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Curriculum Vitae

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Born February 19, 1976 in Miami, Florida

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

Modern & Early Modern South Asia; Transnational & Comparative History; Muslim World; British Empire; Urban Studies; History of Law & Crime; Indian Ocean; Persianate Studies; Colonial & Postcolonial Studies

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2015–present Associate Professor of History, State University of New York, Stony Brook  
2007–2015 Assistant Professor of History, State University of New York, Stony Brook  
2013–2014 Visiting Researcher, Institute for the Study of Muslim Societies & Civilizations, Boston Univ.  
2011 Visiting Research Fellow, Graduate School Muslim Cultures & Societies, Freie Universität Berlin  
2009–2010 Visiting Scholar, Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations, Harvard University  
2005–2007 Tutor of History & Literature, Harvard University  
2004–2005 Visiting Instructor of Religion, Southwestern University

## EDUCATION

- 2007 Ph.D., Harvard University. Dissertation: “Muslim Modern: Hyderabad State, 1883–1948.”  
2003 A.M., Harvard University.  
2000 M.A., University of Texas at Austin. Thesis: “Hindu–Muslim Hybridity and Cultural Difference: The Politics of History–Writing in Hyderabad, 1592–1948.”  
1997 B.A., New College of Florida. Baccalaureate Honors Thesis: “Kafir and Mleccha: Historiographies of the Hindu–Muslim Encounter in the India Subcontinent.”

## PUBLICATIONS AND CURRENT RESEARCH

### Book

[\*Hyderabad, British India and the World: Muslim Networks and Minor Sovereignty, c. 1850–1950\*](#), Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2015 (SAARC edition, CUP–India, 2016; paperback, CUP, 2018).

### Peer–Reviewed Articles

- “Documenting the World in Indo-Persianate and Imperial English: Idioms of Textual Authority in Hyderabad,” in Theme Issue: “Islamic Cultures of Documentation,” eds. James Pickett and Paolo Sartori, *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* (forthcoming in 2019) 63/5-6.  
[“Territoriality in Motion: Waqf and Hyderabad State,”](#) in Special Issue: “Muslim Endowments in Asia,” eds. Amelia Fauzia, Till Mostowlansky, and Nurfadzilah Yahaya, *The Muslim World* (2018) 109.1.  
[“Securing Empire’s Borderlands: Reflections from South Asia,”](#) in Special issue: “(In-)Securities across European Empires and beyond,” eds. Benedikt Stuchtey and Andrea Wiegeshoff, *Journal of Modern European History* 16.3 (2018).  
[“Urbanist Expansions: Planner–Technocrats, Patrimonial Ethics and State Development in Hyderabad,”](#) in Special Section: “Beyond the Colonial City: Re-Evaluating the Urban History of India, 1920–1970,” eds. Douglas E. Haynes and Nikhil Rao, *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* 36.3 (2013).  
[“Frontier as Resource: Law, Crime and Sovereignty on the Margins of Empire,”](#) *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 55.2 (2013).

[“Colonial Urbanism and South Asian Cities: A Review Essay,”](#) *Social History* 36.4 (2011).

[“Property, Authority and Personal Law: Waqf in Colonial South Asia, c. 1900,”](#) *South Asia Research* 31.2 (2011).

“Waqf e attivismo giuridico musulmano nell'Asia meridionale coloniale all'inizio del Novecento” [Waqf and Muslim Legal Activism in Colonial South Asia, c. 1900], Special Issue, ed. Paolo Sartori, “Waqf, colonialismo e pluralismo giuridico nelle società musulmane,” [Waqf, Colonialism and Legal Pluralism in Muslim Societies] *Quaderni Storici* 44.132 (2009).

### **Current Book Projects**

“Hyderabad in a World of Cities: Urbanization, Land Regimes, and Global Connections.” An urban history of Hyderabad City in an era of the rapid expansion of built-up area, population, and urban footprint, c. 1910 to the present. The book will track Hyderabad’s connections to other cities and places from provincial to global scales; examine multiple means of occupying, claiming, and developing urban land as property; and divergent conceptions of an urban public these dynamics produce.

“Halcyon Worlds: Regimes of Difference in Early Modern Indian Ocean Cities.” An examination of representations and politics of urban cultural difference in early modern South Asia and the Indian Ocean world comprising city case studies drawn from Persianate and European language sources.

