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### EDUCATION

- 2012 Ph.D., Columbia University,  
Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies (with distinction)
- 2008 M.Phil., Columbia University, Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies
- 2007 M.A., Columbia University, Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies
- 2004 B.A., University of Chicago, Religious Studies (general honors)

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2020 – Rutgers University, Newark, Department of History  
Associate Professor of South Asian History
- 2015 – 2020 Rutgers University, Newark, Department of History  
Assistant Professor of South Asian History
- 2013 – 2016 Stanford University, Department of Religious Studies  
Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow
- 2012 – 2013 University of Cambridge, Gonville and Caius College  
Research Fellow in History

### FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2020 Rutgers Board of Trustees Research Fellowship for Scholarly Excellence
- 2020 Rutgers Research Council Award
- 2019 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship
- 2019 Visiting Professor Fellowship at Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales
- 2017 John F. Richards Prize in South Asian History, American Historical Association
- 2014 NEH Fellowship for Summer Institute on Problems in the Study of Religion
- 2012 – 2013 Caius Fund Research Fellow
- 2012 Perso-Indica Visiting Fellowship at the University Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris III

- 2011 – 2012 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship  
2009 – 2010 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship  
2006 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for Urdu  
2004 Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

- 2021 *The Language of History: Sanskrit Narratives of Indo-Muslim Rule*. New York: Columbia University Press. Indian edition by Penguin India, under the title *More than History: Sanskrit Narratives of Muslim Pasts*. Forthcoming in January 2021.
- 2017 *Aurangzeb: The Life and Legacy of India's Most Controversial King*. Stanford: Stanford University Press. Indian edition by Penguin India and Pakistani edition by Oxford University Press - Karachi, both under the title *Aurangzeb: The Man and The Myth*. Indian edition translated into Bengali, Hindi (forthcoming), and Urdu (forthcoming) and available as an audiobook.
- 2016 *Culture of Encounters: Sanskrit at the Mughal Court*. South Asia Across the Disciplines Series. New York: Columbia University Press. Indian edition by Penguin India. Winner of the 2017 John F. Richards Prize, American Historical Association.

### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2020 “A Padshah like Manu: Political Advice for Akbar in the Persian *Mahābhārata*.” *Philological Encounters* published online first: 1–22.
- 2018 “The Power of the Islamic Sword in Narrating the Death of Indian Buddhism.” *History of Religions* 57.4: 406–435. Reprinted in *Encountering Buddhism and Islam in Premodern Central and South Asia*, edited by Blaine Auer and Ingo Strauch, 14–47. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2019.
- 2015 “Contested History: Brahmanical Memories of Relations with the Mughals.” *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 58.4: 419–452.
- 2015 “Dangerous Debates: Jain Responses to Theological Challenges at the Mughal Court.” *Modern Asian Studies* 49.5: 1311–1344.
- 2012 “Defining the Other: An Intellectual History of Sanskrit Lexicons and Grammars of Persian.” *Journal of Indian Philosophy* 40.6: 635–668.
- 2012 “Setting the Record Wrong: A Sanskrit Vision of Mughal Conquests.” *South Asian History and Culture* 3.3: 373–396.

- 2011 “The Mughal *Book of War*: A Persian Translation of the Sanskrit *Mahabharata*.” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* 31.2: 506–520.

### Peer Reviewed in Edited Volumes

- 2016 “Deceptive Familiarity: European Perceptions of Access at the Mughal Court.” In *The Key to Power? The Culture of Access in Princely Courts, 1400–1750*, edited by Dries Raeymaekers and Sebastiaan Derks, 65–99. Leiden: Brill.
- 2015 “Reimagining the ‘Idol Temple of Hindustan’: Textual and Visual Translation of Sanskrit Texts in Mughal India,” co-authored with Qamar Adamjee. In *Pearls on a String: Artists, Patrons, and Poets at the Great Islamic Courts*, edited by Amy Landau, 141–165. Baltimore: Walters Art Museum; Seattle: University of Washington Press.

