

JOSEPH O'CONNELL FONDS FINDING GUIDE

TITLE

Joseph O'Connell fonds

DATE OF CREATION

1964 - 2012

EXTENT OF FONDS

- 2 meters of textual records
 - 2 audio cassettes
 - 1 video cassette
 - 4GB USB stick
 - 2 DVDs
 - 120 developed photos
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BIOGRAPHY

Joseph O'Connell was a professor emeritus of the Department for the Study of Religion at St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto. He held a Bachelor with honors in History from College of the Holy Cross where he graduated in 1962 and obtained his Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1970. O'Connell's Ph.D. thesis, "Social

Implications of the Gaudiya Vaisnava Movement," studied the social and political aspects of Caitanya, Sri Krishna-Caitanya, and Avatara theology. He continued to study and teach the history of Hinduism throughout his career.

From 2002 to 2012, O'Connell was a co-architect for the Department of World Religions at Dhaka University in Bangladesh. O'Connell helped to design the department's four-year B.A. Honours as well as their one-year M.A. course. In addition to designing the program, O'Connell taught in the department on and off for the ten years that he was involved with the University.

His teaching appointments include visiting professorships at the Oxford Center for Vaisnava and Hindu Studies and Theology faculty at Oxford University from 2000-2002; the Department of World religions at Dhaka University from 2003-2011; and the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Visva-Bharati University from 2007-2008. O'Connell was appointed by St. Michael's College in 1963 and continued to work for the college until his death in 2012.

SCOPE OF FONDS

This fonds contains works, correspondences, and ephemera belonging to and about Joseph O'Connell. The fonds has six main categories of materials: Academic works written, edited or translated by Joseph O'Connell; biographical information; personal correspondence; internal documents for the Department for the Study of Religion at St. Michael's College; Class; lecture and conference notes; and materials related to the Department of World Religions at Dhaka University. Materials date from 1964 to 2012 and document O'Connell's academic career including materials from time he spent teaching at Oxford University and creating the Department for World Religions at Dhaka University.

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BOX 1: J1.1 – J1.21

File number	Title	Dates	Description
J1.1	O'Connell-Bangladesh	1988-2011	File contains essays on world religions, correspondence with University of Dhaka faculty, and contract and visa information for Joseph O'Connell.
J1.2	DU Seminar: Religion in Bengal	1994-2007	File contains course syllabi and instructor notes for 'History of World Religion in Bangladesh,' reading materials for said course, correspondence between Joseph O'Connell and Dhaka U professors, and two newspaper articles. File includes O'Connell's personal notes and instructions for teaching 'History of World Religion in Bangladesh' as well as syllabi, notes, and lectures for the course written by other professors at Dhaka University.
J1.3	Dhaka MA Programme and Miscellaneous Ephemera	2002-2008	File contains: internal communications from the World Religions department at Dhaka U; Joseph O'Connell's email correspondence before and during his 2006 trip to Dhaka; lecture plans and syllabi; three publications; news clippings; Joseph O'Connell's 2006 visa application; photographs from Dhaka U event; ephemera from university and community events. File contains the book <i>The Acharya Extraordinaire</i> by M A Halm. On the back of one photographs, Joseph O'Connell has written: "On occasion of launching the Mahdnambrata Foundation at U of Dhaka, Spring 2005/2006." Most of the ephemera seems to have been collected during O'Connell's 2006 visit. Ephemera includes flyers, invitations, and cards, mostly in Sanskrit.

J1.4	O'Connell Correspondence 2002	2001-2003	File contains visa applications and related correspondence for Joseph and Kathleen O'Connell, texts written about Kathleen and Joseph, student work, and lecture and presentation notes.
J1.5	Bangladesh Correspondence	2001-2002	File contains correspondence and news about the murder of a political activist in Dhaka. Includes news articles, and hand-written letters. File contains several emails written by Bangladeshi students in Toronto to the Prime Minister of Bangladesh. The emails have been edited by Joseph O'Connell.
J1.6	O'Connell Correspondence 1965-1972	1965-1973	File contains O'Connell's personal and professional correspondence over the span of six years.
J1.7	O'Connell Cassette Tapes	1994-1998	File contains two audio cassettes of a lecture by Gandhi, dated 1998, and one video cassette of an academic conference titled "Academic Study of Religion: Focus on the Sikh Tradition"
J1.8	O'Connell DVDs	2005	File contains two DVDs. One marked "Asia Down Under," and the other titled "Kara Alap."
J1.9	O'Connell Photographs	2001-2012	File includes photos from visit to Bangladesh visit, including a farewell ceremony for Joseph O'Connell in 2004. Other photos document a birthday party, various formal ceremonies, and an event including blind and disabled children.

