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Education

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY *PhD Candidate, 2012-Present*

- Dissertation: “Nairobi ‘Samaj’: Community, Capitalism, and Race in urban East Africa, c. 1890-1970,” Advisor: Professor Pier Larson.
- Completed Comprehensive Examinations in four fields: “African History,” with Professor Emeritus Sara Berry; “East African and Indian Ocean History,” with Professor Pier Larson; “Economic Anthropology,” with Professor Jane Guyer; and “Social and Cultural Theory,” with Professor Peter Jelavich.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS *MA, 2011*

- Thesis: “Collaborators, Competitors, and Colonists: South Asian Merchants in British East Africa, 1888-1918,” Supervisor: Professor Emeritus Ralph Austen.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY *BA, 2006*

- Completed Major in Mathematics, Minor in Business Administration, and Independent Study in Economics.
- Completed four semesters of Accelerated Mathematics and two semesters at Albert-Ludwig University (Germany).

Academic Publications

- “‘Sharing Secrets’: Gendered landscapes of trust and intimacy in Kenya’s digital financial marketplace,” in Margit Ystanes and Vigdis Broch-Due, eds., *Trusting and its Tribulations*, Berghahn Books (2016)

Academic Distinctions and Awards

2015-2016	IIE/USIEF Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowship
2014	Andrew W. Mellon Language Study Travel Award, Johns Hopkins University
2013	History Department Foreign Language Study Grant, Johns Hopkins University
2012-2015	Diamond Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University
2011-2012	Graduate Attachment Scheme, British Institute in Eastern Africa
2011	Alternate Finalist, U.S. David L. Boren Fellowship
2010-2011	Non-Endowed Scholarship, University of Chicago

Teaching Experience

COURSES IN AFRICAN HISTORY

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| 2014 | “Modern African History, c. 1850 to Present,” Teaching Assistant for Professor Pier Larson, Johns Hopkins University, Spring Semester. |
| 2013 | “African History to c. 1850,” Teaching Assistant for Professor Pier Larson, Johns Hopkins University, Fall Semester. |

COURSES IN HISTORY

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| 2016 | “Japan in the World,” Teaching Assistant for Assistant Professor Yumi Kim, Johns Hopkins University, Fall Semester. |
| 2014 | “U.S. History in the Age of Revolutions,” Teaching Assistant for Professor François Furstenberg, Johns Hopkins University, Spring Semester. |

Hopkins University, Fall Semester.

Conference Presentations

- 2017 Presentation: "Indian Merchants and the Colonial Legal Sphere in Interwar Kenya, 1920-1938" at Space and Sovereignty in South Asia Conference, Princeton University, 21-22 April.
- 2016 Presentation: "Moral Dilemmas: Material worship and sins of assimilation in Gujarati travel writing from Postwar Nairobi" at 59th Annual Meeting of African Studies Association, Washington, D.C., 1 December.
- 2016 Presentation: "Strategies of Accumulation: Indian merchants, patronage, and urban gentrification in post-War Nairobi, 1945-1964" at Madison Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, 23 October.
- 2016 Presentation: "Migrants and Mandals: Perspectives from Gujarati travel writing in colonial Kenya" at the South Asian Studies Association (SASA) 10th Annual Conference, TERI University (New Delhi), 19 March.
- 2016 Presentation: "Migrants and Memoirs: Gujarati travel writing from East Africa in the late colonial period, 1920-1964" at the South and Central Asia Fulbright Conference (Jaipur), 29 February.
- 2014 Discussant: "Time and Money" at "Possibilities with Jane Guyer," Johns Hopkins University, 18 April.
- 2013 Presentation: "Constructing Distinctions: 'Indian' traders, Gikuyu soldiers, and everyday exchange in the Kenyan Highlands, c. 1890-1920" at the John Gissander Symposium, Towson University, 19 April.
- 2012 Presentation: "Trading Identities: Gazettes, weddings, and merchant rituals in 'Indian' East African life, 1905-1923" at the Cambridge-Africa Collaborative Research Programme, British Institute in Eastern Africa, 12 July.

