

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

PhD, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2027

Concentration: Religion and Society

Dissertation Title: *Towards a Subaltern Decolonial Border Praxis: History, Ritual and Memory of Prathyaksha Raksha Daiva Sabha*

ThM, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2021

Concentration: Religion and Society

M.A.T, Fuller Theological Seminary, 2020

Concentration: Theology and Culture

Bachelor of Theology, Senate of Serampore, India, 2010

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Princeton Theological Seminary

September 2022-Present

Courses: Black Church and Black Manhood

World Christian History II

African American Women and Religion

Ecumenism in the Light of World Christianity

History of Secularization in Europe, 1789-today

Editorial Assistant, The Journal of World Christianity, Penn State University Press, June 2022-September 2024

Research Assistant, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, October 2021-April 2022

“Fluctuations of Evil: Alterity and Violence in Latin American Interpretation” (Prof. Dr. Howard Schulz, in cooperation with the Pontific Catholic University of Peru)

PRESENTATIONS

From Kerala to America: Colonial Entanglements and the Limits of Asian American Religio-Cultural Models." Paper presented at Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR) conference, New York, 2026.

Border Thinking as A Subaltern Decolonial Praxis: History, Ritual and Memory in Poikayil Yohannan's Thought." at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and Religious Research Association (SSSR+RRA) Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, November, 2025

“Body as Salvation and Kingdom: A Critique of Caste as Orthodoxy and Orthopraxy in Indian Christianity,” at the North American Academy of Ecumenists Annual Conference, Boston, 2025

"Border Thinking as A Subaltern Decolonial Praxis: History, Ritual and Memory in Poikayil Yohannan's Thought." Paper presented at the SSSR+RRA 2025 Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, 2025.

“Border Thinking as a Subaltern Decolonial Praxis,” In American Academy of Religion North East, Princeton, 2025

“Heathenism and Indian American Christianity” in the Annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Religious Research Association, Pittsburgh, 2024

“The Legacy of WA Criswell and Indian American Christianity”, in Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, 2024

“Interrogating privileged Indian American Christianity in the backdrop of Dutch colonial capitalism in 17th century Malabar coast”, in *Religion And Intersectionality* conference, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Montreal, 2024

"Nepantlas of Faith: Decolonizing Indian American Christianity." in *Ecumenism In The Borderlands: Translating Worlds Conference*, North American Academy of Ecumenists, San Antonio, 2023

“Roots and Routes of discontent: Indian Ocean Slave trade and Indian Americans.” in *Afterlives of Slavery Conference*, Washington DC, 2023.

“Decolonization Or Debrahmanization: Revisiting Hindutva As A Decolonial Praxis In India.” In *the Justice and Religion Conference*, Association of Sociology of Religion, Philadelphia, 2023

“Decolonization Or Debrahmanization: Revisiting Hindutva As A Decolonial Praxis In India.” In *Resurgent Authoritarianism: The Sociology Of New Entanglements Of Religions, Politics, And Economies Conference*, International Sociology Association, Melbourne, 2023.

“Undesirable Allies: Slavery and Indentureship as Precursors to Antiblackness among Indian American Christians.” In *Race And Religion Conference*. Boisi Center For Religion And American Public Life, Boston College, 2023

“Desis In America: Immigration and Epistemics of Antiblackness and Racism.” In *Disappearance, Catharsis, and Subaltern Resistance Conference*. Texas State University, 2022.

“Liminal Space as Decolonial Space: Cracks and Fissures in Indian American Christianity.” Online, in *Postcolonial Fault-lines: Branching into the Unknown Conference*, University of Glasgow, October 12, 2022.

“Precarity of Life During the Pandemic: Caricaturing a New Diasporic Imaginary,” in *War, Pandemic, And Climate Change -Past And Present And Their Place In World Christianity Scholarship*. World Christianity Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2022.

“Waving Indian Flag at the U.S Capitol Hill riot and the intersections of Caste, transnationality, and Antiracism among Indian Americans,” European Society for Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies, Bonn, Germany, 24th March 2022.

“Decolonizing Christianity in America: An Indian American perspective,” Decolonizing Churches organized by Ecclesiological Investigations International Research Network, Puerto Rico, June 23, 2022.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“Liminality, decolonization, and Indian American Christianity” in Haynes, J. (Ed.). (2024). *The Routledge Handbook of Politics and Religion in Contemporary America* (1st ed.).

“Indian Flag at the Capitol Hill Insurrection and Antiracism Among Indian American Christians.” *ChristianityNext* Winter, no. 6 (2022).

BOOK REVIEWS

Book review of “Untouchable Bodies, Resistance, and Liberation: A Comparative Theology of Divine Possessions, by Joshua Samuel.” *Journal of World Christianity* 13, no. 2 (August 25, 2023): 203–5. <https://doi.org/10.5325/jworlchri.13.2.0203>.

Book Review of Christianity in India: The Anti-Colonial Turn, by Clara A.B. Joseph. *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 21, no. 3 (2020)

Book Review of “Persisting Patriarchy: Intersectionalities, Negotiations, Subversions: By Kochu rani Abraham, Palgrave Macmillan, 2019, 241 Pp., \$79.99 (Paper Back), ISBN 978-3-030-21487-6.” *Asian Journal of Women's Studies* 26, no. 3 (2020): 410–13.

RESEARCH ESSAYS

“Navigating Liminal Spaces of Indian American Christianity.” Religion and Global Society, London School of Economics (blog), November 3, 2022.

Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs “Indian Flag at the Capitol Insurrection and Anti-Racism among Indian Christians.” Accessed November 13, 2021. <https://berkleycenter.georgetown.edu/responses/indian-flag-at-the-capitol-insurrection-and-anti-blackness-among-indian-christians>.

Political Theology Network. “Towards A Theology of Black and Brown Body,” July 31, 2021. <https://politicaltheology.com/towards-a-theology-of-black-and-brown-body/>.

AWARDS, HONORS GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIP

Asia Theological Institute Fellow, 2025
Sacred Writes Summer Fellowship, 2024
Forum for Theological Exploration Fellow, 2022
Merit Tuition Scholarship Princeton Theological Seminary 2021-2026
Princeton Doctoral Scholarship Princeton Theological Seminary, 2021-2026
Trustee Merit Scholarship Princeton Theological Seminary, 2021-2026
MeSt Research Grant, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, 2021
Public Diversity Chair Fellowship- Missouri State University, 2012

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
Association for the Sociology of Religion
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Postcolonial Studies Association

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent), Hindi (Fluent), Tamil (Intermediate), Malayalam (Fluent), French (Intermediate)