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The College of Idaho  
Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

*Areas of Specialization:*

Classical Indian Philosophy, Global and Intercultural Philosophy, Metaphysics,  
Philosophy of Mind and Language

*Areas of Competence:*

Comparative Philosophy of Religion, History of Philosophy, Epistemology,  
Ethics (moral psychology), Aesthetics, Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence

**Academic Positions**

2024— Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies,  
The College of Idaho

2021–2024 Faculty Lecturer  
Department of Philosophy  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

**Education**

2017–2024 University of Hawai'i at Mānoa  
*Expected 08/24* PhD, Philosophy

Dissertation: “Alternative Talk of the Indefinite: A Cross-Cultural Examination  
of Epistemic and Semantic Problems in the Metaphysics of Consciousness”

Committee: Arindam Chakrabarti (chair), Franklin Perkins, George Tsai, Sean  
Smith. External members: Anand Jayprakash Vaidya (Associate Professor of  
Philosophy, San Jose State University), Sai Bhatawadekar (Professor of Indo-  
Pacific Languages and Literatures, UH Mānoa)

2015–2016 Columbia University  
MA, Philosophy

2010–2014 University of Portland  
BA, Philosophy major, English Lit. minor

**Additional Professional Training**

Summer 2020 American Institute of Indian Studies  
Intensive Sanskrit Language Program

Pune, India (remote)

Spring 2017      200-Hr Yoga Teacher Training Certification  
*Sampoorna Yoga*  
Goa, India

### **Additional Employment**

#### *Academic*

2021–2022      Administrative Assistant to the Chair, Department of Philosophy,  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (20+ hrs/week)

2019–2020      Lecturer, Honolulu Community College

2018–2021      Teaching Assistant, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

2017–2018      Research Assistant, Eastern Philosophy of Consciousness and the Humanities  
(EPOCH) Project, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

2014 - 2015      Editorial Assistant, *Social Philosophy Today*

2011-2014      Writing Tutor, The University of Portland Writing Center

#### *Other*

2018–2023      Event Florist  
*Passion Roots: A Floral Altier*  
Waimanalo, Hawai'i

2016              Ghost Writer  
If I Made: Online Learning for Creatives

2010              Costumier  
The Costume and Scene Shop  
Mago Hunt Theater at University of Portland

### **Publications**

#### *Peer Reviewed*

2023      “Reconstructing Hindu-Buddhist Dialogue on the Self Through the Lens of Jaina Non-  
Absolutism” in *Journal of World Philosophies*, Vol. 8 No. 1: 17-39.

#### *Forthcoming*

“A Śāṅkaran Perspective on the Problem of AI Consciousness and the Possibility of a Human-Machine Merger” in *Journal of Dharma Studies*

*Submitted*

“Rethinking Idealism and Ineffability in Vasubandhu’s Twenty Verses, Thirty Verses and Treatise on the Three Natures” for *Journal of Indian Philosophy*

“Jaina Methods for Navigating the Limits of Language” for *Sophia*

*In Progress*

“A Semantic Analysis of Śāṅkara’s *Advaita-Vāda*: Against the Anti-Realist Interpretation” for *Journal of Indian Philosophy*”

“Desire and Hypocritical Moral Address”

**Talks**

*Upcoming*

“Rethinking Idealism and Ineffability in Vasubandhu’s Twenty Verses, Thirty Verses and Treatise on the Three Natures”  
-AAR, San Diego, 2024

*Invited Lectures*

“Understanding Śāṅkara’s Illusionism About Macrolevel Subjects”  
-Invited Lecture for Dr. Quanhua Liu’s Philosophy of Mind Course  
(Gonzaga University)

*Recent*

“A Dynamic Approach to Expressing Consciousness’ Freedom from Linguistic Capture: Pratyabhijñā and Jaina Perspectives”  
- Pacific APA, Portland, 2024

“Against the Paradox of Elimination in Advaita Vedānta”  
-SACP, San Francisco, 2023

“Towards Individuating Buddhist and Śaiva Accounts of Normative Attention: Residual Traces, Determinate Cognition, and Differentiation in the *Īśvarapratyabhijñāvimarśini*”  
-AAR, San Antonio, 2023

### *Commentaries*

“Comments on *Why Am I Me and Not Someone Else: The Non-Trivial Problem of Personal Identity and Consciousness*”

-Pacific APA, San Francisco, 2023

### *Other*

“Reconstructing Hindu-Buddhist Debates on the Self Through the Lens of Jaina Non-Absolutism”

-World Philosophies and Traditions of Knowledge Making, Amsterdam, 2022

“Aristotle’s “Active Intellect” and the “God” of Advaita Vedānta: A Comparative Re-Examination”

-Sixteenth Annual Conference on Aristotle and the Aristotelian Tradition

-Marquette University, 2022

### *In-House*

“Reconstructing Hindu-Buddhist Debates on the Self Through the Lens of Jaina Non-Absolutism”