### Book Chapters

- 2015 “Regional Perceptions: Writing to the Mughal Court in Sanskrit.” In *Cosmopolitismes en Asie du Sud. Sources, itinéraires, langues (XVIe-XVIIIe siècle)*, edited by Corinne Lefèvre, Ines Županov, and Jorge Flores, 251–274. Paris: Editions de l’EHESS.

### Short Articles and Translations

- 2020 “Hate Male.” *The Revealer*, forthcoming in 2020.
- 2020 “The Text of the Doha *Ramayana*.” In *A Manuscript Fit for a Queen: The Ramayana of Hamida Banu Begum*, edited by Marika Sardar Nickson, forthcoming in 2020.
- 2019 “A Mughal Debate about Jain Asceticism” In *The Empires of the Near East and India: Source Studies of the Safavid, Ottoman, and Mughal Literate Communities*, edited by Hani Khafipour, 107–123. New York: Columbia University Press.
- 2019 “Mughal Sanskrit Literature: The *Book of War* and the *Treasury of Compassion*.” In *The Empires of the Near East and India: Source Studies of the Safavid, Ottoman, and Mughal Literate Communities*, edited by Hani Khafipour, 450–477. New York: Columbia University Press.
- 2016 “Translating the Solar Cosmology of Sacred Kingship.” *Medieval History Journal* 19.1: 136–141.
- 2015 “Indo-Persian Translations: A Disruptive Past.” *Seminar* 671 (July 2015).

### Encyclopedia Articles

- 2019 “Jains and Muslims,” *Brill Encyclopedia of Jainism*, edited by Knut A. Jacobsen, John Cort, Paul Dundas, and, Kristi Wiley, 330–341. Leiden: Brill, 2020.

- 2012 “Jainism and Islam” articles, *Jainpedia.org*. Four articles on: Jainism and Islam, Jains and the Delhi Sultanate, Jains and the Mughals, Jains and Muslim Iconoclasm. <http://www.jainpedia.org/themes/places/jainism-and-islam.html>.

### **Book Reviews**

- 2018 “Mughal Lite,” Review of Ruby Lal, *Empress: The Astonishing Reign of Nur Jahan* and Parvati Sharma, *Jahangir : An Intimate Portrait of a Great Mughal*. *Open Magazine* (Dec. 3 2018): 56–59, <http://www.openthemagazine.com/article/books/mughal-lite>
- 2018 “Parasite Found: The Nearly Forgotten University of Mughal Persian Poetry,” Review of Sunil Sharma, *Mughal Arcadia: Persian Literature in an Indian Court*. *The Wire*, Jan. 18, 2018. <https://thewire.in/214948/paradise-found-nearly-forgotten-universe-mughal-persian-poetry/>
- 2017 Review of Cynthia Talbot, *The Last Hindu Emperor: Prithviraj Chauhan and the Indian Past, 1200-2000*. *H-Asia*, February 2017, <https://networks.h-net.org/node/22055/reviews/167599/truschke-talbot-last-hindu-emperor-prithviraj-chauhan-and-indian-past>.
- 2016 Review of Deven M. Patel, *Text to Tradition: The Naiṣadhīyacarita and Literary Community in South Asia*. *International Journal of Hindu Studies* 20.1: 120–122.
- 2014 Review of A. Azfar Moin, *The Millennial Sovereign: Sacred Kingship and Sainthood in Islam*. *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 46.4: 809–811.
- 2013 Review of Munis D. Faruqui, *The Princes of the Mughal Empire, 1504–1719*. *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 76.3: 543–545.

### **Other Publications**

- 2020 “Exclusion, affect, and violence in the many sites of Indian history.” *Indian Cultural Forum*. June 9, 2020. <https://indianculturalforum.in/2020/06/09/exclusion-violence-indian-history-constitution-truschke/>
- 2019 “The Ayodhya verdict is a cornerstone of the Hindu Rashtra.” *The Caravan Magazine*. December 5, 2019. <https://caravanmagazine.in/religion/ayodhya-babri-masjid-ram-mandir-supreme-court-audrey-truschke>
- 2019 “Rediscovering Forgotten Indo-Persian Works on Hindu-Muslim Encounters.” Coauthored with Fabrizio Speziale. *The Wire*. May 12, 2019. <https://thewire.in/history/india-persia-manuscripts-hindu-muslim>

