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## EDUCATION

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**University of California, Santa Barbara**, Santa Barbara, CA  
Ph.D. in Religious Studies, expected 2026

**Rutgers University**, New Brunswick, NJ  
M.A. in Religion, 2020

**The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**, Chapel Hill, NC  
B.A. in Philosophy, 2006

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA**

#### *Teaching Associate:*

- RG ST 3: Introduction to Asian Religious Traditions, Summer Session B 2022
- RG ST 160A: Religious Traditions of India, Summer Session A 2023
- RG ST 162D: Introduction to Jainism, Winter 2024
- RG ST 3: Introduction to Asian Religious Traditions, Summer Session A 2024
- RG ST 4: Introduction to Buddhism, Summer Session A 2024 (co-taught with Uudam Borjigin)

#### *Teaching Assistant:*

- RG ST 19: The Gods and Goddesses of India; Professor Barbara Holdrege, Spring 2024
- RG ST 21: Zen Buddhism; Professor Gregory Hillis, Fall 2023
- RG ST 71: Introduction to Asian American Religions; Professor Rudy Busto, Spring 2022
- RG ST 31: Religions of Tibet; Lecturer Michael Ium, Winter 2021
- RS ST 28: Gandhi: Nonviolence, Resistance, Truth; Professor William Elison, Fall 2021

#### *Reading Assistant:*

- RG ST 190 NV: Studies of Non-Violence; Lecturer Maharshi Vyasa, Fall 2022

#### *Guest Lecturer:*

- November 2021: for William Elison's course, Gandhi: Nonviolence, Resistance, Truth; lectured on criticisms surrounding Gandhi and his legacy.

### **RUTGERS UNIVERSITY**

#### *Teaching Assistant:*

- Rumi Seminar; Professor Jawid Mojaddedi, Fall 2019

#### *Reading Assistant:*

- Hindu Philosophy; Professor Edwin Bryant, Spring 2019
- Religion in Asia; Professor Tao Jiang, Fall 2019
- Religions of the Western World; Professor Diane Fruchtman, Spring 2020

#### *Guest Lecturer:*

- November 2018: for Edwin Bryant's course, Krishna; led discussion of Jīva Gosvāmin's *Gopāla-campū*.
- April 2019: for Edwin Bryant's course, Hindu Philosophy; lectured on Indian philosophy (*Nyāya Sūtras*).

## PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCE PAPERS

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"*Rāga* in the Six *Āvaśyakas*: Desire as Both a Cognitive Obstruction & Contemplative Catalyst in Liberation." Accepted for the "Yoga in Jainism" conference at Arihanta Institute; online, April 20, 2024.

"The Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava *Siddha-rūpa*: Bodies of Devotional 'Co-Creation'." Accepted for the Cognitive Science of Religion Unit at the American Academy of Religion (AAR) Annual Conference; San Antonio, TX, November 18-21, 2023.

"Contemplative Constructions & Expressions of Female Devotional Subjectivities in the Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava Tradition." Accepted for the Contemplative Studies Unit at the American Academy of Religion (AAR) Annual Conference; San Antonio, TX, November 18-21, 2023.

"From Practice to Perfection: The Potency of the 16<sup>th</sup> Century Devotional Sensorium." Accepted for the "The Vaiṣṇava Sensorium: Experiencing the Divine in Eastern India" Symposium at the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia; Madison, WI, October 18-21, 2023.

"The *Rasa* Theories of Rūpa Gosvāmin and Bhoja Raja: Emotion & Devotion as the Performance of Desire." Accepted for the Religion Performed: Insights at the Intersection of Religiosity, Performance, and Performativity Annual Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference at Concordia University; Montréal, Quebec, March 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 2023.

"Meditation and Correct Perception in the Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava Tradition." Accepted for the Contemplative Studies Unit at the American Academy of Religion (AAR) Annual Conference; Denver, CO, November 19-22, 2022.

"Desire and Liberation in Classical Yoga and Advaita Vedānta,"  
Accepted for the Yoga darśana, yoga sādhana: Methods, migrations, mediations  
Conference; Krakow, Poland, May 19-21 2022.

"Self-Formation, Selflessness and Humility in Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇavism,"  
Accepted for the Religions of Asia Unit at the American Academy of Religion, Western  
Region (AARWR) Annual Conference; Online event, March 18-20 2022.

"Self-Formation and Selflessness in the Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava Tradition,"  
Paper presentation at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Sponsored by The  
International Humanities Center South Asian Religions and Cultures Research Focus  
Group; March 4, 2022.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Articles

"Rūpa Gosvāmin's Transjective Ecology of Love," *The Journal of Vaishnava Studies*, Spring 2024.

"*Rāga* and *Ānanda*: The Pedagogies of Bliss and Desire in *The Bhaktirasāmṛtasindhu*," *The Journal of Vaishnava Studies*, Fall 2021.

### Book Review

*The Building of Vṛndāvana: Architecture, Theology, and Practice in an Early Modern Pilgrimage Town* in *The Journal of Vaishnava Studies*, Fall 2024 (forthcoming).

## GRANTS, AWARDS & HONORS

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R. Ninian Smart Memorial Award, UCSB	2023
Religious Studies Summer Research Stipend, UCSB	2021
Regents Fellowship Award, UCSB	2020
SGS Achievement and Merit Award nominee, Rutgers University	2020

## SERVICE

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UCSB Department of Religious Studies Social Media Coordinator, 2021-2022

## RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Rutgers University**, New Brunswick, NJ

*Program Director*, 2022-present

- Hinduism in India Study Abroad Program, Winter Session

*Sanskrit Tutor*, 2018 - 2019

**Yoga Vida LLC**, New York, NY

*200 Hour Program Training Manager*, 2018-2020

*Staff Lecturer*, 2017-2020

- Yoga history, *tantra*, Indian philosophy.

## LANGUAGES

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**Sanskrit:** Advanced reading

**Hindi:** Beginner reading, writing & speaking

**German:** Intermediate reading

**Spanish:** Intermediate reading, writing & speaking

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Academy of Religion

American Academy of Religion, Western Region