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Educational Qualifications

Degree	Year	University
BA (Hons)	1999	Presidency College, University of Calcutta
MA	2001	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
MPhil	2004	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
PhD	2015	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Teaching Experience- 16 years and 9 months (till May 2020)

Fields of Interest/Specialization- Socio-cultural history of Colonial Bengal, Religion and modernity, Cultural Studies, and Pilgrimage studies.

UG Courses Taught/Teaching- Early Medieval India, Turko-Afghan Period
Mughal India, Mughal India and Beyond

Scholarships/Awards-

- MPhil Research Grant from Indian Council for Historical Research in 2003.
- Charles Wallace India Trust (CWIT) Fellowship, United Kingdom for conducting short term research in the UK for the session 2014-15.
- Foreign Travel Grant from ICHR in 2014.
- Visiting Fellowship at the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, Oxford University, UK for the Hilary term 2018
- Research Fellow, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, Oxford University, UK on the project 'Bengali Vaishnavism in the Modern World' from June 2018 onwards

Papers presented at Seminars/Conferences/Workshops-

- '*Conceptions of Gender and Sexuality within Bengali Vaishnava traditions*' at the SOGIESC conference at IGNCA, New Delhi on 31st January 2020 organised by Indic Academy, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts and Shristi Madurai.

- *'Mapping the Gaudiya Vaishnava cultural heritage of Navadwip/Mayapur'* at the collaborative workshop on Cultural Heritage, Migration and Indian Diaspora co-organised by AHRC, UK/ICHR, India held on 30-31st January 2019 at Ahmedabad.
- *'Investigating the contours and agendas of Bengali Vaishnava Periodicals in colonial Bengal'* at the 2nd Bengali Vaishnavism in the Modern Period workshop at Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, Oxford University on 27th February 2018.
- Public talk on *'Govindadaser Kadcha: The Public life of a contested text in colonial Bengal'* at the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, Oxford University on 15th February 2018.
- *'Vaishnava Manuals and Reformist Voices within Bengali Vaishnavism in colonial Bengal'* at the conference on 'Vaishnavism: Theory and Practice' held at Kolkata organized jointly by the Department of Ethnology, History of Religions and Gender Studies, Stockholm University (Sweden) and Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University (India) on 19th December 2017.
- *'Debating the Historical Authenticity of Vaishnava Texts in colonial Bengal'* in the one-day Annual National Seminar on "Socio-Cultural History of India: 12th-19th Centuries" organized by the Department of Islamic History and Culture, Calcutta University on 17th March 2017.
- *'Reasserting Religious Identity among Gaudiya Vaishnavas in colonial Bengal'* in the International conference on 'Sociology of Religion in a Pluralistic Society' organized by the Centre for the Study of Religion and Society, Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University in collaboration with Lancaster University, UK as part of UK/BRIC NETWORK from 7 to 9 April 2016.
- *'Debating Historicity and Authenticity in the process of Archiving the Vaishnava Literary-Historical Heritage in colonial Bengal'* in the Annual conference organized by the Itihas Academy Dhaka on 20th August 2015.
- *'Forms of authority and organization within Vaishnava institutionalization Processes in colonial Bengal'* at an International workshop on 'Bengali Vaishnavism in the Modern Period' held at Worcester College, University of Oxford on 28-29th March 2015.
- *'Role and Portrayal of Women in Bengali Vaishnavism'* at an International Conference entitled 'Nari o Banglar Itihas: Samay, Samaj o Sanskriti' organized by SUCHI (Society for Understanding Culture and History in India) and Vidyasagar College on 16th February 2015.
- *'Oupanibeshik Juge Baishnab Sanskar Andolan o Banglar Jatiya Swattar Gathan'* at UGC sponsored National Seminar at Baruipur College, South 24 Pargannas on 18th January 2012.
- *'The Making of a Guru: Autobiographic and Hagiographic constructions of a Vaishnava Reformer in colonial Bengal'* at DRS-SAP programme organized by the

Department of History and Culture, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi between 11th-13th February, 2010.

