of four national awards. This CD-ROM also won the Ed Press Award and the Media and Methods Award.
- Honorary Doctor of Letters, St. Lawrence University (May 1998).
- University of Louisville Grawemeyer Award in Religion for *Encountering God, A Spiritual Journey from Bozeman to Banaras* (1995).
- Harvard Foundation Faculty Award for Intercultural and Race Relations (1994).
- Melcher Award of the Unitarian Universalist Association for *Encountering God, A Spiritual Journey from Bozeman to Banaras* (1994).
- Phi Beta Kappa Prize for Teaching, Harvard University (1986).
- Rai Krishna Das Prize of the Hanuman Samsthan of Calcutta, for *Banaras, City of Light* (1984).

#### **Publications:**

##### **I. Books**

*Banaras, City of Light*, New York: Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., 1982.  
(Also published by Routledge and Kegan Paul, London, 1983; Princeton University Press, Princeton, 1983. Published in German as *Banaras, Stadt des Lichts*, Frankfurt: Insel Verlag, 1989. Published in India by Penguin India, 1994; Published with a new introduction, Columbia University Press, 1999).

*Darsan, Seeing the Divine Image in India*. Chambersburg: Anima Press, 1981. Second revised edition, 1985; Third revised and expanded edition, Columbia University Press, 1998.

*Speaking of Faith: Global Perspectives on Women, Religion, and Social Change*. Edited with Devaki Jain. New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1985. (Also published by New Society Press, Philadelphia, 1987 and The Women's Press, London, 1987).

*Devotion Divine: Bhakti Traditions from the Regions of India*. [Studies in Honour of Charlotte Vaudeville.] Co-edited with Françoise Mallison. Groningen: Egbert Forsten and Paris: Ecole Française d'Extreme-Orient, 1991.

*Encountering God: A Spiritual Journey from Bozeman to Banaras*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1993. [Published in India by Penguin India.] Revised tenth anniversary edition with a new introduction by the author. Boston: Beacon Press, 2003.

*World Religions in Boston: A Guide to Communities and Resources*. Cambridge: The Pluralism Project, 1994. Fourth Edition, 2000 (with Elinor Pierce).  
<http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~pluralism/98wrb/>

*A New Religious America: How a 'Christian Country' Has Become the World's Most Religiously Diverse Nation*. San Francisco: Harper San Francisco, 2001. Paperback edition with new Post-September 11 Introduction. San Francisco: Harper San Francisco, 2002.

## II. Media

*The Religious Traditions of India* [10 Part Audio and Video Lecture Series)., Springfield, Virginia: The Teaching Company, 1995.

"Becoming the Buddha in L.A." Film. Primary Academic Writer and Advisor. Boston: WGBH, 1994.

CD-ROM: *On Common Ground: World Religions in America*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1997.

CD-ROM: *On Common Ground: World Religions in America*. Revised Second Edition with Weblinks. (New York: Columbia University Press, 2002).

## III. Articles

### 2005

*Amerika Baru Yang Religius* (Jakarta: Pustaka Sinar Harapan).

"Cultural and Religious Institutions," in Mary Waters, Reed Ueda, et. al, *The New Americans* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press).

"Dialogue and the Echo-boom of Terror: Religious Women's Voices After 9/11" in Akbar Ahmed and Brian Forst, *After Terror* (Cambridge, UK: Polity Press).

"Foreward" to Barbara McGraw, ed. *Taking Religious Pluralism Seriously: Spiritual Politics on America's Sacred Ground* (Waco: Baylor University Press).

### 2004

"Dialogue and the Echo Boom of Terror: Women's Religious Voices After 9/11" in Akbar S. Ahmed, ed. *After Terror: Promoting Dialogue Among Civilizations*. London: Polity Press, 2004.

Introduction to *Speaking Faith: The Essential Handbook for Religion Communicators*, New York, NY: Religion Communicators Council, 2004.

**2003**

"Religious Pluralism, On the Ground and in the Pulpit," *Union Seminary Quarterly Review*, Issue on "Christian Revelation and Religious Pluralism," Volume 56, Numbers 3-4, 2003.

"World Christianity: Diversity, Difference, and Disputation," Response to issue on "Christians in the Global Village," Austin Presbyterian Seminary, *Insights*, Fall 2003.

**2000**

"Honest to God: God and the Universe of Faiths" in Marcus Borg, ed. *God at 2000*, Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse Press.

"Religion and the Global Moment," Minneapolis: *Macalester International*, fall, 2000.

"Religious Pluralism: American in the Year 2000," Introduction to Eileen W. Lindner, ed., *Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches*, Nashville: Abingdon Press.

"Dialogue and Method: Reconstructing the Study of Religion," in Kimberley C. Patton and Benjamin C. Ray, eds. *A Magic Still Dwells: Comparative Religion in the Postmodern Age*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

**1999**

"The Imagined Landscape: Patterns in the Construction of Hindu Sacred Geography," in Veena Das, Dipankar Gupta, and Patricia Uberoi, eds. *Tradition, Pluralism, and Identity: In Honour of T.N. Madan*. New Delhi: Sage Publications.

"The Multireligious Public Square," in Marjorie Garber and Rebecca Walkowitz, eds. *One Nation Under God: Religion and American Culture*. New York: Routledge.

"Negotiating Hindu Identities in America," in Harold Coward, John Hinnells, Raymond Williams, eds., *A Comparative Study of the South Asian Diaspora Religious Experience in Britain, Canada, and the USA*, New York: State University of New York Press.

**1998**

"A New 'We': The Bridges That Bring Us Together," in Joseph Angilella and Alan Ziajka, eds., *Rediscovering Justice: Awakening World Faiths to Address World Issues*, University of San Francisco: Association of Jesuit University Presses, 1998.

**1997**

Preface to *Buddhism in America*, Duncan Williams and Christopher Queen, eds., Cambridge: Center for the Study of World Religions.

**1996**

"Rose-Apple Island: Myths that Made Up India," in *India Magazine*, February/March 1996.

"The Goddess Ganges in Hindu Sacred Geography," in J.S. Hawley and D.M. Wulff, eds, *Devi: Goddesses of India*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

"The Mosque Next Door," *Harvard Magazine*, September-October, 1996.

**1994**

"Religious Stereotypes," *Boston Globe*, January 7, 1995.

"Death in Banaras," *Parabola*, Winter 1994.

**1993**

"The Religious Melting Pot in Boston," *Boston Globe*, April 10, 1993.

"The Challenge of Pluralism," in *Nieman Reports*, Issue on "God in the Newsroom," Vol. XLVII No. 2, Summer 1993.

