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Dr. Vasudha Narayanan received the Master of Arts (Phil.) and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Bombay. She has served as President and Chair of the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Religion, as President of the Society for Hindu-Christian Studies, and on the Executive Committee of the American Institute of Indian Studies. She has given presentations at the Chautauqua Institution, Harvard University, the National Press Club, the Pontifical Academy of Sciences at the Vatican, the Smithsonian Institution, and the World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions. The University of Florida honored Dr. Narayanan as Teacher-Scholar of the Year for 2010.

Dr. Narayanan is an accomplished scholar who specializes in Hindu traditions in India and beyond, including Cambodia and America. She is the founding director of the Center for the Study of Hindu Traditions at the University of Florida, the first interdisciplinary center of its kind in the United States, and has published numerous scholarly works on Hinduism, including co-editing the six-volume *Brill's Encyclopedia of Hinduism*. She has also written or presented on other Indian religious groups, including Jains and Sikhs, and on topics ranging from gender to ecology to monastic life to interreligious dialogue.

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