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Born November 6, 1935 in Bluefield, WV
 Married Lois Raye Baldwin on June 5, 1956
 Children: Kevin Michael (Nov 13, 1959); Electrical Engineer
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 Center, University of Notre Dame
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Education:

D.D. Wabash College, 2007
 L.H.D. Christian Theological Seminary, 1999
 PhD University of Chicago, 1966 *with distinction*
 Dissertation: *Origen's Interpretation of the Gospel of John*
 R.M. Grant, Advisor; Henry Chadwick (Oxford) and Brian Gerrish,
 Readers
 MA University of Chicago, 1963
 MDiv Phillips University, 1960
 BA Phillips University, 1960
 BA Johnson University, 1957 *magna cum laude*

Post-Doctoral Study:

University of Madras, 1969-70
 Center for the Advanced Study of Philosophy, T.M.P. Mahadevan, Director
 Cambridge University, 1972-73, 1987 (spring)
 Department of Social Anthropology (1972-73), Divinity School (1987)
 Visiting Scholar of Fitzwilliam College and Westminster College
 Gujarat University, 1980
 Department of Sociology
 University of Madras, 1990
 Radhakrishnan Institute for Advanced Study, Dr. Devidass, Director

Teaching:

1965-66 Instructor of Religion, Wabash College
 1966-71 Assistant Professor of Religion, Wabash College
 1971-77 Associate Professor of Religion, Wabash College

- 1977-2002 Professor of Religion, Wabash College
- 1990-99 Charles D. and Elizabeth S. LaFollette Distinguished Professor in the Humanities, Wabash College
- 1984-95 Chair, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Wabash College
- 1994-96 Advisor to the Speech Department and Advisor to the Dean of the College, with authority as Chair of the Speech Department
- 1995-2002 Director, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion: A program for faculty members in seminaries, theological schools, and departments of religion and theology funded by Lilly Endowment Inc.
- 2002- Charles D. and Elizabeth S. LaFollette Distinguished Professor in the Humanities, *Emeritus*, Wabash College
- Professor of Religion, *Emeritus*, Wabash College
- Director, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, *Emeritus*
- 2002-2006 Senior Advisor, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
- 2005-06 Dean of the College, Wabash College
- 2008-2012 Director, Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program. A program for talented, younger Indiana pastors funded by Lilly Endowment Inc.
- 2013- Program Advisor, Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program
- 2013- Consultant and Senior Advisor for the Early Career Pastoral Leadership Initiative of Lilly Endowment

Publications: Books

A new face of Hinduism: the Swaminarayan religion. Cambridge University Press, 1984.

Religions of immigrants from India and Pakistan: new threads in the American tapestry. Cambridge University Press, 1988.

The Community of the Humanities: the Charles D. LaFollette Lectures 1985-1990. Editor. Wabash College Press, 1992.

A Sacred Thread: Modern Transmission of Hindu Traditions in India and Abroad. Editor. Anima Press, 1992. Columbia University Press edition, 1996.

Christian Pluralism in the United States: The Indian Immigrant Experience. Cambridge University Press, 1996. Edition in India by CUP New Delhi, 1997. Paperback edition by CUP, 2008; Cambridge Books On-line, 2011.

The South Asian Religious Diaspora in Britain, Canada, and the United States. Co-edited with Harold Coward and John Hinnells. State University of New York (SUNY) Press, 2000.

An Introduction to Swaminarayan Hinduism. Cambridge University Press, 2001.

Buddhists, Hindus, and Sikhs in the United States. Co-author with Paul Numrich and Gurinder Singh Mann. Oxford University Press, 2001.

Williams on South Asian Religions and Immigration, Ashgate Publications, 2004.

Buddhists, Hindus, and Sikhs in the United States. Co-author with Paul Numrich and Gurinder Singh Mann, Oxford University Press, New edition, 2007.

Public Hinduisms. Co-editor with John Zavos *et al.* Sage Publishers, New Delhi, 2012.

Swaminarayan Hinduism: Tradition, Adaptation and Identity. Chief Editor with Yogi Trivedi. Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2016.