"In the Name of Religions," *The Wilson Quarterly*, Vol. XVII, No. 4, Autumn 1993.

"Kashi, The Luminous," *Parabola*, Vol. XVIII, No. 4, November 1993.

## 1992

"The Pluralism Project: A Preliminary Report," *The Council of Societies for the Study of Religion Bulletin*, Vol. 21, No. 2, April 1992.

"True Liberty Cherishes Difference", Op Ed piece for *Los Angeles Times*, July 5, 1992. Also published in *Miami Herald*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

## 1991

"Following Rama, Worshipping Siva," in *Devotion Divine: Bhakti Traditions from the Regions of India*. Diana L. Eck and Françoise Mallison. Groningen: Egbert Forsten and Paris: Ecole Française d'Extreme Orient, 1991.

"Gandhian Guidelines for a World of Religious Difference," in Robert Ellsberg, ed., *Gandhi on Christianity*. Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1991.

"A Call for Spiritual Renewal," Focus piece on WCC General Assembly, *Boston Sunday Globe*, March 3, 1991.

"Come Holy Spirit, Renew the Whole Creation. The World Council of Churches Seventh Assembly at Canberra," *Harvard Divinity Bulletin* XX:4, 1990-1991.

## 1990

"'New Age' Hinduism in America," in Sulochana Raghavan Glazer and Nathan Glazer, eds., *Conflicting Images: India and the United States*. Glenn Dale, Maryland: Riverdale Publishers, 1990.

"On Seeking and Finding in the World's Religions," *The Christian Century*, May 2, 1990 .

## 1989

"Women and Anger: The Power of Prophecy and Revolution," "Liberty, Equality, 'Fraternity' -- Women in the Light of Changing Religious Consciousness," "Religious Revolution in our Time: A Woman's Perspective," *Bulletin of International Council of Christians and Jews*, Winter, 1989. [Papers presented at the Lille meeting of the ICCJ, July, 1989. Also published in *Sens: Juifs et Chrétiens Sans le Monde Aujourd'hui*, Avril, 1990. "Liberté, Egalité, 'Fraternité,' 'La révolution religieuse de notre temps: le point de vue d'une femme," and "Les femmes et la colère: Pouvoir prophétique et révolution.).

"Moderator's Report, Working Group on Dialogue: "Women and Interfaith Dialogue -- The Experience of the Toronto Consultation, " Report to the Casablanca meeting of the Working Group, June, 1989, *Current Dialogue* 16, August, 1989.

## 1988

"The Religions and Tambaram: 1938 and 1988," *International Review of Mission*, Geneva: WCC, June, 1988.

"Moderators Report, Working Group on Dialogue: Themes from New Delhi ('Religious Identity in a Multi-Religious Society'). and Kyoto ('Spirituality in Dialogue.),' 1987" Moderator's Report from Baar, Switzerland meeting of the Working Group, May 1988. *Current Dialogue* 14, June 1988.

"The Manyness of God," Kathryn Fraser Mackay Lecture, Canton, New York: St. Lawrence University, 1988.

#### 1987

"Response of the Churches to New Religious Movements: A Report from North America," in Allan R. Brockway and J. Paul Rajashekar, eds. *New Religious Movements and the Churches*. Geneva: World Council of Churches, 1987. [Papers from Amsterdam consultation of WCC and Lutheran World Federation on New Religious Movements, September 1986.]

"The City as a Sacred Center" Introductory essay in Bardwell Smith and Holly Baker Reynolds, eds. *The City as a Sacred Center: Essays on Six Asian Contexts*. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1987.

#### 1986

"Academic Ritual and Symbolic Immortality," *Boston Globe Magazine*, September 7, 1986.

"Darsana: Hinduism and Incarnational Theology," *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*, Vol. XVII, No. 2, November-December 1986.

"The Perspective of Pluralism in Theological Education," in S. Amirtham and S. Wesley Ariarajah, *Ministerial Formation in a Multi-Faith Milieu: Implications of Interfaith Dialogue for Theological Education*. Geneva: World Council of Churches, 1986. Papers of WCC Consultation in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, June 1985.

"What Do We Mean by 'Dialogue'?" in *Current Dialogue*, Geneva: World Council of Churches, Fall 1986. Moderator's Report from Potsdam meeting of Dialogue Working Group, July 1986

Summary Review in "Religious Book Week: Critic's Choices" *Commonweal*, February 28, 1986.

#### 1985

"Banaras: Cosmos and Paradise in the Hindu Imagination" in T.N. Madan, ed. *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, New Series. Vol. 19, No. 1, Jan.-June, 1985. Also published in *The Word and the World: Fantasy, Symbol, and Record*, Veena Das and T.N. Madan, eds. New Delhi: Sage, 1986.

"Sacred Mountains," "Sacred Rivers," and "Circumambulation" for the *Encyclopedias of Religion*, Mircea Eliade et.al, eds., New York: Macmillan, 1985.

"A Perspective on Dialogue: Looking Ahead," in *Current Dialogue*, Geneva: World Council of Churches, Spring 1985. Also published in *Christian Jewish Relations*, London: Institute of Jewish Affairs, World Jewish Congress, December, 1985. Moderator's Report for WCC Working Group on Dialogue with People of Living Faiths, Swanwick U.K., March 1985.

"Falwell's Gospel is not the Churches'" *Los Angeles Times*, Op Ed. Page, August 27, 1985.

"Interreligious Dialogue as a Christian Ecumenical Concern," in *The Ecumenical Review*, 37: 4.

#### 1984

"Dialogue in the *Oikoumene*," *The Ecumenical Review*, Spring, 1984.

#### 1983

"Dialogue and the New Religions: A Report from North America," *Current Dialogue*, Spring, 1983.

"*Oikoumene* in the Eighties," *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*, Vol. XIV, No. 1, Oct.-Nov., 1983. A Report on the Vancouver General Assembly of the World Council of Churches.

**1982**

"The Church in Bali: Mountainwards and Seawards," *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*, Vol. XII, No. 4, April-May., 1982.

"Ganga: The Goddess in Hindu Sacred Geography," in J.S. Hawley and D.M. Wulff, eds. *The Divine Consort: Radha and the Goddesses of India*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1982.

*Shiva and Shakti in the Land of India*, The Larwill Lectures in Religion, Gambier Ohio: Kenyon College, 1982.

**1981**

"The Dynamics of Indian Symbolism," in Peter Berger, ed. *The Other Side of God*. New York: Doubleday.

"India's Tirthas: 'Crossings' in Sacred Geography," *History of Religions*, Vol. 20, No. 4, May.

