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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	May 1981	Claremont Graduate School, Asian & Comparative Philosophy
M.A.	May 1978	Claremont Graduate School, Philosophy
B.A.	June 1972	California State University, Los Angeles, Philosophy

Doctoral Dissertation: *Intuition as an Integral Process of the Mind*
(a comparison of the views of Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and Martin Heidegger with regard to intuition)

MAIN TEACHING INTERESTS:

Asian and Comparative, i.e., Western/Nonwestern, Philosophy;
Gandhi Studies and Studies of *ahimsa* (the ancient India notion which embraces both non-harm and compassion that was developed by the Hindus, Jains and Buddhists and culminated in the thought of Mahatma Gandhi);
Critical Thinking;
Peace and Human Rights Studies;
Political Philosophy as it pertains to Human Rights

AREAS OF TEACHING SPECIALIZATION:

Comparative Philosophy, i.e., Western and Nonwestern

South Asian Philosophy – Hindu, Jain, and Buddhist philosophy

Gandhi Studies and the Studies of *ahimsa*, i. e., Non-Harm and Compassion as developed by the Hindus, Jains and Buddhists which culminated in the thought of Mahatma Gandhi;

Ethics -Western (*deontic*, i.e., duty theory and *aretaic*, i.e., virtue theory) Comparative: Western – Aristotle; Non-Western: Confucianism, Taoism, Hinduism, Jainism, and Buddhism, and Gandhi's virtue theory.

Critical Thinking as the skills that enable one to think clearly, consistently, coherently and rigorously

Metaphysics and Epistemology:

History of Modern Western Philosophy - esp. Descartes, Spinoza, Locke, Hume, Kant, Hegel, and Nietzsche

The Philosophy of Martin Heidegger

Existentialism and Phenomenology

Creativity

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

East Asian Philosophy - Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism in China

Logic - Formal- Traditional and Modern (Propositional), and Informal

Philosophy of Religion

Islam

Philosophy of Literature

EMPLOYMENT:

EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY:

1997 -Promoted to Professor of Philosophy

1991 -Awarded Tenure

1990 - Promoted to Associate Professor of Philosophy

1988 -1990- Assistant Professor of Philosophy, full-time, tenure-track.

MOUNT SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE, LOS ANGELES:

1983 - 1987- Assistant Professor of Philosophy, full-time, four year term-contract, Mount Saint Mary's College, Los Angeles.

1981-1983- Assistant Professor of Philosophy, part-time, Mount Saint Mary's college, Los Angeles

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

RECEIVED:

1. 2009 – Received a grant from the AAUP to attend a conference, organized by the Society for Indian Philosophy & Religion and the Center for Spirituality, Ethics and Global Awareness, Bethany College, West Virginia, USA, December 2009, in Calcutta, India,
2. 2008 – Received a grant for \$1500.00 from the Dean of Arts & Sciences to attend and present a paper at the International Society for Universal Dialogue, ISUD, Congress in Beijing, China, the University of Beijing, in July. The Congress was postponed by the University of Beijing because of the fear of Swine Flu. The Congress has been rescheduled for July 2 – 8, 2010.
3. 2008 – Received a grant from the AAUP for \$1000.00 to attend the Congress in Beijing, China, described above.
4. 2008 – Received a grant from the University Hour to bring Professor Manoug Manougian to Eastern to deliver a lecture/film “Man’s Inhumanity to Man,,” about genocide ..A four hour film about genocide, which was written by Professor Manougian, was presented in 2002 on PBS. It won two prestigious awards.
5. 2008 - I received a grant for \$500.00 from the J. Eugene Smith Library to build the holdings on Jain literature.
6. 2008 – As one of the three members of the Critical Thinking Group at Eastern, I received a portion of the grant given to the group from the CSUS Assessment Committee for the Assessment of Learning for Educational Improvement Grant of freshmen and seniors.
7. 2007 - As one of the three participants of the Critical Thinking Group of Eastern, I received a portion of the grant given to the group from the CSUS Assessment Committee for the Assessment of Learning for Educational Improvement Grant Program. This was for the proposal “Thinking: Argument Mapping in the First Year Program,”
8. 2007 - Received a grant from the University Hour to bring Ashok Malhotra to Eastern in March, 2008, to speak about his Ninash Foundation which builds schools in India for the

