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EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA
Ph.D. in Religious Studies, expected 2027

Rutgers University–New Brunswick, 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

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA

Teaching Associate

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| ❖ RG ST 3: Introduction to Asian Religious Traditions | Summer 2022 and 2024 |
| ❖ RG ST 4: Introduction to Buddhism (co-taught) | Summer 2024 |
| ❖ RG ST 162D: Introduction to Jainism | Winter 2024 |
| ❖ RG ST 160A: Religious Traditions of India | Summer 2023 |

Teaching Assistant

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| ❖ RG ST 19: The Gods and Goddesses of India | Spring 2024 |
| ❖ RG ST 21: Zen Buddhism | Fall 2023 |
| ❖ RG ST 71: Introduction to Asian American Religions | Spring 2022 |
| ❖ RG ST 31: Religions of Tibet | Winter 2021 |
| ❖ RS ST 28: Gandhi: Nonviolence, Resistance, Truth | Fall 2021 |

Reading Assistant

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| ❖ RG ST 190 NV: Studies of Non-Violence | Fall 2022 |
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RUTGERS UNIVERSITY–NEW BRUNSWICK

Teaching Assistant

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| ❖ Rumi Seminar | Fall 2019 |
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Reading Assistant

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| ❖ Hindu Philosophy | Spring 2019 |
| ❖ Religion in Asia | Fall 2019 |
| ❖ Religions of the Western World | Spring 2020 |

LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCE PAPERS

- Nov 2024 Respondent, South Asian Religions Unit panel on *Bhakti Practices from the Subaltern Margins* at the 2024 American Academy of Religion (AAR) Annual Conference in San Diego, CA.
- April 2024 “*Rāga* in the Six *Āvaśyakās*: Desire as Both a Cognitive Obstruction & Contemplative Catalyst in Liberation.” Accepted for the “Yoga in Jainism” conference at Arihanta Institute. Held online.
- Nov 2023 “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 in San Antonio, TX.
- Nov 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 in San Antonio, TX.
- Oct 2023 “From Practice to Perfection: The Potency of the 16th Century Devotional Sensorium.” Accepted for the “The Vaiṣṇava Sensorium: Experiencing the Divine in Eastern India” Symposium at the 51st Annual Conference on South Asia in Madison, WI.
- March 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 in Montréal, Quebec. Presented online.
- Nov 2022 “Meditation and Correct Perception in the Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava Tradition.” Accepted for the Contemplative Studies Unit at the American Academy of Religion (AAR) Annual Conference in Denver, CO.
- May 2022 “Desire and Liberation in Classical Yoga and Advaita Vedānta,” Accepted for the Yoga darśana, yoga sādhana: Methods, migrations, mediations Conference in Krakow, Poland. Presented online.
- March 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. Held online.

- March 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.
- Nov 2021 Guest Lecturer for William Elison's course Gandhi: Nonviolence, Resistance, Truth at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Lectured on criticisms surrounding Gandhi and his legacy.
- April 2019 Guest Lecturer for Edwin Bryant's course, Hindu Philosophy. Lectured on *tarka* in the *Nyāya Sūtrās*.
- Nov 2018 Guest Lecturer for Edwin Bryant's course, Krishna. Led discussion of Jīva Gosvāmin's *Gopāla-campū*.

PUBLICATIONS

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.

GRANTS, AWARDS & HONORS

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

LANGUAGES

- Sanskrit:** Advanced reading
Hindi: Beginner reading, writing & speaking
German: Intermediate reading
Spanish: Intermediate reading, writing & speaking

SERVICE

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

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
American Academy of Religion, Western Region

FIELD EXAMS

Barbara Holdrege: <i>Bhakti</i>	High Pass
Edwin Bryant: <i>Hindu Philosophy</i>	High Pass
Vesna Wallace: <i>Indian Buddhist Philosophy and Tantra</i>	Pass

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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*, Hindu philosophy