"On the Field of *Dharma*: A Christian Understanding of the Bhagavad Gita," in C.D. Jathanna, ed., *Dialogue in Community: Essays in Inter-Religious Relationship*. Mangalore: Karnataka Theological College.

**1980**

"Hindu Sacred Cities," "Hindu Sacred Rivers," in Larry Shinn, ed., *Abingdon Encyclopedia of Living Religions*. Nashville: Abingdon Press.

"Old Time Religion: Is It Good Enough?" *Boston Globe*, October 23.

"Sanskrit Sources for the Study of Varanasi," *Purana*, XXII, No. 1, January.

**1978**

"Kasi: City and Symbol," *Purana* XX, No. 2, July.

"Multi-traditional Faith: A Personal View of Christians in Dialogue with People of Other Religious Traditions." Report from WCC Theological Consultation in Chiang Mai, Thailand. *Bulletin of the Center for the Study of World Religions*, Winter 1978 and Spring 1978.

**University Activities:****Faculty of Arts and Sciences**

- Faculty Standing Committee on the Study of Religion, (1976-present).
- Department of Sanskrit and Indian Studies (1976-present).
- Faculty Committee on South Asia (1994-present).
- Executive Committee of the Asia Center (1999-present).
- Faculty Committee on the Humanities Center (1993- 97).
- Faculty Council, elected to three year term (1984-87 ).
- Faculty Committee on the Status of Women (1979-1986).
- Faculty Committee on Women's Studies (1986-88).
- Foreign Cultures Committee of the Core Curriculum, (1979-1986; 1982 Acting Chair).
- Committee on Undergraduate Education (1984-1986).
- Committee on Graduate Education (1986-87).
- Committee to Review the Harvard Foundation (1985).
- Advisory Board, Women's Studies in Religion Program, Harvard Divinity School (1983-88).
- Committee for the Michael Rockefeller Fellowship (1985-89).
- President of Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha-Iota Chapter (2001-2003).
- Member of Committee on Honorary Degrees (2001-2003).
- Member of Committee to Address Sexual Assault and Violence (2002-03).
- Master of Lowell House (1998-present).

### **Faculty of Divinity**

- Full member of the Faculty of Divinity (1984-present) with committee responsibilities in Area III (The Religions of the World), the Professorial Committee, and chair of three faculty search committees: History of Religions (1989), Hershey Chair of Buddhist Studies (2000), South Asian Religions (2002).
- Search Committee on Women's Studies in Religion (1999), Monrad Chair in World Christianity (2004), Tenure Review Committee in South Asian Religion (2003), Chair of Committee to Review ThM Degree and Continuing Education (HDS). (2003-04).
- Acting Director, Center for the Study of World Religions (2003-04).

### **University Lectures**

- JFK School of Government, Discussion on Religion and Politics, "Religion and Politics in India," January 31, 2004.
- Harvard Club of New York, Featured Speaker at Harvard Comes to New York Program, "Multireligious America: Problems and Prospects," March 20, 2004.
- Hauser Center Joint Program on Religion and Public Life, February 28, 2002.
- Pre-Frosh Weekend Panel, "Definitions of Success," March 21, 2002.
- Council on University Resources, Harvard University, "Differing Cultural Perspectives on Foreign Policy, Patriotism and Human Rights," April 27, 2002.
- Harvard Divinity School Alumnae Council, "Ministerial Training in the Context of World Religions," May 2, 2002.
- "The Changing Face of Harvard University," 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Program on Religion at Harvard, June 5, 2002.
- Chicago Major Gifts Steering Committee, Talk and Dinner, June 13, 2002.
- Dinner speaker for Harvard Club of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, August 21, 2002.
- Harvard Directors' Fall Meeting: "Religious Life at Harvard," Harvard Divinity School, October 26, 2001.
- Harvard College Fund Assembly, Symposium Speaker: "A New Religious America: The Challenge of Religious Pluralism." October 27, 2001.
- Harvard Alumni Association, One-Day Symposium on Islam. November 4, 2001.
- "Religion in the Multicultural University," Address for Junior Parents Weekend at Harvard University, March 4, 2000.
- "Religion and Change in Contemporary Asia," Opening of the Asia Center, Harvard University, March 5, 1998.
- "The Changing Face of Religion in America," Keynote Speaker for Harvard Divinity School Alumni/ae Day, June 3, 1998.

- "Religion and Public Education" Address for the Harvard Graduate School of Education conference of Superintendents. July 16, 1998.
- "Public Education and Religious Pluralism," Harvard Institutes for Higher Education Seminar, Harvard Graduate School of Education, December 11, 1998.
- "The New Religious American Frontier: Religious Pluralism," Junior Parents' Weekend Address March 1, 1996.
- "Religious Diversity and Art Museums," Address for the Seminar of Art Museum Directors, convened by James Cuno. April 15, Sackler Museum.
- "When Differences Become Deadly: Exploring Religious Strife in India," Harvard Divinity School Alumni/ae Day, June 9, 1993.
- "The Future of Religion" Annual Graduate Dinner, Dudley House, Harvard University, November 9, 1993.
- Junior Parents Weekend, Harvard University. "Studying Religious Diversity --In the World and in the University," March 4, 1989.
- Harvard Alumnae Council Lecture, "Comparative Religion in the World and the University," May 5, 1989.
- Freshman Orientation Lecture and Discussion, "On Pluralism and Truth: A Theological and Political Assessment of the Meaning of Difference in the World, and for Us." September 11, 1989.
- "Looking at Gandhi in the 80s" Lecture for Harvard Club of Chicago, The Harvard Club of Minneapolis, and the Harvard Club of Montana, February - June 1987.
- "Worldviews in an Interdependent World," Address for the Radcliffe Symposium on Interdependence, Harvard 350th Celebration, September 4-6, 1986.
- "Hinduism and Incarnational Theology," Symposium for Harvard Divinity School, Harvard 350th Celebration, September 4-6, 1986.
- "Gandhi: A Biographical Study," Two Lectures in Harvard Alumni College seminar on Biography, June 13, 1984.

### **Teaching**

In Sanskrit: Hindu Creation Myths; Puranic Texts; Epic texts: The Mahabharata.

