

# AARON MULVANY

## Curriculum Vitae

### EDUCATION

- 2011 Ph.D. South Asian Studies, University of Pennsylvania
- 2000 M.A. Ethnomusicology, Wesleyan University
- 1996 B.A. Music and History, Hampshire College

### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2015 - Habib University, Director of Academic Performance and Summer Programs
- 2014 - 2015 Habib University, Director of Academic Systems
- 2012 - Habib University, Social Development and Policy, Assistant Professor

### VISITING APPOINTMENTS

- 2014 (Spring) Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Social Sciences and the Liberal Arts, Visiting Assistant Professor

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Refereed Journals

- 2014 "Water control in South Asia: an introduction," *Water History* 6(2). DOI 10.1007/s12685-014-0107-5
- 2014 "Policy Legends and Water Policy in the Union Territory of Puducherry," *Water History* 6(2). DOI 10.1007/s12685-013-0081-3
- 2013 "High Dudgeon: Crafting Affective Narratives from (semi-) Official Texts," *RMN Newsletter 7: Limited Sources, Boundless Possibilities*, 85-93.
- 2012 "From Resilience to Reliance: State Disruption of Traditional Flood Mitigation Strategies," *Narodna Umjetnost* 49(1): 23-40.
- 2012 "The Colonial Foundations of Contemporary Flood Response in the Union Territory of Pondicherry," *Exploring History* 3(1): 25-48.

#### Edited Volumes

- 2005 "Does Humor Belong in Nationalism: Reading Frank Zappa Through a Nationalist Lens," in *Rock & Roll and Nationalism: A Multinational Perspective*. Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK: Cambridge Scholars Press.

## **Book Reviews**

- 2012 *Tsunami Recovery in Sri Lanka: Ethnic and Regional Dimensions*, Dennis B. McGilvray and Michelle R. Gamburd (eds.), *Journal of Global and International Studies* 4(1): 136-138.
- 2012 *Economy, Difference, Empire: Social Ethics for Social Justice* by Gary Dorrien, *The Journal of Global and International Studies* 3: 2 (April 2012), pp. 138-140.
- 2012 *Music as History in Tamil Nadu*, by T.K. Venkatasubramanian, *Itinerario* 36(1): 114-116. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0165115312000435>
- 2011 *The Flaming Feet and Other Essays* by D.R. Nagaraj, *The Journal of Folklore Research Reviews*.
- 2011 *Gossip and the Everyday Production of Politics* by N. Besnier, *Western Folklore* 70(3/4).

## **Web-based**

- 2013 Review of *Everyday Life in South Asia*, Diane P. Mines and Sarah Lamb (eds.), New Asia Books, <http://www.newasiabooks.org/review/all-walks-life>

## **Articles Accepted for Publication**

- Forthcoming "Folklore, History and Lived Experience," *Tārikh*

## **Manuscripts Under Preparation**

- 2014 *Flood of Memories: Memory, History, and Water Policy in Southern India*

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2013 Shortlisted for International Convention of Asia Scholars  
Best Dissertation Prize (ICAS 8)
- 2013 Habib University Foundation Continuing Research Grant
- 2010 Summer Research Grant, Center for the Advanced Study of India
- 2010 Kenneth S. Goldstein Award for Folklore Research

## **INVITED TALKS**

- 2014 "Historically Grounded: the Foundations of Flood Resilience in Modern Pondicherry," IBA, Karachi, Pakistan.
- 2010 "Habitats not Housing: -etic/-emic distinctions in post-tsunami community rehabilitation," University of Pondicherry, India.

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

### Chair

- 2014 "Present Policy, Absent Policy: Ethnographies of Policy-Making in South Asia," Annual Conference of the American Anthropological Association (Washington, DC), December 4-7.
- 2014 "Colonial Frames and Postcolonial Resistance," 2nd Annual Postcolonial Higher Education Conference (Karachi), October 25.

### Moderator/ Discussant

- 2014 "Climate Change in the Local Context," First Karachi Climate Change Conference, January 24-25.
- 2013 "Universities and Dominant Knowledge," 1st Annual Postcolonial Higher Education Conference (Karachi), October 19.
- 2013 "Local Communities and the Creation of Public Space," First International Karachi Conference, November 1-3.

### Papers Presented

- 2014 "In Good Faith: Accommodation of Religious Practice at Pakistani HEIs," Annual Conference of the American Anthropological Association (Washington, DC), December 4-7.
- 2013 "Government as NGO: PIA in the Union Territory of Puducherry," The Future of NGO Studies Conference (Chicago), November 19-21.
- 2012 "Them and Us: Language as Frontier in Global Heavy Metal," Annual Conference of the American Anthropological Association (San Francisco), November 13-18.
- 2012 "The Effects of Policy Myths on Flood Mitigation," International Meeting of the Society for the History of Technology (Copenhagen), October 4-7.
- 2012 "De-colonization/Re-colonization: Changing Regimes in the Indian Post-Colonies," French Colonial Historical Society Meeting (New Orleans), May 30-June 2.
- 2011 "New Fisher Habitats in Pondicherry: Post-disaster Housing Rehabilitation in the Union Territory of Pondicherry," Moynihan Post Disaster Recovery Conference (Syracuse), April 15 .
- 2010 "To Moytura We Return: How Contemporary Heavy Metal Proclaimed a Pagan Past," Annual Meeting of American Folklore Society (Nashville), October 13-16.
- 2010 "Flood and Natural Risk Management in *les Établissements français de l'Inde*: 1699-1828," Water History Conference (Delft, The Netherlands), June 16-19.
- 2010 "...and the 'net saw it was good: Digital Publics 1995-2000," American Comparative Literature Association Annual Meeting (New Orleans), April 1-4.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **Habib University**

Development and Social Change  
What is Modernity?  
Ethics and Methods of Research  
Catastrophe and Culture  
Rhetoric and Communication

### **Institute of Business Administration**

Fundamentals of Social Science Research

### **University of Pennsylvania**

Pre-Modern India

City in South Asia  
Introduction to Folklore  
Cinema in South Asia

### **Wesleyan University**

Steel Drum Ensemble  
Beginning Solkattu

### **Hampshire College**

Music and Ritual  
Introduction to World Music  
Steel Drum Ensemble

## SERVICE TO PROFESSION

2014- Network Editor, H-Asia  
2013-2014 Guest Editor, *Water History*, special issue on South Asia  
2013 Contributing reviewer, [dissertationreviews.org](http://dissertationreviews.org)

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Academic Regulatory Committee (Chair), 2014 - present  
Policy Review Subcommittee, 2013 - 2014  
Academic Planning Committee, 2012 - 2013  
Faculty Liaison to School of Science and Engineering, 2013-2014  
Student Planning Team, faculty liaison, 2013  
Learning Management System Development and Implementation Subcommittee, 2012-2014

## LANGUAGES

Tamil (advanced speaking; intermediate reading)  
German (advanced reading; intermediate speaking)  
French (reading only)  
Dutch (reading with dictionary)  
Urdu (currently learning)