An Introduction to Swaminarayan Hinduism. Revised 3rd edition. Cambridge University Press, 2019.

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Publications: Editing Journals

Teaching Theology and Religion. Founding editor. Oxford, UK: Blackwell Publishers. 1998-2002. Member of the Editorial Board, 2002-2006.

Journal of the American Academy of Religion. Guest editor of a special issue on teaching. Atlanta: Scholars Press. [Vol. 65, No. 4, Winter, 1997. Thematic Issue on "Teaching and Learning in Religion and Theology"](#)

Spotlight on Teaching. Guest co-editor of a special issue on teaching distributed in *Religious Studies News*. Atlanta: Scholars Press.

Publications: Chapters in Books

“Origen’s Method of Biblical Interpretation” in *One Faith: Its Biblical, Historical, and Ecumenical Dimension*. Robert L. Simpson, Editor. Phillips University Press, 1966.

“Origen’s Interpretation of the Old Testament and Lévi-Strauss’ Interpretation of Myth” in *Scripture in History and Theology*. Arthur L. Merrill and Thomas W. Overholt, Editors. Pickwick Press, 1977.

“Presentation of the Shikshapatri to Sir John Malcolm” in *New Dimensions in Vedanta Philosophy*, Part I. R.S. Srivastava, Editor. Bochasanwasi Shri Aksharapurushottam Sanstha, India, 1981.

“Swaminarayan and Social Reforms” in *Bhavan’s Journal*. 27/18. April 16, 1981.

“Holy Man as Abode of God in the Swaminarayan Religion” in *God of Flesh / God of Stone: The Embodiment of Divinity in India*. Joanne Waghorne and Norman Cutler, Editors. Anima Press, 1985. (Rights purchased and distributed by Columbia University Press.)

“Negotiating the Tradition: Religious Organizations and Gujarati Identity in the United States” in *Migration and Modernization: The Indian Diaspora in Comparative Perspective*. Richard H. Brown and George V. Coelho, Editors. Washington & Lee: Studies in Third World Societies, 1987.

“Asian Indians” in *Dictionary of American Immigration History*. Francesco Cordasco, Editor. Garland Publishing, 1990.

“Asian-Indian Muslims in the United States” in *Indian Muslims in North America*. Omar Khalidi, Editor. South Asia Press, 1990, 2nd edition, 1994.

“What Has Athens To Do With Jerusalem or Bombay? Tradition and the Liberal Arts” in *The Community of the Humanities: the Charles D. LaFollette Lectures 1985-90*. Wabash College Press, 1992.

“Sacred Threads of Several Textures” in *A Sacred Thread: Modern Transmission of Hindu Traditions in India and Abroad*. Anima Press, 1992.

“The Swaminarayan Temple in Glen Ellyn” in *American Congregations*, James Lewis and James Wind, Editors. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1994. pp. 612-662. Paperback edition 1998.

“Hinduism in America” in *Harper’s Dictionary of Religions*. Harpers, 1996.

“Religions of South Asian Immigrants to the United States” in *A New Handbook of Living Religions*, second edition. John Hinnells, Editor. Penguin Press (pb) 1998, pp. 796-818; Blackwells (hb), 1997; (reprinted in the 3rd edition, 2010).

"South Asian Christians" in *American Immigrant Cultures: Builders of a Nation*, edited by David Levinson and Melvin Ember. New York: Macmillan, 1997.

“South Asian Christians in Britain, Canada, and the United States” in *The South Asian Religious Diaspora In Britain, Canada, and the United States*. SUNY Press, 2000, pp. 13-33.

“South Asians in the United States—Introduction” in *The South Asian Religious Diaspora In Britain, Canada, and the United States*. SUNY Press, 2000, pp. 213-17.

“Conclusion: Trajectories for Future Studies” in *The South Asian Religious Diaspora In Britain, Canada, and the United States*. SUNY Press, 2000, pp. 277-87.

