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Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia, April 2019 (expected)  
Dissertation: *“Between Homelessness and Homecoming: Tibetan Nationalism and Citizenship in Late 20<sup>th</sup> Century India”*  
Committee: Richard Barnett (Chair), Xiaoyuan Liu, Kurtis Shaeffer, Indrani Chatterjee (University of Texas, Austin), Alon Confino (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)
- M.A. Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia, 2015  
Thesis: *“The Female Renunciant in Exile: (Re-)Invention, Translation, Empowerment”*  
Chair: Richard Barnett
- M.Phil. Department of English, University of Delhi, 2010  
Thesis: *“A Long Look Homeward: The Invention of Tradition among Exiled Tibetans”*  
Chair: Udaya Kumar
- M.A. Department of English, University of Delhi, 2008
- B.A. Gargi College, University of Delhi, English (Honors) with History and Hindi, 2005

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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- 2011-12 Department of English, Shyama Prasad Mukherji College, University of Delhi, Assistant Professor
- 2010-11 Department of English, Gargi College, University of Delhi, Assistant Professor

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Book Chapters

- 2019 “‘No Nationality Now’: Tibetan Applicants for Indian Citizenship, 1947-1959,” in Bobbi Herzberg, Christopher Coyne, and Don Bordeaux, eds, *Political Process and Political Order* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, Forthcoming).
- 2018 “A Long Look Homeward: Ideas of Time and Space in the Tibet Museum,” in Nandini C. Sen, ed, *Through the Diasporic Lens* (New Delhi: Authorspress, pp. 267-283).

### Book Reviews

- 2019 Review of Townsend Middleton and Sara Shneiderman, eds, *Darjeeling Reconsidered: Histories, Politics, Environments, Himalaya: The Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies* (Vol. 39, No. 1, Forthcoming).
- 2018 Review of Jessica Vantine Birkenholtz, *Reciting the Goddess: Narratives of Place and the Making of Hinduism in Nepal*, *Studies in Nepali History and Society* (Vol. 23, No. 2, Forthcoming).
- 2018 Review of B er enice Guyot-R echard, *Shadow States: India, China and the Himalayas, 1910-1962*, *Essays in History* (Vol. 51).
- 2017 [Review](#) of Richard P. Tucker, *A Forest History of India, Himalaya: The Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies* (Vol. 37, No. 2).
- 2016 [Review](#) of Uther E. Charlton-Stevens, *Decolonising Anglo-Indians: Strategies for a Mixed Race Community in Late Colonial India during the First Half of the Twentieth Century*, *Dissertation Reviews*.

### Working Papers

- 2017 [“Increasing the Civic and Political Participation of Women in the Global South: Understanding the Risk of Strong Resistance,”](#) USAID and IIE Research and Innovation Series. Co-authored with Denise Walsh, Vanessa Ochs, Dannah Dennis, Paromita Sen, and Catalina Vallejo.

### Encyclopedia Entries

- 2018 “Buddhist Nuns in Contemporary Asia,” essay in Michael Tarver, ed, *The Greenwood Encyclopedia of the Daily Life of Women: How They Lived from Ancient Times to the Present* (Santa Barbara: ABC Clio, Forthcoming).

### Op-eds and Popular Writing

- 2018 [“From Illiteracy to PhD: How Exiled Tibetan Buddhist Nuns Are Ensuring Gender Parity,”](#) *The Wire*. 25 September 2018.  
[Republished](#) in *Europe Solidaire Sans Fronti eres*. 7 October 2018.

## Other Publications

- 2009 “Defend the Right to be Offended: Resistance to Censorship in Salman Rushdie’s Writing,” *Hastakshar*, University of Delhi, 1/2: 16-19.
- 2005 “A Vision for India: Lessons from the Tibetan Experience,” *Voices of the Young*, India Habitat Centre, 23-26.

