

NEW TREASURER FOR AIBS



It is my great pleasure to announce Dr. Rachel McDermott as the newly elected Treasurer for the American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (AIBS).

Dr. McDermott is a Professor of Asian and Middle Eastern Cultures in the Department of Religion at Barnard College, Columbia University. Her scholarly work focuses on South Asia, especially India and Bangladesh.

She received her B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1981, her M.Div. from Harvard Divinity School in 1984, and her Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1993.

Her research interests focus on Bengal (eastern India and Bangladesh) and she has extensive publications on the Hindu-goddess-centered religious traditions from that part of the subcontinent. Her current research project is on Kazi Nazrul Islam, who is both a “Rebel Poet” of India and the National Poet of Bangladesh.

She is also committed to the study of comparative religion, and teaches comparative courses in which important religious themes are traced across cultures.

Professor McDermott served as the Secretary of AIBS for two consecutive terms in the past, and currently represents Columbia University on the AIBS Board of Trustees since 2005.

Please join me in welcoming Professor Rachel Fell McDermott, the newly elected Treasurer of AIBS for the period of October 2019-September 2022.

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