

Curriculum Vitæ  
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**EDUCATION**

(2022)	PhD	Religion	Columbia University
2019	MPhil	Religion	Columbia University
2016	MA	Religion	Columbia University
2013	BA	Religion, Great Ideas	Carthage College

**CERTIFICATES**

2021	Center for Teaching and Learning: Foundational Track Completion	Columbia University
2020	South Asia Institute: Advanced Certificate	Columbia University

**LANGUAGES**

English (native)  
 Hindi (fluent)

**COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS AND HONORS**

2021	Columbia University IRCPL Dissertation Fellowship
2018	Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Award: Mathura, India AIIS Junior Research Fellowship (declined)
2017	AIIS Language Fellowship (Hindi): Jaipur, India Summer FLAS Fellowship (Hindi): Jaipur, India
2016	Summer FLAS Fellowship (Hindi): Jaipur, India
2015	Academic Year FLAS Fellowship (Hindi)
2014	Academic Year FLAS Fellowship (Hindi)
2013	Fulbright-Nehru Fellowship (ETA): New Delhi, India

**PUBLICATIONS**

“COVID-19 First Responders: The Gayatri Pariwar and the Immune Ritual Body.” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 89, no.3 (Sept. 2021): 1006-1038.  
 “Metabolic Living: Food, Fat, and the Absorption of Illness in India by Harris Solomon (Review).” *Global Public Health* 11, no.2 (2018): 318-19.

**CONFERENCES AND INVITED TALKS**

- “COVID-19 First Responders: The Gayatri Pariwar and the Immune Ritual Body,” Hinduism Unit and Religion in South Asia Unit, American Academy of Religion, Online, November 20, 2021.
- “Om Shanti Emojis: Three Facets of Digital Hinduism,” Anthropology of Religion Unit and Religion, Media, and Culture Unit, American Academy of Religion, Online, December 5, 2020.
- Invited Talk, “Energy and Vibrations: The Logic of Transformation in the Gayatri Pariwar and the Brahma Kumaris,” Public Health Workshop, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, March 12, 2020.
- “Marketing Religion: From Mathura to Madhuvan,” South and Central Asia Fulbright Conference, Kochi, India, February 24, 2020.
- “Zooming in on Mozoomdar: A Microhistory of Brahmo Belief,” Religion in South Asia Section, American Academy of Religion, Denver, November 18, 2018.
- Chair/Discussant, “Yoga and Politics: South Asia and Beyond,” Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October 12, 2018.
- “The Creation of a Mahatma: Creative License in Ratnadeep Pictures’ *Tulsidas* (1954),” Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October 23, 2015.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Academy of Religion (AAR)  
International Exchange Alumni

**TEACHING AND ACADEMIC SERVICE****Instructor of Record**

Spring 2022 “Religions of India” New York University

**Lead Teaching Fellow**

2020-2021 Center for Teaching and Learning Columbia University

**Teaching Assistant**

Fall 2020	“Introduction to Judaism”	Barnard College
Spring 2019	“Millennium: Apocalypse and Utopia”	Barnard College
Fall 2018	“East Asian Buddhism”	Columbia University
Spring 2018	“Hinduism”	Barnard College

**Research Assistant**

2018 History of Diagnosing Cognitive Decline Columbia University  
Kavita Sivaramakrishnan, History

**Graduate Mentor**

2018 Laidlaw Scholarship Program Columbia University