J1.10	Newspaper Clippings	2002-2003	File contains various newspaper clippings from Dhaka Daily Star and The Independent as well as some hand written notes. Most clippings are related to the Iraq War or other articles discussing international politics.
J1.11	O'Connell Correspondence Matilal (1)	1980-1998	File contains correspondence with and works by Bimal Matilal, as well as an obituary written by O'Connell for Matilal.
J1.12	O'Connell Correspondence Matilal (2)	1982-1988	File contains correspondence between Joseph O'Connell and Bimal Matilal.
J1.13	Ph.D. Candidates under Joseph O'Connell and miscellaneous correspondence	1980-1996	File contains correspondence with PhD students under Joseph O'Connell's supervision, as well as requests for forwards and introductions, recommendations, editing. Names of PhD students are: Thomas Vettikal, Marianne Warren, and Ian Whicher. Some interesting items in the file are a postcard from one of O'Connell's students on exchange in India and a request from a law firm asking O'Connell to be an expert witness in a trial.
J1.14	O'Connell 's work with Ph.D. Student Brian Marvin	1984-1993	File contains letters, notes, writings and progress reports related to the work of PhD student Brian Marvin, who Joseph O'Connell supervised.
J1.15	Miscellaneous Correspondence	1991-1994	File contains miscellaneous correspondence, mostly between Joseph O'Connell and W.H. McLeod.

J1.16	South Asian Studies Material	1991-1996	File contains internal correspondence, meeting minutes and other written materials related to the South Asian Studies department.
J1.17	Conference on Sikh history and Religion in the 20 th Century	1987-1996	File contains materials relating to a conference on Sikh History and Religion in the 20th Century, including speaker's notes, itinerary and schedule. Also an introduction by O'Connell on Jain Religion course.
J1.18	O'Connell Misc. Materials- St. Michael's	1990-2003	File contains some materials related to a University investigation into Prof. Robert O'Driscoll as well as materials related to the Vedanta Society of Toronto and a Postcard.
J1.19	1994 Sikh Studies Conference	1993-1994	File contains materials related to the 1994 Sikh Studies Conference hosted by University of Toronto. The file contains programs as well as invitations and correspondence with conference presenters.
J1.20	O'Connell Correspondence 1990-2003	1990-2003	File contains miscellaneous correspondence, mostly from 1999-2003. Includes some of O'Connell's work with the Scarborough Mission's Interfaith Commission and the Mississauga Muslim centre as well as writings and correspondence related to the "Air India Case/Incident" from 2000.
J1.21	Oxford Centre for Vaisnava and Hindu Studies- 2001	1999-2001	File contains materials from when O'Connell served as a visiting professor at Oxford University for the Masters in Theology program's 'Trinity' semester (April-June 2001). Materials include correspondence regarding O'Connell's invitation to teach, accommodation and travel, lecture and conference programs, old exam questions, and correspondence with other visiting professors.

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BOX 2: J2.1 – J2.6

File Number	Title	Dates	Description
J2.1	O'Connell Biographical Material	2011-2013	File contains materials related to Joseph O'Connell's death and memorials. An envelope inside this file contains a USB stick with PowerPoint from the memorial held for O'Connell in Dhaka in 2013. File also contains an 'In Memoriam' of O'Connell by Rachel Fell McDermott, O'Connell's CV from 2011, a poem written in memory of Joseph by William Radice, a Tribute written by Matthew O'Connell for his father, Joseph O'Connell's funeral program and four newspaper obituaries.
J2.2 (5 folders see appendix)	O'Connell Papers and Published works	1996-2011	File contains works written by, translated by, or edited by Joseph O'Connell. Works include published chapters and papers, lectures, workshops, speeches and addresses, and drafts of written works. There are two publications included in this file, one is a graduate student's handbook from 1997, and the other is a small volume edited by O'Connell. See appendix for full list of items.
J2.3	Department for the Study of Religion- internal Documents	1992-1999	File contains materials related to the Department for the Study of Religion. Materials include internal communication and memorandum between faculty, as well as materials related to enrolment and exam questions.