## Blog Posts

- 2014 “[On Sharing Credit and Courting Trolls](#),” Scholars’ Lab, University of Virginia

## Manuscripts in Preparation

- Article: “Fashioning a ‘Buddhist’ Himalayan Cartography: The ‘Dharma Kings’ of Sikkim in Postcolonial India,” in Wasana Wongsurawat and Michael K. Connors, eds, special journal issue on *Divine Transcendental Rulers of Imagined Communities: The Rise and Fall of Royal Nationhood in Asia*.
- Article: “The Female Renunciant in Exile: (Re-)Invention, Translation, Empowerment.”

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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### Major Fellowships

- 2018-19 American Institute of Indian Studies, Junior Research Fellowship
- 2018-19 Public Humanities Fellowship, South Atlantic Humanities Center, Virginia Foundation for Humanities
- 2018-19 Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (also awarded in 2016-17)
- 2018-19 Dean’s Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Virginia
- 2018-19 Buckner W. Clay Fellowship for the Humanities, Institute of the Humanities and Global Cultures (also awarded in 2016-17, 2015-16)
- 2018 Summer Research Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies
- 2017-18 Dan Searle Fellow, Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies
- 2017-18 Adam Smith Fellowship Research Sequence, Mercatus Center at George Mason University
- 2016-17 Taraknath Das Foundation Grant, South Asia Institute, Columbia University
- 2016-17 International Doctoral Degree Fellowship, American Institute for University Women (alternate)
- 2016-17 Dumas Malone Graduate Research Fellowship, Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Virginia

- 2016-17 Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center at George Mason University
- 2016 Democracy, Human Rights and Governance Research and Innovation Grant, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Institute of International Education (IIE) (Co-Principal Investigator)
- 2014-15 Praxis Fellowship in the Digital Humanities, Scholars' Lab, University of Virginia
- 2014 OpenCon Graduate Fellowship, Right to Research Coalition
- 2004 Gurukul Fellowship, Foundation for Universal Responsibility of His Holiness the Dalai Lama (FURHHDL) and Society for Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth (SPIC MACAY)

**Small Fellowships and Grants**

- 2018-19 Hayek Research Grant, Institute for Humane Studies
- 2018-19 Conference Travel Bursary, Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia (also awarded in 2017-18, 2016-17, 2015-16, 2014-15, 2013-14)
- 2018 Archival Research Grant, Mercatus Center at George Mason University (also awarded in 2016)
- 2018 Summer Research Grant, Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia (also awarded in 2017, 2016, 2014)
- 2018 Foreign Language Study Grant, Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia (also awarded in 2017, 2016, 2015)
- 2017-18 Global Center Grant, Center for Global Inquiry and Innovation, University of Virginia (also awarded in 2016-17, 2015-16)
- 2017-18 Conference Travel Grant, Mercatus Center at George Mason University
- 2017 Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Summer Research Award, Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Virginia (also awarded in 2015)
- 2016 Conference Travel Grant, Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies (declined)
- 2016 Ellen Bayard Weedon Travel Grant, East Asia Center, University of Virginia (also awarded in 2015)
- 2016 Conference Travel Bursary, South Asia Center, University of Virginia
- 2015 Conference Travel Bursary, Alliance of Digital Humanities Organizations (declined)

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

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- 2013-19 Digital Humanities Certificate, University of Virginia

- 2018 All University Distinguished Graduate Teaching Award for Arts and Humanities, Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs, University of Virginia
- 2016 Second Position for research on “Religion’s Unexpected Influences,” Huskey Research Exhibition, University of Virginia
- 2015 Scholarship for Bologna-Duke Summer Program on Global Studies and Critical Theory, Academy of Global Humanities and Critical Theory