### In Indian Studies:

Sources of Indian Civilization (Core Curriculum, Foreign Cultures 12).  
 Hindu Myth, Image and Pilgrimage (Core Curriculum, Literature and the Arts C-18).  
 The Life and Thought of Gandhi  
 Pilgrimage in India (with Charlotte Vaudeville).  
 Seminar on Hindu Myth and Ritual  
 Pilgrimage in the Indian Traditions  
 Seminar on Modern Hindu Movements

### In Religion:

World Religions: Diversity and Dialogue

Seminar on Religion in Multicultural America  
 Seminar on World Religions in Boston  
 Pilgrimages: A Thematic Introduction to Religion (with William Graham and R.R.Niebuhr).  
 Ritual and the Religious Life  
 Women and Religion: Image and Practice (with Clarissa Atkinson & Jane Smith).  
 Doctoral Seminar on Religion: Major Thinkers in the Study of Religion  
 Doctoral Seminar: Major Themes in the Study of Religion  
 Sophomore Tutorial Seminar on Comparative Study of Religion  
 Sophomore Tutorial Seminar on Scripture and Interpretation  
 Research Seminar on Sacred Space  
 Research Seminar on World Religions in New England  
 Research Seminar on Buddhist, Hindu, and Sikh Traditions in America  
 Research Seminar on Islam in America

**Outside Lectures, Named Lectures, and Professional Activities:**

**2006**

Church of the Holy Communion, Memphis, "On Common Ground: World Religions in America," February 21—22, 2006.

Suffolk University, panelist with Dr. Shirin Ebadi, "Interfaith Relations in a Pluralistic World," February 20, 2006.

Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians and Jews. America's Melting Pot in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, "Religious Pluralism: The Civic and Theological Issues," February 26, 2006.

UIS Policy Summit on Politics & Religion, University of Illinois, Springfield, "Religious Pluralism: Civic and Political Issues in a New Religious America" June 20-21, 2006.

**2005**

Martin Luther King Day Sermon at the Newburyport United Church of Christ, Newburyport, "The World House," January, 16, 2005.

Mind and Supermind Lecture Series, Walter H. Capps Center for the Study of Ethics, Religion, and Public Life, University of California, Santa Barbara "Beyond Tolerance: Ethics and Engagement in a Multireligious Society" January 23, 2005.

Public Relations Society of America, United Nations, "The Evil Men do in the Name of God," January 28-29, 2005.

Association of American Colleges and Universities, "Mapping the Future of Inclusion and Excellence," Washington D.C. January 28, 2005.

St. Paul Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, MN, "Religious Pluralism in America," February 19, 2005

Harvard Human Rights Debates, Harvard University Committee on Human Rights, "What Sort of Right is Marriage?" March 15, 2005.

Lilly Lecture, Religion-in-Life Series, Furman University, Center for Theological Exploration of Vocation, "Called To Encounter: Religious Pluralism," April 12, 2005.

Sermon, First Baptist Church Greenville, "Faith and Interfaith," April 12, 2005.

The New Religious Pluralism and Democracy Conference, Georgetown University, "American Religious Pluralism: Civic and Theological Discourse," April 21-23, 2005.

Helen Edison Lecture at the University of California, San Diego, "On Common Ground: A New Look at America's Religious Diversity," April 21-23, 2005

State Department, Indonesia, "A New Religious America: The Challenges of Religious Pluralism, August 22-26, 2005.

Burke Lecture, University of California at San Diego, "Pluralism and the Ethics of Dialogue," October 6, 2005.

Prairie Village, Kansas, "Religious Pluralism: Civic and Theological Issues," October 21-22, 2005.

Town Hall of Morris, New Jersey, "A New Religious America," October 31, 2005.

Oral History Association, Providence, Rhode Island, "Voices of Dissent/Voices of Hope," November 4, 2005.

American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, "Christian Theology and Religious Pluralism," November 17-21, 2005.

## **2004**

Video-Conference Lecture and Discussion, Asia II Conference, City University of Hong Kong, "The New Pluralism in the American Religious Landscape," February 26, 2004.

Smith College Club of Cambridge, "The Changing Religious Landscape in America," February 26, 2004.

Interfaith Alliance, National Press Club, Washington, D.C., "Religion in the 2004 Campaign," March 17, 2004.

Harvard Club of New York, "Multireligious America: Problems and Prospects," March 20, 2004.

Spirit of Fes Colloquium, Harvard University, "Giving a Soul to Globalization," March 21, 2004.

Featured Speaker at Women Healing Women Conference, Empowering Women Healers to Enhance Women's Health, Center for the Study of World Religions, March 22, 2004.

National Program Advisory Group, Washington National Cathedral, "Mutable Mosaic of Belief," April 2-3, 2004.

2004 Danforth Lecture, Hope College, "Religious Pluralism: Global and Local Issues," April 13, 2004.

Margorie Hall Thulin Lecture on Religion and Contemporary Culture, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, "America's Religious Pluralism: Challenges for the New Century," April 14, 2004.

Honored as Literary Lights New England Author, Boston Public Library: Literary Lights 2004, April 18, 2004.

Frances Willson Thompson Critical Issues Forum, University of Michigan, "A New Religious America: Pluralism in a New Key," April 21, 2004.

Elwin and Helen Farwell Endowment Lecture, Luther College, "A New Religious America: Pluralism in a New Key," April 22, 2004.

American Society for the Study of Religion, "Cosmopolis: Theory and Practice," April 24, 2004.

Association of Professional Chaplains 2004 Conference, "America's Religious Pluralism and its Challenges for Chaplains," April 25, 2004.

Biannual Women's Leadership Board Meeting, John F. Kennedy School of Government, "Multi-religious America: Problems and Prospects," May 2, 2004.

Commencement Address, Cedar Crest College, "Religious Pluralism: America's Own Workshop," May 25, 2004.

Baccalaureate Sermon, Dartmouth College, "Connecting: Time, Space, and Faith in a Global World," June 12, 2004.

Sermon, The United Congregational Church, Little Compton, RI, August 6, 2004.

Chautauqua Institution, "Religion for the New Millennium," August 27, 2004.

NEH Curriculum Grant Lecture, Claremont Graduate University, "The Complexities of Comparison: Religion and Race in Multicultural America," September 7, 2004.

Keynote Address, Interfaith Education Initiative, "The Mutable Mosaic of Belief," College of Preachers, Washington National Cathedral, "September 30, 2004.

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Diversity Conference, Weber State University, "The Challenge of Religious Diversity: Beyond Tolerance to Pluralism," October 8, 2004.

Keynote address for Religion and Public Life series, Needham Lyceum, "Religious Pluralism," October 17, 2004.

Diversity and Learning Conference, Association of American Colleges and Universities, Keynote Address, "Democracy's Compelling Interest," Nashville, Tennessee, October 22-23, 2004.

Festival of Faiths, Cathedral Heritage Foundation, "Faith and Interfaith: Global and Local Perspectives," November 11, 2004.