J2.4	O'Connell Correspondence 1990-1995	1990-1995	File contains miscellaneous personal and professional correspondence. File includes two cards.
J2.5	Miscellaneous Materials 1993-94	1992-1994	File contains miscellaneous documents related to the religious studies department, University of Toronto faculty, and school of graduate studies.
J2.6	Sikh Conference	1993-1994	File contains a survey titled: "Sikh religion in Canada: Views and Practices of University Students". There is a blank questionnaire, an explanatory statement, and 6 filled out questionnaires. The file also contains materials related to the 1994 Sikh conference, such as bills and receipts, invoices, agreements, and menus.

APPENDIX 1: J2.2 DOCUMENTS

J2.2 Folder 1/5

Document Type	Document Title	Author	Year	Publication
	Religions of the World- Fourth Meeting- Indic Religious Traditions	Joseph O'Connell	n.d	
Chapter	Do Bhakti Movements Change Hindu Social Structures: The case of <i>Caitanya's Vaisnavas</i> in Bengal	Joseph O'Connell	n.d	<i>Boeings and Bullock-Carts: studies in change and continuity in Indian Civilization</i>

Paper	Caitanya's Followers and the <i>Bhagavad-gita</i> : a case study in Bhakti and the secular	Joseph O'Connell	1976	Studies in the History of Religions-Hinduism: New Essays in the History of Religions
	Sri Krisna Kirstn		n.d	
Chapter	Bengali Religions	Joseph O'Connell	n.d	
	Institutions and Institutionalizing in the <i>Caitanya Vaisnava</i> Movement: Introduction	Joseph O'Connell		
Conference	Routable: Academic Study of Religion-"Bilingual Scholarship in the study of Religion"	Joseph O'Connell	n.d	Conference: "Religion after 9/11" Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, with McGill University, Montreal
Lecture	Inevitability of Religion in the Hyper-Tech 21st Century: But what kinds of religion?	Joseph O'Connell	2009	Lecture to be given on April 23, 2009 in Chittagong'
Introduction/Editor	<i>Organizational and Institutional Aspects of Indian Religious Movements</i> : Introduction	Joseph O'Connell	1999	<i>Organizational and Institutional Aspects of Indian Religious Movements</i>

Paper	<i>Gaudiya Vaisnava</i> Symbolism of Deliverance (<i>uddhara, nistara...</i>) from Evil	Joseph O'Connell	1980	Journal of Asian and African Studies- XV, 1-2
Paper	Wilfred Cantwell Smith's Islam in Modern History: It's current pertinence in Bangladesh	Joseph O'Connell	2004	Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh- 49(1)
Paper	Introduction to Religious Studies in South Asia: the Dhaka Initiative	Joseph O'Connell	n.d	Bangladesh e-Journal of Sociology Volume X, Number X. 20XX
	The Impact of Devotion Upon the Societal Integration of Bengal	Not listed	n.d	
Draft text	"Revising Art, Architecture and Archeology as Sources for the History of Religion in Bengal" (draft text)	Joseph O'Connell	2011	
Review	Non-Renunciation: Themes and Interpretations of Hindu Culture	Joseph O'Connell	n.d	

Lecture	The 'Secular' and the 'Religious': Implications for Academic Study of Religion in Bangladesh	Joseph O'Connell	2009	New Delhi Conference "Rethinking Religion in India II: Rethinking the Secular" - Conference workshop: "How to Launch and Develop Academic Study of Religion in South Asia- does the University of Dhaka Provide a Model?"
Introduction/Editor	<i>Presenting Tagore's Heritage in Canada</i> : Introduction	Joseph O'Connell	1989	<i>Presenting Tagore's Heritage in Canada</i> (ed. Joseph O'Connell, Rasesh Thakkar, Prasanta Kumar Basu, Niladri Chaki)
Chapter (draft)	Sikh Religious Experience in Canada	Joseph O'Connell	n.d	
Paper	'Moonbeam of Loving Devotion' or <i>Prema-Bhakti-Candrika of Narottama-Dasa</i>	Joseph O'Connell	1991	Prajnajyoti - Prof. Dr. Gopikamohan Bhattacharya commemoration volume
Lecture	'Sacred story and historical context'	Joseph O'Connell	1991-2	(course) Major Religious Tradition