- former *Harijans* (untouchables).
9. 2006 – Invited to become a member of the North American Academic Council for Jain Studies.
 10. 2006 – Scholarship to study Jainism in India for two months from June 1, 2006 – July 31,
 11. 2004 - Sabbatical Leave for the Fall 2004 Semester to work on the manuscript for my book, which is entitled, *Ahimsa: a Path to Peace* (*Ahimsa* basically means non-harm and compassion.) This book is to be the first of four volumes on *Ahimsa: a Way of Life*.
 12. 2001 - A Faculty Development Grant to do research on my manuscript, *Ahimsa: a Way of Life*, in India.
 13. 2000 - A Faculty Development Grant for the ECSU Human Rights Conference which was organized and presented by the Peace & Human Rights Committee.. I am the chairperson of the committee.
 14. 1994 - Sabbatical Leave for the fall 1994 semester to work on the manuscript for my book, which is entitled, *Intuition: Its Nature and Uses in Human Experience*.
 15. 1994 - Three hours of reassignment time, for the Spring Semester, awarded to work on the fifth chapter of the manuscript for my book, which is entitled, *Intuition: Its Nature and Uses in Human Experience*. The fifth chapter has to do with the role of intuition in transcendence, or transcendent experiences, e.g., a spiritual experience.
 16. 1993 - A Connecticut State University Grant to travel to Ames Library University of Minnesota, and The Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., to do further research on the last chapter of the manuscript for my book on intuition.
 17. Received \$15,000.00 from the President's Office, the Vice-President's Office, and the Dean's Office for the Peace Conference organized and presented by the Peace & Human Rights Committee at Eastern. I am the Chairperson of the Committee.
 18. 1991- Six hours reassignment time, for the Spring Semester, awarded to work on the fourth chapter of my book on intuition. The fourth chapter has to do with the role of intuition in creativity.
 19. 1990 -I was chosen to take part in an American Philosophical Association workshop, in Baltimore, Maryland, March 2-4. The workshop was devoted to the improvement of teaching introductory philosophy.
 20. 1990 - Faculty Summer Development Funds from Eastern Connecticut State University to travel to India in order to gather some materials for the fifth chapter of my book on intuition. As described in #14 above.
 21. 1986 - A Faculty Grant - from Mount St. Mary's College to develop papers with a view to publication on "The Role of Intuition in Human Experience."
 22. 1986- A National Endowment for the Humanities grant for a Summer Institute to study Comparative Philosophy, Director, Professor David Kalupahana. The Institute was held at the University of Hawaii, and the East/West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, June-August.
 23. 1985 - A National Endowment for the Humanities grant for a Summer Seminar on "The Great Chain of Being," Director, the renowned theologian, Huston Smith, The seminar was held at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California, June-August

TEACHING AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

2007 - Elected to Whose Who of American Teachers.

1997 - Nominated for Outstanding Professor of the Year at Eastern Connecticut State University.

1993 - Informed by the Director of Planning and Institutional Research at

- Eastern Connecticut State University that the 1992 graduates of our University evaluated my work as a faculty member as "one of the most positive and worthwhile educational experiences" while attending Eastern Connecticut State University.
- 1991 - Informed by the Director of Planning and Institutional Research at Eastern Connecticut State University that the 1990 graduates of our University evaluated my work as a faculty member as "one of the most positive and worthwhile educational experiences" while attending Eastern Connecticut State University.
- 1991 - Nominated for Outstanding Professor of the Year at Eastern Connecticut State University.
- 1986 - Selected as Outstanding Teacher for the Month of September by students and colleagues, at Mount Saint Mary's College, Los Angeles - Chalon Campus.
- 1985 - Nominated for Outstanding Professor of the Year at Mount St. Mary's College, Los Angeles - Doheny Campus.

PUBLISHED WORKS AND WORKS ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION:

ABSTRACTS:

1. 2009 - An abstract for a paper delivered at the Eighteenth International Congress of Vedanta, the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, July 16-19, "A Comparison of Confucius' Notion of Jen or Ren as Human-Heartedness or Inner-Humanity with Gandhi's View of Ahimsa as Compassion.
2. 2009 - An abstract of "A Comparison of Confucius' Notion of Jen or Ren as Human-Heartedness or Inner-Humanity" was printed on the International Society of Universal Dialogue, ISUD, website along with the paper. I was scheduled to give this paper at the Eighth Congress of ISUD at Beijing University in July, 2009, but Beijing University decided to postpone the conference because of the swine flu. The Congress has been rescheduled for July, 2010.
3. 2008 - The abstract of a paper called "Ahimsa and Its Role in Overcoming the Ego From Ancient Indic Traditions to the Thought and Practice of Mahatma Gandhi" was published along with the paper in *The ICFAI University Press*, Vol. II., No 4., October 2008, Hyderabad, India.
4. 2007 - An abstract of a paper which I delivered at Oxford University, during a week long Round Table, entitled "The Role of Virtue in Developing Trustworthiness in Public Officials." This abstract and the paper were published in the Oxford Forum on line.
5. 2008 - An abstract of the paper "Ahimsa: a Way of Life; a Path to Peace" was published, along with a booklet containing the paper, in the Gandhi Lecture Series, part of the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, Indic Studies.
6. 2005 - An abstract of the paper "Nietzsche's Philosophy of the Will to Power as a Kind of *Elan Vital*," was published along with the paper by the international journal, "Dialogue and Universalism, Vol. XV. No. 5-6, Warsaw University Press.
7. 2005 - An abstract of the paper "India's Three Great Intellectual Contributions to the Contemporary Global Community" was published by the World Association of Vedic Studies, WAVES in *India's Contributions & Influences in the World*, a publication of WAVES, edited by Professor Bhu Dev Sharma, the President of WAVES.
8. 2004 - An abstract of the paper "Islam: Extreme Fundamentalism and the Problem of the 'Other'" was published along with the paper by the Greek journal *Skepsis*, vol. XV 2004.
9. 2003 - An abstract of the paper, "The Importance of Ahimsa in the Yoga Sutra, in Gandhi's Thought and Modern World" was published along with the paper in *India's Contributions & Influences in the World*, a publication of WAVES, ed. by Professor Bhu Dev Sharma, President of Waves.
10. 2003 - An abstract of a revised account of "Gandhi: 'Boundaries of the Self' as They Affect Nonviolence and Peace," was published in the proceedings of the Twelfth International Conference of Vedanta, held at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, September 14-17 was published in the proceedings of the conference.