- 2018 “Anti-Semitism of Hindu Nationalists.” *India Abroad and Scroll*. November 2018. <https://scroll.in/article/901309/how-indias-hindu-nationalists-are-increasingly-using-anti-semitism-as-a-ready-tool-of-hate>
- 2018 “Silencing Scholarly Voices, One Event at a Time.” *The Wire*. August 20, 2018. <https://thewire.in/communalism/silencing-scholarly-voices-audrey-truschke>
- 2018 “Silencing Sita: Why the Ramayana’s Many Voices Provoke Outrage.” *The Caravan Magazine*. June 1, 2018. <https://caravanmagazine.in/perspectives/sita-ramayana-many-voices-outrage>
- 2018 “The Many Criticisms of Rama and the ‘Anger’ of the Hindu Right.” *The Wire*. April 25, 2018. <https://thewire.in/religion/the-many-criticisms-of-rama-and-the-anger-of-the-hindu-right>
- 2018 “Pakistan’s Indian History.” *Newsweek Pakistan*. March 12, 2018. <http://newsweekpakistan.com/pakistans-indian-history/>
- 2018 “Monumental Debate: The Taj Mahal.” *BBC World Histories Magazine*. February/March 2018: 8–9.
- 2017 “Why Aurangzeb’s Name should not be used as an Insult by Modi and Hindu Nationalists.” *DailyO*. December 7, 2017. <https://www.dailyo.in/politics/aurangzeb-colonialism-narendra-modi-rahul-gandhi-taj-mahal-mughal-rulers/story/1/20991.html>
- 2017 “Taj and Bigotry.” *The Indian Express*. October 24, 2017. <http://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/taj-mahal-controversy-sangeet-som-blot-remark-bjp-yogi-adityanath-mughal-empire-4903344/>
- 2017 “India at 70: Why Hindu Nationalists are Afraid of Mughals.” *DailyO*. August 14, 2017. <http://www.dailyo.in/politics/mughal-history-mughalsarai-hindu-right-rss-hindutva/story/1/18955.html>
- 2017 “Censoring Indian History.” *History Today*. 67.8 (August 2017): 14–17.
- 2017 “Modern Politics in Premodern History: How national narratives have obscured the history of India’s most controversial king.” Stanford University Press Blog. May 24, 2017. <http://stanfordpress.typepad.com/blog/2017/05/modern-politics-in-premodern-history.html>. Republished on TheWire.in and Scroll.in.
- 2017 “A Much-Maligned Mughal,” *Aeon*. April 5, 2017. <https://aeon.co/essays/the-great-aurangzeb-is-everybodys-least-favourite-mughal>

- 2016 “The Right’s Problem with History,” *DNA India*. October 26, 2016.  
<http://www.dnaindia.com/analysis/column-the-right-s-problem-with-history-2267464>
- 2016 “Imaginative Outsiders: Empowering Undergraduates to Analyze Religion,” in “Forum: Insiders, Outsiders, and Disclosure in the Undergraduate Classroom.” *Teaching Theology & Religion* 19.3: 282–286.
- 2016 “The Great Mughal Whitewash,” *India Today*. March 10, 2016.  
<http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/the-great-mughal-whitewash-audrey-truschke-south-asian-history/1/616345.html>
- 2016 “It is High Time to Discard the Pernicious Myth of India’s Medieval Muslim ‘Villains,’” *The Wire*. January 9, 2016. <https://thewire.in/18919/high-time-discarded-pernicious-myth-indias-medieval-muslim-villains/>
- 2015 “What We Can Learn from India’s Medieval Past,” *The Wire*. September 20, 2015.  
<https://thewire.in/11106/what-we-can-learn-from-indias-medieval-past/>
- 2015 “Dissertation Embargoes and Publishing Fears” (a four-part series). *Dissertation Reviews*, April 2015. <http://dissertationreviews.org/archives/11842>

