Curriculum Vitæ

Nick Tackes

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## Education

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

## 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

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| English | Hindi |

## Competitive Scholarships and Honors

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| 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, Jalaharwal 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.](https://doi.org/10.1080/17441692.2018.1511742)

## 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