## **INVITED TALKS**

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- 2018 “Tibetan Refugees and the Postcolonial Indian State.” Christina Kilby’s seminar on Religion and Refugees, James Madison University
- 2017 “‘We Shall Move North’: Sikkim in the Aftermath of the 1962 Sino-Indian Conflict.” Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi
- 2017 “Conducting Archival Research in India.” Workshop for Researching Reality Internship Program, Centre for Civil Society, Delhi.
- 2015 “Female Buddhist Monasticism in India.” Nicholas Trautz’s seminar on Introduction to Tibetan Buddhism, James Madison University
- 2015 “Social Change and Public Policy.” iPolicy for Young Leaders. St Stephen’s College, University of Delhi
- 2013 “No Mirrors in Dolma Ling Nunnery.” Gurukul Conclave, Foundation for Universal Responsibility of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Dharamsala
- 2013 “Reading ‘The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock’ through modernist painting.” Workshop on British Modernist Poetry, Shyama Prasad Mukherji College, University of Delhi
- 2013 “Censorship in Contemporary India.” I, Society and Public Policy, Friedrich Naumann Stiftung and Centre for Civil Society, Delhi
- 2012 “The Trajectory of Social Change: From Personal to Institutional.” Featured Speaker, Young India- Evolving Minds, Inspiring Innovation, Global Education and Leadership Foundation, Delhi

## **CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE**

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### **Conferences Organized**

- 2018 “Practices of Border Making in South Asia: From Durand to Doklam.” Symposium. Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison (co-organized with Kyle Gardner, University of Chicago)
- 2018 “Race and Division of Labor in Global Empires in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries.” Conference. Academy of Global Humanities and Critical Theory, University of

- Virginia (co-organized with Matilde Cazzola, Lorenzo Ravano, and Martino Sacchi, University of Bologna; Can Evren, Duke University)
- 2017 “Colonial and Postcolonial Borderlands,” Preconference. Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison (co-organized with Aniket De, Harvard University)
- 2014 “Religion and the University.” Conference. Institute of the Humanities and Global Cultures, University of Virginia

### **Panels Organized**

- 2019 “Building a Road: Doklam and the Fashioning of a Loyal Citizenry in Modern Asia.” American Historical Association Annual Conference, Chicago (Forthcoming)
- 2018 “Seeking Refuge in Contemporary Asian States.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Washington D.C. (co-organized with Christina Kilby, James Madison University)
- 2017 “Talking Back at the Indian State: Oppositional Nationalisms and Citizenship Claims in Contemporary South Asia.” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin- Madison
- 2017 “Refugees, Minorities, Patriots, and Traitors: Negotiating Identity along Contemporary Asian Borderlands.” Southeast Conference of the Association of Asian Studies, University of Mississippi
- 2016 “Migration, Decay, and Regeneration in Contemporary South Asia.” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2016 “Texts, Traditions, and Transitions: Women’s Journeys across the Himalayas.” Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies Conference, University of Texas at Austin
- 2016 “Loci of Assimilation and Exclusion: Rival National Cultures in 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Asia.” Southeast Conference of the Association of Asian Studies, James Madison University
- 2015 “Distrust with Governments in Contemporary South Asia.” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2015 “Movement, Modernity, and Pedagogical Innovation: The Reinvention of Religious Tradition in Four Asian Buddhist Societies.” Southeast Conference of the Association of Asian Studies, University of Virginia
- 2014 “Diasporic Communities in 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century India.” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2013 “The Pedagogy of Massive Open Online Courses.” Graduate Advisory Board Fest, University of Virginia

