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EMPLOYMENT

Swarthmore College, 2020 – present
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Ph.D., Philosophy of Religion, 2019

Harvard Divinity School, M.T.S., Philosophy of Religion, 2009

The George Washington University, B.A., Religion (minor in Philosophy), Honors Program, 2007

AREAS OF SPECILIZATION

Asian Philosophy (esp. Indian Philosophy), Buddhist Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Epistemology, American Pragmatism

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

“Our Epistemic Dependence on Others: Nyāya and Buddhist Accounts of Testimony as a Source of Knowledge,” *Journal of Hindu Studies*, forthcoming.

“Bhaṭṭa Jayanta on Expert Testimony,” *Philosophy Compass*, forthcoming.

Works in Progress

“Was Bhaṭṭa Jayanta a Permissivist? Indian Philosophy and the Problem of Religious Disagreement”

“Doubt, Knowledge, and Action: Nyāya on the Ineliminable Possibility of Error”

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- Mar 2023 Comments on Nilanjan Das's TBD talk
Seminar on Comparative Philosophy, Columbia University
- Dec 2021 "Is the Buddha's Teaching Authoritative?"
Buddhism as Philosophy Lecture Series, Boston University Institute for Philosophy
And Religion
- Dec 2020 Comments on Alex Watson's "Do the Perceptions of Non-Enlightened People
Weigh in Favor of, or Against, Momentariness?"
American Academy of Religion, Hindu Philosophy Unit
- Nov 2020 "Knowing from Others: Epistemic Responsibility in Testimonial Exchange"
Buddhism as Philosophy Lecture Series, Boston University Institute for Philosophy
And Religion
- Jul 2017 "Hindu-Buddhist Debates on the Authority of Testimony"
Course on World Religions, Harvard University
- Oct 2015 "Testimony and the Problem of Religious Diversity"
Ways of Knowing Graduate Conference, Harvard University
- Sept 2015 "Testimony as a Source of Knowledge in Classical Indian Philosophy of Religion"
South Asian Institute, Harvard University
- Oct 2014 "Knowing through Others: The Case for Testimony as a Source of Knowledge"
Ways of Knowing Graduate Conference, Harvard University

TEACHING AND ADVISING

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

PHIL 044: Epistemology without Borders – Fall 2021, Spring 2023

PHIL 030: Buddhist Philosophy – Spring 2021, Fall 2022

PHIL 001H: Introduction to Philosophy: Personal Identity and the Self – J-term 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2022

PHIL 001G: Introduction to Philosophy: Religion and Rationality – Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Spring 2023

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, DIVISION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

Teaching Fellow

Saints, Heretics, and Atheists: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion (Jeffrey McDonough) — Spring 2020

Buddhist Philosophy (Parimal Patil) — Fall 2019

World Religions (Christopher Queen) — Spring and Summer 2012-2017

Buddhism and Social Change (Christopher Queen) — Fall 2013-2015

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Teaching Fellow

Intermediate Sanskrit (Parimal Patil) — Fall 2015-Spring 2016

Saints, Heretics, and Atheists: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion (Jeffrey McDonough) — Fall 2012, Spring 2015

Studying Buddhism Across Time and Place (Janet Gyatso) — Fall 2012

Hindu Worlds of Art and Culture (Diana Eck) — Fall 2011

Undergraduate Thesis Adviser

Advised a joint-concentration senior honors thesis in Religion and Philosophy — Fall 2014-Spring 2015

Co-instructor

The Soul in Indian Philosophy — January session mini-course, 2014

BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, LIFELONG LEARNING SUMMER PROGRAM

Instructor

Introduction to Buddhist Thought — 2012

Philosophy in Everyday Life — 2011

AWARDS, CERTIFICATES, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Bok Center Teaching Certificate, Harvard University — 2017

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University — 2016-2017

Graduate Student Associate Fellowship, South Asian Institute, Harvard University — 2015-2016

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University, “Intermediate Sanskrit” — 2015-2016

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University, “Saints, Heretics, and Atheists: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion” — 2015

Harvard Summer School Tuition Fellowship, Harvard University, German Language Study — 2010

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Advisor for PHIL 180: Senior Honors Thesis – Fall 2021

Representative for the Humanities, Harvard’s Graduate Student Council — Fall 2016 – Spring 2017

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Advanced Sanskrit

Advanced Italian

German Reading Knowledge

REFERENCES

PARIMAL G. PATIL

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