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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