“A Founding Romance: Muslim–Hindu Love, Social Memory, and the Origins of Hyderabad City, c. 1590–2015.” A short book oriented to scholarly and popular readers on Hyderabad’s foundation story, wherein a Muslim king constructed his new capital as a tribute to his beloved, a local Hindu courtesan. The book will track its political valence and resonance in contemporaneous and subsequent state, elite and popular representations.

### **SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Invited Lectures and Presentations**

“Halcyon Worlds: Writing People and Places in Early Modern South Asian Port Cities,” *Reading, Writing, and Picturing the Muslim Port City: Architecture and Urbanism around the Indian Ocean Littoral after 1500*, in *The Seas and The Mobility of Islamic Art*, Hamad bin Khalifa Symposium on Islamic Art, Doha, Qatar, 11/2019.

“Old Borderlands: Sovereignty and Autonomy in the Hyderabad Deccan, c. 1800-2010,” *Mediators at the Edges of Empire*, Inter–Asia Workshop, Yale University, 5/2019.

“Urban Sovereignty, Property, and Global Flows in Asaf Jahi Hyderabad,” *Princely Cities: Towards a New Urban History of South Asia, c. 1860–1960*, Workshop, Centre for Urban History, University of Leicester, England, 4/2019.

“Third World Soccer from Above and Below: Sovereignty, Fandom and Citizenship,” *Beautiful Games? Putting the World Back in the World Cup*, Symposium, Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University, 6/2018.

“A Counter-Cultural and Anti-Capitalist Academic Life: Tribute to a Mentor, my Uncle,” *John Beverley: The Urgency of Latin Americanism in Times of Conflictive Globalization*, International Conference, University of Pittsburgh, 3/2018.

“Regimes of Difference and Ethnographic Writing in Early Modern Surat,” *Mobile Bodies: A Long View of the Peoples and Communities of Maritime Asia*, International Conference, SUNY–Binghamton, 11/2017.

“Documenting the World in Indo-Persianate, Imperial English and Urdu: Idioms of Textual Authority in Hyderabad,” *Islamic Cultures of Documentation: Archives, Paperwork, and State Power in Eurasia*, International Symposium, University of Pittsburgh, 5/2017.

“Minor Urbanism and the Social Terrain of South Asian Cities: A View from Hyderabad,” *Contestation in South Asian Cities*. Roundtable, Dhar India Studies Program, Indiana University, Bloomington, 4/2017.

“African labor, mobility, and community in South Asia, c. 1500–2017,” *South Asia, Africa, and Indian Ocean Connections*. Roundtable, Charles B. Wang Center Galleries, State University of New York, Stony Brook, 4/2017.