The Interfaith Alliance, Washington D.C. "Building Bridges: Interfaith Movements in a New Religious America," November 12, 2004.

Public Address at St. Mary's University, San Antonio, "Faith and Interfaith in San Antonio, the Nation, and the World." November 22, 2004.

## 2003

National Heritage Museum, Lexington, MA, "Freedom, Security, and the Public's Right to Know," January 12, 2003.

Hauser Lecture, Montana State University, "On Common Ground? American Religious Diversity & the Challenges of Pluralism," February 5, 2003.

Rice-Cunningham Lectures, Winston-Salem North Carolina, "The Global and the Local: Understanding Religion Today," February 15-16, 2003.

Founders' Week Sylvester Lecture, University of Richmond, "Religious Pluralism in the U.S. After 9/11." February 24, 2003.

Madison Civics Club, Madison, Wisconsin, "The Four Freedoms: Freedom of Religion," March 1, 2003.

Sister Cleophas Costello Lecture, Mount St. Agnes College and Loyola College, Baltimore, Maryland, "Religious Diversity, Baltimore and Beyond," March 25, 2003.

Rudin Lecture in Christian-Jewish Relations, Auburn Theological Seminary, "Jews & Christians in a New Religious America," May 6, 2003.

Paper Presented at Harvard Civil Rights Project, Colorlines Conference, "Religionlines and Colorlines," August 30, 2003.

Interfaith Remembrance, Islamic Center of Boston in Wayland, MA, "Light in Darkness," September 11, 2003.

Keynote address for Worcester Mayor's Office: Interfaith Breakfast, October 9, 2003

Inaugural Lecture for the Department of Classics and World Religions at Ohio University and Ping Institute for Teaching in the Humanities, "The Academic Study of Religion and the Study of Religious Pluralism," October 17, 2003.

Lecture at the University of Texas, Austin, "Exploring Religious Pluralism, North American and South Asia: Theological and Civic Considerations," November 9-10, 2003.

American Academy of Religion 2004 Conference Panelist, "Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group," November 23, 2003.

American Academy of Religion 2004 Conference Panelist, "Preparing Teachers to Teach about Religion: Current Practices and Models," November 24, 2003.

## **2002**

National Council of Christians and Jews, Symposium on Race and Religion at the National Press Club, January 15, 2002.

Martin Luther King Day, Primo Symposium in Wilmington, Delaware, January 21, 2002.

Lecture at the University of Florida, Gainesville, "Complex Identities in a New Religious America." February 12, 2002.

Panel on Christian-Muslim Dialogue in America at the US Conference of the World Council of Churches Meeting, Boston, February 29, 2002.

Price Lenten Series Lecture at Trinity Church, Boston, March 1, 2002.

Keynote speech at "Children of Abraham Downeast," a civic conference in Portland, Maine sponsored by the University of Southern Maine, March 3, 2002.

Preaching in the Sunday Service, First Baptist Church, Portland, Maine, March 3, 2002.

Preaching in the Sunday Service, First Parish Unitarian, Lincoln, Massachusetts, March 10, 2002.

Keynote speech at the Mid-Atlantic Region of the AAR, "Keeping up with Religion," March 15, 2002.

Keynote Lecture, Asian Studies Conference in Atlanta, March 16, 2002.

James Ross McCain Lecture at Agnes Scott College, "Globalization and the New Religious America," March 18, 2002.

Astor Lecture, Oxford University, "The Challenge of Pluralism in Multireligious Societies," May 7, 2002.

International Interfaith Center, Symposium on Pluralism, London: School of Oriental and African Studies, May 9, 2002.

Baccalaureate Address, Lehigh University, June 2, 2002.

Keynote Address at the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Montana State Constitution, State Legislative Chambers, Helena, Montana, June 22, 2002.

Keynote address, "A New Religious America: Managing Religious Diversity in A Democracy: Challenges and Prospects for the 21st Century," at the Malaysian Association of American Studies, Kuala Lumpur, August 20, 2002.

U.S. State Department visit to New Delhi, with lectures at the Jawaharlal Nehru University Department of History, the Nehru Library, and the Indian Council for Historical Research, August 23-September 2, 2002.

Presentation on issues of religious pluralism to President and Board of the Rockefeller Foundation, September 15, 2002.

Keynote Address, "The Orthodox Churches in a Pluralistic World," Conference at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, October 4, 2002.

Gladden Lecture, "A New Religious America," First Congregational Church, Columbus, Ohio, November 8, 2002.

Cary Lecture, "Religious Diversity in Lexington, the Commonwealth, and the United States," Lexington, Massachusetts, November 16, 2002.

## 2001

"Asia in America: Issues and Perspectives," Two lectures invited for the annual Gates Lectures, Grinnell University in Iowa February 21-22, 2001.

"Devi in the Land of India," Invited keynote address at the opening of "Experiencing Devi: The Goddess in Hindu Popular Art," at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, February 23-24, 2001.

"Sacred Geography, Pilgrimage, and the Rise of Hindu Nationalism," Invited keynote lecture at Spalding Symposium on South Asian Religion, Oxford University, March 30-31, 2001.

Lectures in connection with the publication of *A New Religious America*, June 2001: The National Cathedral, Washington, D.C., His Lai Buddhist University, Los Angeles; The Commonwealth Club, San Francisco; Grace Cathedral, San Francisco; Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church, Chicago; The Unitarian Universalist General Assembly, Cleveland; St. Bartholomew's Church, New York.

Religion Newswriters Association. Speaker at Annual Convention, Boston, Mass., September 21, 2001

Women of Reform Judaism, Keynote speaker at Annual Convention, Boston, Mass. December 13, 2001.

## 2000

"Honest to God in a World of Many Faiths," Lecture for "God at 2000" Conference, Oregon State University. Nationally televised and webcast theological symposium with Marcus Borg, Desmond Tutu, Karen Armstrong, Sayyid Hossein Nasr, February 11-12, 2000.

American Assembly of Columbia University: Participant in Assembly on Religion in American Public Life April 26, 2000, Representative of Assembly at National Press Club, April 26, 2000. Representative of Assembly at National Press Club, "The Role of Religion in Presidential Politics," September, 14, 2000.

"Religious Pluralism: New Challenges for America," Keynote address at New Hampshire Humanities Council, March 31, 2000.

"The Issue of Pluralism in the Study of Religion," Address at "Congress 2000" on the State of Religious and Theological Studies today, Boston University, September 11-14.