11. 2003 – An abstract of the paper, "Gandhi: *Boundaries of the Self as They Affect Nonviolence and Peace," along with the paper, was published by the World Association of Vedic Studies (WAVES). This paper was delivered at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey, July 28-30.
12. 2003 - "Kant and Gandhi: 'Boundaries of the Self'/Non-harm and Love/ Violence and Conflict," an abstract of a paper presented to the colloquium, "Ethnicity in the First World ,Third World and Ex-Communist Countries," held at Panjabi University, Patiala, India, January 6-8 was published along with the paper by *Contemporary Views of Indian Civilization*, a publication of WAVES, pp. 11-19.
13. 2001 - "Non-harm and Love as Viewed by Immanuel Kant and Mahatma Gandhi," an abstract of a paper presented at the Tenth International Congress of Vedanta, Port of Spain, Trinidad, March 10-14 was published along with the paper by *The Journal of Religious Studies*, Panjabi University, Panjabi, (Panjab), India.
14. 1995 - "Intuition and Revelation as They Relate to Transcendence," an abstract of a paper presented to the Annual Meeting of the Karl Jaspers Society of North America, which met in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, the Marriott Hotel, New York, December 27-30, was published in the proceedings of the meeting.
15. 1993 - "The Nature and Significance of Intuition in Patanjali's *Yoga Sutra* and in the Philosophical Writings of Radhakrishnan" an abstract of a paper published in the proceedings of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS), in Los Angeles, CA, at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel, March 25-29. (a revised and expanded version of the above paper was delivered at the American Academy of Religion, New England Region Meeting, in Boston, April 23,1993.)
16. 1990 – An abstract of the paper, "The Importance of Overcoming the False Self in the Process of Self-Development" (a view of the self which the Vedanta [a Hindu] tradition can offer to the Western world), was published in the proceedings of the International Congress of Vedanta, Miami University, Ohio, April 2-5.
17. 1989 - An abstract of the article listed under the heading *Articles* (Please see #18 below), was published in the *Philosopher's Index - USA*.
18. 1988 - "The Nature and Significance of Intuition" (A View Based on a Core Idea Held by Radhakrishnan), an abstract of a paper published in the proceedings of the Radhakrishnan Centennial Conference, held at Miami University, Ohio, April 1988.
19. 1987 – An abstract of the paper "The Meaning of *Purusottama* in the *Bhagavad Gita*," was published in the proceedings of the conference on South Asia, at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Marriott Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, November.
20. 1985- An abstract of a paper "How Intuition as a Means to Knowledge Makes Possible an Expanded Ontology" was published in the proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, LA, November.
21. 1984- An abstract of a paper, "Intuition a Neglected Concept," was published in the proceedings of the International Meeting of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, Hawaii, August.

ARTICLES:

1. 2009 - "A Comparison of Confucius' Notion of Ren as Human Heartedness and Inner Humanity With Gandhi's View of Ahimsa as Compassion," on line, ISUD, the International Society of Universal Dialogue, in July, www.ISUD.org
2. 2008 – "Ahimsa and Its Role in Overcoming the Ego From Ancient Indic Traditions to the Thought and Practice of Mahatma Gandhi" was published in *The Icfai University Press*, Vol. II., No. 4, October 2008, Hyderabad, India.
3. 2007 – A paper which I delivered at the Oxford Round Table at the University of Oxford, Oxford, England, entitled, "The Role of Virtue in Developing Trustworthiness in Public Officials" has been published by the Oxford Round Table Forum (on line).
4. 2007 – "Ahimsa: A Way of Life, A Path to Peace," was published in a booklet, the

