

# Giles Wilkeson Gray Lecture Series



Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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3:30 p.m.

Student Union Atchafalaya Room



# Contemporary Indian (Hindu) Nationalism, Gender, and the 'Clean India' Movement

a lecture about the links between nationalism, gender, and a Hindu modernity that is being forged in contemporary India

Dr. Raka Shome

## PREVIOUS GRAY LECTURERS

**2018**

Richard Schechner  
*New York University*

**2017**

Michael Roloff  
*Northwestern University*

**2016**

Charles E. Morris III  
*Syracuse University*

**2015**

Carole Blair  
*University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

**2014**

Leslie A. Baxter  
*University of Iowa*

**2013**

Deidre McCloskey  
*University of Illinois at Chicago*

**2012**

Charles R. Berger  
*University of California, Davis*

**2011**

Tim Miller  
*Internationally Acclaimed Performance Artist*

**2010**

Robert Cox  
*University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

**2009**

Peter Andersen  
*San Diego State University*

**2008**

Philip Auslander  
*Georgia Institute of Technology*

**2006**

Linda Putman  
*Texas A&M University*

**2005**

Mary Frances Hopkins  
*Louisiana State University*

**2004**

Karlyn Kohrs Campbell  
*University of Minnesota*

**2003**

Della Pollock  
*University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

**2002**

Howard Giles  
*University of California, Santa Barbara*

**2001**

Ronald H. Carpenter  
*University of Florida*

**2000**

Paul Gray  
*University of Texas*

**1999**

Brant Burselson  
*Purdue University*

**1998**

Barbara Warnick  
*University of Washington*

**1997**

James McCroskey  
*West Virginia University*

**1996**

Richard Leo Enos  
*Texas Christian University*

**1995**

Robert M. O'Neil  
*The Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression*

**1994**

Robert Ivie  
*Indiana University*

**1993**

George Gerbner  
*The Annenberg School of Communication*

**1992**

Beverly Whitaker Long  
*University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

**1991**

Charles Guggenheim  
*Guggenheim Productions, Inc., Washington, D.C.*

**1990**

Lloyd F. Bitzer  
*University of Wisconsin - Madison*

**1989**

Kathleen Hall Jamieson  
*University of Texas at Austin*

**1988**

Thomas O. Sloane  
*University of California, Berkeley*

**1987**

Bruce E. Gronbeck  
*University of Iowa*

**1986**

George A. Kennedy  
*University of North Carolina*

**1985**

Franklyn S. Haiman  
*Northwestern University*



## Dr. Raka Shome

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Dr. Raka Shome is a Senior Visiting Fellow in Communication and New Media at the National University of Singapore. Beginning in fall 2019, she will serve as the Harron Family Endowed Chair in the Department of Communication at Villanova University. Her research is in areas of nationalism, postcoloniality, non-western modernities, transnational feminism, and the global south. In addition to receiving numerous awards from the National Communication Association, Dr. Shome's interdisciplinary and path-breaking research has been published and reprinted in some of the premier journals and anthologies in the fields of communication, media, and cultural studies. Her 2014 book with University of Illinois Press, titled *Diana and Beyond: White Femininity, National Identity, and Contemporary Media Culture*, investigates how postcolonial relations in contemporary western cultures are mediated through images of white femininity. Her current work examines the rhetorical logics and political tensions at play in contemporary discourses of Indian nationalism and Hindu fundamentalism. Dr. Shome has previously served as a full-time faculty member at the London School of Economics and Political Science, Arizona State University, and University of Washington.

# Giles Wilkeson Gray Lecture Series

The late **Giles Wilkeson Gray**, professor emeritus of the Department of Speech at LSU, was born in Shelbyville, Indiana, on December 11, 1889. He received a B.A. from DePauw University in 1914, an M.A. from the University of Wisconsin in 1923, and a Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in 1926.

After teaching at the University of Illinois and the University of Iowa, he came to the Department of Speech at LSU, where he remained until his retirement in 1960. He held visiting professorships at the University of Wisconsin, the University of Georgia, St. Louis University, and the University of California, Berkeley.

Gray was active in the Speech Association of America. He was a member of the council of the association from 1938 to 1944, editor of the *Quarterly Journal of Speech* from 1939 to 1941, and served as president of the Southern Speech

Association from 1936 to 1937. One of his important contributions to the speech association was completion of the 50-year index to the *Quarterly Journal of Speech* and *Speech Monographs*. He published original scholarship in speech science, public address, speech education, parliamentary law, and linguistics.

While at LSU, he coauthored—with C. M. Wise—the widely recognized *Bases of Speech* and—with Waldo W. Braden—*Public Speaking: Principles and Practice*. He brought to his classes a broad knowledge of speech and its place in democratic society. In 1932 he established one of the early laboratories in speech science and experimental phonetics. He directed 37 theses and 14 dissertations.

Gray died August 27, 1972. His teaching and scholarship extended far beyond the department at LSU. As few others have done, he shaped an entire professional field, expanding its knowledge, directing its focus, and endowing its permanent values.

