

## **Pratik Raghu**

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### **Education**

PhD in Global Studies September 2016—June 2022 (anticipated)  
University of California, Santa Barbara

- Awarded Chancellor's and International Doctoral Recruitment Fellowships

Honors Degree and Bachelor of Arts in Postcolonial Ethics August 2011—May 2015  
Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah

CGPA: 3.95 (Summa Cum Laude)

- Chosen to be Student Commencement Speaker for Westminster's Class of 2015
- Awarded merit-based \$56,000 Presidential Scholarship to attend Westminster College

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) June 2009—June 2011  
Sri KDU IB World School, Selangor, Malaysia

- Named Student of the Year and Valedictorian, having achieved the full IBDP score of 45 points
- Awarded full merit-based scholarship to complete IBDP

University of Cambridge General Certificate of Secondary Education August 2007—June 2009  
elc International School, Selangor, Malaysia

- Ranked third in graduating class with 7 A+s and 3 As
- Studied on full merit- and need-based scholarship from the 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grades

### **Linguistic Proficiency**

Kannada: Speaking—Excellent / Reading—None / Writing—None

Spanish: Speaking—Good / Reading—Good / Writing—Good

French: Speaking—Good / Reading—Good / Writing—Good

### **Publications**

Leonardo Figueroa-Helland and Pratik Raghu, "Indigeneity vs. Civilization: Indigenous Alternatives to the Planetary Rift in the World-System Ecology," *Social Movements and World-System Transformation*, Ed. Michael Goodhart, Patrick Manning, John Markoff, and Jackie Smith, Forthcoming

"From Retribution to Restoration in Sierra Leone: Fambul Tok's Drive to Heal Post-Civil War Sierra Leonean Communities," *Student Pulse: An International Student Journal*, Vol. 7, No. 7 (August 24, 2015)

"Politicized Vaginas: The Kikuyu Central Association's Co-option of Female Initiation Rites during Colonial Kenya's "Female Circumcision Crisis,"" *The Myriad*, Vol. 1, No. 1 (April 13, 2015)

“Paving the Road Not (Yet) Taken: A Critical Analysis of Two Roadmaps for Kashmiri Democracy,”  
*Student Pulse: An International Student Journal*, Vol. 6, No. 8 (August 24, 2014)

### **Paper Presentations**

“Imagining a Safe Space for South Asian Indigenous Femininity: How the Universidad de la Tierra Political Mobilization Model Could Empower Adivasi Women,” Undergraduate Research Fair, Westminster College, April 10, 2015

Leonardo Figueroa-Helland and Pratik Raghu, “Indigenous Cosmopolitics goes Global: A Decolonial, Ecofeminist & Posthumanist Contribution to Intercultural IR,” 56<sup>th</sup> Annual International Studies Association Conference, New Orleans, LA, February 18—21, 2015

“Incommensurabilities in the Writing Center: Opening Doors to Cross-Cultural Exchange,” Utah Community Literacy and Writing Consortium Tutorpalooza. June 5, 2014

“Indigeneity vs. Civilization: Indigenous Alternatives to the Planetary Rift in the World-System Ecology,” 36<sup>th</sup> International Political Economy of the World Systems (PEWS) Conference, University of Pittsburgh, April 10—12, 2014

“Living Legacies Among Asia’s Giants: A Sociohistorical Analysis of the Rise of China and India,” Phi Alpha Theta Utah Regional Conference, Brigham Young University, March 29, 2014

“Paving the Road Not (Yet) Taken: A Critical Analysis of Two Roadmaps for Kashmiri Democracy,” Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, Brigham Young University, February 28, 2014

“Lessons from the Forest: How Adivasi Thought Could Address India’s Socio-Ecological Crises,” 10<sup>th</sup> Annual J. Bonner Ritchie Dialogue on Peace and Justice, Utah Valley University, February 25—26, 2014

“Brown Faces in White Masks?: Exploring the Colonial Mindset of India’s Leadership,” Phi Alpha Theta Biennial Convention, Hyatt Regency Resort (Albuquerque, New Mexico), January 2—5, 2014

“Lessons from the Forest: How Adivasi Thought Could Address India’s Socio-Ecological Crises,” Lawrence Anderson Memorial Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Utah Valley University, November 14—15, 2013