### Podcasts

- 2019 Take Me to Coffee (mentorship podcast), September 2019,  
[https://fireside.fm/s/tsP7Mr2s+4LrqqWDw?fbclid=IwAR2OZpey8EaW-ZBMLajh-ibOKkPI-G\\_ZyPzqoUowaHtE0no-hYvR-ElxcQ4](https://fireside.fm/s/tsP7Mr2s+4LrqqWDw?fbclid=IwAR2OZpey8EaW-ZBMLajh-ibOKkPI-G_ZyPzqoUowaHtE0no-hYvR-ElxcQ4)
- 2019 Globely News’s “Narendra Modi’s Dark Vision of a New India,” May 2019,  
<https://globelynews.com/south-asia/narendra-modis-dark-vision-of-a-new-india/>
- 2019 BBC’s When Greeks Flew Kites (episode on Fake History), May 2019,  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0004sjn>
- 2017 New Books interview on *Culture of Encounters: Sanskrit at the Mughal Court*, April 2017,  
<https://newbooksnetwork.com/audrey-truschke-culture-of-encounters-sanskrit-at-the-mughal-court-columbia-up-2016/>

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### Rutgers University (2016 – present)

- 21:510:280: History of South Asia 1: Ancient – 1500 (Fall 2016, Fall 2017)  
 21:510:281: History of South Asia 2: 1500 – present (Spring 2017, Spring 2020)  
 21:510:397: Religion, Identity and Power in Modern India (Spring 2017)

21:510:490: Research Seminar – Muslim Lives (Spring 2020)

**Stanford University (2013 – 2016)**

RELIGST 81: Exploring Indian Religions (Fall 2014)

RELIGST 108/COMPLIT 148B: Indian Epics: Past and Present (Winter 2014; Fall 2015)

RELIGST 111/HISTORY 195X: Islam in India: Conflict and Accommodation (Winter 2014)

RELIGST 255/355 and HISTORY 297F: Religion and Power in the Making of Modern South Asia (Spring 2015; Spring 2016)

**Columbia University (2008)**

AHUM V3399: Asian Humanities: Major Texts of India and the Middle East (Spring 2008, co-taught)

**Language Courses (2008 – 2013)**

Elementary Sanskrit

University of Wisconsin-Madison (Summer 2011)

University of Cambridge (Lent Term 2013)

Intermediate Sanskrit

Columbia University (Fall 2008, Spring 2009)

University of Cambridge (Lent Term 2013)

**INVITED TALKS (UNIVERSITIES)**

2020 “Exclusion, Affect, and Violence in the Many Sites of Indian History,” Keynote Address at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Global SouthAsia@NYU Conference, February 28, 2020.

2019 “Mughal Kingship as seen through Sanskrit Archives,” Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, Japan, Kingship and legitimacy of Islamic dynasties project, October 13, 2019.

2019 “Controversial History: Sanskrit Narratives of Indo-Muslim Rule, c. 1190 – 1721.” Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University, Princeton, Brown Bag Lunch Series, September 23, 2019.

2019 “Practice Without a Genre: Sanskrit Literary Histories of Muslim-led Incursions and Rule.” University of Washington, Seattle, South Asia Center, May 30, 2019.

2019 “Courting Controversy: Toxic Masculinity, Social Media, and Mughal History.” Northwestern University, Chicago, History Department Women’s Group, May 15, 2019.

