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I. EDUCATION

- 2023 Ph.D., English, University of Minnesota (UMN), Twin Cities.
Minors: I) Cultural Studies & Comparative Literature II) Early Modern Studies.
Fields of Interest: 18th/19th Century Literature and Philosophy; Literature, Science, and Technology; Global Anglophone Literature; Digital Humanities.
- 2023 M.A., English Literature, University of Minnesota (UMN), Twin Cities.
2013 M.A., English Literature, Jadavpur University.
2011 B.A., English Literature, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata.

II. PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 Peer-Reviewed Article
“Botanical Arrangements”: John Clare, Parataxis, and Common Sense,” *John Clare Society Journal*, 2022.
- 2020 Book Chapter
“Mapping the Heritage: Sikkim as a Place in Colonial Travel Narratives,” *Cultural Heritage of Sikkim*, Ed. by Sarit K. Chaudhuri, Sameera Maiti, Charisma K. Lepcha, Routledge, 2020.

III. TEACHING AND RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Marion L. Brittain Postdoctoral Fellow, Georgia Institute of Technology**
- 2023- ENGL 1102 English Composition II (3 sections): Text, Science, and Technology
- Instructor of Record, English, UMN, Twin Cities**
- 2023 ENGL 1301W, Intro to Multicultural Lit. of the US (Summer)
2022 ENGL 3001W, Textual Analysis: Methods (Spring).
2021 ENGL 1051, Progress and Madness: Literature, Science, and Technology (Fall).
2021 ENGL 1051, Progress and Madness: Literature, Science, and Technology (Summer).
2021 ENGL 1501W, Literature and Public Life (Spring).
2020 ENGL 1401W, Introduction to World Literatures in English (Fall).
2020 ENGL 3003W, Historical Survey of British Literatures I (Asynchronous, Summer).
- Instructor of Record, Writing Studies, UMN, Twin Cities**
- 2019 WRIT 1301, University Writing (Fall).
2018 WRIT 1301, University Writing (Fall).
- Instructor, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, UMN, Twin Cities.**
- 2022 Football or Soccer? Global Passion and Politics (Synchronous, Online).
2022 Cashmere, Saffron, and Tea: Making and Belonging at the Borders of India (Synchronous, Online).
2021 Cashmere, Saffron, and Tea: Making and Belonging at the Borders of India (Synchronous, Online).

2020 Cashmere, Saffron, and Tea: Making and Belonging at the Borders of India (Asynchronous).

Research Assistantship

2019- "Corsair Raids on the British Isles (1517 – 1798)," Mapping Project, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities and University of Exeter, UK.

Graduate Assistantship, UMN, Twin Cities

2019 ENGL 3025/RELS 3627, The End of the World in Literature and History (Spring).

2018 ENGL 3025/RELS 3627, The End of the World in Literature and History (Spring).

2017 ENGL 3005W, Survey of American Literature I (Fall).

IV. GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2022 Ruud Dissertation Completion Fellowship, English, UMN, Twin Cities.

2022 Career Readiness Teaching Fellow, College of Liberal Arts, UMN, Twin Cities.

2022 Graduate Student Teaching Award, English, UMN, Twin Cities.

2022 Graduate Research Partnership Program, English, UMN, Twin Cities.

2022 Travel Grant, Council of Graduate Students, UMN, Twin Cities.

2022 Cultural Corps Award, International Student and Scholar Services, UMN, Twin Cities.

2021 Cultural Corps Award, International Student and Scholar Services, UMN, Twin Cities.

2020 Cultural Corps Award, International Student and Scholar Services, UMN, Twin Cities.

2020 Dissertation Fellowship, Consortium for the Studies of the Pre-Modern World, UMN, Twin-Cities.

2019 Union Pacific Research Grant, Centre for Early Modern History, UMN, Twin Cities.

2019 Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, Social Science Research Council and Institute of Advanced Studies, UMN, Twin-Cities.

