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Education

Columbia University

2016-2020 (Anticipated)

Ph.D. – Graduate School of Arts and Sciences – Department of Religion – Focus in South Asia

2014-2016

M.A. – Graduate School of Arts and Sciences – Department of Religion – Focus in South Asia – GPA: 3.93

Carthage College: 2009-2013

B.A. – *summa cum laude* – All College Honors – Dual Major in Religion and Great Ideas – GPA: 3.93

Other

- American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS): Advanced Hindi – Jaipur, India – Summer and Fall 2017
- American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS): Advanced Hindi – Jaipur, India – Summer 2016
- South Asia Summer Language Institute (SASLI): Intermediate Sanskrit – Madison, WI – Summer 2015
- Zabaan Language Institute: Intermediate Hindi – New Delhi, India – Fall 2013

Languages

Hindi – (Advanced High) – Training at AIIS, Columbia University, Zabaan Language Institute, Carthage College

Sanskrit – (Advanced) – Training at Columbia University, SASLI (Madison, WI)

Research Interests

My research addresses the intersection of self-care and religion in contemporary North India. The aim of this work is to show how 21st century pursuits of wellbeing not only span religious and medical institutions, but also disrupt the integrity of either as discrete fields. Currently, I am investigating both the patrons of Baba Ramdev and the members of the Gayatri Pariwar. My concerns interface Religion and Medical Anthropology.

Competitive Fellowships and Honors

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 Assistant – New Delhi, India Emma Johnson Award [highest GPA in department] (Carthage College) Outstanding Senior Thesis in Religion (Carthage College)

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2012

Summer Undergraduate Research Endeavor (Carthage College)

Emma Johnson Award [highest GPA in department] (Carthage College)

2011

Freeman Grant – ASIA Network – Huairou, China; Beijing, China

Conference Papers/Presentations

- “Zooming in on Mozoomdar: A Microhistory of Brahmo Belief.” American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Denver, CO. (Fall 2018)
- Chair/Discussant. “Yoga and Politics: South Asia and Beyond.” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison. (Fall 2018)
- “The Creation of a Mahatma: Creative License in Ratnadeep Pictures’ *Tulsidas* (1954).” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison. (Fall 2015)
- “It’s Common Sense: Medical Decision-Making in Beijing, China.” National Conference of Undergraduate Research, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse. (Spring 2013)
- “Dionysus the Provider: Immanent and Transcendent.” Annual Core Texts Conference, Shimer College, Chicago, IL. (Spring 2013)
- “Beliefs, Actions, Outcomes – Medical Decision-making in Beijing, China.” ASIANetwork Conference, Willamette University, Portland, OR. (Spring 2012)
- “Dionysus the Provider: Immanent and Transcendent.” Midwest Undergraduate Conference in the Humanities, Simpson College, Indianola, IA. (Fall 2012)

Publications

“*Metabolic Living: Food, Fat, and the Absorption of Illness in India* by Harris Solomon (Review).” *Global Public Health* (forthcoming).

Professional Memberships

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

Academic Positions

Fall 2018	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> – “East Asian Buddhism” (Michael Como, Religion)
Summer 2018	Graduate Mentor – Laidlaw Scholarship Program
Summer 2018	<i>Research Assistant</i> – Kavita Sivaramakrishnan (History and Public Health)
Spring 2018	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> – “Hinduism” (Jack Hawley, Religion)
Spring 2017	<i>Research Assistant</i> – Kavita Sivaramakrishnan (History and Public Health)
Summer 2014	<i>Creative Writing Teacher</i> – The Center for Gifted: Midwest Torrance Center for Creativity, Buffalo Grove, IL
Summer 2013-2014	<i>English Teaching Assistant</i> – Fulbright-Nehru Scholarship – New Delhi, India
Fall 2011-Spring 2013	<i>CRLA Level 3 Certified Writing Tutor</i> – Carthage College Writing Center
Fall 2011-Spring 2012	<i>Great Ideas Department Fellow</i> – Carthage College