## Papers Presented

- 2019 “‘Buddhist’ Kingdoms Beyond East- and South Asia: Himalayan Nationalisms in Postcolonial India.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Denver (Forthcoming)
- 2019 “Making ‘Buddhist’ into ‘Indian’: Securing Sikkim’s Loyalty to Independent India, 1947-1975.” American Historical Association Annual Conference, Chicago (Forthcoming)
- 2018 “Fashioning a ‘Buddhist’ Himalayan Cartography: The ‘Dharma Kings’ of Sikkim in Postcolonial India.” Workshop on “Divine/Transcendent Rulers of Imagined Communities: The Rise and Fall of Royal Nationhood in Asia,” Inter Asian Connections VI, Social Science Research Council, Hanoi (Forthcoming)
- 2018 “Sikkim and the Doomed Project of ‘National Integration’ in Postcolonial India, 1975-1994.” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2018 “Standing Guard for the Nation: The ‘natural’ Himalayan Border in the Postcolonial Indian Imaginary.” Symposium on “Practices of Border Making in South Asia: From Durand to Doklam.” University of Wisconsin- Madison
- 2018 “‘The Buddha was Born Here’: Tibetan Understandings of Exile in India.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
- 2018 “‘Where are you from?’: A Himalayan Answer.” Huskey Graduate Research Exhibition, University of Virginia
- 2017 “Between Tibetan Graziers and Chinese Troops: India’s Policy Towards Sikkim and Bhutan, 1949-1975.” All India Conference of China Studies, University of Goa
- 2017 “Sikkim in the Age of Nation States, 1950-1975.” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin- Madison
- 2017 “Monastics on the Move: Tibetans at the Fault-lines of Indian Citizenship Laws.” “Colonial and Postcolonial Borderlands.” Preconference at Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2017 “Emplacement, Renunciation, and Proof of Loyalty: Tibetan Applicants for Indian Citizenship, 1950s- 1980s.” Adam Smith Fellowship Colloquium, Mercatus Center, George Mason University
- 2017 “Tibetan Migrants in Search of ‘Original Nationality’ on Himalayan Borderlands.” South Asia Conference, Princeton University
- 2017 “What Makes an Empowered Nun?: A View from the Tibetan Nuns Project in India.” International Conference on “Women and Buddhism: Perspectives on Gender, Culture, and Empowerment,” Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, Delhi
- 2017 “‘With My Own Eyes’: Investigating the Tibet Oral History Project Archive.” National Seminar on Migration and Diaspora, University of Delhi

- 2017 “‘What Makes an Indian National?’: Tibetans at the Fault-lines of Indian Citizenship Laws, 1940s-1960s.” Southeast Conference of the Association of Asian Studies, University of Mississippi
- 2016 “No Nationality Now: Tibetan Experiences of Statelessness and Citizenship in India, 1940s-60s.” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2016 “‘Buddhist Leanings’ and ‘Opposition to Communism’: Indian Government on the Question of Tibet, 1948-1962.” Institute of Humane Studies Graduate Research Colloquium, Towson University
- 2016 “Migrants, Monastics, and Merchandise: The Making of Tibetan National Culture with ‘Sponsorship Dollars’.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Seattle
- 2016 “Western Feminism and Tibetan Buddhist Nuns: A Case of (Mis-) Translation.” Huskey Research Exhibition, University of Virginia
- 2016 “Stateless or Spy? Tibetan Buddhist Monastics in Independent India.” Southeast Conference of the Association of Asian Studies, James Madison University
- 2016 “Leaving Behind a Lot of Rubbish: Pedagogical Innovation in Tibetan Buddhist Nunneries in India.” Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies Conference, University of Texas at Austin
- 2015 “From Refugees to Citizens?: Elections and the Refashioning of Tibetan Identity in Exile.” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2015 “Both Refugees and ‘Immigrant Ambassadors’: Exile and the Reinvention of Tibetan Identity.” Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, University of Virginia
- 2014 “Between Homelessness and Homecoming: Tibetans in Exile in India.” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2014 “The Female Renunciant in Exile: Translation, Invention, Empowerment.” Feminist Interventions, South Asia by the Bay, UC Santa Cruz
- 2014 “Exile as Opportunity: Tibetan Nuns Project in India.” Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Duke University

### **Digital Humanities Presentations**

- 2019 “The ‘Renunciation Clause’ and the Making of a Loyal Citizen in Postcolonial India” (Poster). American Historical Association Annual Conference, Chicago (Forthcoming)
- 2018 “Tibetan Buddhist Monastics and the Problem of Itinerancy in Indian Citizenship Laws, 1940s- 1960s” (Poster). American Historical Association Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
- 2017 “Collaborative Textual Play in the History Classroom.” American Historical Association Annual Conference, Denver

- 2015 “Ivanhoe and Pedagogical Innovation” (Co-presenter). Huskey Research Exhibition, University of Virginia
- 2015 “Ivanhoe 2.0 and Praxis 2014-15.” Moving People/ Linking Lives, Page Barbour Symposium, University of Virginia
- 2014 “Tibetan Language Learning through Telepresence” (Co-presenter). Teaching with Technology: Showcase of Projects in Arts, Research, and Curriculum (SPARC), University of Virginia