2017 Graduate Student Fellowship, English, UMN, Twin-Cities.

2016 Fellowship, Consortium for the Studies of the Pre-Modern World, UMN, Twin Cities.

2011 H.K. Sarkar Memorial Prize, English, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata.

V. PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS

Conference Papers

2023 "Autodidacts: Literary Experiments in Self-Governance," American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (ASECS) Conference, March 2022.

2022 "Autodidacts, Anarchists, and Humanists: Edward Said and the Eighteenth Century," American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (ASECS) Conference, March 2023.

2022 "Engrafting the Turk: Conversion, Fatalism, and Inoculation," American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (ASECS) Annual Conference, March 2022.

2021 "The reasoning jargon of unreasoning fools: John Clare and *Sensus Communis*," Modern Language Association (MLA), January 2022.

- 2021 "Enlightenment as Dissent: Edward Said, Autodidacticism, and Giambattista Vico", NEASECS, November 2022.
- 2020 "Rhetoric of Reasonableness: Crusoe's Habits of Mind and Morton's Logick of Mind," American Society of Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, April 2021
- 2018 "'Mind is Man!' John Thelwall, Autodidacticism, and Martial Enthusiasm," NASSR 2020, August 2020 (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2017 "Lessons for the Modern Prince: Civil Society in Gramsci's 'Philosophy of Praxis,'" 15th Annual Historical Materialism Conference, November 2018.
- "Wonder, Curiosity, and the Humboldtian Sublime: Nature and Narrative Technique in Alexander von Humboldt's Works," Graduate Student Conference, Department of English, University of Minnesota, March 2017.
- 2015 "Sublime Spaces on the Margins of Empire: Colonial Himalayan Travel Narratives," South Asian Literary Association Conference, Philadelphia, January 2017
- "Locating the 'Native Informant' in Sarat Chandra Das' Himalayan Travel Narratives," Interdisciplinarity and English Literary Studies Conference, University of Burdwan, November 2015.

Invited Talks

- 2018 "Civil Society in Gramsci's Works" Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal, India.

VI. SERVICE

Academic Field

- 2023 Organizer, Newberry Library Multidisciplinary Graduate Conference, January 18-28.
- 2020 Organizer, "Making Space: Literary Constructions of Identity and Community," Graduate Student Conference, English, UMN, Twin Cities (Cancelled due to COVID-19).

Campus—University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

- 2022-23 Mentor, Practicum in the Teaching of English (ENGL 5800), UMN, Twin Cities
- 2022-23 Advisory Board Member, Liberal Arts Engagement Hub, College of Liberal Arts, UMN Twin Cities
- 2022-23 Organizer, The Premodern Podcast Workshop, Centre of Premodern Studies, UMN Twin Cities
- 2021-22 Graduate Student Member of the Senate Committee on Faculty Affairs, UMN Twin Cities
- 2020-21 Representative to External Organizations, Council of International Graduate Students, UMN Twin Cities
- 2016-19 Member, Grant Reviewer for Student Service Fee Committee, UMN Twin Cities
- 2020 International Fellow for Classroom Connections in Minneapolis, *Global Minnesota*

Department—English, UMN, Twin Cities

- 2019 President and Event Organizer, 18th-19th C. Subfield.
- 2019-23 Member, Graduate Student Organization, English, UMN Twin Cities.

VII. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2020- Modern Language Association (MLA).
- 2020- American Society of Eighteenth-Century Studies (ASECS).
- 2021- North-Eastern Association for Eighteenth-Century Studies (NEASECS).

VIII. CERTIFICATES

- 2023 Business Writing, College of Continuing and Professional Studies, UMN, Twin Cities.
- 2015 Digital Humanities and Cultural Informatics, School of Cultural Texts and Records, Jadavpur University.
- 2013 Editing and Publishing, Jadavpur University.

IX. ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2014-16 Writer and Sub-Editor, *Rice Magazine*, Kolkata.
- 2013-14 Copywriter, Rediffusion Y&R, Kolkata.

X. LANGUAGES KNOWN

Hindi (Proficient), Bengali (Reading and Speaking), Nepali (Reading and Speaking), French (Reading with a Dictionary).

XI. REFERENCES

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