- 2019 Four lectures on Sanskrit literary histories of Indo-Muslim rule. Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France, March 27 and April 2, 4, and 9, 2019. Titles:  
 Finding History: Sanskrit Narratives of Indo-Islamic Incursions and Rule  
 New 'Hindu' Values in an Indo-Persian World  
 Before Indo-Muslim: Indian Views of the Islamic Other and Persian speakers  
 Beyond Indo-Persian: The Place of the *Rajataranginis* in Indian History Writing
- 2019 "Situating Sulh-i Kull in Mughal India." University of Texas, Austin, South Asia Seminar Series, February 15, 2019.
- 2018 "Found in Translation: Hamida Banu Begum's copy of the Akbari *Ramayan*." Columbia University's Seminar on Iranian Studies, December 5, 2018.
- 2018 "Affective History: Feeling and Thinking about the Past in the Indian Public Sphere." University of Notre Dame, Indiana, November 27, 2018.
- 2018 "Aurangzeb Alamgir: Justice, Power, and Hate in the Interpretation of Mughal History" and "Becoming Indian Kings: Sanskrit Literary Histories of Indo-Islamic Rule." Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, India, August 13 and 14, 2018.
- 2018 "Becoming Indian Kings: Sanskrit Literary Histories of Indo-Islamic Rule." Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, India, August 11, 2018.
- 2018 "Difference that Mattered: Defining the Ghurid threat in North India circa 1192 CE." University Seminar on South Asia, Columbia University, New York, April 30, 2018.
- 2018 "Hated History: Islamic Rule in Early Modern India and the Politics of Rewriting the Past." Lafayette College, Easton, PA, March 28, 2018.
- 2017 "Aurangzeb: Writing about the most hated man in Indian history and becoming hated myself." University of Toronto, Toronto, September 15, 2017.
- 2016 "Exploring the Other, Inventing Oneself: Mughal Encounters with "Hindu" Thinkers, Texts, and Thought." Princeton University, Princeton, March 1, 2016.
- 2015 "Forging an Indian Empire: Mughal Engagements with Sanskrit Texts, Thinkers, and Thought." Indiana University, Bloomington, September 17, 2015.
- 2014 "A Persianate Empire? Sanskrit Literature and Literati at the Mughal court, 1560-1660." Center for South Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley, February 12, 2014.
- 2013 "Charting Frontiers: Sanskrit Literary and Intellectual Cultures at the Mughal Court." School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, London, April 17, 23, and 26, 2013. Series of three talks with individual lecture titles:  
 Sanskrit Textual Production for the Mughal Elite  
 Rewriting the Social History of the Multicultural Mughal Court



## Imperial Indo-Persian Treatments of Sanskrit Stories and Knowledge Systems

- 2012 “Revolutionary Knowledge: Abū al-Faḏl’s Persian Account of Sanskrit Knowledge Systems.” *Mondes Iranien et Indien-UMR 7528*. Paris, France, June 7, 2012.

### INVITED TALKS (OTHER)

- 2020 Public-oriented talks on Aurangzeb  
Tamarind Society, Marlton, New Jersey, February 9, 2020.  
Karwaan - The Heritage Exploration Initiative, Facebook Live, May 4, 2020.
- 2019 “Biographer’s Ball” and “What Did the Mughals Ever Do For Us?” panels. Jaipur Literature Festival, Jaipur, India, January 26, 2019.
- 2019 Public-oriented talks on Aurangzeb  
The Hindu Lit for Life, Chennai, India, January 12, 2019  
University of Texas-Austin, community outreach in Houston, February 16, 2019  
Indian American Muslim Council, Dallas, October 6, 2018
- 2018 Public and School talks on Aurangzeb  
Friends Seminary (High school), New York, October 20, 2018  
American Embassy School (High school), Delhi, India August 7, 2018  
India Habitat Centre, Delhi, India, August 9, 2018.  
Lahore Literary Festival, Lahore, Pakistan, February 24-25, 2018.
- 2017 “Culture of Encounters: Sanskrit at the Mughal Court.” Jaipur Literature Festival, Jaipur, India, January 20, 2017.

### CONFERENCES

- 2020 Panelist on “The Rise of Fascism in India,” hosted by The Concordia Forum (event online), June 7, 2020.
- 2020 “Displacing and Disciplining Muslims in India’s Burgeoning Hindu Rashtra,” Global Islamophobia in an Era of Populism Conference, Rutgers University-New Brunswick, March 12, 2020.
- 2019 “Intolerant Sulh-i Kul.” Workshop - Peace with All Religions (Sulh-i Kull): Indo Persian Political Theology and Cosmopolitanism, University of Texas, Austin, December 7, 2019.
- 2019 “Local Stories in Fourteenth-Century Gujarat and Fifteenth-Century Kashmir.” First Annual Jainism Summer School, Reading the Jain Prabandhas, Writing the History of Islamicate South Asia. University of Toronto-Mississauga, July 30, 2019.

