

Priten H. Shah

Academic Interests: Moral & Political Phil. (Ethics/Metaethics, Phil. of Education, Feminist Phil., Ideal Theory), Phil. of Religion, Social Movements, Instruction (Instuc. Tech., Research-Based Teaching)

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EDUCATION

Harvard College, Cambridge, MA — A.B., Junior

September 2014 - May 2019 (Planned)

Joint Concentration in South Asian Studies & Philosophy (Current GPA: 3.82)

Harvard College Scholar 2016-2017 (Top 10% of Class)

TEACHING

Commonwealth School, Boston, MA — Debate Coach

August 2017 - Present (Part-Time)

- * Teach weekly debate class with students in grades 9-12
- * Arrange tournaments, intramural debates, & research assignments

Global Academic Commons, Boston College, MA — Director of Web Design and Journalism Programs

July 2016, July 2017 (Full-Time)

- * Designed both programs (developed instructional goals, staff schedule, & curriculum)
- * Worked with students ages 9-18 from around the world
- * Used Google Classroom and WordPress as instructional tools

Walter Panas High School, Cortlandt Manor, NY — Student Teaching Assistant

February 2016 - June 2016 (Full-Time)

- * Worked with special needs and at-risk high school students in grades 9-12
- * Helped students with homework, test preparation, & study skills in small group, individual, & classroom settings

Lakeland District Debate Team, Shrub Oak, NY — Assistant Debate Coach

Sep 2013 - June 2016 (Part-Time)

- * Traveled to tournaments during the season for argument coaching, research & judging and assisted during weekly debate classes
- * Handled tournament administration during the annual Westchester Classic Tournament

Speaking and Debating Academy, Boston, MA — Instructor

Summer 2015 (Full-Time)

- * Provided classroom instruction & one-on-one tutoring in speech and basic debate

Harvard Debate Council Summer Workshops, Cambridge, MA — Instructor

Summer 2013 (Full-Time), Summer 2014 (Full-Time)

- * Lectured and worked with students in the Public Forum Workshop

National Forensic League of South Korea, Seoul, South Korea — Consultant

August 2013 - November 2013 (Full-Time)

- * Tournament administration for national tournaments
- * Represented NFL-SK at regional debate promotion events
- * Coached students for participation in various debate events

RESEARCH/PROJECTS

North Georgia Student Philosophy Conference (Presenter) — April 2018

* Paper: Spousal Visas: a Test Case for Non-Mal Distribution Justifications Against the Gendered Division of Labor

UTSC Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (Presenter) — March 2018

- * Paper: Transferable Obligations: Solving the Injustice of Forced Paternal Support

South Asian Studies Junior Tutorial (Course Credit) — Spring 2018

- * Faculty Advisor: Parimal Patil, Professor of Religion and Indian Philosophy
- * Topic: (Pre-Thesis) Goals and Challenges of Developing a Culture Studies Curriculum

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English, Native Fluency
Gujarati, Native Fluency
Hindi, Native Fluency
Spanish, Professional Fluency
Sanskrit, Working Proficiency
Latin, Working Proficiency

COURSES

Language:

- * 28 Credits of Sanskrit
- * 8 Credits of Latin
- * 8 Credits of Hindi

Philosophy:

- * Educational Justice
- * Feminist Political Philosophy
- * Empiricism, Evolution, & Ethics
- * Medieval Philosophy
- * Inequality
- * Family and Social Justice
- * Early Modern Philosophy

South Asia:

- * Contemporary South Asia: Entrepreneurial Solutions to Intractable Social & Economic Problems
- * Expos Writing: Cross-Cultural Contact Zones
- * History of Buddhism in South Asia
- * Capitalism & Cosmology in Modern India
- * Economic History of South Asia
- * Hindu Worlds of Art & Culture

Computer Science:

- * Intro. to Computer Science
- * Discrete Mathematics

Sociology:

- * Intro. to Global Social Change

Book:

- * Just One Degree: Hit the Melting Point of Top Colleges (2013): Published book on college admissions.