“Swaminarayan Hinduism” in *Encyclopedia of New Religious Movements*, (Mailed, January 9, 2003

“Religion and Recent Immigrants: New Ferment in American Civic Life” in *Religion and Public Life in the Midwest*. Alta Mira Press, 2004.

“Swaminarayan Hinduism, Founder: Sahajanand Swami Country of origin: India” *Encyclopedia of new religious movements*. London: Routledge, pp. 609ff. 2004.

“The Vocation of a Teacher: Reconceiving our Work and Calling” in *Practical Wisdom*. Peter Lang Publishers, 2004.

“Training religious specialists for a transnational Hinduism: a Swaminarayan sadhu training center.” In *Williams on South Asian Religions and Immigration*, Ashgate Publications, 2004:113-130.

“Ecumenical Wisdom about Teaching and Learning” in *Educating Leaders for Ministry*, Kevin O’Neil, ed., Liturgical Press, 2005.

“Hindu Families in the United States” in *American Religions and the Family*. Ed. Don Browning. Columbia University Press, 2006

“Religion and Ethnicity in America” in *Religious Reconstruction in the South Asian Diasporas: From One Generation to Another*. John Hinnells and Werner Menski, eds. London: Polgrave/Macmillan in 2007, pp. 143-157

“South Asian Religions in the United States Since 9/11.” in *Religious Reconstruction in the South Asian Diasporas: From One Generation to Another*. John Hinnells and Werner Menski, eds. Polgrave/Macmillan, 2007, pp. 223-242.

“South Asian Christians in the West” in *South Asian Christian Diaspora*. Ed. Knut Jacobson. Ashgate Publications, 2008, pp. 258-263.

“Hindu Children in America” in *American Religions and Children*. Ed. Don Browning. Rutgers University Press in 2009, pp. 148-164.

“Religions in the United States in the 21st Century.” *A New Handbook of Living Religions*, third edition. John Hinnells, Editor. Penguin Press.

“Foreword.” *Gujarati Communities Across the Globe: Memory, Identity and Continuity*. Sharmina Mawani and Anjoom Mukadam, Editors. London: Trentham Books, 2012, ix-xiv.

“Representation of Swaminarayan Hinduism.” In *Public Hinduisms*. John Zavos, Pralay Kanungo, Deepa Reddy, Maya Warriar and Raymond B. Williams, Editors. New Delhi: Sage Publishers, 2012, pp. 176-189.

“Spotlight: Scholars and Practitioners, a Personal Reflection.” In *Public Hinduisms*. John Zavos, Pralay Kanungo, Deepa Reddy, Maya Warriar and Raymond B. Williams, Editors. New Delhi: Sage Publishers, 2012, pp. 55-64.

“Ecumenical Constructions: An Introduction.” In *Public Hinduisms*. John Zavos, Pralay Kanungo, Deepa Reddy, Maya Warriar and Raymond B. Williams, Editors. New Delhi: Sage Publishers, 2012, pp. 65-69.

“So, what are we professing here? Religion, the liberal arts and civic life.” In *Reinventing Religious Studies: Key Writings in the History of a Discipline*. Scott S. Elliott, Editor. Durham, UK: Acumen, 2013, pp. 182-190. (Republished from the *Council on the Scientific Study of Religion Bulletin*, 2000)

“Swaminarayan and Swaminarayan Hinduism.” In *Brill Encyclopedia of Hinduism*, Vol. 5, Kurt Jacobson, Editor, 2013 pp. 664-672.

“Bohasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Sanstha.” In *Brill Encyclopedia of Hinduism*, Vol. 5, Knut Jacobson, Editor, 2013. pp 432-437.

“Swaminarayan and British Contacts in Gujarat in the 1820s.” Co-author with Paramtattva Swami. In *Swaminarayan Hinduism: Tradition, Adaptation and Identity*. Co-edited with Yogi Trivedi. Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2016. pp. 58-93.

“Swaminarayan Hinduism in Europe.” In *Handbook on Hinduism in Europe*. 2 vols. Knut Jacobsen and Ferdinando Sardella, Editors. Brill Publications. Forthcoming 2018.

