

# **Brewing/Assembling a Book about Surā: Reflections on the Study of Alcohol, Drugs, and Intoxication in India**

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James McHugh is Associate Professor of South Asian religions at the University of Southern California specializing in the material culture of premodern South Asia. His book *Sandlewood and Carrion: Smell in Indian Religion and Culture* explored the significance of odors, perfumes, and aromatics in India.

His second book, *An Unholy Brew: Alcohol in Indian History and Religions*, published in October 2021, is the first comprehensive book on alcohol in premodern India, highlighting the richness of drinking culture and the creation of alcoholic drinks in premodern India.



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