"Mapping the Changing Religious Landscape of the United States," Invited keynote lecture at Oxford University, School of Geography, conference on "New Religious Landscapes of Britain," September 27-28, 2000.

"Dialogue and Diversity," Invited address to the Association of Jewish Studies, Boston, December 18, 2000.

## 1999

"Teaching Pluralism," workshop and address at the California Council of Social Studies, San Jose, California, February 20, 1999.

Religious Leaders Summit on Civility and Public Discourse, one of ten nationwide summits of The Interfaith Alliance, Cambridge, March 4, 1999.

"Feminism and Pluralism: Time for a Reformation," Antoinette Brown Lecture, Vanderbilt University, March 18, 1999.

"The New Religious Pluralism and the American Public Square," Keynote Address at the American Bar Association Conference on Law, Religion, and Moral Order. San Antonio, Texas, May 14.

"A New Religious America," Chautauqua Institution, August 27, 1999.

"Religion and the Global Moment," Keynote Address, Macalester International Roundtable, October 7, 1999.

"Religious Pluralism in America: A New Assessment of the Issues," Surjit Singh Lecture in Comparative Religious Thought and Culture, University of California, Graduate Theological Union, November 10, 1999.

## 1998

Lectures on the CD-ROM: *On Common Ground: World Religions in America:*

- The Ford Foundation Board of Trustees, January 1998
- Religious Public Affairs Council, February 1998
- Association of Asian Studies, April 1998
- Dean's Weekend, Harvard Divinity School, April 1998

- Visiting Committee, The Memorial Church, April 1998.
- AsiaNetwork Conference, Chicago, April 1998.

"Faith Encounters: Public and Private Questions for Americans in the 1990s," The Slater-Willson Lecture at St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Missouri, February 12, 1998.

"Public Challenges for a Multireligious America," The Gildersleeve Lecture, Barnard College, March 2, 1998.

"The Changing Religious Landscape of America: Three Lectures," Wake Forest University, The Year of Religion Lectures, March 18-19, 1998.

"Asian Religions in the American Context," Association of Asian Studies, Washington D.C., March 28, 1998.

"The New Immigration and the Challenges of Urban Ministry," Congress on Urban Ministry, Keynote Address, Chicago, April 15, 1998.

"Religious Pluralism in North America: The Growth of the Muslim Community," Fazlur Rahman Memorial Lecture, University of Chicago, Islamic Strategic Policy Institute, April 26, 1998.

"America's New Religious Landscape: Negotiating Identities, Negotiating Differences," Stanford University, Roger W. Heyns Lectureship, May 13, 1998.

"Religious Diversity in America," Keynote speaker for President's Initiative on Race Forum in Louisville, Kentucky, June 1, 1998.

"Education as Transformation" Keynote address at the Education as Transformation Conference held at Wellesley College, September 28, 1998.

"Public Issues and Religious Diversity" Newton Foundation for Racial, Ethnic, and Religious Harmony, October 28, 1998.

"The Changing Religious Landscape and American Public Life," Keynote address at the 1998 Interfaith Community Forum, Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, November 11, 1998.

## **1997**

"America's Religious Pluralism: Theological, Cultural, and Political Challenges." Meadville/Lombard Winter Institute, University of Wisconsin (February 13-16, 1997).

"Creating 'Hinduism' in Multireligious America," South Asia Series, Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (February 21, 1997).

"The New Religious Landscape of America: The Challenges of Religious Pluralism." President's Lecture Series, University of Montana, Missoula (February 27, 1997).

"The World is Our Neighbor," Georgia Harkness Lecture, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Northwestern University (April 2, 1997).

"A New Geo-Religious Reality: The Changing Religious Landscape and its Implications," Council on Foreign Relations, New York City (April 24, 1996).

"The Pluralism Project and the Study of Religion," American Society for the Study of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia (April 25, 1996).

"New Challenges to Religious Pluralism," Ada Howe Kent Lecture in honor of Virginia Corwin, Smith College (May 24, 1996).

"The Public Square in a Pluralist Society," Bjeilefeld Lecture, Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Connecticut (June 10, 1997).

"Journey to the Mountaintop," Tuohy Summer Lectures, John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio (June 12-13, 1997).

## 1996

"Multireligious America: The New Challenges of Pluralism." Address for symposium at Middlebury College with Stephen Carter and Robert Wuthnow (January 19-20).

"Beyond Pluralism: A Dialogue Between Diana Eck and Huston Smith," Boston University (January 31, 1996).

"American Pluralism at the Grassroots," Keynote address for annual conference of Partners in Dialogue, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina (February 10-11).

"Dialogue as Method in the Study of Religion," Keynote Address at New England Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (March 29, 1996).

Yellowstone Conference of the United Methodist Church, Great Falls, Montana. Workshop on Pluralism and Theology (May 8-10, 1996).

"Dealing with Difference and the Future" Baccalaureate Address, St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York (May 18, 1996). Honorary Degree from St. Lawrence.

"Faith Encounters: Public and Private Questions for Americans in the 1990s," Fourth Annual Lecture on Issues in Judaism and Christianity, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun and United Methodist Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew, New York (May 30, 1996).

"Passage to America," Phi Beta Kappa Oration, Harvard University (June 5, 1996).

"The Frontiers of Pluralism," Goodspeed Lecture, Denison University (October 8, 1996).

"Negotiating Hindu Identities in America," School of Oriental and African Studies, London (November 2, 1996).

"New Neighbors, New Questions: Christianity in Multi-Religious America." Theologian in Residence, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church [5 lectures, November 14-17, 1996).

## 1995

"Pluralism and Community in America," Keynote Lecture for Greater Detroit Interfaith Conference (April 9, 1995).

"The Pluralism Project: America's New Religious Landscape," Keynote Lecture for Conference on Pluralism in America sponsored by the Princeton University Center for the Study of Religion in America (June 2-4, 1995).

"A Look at the Religious World of Chicago," Conference on Religion in Chicago, sponsored by the Religion in Urban America Program at the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle (June 5, 1995).

“The Challenge of Religious Diversity,” Keynote Lecture at interfaith conference of students and youth, sponsored by the University of San Francisco and Grace Cathedral as an official event of the 50th anniversary of the UN (June 22-25, 1995).

“Religious Life, Interreligious Dialogue, and the Study of Religion,” Keynote Address, Association of Religion and Intellectual Life, Annual Meeting at Pomona College in Claremont, California (August 3, 1995).

“Religious Diversity, Religious Division: Reflections on *Encountering God*.” University of Louisville, Grawemeyer Awards Ceremony (October 25, 1995).

“Hindu and Buddhist Perspectives on Health, Healing,” Harvard Medical School Mind-Body Institute (December 2, 1995).

