

PERSONAL PARTICULARS
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EDUCATION
Ph.D. (Comparative Literature) University of Michigan
M.A. (Indian Languages and Literatures, Psychology) Hebrew University of Jerusalem
B.A. (Indian Languages and Literatures, Psychology) Hebrew University of Jerusalem
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
2007 - current Postdoctoral Fellow, Columbia University
2000 - 2004 (part time) Graduate Student Instructor for Asian Studies and Comparative Literature courses, University of Michigan
1994 - 1997 (part time) Facilitator at the School for Peace, Neve Shalom/Wahat al Salam, Israel
AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST
Topic: Islam, literature, translation Geographical area: Indonesia, India
PROPOSED WORK WHILE AT ARI
I plan to revise my dissertation into a book. It is a study of conversion to Islam in South and Southeast Asia examined through the lenses of literary transmission, translation and linguistic change, and is based on sources in Javanese, Malay and Tamil. I will also begin a new project on the transition from manuscript culture to print in nineteenth century Java.
PUBLICATIONS
Book Chapter
Forthcoming "From Jewish Disciple to Muslim Guru: On Literary and Religious Transformations in Late Nineteenth Century Java". Forthcoming in Michael Feener and Terenjit Sevea. eds., <i>Recentering Islam: Islamic Linkages Between South and Southeast Asia</i> (Singapore: Institute for Southeast Asian Studies). "Saving Tamil Muslims from the Torments of Hell: Vannaparimalap Pulavar's <i>Book of One Thousand Questions</i> ". Forthcoming in Barbara D. Metcalf, ed. <i>South Asian Islam in Practice</i> (Princeton University Press). 2006 "Shared Stories: Islamic Teachings in Javanese Literature" in Michael Pye, Edith Franke, Alef Theria Wasim and Abdurrahman Mas'ud, eds. <i>Religious Harmony: Problems, Practice and Education</i> (Berlin:Walter de Gruyter Publishers) 137-147. In English and Indonesian.
Published Translation
2000 <i>Sipuro shel Ets Hatamarhindi</i> . Hebrew translation of Sundara Ramaswamy's modern Tamil novel <i>Oru Puliymarattin Kathai</i> . (Tel Aviv: Hakibbutz Hame'uchad)