- Gandhi Lecture Series*, as part of the UMass/ Dartmouth Center for Indic Studies, Dr. Bal Ram Singh, Director, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, Fall 2007.
5. 2008 - "Comparative Philosophy: Theory and Praxis," the Keynote Address that I gave at SUNY ONEONTA, in April, 2006, at the National Student Research Conference was to have been published in a booklet containing my address, another address and the best student papers from the conference. I signed a contract for the talk, but I never received a copy of the booklet.
 7. 2006 - A paper which I wrote with Professor Chistopher Vasillopulos called, "Conditions for Individual Freedom as Applied to the European Union, was published in *Humanity at the Turning Point: Rethinking Nature, Culture and Freedom*, Essays on Contemporary Philosophy, ed by Sonja Servomaa, Renvall Institute Publications 23, The Renvall Institute for Area and Cultural Studies, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland,
 8. 2005 - "Nietzsche's Philosophy of the Will to Power as a Kind of *Elan Vital* and Creative Expression" was published in the journal *Dialogue and Universalism*, Vol. XV. No. 5-6, by Warsaw University Press. I received my copy in May 2006.
 9. 2005 - "India's Three Great Intellectual Contributions to the Contemporary Global Community" was published by the World Association of Vedic Studies, WAVES in *India's Contributions & Influences in the World*," a publication of the World Association of Vedic Studies, WAVES, edited by Professor BhuDev Sharma, the President of WAVES.
 10. 2004 - "Islam: Extreme Fundamentalism and the Problem of the "Other," a paper which was presented in Olympia, Greece, at the Congress of the International Society for World Dialogue, May 18-23, 2003, was published in the journal *SKEPSIS*, vol. XV2004.
 11. 2003 - "The Importance of Ahimsa: in the *Yoga Sutra*, in Gandhi's Thought and in the Modern World," was published in *India's Contributions & Influences in the World*," a publication of WAVES, ed. by BhuDev Sharma, President of WAVES.
 12. 2003 - "Gandhi: Boundaries of the Self as They Affect Nonviolence and Peace," published in "Contemporary Views on Indian Civilization," edited by BhuDev Sharma, pp. 11-19, a publication of World Association of Vedic Studies, WAVES.
 13. 2001 - "Non-harm and Love as Viewed by Immanuel Kant and Mohatma Gandhi," published in *The Journal of Religious Studies*, Vol. XXXII, Nos. 1 & 2, Panjabi University, Patiala, India.
 14. 2000 - "The Integral Nature of the Categorical Imperative," written with a colleague, Dr. Margaret Jewett, published in *The Journal of Religious Studies*, Vol. XXXI, Nos., 1& 2, Panjabi University, Patiala, India.
 15. 1996 - "Gandhi's Ethical/Religious Tradition" (A Mode of Thought and Practices Which Have Influenced Many Contemporary Thinkers) published in *The Journal of Religious Studies*, Vol. XXVTI, Spring-Autumn, Nos. 1 and 2, Panjabi University, Patiala (Punjab), India. This is a revised copy of a paper, which was delivered on a Panel entitled "Inventing Traditions," in the program "Philosophy and Religion in the Asian Context," at the American Philosophical Association, Central Division, St Louis, MO, May 5-7, 1994.
 16. 1995 - "The Nature and Significance of Intuition in Patanjali's *Yoga Sutra*, and in the Philosophical Writings of Radhakrishnan," published in *The Journal of Religious Studies*, Vol. XXVI, Spring-Autumn, Nos. 1 & 2, Punjabi University, Patiala (Punjab), India. This paper was first delivered at the Association of Asian Studies (AAS), in Los Angeles, CA, at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel, March 25-29, 1993. A revised and expanded version of the paper was delivered at the American Academy of Religion, New England Region Meeting, in Boston, April 23, 1993.
 17. 1991 - "The Role of Self-Discipline in the Process of Self-Realization," an article written with Dr. Bala Sunder Rai Bhallla, a Reader at Punjabi University, published in the *Journal of Religious Studies*, Vol. XLX, Spring, No.1, Punjabi University, [Patiala] India.
 18. 1990 - "The Mystical Experience From a Heideggerian Perspective," an article published in *The Journal of Religious Studies*, Punjabi University, Patiala [Punjab], India, Volume XVTFI, Spring, 6.

19. 1989 - "The Nature and Significance of Intuition" (A View Based on a Core Idea Held By Radhakrishnan), an article published in *The Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*, Vol. VI Number 3, May -August, New Delhi, India.
20. 1987 - "Intuition: Its Nature and Uses," an article published in the *Moksa Journal*, U.S.A., Volume IV, Number I: November.

BOOK REVIEWS AND EVALUATIONS:

2006 – I reviewed the text book which I use in my Perspectives course at the publisher’s request. The Book is entitled *Roots of Wisdom*. I was paid \$50.00 for the review.

2001 - January - A book review of a work entitled, *Philosophy from Socrates to Sartre* was published in the *Journal of Religious Studies*, Vol. XXXII, Spring-Autumn, Panjabi University, Patiala, India.

1999 – Invited by Prentice Hall to submit an evaluation of the revised edition of John Koller’s book, *The Indian Way*. I was paid \$100.00 for the evaluation.

ARTICLES IN BOOKS:

2007 – An article, “*Ahimsa* as the Way to End Mind Pollution,” in a book (an anthology) entitled, *Mind Pollution* has probably been published in Delhi, India. Mr. N.P Jain, a publisher at Motilal Banarsidass Publishers ,told me some time ago that the book was to be published soon, but as yet, I have not received a copy.

2006 - "Conditions for Individual Freedom as Applied to the European Union," written with a colleague, Professor Christopher Vasilopoulos, a Professor of Political Science, was published in a book entitled *Humanity at the Turning Point: Rethinking Nature, Culture and Freedom*, which is part of the Renvall Series of Publications at the University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland.

1995 - The article "The Nature and Significance of Intuition: A view Based on a Core Idea Held by S. Radhakrishnan, was published in the book, *New Essays in the Philosophy of Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan*, ed. By S.S. Rama Rao Pappu, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, Indian Books Centre, Delhi, India, 1995, ISBN 81-7030-461-X.

BOOKS:

2003 - The book *Intuition: Its Nature and Uses in Human Experience* is now in its third printing.

2001 - *Intuition: Its Nature and Uses in Human Experience* was published in January 2001 by Motilal Banarsidass, which is a large publishing firm in India.

BOOKS IN PROGRESS:

2001 - 2009 - For the past eight years, I have been working on what will eventually be three or four volumes all having to do with *Ahimsa: A Way of Life* (Basically, *ahimsa*, a Sanskrit term, means non-harm and compassion.)

In Preparation for the books:

1989 – 2009 – For the last 20 years, I have been doing research and presenting talks on *ahimsa*. A few of the major talks and in depth research are:

2006 - I gave eight talks of *ahimsa* in three major cities in India, Delhi, Mumbai, and Ahmedabad, and one at the

University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth

2001 - In the summer, I spent several weeks at the Gandhi Center at Panjab University, in Chandigarh, India, studying Gandhi's thought about *ahimsa*.

1989 - I organized a panel, comprised of professors of philosophy from our four CSU campuses, each of whom delivered papers on *ahimsa* at a conference at Dartmouth College.

