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EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Barbara	Ph.D. in Religious Studies (In Progress)
Rutgers University–New Brunswick	M.A. in Religion 2020
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	B.A. in Philosophy 2006

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA

Instructor of Record

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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 7: Introduction to American Religion | Winter 2026 |
| ❖ RG ST 19: The Gods and Goddesses of India | Spring 2024 & 2026 |
| ❖ RG ST 21: Zen Buddhism | Fall 2023 |
| ❖ RG ST 71: Introduction to Asian American Religions | Spring 2022 |
| ❖ RG ST 31: Religions of Tibet | Winter 2022 |
| ❖ RS ST 28: Gandhi: Nonviolence, Resistance, Truth | Fall 2021 & 2025 |

Reading Assistant

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| ❖ RG ST 190 NV: Studies of Non-Violence | Fall 2022 |
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UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Instructor of Record

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| ❖ RELS 3355: The History of Modern Postural Yoga | Spring 2025 |
| ❖ RELS 3380: Asian Religions: An Overview | Fall 2025 |

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 |

OSHER ONLINE AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Lecturer

- ❖ Hindu Traditions: Ritual, Knowledge, Devotion Summer 2026
- ❖ Buddhist Philosophy, Meditation, and Ritual: In India and Beyond Winter 2025
- ❖ Jinas, Jīvas & The 3 Jewels: The Jain Tradition & Its Legacy of Non-Violence Spring 2025

ARIHANTA INSTITUTE

Lecturer

- ❖ Devotional (*bhakti*) Approaches to Compassion in the Caitanya Vaiṣṇava Tradition 2025

LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCE PAPERS

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| Nov 2026 | "Pāñcarātra Paradigms of Devotional Experience Over Divine Identity." Accepted by the Tantric Studies Unit at the American Academy of Religion (AAR) Annual Conference to be held in Denver, CO. |
| Nov 2026 | "Cooking for Kṛṣṇa: <i>Bhakti</i> Food Contemplations in <i>Naivedya</i> ." Accepted for presentation by a co-sponsored panel by the Contemplative Studies Unit and Religion and Food Unit at the American Academy of Religion (AAR) Annual Conference to be held in Denver, CO. |
| May 2026 | "Realizing the Self in Integration, Not Separation: <i>Bhakti</i> Appropriations of the Pātañjala Yoga Model of Liberation." Accepted for the Yoga Darśana, Yoga Sādhana (YDYS) conference to be held in Paris, France. |
| April 2026 | "The Soteriological Value of Desire (<i>Rāga</i>) in Kṛṣṇa- <i>Bhakti</i> ." Accepted for the American Society for Premodern Asia Annual Conference in Los Angeles, CA. |
| Nov 2025 | "Forgetfulness As Devotion in the Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava Tradition." Accepted for the Religion and Memory Unit at the American Academy of Religion (AAR) Annual Conference in Boston, MA. |
| Nov 2025 | "The Interweaving of Cosmology, Soteriology and Compassion in the Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava Tradition." Accepted for the "Compassion as a Path to Freedom" panel at the Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM) 2025 Conference held in Boston, MA. |
| Sept 2025 | "Kṛṣṇa in the World and as the World: Cosmology and Compassion in the Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava Tradition." Invited Talk in the Voices in Compassion Studies 2025 Online Speaker Series with Arihanta Institute. |

- March 2025 "Meditating on Kṛṣṇa in Yoga Practice & Perfection." Lunch and Learn Invited Talk in the Yoga Studies Lecture Series at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA.
- 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 *Āvaśyakas*: 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 speculative reasoning (*tarka*) in the *Nyāya Sūtras*.
- Nov 2018 Guest Lecturer for Edwin Bryant's course, Krishna. Led discussion of Jīva Gosvāmin's *Gopāla-campū*.

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES & CHAPTERS

- In Progress "Delusion & Divinity: The 'Double' Matter of *Māyā-Śakti*." In *The Materiality of Jyotiṣa: Rethinking Traditional Boundaries in South Asian Astral Science*. Sir Henry Wellcome Asian Series. Leiden: Brill (expected 2027).
- In Progress "The *Siddha-Deha*: An "Untouched" Body of Desire, in Meditation and Liberation." In *The Intellectual Production and Legacy of Jīva Gosvāmin*. Brill's Indological Series. Leiden: Brill (expected 2027).
- In Progress "The *Bhakti* Sensorium of Rūpa Gosvāmin." In *The Vaiṣṇava Sensorium*, ed. Ayesha Irani and Lucian Wong (expected 2026).
- 2024 "Rūpa Gosvāmin's Transjective Ecology of Love," *The Journal of Vaishnava Studies*, Spring 2024.
- 2021 "*Rāga* and *Ānanda*: The Pedagogies of Bliss and Desire in *The Bhaktirasāmṛtasindhu*," *The Journal of Vaishnava Studies*, Fall 2021.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2025 *Love in the Time of Scholarship: The Bhāgavata Purāṇa in Indian Intellectual History* in *The Journal of Vaishnava Studies*.

2024 *The Building of Vr̥ndāvana: 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

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

SERVICE

AAR Hindu Philosophy Unit Steering Committee	2026-
Planning Committee Chair, Critical Re-Visionings in the Light of South Asia Symposium	2026
UCSB Department of Religious Studies Social Media Coordinator	2021-2022

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
American Academy of Religion, Western Region

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, New Brunswick, NJ	
Program Director, Hinduism in India Study Abroad Program (Winter Session)	2022-2024
Sanskrit Tutor	2018-2019

YOGA VIDA LLC, New York, NY

200 Hour Teacher Training Program Manager	2018-2020
Staff 200 & 300 Hour Training Program Lecturer (Yoga History & Philosophy)	2017-2020
Mentor in Mentorship Program	2018-2019
Staff Yoga Teacher	2015-2020