-UHM/ANU Workshop, 2023

“Falsity (*mithyāṭva*) in Advaita Vedānta: Recognizing the Semantic Dilemma for the Metaphysics of Consciousness”

-The Philosophy Department Colloquium Series (Eliot Deutsch PhD Merit Award Presentation)

-University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, 2022

“Tauhi Vā and Mālama ‘Āina: Tongan and Hawaiian Ethics of Caring for the Land”

-Uehiro Graduate Philosophy Conference (Introductory Remarks)

-University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, 2021

“Empathetic Apologies”

-The Philosophy Department Colloquium Series (Keith Whittingslow Essay Prize Presentation)

-University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, 2018

“Self-Awareness, Material Subjectivity, and Touching the Ground”

-Uehiro Graduate Philosophy Conference

-University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, 2018

### **Awards**

Eliot Deutsch PhD Merit Award, UH Mānoa Philosophy Department, 2022 (\$2,500)

Ashok Kumar Malhotra “SEVA” Award for Academic Excellence and Community Service, UH Mānoa, 2022 (\$2,000)

J. Watumull Scholarship for the Study of India, UH Mānoa Center for South Asian Studies, Summer 2020 (\$5,000)

Keith Whittingslow Memorial Graduate Essay Prize, UH Mānoa Philosophy Department, 2018 (\$2,000)

EPOCH (Eastern Philosophy of Consciousness and the Humanities) Fellowship, 2017-18, (\$10,000)

Franz Mayr Award for Unusual Aptitude and Passion for Philosophy, University of Portland, 2014

### **Teaching Experience**

#### *Sole Instructor*

World Philosophy I, PHIL 130, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa  
Summer 2021 & 2022

World Philosophy II, PHIL 131, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa  
Spring 2020 & 2021

Between Ancient and Modern Philosophy, PHIL 212, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa  
Spring 2022

Modern Philosophy, PHIL 213, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa  
Summer 2022

Intro to Phil: Survey of Problems, PHIL 100, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa  
Summer 2022

Morals and Society, PHIL 101 at Honolulu Community College  
Fall 2019 & 2020

#### *Teaching Assistant*

Aesthetics, PHIL 306, Fall 2020

Inductive Logic, PHIL 111, Fall 2019

World Philosophy II, PHIL 131, Spring 2019

World Philosophy I, PHIL 130, Fall 2018

### *Guest Speaker*

Indian Philosophy, PHIL 350, Fall 2021  
“Witness-Consciousness in Advaita Vedanta”

Indian Philosophy, PHIL 350, 2018 (occasional guest speaker)

Philosophical Psychology, Undergraduate Capstone, Fall 2017  
“Private and Anti-Private Language Arguments”

### **Graduate Coursework**

#### *University of Hawai'i at Mānoa*

- Indian Philosophy, Vrinda Dalmiya
- Philosophical Psychology, Arindam Chakrabarti
- Seminar in Buddhist Philosophy, Sean Smith
- Seminar in Chinese Philosophy, Franklin Perkins
- Philosophy of Mind, Sean Smith
- Directed Research (Spinoza), Franklin Perkins
- Moral Psychology, George Tsai
- Seminar on Individual Philosophers (Kant), Arindam Chakrabarti
- Studies in Epistemology, Vrinda Dalmiya
- Western Movements & Periods: Greek, Tamara Albertini
- Social Philosophy, George Tsai
- Introduction to Sanskrit (12 credits), Jane Allred and Jesse Knudson
- Intermediate Sanskrit (8 credits), Lisa Widdison
- Advanced Readings in Sanskrit (8 credits), Jesse Knudson

#### *Columbia University*

- Topics in Metaphysics, Carol Rovane
- Philosophy of Mind, Christopher Peacocke
- Aesthetics: Historical Survey, Lydia Goehr
- Problems of Social Philosophy, Frederick Nuehouser
- Belief and Decision theory, Jessica Collins
- Aesthetics Under Siege, Andreas Huyssen
- Nietzsche, Robert Gooding-Williams
- Symbolic Logic, Achille Varzi
- Islamic Philosophy, Souleymane Diagne
- Problems of Social Philosophy, Robert Gooding-Williams

### **Professional Service**

*Treasurer*

Philosophy Students' Association, 2020-2022  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

*Assistant Organizer*

2021 Uehiro Graduate Philosophy Conference  
"Cross Currents: The Environment"

*Vice President*

Philosophy Students' Association, 2019-2020  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

*Lead Organizer*

2019 Uehiro Graduate Philosophy Conference  
"Cross Currents: Affects, Sentiments and Emotions"

*President*

Philosophy Students' Association, 2018-2019  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

**Languages**

Sanskrit (advanced)  
German (intermediate)

**References**

Arindam Chakrabarti, D.Phil., Oxford University  
Professor of Philosophy  
*Nirmal K. and Augustina Mattoo Endowed Chair in Classical Indic Studies*  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

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