## 1994

The Lindesmith Lecture, Carleton College, “Hindus in America: Temples, Ritual, and Community.” (January 19).

The Stone Lectures, Princeton Theological Seminary, Five Lectures on “Multireligious America.” (January 31 - February 2).

"Stopping Violence: From Fear to Community," Keynote Address for Interfaith Impact Legislative Briefing, Washington D.C. (March 13).

"Ritual Space: A Historian of Religion Looks at Harvard," Lecture for University Public Art Residency, Envisioning Harvard: Art, Thought, and Space (April 3).

"Taking the Big Questions Seriously," Lecture for Radcliffe Conference on Women Over Fifty (April 10).

“The Role of Religion in a Changing World.” The Ezra Tipple Lectures, Drew University (October 4-6, 1994).

“The New Religious Landscape of America,” Ohio State University, Youngstown (October 20, 1994).

“Pluralism and College Campuses Today,” Address to the New England College chaplains at Williams College, Williamstown, MA, followed by an evening lecture sponsored by the Religion Department, Williams on The Pluralism Project. (October 23, 1994).

“The New Religious Boston,” Ford Hall Forum, Boston (October 27, 1994, in conjunction with the Melcher Book Award.).

Keynote Lecture, “Science and the Spirit: A Century of Dialogue Between India and America,” at Columbia University, Hinduja Indic Research Center conference on Health, Science, and the Spirit: Veda and Ayurveda in the Western World (October 28-29, 1994).

Keynote Lecture, “A New Geo-Religious Reality,” World Assembly of the World Conference on Religion and Peace, Riva del Garda, Italy (November 5, 1994).

Plenary Lecture, “The New Religious Landscape of America,” at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion (November 19, 1994).

## 1993

“Buddhism in America” and “American Religious Pluralism and the Teaching of American Religion” at the University of Colorado, Boulder (February 12, 1993).

“Religious Identity and Religious Diversity: The Fact of Religious Diversity in our Midst,” Portland Center for the Study of Religion, Portland, Oregon (February 15, 1993).

“World Religions in America: The New Context of Ministry,” Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia (March 2, 1993).

“One Hundred Years After the Parliament: The New Religious Landscape of America.” DePaul University and Council for a Parliament of the World’s Religions (April 24, 1993).

“Religion’s Role in Conflict Resolution,” National Interseminary Conference of the Skirball Institute on American Values, Mundelein College, Chicago (April 26, 1993).

“The New Religious Landscape of America,” Association of Newspaper Publishers, Boston, (April 27, 1993).

“Temples and Gods in the Sacred Geography of India,” The Asia Society, New York. Lecture in conjunction with Exhibition: “Gods, Guardians, and Lovers: Temples Sculptures from North India, A.D. 700-1200,” (May 25, 1993).

The Gross Memorial Lecture, Valparaiso University, “Comparing the Parliaments: 1893 and 1993” (October 4, 1993).

“The Pluralism Project and the Interreligious Work of the Churches,” National Conference of Churches Interfaith Task Force Conference, Waltham, MA. (October 7, 1993).

The Chancellor’s Lectures, Queen’s Theological College, Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario, “Through the Eyes of the Other,” Three Lectures (October 18-20).

## **1992**

“Patterns in the Sacred Geography of India,” (Lecture for the European Indological Society, (Varanasi, India, January 11).

“Hinduism in America: Diaspora Temple Building,” The South Asia Seminar, University of Pennsylvania (February 12).

“Toward a Definition of Pluralism: A New View of Religious America, " Harvard Comes to Chicago (February 29).

“Religious Revolution in our Time” (Boston University, “Women and the Word” (March 20).

“America’s New Religious Landscape,” (Pacific Interfaith Parliament, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California (June 9).

“The Images of the Hindu Gods,” Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. (November 5).

## **1991**

“Myth on Earth: Sacred Geography of India,” Smith College (October 24).

“Ashland Abhishekha: The Consecration of a Hindu Temple in New England," American Academy of Religion, Kansas City (November 23).

## **1990**

Moderator of Theological Consultation Pluralism, World Council of Churches, Baar, Switzerland, January 1990. Joint Staff Meeting, WCC Dialogue Executive and Pontifical Council on Interreligious Relations, Chambesy, January 1990.

Central Committee, World Council of Churches, Geneva, March 19-25. Consultant

**1989**

Illiff Week of Lectures, "*My Neighbour's Faith and Mine* : Ordinary Christians and the Challenge of Religious Pluralism," Illiff Theological School, Denver, Colorado (January 24).

The Arthur C. Wickendon Lectures, Miami University. "Living Myth: The Landscape of Hindu Pilgrimage in India" and "How Many Gods are there, Yajnavalkya?" Oxford, Ohio (February 27-28, 1989).

The Price Lecture Series, Trinity Church. "*My Neighbour's Faith and Mine*: Ordinary Christians and the Challenge of Religious Pluralism." Trinity Church, Boston, Mass. (March 15).

WCC Working Group on Dialogue, "Moderator's Report and Retrospective: Women in Interfaith Dialogue." Meeting of Working Group, Casablanca, Morocco (June 18-26).

"Liberty, Equality, 'Fraternity,' --Women in the Light of Changing Religious Consciousness." Keynote Address, International Council of Christians and Jews, Lille, France (June 30 - July 5).

Central Committee, World Council of Churches, Moscow, USSR. (July 9-26, Consultant).

**1988**

Public Lecture on "The Tambaram Conference and World Religions," for 50th Anniversary of Tambaram meeting of the International Missionary Council held at Tambaram, Madras, India, 1938. Jointly sponsored by the Church of South India and the World Council of Churches (January 25).

Moderator for International Consultation on Women in Interreligious Dialogue. Toronto, Victoria University, Emmanuel College (June 6-12, 1988).

The Everett W. Palmer Lectures, University of Puget Sound: Tacoma, Washington. Three lectures entitled: "Religion Today: The Challenge of Religious Diversity," "Theology Today: God, Gods, and the Image of God," "Spirituality Today: Christians and the Spiritual Disciplines of the East." (October 4-6, 1988).

"Religion at the Crossroads: Religious Diversity, Religious Fundamentalism, and Interreligious Dialogue Today." Keynote Address for the inaugural meeting of the North American Interfaith Network: " Wichita, Kansas (October 31, 1988).

The Crichton Club, "Religion at the Crossroads: The Challenge of Religious Diversity Today," Columbus, Ohio (November 9, 1988).

**1987**

"Shiva in the Sacred Geography of India." Lecture at Brown University (April 23).

