Curriculum Vitæ

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## Education

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

## Certificates

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

## Languages

English (native)

Hindi (fluent)

## Competitive Scholarships and Honors

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| 2021 | Columbia University IRCPL Dissertation Fellowship |
| 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 |

## Publications

#### [“COVID-19 First Responders: The Gayatri Pariwar and the Immune Ritual Body.”](https://dx.doi.org/10.1093/jaarel/lfab057) *[Journal of the American Academy of Religion](https://dx.doi.org/10.1093/jaarel/lfab057)* [89, no.3 (Sept. 2021): 1006-1038.](https://dx.doi.org/10.1093/jaarel/lfab057)

#### [“Metabolic Living: Food, Fat, and the Absorption of Illness in India by Harris Solomon (Review).”](https://doi.org/10.1080/17441692.2018.1511742) *[Global Public Health](https://doi.org/10.1080/17441692.2018.1511742)* [11, no.2 (2018): 318-19.](https://doi.org/10.1080/17441692.2018.1511742)

## Conferences and Invited Talks

#### “COVID-19 First Responders: The Gayatri Pariwar and the Immune Ritual Body,” Hinduism Unit and Religion in South Asia Unit, American Academy of Religion, Online, November 20, 2021.

#### “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.

#### Invited Talk, “Energy and Vibrations: The Logic of Transformation in the Gayatri Pariwar and the Brahma Kumaris,” Public Health Workshop, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, March 12, 2020.

#### “Marketing Religion: From Mathura to Madhuvan,” South and Central Asia Fulbright Conference, Kochi, India, February 24, 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,” Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October 12, 2018.

#### “The Creation of a Mahatma: Creative License in Ratnadeep Pictures’ *Tulsidas* (1954),” Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October 23, 2015.

## Professional Memberships

American Academy of Religion (AAR)

International Exchange Alumni

## Teaching and Academic Service

### Instructor of Record

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| Spring 2022 | “Religions of India” | New York University |

### Lead Teaching Fellow

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| 2020-2021 | Center for Teaching and Learning | Columbia University |

### Teaching Assistant

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| Fall 2020 | “Introduction to Judaism” | Barnard College |
| Spring 2019 | “Millennium: Apocalypse and Utopia” | Barnard College |
| Fall 2018 | “East Asian Buddhism” | Columbia University |
| Spring 2018 | “Hinduism” | Barnard College |

### Research Assistant

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| 2018 | History of Diagnosing Cognitive Decline | Columbia University |
|  | Kavita Sivaramakrishnan, History |  |

### Graduate Mentor

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| 2018 | Laidlaw Scholarship Program | Columbia University |