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EDUCATION

Ph.D. | 2009 | University of Texas at Austin | Asian Cultures and Languages (South Asia/Sanskrit)

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M.A. | 2003 | University of Texas at Austin | Asian Cultures and Languages (South Asia/Sanskrit)

Thesis: "The Origin and Early Development of Smrti."

B.A. | 2000 | University of Washington | Asian Languages and Literature (South Asia/Sanskrit)

EMPLOYMENT

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- Assistant Professor of Sanskrit Literature, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Michigan, 2018-24

Senior Lector of Sanskrit, South Asian Studies Council, Yale University, 2014–2018. Lector of Sanskrit, South Asian Studies Council, Yale University, 2009–2014.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

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- Brahmanical Theories of the Gift: A Critical Edition and Annotated Translation of the Dānakāṇḍa of the Kṛtyakalpataru. Harvard Oriental Series 77. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press. 751 pages. 2015.
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