Workshops and Seminars

- 2018 Paper: "Traders, Farmers, and Officials: The ghee trade in Western Kenya during the interwar and post-War period," Africa Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, 2 February.
- 2017 Paper: "Merchants, Colonial Law, and Institutions of Trade in the East African Interior, 1914-1938," Africa Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, 3 May.
- 2017 Paper: "Partners, Agents, and Estates: Indian merchants and legal pluralism in colonial Kenya during the interwar period, 1920-1938," Twentieth-Century Workshop, Johns Hopkins University, 9 April.
- 2017 Paper: "Views from the Homeland: Portraits of Nairobi and its Indian population in Gujarati travel writing, 1920-1964," Africa Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, 3 March.
- 2016 Paper: "Houses, Schools, and Hospitals: Indian merchants, strategies of accumulation, and urban development in post-War Nairobi, 1945-1964," Africa Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, 18 November.
- 2015 Paper: "'We have a 'Voice' here': Racial solidarity, public opinion, and urban development in Nairobi's Indian bazaar, 1907-1914," Africa Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, 30 January.
- 2013 Paper: "Cultural bargaining: Gikuyus and Indians in Kenya's highland bazaars, c. 1890-1934," Twentieth-Century Workshop, Johns Hopkins University, 23 November.
- 2013 Paper: "Indian Traders, Gikuyu Soldiers and Kenya's Economy of Cultural Distinction, ca. 1892-1918," History Department Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, 30 April.
- 2013 Paper: "Gikuyu 'town boys,' 'Indian' traders, and Kenya's economy of cultural distinction, ca. 1892-1918," Africa Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, 27 March.

Guest Lectures

- 2016 "Colonialism in Africa: When, Why, and How?" Department of History, St. Xavier's College of Mumbai, 4 March.
- 2016 Presentation: "Sacred Spaces, Community Halls, and Urban Gentrification in Interwar Nairobi, 1918-1938," Center for Urban Studies, M.S. University (Vadodara), 12 February.

- 2016 “Graduate Studies in History: An American’s Perspective,” Department of History, Gujarat University (Ahmedabad), 18 January.
- 2015 “Archival Research for non-Historians,” Institute of Development Studies, University of Nairobi, 28 September.
- 2015 Presentation: “‘Rickshaw Trouble’: Merchants, Migrants, and Colonial Kenya's Transportation Economy, c. 1900-1934,” Department of History, M.S. University (Vadodara), 23 April.
- 2015 “Cities on the Move: Urban transportation and the politics of mobility in sub-Saharan Africa,” Faculty of Planning, Center for Environmental and Planning Technology University (CEPT) (Ahmedabad), 19 April.

Journalism and Other Publications

- 2009 “Skin-Deep Democracy: A Letter from Kenya,” *The American Interest* (December)
- 2008 “Nagila in Nairobi: Experiences from Kenyan Jewish Life,” *Shelanu* (October)
- 2008 “Keeping Kenya Christian: Waiting to be Saved,” *More Intelligent Life, Economist.com* (February)
- 2007 “An American in Kenya: Soft Power on Safari,” *More Intelligent Life, The Economist* (December)
- 2007 “Kenyan Notebook,” *More Intelligent Life, The Economist* (October)

Non-Academic Employment

FINANCIAL SECTOR DEEPENING TRUST OF KENYA (NAIROBI) *Consultant, 2012*

- Researched mobile money usage in urban and rural Kenya and drafted concept and conference papers.

BRITISH INSTITUTE IN EASTERN AFRICA (NAIROBI) *Research Attaché, 2011-2012*

- Researched newspaper satire in Kenya and legal education in Nkrumah’s Ghana for senior research fellows.

US SENATE COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (DC) *Legislative Aide, 2008-2010*

- Assisted in drafting Chairman Chris Dodd’s (D-CT) federal legislation for financial regulatory reform, economic stabilization, US-Iran sanctions, and anti-money laundering programs targeting Sudan and Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

DYER AND BLAIR INVESTMENT BANK LIMITED (NAIROBI) *Consultant, 2007-2008*

- Assisted in Safaricom privatization. Drafted business proposal for East African ‘over-the-counter’ securities exchange.

BEAR STEARNS ASSET MANAGEMENT (NEW YORK CITY) *Employee, 2006-2007*

- Assisted hedge fund managers with an investment company’s initial public offering and daily credit market analysis.

Languages

Swahili	Reading (Advanced) and Speaking (Advanced)
German	Reading (Advanced) and Speaking (Advanced)
Hindi	Reading (Intermediate) and Speaking (Intermediate)
Gujarati	Reading (Intermediate) and Speaking (Intermediate)
Hebrew	Reading (Intermediate) and Speaking (Basic)
Spanish	Reading (Intermediate) and Speaking (Basic)