- Won award for best paper overall

“Marginalized Solutions for International Crises: Revalorizing South Asian Indigenous Ecologies for Global Socio-Ecological Justice,” 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Native American Research Symposium, Westminster College, November 1, 2013

“An Exploration of the Potential for an Internationally-Valid College Writing Standard,” Rocky Mountain Peer Tutoring Conference, Utah Valley University, October 19, 2013

### **Workshops, Panel Sessions, and Other Speaking Engagements**

TEDx Youth @ SKIS Conference, Sri KDU International School (Malaysia), June 25, 2016

- Invited to deliver presentation entitled, “Dr. King Had a Dream—Why Shouldn’t We? Not-So-Obvious Lessons From the “I Have a Dream” Speech”

Post-16 Enhancement Programme, Sri KDU International School (Malaysia), June 16, 2016

- Delivered presentation entitled, ““Rage, Rage Against the Dying of the Light”: How Literature and the Arts Have Helped Me Listen, Learn, Grow, Heal, and Advocate Since High School” as part of the “Literature and the Arts” session
- Co-facilitated second session on how students can personally address pressing global affairs

Oxford Consortium Human Rights, Conflict, and Peacebuilding Workshop, Oxford University, March 21—27, 2015

- Selected to present on student panel about conference themes
- Received \$2,500 scholarship from Westminster Honors Council to offset trip costs

Reweaving the Fabric of Hope: An Introduction to Unitierra and Oaxaca’s Popular Struggles, La Universidad de la Tierra (Oaxaca, Mexico), June 29—July 14, 2014

- Met community leaders, activists, artists, and agriculturalists involved with local struggles
- Received Independent Summer Research Grant from Westminster’s Honors Program to cover trip and research costs (see Research Grants)

Speaking in Tongues: English and the Vernaculars, Eighth Annual South Asian Studies Association Conference, Westminster College, April 11—13, 2014

Pragmatism and Vision in Building Peace, Tanner Human Rights Center Annual Conference, University of Utah, February 19—20, 2014

### **Research Grants**

Independent Summer Research Project Grant, \$3,750, Westminster College Honors Program 2014

- Awarded funding to complete proposed comparative analysis of South Asian and Latin American indigenous solutions to the crisis of civilizations, including field research in the southwestern Mexican state of Oaxaca (see Workshops, Panel Sessions, and Other Speaking Engagements)

### **Scholarships and Academic Awards**

Best Westminster College Political Science Graduate	2015
Behnken Endowed Scholarship, \$2,750	2014—2015
Alpha Chi Region VII Michael B. Flachmann Scholarship, \$1,000	2014—2015
Alpha Chi Edwin W. Gaston, Jr. Scholarship, \$2,500	2014—2015
Finalist, Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest	2014
Westminster College Giovale Library Undergraduate Research Award, \$200	2014
Westminster College Honors Program Writing Awards for Best Cross-Listed Class Paper and Best Overall Paper, \$400	2014
Delta Mu Delta Regional Scholarship, \$500	2013—2014

Thomas S. Colton Continuing Student Scholarship, \$2,500 2013—2014

Winner, Annual Statewide McCarthy Foundation Journalism Essay Competition, \$2,500 2013

### **Honors Societies**

Sigma Tau Delta National English Honors Society May 2015—Present

Who's Who Among Students Nationwide Honors Program February 2014—Present

Phi Alpha Theta National History Honors Society September 2013—Present

Alpha Chi National College Honors Society April 2013—Present

Delta Mu Delta International Business Honors Society March 2013—Present

Westminster College Dean's List December 2011—May 2015

### **Work Experience**

Writing Consultant January 2014—April 2015

Westminster Community Writing Center, City of South Salt Lake, UT

- Worked closely with an adult ESL student taking classes at Westminster
- Co-edited an elderly community member's forthcoming autobiographical work

Writing Consultant August 2013—May 2015

Writing Center, Westminster College, UT

- Offered one-on-one writing assistance to writers across disciplines
- Regularly collaborated in training of other consultants

Research Assistant for Political Science Professor Figueroa-Helland August 2013—May 2015

