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Education

2015-pres. Ph.D. (*in progress*), Joint Degree in the Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations and the Committee on Conceptual and Historical Study of Science, University of Chicago

Thesis: *Everyday Epistemics and Vernacular Science in Southwest India*

Committee: Whitney Cox & Adrian Johns (co-chairs), Lorraine Daston & Gary Tubb

2009-2013 B.A. (with Honors), Department of Religious Studies, University of Chicago
Thesis Advisor: Bruce Lincoln

Publications

Peer Reviewed Articles and Chapters

2020 “The uses of useful knowledge and the languages of vernacular science: Perspectives from southwest India,” *History of Science*.

In preparation “Practices of Translation in Medieval Kannada Sciences,” in *Narratives of Science in Translation*, ed. By Sonja Brentjes, Jens Høyrup, and Bruce O’Brien (Brepols, Forthcoming).

Scholarly Book Reviews

2020 Review of *History and Theory of Knowledge Production: An Introductory Outline*, by Rajan Gurukkal. *Indian Economic & Social History Review* 57 (3): 421–23.

2020 Review of *Empires of Knowledge: Scientific Networks in the Early Modern World*, Edited by Paula Findlen (Review No. 2355). *Reviews in History*. <https://reviews.history.ac.uk/review/2355>

Public Writing

Various articles, reviews and translations appearing in *Asymptote Journal*, *Economic and Political Weekly*, *Muse India*, *N+1*, *Public Books*, *Religion Dispatches*, *Scroll*, *The Hindu Business Line* and *The Hypocrite Reader*.

Teaching Experience

2019 Instructor of Record, *Science Outside of Europe*, The University of Chicago

2018 Teaching Assistant for Intermediate Sanskrit 3, taught by Daniel Arnold

2018 Teaching Assistant for Intermediate Sanskrit 2, taught by Wendy Doniger

2017 Teaching Assistant for Intermediate Sanskrit 1, taught by Nell Hawley

2013-2014 English Teacher (ISC & IGCSE), 8th, 9th, 10th Standard, De Paul International Residential School, Mysore, India

Awards, Honors, Grants and Fellowships

2020-2021 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship (DDRA) (12 months)

2019-2020 Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF) administered by the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) (12 months)

2019 Visiting Scholar, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG), Experience in the Pre-Modern Sciences of Soul and Body, ca. 800-1650 Research Group (Krause), Berlin (1 month)

2018 Predoctoral Fellow, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG), Department II (Daston), Berlin (4 months)

2017 COSAS Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship (3 months)

2016 American Institute of Indian Studies Summer Language Fellowship (2 months)

2016 COSAS Language Study Fellowship (3 months)

2015-pres. Humanities Fellowship, University of Chicago (6 years)

2013 Bachelor's Thesis Honors, University of Chicago

2013 General Honors, University of Chicago

2009-2013 Dean's List, University of Chicago

2012 American Institute of Indian Studies Summer Language Fellowship (3 months)

2012 Foreign Language Acquisition Grant (FLAG), University of Chicago (3 months)

2009 Rector's Prize for Study of Religion and Ethics, Trinity Church in New York City

Research Experience

2016-2017 Graduate Research Assistant for Whitney Cox

2016-2017 Graduate Research Assistant, OCHRE Network Analysis in the CRESCAT technology group for Vijayanagara Inscriptions, led by Kathleen Morrison

Presentations

2020 "Vernacular Sciences in History," delivered at the French Institute of Pondicherry, held online due to COVID-19

2020 "Learning from History: Managing Elephants in Early Modern India," Human-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation conference, organized by Asian Elephant Support and the Karnataka Forest Department, held online due to COVID-19