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Publications: Article

“Albert Schweitzer and the Enigma of Jesus” in *Quest: A Journal of Student Opinion*. The Divinity School of the University of Chicago. III. 3 (1965).

“Liturgy and the New Testament” in *Worship*. St. John’s Abbey Press. XLII. 8 (1968).

“Historical Criticism of the Koran” in *Encounter*. XXX, 1, 32-42 (1969).

“Form Criticism of Indian Religious Texts” in The Proceedings of the Madurai Conference on Anthropology and Archeology, Tamilnadu Department of Archeology, June, 1970.

“Historical Criticism of a Buddhist Scripture: The Mahaparinibbana Sutta” in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. XXXVIII. 2, 156-167 (1970).

- “A Polychrome Gita: A Review Article” in *Encounter*. XXXVI. 3, 1970.
- “Man and Nature and Mirror Images” in *Religion in Life*. XL, 3 (1971).
- “The Sacred Thread: Transmission of Tradition” in *Encounter*. XXXVII. 1 (1977).
- “Krishna Consciousness: Commentary and Exhortation: A Review Article on Sri Caitanyacaritamita” in *Choice*. XIV. 2 (1977).
- “Transmission of Tradition in the Early Church” in *Encounter*. XL. 3 (1979).
- “Swaminarayan and Social Reforms” in *Journal of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan*. XXVII. 18 (1981). Excerpts from one of my papers published without the author’s permission.
- “Holy Man as Religious Specialist: Acharya Tradition in Vaishnavism” in *Encounter*. XLIII. 1 (1982).
- “Translating Indian Christianity to America” in *The Christian Century*. October 15, 1986.
- “The New Testament and the Liberal Arts” in *Criterion*. Spring, 1987.
- “The Guru as Pastoral Counselor” in *Journal of Pastoral Care*. XL. (1986): 133-40. Also published in *Swaminarayan Magazine* in India. X. 6-7 (1988).
- “Hinduism in America” in *The Christian Century*, March, 1987. Also published without permission in *Hindu Vishwa*. XVI (March-April, 1988).
- “Introductions to the New Testament.” Lecture at AAR Meeting. Invited inaugural review article as ‘New Testament Textbooks: A Review Article’ in the first issue of *Critical Reviews in the Study of Religion* published by the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* and the *Journal of the Society of Biblical Literature*. Fall, 1988.
- “Students Line up for Religion Courses: An Interview.” *Religious Studies News*, February 1995: 12-13.
- “Immigrants from India in North America and Hindu-Christian Study and Dialogue.” In *Hindu-Christian Studies Bulletin*. 11, 1998: 20-24.
- “Asian-Indian and Pakistani Religions in the United States.” In *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, July 1998: 558: 178-195.
- “Training Religious Specialists for a Transnational Hinduism: A Swaminarayan Sadhu Training Center.” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, December, 1998: 66, 4: 841-862.

“Religions of India in the United States.” In *‘Live like the Banyan Tree’: Images of the Indian American Experience*. An essay for a museum exhibit to open on February 4, 1999 at The Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies, 18 South Seventh Street, Philadelphia.

"So, What Are We Professing Here? Religion, the Liberal Arts, and Civic Life". *Council on the Scientific Study of Religion Bulletin*, September 2000: 74-80.

"Getting Technical: Information technology in seminaries." *Christian Century* Feb 7-14, 2001: 14-15.

"Swaminarian Hinduism." *Religions of the World: A Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Beliefs and Practices*. 4 vols. Melton, J. Gordon and Martin Baumann, eds. (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2002).

“Retirement and Vocation” in *Teaching Theology and Religion*, October 2004.

“Swaminarian Hinduism” in *The Encyclopedia of New Religious Movements*. Peter Clarke, ed. (London: Routledge, 2005).

“Honoring Teachers for Their Vocation and Potential” in *Teaching Theology and Religion*. July 2007:

“Transnational Religions and American Identities” in *Swadharma: Harvard’s Hinduism Journal*. Vol. 2, 2007:

“Swaminarian Movement” and “Pramukh Swami” in *Encyclopedia of Global Religion and Society*. Mark Juergensmeyer and Wade Clark Roof, eds. Sage Publications, 2012

“Swaminarian and Swaminarian Hinduism” in *Encyclopedia of Hinduism*, vol. 5. Kurt Jacobsen, ed. September 2013 .

“Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Sanstha” in *Encyclopedia of Hinduism*, vol. 5. Kurt Jacobsen, ed. September 2013.

“So, what are we professing here? Religion, the liberal arts, and civic life” in *Reinventing Religious Studies: Key Writings in the History of a Discipline*. Scot S. Elliott, ed. Durham: Acumen Publishing Limited, pp. 182-90 plus three rejoinders (pp. 191-96) and a Rejoinder by the author (pp. 197-98).

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Invited Lectures since 1986:

Knox College Claxton Club, May, 1986. “Immigrants, Religion and the Liberal Arts.”

University of Florida, Gainesville, Feb, 1987. "The Guru in Swaminarayan Hinduism."

General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), July 1988. Presentation on a panel about "Christianity and New Religions in America."

Indiana State University, April 28-29, 1989. "Religions of Asian-Indian Immigrants: Permanence and Change in the United States" and "Strategies of Adaptation of Asian-Indian Religious Organizations."

Stanford University, April 1989, for a meeting of Muslim leaders under the auspices of the Indian Muslim Relief Committee. "Asian-Indian Muslims in the United States."

Wabash College, LaFollette Lecture in the Humanities, Nov. 10, 1989. "What Has Athens to Do with Jerusalem or Bombay? Tradition and the Liberal Arts."

Anathacharya Indological Research Institute, University of Bombay, Dec. 30, 1989: "Srivaishnava Acharyas and the Future of the Srivaishnava Community."

Radhakrishnan Institute for Advanced Study, University of Madras, July 1990: "Transmitting Religious Traditions: Asian Indians in the United States."

Srivaishnava Conference, Pondicherry, Tamil Nadu, Aug. 10, 1990: "The Making of a Modern Acharya."

Harvard University, October 2, 1992: Keynote address for the Pluralism Project Conference: Discovering America, 1992. "Charting New Religious Landscapes"

Rocky Mountain/Great Plains AAR, April 16, 1993: Keynote address on "Study of Religion and the Skills of Freedom."

Conference on Critical Thinking and the Study of the Bible, November 19, 1993: Keynote address on "Approach-Avoidance: The New Testament and the Liberal Arts."

School of Oriental and African Studies (Centre for South Asian Studies), University of London: Lecture on "Intimate Strangers: Making of a Modern Sadhu in Swaminarayan Hinduism" for a conference on "Modernization in Hinduism" on November 27, 1993.

School of Oriental and African Studies (Department for the Study of Religion), University of London: Lecture on "Hindu and South Asian Immigration to America" on November 29, 1993.

Association of Disciples for Theological Discussion, St. Louis: Lecture on "Immigration, Religion and Life in America" on October 7, 1994.

Center for the Study of American Religion at Princeton University: Presentation on “Religious Pluralism and Immigrant Religions” on June 2, 1995

Center for Migration Studies Conference at Georgetown University: Response on Religious Traditions and Migration on September 14, 1995

National Indian American Conference on “Balancing Two Worlds: Forging and Indian American Identity” at Montclair State University: Presentation on Migration, Religion and Identity” on September 16, 1995.

Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago on “Religion and Immigration” on January 15, 1996.

Indiana University. Moderated panel on “Second Generation of Asian-Indian Families” on April 1, 1996.

School of Oriental and African Studies (Department for the Study of Religion), University of London: Lecture on “South Asian Christians in the West” on November 5, 1996.

University of Iowa (School of Religion), Lecture on "So, What Are We Professing Here? “Religion, the Liberal Arts, and Civic Life" April 2000.

Garrett-Evangelical Seminary/Northwestern University. Keynote address on "Promised Land or Wilderness" for the Conference on Pedagogy and Theology in Cyberspace. April 2001.

Emory University, Presentation on “Hindu Family in the United States” for the Conference on Marriage, Family, and Religion in America, March 2003.

