



The Fourth Annual Presentation in the
JAY NATHAN, PH.D. VISITING SCHOLAR LECTURE SERIES

India: Ancient. Culture. Democracy.

A Panel Discussion with Reception to Follow

Wednesday, March 29, 2017 • 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Moskovitz Theater, The DeNaples Center
The University of Scranton, Pennsylvania

At the conclusion of the Panel Discussion, Kadhambari Sridhar will perform traditional dance.

A reception will follow the performance.

The evening is free of charge and open to the public but reservations are encouraged.

Please register at scranton.edu/JayNathanLecture or call Kym Balthazar Fetsko at 570.941.7816.

The Jay Nathan, Ph.D. Visiting Scholar Lecture Series

The Jay Nathan, Ph.D. Visiting Scholar Lecture Series invites international scholars from the emerging democracies and the countries in political and economic transition to visit The University of Scranton to address issues that will enlighten and benefit students, faculty and community-at-large. Its purpose is to enrich the intellectual life or share a cultural exposition in the arts or music for both The University of Scranton and our Northeastern Pennsylvania community.

This annual lecture initiative will highlight the research and contributions of guest scholars of international repute who will visit the University to discuss timely and timeless subjects. While visiting campus, scholars will deliver presentations on topics of interest to the academic community and meet informally with attendees, students and faculty.

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AMBASSADOR RIVA GANGULY DAS, *Consul General of India,* joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1986. She is a Post Graduate in Political Science from Delhi University. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, she was a Lecturer at Delhi University. Her first posting was in Spain. Thereafter, she

was at Headquarters dealing with External Publicity, Nepal and Passport/Visa work. She was Head of the Cultural Wing of the Indian High Commission in Dhaka. After her return from Dhaka, she took over as Director at the United Nations Economic and Social Affairs Division and participated in environmental negotiations, particularly climate change. She was the Deputy Chief of Mission in the Embassy of India, The Hague. She also served as Consul General of India in Shanghai from 2008 to 2012. After her return from China, she headed the Public Diplomacy Division and later the Latin America & Caribbean Division in the Ministry of External Affairs. Before joining as Consul General of India in New York, she was Ambassador of India to Romania, Albania & Moldova with residence in Bucharest.



DR. MANOJ KUMAR MOHAPATRA, *Deputy Consul General of India to New York,* is a ranking diplomat of the Indian Foreign Service with experience of over 14 years in a variety of interesting and challenging assignments. Soon after joining the Indian Foreign Service in 2000, he served as Third

Secretary in the Embassy of India in Berlin until 2005 where apart from learning the German language; he familiarized himself with work at the Political Section of the Embassy. In 2006-2007, he served at the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi as the Desk Officer for India's bilateral relations with Bangladesh. From 2008 to 2014, he served as the First Secretary and Counsellor in the Indian diplomatic Missions in Budapest and Dhaka respectively, where he held the charge of political and commercial relations between India and these countries. He became the Deputy Consul General of India to New York in 2014.



DARLA GERMEROOTH, PH.D., *Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences,* has participated in the Jay Nathan Visiting Scholar Lecture Series since its inauguration in 2014 and is honored to serve as moderator for our distinguished guests from India. Dr. Germeroth is also a faculty member in the

Department of Communication.



DR. JAY NATHAN, *tenured Professor of Management at St. John's University.* Previously Dr. Nathan served as a tenured professor in the Kania School of Management at the University of Scranton. He has earned M.B.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Cincinnati. He was

a recipient of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research Fellowship in India; and Fulbright Senior Scholar Awards to Thailand, Poland, Kazakhstan, and Mongolia. His commitment to global initiatives is evident as editor of the Journal of Global Awareness, and as a lifetime member and past president of the Global Awareness Society International, and also since January of 2017, by his service on the Board of Directors of the Fulbright Association.

KADHAMBARI SRIDHAR, *Dancer,* is a dance student of Guru Malini Srinivasan, a NYC based Bharatanatyam dancer and choreographer. Since 2008, she started performing as a member of Malini Srinivasan and Dancers in company productions of Tejas-Luminous and Being Becoming, at site-specific performances, dance festivals, and public school shows. She has toured with the company in multiple cities in the U.S., and also performed with them in Switzerland in 2013. Kadhambari also trained in Nattuvangam with Malini Srinivasan and performs as an accompanying artist for several dance shows. She has also choreographed and presented performance art, monologues, and storytelling in and around NYC. She continues to actively engage with the dance community in the U.S. and performed her Arangetram (debut solo) in New York City in early 2017 to mark a decade of learning and performing Bharatanatyam. Kadhambari has a bachelor's degree in Biochemistry and a Master of Public Health from Stony Brook University, NY.

