

Curriculum Vitae

Name: UMAKANTA MISHRA

Designation: **LECTURER**

Subject: **HISTORY**

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Professional Experience:

(Starting with the most recent)

1. Working as a lecturer in the Department of History, Ravenshaw University since March 2010
2. Worked as Regional Coordinator, American India Foundation, an INGO in the field of technology-aided education in government High Schools of Orissa from 2007 July to March 2010
3. Worked as a UNDP consultant to Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt of India as a consultant of PESA from November 2006-July 2007
4. Worked as a Deputy Country Coordinator in the Religion and Development Research program, in Centre for Study of Social System, School of Social Sciences as part of a DFID funded project on Religion and Development, headed by Birmingham University,

Education:

- M. Phil (1997) and Ph. D (2005) in Ancient Indian History from Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Title of Ph. D: Buddhism and Maritime Networks in Early Medieval Coastal Orissa.
- MA (History) with a first class from Utkal University, Bhubaneswar in 1994
- BA with History as Honours subject from Ravenshaw College, Utkal University in 1992 with a first class.

Area (s) of specialization: (Five Lines)

- Buddhist iconography
- Maritime archaeology
- State Formation in different societies
- Study of elections.

Publications:

1. **Books:** (Five maximum with ISBN Number, Publication House, Year, Place)

Vajrayana Buddhism- Study in Social Iconography, Pratibha Prakashan, New Delhi, 2009

2. **Research Papers in Peer Reviewed Journals:**

- I. _____(1997) Lucy Blue, Eric Kentley, Sean McGrail and Umakant Mishra (1997): "The Patia Fishing Boat of Orissa: A Case Study in Ethnoarchaeology", *South Asian Studies*, Volume 13: 189-207.
URL: <http://www.basas.org.uk/journal/issues/v13.htm>
- II. (2002) "Terrorism – A Psychological Study," *Journal of Peace Studies*, vol. 9, Issue 1, 2002.

Link: <http://www.icpsnet.org/description.php?ID=237>

3. Chapters in Edited Books:

- i. (2011) Vajrayana Buddhism as a religion of laities in 5th -12th centuries Orissa (India)" in Birendra Prasad (ed) *Monasteries, Shrines and Society: Buddhist and Brahmanical Religious Institutions in India in their Socio-Economic Context*, Delhi: Manak Publications
- ii. (2008) "Religion in the making of modern India: A Historical Profile" in *India: Some reviews of Literature related to Religions and Development*, Working paper 10, Religion and Development Research Program, Birmingham University, 2008: 19-42.
URL:
http://www.rad.bham.ac.uk/files/resourcesmodule/@random454f80f60b3f4/1226574606_working_paper_10__web_version.pdf
- iii. 2008) Some Demographic aspects of the religious communities of India, in *India: Some reviews of Literature related to Religions and Development*, Working paper 10, *Religion and Development Research program*, Birmingham University: 43-62.
- iv. (2000) "An Ethnographic Study of the Fishermen and their Boats: Its Importance in the Maritime Archaeology of Ancient Orissa," in K K Basa & Pradeep Mohanty(eds.) *Archaeology of Orissa*, Pratibha Prakashan, New Delhi: 614-635

Forthcoming

- v. "Multiple Gods, Goddesses and Buddhas- Locating Buddhism in the religious dynamics of early medieval Orissa" in Herman Kulke, Nivedita Mohanty, et. al (eds) *Imaging Orissa*, Prafulla Pathagar (Forthcoming)

Conference Presentations: International (Maximum-10); National (Maximum-10)

- "Some Indigenous Plank Boats of Orissa Coast" in International Conference held in **Lyon, France** on the 'Seafaring Communities of the Indian Ocean (4th century BC - 15th century AD)' from 1st to 7th July 1996.
- "Early historical material culture of Orissa," in International Workshop on *Archaeology as History*, India International Centre, **New Delhi**, 6-8 March 2002.
- "Conceptualising Interreligious Equations between Brahmanical religions and Buddhism in the poly-religious landscape of Orissa," in International

Conference on Buddhist heritage of Gujarat, MS University, **Varoda**, 15-17 January, 2010.

Conferences/ Workshops/ Training Programs Organized: (Five major & recent ones)

Research Projects, Evaluation Research, Consultancies: (Five major & recent ones)

Nil

Advisory & Editorial Boards:

Honours, Fellowships: Junior Research Fellowship 1994

Membership in Professional Bodies: Indian History Congress, ISPQS, IABS (International Association of Buddhist Studies)

Personal Information:

Born on April 16, 1973, I am married and have one son.