

# DAVID BOYK

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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, History, 2015  
Dissertation: "Provincial Urbanity: Intellectuals and Public Life in Patna, 1880-1930"
- M.A. University of California, Berkeley, History, 2009
- B.A. University of California, Berkeley, Cognitive Science and History (Honors), 2006

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2016-present Assistant Professor of Instruction, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, Northwestern University
- 2015-2016 Visiting Lecturer, Department of History, University of California, Berkeley

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2014 History Department Dissertation Write-Up Fellowship
- 2014 Maharaj Kaul Memorial Conference Travel Grant
- 2014 UC Berkeley Graduate Division Summer Grant
- 2013 Association for Asian Studies South Asia Council Graduate Student Paper Prize
- 2012 UC Berkeley Dean's Normative Time Fellowship
- 2011 Fulbright-Nehru Student Research Fellowship (Fulbright-IIIE)
- 2011 Foreign Language and Area Studies Dissertation Fellowship in Urdu
- 2011 UC Berkeley Dean's Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2009 UC Berkeley History Department Block Grant
- 2008 Critical Language Scholarship in Urdu
- 2007 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship in Bengali
- 2006 Berkeley Urdu Language Fellowship

## PUBLICATIONS

### Manuscripts in Preparation

“As Though in a Shrine: Books and the Past in a Provincial City,” under review at *Comparative Studies in South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*

“A History of Provinciality: The Mofussil in Colonial India”  
*Urbane Provincials: Intellectuals and the Hinterland in Colonial India*

### Book Reviews and Other Publications

2014 “Home in the Hinterland,” *Los Angeles Review of Books* (review of *A Matter of Rats*, by Amitava Kumar)

2012 “A Lettered Life,” *The Caravan*

2012 “Calcutta in 20 Hours,” *Kosovo 2.0*

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

### Conferences Organized

2014 “Histories of Histories,” held in honor of Romila Thapar, UC Berkeley Center for South Asia Studies

### Panels Organized

2015 “You Spin Me Round (Like a Record): Archives in India,” Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2015 “You Say Stop But I Say Go Go Go: Transportation and Society in South Asia,” Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2015 “Beyond City Limits: Cities and Regions in South Asia,” Association for Asian Studies Conference, Chicago

2014 “Rethinking the Region,” Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2012 “The Past and Other Foreign Countries: Urdu History, Biography and Travelogue,” Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison

### Panels Chaired

2014 “Rethinking the Region,” Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2012 “The Past and Other Foreign Countries: Urdu History, Biography and Travelogue,” Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Papers Presented**

- 2016 “‘As Though in a Shrine’: Building a Monument to Learning,” Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2015 “‘A Thing that Halts is Called a Tramway’: Movement and Spatial Politics in Patna, *ca.* 1900,” Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2015 “Someone Else’s Place: Bihari Students in Calcutta, 1890-1910,” Association for Asian Studies Conference, Chicago
- 2014 “Capital Flows: City and Region in Bihar,” Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2014
- 2014 “Thinking Backwards: Provinciality and Urbanity in Nineteenth-Century North India,” Urban History Association Conference, Philadelphia
- 2014 “A History of the Mofussil: Provinciality in Colonial India,” Modern South Asia Early Career Workshop, Princeton University
- 2013 “Mofussil Urbanity: Provinciality and the Public Sphere in Patna, 1900-1906,” Association for Asian Studies Conference, San Diego
- 2012 “Urban History in Urdu: Patna and its People in an Early Twentieth-Century Tazkira,” Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2012 “Urban History in Urdu: Patna and its People in an Early Twentieth-Century Text,” Fulbright South and Central Asia Conference, Kochi

**Workshop Participation**

- 2015 American Institute of Indian Studies Book Workshop, Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2014 Modern South Asia Early Career Workshop, Princeton University

**CAMPUS AND INVITED TALKS**

- 2013 “‘My Dear *Al-Punch*’: Mofussil Urbanity and the Urdu Public Sphere in the Early Twentieth Century,” South and Southeast Asian Studies Colloquium, UC Berkeley
- 2012 “Urban History in Urdu: Patna and its People in an Early Twentieth-Century Text,” Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta
- 2011 “Sayyid Badrul Hasan’s *Yadgar-e Rozgar* and its Patna,” South and Southeast Asian Studies Colloquium, UC Berkeley

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

**Assistant Professor of Instruction, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures,  
Northwestern University**

Hindi-Urdu II

Hindi-Urdu III: Society on Screen

Accelerated Hindi-Urdu Literacy

**Visiting Lecturer, Department of History, University of California, Berkeley**

Tongue and Territory: Language and Region in South Asian History

South Asia and the World

India

Sugar and Spice (and Everything Nice): Commodities in World History

## **TEACHING AREAS**

Hindi-Urdu language

South Asian history

Cultural and intellectual history

History of language and literature

Hindi-Urdu literature

Urban history

Nationalism and regionalism

Film and popular culture

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Discussant, Undergraduate Research Symposium, Institute for South Asia Studies, UC Berkeley, 2016

Manuscript reviewer, Oxford University Press Pakistan, 2016-present

Manuscript reviewer, *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*, 2015-present

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Curriculum consultant and lecturer, UC Berkeley History-Social Science Project (in conjunction with the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco), 2010-2011

Lecturer, orientation session for Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program, Center for South Asia Studies, UC Berkeley, 2011

## **LANGUAGES**

Hindi: proficient

Urdu: proficient

Bengali: conversational

German: conversational

Spanish: conversational

Latin: reading

Persian: basic

Portuguese: basic