

Curriculum Vitæ

Nick Tackes

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Education

PhD	Religion	Columbia University	(anticipated) 2022
MPhil	Religion	Columbia University	2019
MA	Religion	Columbia University	2016
BA	Religion, Great Ideas	Carthage College	2013

Certificates

2021	Center for Teaching and Learning: Foundational Track Completion	Columbia University
2020	South Asia Institute: Advanced Certificate	Columbia University

Languages

English Hindi

Competitive Scholarships and Honors

2018	Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Award: Mathura, India AIIS Junior Research Fellowship (declined)
2017	AIIS Language Fellowship (Hindi): Jaipur, India Summer FLAS Fellowship (Hindi): Jaipur, India
2016	Summer FLAS Fellowship (Hindi): Jaipur, India
2015	Academic Year FLAS Fellowship (Hindi)
2014	Academic Year FLAS Fellowship (Hindi)
2013	Fulbright-Nehru Fellowship (ETA): New Delhi, India

Conferences and Invited Talks

- “Om Shanti Emojis: Three Facets of Digital Hinduism,” Anthropology of Religion Unit and Religion, Media, and Culture Unit, American Academy of Religion, Online, December 5, 2020.
- “Energy and Vibrations: The Logic of Transformation in the Gayatri Pariwar and the Brahma Kumaris,” Public Health Workshop, Jalahaarwal Nehru University, New Delhi, March 12, 2020.

- “Zooming in on Mozoomdar: A Microhistory of Brahmo Belief,” Religion in South Asia Section, American Academy of Religion, Denver, November 18, 2018.
- Chair/Discussant, “Yoga and Politics: South Asia and Beyond,” Madison South Asia Conference, October 12, 2018.
- “The Creation of a Mahatma: Creative License in Ratnadeep Pictures’ *Tulsidas* (1954),” Madison South Asia Conference, October 23, 2015.

Publications

- “COVID-19 First Responders: The Gayatri Pariwar and the Immune Ritual Body.” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, (forthcoming).
- “Metabolic Living: Food, Fat, and the Absorption of Illness in India by Harris Solomon (Review).” *Global Public Health* 11, no.2 (2018): 318-19.

Professional Memberships

- American Academy of Religion (AAR)
- International Exchange Alumni

Teaching and Academic Service

- Lead Teaching Fellow (Center for Teaching and Learning, Columbia University, 2020-2021)
- Teaching Assistant (Columbia University, 2018-2020)
 - “Introduction to Judaism” (Beth Berkowitz, Religion)
 - “Millennium: Apocalypse and Utopia” (Elizabeth Castelli, Religion)
 - “East Asian Buddhism” (Michael Como, Religion)
 - “Hinduism” (Jack Hawley, Religion)
- Research Assistant (Columbia University, 2018)
 - History of Diagnosing Cognitive Decline (Kavita Sivaramakrishnan, History)
- Graduate Mentor (Columbia University, 2018)
 - Laidlaw Scholarship Program