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PhD Candidate

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Areas of Specialization

Epistemology of Ignorance, Feminist Philosophy, Social Epistemology

Areas of Competence

Social & Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Race, Ethics, Hermeneutics

Education

- 2018-present **PhD in Philosophy** (expected 2025)
Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, US
Dissertation: *Virtuous Ignorance: The Epistemic Value of Ignorance in a Non-Ideal World*
Committee: Miriam Solomon (chair), Lee-Ann Chae, Eugene Chislenko
- 2018-2021 **Graduate Certificate in Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies**
Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, US
- 2015-2017 **MA in Philosophy**
Manipal University, Manipal, India
- 2011-2015 **BA in Liberal Arts** (major: Political Science & Public Policy; minor: Film Studies)
Symbiosis International University, Pune, India

Awards & Fellowship

- 2021 *Graduate Student Prize for Excellent Teaching and Undergraduate Mentoring*, Temple University Philosophy Department
- 2021 Runner-up for *The Nordev Prize*, Temple University Philosophy Department, Preliminary Examination Essay
- 2019 Summer Fellowship, International Centre for Philosophy North Rhine-Westphalia, 2019 Bonn Summer School in Hermeneutics
- 2019 Travel award, Temple University College of Liberal Arts
- 2019, 2018 Travel award, Temple University Philosophy Department
- 2015 *Outstanding Final Year Seminar Paper*, Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts
- 2014, 2012 *Best Academic Essay*, Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts
- 2013 *Best Academic Presentation*, Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts

Teaching

As Instructor of Record

PHIL 2125 *Philosophy of African American Experiences* (Spring '22, Fall '21) X 2
PHIL 2152 / GSWS 2000 *Introduction to Feminist Philosophy* (Spring '22, Fall '21, Spring '21, Fall '20) X 4
PHIL 1055 *Critical Thinking* (Spring '21, Fall '20) X 2
PHIL 0839 *Philosophy of the Human* (Summer '20, Spring '20, Fall '19) X 5
PHIL 0847 *The Meaning of the Arts* (Summer '20) X 1

As Teaching Assistant

Philosophy of the Human, for Lindsay Craig (Spring '19, Fall '18)
Philosophy of the Mind, for Philip Atkins (Spring '20)
Introduction to Philosophy, for Philip Atkins (Fall '18)

Pedagogical Training

2020 (Aug) *Creating Trauma-Conscious Learning Spaces*, 3-part workshop, Centre for the Advancement of Teaching (CAT), Temple University
2020 (Mar) Online Teaching Certificate, Temple College of Liberal Arts
2018-present Multiple teaching workshops, Temple Philosophy Department
2018 (Sep) 1-Credit Graduate Seminar in Teaching in Higher Education, College of Liberal Arts

Talks & Conference Participation

2019 (Apr) "Hermeneutic and Systematic Issues in Hegel's Writings on India," Work-In-Progress Series, Department of Philosophy, Temple University

Comments

2020 (Feb) On Michael Forster's "Spinoza and Herder on Hermeneutics and Politics" at Spinoza's Politics and Hermeneutics in 18th- and 19th-Century German Thought, Johns Hopkins Univ.
2019 (Apr) On Cathleen Muller's "Racebending in Fiction: Does the Character Survive?" at American Society for Aesthetics (ASA) Eastern Division Meeting

Other Conference, Summer School & Workshop Participation

2020 (Jan) Session Chair, *Here, We Are: A Native American Relational Social Ontology*, APA Eastern, Philadelphia
2019 (Jul) Participant, 9th International Summer School in German Idealism, *Hermeneutics: Understanding Ourselves and Others*, University of Bonn, Germany
2018 (Sep) Participant, *Women Philosophers in the Long Nineteenth Century*, Temple University

Service

Professional

- 2020 (Jan) Volunteer, APA Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia
- 2019 (Jan) Volunteer, APA Eastern Division Meeting, New York

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

- 2021-2022 President, Temple University Graduate Students' Association (TUGSA, AFT Local 6290)
- 2021-2022 Member, Contract Negotiations Team, TUGSA
- 2020-2021 Co-chair, International Students' Caucus, TUGSA
- 2018-2021 Co-organizer, Temple University's Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) chapter
- 2019 (Apr) Co-organizer, *Challenging Injustice*, Temple MAP Graduate Conference
- 2019 (Apr) Co-organizer, *Ways of Knowing: Scholars of Color Conference*, Temple University
- 2018-2020 Member, International Student Support Group, Temple Philosophy Department
- 2014-2015 Student Representative, Anti-Sexual Harassment Committee, Symbiosis Int. University
- 2013-2014 Student Representative, Anti-Ragging Committee, Symbiosis International University

Other Departmental Service

- 2018-2021 Mentor, Temple University Philosophy Mentor Program for Undergraduates
- 2019-2020 Coordinator, Graduate Works-In-Progress Series (WIPS), Temple Philosophy Department
- 2015-2017 Coordinator, Film Club, Manipal University
- 2012-2013 Co-organizer, *Between the Lines: Interpreting India* Lecture Series, Symbiosis Int. University
- 2012-2013 President, Student Council, Symbiosis International University
- 2011-2012 Secretary, Student Council, Symbiosis International University

References

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