- “Endowing Land across Time, Space and Jurisdiction: Waqf and Hyderabad State,” *General Seminar*, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, West Bengal, India, 3/2017.
- “The City Improvement Board and the Making of Twentieth-Century Hyderabad City,” *In the Belly of the Beast (a series of conversations about what it means to be urban in the 21st century)*, Hyderabad Urban Labs and Lamakaan, Hyderabad, Telengana, India, 3/2017.
- “Old Borderlands: Law, State, and Autonomy in the Hyderabad Deccan, c. 1800–2010,” *Faculty Seminar*, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, 3/2017.
- “Sovereignty and Muslim Statecraft: The Political and Social Worlds of Hyderabad State before and after 1948,” Department of Islamic Studies, Osmania University, Hyderabad, Telangana, India, 2/2017.
- “The Making and Dismantling of the Legal Framework of Sovereignty in Hyderabad, c. 1750–1950,” *Power, Resistance and Sovereignty in Princely South India (With special reference to the Transfer of Power)*, Prof. Achyuta Rao Memorial International Conference, Department of Studies in History, University of Mysore, Mysuru, India, 2/2017.
- “Securing Empire's Borderlands: Reflections on Mobility, Sovereignty, and Legal Regimes from South Asia,” *International History Workshop*, Center for International History, Columbia University, 1/2017.
- “Territoriality in Motion: Waqf and Hyderabad State,” *Muslim Endowments in Asia: Waqf, Charity and Circulations*, Workshop, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 10/2016.
- “Deccani Letrados: Persianate and British Imperial Idioms of Textual Authority in Hyderabad,” *Persianate Cultures of Documentation (15th–20th Centuries)*, Conference, Institute of Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria, 6/2016.
- “Introductory Comments: Historicizing South Asian Sovereignty beyond Colonialism and Nationalism,” *Shades of Sovereignty: Lineages of Authority and Social Order in South Asia*, Workshop, Stanford University, 5/2016.
- “Securing Empire's Borderlands: Mobility, Sovereignty, and Legal Regimes in South Asia and Beyond,” *Security and Empire*, International Conference, Department of History and Cultural Studies, Philipps–Universität Marburg, Germany, 3/2016.
- “Minor Sovereignities: Hyderabad Among States and Empires,” *History Department Colloquium*, Cornell University, 11/2014.
- “Of Court and Port: Regimes of Diversity in Early Modern South Asian Cities,” *Ifriqiyya*. Faculty Colloquium, Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies, Columbia University, 10/2013.
- “Of Port and Court: Reading Diversity in Perso-Islamic South Asian Cities,” *Reconsidering the Non–Muslim Other: Internal and External Religious Differentiation*, Workshop I in *Being Muslim: How Local Islam Overturns Narratives of Exceptionalism*, Department of Religious Studies, Vanderbilt University, 9/2013.
- “Urban Sovereignty and Technocratic Patrimonialism in the Remaking of Hyderabad City,” *Vernacular Urbanism and the Provincial City in South Asia*, Humanities Center and Center for South Asia, Stanford University, 1/2013.
- “Improvising Urbanism: Sanitation and Power in Hyderabad and Secunderabad,” *Islamic Law in Society Workshop*, Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University, 5/2012.
- “Laws, States and Subalterns in Imperial Borderlands,” *After Subaltern Studies: Early Career South Asian Studies Workshop*, Princeton University, 4/2012.
- “Imperialism Inside/Out: Internal Borderlands and the Limits of Colonialism in South Asia,” *Borders and Borderlands: Contested Spaces Between States*, 15<sup>th</sup> Berlin Roundtables on Transnationality, Irmgard Coninx Foundation and Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB), Germany, 3/2012.
- “Cities, Urbanist Projects and Global Connections,” Workshop Convener, Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, 6/2011.
- “Global Intellectual Networks and Hyderabad in the Colonial Era,” *Global Connections and South Asia Islam Workshop*, Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies, George Mason University, 5/2011.
- “Moglai Justice: Imperialism, Law, and the Making of the Hyderabad–Bombay Frontier,” *Islamic Law in Society Workshop*, Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University, 5/2011.

- “At Large on the Hyderabad–Bombay Frontier,” *South Asia Across Disciplines*, Workshop, Harvard University, 11/2009.
- “Law, Crime and Sovereignty on the Hyderabad–Bombay Frontier,” *Initiative for the Historical Social Sciences*, Workshop, SUNY–Stony Brook, 10/2009.
- “Of Port and Court: Transnational Connections in Early Modern South Asia,” *Transnational Pasts*, Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 4/2009.
- “Halcyon Worlds: Surat in the Eighteenth Century,” *The Eighteenth Century Cosmopolis: Global Cities and Citizens in the Age of Sail*, Conference, SUNY–Stony Brook Humanities Institute, 10/2008.
- “Islamism, Progress, Modernity: Political Ideas in South Asia and Beyond,” Invited Lecture, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Riverside, 5/2008.
- “British Secunderabad and the Making of Modern Hyderabad City,” Public Lecture, Alam Khundmiri Foundation and Vidyasagar Art Centre, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India, 6/2007.
- “Colonial Knowledge in ‘Moglai’: Governing the Hyderabad–Bombay Frontier.” *Beyond Deconstruction: Engaging Colonial Knowledge*, King’s College, Cambridge University, UK, 10/2006.
- “Islam and Ideology in ‘Indian India’: Princely Rule in the Hyderabad Deccan and Critique of British Colonialism,” *Symposium on Region and Regional Consciousness in India*, Arizona State University, 3/2004.

