

Richard W. Lariviere Biographical Sketch

Richard Lariviere is the Dean of Liberal Arts at the University of Texas at Austin, the Jacob and Frances Sanger Mossiker Chair in the Humanities, and the Judson Neff Fellow in the IC² Institute, an international, transdisciplinary research unit at UT.

Lariviere earned his B.A. in the history of religions from the University of Iowa in 1972 and his Ph.D. in Sanskrit from the University of Pennsylvania in 1978. Lariviere has been on the faculty of the University of Texas since 1982, including 10 years as the Ralph B. Thomas Professor of Asian Studies.

Lariviere's teaching and research interests include Sanskrit language and literature as well as classical and modern Hindu law. Lariviere is the author of numerous articles and several books on Indian legal history as well as subjects ranging from religion in India to matrimonial remedies for women in classical Hindu law. Reading and speaking several different languages, he has conducted research in London, Oxford, Calcutta, Poona, and other cities in India. Many of his articles have been translated into Japanese, Chinese, Russian, German, and French. He is the recipient of several fellowships and grants including a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship and a grant from the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council. He has also been a senior fellow at the American Institute of Indian Studies in India. Lariviere was selected by the Royal Dutch Academy to give the annual Gonda Lecture in 1994, and the Collège de France honored him with the status of *Professeur étranger* in 1996. In 1989, his book on Indian legal procedure was selected as the best book of the year on South Asia by the CESMEO Institute in Torino, Italy.

In his current position as Dean, Lariviere leads the largest college of liberal arts in the United States, with over 14,000 students, 600 faculty, and 40 departments and centers. During his 5-year tenure, the rate of external research in the college has doubled, a \$120 million capital campaign was successfully completed, and over 230 faculty were hired – including record numbers of African American scholars. Lariviere has worked closely with Texas legislative committees on issues of public school finance, tuition de-regulation, admission, and access. Lariviere served as the inaugural associate vice president for the office for international programs – successfully consolidating the large number of international activities across campus into one center. Lariviere was the Director of the Center for Asian Studies from 1986 to 1994, during which time the center developed into the top-ranked program in the country.

In addition to his academic work, Lariviere is involved in many aspects of the business world, particularly in the information technology industry. He is a corporate consultant specializing in advisory services for companies doing business in India and serves on various boards including eMR Technology Ventures. He is a founding member of the Society for Design and Process Science. He serves as an expert witness on Indian law in both civil and criminal cases.

Lariviere has earned several awards for outstanding contributions to student life at UT and career services, including the Margaret C. Berry Award in 2004 and the Eyes of Texas Award in 2004 and 1993.