- 2019 “Leveraging Spiritual Power in a Political World: How Jain Monks negotiated with Mughal elites.” American Historical Association’s 133<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting, Chicago, January 3-6, 2019.
- 2018 “‘Aurangzeb Raj’ and More: Defining India’s Muslim rulers in the Past and the Present.” 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia. Madison, Wisconsin, October 11-14, 2018.
- 2018 “The Shape of Cultures through Indian History- 2nd Millennium A.D.: Romila Thapar and Audrey Truschke in Conversation.” The Idea of Culture. Kolkata, India, August 3-5, 2018.
- 2017 “Prithviraja’s Kingship on the Eve of Indo-Muslim Rule.” *Rāja-maṇḍala: In the Kings’ Circle — Court Society as Paradigm in India*. Paris, France, June 8-9, 2017.
- 2017 “Difference that Mattered: Defining the Ghurid threat to North India.” A History of Difference: Piety and Space in Early Modern West Asia. Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life at Columbia University. New York, May 4-5, 2017.
- 2017 “The Mongol Kshatriya: Mahimasahi’s devotion to Hammira in the *Hammiramahakavya*.” Annual Association for Asian Studies Conference. Toronto, March 16-19, 2017.
- 2016 “Translating Indian History: Mughal Genre Expectations of the Sanskrit Epics.” The Fourth Perso-Indica Conference. Translation and the languages of Islam: Indo-Persian tarjuma in a comparative perspective. Paris, France, December 8-9, 2016.
- 2016 “Lauding Prithviraja at the Dawn of Indo-Islamic rule.” American Academy of Religion Annual Conference. San Antonio, Texas, November 19-22, 2016.
- 2016 “Thinking About Indo-Islamic Rule in Sanskrit.” India’s Politics in Its Vernaculars. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, November 11-12, 2016.
- 2016 “Telling the Story: The Historiography of Jain Communities in Mughal India.” 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia. Madison, Wisconsin, October 20-23, 2016.
- 2016 “Tradition and the Other: Writing about Indo-Islamic Rule in the Prithvirajavijaya.” Patterns of Literary Composition in a Multilingual World, Preconference at 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia. Madison, Wisconsin, October 20, 2016.
- 2016 “Aurangzeb Alamgir’s Vision of Justice.” Annual Association for Asian Studies Conference. Seattle, March 31-April 1, 2016.  
\*Organized panel “Conflict and Civility: Theorizing Self and Other in Mughal India”
- 2016 “Arenas of Kingship: Sanskrit and Hindi in the Multilingual Mughal Court.” The Frontiers of Persian Learning: Testing the Limits of a Eurasian Lingua Franca, 1600-

- 1900, Conference 2: The Social Frontiers of Persian Learning. University of California, Los Angeles, February 5, 2016.
- 2015 “The Power of the Sword in Narrating Muslim and Buddhist Interactions.” Buddhist and Muslim Encounters in Premodern South Asia. University of Lausanne, Switzerland, October 12-13, 2015.
- 2015 “History Enshrined: Venerating Kavindracharya’s Negotiations with the Mughals in Sanskrit Praise Poetry.” Annual Association for Asian Studies Conference. Chicago, March 26-29, 2015.  
\*Organized panel “Languages of Power, Idioms of Devotion: Intersections of the Political and the Religious in Early Modern India”
- 2014 “Serving the Faithful: Building Hindu and Jain Temples under Mughal Patronage.” American Academy of Religion Annual Conference. San Diego, November 22-25, 2014.
- 2014 “In the Eye of the Beholder: The Multiple Resonances of Akbar’s Sun Worship.” 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia. Madison, Wisconsin, October 20-23, 2014.  
\*Organized panel “Multivalent Ideas, Texts, and Practices in Early Modern India”
- 2013 “Sounds of Empire: Hearing Sanskrit in Early Modern Indo-Persian Courts.” Conference on Inter-Asian Connections IV, The Sounds and Scripts of Languages in Motion Workshop. Istanbul, Turkey, October 2-5, 2013.
- 2013 “Lost in Translation: Colonial Attempts to Understand the Persian Mahabharata.” CHAM: Colonial (Mis)understandings: Portugal and Europe in Global Perspective, 1450-1900. Lisbon, Portugal, July 17-20, 2013.  
\*Organized panel “Text or Image?: Western Receptions of Indo-Persian Manuscripts”
- 2013 “Contested History: Brahmanical Memories of the Relations with the Mughals.” Oxford Early Modern South Asia Workshop: Discipline, sect, lineage and community: Scholar-intellectuals in India, c. 1500-1800. Oxford, United Kingdom, May 31-June 1, 2013.
- 2013 “Commemorating Cross-Cultural Relations in Sanskrit Praise Poetry.” British Association for South Asian Studies Annual Conference. Leeds, United Kingdom, April 3-5, 2013.  
\*Organized panel “Historical Silences: Reading Between the Lines in Early Modern India”
- 2012 “Negotiating Religious Difference in the Mughal World: Jain Defenses Against the Charge of Atheism.” American Academy of Religion Annual Conference. Chicago, November 17-20, 2012.