2009 - This October, I signed a contract with Linus Publishers for the first volume of *Ahimsa: a Way of Life*. This volume is called: *Ahimsa: A Way of Life; A Path to Peace*. The outline of the book is established, and some of the writing of the introduction and parts of several chapters are complete. Also, much of the material for the introduction and four chapters have been published in scholarly articles, or delivered in papers at scholarly conferences. In this book, I give a brief summary of the origin and development of *ahimsa* which culminates in the thought of Mahatma Gandhi. The origins of *ahimsa* are found in the ancient Hindu Vedic literature. The development of *ahimsa* took place in Hinduism, Jainism and Buddhism, and it culminated in the thought of Mahatma Gandhi. I reflect on the role of *ahimsa* in Gandhi's life and then argue that *ahimsa* needs to be freed from its Indic moorings so that it can be taught to children around the world. I also argue that *ahimsa* must be taught and practiced world-wide. This practice is such that *ahimsa* would form part of one's attitude and perspective. I see this teaching and practice of *ahimsa* as essential for peace in this world.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS:

1. 2009 - This past summer, I was scheduled to deliver a talk at the Eighth Congress of the International Society of Universal Dialogue, The University of Beijing, Beijing, China, in which I compared Confucius' notion of *Ren* (or *Jen*) as inner-humanity and human-heartedness, with Gandhi's view of *ahimsa* as compassion. However, as noted above in the section Articles, #1, the Congress was postponed because of a fear of swine flu and has just been rescheduled for July, 2010.
2. 2009 - I delivered the foregoing talk at the Eighteenth International Vedanta Congress at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.
3. 2007 – I presented a paper entitled “The Role of Virtue in the Development of Trustworthiness in Public Officials” at the six day Oxford Round Table at Oxford University, Oxford, England. The paper was published in the Oxford Round Table Forum. (See above under published articles.)
4. 2006 – I presented eight talks in India on my book *Ahimsa: a Path to Peace*. The talks were organized and sponsored by N.P. Jain, one of the owners and publishers of Motilal Banarsideas. They were given in Mumbai, New Delhi and Ahmadabad. One was given in the famous Gandhi Museum and Institute for Research in Delhi where Gandhi was shot.
5. 2006 – On October 8, I presented a talk on my book *Ahimsa: a Path to Peace* at the Gandhi Lecture Series, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.
6. 2006 – April 6 – 9, I presented one of two Key-Note addresses at the National Student Research

- Conference at SUNY ONEONTA..
7. 2005- October 12-15, I presented a paper entitled "Softening the 'Boundaries of the Self as Necessary for Individual Well Being and Peace in the World" at Hindu University, Orlando, Florida, as part of the Sixteenth International Vedanta Congress.
 8. 2005 -July 15-20, I presented a paper entitled "Conditions for Freedom of a Citizen as Applied to the European Union," at the International Society of Universal Dialogue, Sixth International Meeting, Helsinki, Finland. The paper was co-authored with Professor Christopher Vasilopoulos, a colleague at our university who teaches Political Science.
 9. 2004, July 9-11-I presented a paper at the World Association of Vedic Studies (WAVES) in Washington, D. C. The paper entitled "India's Three Great Intellectual Contributions to the Contemporary Global Community" has to do with the great contributions of India to world peace.
 10. 2004 - On December 29, 2003, I delivered a paper entitled, "Ahimsa: A Vedic Source for a Peaceful World Order," at the 7th India Conference of WAVES (World Association of Vedic Studies), the theme of which is "Contemporary World Order: A Vedic Perspective," at The University of Pondicherry, Pondicherry, India.
 11. 2003 - Presented a paper "Islam: Extreme Fundamentalism and the Problem of the 'Other,'" at the International Society for Universal Dialogue Fifth World Congress, held in Ancient Olympia, Greece, May 18-23, 2003.
 12. 2002 - A major guest speaker at the International Conference of the World Association of Vedic Studies, the theme of which was "India's Contributions and Influences in the World" I presented a paper entitled "The Importance of Ahimsa in the *Yoga Sutra*, in Gandhi's Thought, and in the Modern World." The conference was held at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, Ma, July 9 -12.
 13. 2002 - "Ahimsa: A Way of Life," presented at the ECSU Peace Conference, "Perspectives in Peace," November 9.
 14. 2001 – "Nietzsche's Will to Power as *Elan Vital*," presented at the Fourth Congress of the International Society of Universal Dialogue, Krakow Poland, July.
 15. 2000 - Presented a modified version of the paper "Gandhi: Boundaries of the Self as They Affect Nonviolence and Peace," at the Twelfth International Congress of Vedanta held at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, September 14-17. 2000.
 16. 2000 – I presented a paper, "Gandhi: Boundaries of the Self as They Affect Nonviolence and Peace," at the World Association of Vedic Studies, Inc. (WAVES), at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey, July 28-30.
 17. 2000 – I presented a paper, "Kant and Gandhi: 'Boundaries of the Self/Non-harm and Love/ Violence and Conflict,'" at the colloquium "Ethnicity in the First World, the Third World and Ex-Communist Countries," held at Panjabi University, Patiala, India, January 6-8.
 18. 1999- I presented a paper, "Non-Harm and Love: as Viewed by Immanuel Kant and Mohatma Gandhi at the Tenth International Congress of Vedanta, held at the International Congress of Vedanta. held at Port of Spain, Trinidad, March
 19. 1995 - I presented a paper at the Eighth International Congress of Vedanta. November 3, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. The title of my paper was "The Nature and Function of Intuition in the Yoga and *Advaita Vedanta* Schools of Philosophy."
 20. 1991 - "Ahimsa in Buddhist and Gandhian Thought," presented at the Association for Asian Studies, New England Conference, at Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, November 1-2. I organized this panel which had members from each of the CSU campuses.
 21. 1991 - Gandhi's View of *Satyagraha*, *Satya*, and *Ahimsa*" (Gandhi's view of Satyagraha is a force of resistance to oppression, used by those seeking *Satya*, i.e., truth, by means of *Ahimsa*, i.e., non-harm and love) part of a panel presented at the American Academy of Religion, New England Region, Trinity college, Hartford, Ct. March 25th.
 22. 1990 – "Development of the Self," (a view of the self which the Vedanta [Hindu] tradition can offer to the Western world), presented at the International Congress of Vedanta, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, April 5-8.
 23. 1989 – "The False Self in Hindu Philosophy," Annual Convention of the College of Theology Society, at Nazareth College, Rochester, New York, June 1-4.