"System and Structure in the Sacred Geography of India," Lecture for Harvard Center for the Study of World Religions Conference on Sacred Geography (May 5-6).

"Academic Ritual and the Analysis of Universities," Talk at annual Harvard Dinner, Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, U.K. (June 13).

"On Pluralism Today," Presentation at the opening convocation of the International Association for Religious Freedom, 26th World Congress, Stanford University (August 1).

Moderator for WCC consultation on "Religious Identity in a Multi-Religious Society," held at Indian Social Institute, New Delhi, India. Planned and sponsored by WCC Subunit on Dialogue. (November 21-28, 1987).

Moderator for WCC consultation on "Spirituality in Interfaith Dialogue," held at Kansai Seminar House, Kyoto, Japan, December 1-5. Planned and sponsored jointly by WCC Subunit on Dialogue/ Subunit on Renewal & Congregational Life.

#### 1986

"The Image of New Age Hinduism in America," Paper presented in Harvard University CFIA Conference on "Images of the Other: India and America," (March 1986).

Liason and Planning Committee: WCC/International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations, Geneva, April 8-9; Joint Staff Meeting: Vatican Secretariat for Non-Christians/WCC Dialogue Subunit, Rome, April 11-13; Moderator for WCC Working Group on Dialogue with People of Living Faiths, Potsdam, July 13-20.

"The Loss and Reappearance of God," Lecture for the Theological Opportunities Program, Harvard Divinity School (May).

"Response of the Churches to New Religious Movements: A Report from North America," World Council of Churches/Lutheran World Federation joint consultation on New Religious Movements, Amsterdam, Free University (Sept. 7-13).

"The Sacrifice of Daksa and the Sakta Pithas," Paper at American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia (December, 1986).

#### 1985

"A Perspective on Dialogue: Looking Ahead," Moderator's Report to the Sixth Meeting of the WCC Dialogue Working Group, Swanwick, U.K. (March 11-15).; Joint Staff Meeting: Vatican Secretariat for Non-Christians/WCC Dialogue Subunit. Geneva, March 17-18; Liason and Planning Committee: International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations/WCC. Geneva, March 19-20.

"The Perspective of Pluralism in Theological Education," Paper presented at consultation on The Implications of Interfaith Dialogue for Theological Education, jointly sponsored by WCC Subunit on Dialogue and WCC \ Programme for Theological Education, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (June 19-25; Writing Group: To prepare study book, *My Neighbour's Faith and Mine: Theological Discoveries Through Interfaith Dialogue*, Les Avants, Switzerland, Sept. 1-7.

"The Manyness of God," Kathryn Fraser Mackay Memorial Lecture, St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York (October).

"Pilgrimage to Shiva: The Faces of Shiva in the Land of India," Festival of India Lecture at Marymount Manhattan College (October 26).

#### 1984

"Mythic Imagination and Sacred Geography in India," Lecture at Central Michigan University (February 23).

"Death, Re-death, and Deathlessness in the Hindu Tradition," Lecture at the Asia Society, New York (March 14).

"Rivers and River *Tirthas*," Paper delivered at the Association of Asian Studies, Washington D.C. (March 23).

"The Film *Gandhi* as History," Paper presented at the New England Historical Association Annual Meeting, Worcester (April 14).

"Ritual Arts and the Gods of India," and "Gandhi's Truth" Two Public Lectures for the Oktoberfest of the Erik H. and Joan M. Erikson Center, Fogg Art Museum, Harvard University, October 15 & 29.

**1983**

"Krishna: The Divine at Work and Play," Lecture for Symposium on The Arts of Krishna Bhakti, Fogg Art Museum (April, 1983).

Women, Religion, and Social Change Conference, Harvard Divinity School, Organization and Planning (June 12-18).

World Council of Churches VI General Assembly, Vancouver B.C. August 1-15, Consultant on Interreligious Dialogue.

National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. Presentation on Banaras at interdisciplinary seminar: Symposium on The City in India (December).

**1982**

Working Group Meeting, WCC Working Group on Dialogue with People of Living Faiths, Dhyana Pura, Bali (Dec. 28 - Jan. 3).

"Shiva and Shakti in the Land of India," Two lectures: The Larwill Lectures in Religion, Kenyon College (February).

"India's *Jyotirlingas*" Paper presented at the American Oriental Society, Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas (April).

"Rose-Apple Island: Mythological and Geographical Perspectives on 'India,'" Paper presented at University of Wisconsin Conference on South Asia (November).

"Mythological and Geographical Perspectives on the Land of India," Lectures presented at Syracuse University, Department of Religious Studies (November).

"*Pradaksina*: Circling the Center of Kasi," Paper presented at the American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting in New York City (December).

**1981**

Hindu-Christian Consultation : "Religious Resources for a Just Society," Rajpur, India. [Drafting Committee] (March).

"Shiva's Lingas of Light: Manifestations of Shiva in Indian Sacred Geography," Seattle Art Museum, Lecture Series for the Manifestations of Shiva Exhibit (November).

**1980**

Working Group Meeting, World Council of Churches Working Group on Dialogue with People of Living Faiths and Ideologies. Matrafured, Hungary (March).

"Banaras, The City as Symbol," Lecture at the Department of Architecture and City Planning, Montana State University (October).

**1979**

"Banaras, Sacred City of India," Lecture at Swarthmore College (February).

"What I Teach and Why: Sources of Indian Civilization," Cambridge Forum (March).

"The Benches of the Goddess," New England Association of Asian Studies, University of Connecticut (October).

"*Tirthas* and Indian Pilgrimage," Lecture at South Asia Forum, Columbia University, November.

"The Dynamics of Indian Symbolism," Paper presented at Conference on Religion in South India, Martha's Vineyard (May).

"India's *Tirthas*: Crossings in Sacred Geography," Presentation for Center for the Study of World Religions, Symposium in honor of Wilfred Cantwell Smith, Harvard University (June).

"Pilgrimage and the Palimpsest of Place: Banaras, Guadalupe, and Jerusalem," Paper presented at American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting in New York City (November).

**1978**

Working Group Meeting: WCC Working Group on Dialogue with People of Living Faiths and Ideologies, Mt. St. Benedict, Trinidad. May. [Drafting Committee for *Guidelines on Dialogue*.]

"The Ganga: Myth and Symbol," New England meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Harvard Divinity School (April).

**1977**

World Council of Churches Theological Consultation on Dialogue in Community, Chiang Mai, Thailand, April. [Drafting Committee] (February).

"Banaras, City of Light," Lecture at Bowdoin College (November).