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EDUCATION

PhD Candidate	Religion	Columbia University	(anticipated) 2023
Advanced Certificate	South Asia Institute	Columbia University	2020
MPhil	Religion	Columbia University	2019
MA	Religion	Columbia University	2016
BA	Religion, Great Ideas	Carthage College	2013

LANGUAGES

Hindi Sanskrit (reading)

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, 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

- Lead Teaching Fellow (Center for Teaching and Learning, Columbia University, 2020-2021)
- Teaching Assistant (Columbia University, 2018-2020)
 - “Introduction to Judaism” (Beth Berkowitz, Religion)
 - “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