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Education

University of California, Santa Cruz, Ph.D. Philosophy, 2021- present.
Jadavpur University, India, M.A. in Philosophy, 2017-2019.
Jadavpur University, India, B.A. in Philosophy, 2014-2017.

Research Areas-

Social Epistemology, Predictive Processing, Imagination, Philosophy of Gender and Race.

Conference presentations

“Feminism and the Crisis of Intersectionality: exploring parallels between the experience of race and caste.”

- Social Ontology and Collective Intentionality 2022, the University of Vienna (via Zoom).

"Allergic to the 20th century": Contamination of 'Life-Form' and the beginning of Anthropocene."

- PAMLA (Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association) UCLA, 2022.

“Purity of the Ugly: Understanding the Negative Judgment in Kant’s Aesthetics”

- Gonzaga Graduate Philosophy Conference, Gonzaga University, 2022.

“Imagining Pain and Suffering Gladly: Imaginative Resistance and Identification in Literature”

- PAMLA (Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association) Portland, 2023.

Talks

“Beyond Social Resistances”

- Crossing Borders: An Evening of Philosophical Discussions 2023, Center for Public Philosophy and the Institute of the Arts and Sciences.

“You are in my mind- A Cartesian Nightmare”

- Night of Ideas presented by Villa Albertine and Albertine Foundation 2024, Santa Cruz.

Comments, Review & Chair

Comment on Eric Bayruns García’s *“Afro-Latinx, Hispanic, and Latinx Identity: Understanding the Americas.”*

- American Philosophical Association Central Division, Denver, CL, 2023.

Review for *“Afro-Latinx, Hispanic and Latinx Identity: Understanding the Americas,”*

- *Critical Philosophy of Race*, 2023.

Chair for *“Reparations for Historic Racism: Can the Government Legitimately Make the Innocent Shoulder the Cost?”* by Joel Ballivian.

- American Philosophical Association Central Division, Denver, CL, 2023.

Chair for *“Toward a Pluralist Account of Belief”* by Anand Vaidya.

- American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, San Francisco, CA, 2023.

Teaching Assistant Experience

Introduction to Philosophy, E. Hande Tuna, Winter 2024.
Introduction to Ethical Theory, Janette Dinishak, Fall 2023.
Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Nico Orlandi, Summer 2023.
Introduction to Philosophy, Philip Groth, Spring 2023.
Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Nico Orlandi, Winter 2023.
Introduction to Philosophy, Jordan Dopkins, Fall 2022.

Certificate Courses

- Leadership Certificate Program (GSLP), The Division of Graduate Studies, UC Santa Cruz, 2024.

Services in Public Philosophy

- Lead organizer, Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) UCSC chapter, 2023, organizer (2021-2023).
- Student coach/ facilitator, Centre for Public Philosophy, UCSC Ethics Bowl, 2024.
- Judge and coordinator, National High School Ethics Bowl, 2022, 2023, 2024.
- Co-organizer, 'Ask a Philosopher,' Centre for Public Philosophy, UCSC, 2023.

Academic professional experience

- Graduate Council (GC), *UC Santa Cruz*, Graduate Student Representative, 2024- present.
- Department of Philosophy, *UC Santa Cruz*, Graduate Student Representative, 2022- 2023.
- Historic District and Gateway Visioning and Advisory Task Force, *UC Santa Cruz*- Graduate Student Representative, 2022.
- CSU Student Research Competition, *San Francisco State University*- Social Science Judge, 2022.
- Graduate Dean's Travel Grant Committee, *UC Santa Cruz*- decision-making on grant allocation for Graduate Students, 2022-23.
- "*EEG experiment on complex words,*" European Research Council (MORPHON), *University of Oxford*, Research contributor, 2018.

Fellowships and awards

The Humanities Institute Graduate Student Success fellow (\$3000), UC Santa Cruz, 2021-23.
Grad Humanities Fellowship, (\$8000) UC Santa Cruz, 2021.
Regent's Fellowship (\$15,600), UC Santa Cruz, 2021-2022.
Second Prize at the Gonzaga Graduate Philosophy Conference, Gonzaga University, 2022.

Workshops

- Conflict Resolution- De Acker.
- Burnout: Recognizing, Preventing, Mitigating- Audrey Kim and Nicolette Severson.
- Listening, Mentoring, Advising, and Coaching Workshop- Andrea Cohen.

Other teaching/mentorship/leadership experiences

- Ketto, India, a crowdfunding platform for medical emergencies- mentor, content creator, and public relations, 2020-21.
- Chitrāngadā Collective, India- organizing awareness campaigns and protest marches against violence toward the LGBTQIA community, 2018-19.
- Calcutta Cacophony, India- facilitated workshops with young art enthusiasts and coordinated 'The Soul Local,' a performing and creative arts platform, 2016-18.

- Techno India Group Public School, India
- BDM International CBSE School, India
- Young Horizons School, India,
 - afterschool programs- tutored school students for board exams & co-curricular activities and collaborated with high school students for inter-school competitions.
- Ektara, India- co-founder of organization for young creative art professionals, 2017-18.
- APEEJAY Bengali Literary Festival- youth reporter, 2017.
- People's Film Collective- co-organizer, 2014-15.
- Kolkata International Film Festival, India- Delegate, 2014- 2020.
- Anti-Clockwise Magazine- co-founder & literary contributor, 2015.

Languages- Sanskrit (intermediate), Bengali (native), Hindi (native).

References-

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