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education

2025 M.A., South Asian Religions, University of Virginia
2019 B.A., Religious Studies, College of William & Mary

research interests

Religion and literature, devotional religiosity (*bhakti*), Hindu–Muslim intellectual interface, *Vīraśaivism*, literary reception and criticism, literature and philosophy, digital humanities

presentations

2024 “Hindu in one step; Muslim, the other: Consideration of Religious Identity in the *Nandiyāgamalīle*,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego
2019 “Baba: The Many Lives of Payohari Baba,” Institute for Field Research, Katrain, HP

software projects

R Packages
kalidasa Interface to the data from the Digital Corpus of Sanskrit

awards & grants

2024 Karṇāṭa Centre for Classical Kannada Fellowship
2024 UVA Summer Research Grant
2022 AIIS Summer Language Fellowship (Advanced Sanskrit)
2021 SASLI Tuition Award (Sanskrit)

service

2022 Executive Board; Religious Studies Graduate Student Association, UVA
2021 Department Representative; Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Council, UVA

languages

Sanskrit (advanced reading)
Kannada (high-intermediate reading)
Classical Persian (intermediate reading)
French (intermediate reading)

technical skills

R, Python, Lua, TEI/XML, Typst