- 2012 “European Experiences and Interpretations of Access at Indian Courts.” The Key to Power? The Culture of Access in Early Modern Courts, 1400-1700. Antwerp, November 8-9, 2012.
- 2012 “Valuable Texts: A Case Study of Akbar’s Persian Ramayana.” Histories of Material Life in South Asia, 1500-1900. Cambridge, England, September 27, 2012.
- 2012 “Contested Translation in Akbar’s Persian Ramayana.” 1<sup>st</sup> Perso-Indica Conference: Translating and Writing Indic Learning in Persian. Paris, France, May 30-31, 2012.
- 2012 “Regional Perceptions: Writing to the Mughal Court in Sanskrit.” Cosmopolitanism in the Early Modern World: The Case of South Asia (16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> centuries). Paris, France, May 24-25, 2012.
- 2012 “The Power of Patronage: Mughal Relations with Sanskrit Intellectuals.” Annual Association for Asian Studies Conference. Toronto, Canada, March 15-18, 2012.  
\*Organized panel “Indo-Persian Power: Practice and Dynamics in the Mughal Empire”
- 2011 “Multicultural Mughals: Jain Experiences at Akbar’s Court.” 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia. Madison, Wisconsin, October 20-23, 2011.  
\*Organized panel “Outsider Perspectives on Mughal Power”
- 2011 “Mughal India: A Case Study in the Power of Empire.” Empires: Comparing the Semantics Behind Concept, Metaphor and Ideology, An Interdisciplinary Conference and Research Training Course, in connection with CONCEPTA. Central European University Budapest, October 13-15, 2011.
- 2011 “Islamic Translation? The Treatment of Religion in Persian Translations of the Indian Epics.” Middle East History and Theory Conference. University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, May 13-14, 2011.
- 2011 “Setting the Record Wrong: A Jain Vision of Mughal Conquests.” Association for Asian Studies and International Convention of Asian Scholars Joint Conference. Honolulu, HI, March 31-April 3, 2011.  
\*Organized panel “Old Voices, New Visions: Reinterpreting Jain Perspectives in Early Modern India”
- 2010 “Cosmopolitan Encounters.” International Winter School: Textual Practices Beyond Europe 1500-1900. American University, Cairo, Egypt, December 5-16, 2010.
- 2010 “A King like Manu: Political Advice to Akbar in the *Razmnamah*.” 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia. Madison, Wisconsin, October 14-17, 2010.  
\*Organized panel “Mughal Translations: Sanskrit and Persian Literary Encounters”