- ‘*Restructuring or Resuscitating the Tradition? Kedarnath Datta and the Gaudiya Vaishnava Movement in late 19th century Bengal*’ at UGC sponsored National Seminar at Mahishadal Raj College, West Midnapore on 19th March 2009.
- ‘*Reasserting Religious Identity; Kedarnath Datta and the Regeneration of Gaudiya Vaishnavism in the late 19th and early 20th century*’ at the 20th I.A.H.A.(International Association of Historians of Asia) held at Jawaharlal Nehru University between 14th-17th November, 2008.
- ‘*Representing Chaitanya Vaishnavism in different discourses in nineteenth century Bengal*’ at a Workshop on “The Academic Study of Religion in India” organized by the Department of Philosophy and Religion (Darshana Sadana), Visva-Bharati University, Shantiniketan, West Bengal between February 16-18, 2008.
- ‘*Kedarnath Datta Bhaktivinode Datta: Autobiographic and Hagiographic Imaging of a Vaishnava Reformer in Colonial Bengal*’ at the Conference entitled ‘Rethinking Religion in India’ at the IGNCA, New Delhi organized by the Research Centre Vergelijkende Cultuurwetenschap (Ghent University, Belgium), Centre for the study of Local Cultures (Kuvempu University, Karnataka) and the Karnataka Academy of Social Science and Humanities (KASSH) between 21-24 January, 2008.

Publications

- ‘Piety in Print: The Vaishnava Periodicals of colonial Bengal’, *Journal of Hindu Studies*, vol. 13, no.1, May 2020 [ISSN 1756-4255]
- ‘Vaishnava Institutional Processes in colonial Bengal’ in Ferdinando Sardella and Lucian Wong ed. *The Legacy of Vaishnavism in colonial Bengal*, Abingdon and New York: Routledge Hindu Studies Series, 2020. pp.57-75. [ISBN 978-1-138-56179-3]
- ‘Debating historical validity of Vaishnava texts in colonial Bengal’, in Dr. Samina Sultana edited. *Itihas Prabandhamala 2015* (Annual Proceedings of the Itihas Academy, Dhaka), ISSN 1995-1000.
- ‘Oupanibeshik Juge Banglar Baishnab Andolaner prabhab o prabanata’ in the *Dashadishi* journal, Vol. 3, 2015, pp.160-177, ISSN no. 2320-3153.
- ‘Dinesh Chandra Sen and the archiving of a Vaishnava Literary Heritage: Search for Bengali identity in colonial Bengal’, *Bengal Past and Present* Vol 132, 2013, pp.1-68. [ISBN no. 0005-8807]
- ‘Vaishnava Periodicals and Aspects of Bengali Devotionalism in Colonial Bengal’ pp.124-138, *Religion and Culture in India across the Ages: Historical Reflections* edited by Santanu Dey, Published by Rkm Vidyamandira, Belur Math, 2013

[ISBN no.978-81-92811-0-0]

- ‘Vaishnava Reform movement and the making of a national culture in colonial Bengal’ pp.55-64 in *Indigenous Traditions and Historical Forces: Impact of Bhakti Movement on Indian Nationalism*’ edited by Santanu Dey et al, Manav Prakashan, Kolkata, 2012 [ISBN no. 93-80332-33-5]
- ‘Kedarnath Datta and the Process of re-asserting Gaudiya Vaishnava identity in Bengal at the cusp of the 20th century’ pp. 66-89, *The Study of Social History*’ ed. By Ratna Ghoshal, Progressive Publishers, Kolkata, 2013 [ISBN no. 81-8064-245-3]
- ‘Autobiographic and Hagiographic constructions of Kedarnath Datta as a Gaudiya Vaishnava Reformer in colonial Bengal’ pp.64-75 *History Journal*, Vol.XI. 2012 University of Burdwan [ISSN no.81-87259-62-0]

Projects (UGC/DST/etc)-

- Completed a two year UGC Minor Research Project entitled ‘Reinterpreting Chaitanya Vaishnavism in various Literary Discourses in Nineteenth and Early Twentieth century Bengal’ in March 2007.
- Completed a two year UGC Minor Research Project entitled ‘Pilgrimage and the Forging of Sacred Networks in Bengali Vaishnavism: An Ethno-Historical Study’ in October 2010.

Membership of Academic Institutions

Research Fellow, OCHS, Oxford University,
UK
Life Member of Bangiya Sahitya Parishat and
Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture
Library, Golpark.