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Document	Document Title	Author	Year	Publication
Lecture	Gaudiya Vaisnava Community	Joseph O'Connell	1985	Dr. Biman Behari Majumdar Memorial lectures on Vaisnavism

Lecture draft	Caitanyaite Vaishnava Religion and the Biographies of Sri Caitanya (1486-1533)	Joseph O'Connell		
	n.t.	Joseph O'Connell		
	The Word 'Hindu' in Gaudiya Vaisnava Texts	Joseph O'Connell	n.d	
Paper	Psychological Readings of Religious Texts: Some Guidelines and Illustrations	Joseph O'Connell	n.d	
Poem	Flame of Devastation (<i>Pralay-Shikha</i>)			
Translation/Introduction	<i>Kirtan o Gramin Krishti'</i> (Kirtan and Village Culture)	Joseph O'Connell/ Hitesranjan Sanyal	2009	Final chapter of <i>Bangla Kirtaner Ithas (History of Bengal)</i> by Hitesranjan Sanyal
Lecture	Brahmanic religious, cultural and social systems- its fundamentals	Joseph O'Connell	2010	University of Dhaka, Department of World Religions and Cultures- History of religion in Bengal Class outline

Lecture	Notes on transition from pre-history to documented history of religion in the Bengal region	not listed	n.d	
Draft text	Theology of Comparative Religion & Comparative Theology	not listed	n.d	
Chapter	Does the Caitanya Vaisnava Movement reinforce or resist Hindu Communal Politics?	Joseph O'Connell	n.d	<i>Hindu Communal Politics</i>
Conversation?	No title	Not listed	1967	
Lecture (draft)	"Study of Religion in Bangladesh: Challenges and Opportunities	Joseph O'Connell	n.d	
Editor	Baarshik Saogaat (?)	Baarshik Saogaat (?)	n.d	
Encyclopedia entry	Caitanya- Article for <i>Encyclopedia of Religion</i>	Joseph O'Connell		

Paper	Religious movements and Social Structures: The Case of Chaitanya's Vaisnavas in Bengal	Joseph O'Connell	1993	Institute of the Advanced Study Rashtrapani Nivas, Shimla- 17 1004
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Document	Document Title	Author	Year	Publication
Chapter	<i>Gaudiya Vaisnava</i> Symbolism of Deliverance (<i>uddhara, nistara...</i>) from Evil	Joseph O'Connell	1981	International Studies in Sociology and Social Anthropology general editor K. Ishwaran volume XXXI Jayant Lele Tradition NS Modernity in Bhakti Movements
Chapter	Vyabhicari-bhavas in the Ujjvalanilamani of Rupa Gosvamin	Joseph O'Connell	n.d	<i>Ancient Indian History, Philosophy and Culture</i>
Translation/Introduction	Ragavartmacandrika of Visvanatha Cakravartin	Joseph O'Connell	n.d	<i>A corpus of Indian Studies- Essays in Honor of Professor Gaurinath Sastri</i>
Lecture	Traditional Jain Approaches to Religious Dialogue and Debate and their Contemporary Applications	Joseph O'Connell	1997	Lecture for the North American Jain Conference, Toronto

Draft of paper	Professor Ghulam Azam: Controversial Icon of Jama' At- E-Islami Bangladesh	Joseph O'Connell	n.d	
Speaker introduction	Syed Ali Ahsan introduction	Not listed	2010	
Lecture	untitled paper	Joseph O'Connell		Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting Session one: Hindu-Muslim relating in Bangladesh. "Voicing Islamic Values in Bangladesh: Four Diverse Perspectives- Ghulam Azam (politician), Shah Abdul Hannan (economist), Abul Fazal (novelist) Syed Ali Ashan (poet)"
Lecture	Abul Fazal of Chittagong: Religious Humanist and Secular Citizen	Joseph O'Connell	n.d	
Commentator	"Toronto's Boi Bela/ Book Fair is One Year Old and Growing!" Comments by Joseph O'Connell	Joseph O'Connell	n.d	