**Discussant**

- 2014 “Public University and Religious Expression.” Graduate Advisory Board Fest, University of Virginia
- 2013 “Tibetan Women in India.” Series on “Diaspora- A Tibetan Perspective,” Foundation for Universal Responsibility of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Delhi
- 2010 “Three Thinker Activists and Makers of Modern India: MK Gandhi, C. Rajagopalachari and Rabindranath Tagore.” Colloquium on the Indian Liberal Tradition, Friedrich Naumann Stiftung and Centre for Civil Society, Delhi

**CAMPUS TALKS**

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- 2018 “Answering ‘Where are you from?’: Lessons from Modern South Asia.” Seminar for Resident Advisors, University of Virginia
- 2016 “Political Exile and Cultural Opportunity: Tibetan Buddhist Nuns in Contemporary India.” Flash Seminar, University of Virginia
- 2016 “British Imperial Presence in India.” Lecture for Rosemary Lee’s seminar on Western Civilization (Reformation- Present), Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia
- 2015 “Ethnic Minority Policy in China: An Historical Perspective.” China Dialogue, University of Virginia
- 2015 “Tibetan Nuns Project in Contemporary India and Nepal.” Lecture for Katarina Turpeinen’s seminar on Introduction to Tibetan Buddhism, Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia
- 2015 “‘When it Rains in Dharamsala’: Waves of Migration in a Temporary City.” Presentation for Nabaparna Ghosh’s seminar on The City in South Asia, Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia
- 2014 “Self-Fashioning of Mayawati: A Journey Through Visuals.” Presentation for Catherine Warner’s seminar on Twentieth Century South Asia, Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia, Instructor of Record**

Forging the Postcolonial Nation-State in South Asia (2018)

Migration in Modern South Asia: History, Literature, Film, Ephemera (2018)

Twentieth Century South Asia (2017)

### **Global Studies (Interdisciplinary Major), University of Virginia, Instructor of Record**

Making Culture Visible (2018)

### **International Studies Office, University of Virginia, Instructor of Record**

Identity in Translation: Critical Orientation, Reflection, and Engagement (CORE) Program (2017- 2018)

### **Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia, Teaching Assistant with Sections**

Emergence of Modern Britain (Spring 2016), Japan to 1868 (Spring 2015), History and Civilization of Medieval India (Fall 2014)

### **Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia, Grader**

History and Civilization of Classical India (Fall 2015)

### **Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, University of Virginia, Grader**

Foundations and Contexts of Public Policy (Fall 2015)

### **Department of English, Shyama Prasad Mukherji College, University of Delhi, Assistant Professor**

Select Courses: Eighteenth Century British Literature, World Literatures, Postcolonial Literature, English Grammar (Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced), Remedial English (2011-12)

### **Department of English, Gargi College, University of Delhi, Assistant Professor**

Select Courses: College Writing and Composition, Popular Fiction, World Literatures, Nineteenth Century British Literature (2010-11)

## Department of English, University of Delhi (undergraduate colleges), Instructor

Select Courses: Modern Indian Literature, Nationalism in India, Postcolonial Writing in English, Contemporary Literary Theory, Renaissance and Metaphysical Poetry, Popular Fiction, College Writing and Composition, Remedial English (2008- 2013)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Digital Humanities Projects

2014-15 [\*Ivanhoe\*](#): a digital platform for collaborative textual interpretation, Scholars' Lab, University of Virginia (Co-developer)

### Pedagogical Consulting and Course Design

2018-19 Pedagogy Specialist, Digital Humanities Curriculum, University of Virginia

Developed course requirements, syllabi, and assessment rubrics for digital humanities elective courses.

2018-19 Teaching Consultant, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Virginia

Trained at Course Design Institute. Conduct classroom observations, lead student focus groups, and consult one-on-one with faculty and graduate student instructors.

2011 Course Writer and Faculty, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Delhi

Developed curriculum for discussion series around Jawaharlal Nehru's *The Discovery of India*, with sessions on ideas of Indian-ness, Partition, caste-system, personal and group identities.

2009-11 Course Writer, Institute of Life Long Learning, University of Delhi

Developed assessment tools for BA English (H) and BA Program syllabi.