Supervised Reading and Research (Course Credit) — Fall 2017

- * Faculty Advisor: Gina Schouten, Assistant Professor of Philosophy
- * Topic: Political Liberalism and Justice

Undergraduate Research Scholar (Paid Position) — Fall 2017, Spring 2018

- * Faculty Member: Gina Schouten, Assistant Professor of Philosophy
- * Topic: Liberalism, Neutrality, and the Gendered Division of Labor (Book Manuscript)

Harvard College Research Program (Indep. Research Funding) — Summer 2017

- * Faculty Advisor: Parimal Patil, Professor of Religion and Indian Philosophy
- * Topic: Moral and Political Thought in Pre-Modern Indian Philosophy

LanguageDives — Fall 2016

- * Designed & developed an online language learning tool for highly inflected languages
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CAMPUS GROUPS

General Education Student Advisory Board — Spring 2018

- * Faculty Member: Jason Mitchell, Professor of Psychology

Philosophy Department Inclusion and Belonging Study Group — Spring 2018

- * Faculty Member: Bernhard Nickel, Professor of Philosophy

Philosophy in Latin (Reading Group) — Fall 2017

- * Faculty Member: Jeffrey McDonough, Professor of Philosophy
- * Topic: Francisco Suárez

Sanskrit (Reading Group) — Fall 2017

- * Faculty Member: Anand Venkatkrishnan, Preceptor for Sanskrit
- * Topic: Mālatimādhava

Medieval Hindi Poetry (Reading Group) — Spring 2015, Spring 2017

- * Faculty Member: Richard Delacy, Preceptor for Hindi/Urdu
 - * Topic: Braj Bhasa Bhakti Poetry
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TALKS/LECTURES

MIT HSSP Program, Cambridge, MA — Spring 2018

- * Taught one-hour weekly classes (six weeks) for high school & middle school students
- * Topics: Writing for Social Change, Liberty or Justice For All: How Far Should the State Go?

The Academy at Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA — February 2018

- * Worked with middle school students from Vietnam for two days
- * Topic: Not Too Young To Change the World

Educational Divide Reform, Cambridge, MA — January 2018

- * Gave two-hour talks at entrepreneurship program for North Korean refugees
- * Topics: Experience of a Student-Entrepreneur, Starting Socially-Conscious Projects

The Academy at Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA — Winter 2018

- * Worked with elementary & middle school students from South Korea for five weekends

Yale Splash, New Haven, CT— November 2017

- * Taught one-hour classes at one-day program for middle & high school students
- * Topics: Educational Justice, Public Speaking for Private Individuals, Writing for Social Change, Liberty or Justice: How Far Can the State Go?

United 4 Social Change, Mumbai, India — July 2015

- * Topic: Public Speaking and Social Advocacy

United 4 Social Change, Mumbai, India — July 2015

- * Topic: Journalism and Social Advocacy

Self-Employed Women's Association, Delhi, India — July 2015

- * Topic: Written and Spoken Social Advocacy (Hindi)
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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

United 4 Social Change, Founder and CEO — Spring 2014-Present

Mission: Training youth to advocate for social issues using spoken & written media

- * Produce instructional materials (online and in-person) to train young changemakers

* Handle corporate, financial and strategic tasks

Desi Physician Moms Foundation, Board Member — *November 2017-Present*

Mission: Combating domestic violence among South Asian-American Women

* Manage administrative tasks for the foundation (volunteer management, strategic planning, etc)

* Manage social media and marketing for the organization

ThinkSTEAM for Girls, Board Member — *Spring 2015-Present*

Mission: Encouraging girls to get involved in STEM and Arts

* Provide advice on a variety issues (financial, legal, and marketing)

WEB DEVELOPMENT

Suddha.Marketing LLC, Owner — *March 2015-Present*

* Providing marketing services to small businesses (SEO, Social Media, Adwords, etc)

* Creating and managing websites for companies mainly using WordPress with customized code in MySQL, PHP, Javascript, CSS3, and HTML5.

Harvard Debate Council Summer Workshops, Harvard Debate Council — *2013-Present*

* Designed and developed website, application portal, payment system, and administrative dashboard

Millennial Speech & Debate, Boston, MA — *2012-Present*

* Designed and developed news, files, and courses platforms

Parinda Parikh MD, Westchester, NY— *2018-Present*

* Designed and developed website for medical practice and manage online marketing

Nazdikiyan LLC, Westchester, NY— *2016-Present*

* Designed and developed e-commerce website on Shopify platform

Julis-Rabinowitz Program on Jewish and Israeli Law, Harvard Law School — *Winter 2018*

* Set up website on OpenScholar platform

Center for Career Advancement, Harvard Chan School of Public Health— *Summer 2017*

* Designed UI for the website and implemented it

Center for Jewish Studies, Harvard University — *Summer 2017*

* Developed new website and application portal on WordPress

Gonzaga Debate Institute, Gonzaga University— *2013-2015*

* Designed and developed website and application portal on WordPress