Georgetown University, Presentation on “Creating an Enabling Environment for Excellent Teaching and Learning” for the Conference of Religion Department Chairs Sponsored by the American Academy of Religion, June 2003.

Highlands Institute, North Carolina. Presentation on “New Immigrants and Religion”, August 2003.

Emory University, Presentation on “Hindu Children in the United States” for the Conference on Religions and Children in America, April, 2006.

Middlebury College, Presentation on “Religion and Identity in America” as the Inaugural Scott Lecture, March, 2007.

University of Toronto, Keynote presentation for the Gujarat Studies Association biennial meeting on ‘Migrations, Religions and Identities: The Gujarati Experience.’ May 2008.

University of Manchester, UK, Presentation on ‘British Christians and Swaminarayan Hindus in Gujarat in the 1820s’. Co-authored with Sadhu Paramtattva Swami. July 10, 2008. Revised version presented at an International Conference sponsored by the M.S. University of Gujarat, the Gujarat Historical Society, and the Akshar Purushottom Research Institute in Delhi, India. August 2013.

Columbia University, M.S. University of Baroda, King’s College London, Oxford University, May-June 2016. Book release events for *Swaminarayan Hinduism: Tradition, Adaptation and Identity*.

Stockholm University on “Swaminarayan Hinduism in Europe”. April, 2017.

External Reviewer/Reader:

McGill University, Ph.D. Dissertation, 1992-93.
 Cambridge University Press, Book Manuscripts, On occasions.
 University of Alabama Press, Book Manuscripts, On occasion.
 Oxford University, Book Proposals.
 Routledge, Book Proposal, 1999
 Ashgate Press, Book Proposal, 1999 (Editorial Board, 1999-)
 University of South Carolina Press, Book Proposal, 2000
 Emory University, Dean’s Office Promotion Review, On occasion.
 Hampden-Sydney College, Religion Department Review, 1995
 Macalester College, Religious Studies Department Review, 1995
 Gustavus Adolphus College, Religion Department Review, 1996
 Hamilton College, Dean’s Office Tenure Review, 1997
 University of Hartford, Dean's Office Tenure Review, 1999
 Macalester College, Lilly Vocations Initiative, 2001-2004
 New York University Press, Book Proposal, 2003
 American Academy of Religion, Review of the American Religion Section, 2004
 Routledge, Book Proposal, 2007.

Teaching and Service Awards:

McLain-McTurnan Award for Excellence in Teaching, 1975-76

Ray L. Hart Service Award for distinguished service to the American Academy of Religion, 1993.

Distinguished Alumnus Award, Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago. 2003.

Distinguished Service Award, Johnson University, 2015.

Martin Luther King Jr. Collegium of Scholars of Morehouse College, Inducted on March 30, 2017.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards:

Fellow of Disciples Divinity House at the University of Chicago, 1960-63.

University Fellow at the University of Chicago, 1963-65.

Post-doctoral Fellowship for Faculty Summer Seminars on Asian Religions: Hinduism in 1966 at College of Wooster, P.T. Raju, Director; Islam in 1967 at McGill, Charles Adams, Director; Buddhism in 1968 at Carleton, Joseph Kitagawa, Director.

Post-doctoral Fellowship in Asian Religions for College Teachers in 1969-70 for study at the Center for the Advanced Study of Philosophy at the University of Madras, T. M. P. Mahadevan, Director.

Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Institute of Judaism at Vanderbilt University, 1971.

Danforth Fellow. Fellowship for Cross-Disciplinary Study from the Society for Religion in Higher Education in 1972-73 for research in the Department of Social Anthropology at Cambridge University.

Fellowship in the East Asian Studies Institute of the Great Lakes Colleges Association and Indiana University at Earlham College, Summer, 1975.

Wabash College Faculty Grant for research on the acharya-sishya relations in Srivaishnavism in Madras and on the Swaminarayan religion in Gujarat, 1976.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute at Yale University on Social Background of Early Christianity. Wayne Meeks, Director. 1977.