Document	Document Title	Author	Year	Publication
Draft	Vyabhicari-bhavas in the Ujjvalanilamani of Rupa Gosvamin	Joseph O'Connell	n.d	
Chapter	Sikh Studies in North America: A Field Guide	Joseph O'Connell	n.d	<i>Sikh Studies in North America</i>
Paper (presentation)	Characteristics of a Religious Biography with Special Reference to the Caitaya Bhagabat of Brinden Das	Joseph O'Connell	1966	Comparative Literature Departmental Seminar, Jadavpur University
	Ragavartmacandrika of Visvanatha Cakravartin			
Paper	Dilemmas of Secularism in Bangladesh	Joseph O'Connell		Journal of Asian and African Studies, XI, 1-2
	Abdur Rahim, Translated (with condensation) from Anisuzzaman, Muslim Manas o Bamlā Sahitya	not listed	n.d	

Paper	Biographies of Caitanya as Sources for Physcological Study of Religion	Joseph O'Connell	n.d	
Paper	Jati-Vaisnavas of Bengal: 'Subcaste' (<i>Jati</i>) without 'caste' (<i>Varna</i>)	Joseph O'Connell	1982	Journal of Asian and African Studies XVII, 3-4, 1982
Paper or case study	Breakdown of Family Trust: Including the Case History of Debbie Didgeon (Roman Catholic)	Joseph O'Connell	n.d	Religious Liberty in Canada. Document series no.1: Deprogramming and media coverage of new religions. Ed. M. Darrol Bryant
Chapter	The Fate of Sikh Studies in North America	Joseph O'Connell	1996	<i>The Transmission of Sikh Heritage in the Diaspora</i> ed. Pashaura Singh, N. Gerald Barrier
Book Review	Review: <i>The Sword and the Flute: Kali and Krsna, Dark Visions of The Terrible and the Sublime in Hindu Mythology</i> by David Kinsley	Joseph O'Connell	1976	Journal of Asian studies
Book Review	Review: <i>Krishna, the Butter Thief.</i> By John Stratton Hawley.			Journal of American Academy of Religion

Book Review	Review: <i>Modern Indian Responses to Religious Pluralism</i> . Ed. Harold G. Coward		1990	Philosophy East and West- A quarterly of Asian and Comparative Thought, Vol XL, No.3
Lecture	Swaminarayan Talk-- Teaching and Studying Hindu Religion in the University	Joseph O'Connell	1990	
Chapter	Were Caitanya's Vaisnavas really Sahajiyas? The case of Ramananda Raya	Joseph O'Connell	1989	<i>Shaping Bengali Worlds, Public and Private</i> ed. Tony K. Stewart
Article	The word 'Hindu' in Gaudiya Vaisnava Texts	Joseph O'Connell	1973	Journal of American Oriental Society 93.3
Paper	Sikh Studies and Studies of Sikhs in Canada	Joseph O'Connell	1986	Studies in Sikhism and Comparative Religion (New Delhi) Vol. 5 no.2
Review/article	Hill Study Raises Questions	Joseph O'Connell	1980	From the ... of the Toronto School of Theology ... (vol.10 no.4)
Translation	" <i>The Temple and the Mosque</i> " and essay by the poet Nazrul Islam. Translated by Joseph O'Connell	Joseph O'Connell, Nazrul Islam	1971	St. Michael's College Journal (fall 1971) Toronto

Book Review	Review, <i>The Legend of Krishna</i> by Nigel Frith	Joseph O'Connell	n.d	Journal of Asian studies
Book Review	Review, <i>The Evolution of Hindu Ethical Ideas</i> by s. Cromwell Cawford	Joseph O'Connell	1984	Journal of Indian Philosophy
Paper (introduction only)	Renewing Caitanyaite Bhakti: Babajis and the Pathabari Ashram	Joseph O'Connell		
Newspaper article	Letter to the Editor- "Bengali Leaders"	Joseph O'Connell	1971	The Toronto Star
Commentator	Baarshik Saogaat- 'New Years Gifts', Introduction	Joseph O'Connell	n.d	
Prologue	Veda-ness of Itihasa-purana"	Joseph O'Connell	1980	(Sri) Radhagovinda Nath, <i>Gauriya Vaisnava-Darsana</i> vol.1
Interview	"Embracing Complexity"	Joseph O'Connell, Mubin S Kahn	2007	New Age Xtra
Paper	Religious Studies in South Asia amid Secularist-Communalist Tensions: Focus on Bangladesh	Joseph O'Connell	2010	