### **Conference Presentations**

- Discussant, in panel *Practices of Place-making in Modern South Asia*. Association for Asian Studies meeting, Boston, MA, 3/2020 (pending acceptance).
- Discussant and Panel Chair, in Symposium *From Space into Property: Urban South Asia Symposium*, Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 10/2019.
- “Informality, Regulation, and Urban Publics in the Making of Hyderabad City,” in panel *Historical Perspectives on the Informal City in South Asia*. Urban History Association Biennial Conference, Columbia, SC, 10/ 2018.
- Discussant and Chair, in panel *Cities in Flux: Urban Change and Economic Life across the Indian Ocean, 1890–1970*. Urban History Association Biennial Conference, Columbia, SC, 10/ 2018.
- Round Table presenter, in panel *The Language of Secular History: Reflections on Urdu, Politics, Religion, and Nation in Modern South Asia in Memory of Kavita S. Datla (d. 2017)*. Association for Asian Studies meeting, Washington DC, 3/2018.
- “Land Regimes, Histories, and the Urban Public in Twentieth–century Hyderabad City,” in Pre–Conference *Time and the Modern South Asian City*. Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, 10/2017.
- “Obdurate Geographies: Hyderabad’s Borderlands,” in panel *Regimes of Making in the Borderlands of South Asia*. Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, 10/2015.
- “Hyderabad’s Hinterlands: Regional and Global Frameworks in South Asian Urban History,” in panel *Beyond City Limits: Cities and Regions in South Asia*. Association for Asian Studies meeting, Chicago, 3/2015.
- “Royal Passions: Emotions, Bodies, and Sovereignty in the Qutb Shahi Deccan,” in panel *Emotional Styles: Seemly and Unseemly Passions in Indian Courtly Settings, 1550–1750*. American Historical Association meeting, New York City, 1/2015.
- “Minor Urbanism: Hyderabad as South Asian Secondary City,” in panel *Secondary Cities in South and Southeast Asia: Beyond Nation and Empire*. Urban History Association Biennial Conference, Philadelphia, 10/ 2014.
- “Diversities of Difference from Court to Port: Textual and Political Strategies in Early Modern South Asian Cities,” in panel *The Politics of Difference in Early Modern South Asia*. Association for Asian Studies meeting, San Diego, 3/2013.
- “Sovereignty, Land, and Planning in the Making of Urban Hyderabad,” in panel *Urban Land Regimes and the Modern South Asian City*. Association for Asian Studies meeting, Honolulu, 4/2011.
- “Moglai Justice: Colonial Illegalities on the Hyderabad–Bombay Frontier,” in panel *Law and Violence on the British Indian Frontier: Colonialism and Exceptional Jurisdiction* (co-sponsored by the North American Conference on British Studies). American Historical Association meeting, Boston, 1/2011.

- “Criminals and Crime in the Colonial Borderlands,” in panel *Laws for Outlaws: Crime and Social Practice in Modern South Asia*. Association for Asian Studies meeting, Chicago, 3/2009.
- “Twin Cities, Universal Visions: Modernizing Hyderabad and Secunderabad,” in panel *Beyond Colonial Urbanism: Cities in South Asia*. Urban History Association Biennial Conference, Houston, 11/2008.
- “Layered Sovereignty and Subaltern States: Nationalism and Other Global Visions,” in panel *Elites and Nationalism in Comparative Perspective*. European Social Science History Association meeting, Lisbon, Portugal, 2/2008.
- “Prince’s Progress: Modernization and Islamist Internationalism in Hyderabad,” in panel *Countervailing Connections: Islamicate Mobilities in Imperial Moments*. Association for Asian Studies meeting, Boston, 3/2007.
- “A Foundational Romance: Bhagmati and Qutb in Modern Hyderabad,” in panel *Fissures in the Imperial Narrative: Production and Consumption of Historical Memory in Colonial India*, Annual South Asia Conference, University of California–Berkeley, 2/2006.
- “Cosmopolitanism, Charminar to Chadarghat: Locating Urban Modernity in Late Princely Hyderabad City,” in panel *HistoriCities: Other Histories of South Asian Cities*. Association for Asian Studies meeting, Chicago, 4/2005.
- “From Dakani Difference to Princely Modernity: Genealogies of Regional Consciousness in Hyderabad,” in panel *Regional Historiographies in Late Pre-Colonial and Colonial South Asia*. Association for Asian Studies meeting, Washington, DC, 4/2002.
- “Writing Hindu–Muslim Hybridity: Nationalist Histories in Late Princely Hyderabad,” in panel *History, Memory, Community: Rethinking South Asian Regional Cultural History*, Annual South Asia Conference, University of California–Berkeley, 2/2001.

