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EDUCATION

Yale University, New Haven, CT

Ph.D., Political Science, Expected May 2026

Dissertation: Intimacy Contract: States and Hierarchies of Familial Belonging

Committee: Elisabeth Jean Wood (Co-chair), Joseph Fischel (Co-chair), Dara Strolovitch, Egor Lazarev

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), June 2023

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

M.A. Social Sciences, May 2017

Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, India

Integrated M.A. Development Studies, May 2014

WORKING PAPERS

“How Indian Courts Determine Which Extramarital Relationships deserve Recognition”

“How American Courts Decide Who Counts as a Parent”

“The Intimacy Contract: A Framework to understand State Regulation of Families”

“Investigating the Political Consciousness of Police Officials: A Case Study of Colonial British Police Officials between 1857 - 1947”

“U.S. Courts’ Decisions on “Communists” in the McCarthy Era, 1948-67”

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

<i>MacMillan International Dissertation Research Fellowship</i> , Yale University (2025-2026) Funds two months of fieldwork in India	\$6000
<i>Graduate Student Assembly Conference Travel Fellowship</i> , Yale University (2025) Funds conference travel for LSA Chicago 2025	\$500
<i>MacMillan Center Predissertation Research Grant</i> , Yale University (2022) Funds two months of archival research in London, U.K.	\$4100
<i>South Asian Studies Council Graduate Award</i> , Yale University (2022) Funds two months of archival research in London, U.K.	\$3500
<i>Social Sciences Scholarship</i> , University of Chicago (2016) Funds two-thirds tuition for M.A. Social Sciences	\$35,808
<i>DAAD Student Exchange Scholarship</i> , Hochschule Bremen, Germany (2012) Funds monthly stipend for international exchange across four months	\$2000

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Columbia University, Gender, Human Rights and Security Conference - Presenter (2025) (expected)

Yale University, Comparative Politics Workshop - Presenter (2025) (expected)

American Political Science Association (APSA) - Presenter (2025) (expected)

Law and Society Association (LSA) - Presenter (2025)

Yale University, Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Colloquium - Presenter (2025)

Yale University, Political Violence and its Legacies Workshop - Presenter (2024)

Yale University, Democracy, Violence, and Constitutional Order Workshop - Presenter (2022)

TEACHING and RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Teaching Fellow, Department of Political Science, Yale University

- Politics of Expertise under Prof. Federico Brandmayr (2025)
- Contesting Injustice under Prof. Elisabeth Jean Wood (2024)
- State, Conflict and Political Order under Prof. Emily Sellars and Daniel Hirschel-Burns (2023)
- The Rise of China under Prof. Daniel Mattingly (2023)

Graduate Writing Fellow, Poorvu Center for Teaching and Writing (2021-2024)

Research Coordinator, World Bank (2018-2020)

Research Associate, Abdul Latif Poverty Action Lab South Asia (2014-2016)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Graduate Student Coordinator,

Graduate Student Coordinator, South Asia Brown Bag Series

Reviewer for: American Political Science Review

FIELD AND ARCHIVAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- United Kingdom (2022)
- Kenya (2019)
- Philippines (2018)
- India: Uttar Pradesh (2014), Rajasthan (2015), Pondicherry (2016), Karnataka (2013)

SKILLS

- Tools: **Advanced:** R, Stata; **Intermediate:** Python; **Basic:** SQL.
- Languages: **Fluent:** English; **Conversational:** Hindi, Kannada.