24. Community and Curriculum," presented at the Connecticut State University Scholarly Meeting of Philosophers, at Farmington, Ct., April 20.
25. 1988 - "Knowledge of Reality: A Comparative Study of the *Naiyayikas'* View and Heidegger's View of Reality," presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, November.
26. 1988 - "The Relation of Dharma to Karma," presented at a panel on Karma, at the Pacific Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies (concerning Asian countries and countries of the Pacific Rim), held at California State University, Northridge, June.
27. 1988 - "Religious Pluralism: A Constructive Criticism," presented at the Theology Society, Thirty-Fourth Annual Convention. The theme of the convention was "Theology in World Perspective," and it was held at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA, May 26-29.
28. 1987 - "Detachment and the Nature of the Supreme Being, in the *Baghavad Gita*," the Southern California Seminar on South Asian Thought, at California State University, Long Beach, April 1987. Also, the revised paper was presented at the 16th Annual Conference on South Asia, held at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. November 6-8.
29. 1986 - "Hinduism and Tolerance," a response to a paper given by Professor Rama Rao Pappu, on a panel, at the 15th Annual Conference on South Asia, held at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, November 6-10.

UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS:

2009 – I was scheduled to present a paper at the International Society of Universal Dialogue Eighth Congress in Beijing China, from July 23-29. The paper is entitled: "A Comparison of Confucius; Notion of Ren or *Jen* as Inner-Humanity and Human-Heartedness with Gandhi's View of *Ahimsa* as Compassion. As stated in Published Articles, this paper is printed on line www.ISUD.org. The Congress was postponed by the University of Beijing, because of a fear of Swine Flue, but it has been rescheduled for July of 2010.

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

2006 – 2009 – As a member of the North American Council for Jain Studies, I have nominated three faculty and two students from Eastern who received scholarships to study Jainism in India at the International Summer School of Jain Studies, ISSJS.

2009 – A member of the Academic Plan Committee which is part of the Strategic Plan for the university.

2009 – A member of the Critical Thinking Group of Eastern. We were active the past few years assessing the critical thinking ability of selected groups of students on our campus. We selected those classes of students whose professors were willing to provide the pre and post tests that measure the critical thinking prior to their studies and after their studies.

2009 – Dr. William Newell, Professor of Philosophy and Chair of the Department of Political Science, Philosophy and Geography, Dr. Julian Friedland, Assistant Professor of Business Ethics, Department of Business Administration, and I have had the first meeting to try to establish a program for a possible philosophy major.

2008 – The new Department of Political Science, Philosophy and Geography has taken a good deal of effort by each of the members. We have had to hold special meetings to elect our Chairperson, Professor William Newell, establish our policies and our by-laws. We have also had meetings with our President Elsa Nunez and Vice President Rhona Free.

2007 - Professor William Newell and I petitioned for a third faculty member in Philosophy. We were granted a one-year position and a national search was allowed. Professor William Newell, Professor William Salka and I evaluated the applicants for the position. We subsequently hired Dr. David Slutsky. The financial crisis was such that we could not extend his full-time appointment.

2007 – Chaired the Department Evaluation Committee, DEC.

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 - 1994 - 1993-** Elected twice to the Promotion and Tenure Committee.
 - 1993 -** Moderated a round-table discussion concerning the issue of Gays in the Military, for the University Forum, sponsored by the on-campus student Philosophy/Ideas Club, of which I was the advisor, April 29.
 - 1993 -** Helped the Orientation Committee with some of the wording used in the pamphlet "Human Sexuality at Eastern Connecticut State University."
 - 1993-1992 -** Member of the Senate **Curriculum Committee at ECSU. I was the recording secretary in the Spring of 1993.**
 - 1992 -** Presented a talk "Nonviolence: Views of Gandhi," at the ECSU Lunch and Learn Series, May 6.
 - 1990 -** Member of the Campus Beautification Committee.
 - 1989 -** Member of the Task Force on the Future of ECSU, a committee established as part of a ECSU Self-Study for the Re-accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).
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Other Department and University Service:

1997 – 2009 Chairperson of the **Peace & Human Rights Committee, PHRC:**

2007 - 2009 The PHRC Lecture Series was begun.

Events Presented, Sponsored, or Co-Sponsored by the Peace & Human Rights Committee:

2009 – In conjunction with the Arts & Lecture Series, presented Professor Cromwell Crawford, from Hawaii who spoke on the Contributions of Religion to the Bioethics Debate.

