



Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION:

- University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Ph.D. Philosophy, August 2021
- University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, M.A. Philosophy
- University of California, Los Angeles B.A. Philosophy

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

- **Current position:** Assistant Professor, Ahmedabad University, Gujarat
 - Visiting Assistant Professor, St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas (Fall 2022-Spring 2025)
 - Lecturer in Philosophy, Hawai'i Pacific University, 2022
 - Lecturer, Department of Humanities, University of Hawai'i, West O'ahu (UHWO), 2021-2022
 - Research Assistant, Eastern Philosophies of Consciousness Program (EPOCH) Spring 2020 & 2021
 - Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UH), 2018 - 2021
 - Graduate Teaching Assistant, UH Department of Philosophy, 2015 - 2018
 - Research Assistant, UH School of Pacific and Asian Studies, 2013 - 2014

AREAS OF RESEARCH and TEACHING SPECIALIZATIONS:

Aesthetics, Comparative Philosophy, World Philosophy, Environmental Philosophy, Philosophy of Emotions, Philosophies of India, Epistemology, Sanskrit Literature

AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE:

Buddhist Philosophy, Islamic Philosophy, Logic, Ethics, Philosophy of Law, Social Philosophy, Political Philosophy, History of Western Philosophy (Ancient-Modern)

DISSERTATION: THE EPISTEMIC VALUE OF AESTHETICIZED EMOTIONS: WONDER, PATHOS AND COMEDY IN AESTHETIC EXPERIENCE

Committee: Vrinda Dalmiya (Chair), Arindam Chakrabarti, Joseph Tanke, George Tsai, Jesse Knutson (Sanskrit)

POST DOCTORAL Research Awards:

- **2024 St Mary's University Faculty Institute Fellow, Institute on Learning Technologies:** This year's Faculty Institute topics included: Digital Learning, AI Assignments, Rich Media Instruction, Deepening Engagement, Assets-Based Pedagogy, Universal Design, and Finding Authentic Voices in Teaching and Learning
- **2024 CAORC-AIIS Fellow, Faculty Development Seminar in India, Dec-Jan Field Seminar** conducted by the American Institute of India Studies, Delhi, Jaipur, Jodhpur and Lucknow to



understand varying economic, cultural, social, and environmental pressures in conjunction with faculty at Indian Institutions. This program pays special attention to establishing programs for US students to study and conduct research in India.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor at Ahmedabad University: Indian and Buddhist Debates on the Self, Philosophy of Emotions Across Traditions, Reading Scholastic Sanskrit, Foundations Programme: Water

Previous Courses: World Philosophies; Philosophy of Law; Social Philosophy; Ethics; Environmental Philosophy; Ancient Philosophy, Logic, Asian Philosophy, Epistemology, Advanced Sanskrit

PUBLICATIONS AND SUBMISSIONS

"The Love of God? Bhakti (Devotion) and the Virtues in Spinoza's Ethics (Parts IV and V) and Bhagavadgītā Chapters 12–14 (Bhaktiyoga)" *Religions* 2026, 17, 588
<https://doi.org/10.3390/rel17050588>

"Review of: *The Matter of Wonder: Abhinavagupta's Panentheism and New Materialism* by Loriliai Biernacki" 2024 *Sophia* DOI: 10.1007/s11841-024-01040-y.

Forthcoming: Council for American Overseas Research Centers--*Field Notes*:

"The Aesthetics of Sustainability: The Thar Desert Museum--*Arna Jharna*" 2024

"Emotion Concepts for Virtue Theory: From Aesthetic to Epistemic and Moral" *Traditional Indian Virtue Ethics for Today: An East-West Sharing of Ideas*. Palgrave Studies in Comparative East-West Philosophy, 2024 DOI
<https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-47972-4>

"The Epistemic Significance of *adbhutarasa*: Aestheticized Wonder as a Virtue of Inquiry" *The Journal of Dharma Studies* 10.1007/s42240-021-00115-0

"Aestheticized Tragedy (*karuṇarasa*) as an Intellectual Virtue" *Journal of Comparative Philosophy*, Jan 2022 [https://doi.org/10.31979/2151-6014\(2022\).130107](https://doi.org/10.31979/2151-6014(2022).130107)

"Rasa-Dhvani and the Ineffable" *Journal of Dharma Studies*, Vol. I Springer, 2019
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s42240-019-00032-3>

"The Community Ball" *Educational Perspectives: Journal of the College of Education, University of Hawaii at Manoa*. Volume 44 O Numbers 1 and 2

PRESENTATIONS

"Healing Virtues in Spinoza's Ethics (Parts IV and V) and Bhagavadgītā Chapter 12 (Bhaktiyoga)" Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy 57th Annual Meeting: Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Manipal, Karnataka, India



“Aesthetic Virtues: reading character traits in philosophy and fiction” International Society for Educational Leadership (ISEL), Maharashtra (MIT) Art, Design & Technology (ADT) University. English Literature Summit 2026, Plenary Session

“World-Wide-Words from Bhagavadgītā 15.15 to Pratyabhijñā in Epistemology” 19th World Sanskrit Conference, Nepal Academy Hall, and DAV Sushil Kedia Vishwa Bharati School, Jawlakhel, Lalitpur, Kathmandu

“World-Wide-Words from Bhagavadgītā 15.15 to Pratyabhijñā in Epistemology” Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy 56th Annual Meeting: Philosophical Encounters September 16, 2024. Charles University, Prague

“Environmental Ethics and Aesthetics” Conference on Sustainability, ITT Jodhpur, India, Jan 2024

“Philosophies of Indian and Sanskrit Aesthetics” St. Mary’s University, New Faculty Research Presentation, S.A. TX, October 12, 2022

“Aestheticized Pathos as Intellectual Virtue” Center for Comparative Philosophy, invited panel on comparative aesthetics, San Jose State University, California, April 2022

“Emotion Concepts for Virtue Theory: From aesthetic, to epistemic and moral” Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla, India, October 2019

“The Politics of Conceptual Resources in Comparative Environmental Philosophy” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, New York, NY, Jan. 2019

“The Power of Suggestion (*dhvani*): Aestheticized Emotions and the Ineffable” University of Hawai’i Center for South Asian Studies Symposium, April 2018

“The Aim (*prayojana*) of Comparative Philosophy: Why We Do It, When We Cannot Do It and How We Salvage the Problems of Philosophy” Karnataka Samskrit University, Melkote Archive, Karnataka, India Feb. 2017

“A comparative study of Spinoza’s *Ethics* and the ethics of the *Bhagavad Gītā*” 2017 Keith Whittingslow Essay Prize, University of Hawai’i at Mānoa Department of Philosophy Colloquium 2017

OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES:

- Board Member, Global Urban Sustainable Center Corp. Miami USA and Chandigarh, India;
- Texas Regional Ethics Bowl (TREB), *Official Judge*, 2023-2024;
- “Nyāya and the World,” Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, July 2022
- 2019 Arts and Humanities Dissertation Research Award, University of Hawaii
- “Kalāyoga, Vyāsa-Vālmīki-Kālidāsa” Chinmaya International Summer Camp, Ādi Śaṅkara Nilayam, Kerala, 2017
- Seminar in Indian Epistemology- *Pramāṇapaddhati* (Karnataka Samskrit University Bangalore), Feb. 2017