School of Arts and Sciences, Westminster College, UT

- Covered multiple class sessions for the following courses:
  - PLSC\*101\*01 Introduction to Political Studies (Spring 2015 Semester)
  - PLSC\*315\*01 Global Politics (Fall 2014 Semester)
- Co-wrote and presented two papers at two international academic conferences (see Paper Presentations)
  - Prepared one presented paper for publication in an edited volume (see Publications)

Research Assistant for Economics Professor Hal Snarr October 2013—March 2014

Gore School of Business, Westminster College, UT

- Copy edited the draft of *Modeling Macroeconomic Principles Using Maple®*, a macroeconomics textbook written by Dr. Snarr

Advancement Services Assistant January—December 2012

Office of Advancement Services, Westminster College, UT

- Researched and documented several college prospects (existing and potential donors, alumni, and friends of the institution)
- Produced comprehensive giving reports for charitable foundations in Utah
- Put together informational binder for incoming college president Brian Levin-Stankevich

- Helped to organize Westminster's 2012 Scholarship Gala

Economics Tutor September—December 2011  
 START Center, Westminster College, UT

- Provided assistance to students taking macroeconomics and microeconomics courses

### Volunteer Work

Gold Service Learning Scholar, Westminster Service Learning Scholars Program August 2011—May 2015

- Completed over 700 hours of community service in four years at Westminster

Citizenship Test Tutor, The English Skills Learning Center January 2012—June 2014

- Helped three refugee students pass the American Citizenship Test

ArtsBridge Scholar, Westminster ArtsBridge Program January—April 2014

- Received \$1,250 scholarship to produce an educational graphic novel with a fourth grade class at Mountain View Elementary School in Layton, UT

Volunteer and Microenterprise Committee Leader, Youthline Kenya Service Year Program November 2012—June 2013

- Taught English lessons at the St. Peter's School and nearby elementary schools in Kajuki, Kenya
- Led a microenterprise workshop for female loan recipients in Kajuki
- Helped to construct a vocational center for young adults in the St. Peter's School compound

Volunteer, The Road Home Salt Lake City Homeless Shelter January 2012—June 2013

- Handled numerous intakes, liaised with case managers, and provided administrative assistance to staff members and residents

Organizing Fellow, Obama for America – Utah September—November 2012

- Organized ten weekly phone banks at Westminster College
- Trained other volunteers at Westminster and the University of Utah
- Spent five days canvassing from door-to-door in Arvada, Colorado

Volunteer, Westminster in India Project January—August 2012

- Co-organized a fundraising dinner for college donors and local Indian community members
- Taught English lessons at a primary school in the town of Wai in Maharashtra, India
- Recorded children's oral histories at a community library and center for the disabled, which were eventually published in a printed volume chronicling Westminster's work in India

Teaching Assistant, Hawthorne Elementary School January—April 2012

- Administered class activities and graded assignments for 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Ms. Janet Nass
- Tutored students needing help with mathematics and English

### Other Co-curricular Activities

Presidential Ambassador, Westminster College Office of Advancement Services April 2013—May 2015

- Represented Westminster College at several major college events, including the 2013, 2014, and 2015 Scholarship Galas, Scholarship Luncheons, and Board of Trustees Meetings

- Entertained donors, trustees, friends of the college, prominent community members, and honored guests on numerous occasions

Mentor, Westminster College First Generation Network October 2014—April 2015

- Mentored two first generation college students to ease their transition into college life

Attorney and Witness, Westminster College Mock Trial Team August 2011—April 2013

- Represented Westminster College at the following competitions:
  - 2013 National Championship—First Round, University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA
  - 2013 California Regional Tournament, Thomas Jefferson Law School, San Diego, CA
  - 2013 Hatting Invitational, University of St. Thomas Law School, Minneapolis, MN
  - 2012 Portland Regional Tournament, Portland State University, Portland, OR
  - 2011 Emerald City Tournament, University of Washington Law School, Seattle, WA

Student Activities Commission International Chair April 2012—December 2012

Freshman Student Senator August 2011—April 2012

Associated Students of Westminster College (ASWC)

- Co-wrote a new constitution for the ASWC
- Co-organized several on-campus events for students, including the 2012 Diversity Summit