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EDUCATION

- 2018 **Ph.D. in History** (with Distinction)
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Dissertation: “Border Making, Geography, and the Limits of Empire in the Northwestern Himalaya, 1846-1962” (defended on November 17, 2017)

Committee: James Hevia (chair), Fredrik Albritton Jonsson, Dipesh Chakrabarty, Kenneth Pomeranz

Exam fields: Modern South Asia, British Empire, Environmental History
- 2011 **M.A. in History**
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- **Urdu Language Program**
American Institute of Indian Studies, Lucknow, India
- 2006 **B.A. in History** (with High Honors)
Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT
- 2005 **Tibetan Studies Program**
School for International Training, India, Nepal, and Bhutan

PUBLICATIONS (peer-reviewed)

- Under Review *The Frontier Complex: Geopolitics and the making of the India-China border, 1846-1962*
- 2018 “Moving watersheds, borderless maps, and imperial geography in India’s northwestern Himalaya.” *The Historical Journal* [available online; issue forthcoming]
- “Elphinstone, Geography, and the Specter of Afghanistan in the Himalaya” in Shah Mahmoud Hanifi, ed., *Mountstuart Elphinstone in South Asia: Pioneer of British Colonial Rule* (Oxford University Press, Fall 2018).
- 2014 “The Ready Materials for Another World: Frontier, Security, and the Hindustan-Tibet Road in the 19th century Northwestern Himalaya.” *Himalaya, the Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies* 33: No. 1 (2014): 71-84.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- 2018 Wayne C. Booth Graduate Student Prize for Excellence in Teaching, University of Chicago
- 2017 Von Holst Prize Lectureship, Department of History, University of Chicago
- 2016-17 William Rainey Harper/Provost Fellow, Social Science Division, University of Chicago
- 2015-16 Bessie Pierce Prize Preceptorship, Department of History, University of Chicago
- 2014-15 American Institute of Indian Studies Junior Fellowship
- 2014 Agnes and Nathan Janco Travel Award, Social Science Division, University of Chicago

2013, 2016 Nicholson Center for British Studies Graduate Fellowship, University of Chicago
 2013, 2014 Kunststadter Travel Grant, Department of History, University of Chicago
 2011-12 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship in Urdu
 2006 The Robins Prize for best thesis in European history, Wesleyan University

BOOK REVIEWS

Forthcoming Review of *India Conquered: Britain's Raj and the Chaos of Empire*, by Jon Wilson. *Indian Economic and Social History Review*.

2017 Review of *On Uncertain Ground: Displaced Kashmiri Pandits in Jammu and Kashmir*, by Ankur Datta. *Himalaya, the Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies* 37: No. 2 (December 2017): 132-134.

2016 Review of *Kailas Histories: Renunciate Traditions and the Construction of Himalayan Sacred Geography*, by Alex McKay. *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 79: No. 3 (October 2016): 677-679.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2017 "Watersheds and Nomads: Problems of Movement in Late-Colonial Border Making in Ladakh." Pre-Conference on Colonial and Postcolonial Borderlands. 46th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, October 26.

2016 "Kushok Bakula Rinpoche's early political life and the making of modern Ladakh." Indian Council for Cultural Relations' International Conference on Padma Bhushan Kushok Bakula Rinpoche, Leh, India, October 1-3.

2015 "Elphinstone, Moorcroft, and the Specter of Afghanistan in the northwestern Himalaya." Mountstuart Elphinstone and the Historical Foundations of Afghanistan Studies, London, UK, November 6-7.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Upcoming Presenter and co-organizer, "Building a Road: Doklam and the Fashioning of a Loyal Citizenry in Modern Asia." Annual conference of the American Historical Association, Chicago, IL, January 3-6.

— Presenter and co-organizer, Symposium on "Practices of Border Making in South Asia." 47th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, October 11-13.

2017 "Roads and Regulations at the Edge of the Empire." Newberry British History Seminar, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, April 28.

— Chair and discussant, "Politics and Time in Indian Intellectual History." Annual conference of the American Historical Association, Denver, CO, January 5-8.

2016 "Microhistory on a Mountain Pass." Annual conference of the Association of Asian Studies, Seattle, WA, March 31-April 3.

- 2014 “Incongruent Frontiers: British Attempts to Define the Boundaries of Ladakh, 1846-1884.” 43rd Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, October 16-19.
- 2013 “On the Road: Environment, Trade, and Empire in the Making of the Hindustan-Tibet Road.” 16th International Association for Ladakh Studies Colloquium, Heidelberg, Germany, April 17-20.
- “‘The ready materials for another world’: Frontier and the Hindustan-Tibet Road.” 2nd Annual Berkeley Graduate Student International and Global History Conference, Berkeley, CA, March 15-16.
- 2011 “The Education Complex: Imperial Anxieties and the Case of Five Tibetans in England.” Midwest Conference on British Studies, Terre Haute, IN, November 4-6.

PRESENTATIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

- 2017 “Reading the Border: Gazetteers, Tribute Missions, and the Problem with Goats.” Theory and Practice of South Asia Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, April 6.
- “The Space Between: Trade, Cosmology, and Modes of Seeing in Independent Ladakh.” The Early Modern Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, January 30.
- 2016 “‘The dangerous edge of things’: Questions of scale at the edge of the British Empire.” Modern British Studies: A Collaborative Workshop, Chicago, IL, April 8-9.
- “‘Cartographic Aggressions’: Maps, Borders, and the Remaking of Ladakh.” Theory and Practice of South Asia Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, January 28.
- 2015 Panelist for the “International Innovation Corps: Our Role in Urbanizing India,” The Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, November 23.
- “Incongruent Frontiers: British Attempts to Define the Indo-Turko-Sino-Tibeto-Kashmiri Borderland in Ladakh, 1846-1907.” East Asia Trans-Regional Histories Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, May 5.
- “‘Trans-Frontier Men’: Border Transgressions in late-colonial South Asia.” Masculinities on the British Fringe, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, April 24.
- Panelist for “New Directions in Global History: Rethinking Scale and Temporality,” University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, April 9.
- 2011 “Imperial Anxieties and the Case of Five Tibetans in England, 1913-1914.” 8th Annual South Asia Graduate Student Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, March 3-4.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught at the University of Chicago

- 2018 Lecturer, Race and Identity in and beyond South Asia (intermediate level)
Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture
- 2017 Von Holst Prize Lecturer, Frontiers and Borders in South Asia (intermediate)
Department of History

- 2016 Instructor, History B.A. Seminar I (Historiography & Research Methods) (majors only)
Department of History
- Instructor, History B.A. Seminar III (Thesis Preparation) (majors only)
Department of History
- 2015 Instructor, History B.A. Seminar II (Research Practicum) (majors only)
Department of History
- Lecturer, Colonizations III: Decolonization and the Postcolonial World (introductory)
Social Sciences Collegiate Division

Teaching Assistantships and Internships at the University of Chicago

- 2016 Teaching Assistant, Modern Britain, 1688-1901 (advanced)
Department of History
- 2013 Teaching Assistant, Human Impact on the Global Environment (introductory)
Environmental Studies
- Teaching Assistant, Industry and Empire, 1600-1830 (advanced)
Department of History
- Teaching Assistant, East Asian Civilization IV: Vietnam (introductory)
Social Science Collegiate Division
- Teaching Intern, Colonizations II: Asia and the Pacific (introductory)
Social Science Collegiate Division

SERVICE

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- 2017-18 Undergraduate Program Coordinator, Department of History, University of Chicago
- 2017 Co-organizer, “Lines of Control: Rethinking Borders and Borderlands in South Asia.” A two-day conference at the University of Chicago, with 18 invited international and national scholars and a keynote delivered by James C. Scott. Chicago, IL, March 2-3
- 2016-17 Member, Dean’s Advisory Council in Social Sciences, University of Chicago
- 2015-16 Department of History Representative, Social Science Graduate Student Activities Committee, University of Chicago
- 2015-16 Member, AHA Career Diversity for Historians Initiative Advisory Board, Department of History, University of Chicago
- 2015-16 Guest blogger and application reviewer, The International Innovation Corps, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago
- 2013-14 Mentor, History Graduate Student Association, University of Chicago
- 2012-13 Coordinator, South Asia Seminar Series, University of Chicago
- Coordinator, Theory and Practice in South Asia Workshop, University of Chicago
- Coordinator, International History Workshop, University of Chicago

OTHER PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- 2014 “What I Learned About the Indian Election at Kebab Stands: Explaining Narendra Modi’s rise, over street food.” *The Atlantic*. May 9, 2014.
- 2010 Nawang Tsering Shakspo, *A Cultural History of Ladakh*. Edited by Kyle Gardner. Delhi: Centre for Research on Ladakh, 2010.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
Association for Asian Studies
International Association for Ladakh Studies
Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies

LANGUAGES

French: advanced reading, speaking, writing
Tibetan and Ladakhi (closely related written languages): advanced reading, intermediate speaking and writing
Urdu: advanced reading, intermediate speaking and writing
Hindi: intermediate speaking and reading

REFERENCES

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