

# NICK TACKES

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## EDUCATION

- COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, Department of Religion
  - PhD, 2023 (anticipated)
  - MPhil, 2019
  - MA, 2016
- CARTHAGE COLLEGE
  - BA, 2013, Religion and Great Ideas
- OTHER
  - Fall 2017 – American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS): Advanced Hindi – Jaipur, India
  - Summer 2017 – AIIS: Advanced Hindi – Jaipur, India
  - Summer 2016 – AIIS: Advanced Hindi – Jaipur, India
  - Summer 2015 – South Asia Summer Language Institute (SASLI): Intermediate Sanskrit – Madison, WI
  - Fall 2013 – Zabaan Language Institute: Intermediate Hindi – New Delhi, India

## LANGUAGES

- Native fluency: English
- High Proficiency: Hindi
- Reading: Sanskrit, French

## COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS AND HONORS

- 2020
  - Certificate of the Southern Asian Institute (Columbia University)
- 2018
  - Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Award
  - AIIS Junior Research Fellowship (declined)
- 2017
  - AIIS Language Fellowship: Hindi
  - Summer FLAS Fellowship: Hindi
- 2016
  - Summer FLAS Fellowship: Hindi
- 2015
  - Academic Year FLAS Fellowship: Hindi
- 2014
  - Academic Year FLAS Fellowship: Hindi
- 2013
  - Fulbright-Nehru Fellowship – English Teaching Assistantship – New Delhi, India

## CONFERENCES AND INVITED TALKS

- “Energy and Vibrations: The Logic of Transformation in the Gayatri Pariwar and the Brahma Kumaris,” Public Health Workshop, Jalabarwal 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

- “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

- Teaching Assistant (Columbia University, 2018-2019)
  - “Millenium: 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
- Primary School Teacher
  - Creative Writing (Midwest Torrance Center for Creativity, Buffalo Grove, IL, 2014)
  - English (Fulbright-Nehru Scholar, BVMB-ASMA, New Delhi, 2013)
- CRLA-certified Writing Tutor (Carthage College, 2011-2013)