2009 - Presented Professor Manoug Manougian, from Southern Florida University, who gave a lecture on Genocide. The Lecture was entitled, "Man's Inhumanity to Man.:

2008 - Helped sponsor the week-long visit of three Tibetan Monks who created the Sand Mandala. (Associate Professor Gail Gelburd, a member of PHRC, was responsible for this very successful event.)

2008 - Presented Professor Ashok Malhotra, from SUNY Oneonta, who spoke at the University Hour about this Ninash Foundation which builds schools in India for the *Harijans*. These are children who were once termed "untouchables" and are still treated that way in many villages throughout India.. (I was responsible for the planning of this event, but I was helped by our department secretary, Ann Fratoni and other members of PHRC.).

2008 - Presented a panel, "Gandhi's Legacy of *Ahimsa*" which was co-sponsored and supported by the Art & Lecture Series of Eastern Connecticut State University and the Asian American Studies Institute of the University of Connecticut. It was also supported by the Jain administrators of the International Summer School of Jain Studies and some private donors. The panel included Gandhi's great-granddaughter, Dr. Uma Mesthine, a Professor of History at Cape Town University, South Africa. (I organized this panel which included two presenters from India, one from South Africa, one from Chicago State University, one from the University of Massachusetts. I also took part in the panel..)

2007 - A Proposal for a Peace and Human Rights Center was accepted by the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. However, our University President, Dr. Elsa Nunez, questioned whether the Board of Trustees would accept the proposal because of a lack of funding and the fact that the University of Connecticut has a Human Rights program. I do not think that there would be a problem with the Board of Trustees about the Human Rights program at the University of Connecticut as our program is focused on Peace and Human Rights. In fact, I think that we are the only group that is devoted to both peace and human rights issues.

2006 - The Peace and Human Rights Minor was accepted by the Senate in September.

2006 - Raouf Mama and I, acting in behalf of the PHRC, wrote a proposal for the University Hour to have the former Ambassador from Benin speak. The proposal was accepted.

2005 - The proposal for a Peace and Human Rights Minor, which was submitted to the Eastern Curriculum Committee, was accepted by the curriculum committee and the senate.

2005- The PHRC was working on a proposal for a Peace and Human Rights Center.

2005, May 5 - Dr. Amii Omara-Otunnu, the UNESCO Chair of Comparative Human Rights

at the University of Connecticut and five of our Eastern students presented a forum in which the students questioned Dr. Omara-Otunnu about human rights issues in the world.

2004 - Alex Kellington, a renowned photo-journalist, spoke of the people in Haiti. Her expertise is based on many visits to Haiti and an understanding of the people based on a command of their language and an acquaintance with Haitians from various walks of life and varied interests.

2003 - PHRC submitted a budget for the Peace & Human Rights Center, which we have been trying to establish, to Dr. Beverley Anderson, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and to Dr. Dimitrios Pachis, Vice President of Academic Affairs. We have been informed that the budget must be cut before we can hope to proceed.

2003 - PHRC began work on a proposal to establish a Minor in Peace & Human Rights Studies. This proposal was accepted by the Curriculum Committee and the Senate in the fall of 2005.

2002 - The Mission Statement for the proposed Peace & Human Rights Center was submitted to Dr. Beverley Anderson, Dean of the School of Arts & Science and to Dr. Dimitrios Pachis, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

2002 - November 9, the PHRC with the financial support of President David G. Carter, Vice President Dimitrios Pachis and Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, Beverley Anderson, held a conference, "Perspectives in Peace," at this campus. There were noted speakers from foreign countries as well as the U.S. Experts on Africa, India, Ireland, South America, China, and the Middle East. The Key-note speaker was L. Eudora Pettigrew, Ph.D., who is now the Vice President of IAUP, i.e., the International Association of University Presidents. Until July of 2002, Dr. Pettigrew was Chair of IAUP/UN Commission on Conflict Resolution, Disarmament Education, and Peace. I directed the conference. However, I could not have done so without the help of Dr. William Salka and Ann Fratoni, as well as the other PHRC members.

2002 - May 22, Dr. William Salka, a Professor of Political Science at ECSU, and I were honored to be guest speakers at the IAUP United Nations Commission on Conflict Resolution, Disarmament Education, and Peace. We presented the Commission with the Mission Statement for the ECSU Peace & Human Rights Center. Others attending the conference were: Professors: Maggie Martin, Andy Nelson, Nicole Krassas and Dr. Charles Prewitt.

2001 - I took part in a retreat, attended by members of the PHRC, to begin work on the Mission Statement for the Peace & Human Rights Center.

2001 - L. Eudora Pettigrew, Ph.D., IAUP/UN Chair of the Commission on Conflict Resolution, Disarmament Education and Peace, attended a banquet hosted by President David G. Carter. She spoke to the PHRC about how to form a Peace & Human Rights Center on Campus. I introduced Dr. Pettigrew.

2000 - I Directed a Human Rights Conference at ECSU, February 26. The Peace & Human Rights Committee and the Philosophy Ideas Club sponsored the event. It was co-sponsored by the Deans Office of Arts and Sciences as part of the Millennium Activities.

1997 - I started a Peace & Human Rights Committee on campus. The committee is presently comprised of about twenty members including: faculty members from many different disciplines on campus, two students, two staff members, and a retired faculty member.