2005-present Faculty and Course Writer, Centre for Civil Society, Delhi

Designed programs and taught at over 30 seminars for university students and young professionals all over India. Addressed diverse issues such as policy restrictions on livelihood, censorship, religious and personal freedom.

2004-06 Course Writer, Faculty and Mentor, Beyond Borders Project, British Council, Delhi

Developed modules on understanding democracy and its limitations.

### Editorial Work

2011 Co-editor, *Compendium on the State of Democracy on Indian Campuses*. Published by Liberal Youth Forum, Centre for Public Policy Research, Friedrich Naumann Stiftung

2009 Editorial Assistant, *State of Governance: Delhi Citizen's Handbook 2009*. Published by Center for Civil Society and Times Foundation

2012 Editor, *Soul Survivors*, “Past and Present” series, Exhibition at the National Museum, Delhi  
Focus on Apa Tani of Arunachal Pradesh, Konyak of Nagaland, and Drogha of Tibet

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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2016 Research Assistant, “Palestine in 1948: A Global Perspective” for Alon Confino, Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia  
Bibliographic research, digitising materials, and data collection.

2013 Research Assistant, “Shrines and their Souvenirs: The Bazaar Economies of Amritsar” for Radhika Chopra, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi  
Field research, interviews and archival work in Amritsar, Punjab.

## **SERVICE**

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### **To Profession**

Manuscript Reviewer, *Jefferson Journal of Science and Culture*, 2016

Manuscript Reviewer, *Dissertation Reviews*, 2015

Associate Editor for Book Reviews, *Essays in History*, 2014-16

Manuscript Reviewer, *Essays in History*, 2014

### **To Digital Humanities community**

Digital Humanities Editor, *The Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies*, 2017-19

Conference Reviewer, *Digital Humanities 2018*, Alliance of Digital Humanities Organizations, 2017 (also served as reviewer for *Digital Humanities 2017*)

Editor-at-Large, *Digital Humanities Now*, 2016

### **At University of Virginia**

Member, Core Advisory Board, Institute of the Humanities and Global Cultures, 2016-17

Member, Advisory Board, China Dialogue Dinners, 2015-present

Chair, Graduate Advisory Board, Institute of the Humanities and Global Cultures, 2014-16,  
Member, 2013-14

Panelist, “Interdisciplinarity in the Humanities,” Mellon Teaching Seminar on Pluralism in Society and the Academy, 2016

Panelist, “History and Life at UVa”, Prospective Graduate Student Meeting, Corcoran Department of History, 2016

### **At University of Delhi**

Organizer, Workshop on “Linguistic hierarchy in the Contemporary Indian Classroom,” 2012

Organizer, Lecture on “Censorship in Media” by Christopher Lingle, Universidad Francisco Marroquín, 2010

Organizer, Workshop on “Making Effective Presentations” by Manali Shah, Friedrich Naumann Stiftung, 2010

### **MEDIA COVERAGE**

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Interview with Chintan Girish Modi, [#southasiachat](#), *Chaat Masala Collective*, Twitter, 8 October 2018

Interviewed in documentary film *Sarhad-e-Bollywood: Pakistan through Bollywood Eyes*, 2008

Interview on “How South Asian is My Food?” for *Who Cares About Britishness? A Global View of the National Identity Debate*, 2007

Interviewed in documentary film *The Right to be Me*, 2006

### **DIGITAL HUMANITIES SKILLS**

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Geospatial Visualization: ArcGIS, Visual Eyes/ MapScholar, Google Earth

Textual analysis and interpretation: Ivanhoe, topic modeling

Frontend web design: HTML, CSS, PHP

Content management systems: WordPress, Omeka

Version control systems: Git

Collaboration: Asana, Basecamp, Trello, Slack

### **LANGUAGES**

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Hindi: Native fluency

Colloquial Tibetan: Advanced reading, writing and translation skills

Classical Tibetan: Advanced reading, and translation skills

Sanskrit: Beginner reading, writing and translation skills

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Historical Association

Alliance of Digital Humanities Organizations

Association for Asian Studies

Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies

Southeast Regional Conference of the Association for Asian Studies