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* “Digging Wells While Houses Burn? Writing Histories of Hinduism in a Time of Identity Politics,” *History and Theory* 45:4 (2006), pp. 104-31. This article is an expansion on my statement above, and a rejoinder to the anti-historical methods of the Hindu nationalists, the Subaltern School, and much of the History of Religions approach to South Asian religions.
* *Kiss of the Yogini: “Tantric Sex” in its South Asian Contexts* (University of Chicago Press, 2003). It was ritual transactions in sexual fluids between human practitioners and superhuman female beings called Yoginis that gave Tantra its specificity in medieval South Asian religions.
* *Tantra in Practice* (Princeton University Press, 2000). I am the editor of this volume, as well as the author of its introductory essay, "Tantra in Practice: Mapping a Tradition."
* *The Alchemical Body: Siddha Traditions in Medieval India* (University of Chicago Press, 1996). Between the tenth and fourteenth centuries, the alchemical, hathayogic and erotico-mystical practices of religious sects and orders who called themselves Siddhas were mutually informing.

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