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### About Brian Hatcher



Brian Hatcher is Professor of Religion and Humanities in the Department of Religion at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Professor Hatcher teaches courses on Asian religious literature and practice, the Hindu religious tradition, Buddhism in India and Tibet, Hindu-Christian encounter, and the interpretation of religious experience.

Professor Hatcher holds graduate degrees from Yale University (M.Div.) and Harvard University (M.A. and Ph.D.). He is the author of *Idioms of Improvement: Vidyasagar and Cultural Encounter in Bengal* (Oxford University Press, 1996) and *Eclecticism and Modern Hindu Discourse* (Oxford University Press, 1999). His other publications include studies of Sanskrit pandits in colonial Bengal, issues in the historiography of modern Bengal, and selected topics in the development of modern Hinduism. In addition, he has published a variety of translations from Sanskrit and Bengali, including several short stories by Saradindu Bandyopadhyay.

Professor Hatcher's on-going research interests include transformations in the lives and activities of Sanskrit pandits in colonial Bengal and the hermeneutics of religious reform among members of the early Brahma Samaj.

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