Lilly Endowment Faculty Open Fellowship for 1979-80 for a project of reading about liberal arts colleges in the United States.

Wabash College Faculty Grant for a research trip to Ahmedabad, India in 1981 to witness the Bicentenary Celebrations of the Birth of Swaminarayan and to complete work on the book manuscript.

Rockefeller Foundation Grant for a research project in the Population Sciences program on Immigration Studies entitled "The Role of Asian Indian Religious Organizations in the Formation and Preservation of Ethnic Identity" for the summers of 1984-85.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute at the University of Chicago on The Bible and the Liberal Arts. 1986.

McLain-McTurnan-Arnold Research Scholar Award for 1985-86. The award provided a semester for writing a manuscript on the Rockefeller Research Project: *Religions of*

Immigrants from India and Pakistan: new threads in the American tapestry (Cambridge, 1988).

Lilly Endowment Minor Grant raised through Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago to establish the Association of Disciple Pastors for Theological Discussion. The organization held its 25th anniversary in October 2012.

Senior Research Grant from the Smithsonian Institution through the American Institute of Indian Studies for study in Madras, India, in the summer of 1990 on “Srivaishnava acharyas and their disciples.”

Co-Director with John Carman (Harvard) of the Conference on the Transmission of Religious Traditions in Times of Rapid Social Change in conjunction with the Cultural Festival of India in Edison, New Jersey in August, 1991.

Lilly Endowment Major Grant for a Workshop on Teaching Religion for Young Faculty at Colleges and Universities, which was held at Wabash College, 1991-92. Director of the Workshop on Teaching Religion.

Lilly Endowment Major Grants for the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, 1995-2002.

Assisted with a Lilly Endowment Major Grant to the American Academy of Religion for nine additional Workshops on Teaching Religion to be held in other regions of the American Academy of Religion. Chair of the AAR Committee on Lilly Workshops, 1992-2001.

Convener of a Wabash-Lilly Consultation on Theological Teaching for thirty scholars invited by Lilly Endowment Inc. held at Wabash College on March 23-24, 1995.

Prepared grant proposal to Lilly Endowment for a major grant to support the Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts at Wabash College, 2005.

Designed program and prepared two grant proposals to Lilly Endowment for grants to establish and support the Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program (2008-2012, 2013-2016).

Steering Group member for an international research project funded at the University of Manchester on ‘The Public Representation of a Religion Called Hinduism’ (2008-2010). Convener of the conference on ‘Umbrella Organizations and Ecumenical Hinduism’ at Wabash College, March 23-24, 2009. Co-editor of the book created from the project, *Public Hinduisms* (Delhi, Sage Publishers) 2012.

Offices:

Member of the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Religion (1989-95; 1996-); Member of the Executive Committee (1991-95); Member of the Regions Committee

(1990-93); Chair of the Lilly Teaching Workshops Committee (1992-2001); Chair of Nominations Committee (1996-2002), Chair of Special Taskforce on Board of Directors and Committee Structures (1999-2002).

Member of the Board of Trustees of Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago (1985-96); Member of the Executive Committee as Secretary (1990-95).

Advisory Board of the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, University of Victoria, British Columbia, (1995-2002).

Advisory Board of a study of Religion in Urban America by Auburn Seminary, New York (1996-99).

Advisory Council of the Pluralism Project at Harvard University, Diana Eck, Director, 1998-2002.

Secretary/Treasurer of the Midwest American Academy of Religion, 1989-95.

Director of the Wabash Consultation on Undergraduate Study of Religion, 1991-93.

Executive Director of the Midwest Commission on the Study of Religion, 1989-95.

Director of the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, 1995-2002.

Member of the Board of Trustees of Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis. 2005-2015; Executive Committee, 2006-2011; Chair, Compensation Committee, 2007-2012; Presidential Search Committee, 2010-2011.

Advisory Board of the Gujarati Studies Association, 2008-

Director of the Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program, 2008-2012.

Program Advisor of the Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program 2013-

Consultant and Senior Advisor for the Early Career Pastoral Leadership Initiative of Lilly Endowment 2013.

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