

Faculty Senate Resolution 2008-09 - X

Whereas Dr. Schweig has developed a powerful national and international reputation in the fields of Comparative Religion, the History and Philosophy of Yoga, Hinduism and Religions of India, Sanskrit Language and Literature, and Love Mysticism in World religions among other fields, evidenced by his groundbreaking translations of classical sacred Sanskrit texts and by national and international requests that he speak, consult, assess and serve at esteemed institutions such as the Smithsonian Institution, Princeton University, the University of Wales, Oxford University, and Gothenborg University in Sweden, among others; and

Whereas Dr. Schweig offers an exceptional record of scholarship, having published 5 books (with three more under contract and three more proposed), 10 book chapters, five forewords, nine encyclopedia articles, and 12 monographs; and

Whereas Dr. Schweig contributes his scholarly expertise in meaningful and powerful service to the greater community and society as evidenced by his frequent invitations to teach courses and all-day seminars at the Smithsonian Institution, by his service as workshop leader at many yoga centers in **not only Hampton Roads but also regionally, nationally, and internationally**, and by creating, directing and hosting university-wide annual lecture series in American Judaism and Indic Studies, bringing to CNU internationally renowned speakers three times a year; and

Whereas Dr. Schweig, beloved and admired as a teacher, makes the study of religion “active and intoxicating,” and inspires students to analytic, reflective, and integrative thought; and

Whereas Dr. Schweig is a “brilliant and inspiring mentor” to CNU students both inside and outside the classroom, guiding students in personalized learning in the intensive and specialized study of religion, supporting students learning the arts and methods of research writing, and coaching students in applications to 1st tier graduate programs in religion; and

Therefore let it be resolved that the Faculty Senate of Christopher Newport University recognizes Dr. Schweig as an exemplary teacher-scholar and deems him an exquisitely meritorious member of our academic community.