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## Employment

2023– Associate Professor University of Chicago  
Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations

## Education

2010–2015 Doctor of Philosophy Columbia University (GSAS)  
Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian and African Studies  
Thesis title: “Language of the Snakes: Prakrit, Sanskrit, and the Language Order of  
Premodern India.”  
<http://academiccommons.columbia.edu/catalog/ac:190829>.

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## Publications

(\* indicates Open Access)

### Published books

2021 *Lilavai* (edition and translation)  
Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press (Murty Classical Library of India)  
<https://www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog.php?isbn=9780674247598>  
ISBN 9780674247598 · 432 pages

### Published articles and chapters

- 2023 \*‘‘A Mirror and a Handlamp’’: *The Way of the Poet-King* and the Afterlife of the *Mirror* in the World of Kannada Literature (edited by me, with contributions by Sarah Pierce Taylor, Gil Ben-Herut, and myself)  
Chapter 3 in Yigal Bronner (ed.), *A Lasting Vision: Daṇḍin’s Mirror in the World of Asian Literature*, 92–140. Delhi: Oxford University Press. DOI  
10.1093/oso/9780197642924.003.0003.

### Manuscripts in press

*forthcoming* *The Mirror of Ornaments / Alaṅkāradappaṇō*.  
to be published by Unior Press, Naples

### Works in progress

*under contract* *The Plays of Māyurāja* (edition and translation, with Naresh Keerthi)  
Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press (Murty Classical Library of India)

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### Edited issues

- 2018 Special issue on the Sātavāhanas in the *Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies* 41 (appeared in 2019), with papers by Alice Collett, David Eford, Andrew Ollett, Akira Shimada, Meera Visvanathan, and Monika Zin.

### Reviews

- 2018 Review of Johannes Bronkhorst, *A Śabda Reader: Language in Classical Indian Thought* *Philosophy East and West* 71.2 (2021): 1–5. DOI 10.1353/pew.2021.0036.

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### Grants, Fellowships and Prizes

2021–2024    Entanglements of the Indian Past  
Neubauer Collegium Faculty Research Project (with Whitney Cox, Dipesh Chakrabarty, Sarah  
Pierce Taylor, and Anand Venkatkrishnan)  
[https://neubauercollegium.uchicago.edu/research/  
entanglements-of-the-indian-past](https://neubauercollegium.uchicago.edu/research/entanglements-of-the-indian-past)

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## Conferences, workshops, and lectures

(Only unpublished papers are listed here)

July 2023    Theorizing Sarcasm  
Twelfth Coffee Break Conference, Groningen

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## Teaching

at the University of Chicago:

Language and reading courses:

First-year Sanskrit (AY 2017–2018, AQ 2020, 2021, WQ 2022)

Advanced Sanskrit (AQ 2017, SQ 2020, AQ 2021)

Introduction to Prakrit (SQ 2018)

Directed readings in Sanskrit and/or Prakrit (WQ & SQ 2020, WQ & SQ 2022)

Content courses:

Classical Literature of South Asia, Part 1 (AQ 2019, 2021)

Introduction to Indian Philosophy, Part 2 (SQ 2021) [with Anand Venkatkrishnan]

Theater of Premodern South Asia (SQ 2020)

College core:

Language and the Human (WQ 2021, 2022)

Poetry and the Human (WQ 2020)

Readings in World Literature (WQ 2018)

outside the University of Chicago:

July 2017    (with Eva de Clercq) led an ‘Apabhramsha Reading Retreat’ in Castelldefels

Spring 2015    Instructor, Introduction to Indian Philosophy, Columbia University

Fall 2012      Instructor, Intermediate Sanskrit, Columbia University  
Fall 2012      Teaching Assistant, Advanced Sanskrit, Columbia University

## Graduate students advised

Anil Mundra (UChicago, History of Religions, graduated Summer 2022; currently a postdoctoral fellow at Rutgers)

## Editorship

Co-founder and editor, *New Explorations in South Asia Research* (NESAR), ISSN 2834-3875, 2022–present.