Paper	How can Religion be Studied in South Asian Universities? Or should it be?	Joseph O'Connell	2011	
Paper	Historicity in Biographies of Caitanya	Joseph O'Connell	n.d	
Lecture	Bengali Vaisnava bhakti and Rabindranath's <i>manusher dharma</i> : Resonance and Dissonance	Joseph O'Connell	2011	
Workshop paper	"The Secular and Religious: Implications for the Academic Study of Religion in Bangladesh"	Joseph O'Connell	2009	New Delhi Conference "Rethinking Religion in India II: Rethinking the Secular" Conference workshop "How to Launch and Develop Academic Study of Religion in South Asia- does the University of Dhaka Provide a model?"

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Document	Document Title	Author	Year	Publication
Lecture	Krishnadasa Kaviraja's Caitanya-Caritamrta: It's Characteristics as a sacred biography	Joseph O'Connell	2011	OCHS Seminar Session- Seminar 1

Paper	Tracing Vaishnava Strains in Tagore	Joseph O'Connell		
Paper	Hindu Views on Human Person and Human Rights	not listed		
Lecture	Krishnadasa Kaviraja's Caitanya-Caritamrta: Assessing and maximizing its value as a witness to contemporary or 'recently' past historical phenomena	Joseph O'Connell	2011	OCHS Seminar Session - seminar 2
Talk	Keynote Address	Joseph O'Connell	2010	Department of World Religions and Culture, University of Dhaka- Consultation on Prospects for Dialogue and Religious studies in South Asian universities
	Toward a History of Religion in the Bengal Region	Joseph O'Connell		
Paper	Academic study of religion in Bangladesh: challenges and opportunities	Joseph O'Connell		

Paper	Wilfred Cantwell Smith's Islam in Modern History: It's current pertinence in Bangladesh	Joseph O'Connell	2004	Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh vol49 no.1
Postscript	Postscript: The View from Toronto	Joseph O'Connell	1988	
Ph.D. Dissertation	Caitanya, Sri Krishna-Caitanya 500 years. Avatara theology. Krishna of faith and Caitanya of history. Merge in Caitanya as avatara in form of bhakti. Complexity of Caitanya's behaviours. Multiplicity of cantage points and interpretations in biographies	Joseph O'Connell	1970	<i>Social Implications of the Gaudiaya Vaisnava Movement</i> , Joseph O'Connell PhD dissertation, Appendix 2
Lecture	Jain and Hindu Ethics Seminar	Joseph O'Connell		
Article summary	Summary of Matilal's article 'Moral Dilemmas: Insights from Indian Epics'	not listed		

Paper?	Myth in Pursuit of History: First and last biographies of Caitanya	Joseph O'Connell		
Paper	Traditional Hindu views on Human Rights and Human Duties	Joseph O'Connell	1990	Journal of Religious Understanding
Talk	Remarks prepared for the Toronto Mahvihara Society (Vesak Celebration)	Joseph O'Connell	1991	Ethical relevance of Buddhism Today
Talk/workshop	Comparing Jain and Hindu Ethics	Joseph O'Connell	1999	Talk for Jain retreat
	Murari Gupta Caitanya Caritamrita- Bengali Translation	not listed	n.d	
Research proposal	Socio-religious movements and cultural Networks in Indian Civilization- research proposal "Caitanyaite Vaishnava Sadhana"	Joseph O'Connell	n.d	
	Vyabhicari-bhavas in the Ujjvalanilamani of Rupa Gosvamin			Ancient Indian History, Philosophy and Culture- Essays in memory of Prof. Radhagovinda Basak Vidyavacaspati

Handbook	Centre for the Study of Religion- Graduate Studies Handbook	not listed	1997- 8	
Publication	Bengali Immigrants- A Community in Transition	multiple	1985	