- 2020 “The Epistemology of Caste: Views from Western India, 950-1050 CE,” South Asia Graduate Student Conference at The University of Chicago XVII: Reception, Tradition, Canonization: Pasts and Presents in South Asia, Chicago, IL
- 2019 “Translation Practices in the Everyday Sciences of the Medieval Deccan,” at the conference Premodern Experience of the Natural World in Translation, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG), Berlin
- 2019 “The Whig Interpretation of the Hindu Constitution: Legal History, Philology, and the Medieval in Late-Victorian Calcutta,” at H.T. Colebrooke and historiographies of sciences in Sanskrit conference at Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS), Paris
- 2019 “How to Train an Elephant: From Indigenous Knowledge to Palm-Leaf Information,” The Fishbein Workshop in the History, Philosophy and Sociology of Science, The University of Chicago
- 2019 “Handing Over Indigenous Knowledge” at the Sciences of Non-Modernity, Now Roundtable, Modern Language Association Annual Convention, Chicago, IL
- 2018 “Translating Science in Southwest India,” 9th Coffee Break Conference: Science and Technology in Premodern Asia, University of Oxford
- 2018 “The Vernacular Sciences of Southwest India,” Premodern Conversations Workshop, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG), Berlin
- 2018 “Fragments of a Palm Leaf Encyclopedism: The Information Order of Early Modern Southwest India,” at Assembling Knowledge and Ordering the World: Anthologies and Encyclopedias in Sanskritic Literary and Intellectual History, University of Pennsylvania
- 2018 “Removing the Conflict Between Textual Authority and the Worldly: New Epistemic Virtues for Old Śāstric Models in Jayasiṃha II’s Court,” American Oriental Society Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2018 “Removing the Conflict between Textual Authority and the Worldly: New Epistemic Virtues for Kāmasāstra in Jayasiṃha II’s Court,” South Asia Brownbag Lunch Series, University of Chicago
- 2017 “Rewriting the World as Epistemic Object in Southwest India,” South Asia Graduate Student Conference at The University of Chicago XIV: Materials in Focus: Working across Media and Methods in South Asia, Chicago, IL
- 2016 “Resembling the Upanayana Samskara’: Modern Sanskrit Revival Perspectives on Early Zionism,” American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX
- 2016 “Erasing History, Emplotting Authors, Critiquing Ideology: The Place and Reception of Vijñāneśvara’s Mitākṣara,” Religion and Human Sciences Workshop, University of Chicago

Events Organized

- 2018 Artist Amruta Patil Campus Visit, Co-organized with Sara Maillacheruvu

- 2018 Fifteenth Annual South Asian Graduate Student Conference at the University of Chicago, “South Asia and the Limits of Humanistic Inquiry,” Co-organized with Anna Lee White and Joya John
- 2016 “Modern Sanskrit, Religious Others, and South Asian Nationalism” panel at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Co-organized with Charles Preston and Justin Henry

Respondent Activities

- 2020 Respondent to Ishan Chakrabarti, “The Person of Rāmānanda Rāya: Penetrating Insight in Biographical Memory and Literary History,” at South Asian Languages and Civilizations Graduate Student Workshop, The University of Chicago
- 2019 Session chair and respondent at the Republic of Plants Conference, hosted at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM) and co-sponsored by the Society for the History of Technology (SHOT)
- 2019 Respondent to Suchismita Das, “Organic Politics in the Himalayas: Between State Sovereignty and Alternative Agrarian Imaginaries” at The Environmental Studies Workshop, The University of Chicago
- 2019 Respondent to Emma Kitchen, “Rare Meat: On Temporality and Attempts to Bring an Extinct Cow Back to Life,” at The Fishbein Workshop in the History of Human Sciences, The University of Chicago
- 2019 Respondent to Li Liang, “Astral science practices of Philippe de La Hire in early modern China,” at On Cultures of Scientific Practice in Ancient Mathematical Sciences, Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS), Paris
- 2019 Respondent to Margherita Trento, “Writing Christianity: Poetics and Politics of Place,” at South Asian Languages and Civilizations Graduate Student Workshop, The University of Chicago
- 2018 Respondent to Karine Chemla, “Simplicity in Certain Ancient Chinese Mathematical Texts” at the seminar What Is Simplicity in Mathematics and the Sciences? at The Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin
- 2017 Respondent to Mannat Johal, “‘The South’ as object of knowledge between archaeology and history” at the Interdisciplinary Archeology Workshop at The University of Chicago

Professional and Community Service

- 2020 Manuscript referee for *History of Science in South Asia*
- 2019 Manuscript referee for *NTM: Zeitschrift für Geschichte der Wissenschaften, Technik und Medizin*
- 2018-2019 Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations representative to the Humanities Student Advisory Board, University of Chicago
- 2016-2018 WHPK 88.5FM Folk Format DJ