- 2010 “That Black Book: Translating the Ramayana in Akbar’s Court.” Third International Ramayana Conference. Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois, September 18-19, 2010.
- 2010 “Praises and Petitions: Sanskrit Texts Written for the Mughal Court.” Through a Pre-Modern Prism: Intertextuality in Mughal Art, History and Literature Seminar. Jawaharlal Nehru University Institute of Advanced Study, Delhi, India, April 17, 2010.
- 2010 “The Mughal *Book of War*: A Persian Translation of the Sanskrit *Mahābhārata*.” National Seminar on Composite Culture: Reflections in Literature, Art and Architecture of Medieval India. Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh, India, April 6-8, 2010.
- 2009 “Akbar as Shah or Raja? Reimaginings of Encounters with the Mughal Court in Jaina Sanskrit Literature.” 14<sup>th</sup> World Sanskrit Conference. Kyoto, Japan, September 1-5, 2009.
- 2009 “Mapping the Mughals in Sanskrit Literary Culture: Cross-Cosmopolitan Encounters in Siddhicandra’s *Bhanucandraṅgarita*.” South Asia Graduate Student Conference. University of Chicago, Chicago, April 17-18, 2009.
- 2008 Panel Participant: “Medieval India” at Religion, Conflict and Accommodation Conference. Columbia University, New York, November 8, 2008.
- 2008 “Imperial Knowledge: Mughal Reflections on the translation of the *Mahābhārata*.” 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia. Madison, Wisconsin, October 16-19, 2008.
- 2008 “The Power of Translation: Reflections on Akbar’s Sanskrit-Persian Translation Project.” Sanskrit-Persian Conference, part of the Seventh Biennial Conference on Iranian Studies. Toronto, Canada, July 31-August 3, 2008.
- 2008 “The Mughal Book of War: A Persian Translation of the Sanskrit Mahabharata.” Persian Literature in Multilingual India Conference. Cambridge, England, June 16-18, 2008.
- 2008 “Late 16<sup>th</sup> Century Sanskrit-Persian Translations: The *Mahābhārata* Becomes the Book of War.” 218<sup>th</sup> American Oriental Society Meeting. Chicago, IL, March 14-17, 2008.

#### HOME INSTITUTION TALKS

- 2015 “Invoking History to Confront Hindu-Muslim Tensions in India.” The Bechtel International Center, Stanford University, California, November 19, 2015
- 2014 “Beyond Conventions: Praising Cross-Cultural Interactions with the Mughals in Sanskrit.” Center for South Asia, Stanford University, California, May 20, 2014.

- 2013 “Redefining Islamicate Knowledge: Abu al-Fazl’s Persian Account of Indian Learning.” Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies. Stanford University, California, November 21, 2013.
- 2012 “Dangerous Debates: Jain Responses to Mughal Theological Challenges.” South Asian Seminar, University of Cambridge. Cambridge, England, October 31, 2012.

#### CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- 2015 Sanskrit in Persianate India. Preconference at the 44th Annual Conference on South Asia in Madison, Wisconsin, <https://sanskritinpersianateindia.wordpress.com>. October 22, 2015.
- 2015 Polyvocal Hindustan: Literatures, Languages, and Publics. Stanford University, [http://southasia.stanford.edu/Polyvocal\\_Hindustan](http://southasia.stanford.edu/Polyvocal_Hindustan). March 6-7, 2015.

#### ACADEMIC PROJECTS

- 2013 – 2014 External Collaborator for Sanskrit Manuscripts Project, Cambridge, UK, <http://sanskrit.lib.cam.ac.uk/>
- 2010 – Sanskrit and Persian Literary Cultures Online, <http://audreytruschke.com/sanskrit-and-persian-litera/>
- 2012 – Editor and Contributor for *Perso-Indica: A Critical Survey of Persian Works on Indian Learned Traditions*, <http://www.perso-indica.net/>

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

##### Membership in Academic Organizations

American Historical Association  
 American Institute of Pakistan Studies  
 Association for Asian Studies

##### Select Academic Service

- 2020 - Advisory Board member for SAHI: Students Against Hindutva Ideology
- 2017 - Advisory Board member for the Journal of South Asian Intellectual History
- 2017 Asian Studies Minor Advisor, Federated Department of History, Rutgers-Newark
- 2016 - 2017 Co-organizer for Federated Department of History Teach-Ins, Rutgers-Newark. <http://www.facebook.com/HistoryTeachIns>
- 2015 – 2016 Organizer of speaker series, The Presence of the Past, Center for South Asia, Stanford University
- 2015 – 2016 Editor for Advisor series on Dissertation Reviews, [www.dissertationreviews.org](http://www.dissertationreviews.org)
- 2015 - 2019 Steering Committee Member for Jain Studies Group, American Academy of Religion, <https://papers.aarweb.org/content/jain-studies-group>

2012 – 2019 INDOLOGY Governing Committee Member, <http://indology.info/>  
2008 – 2009 Founder and Coordinator, South Asia Graduate Student Forum, Columbia University

#### LANGUAGES

Sanskrit, reading fluency  
Persian, reading fluency  
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