### **Conference Planning**

- From Space into Property: Urban South Asia Symposium*, Organizer and Co-Convener with Nikhil Rao and Rachel Sturman, Symposium, Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 10/2019.
- [\*Shades of Sovereignty: Lineages of Authority and Social Order in South Asia\*](#), Workshop Organizer and Co-Convener with Thomas Blom Hansen, Stanford University, 5/2016.
- The Politics of Difference in Early Modern South Asia*, Panel Organizer, Association of Asian Studies meeting, San Diego, 3/2013.
- Law and Violence on the British Indian Frontier: Colonialism and Exceptional Jurisdiction* (co-sponsored by North American Conference on British Studies), Panel Organizer and Chair. American Historical Association meeting, Boston, 1/2011.
- Laws for Outlaws: Crime and Social Practice in Modern South Asia*, Panel Organizer and Chair, Association for Asian Studies meeting, Chicago, 3/2009.
- Countervailing Connections: Islamicate Mobilities in Imperial Moments*, Panel Organizer, Association for Asian Studies meeting, Boston, 3/2007.

### **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

- 2018–19 President’s Distinguished Travel Grant, SUNY–Stony Brook
- 2018–19 United University Professors/New York State Individual Development Award
- 2017–18 President’s Distinguished Travel Grant, SUNY–Stony Brook
- 2017–18 Stony Brook Mattoo Center for India Studies, Conference Travel Grant
- 2017 Most Valuable Professor Award, Stony Brook Athletics
- 2017 Faculty in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Individual Research Grant
- 2011 Freie Universität Berlin, Visiting Research Fellowship
- 2010–11 United University Professors/New York State Individual Development Award
- 2009–10 SUNY–Stony Brook, Junior Research Assignment
- 2008–09 United University Professors/New York State Individual Development Award
- 2006–07 Harvard Graduate Society Dissertation Writing Fellowship

- 2005–06 Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin and U.S. National Humanities Center, Summer Institute  
2002–03 Fulbright–Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellow (India, UK)  
2000–03 Graduate Fellowship, Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations, Harvard University  
2000 University of Texas–Austin, Summer Language Study Grant (Marathi)  
1997–2000 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellow for South Asia, UT–Austin (Urdu)  
1994–97 Florida Undergraduate Academic Scholars Fellow, New College

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION AND SERVICE**

Editorial Advisory Board Member: *Sagar: A South Asia Research Journal*

Peer-reviewer: Stanford University Press, Routledge Press (UK); *Annals of the American Academy of Geography*; *Comparative Studies in Society & History*; *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, & the Middle East*; *Journal of Asian Studies*; *Journal of the Economic & Social History of the Orient*; *Journal of Persianate Studies*; *Law and History Review*; *Modern Asian Studies*; *Urban History*

International Advisory Committee Member: Global Urban History Project

Member: American Historical Association, Association of Asian Studies, Society of the Advancement of the History of South Asia (AHA Affiliate), Urban History Association

### **UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE**

- 2020–present Graduate Program Director, History Department  
2018–present Acting Member, History Department Futures Committee  
2017–present Member, History Department Graduate Committee  
2015–present Steering Committee, Initiative for Historical Social Sciences  
2014–present Member (and occasional Chair), Fulbright Campus Review Committee  
Fall 2019 Advisory Board, Institute for Global Studies  
Fall 2019 Member, Tamil Studies Symposium Organization Committee  
2018–2019 Member, History Department Executive Committee  
Fall 2018 Member, NEH Summer Stipend Application Evaluation Committee  
2016–2017 Member, Data, Metrics, and Public Engagement Committee  
Fall 2016 Member, Search Committee, Mattoo Chair in Classical Indian Studies  
Fall 2016 Convener, History Graduate Student Workshop, “Navigating the Job Market”  
2015–2016 Coordinator, Asia History Curriculum Redesign  
2015–2016 Member, History Department Executive Committee  
2012–2013 Member, Search Committee, African History  
2011–2012 Member, History Department Strategic Committee  
2010–2015 Chair, History Department Website Committee  
2008–2015 History Department Webmaster  
2007–2008 Initiator and Chair, Ad–Hoc History Department Website Redesign Committee

### **LANGUAGES**

English (native)

Urdu–Hindi (reading and spoken, formal training to advanced level)

Persian (reading knowledge, some spoken, formal training to advanced level)

French, German (reading, some spoken, formal training for reading knowledge)

Spanish (some reading and spoken, no formal training)

Marathi and Sanskrit (some formal training, limited reading and spoken)