Professor Smith’s latest Fulbright project in the Indian Himalayas (August 2015-July 2016) focused on the superimposition or commingling of modern religious geography on the geography of the Indian national epic, the Mahabharata (ca. 200 BCE-200 CE), and how it is consistently confirmed through narrative production, small scale religious processions and pilgrimage, and commemorative performances of various kinds. His talk will include a video presentation of some of the relevant processions and performances.

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