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### Education

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*Columbia University*

*2016-2020 (Anticipated)*

Ph.D. – Graduate School of Arts and Sciences – Department of Religion – Focus in South Asia

*2014-2016*

M.A. – Graduate School of Arts and Sciences – Department of Religion – Focus in South Asia – GPA: 3.93

*Carthage College: 2009-2013*

B.A. – *summa cum laude* – All College Honors – Dual Major in Religion and Great Ideas – GPA: 3.93

*Other*

- American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS): Advanced Hindi – Jaipur, India – Summer and Fall 2017
- American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS): Advanced Hindi – Jaipur, India – Summer 2016
- South Asia Summer Language Institute (SASLI): Intermediate Sanskrit – Madison, WI – Summer 2015
- Zabaan Language Institute: Intermediate Hindi – New Delhi, India – Fall 2013

### Languages

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Hindi – (Advanced High) – Training at AIIS, Columbia University, Zabaan Language Institute, Carthage College

Sanskrit – (Advanced) – Training at Columbia University, SASLI (Madison, WI)

### Research Interests

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My research addresses the intersection of self-care and religion in contemporary North India. The aim of this work is to show how 21<sup>st</sup> century pursuits of wellbeing not only span religious and medical institutions, but also disrupt the integrity of either as discrete fields. Currently, I am investigating both the patrons of Baba Ramdev and the members of the Gayatri Pariwar. My concerns interface Religion and Medical Anthropology.

### Competitive Fellowships and Honors

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2018	Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Award AIIS Junior Research Fellowship (declined)
2017	AIIS Language Fellowship: Hindi Summer FLAS Fellowship: Hindi
2016	Summer FLAS Fellowship: Hindi
2015	Academic Year FLAS Fellowship: Hindi
2014	Academic Year FLAS Fellowship: Hindi
2013	Fulbright-Nehru Fellowship – English Teaching Assistant – New Delhi, India Emma Johnson Award [highest GPA in department] (Carthage College) Outstanding Senior Thesis in Religion (Carthage College)

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2012

Summer Undergraduate Research Endeavor (Carthage College)

Emma Johnson Award [highest GPA in department] (Carthage College)

2011

Freeman Grant – ASIA Network – Huairou, China; Beijing, China

### Conference Papers/Presentations

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- “Zooming in on Mozoomdar: A Microhistory of Brahmo Belief.” American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Denver, CO. (Fall 2018)
- Chair/Discussant. “Yoga and Politics: South Asia and Beyond.” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison. (Fall 2018)
- “The Creation of a Mahatma: Creative License in Ratnadeep Pictures’ *Tulsidas* (1954).” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison. (Fall 2015)
- “It’s Common Sense: Medical Decision-Making in Beijing, China.” National Conference of Undergraduate Research, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse. (Spring 2013)
- “Dionysus the Provider: Immanent and Transcendent.” Annual Core Texts Conference, Shimer College, Chicago, IL. (Spring 2013)
- “Beliefs, Actions, Outcomes – Medical Decision-making in Beijing, China.” ASIANetwork Conference, Willamette University, Portland, OR. (Spring 2012)
- “Dionysus the Provider: Immanent and Transcendent.” Midwest Undergraduate Conference in the Humanities, Simpson College, Indianola, IA. (Fall 2012)

### Publications

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“*Metabolic Living: Food, Fat, and the Absorption of Illness in India* by Harris Solomon (Review).” *Global Public Health* 14, no.2 (2018): 318-19.

### Professional Memberships

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- American Academy of Religion (AAR)
- International Exchange Alumni

### Academic Positions

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Fall 2018	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> – “East Asian Buddhism” (Michael Como, Religion)
Summer 2018	Graduate Mentor – Laidlaw Scholarship Program
Summer 2018	<i>Research Assistant</i> – Kavita Sivaramakrishnan (History and Public Health)
Spring 2018	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> – “Hinduism” (Jack Hawley, Religion)
Spring 2017	<i>Research Assistant</i> – Kavita Sivaramakrishnan (History and Public Health)
Summer 2014	<i>Creative Writing Teacher</i> – The Center for Gifted: Midwest Torrance Center for Creativity, Buffalo Grove, IL
Summer 2013-2014	<i>English Teaching Assistant</i> – Fulbright-Nehru Scholarship – New Delhi, India
Fall 2011-Spring 2013	<i>CRLA Level 3 Certified Writing Tutor</i> – Carthage College Writing Center
Fall 2011-Spring 2012	<i>Great Ideas Department Fellow</i> – Carthage College