1988-1997 - Advisor to the Philosophy/Ideas Club, or PIC. Mrs. Annette Bradstreet, the former secretary for the Sociology Department, was my co-advisor for many years. Prior to the University Hour, the club's major activity was to sponsor the University Forum. At this time, there was no University Hour or Arts & Lecture Series. The University Forum presented many important scholarly and interesting entertaining events. Examples were "Gays in the Military" and "The Nature of Freedom." On May 19, 1997 - The Philosophy/Ideas Club received the Campus Club of the Year Award. On this same date, I received the Advisor of a Campus Club for the Year Award.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

2009 - Lectured to Dr. Charles Prewitt's Core Course in Peace & Human Rights on Ahimsa.

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2007 - Presented a paper on *Ahimsa* as practiced by Hindus, Jains, and Buddhists at CLIR, the retirement group from the University of Connecticut.

2006 - I spent two months studying Jainism at the International School of Jain Studies, ISSJS, India. I visited ten cities with the students and staff of the school.

2006 - After ISSJS, I presented eight talks on my book *Ahimsa: a Path to Peace*, in Delhi, Mumbai (Bombay) and Ahmedabad. One of the places where I gave a talk was at the Gandhi Research Center in Delhi

where Gandhi was shot.

2005, May 5 - Presented a talk on Gandhi to the retired faculty members of the University of Connecticut. Please see entry under presentations.)

2003 Reelected to the Governing Board of the World Association of Vedic Studies. I am again one of four secretaries of the Western (non-Indian) Branch of WAVES.

2003 Asked by Professor Bhudev Sharma, the President of WAVES, to head a subcommittee of WAVES, comprised of philosophers, to set the theme for the philosophy papers and to determine if the abstracts are acceptable for presentation. The committee consists of professors from the four ECSU campuses, plus a professor from Concordia College in Canada, and Dr. Bart Gruzalski, Director of the Center for Sustained Living.

2002 Presented talks on "General Themes in Hindu Philosophy," at the Hindu Temple in Middletown, Ct., March 3 and March 10.

2000 Invited to be one of the four secretaries for the World Association of Vedic Studies (WAVES). We on the governing board will establish meetings in the U.S., Europe, and India.

1999 Invited by Prentice Hall to submit an evaluation of the revised edition of John Roller's book, *The Indian Way*. I was paid \$100.00 for the evaluation.

1998 Invited to attend a Liberty Forum Colloquium, on "St Augustine's *confessions*." Liberty Fund, a nonprofit foundation whose purposes are educational and intellectual, paid for my airfare, my lodging, meals, etc. The colloquium provided an occasion for a sixteen person multidisciplinary group to explore together some of St. Augustine's writings, their larger significance and how they bear on the course of human liberty.

1997 Attended a Peace and World Security Studies Summer Faculty Institute on World Security Affairs. The Institute was held June 10-13 at Amherst College in Amherst, Massachusetts.

1996 A member of the Asian-Comparative Philosophy Study Group of Connecticut, ACPSSG. As a group of professors, in Connecticut, who teach Asian-Comparative Philosophy, we meet on the average of once a month, when school is in session, to study subjects in our field and to present papers on topics in our field.

1995 Chaired the business meeting for the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, which was held in conjunction with the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, Palmer House, Chicago, IL, April 26-29.

1995 Chaired the Meeting of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, which was held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC, April 6-9.

1994 Chaired one of the panels for the Meeting of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, which was held in conjunction with the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, in Boston, December 27-30, 1994.

1993 Organized a round table, in conjunction with Dr. B. David Burke, on "Teaching Comparative Philosophy," for the New England Division of the American Academy of Religion, which was held at Hartford University, October 30. At the roundtable, I presented a statement as to my view of the nature and activities of comparative philosophy.

1993 Appointed Program Chair of the National and International Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, SACP, for the year September 1993 to September 1994. In this capacity, I was responsible for the organization of five meetings in the United States, which were international in scope, participation and attendance. These meetings were held in conjunction with three other national/international associations. Three of the meetings were held in conjunction with the American Philosophic Association (Eastern, Central, and Pacific Divisions). One meeting was held in conjunction with the Association for Asian Studies. Another meeting was held in conjunction with the American Academy of Religion. The first meeting was held in December, 1994. The last meeting was held in November, 1995. The theme of all programs for the five meetings was "Women's Voices: Past and Present" This program took two years of planning and work, including: choosing the organizers for each meeting, overseeing the individual topics for some of the panels, contacting participants for some of the panels, scheduling of the panels, and keeping all members of my committee, plus the president of SACP, apprised as to the decisions regarding the panels.

1993 Organized and participated in a panel Teaching Comparative Philosophy," at the "Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Conference at Jiminy Peak" (The Berkshires), Massachusetts, July 25-30. As a member of this panel, I presented a statement of my views regarding the nature of Comparative Philosophy. The editor of *The Forum* (the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy newsletter) asked me if he could have a copy of the statement to use in the next issue.

1992 At John Roller's request, asked by Nadine Grange, Assistant Editor for Philosophy and Religion, at MacMillan Press, to review and evaluate the revised chapters on *Samkhya* and *Vedanta*, in John Roller's text, *ORIENTAL PHILOSOPHIES*. The reviews were turned in late October, 1992.

1992 Chaired a panel at the Fourth International Congress of Vedanta, at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, April 2-5.

1991 Commented on a paper "Classical Indian Conception of the Self," by Alan Fox, which was part of a panel on the theme "Culture and Self," at the Annual Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, New York, Dec. 27-29.

1985 From the Fall of 1985 through the Interterm of 1986- Acting Chairperson of the Philosophy Department at Mount Saint Mary's College, Los Angeles.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

International Society for World Dialogue

Member of the North American Academic Council of Jain Studies.

World Association of Vedic Studies