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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Intellectual and literary history of India in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, focusing on Indo-Persian philological scholarship and emergent vernacular textuality in pre-colonial northern India. Secondary interest in the influence of European Classicism on colonial intellectuals.

EDUCATION

Columbia University

- Ph.D. candidate in the Dept. of Middle Eastern, South Asian and African Studies and the Institute for Comparative Literature and Society (degree expected February 2013)

Dissertation: "Indo-Persian Philology in the Eighteenth Century and the Politics of Vernacular Culture"

- M.A. in South Asian Studies (May '08, Cumulative GPA: 3.92)

Thesis: "Colonial Knowledge and the Greco-Roman Classics: Resituating the Legacy of Sir William Jones in a Humanist Context"

Princeton University & Worcester College, Oxford University

- A.B. in Classics (May '05, Cumulative GPA: 3.66)

GRANTS

- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad fellowship (Aug. '10 - Aug. '11, funding research in the U.K. and India)
- Fulbright-Nehru Grant funding a year of research in India (declined in favor of above)
- American Institute for Indian Studies Junior Research Fellowship for a year in India (declined in favor of above)
- Columbia Comparative Literature and Society Fellowship (special additional funding for summers '09 - '12)
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) in summer '06 (Urdu), summer '07 & '08 (Persian) and academic year '07 - '08 (Hindi)
- Columbia One-Point Grant, Fall '06
- Princeton Ferris Prize in Journalism, May '05

WORK EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

Fall '09 - Present

Columbia University

Assist professor in course logistics for "Introduction to Indian Civilization" and formerly "Asian Humanities Major Texts: India," including developing quizzes and assignments. Mentor students through written and face-to-face feedback. Some opportunity to lecture. Extensive use of Courseworks, Powerpoint and other classroom technology. Application pending to teach a 2012 summer course on "Islamic Culture in South and Central Asia." Received additional teacher training at Columbia's intensive teaching workshop (July 19-23, 2010).

Research Assistant

September '06 - May '10

Columbia University

Supported professors with a range of tasks including editing articles, database maintenance, computer support, tracking down sources and preparation of class materials. Frequent use of Indic languages and specialized computer skills. Attained highest pay-grade, and entrusted with long-term projects such as copyediting and typesetting two academic books.

South Asian Journalists Association

January '07 - June '09

Contributor to *SAJAforum*, the Association's online publication, focusing on academic and political issues related to media coverage of South Asia and the South Asian diaspora.

Loreto School Sealdah (Kolkata, India)

As a volunteer, designed a curriculum for remedial English classes and taught English as a Foreign Language to 100 students at the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth-grade level.

WRITING & PRESENTING

Academic Publications & Conferences

- “K̄hān-i Ārzū’s Middle Way for Poetic Authority in Eighteenth-Century Indo-Persian” under consideration by the *Journal of Persianate Societies*. Previously presented at the Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference on the Middle East, South Asia and Africa at Columbia University (February '11)
- Will present “Fashioning Everyday Speech into Literary Language in Eighteenth-Century Delhi” at the Association for Asian Studies Conference (Toronto, March '12)
- Presented “Constructions of Indian Culture in Eighteenth-Century Indo-Persian Literary Criticism” at the Madison Conference on South Asia (October '11)
- Presented “The Place of Persian in India, and the Persian of Place” at the Indian Fulbright Conference (Goa, March '11)
- “The Wonders of Words, or the Role of K̄hān-i Ārzū’s *Navādir al-alfāz* in the Development of Urdu” in Shamsur Rahman Faruqi felicitation volume (2010) <http://www.columbia.edu/itc/mealac/pritchett/00urduhindilinks/srffest/txt_dudney_khaniarzu.pdf>
- Presented “Representing ‘Hindī’ Sounds in Indo-Persian Texts” at the International Seminar on Persian & Arabic Manuscripts in India (Delhi University, December '10)
- Chapter “Braj Reinvented: Colonial Approaches to Hindi Dialects” in *Problematizing Language Studies: Cultural, Theoretical and Applied Perspectives* (Delhi: Aakar Books, 2010)
- Presented “Why Did Shāh Ḥātim’s Collected Works Have a Child?” at the Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference on the Middle East, South Asia and Africa at Columbia University (April '10)
- Presented “Translating Knowledge: Indo-Persian Awareness of Vernacular Language and Culture” at the University of Chicago South Asia Graduate Student Conference (April '09)
- Paper “Keeping the Magic Alive: How Devakinandan Khatri’s *Chandrakanta*, the First Hindi Best-seller, Navigates Modernity and the Fantastical” published online <http://www.columbia.edu/itc/mealac/pritchett/00urduhindilinks/txt_dudney_chandrakanta.pdf> (February '09)
- Presented “Describing Language before Linguistics: The View from Eighteenth-Century Delhi” at the South Asia Graduate Students Forum, Columbia University (November '08)
- Presented “Sir William Jones and the Indo-European Hypothesis: the Prequel” at the Madison Conference on South Asia (October '08)
- Designed and wrote original material for Hindi literature study site for advanced students <<http://www.columbia.edu/itc/mealac/pritchett/01glossaries/busch/index.htm>>
- Presented “The Hindus of Ancient Greece?” at the British Society for Eighteenth Century Studies conference (Oxford, January '08)
- Presented “Greco-Roman Social Justice and Early Colonial India” at the South Asian Literary Association conference (Chicago, December '07)

Other Relevant Publications

- “First Language” on Delhi’s Persian literary heritage in *Time Out Delhi*, June 10-23, 2011
- “Beyond Techno-Coolies: How the Merits of a Liberal Education Continue to Evade Indian Students” in *Outlook*, May 16, 2011

SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

- Invited as panellist to Indian national seminar on “Quality Assurance in Higher Education” (Jaipur, June '11)
- Taught writing workshop to Indian students applying to American universities at US-India Educational Foundation (December '10)
- Interview committee member for Educational Advisor position at US-India Educational Foundation (Delhi, December '10)
- Selection committee member for 2011-12 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program (Delhi, October '10)
- Convenor of first annual Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference on the Middle East, South Asia and Africa held at Columbia in April 2010. Ran a team of student organizers, raised over \$3,000 and set policies for future conferences.
- Co-coordinator of the South Asia Graduate Students Forum (August '09 to May '10)
- Graduate representative for Dept. of Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures (September '08 to December '09)

- Graduate representative for South Asian Studies M.A. students (September '07 to May '08)
- Member of organizing committee for National Graduate Student Translation Conference (April '08)
- Student coordinator for “Language, Culture & Power” conference (February '08)

LANGUAGES

Advanced Hindi, Urdu and Persian. Fluent in Polish and German; semi-fluent in French. Reading knowledge of Latin and Ancient Greek. Basic classical Arabic and Sanskrit.

AFFILIATIONS

American Oriental Society, Association for Asian Studies, Association for the Study of Persianate Societies, British Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, Modern Language Association, and South Asian Journalists Association.

Current as of 10/2011