

PERSONAL RESUME



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ACADEMIC

B.A. English	University of Panjab, Chandigarh
M.A. Sanskrit	University of Panjab, Chandigarh
Diploma in Archaeology	School of Archaeology, Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi
M.Phil Archaeology	University of Cambridge, Cambridge
Ph. D Early Historical Trade	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

EMPLOYMENT

Current:

- Visiting Fellow, ASEAN – India Centre, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, New Delhi.
- Honorary Professor, Distant Worlds, Munich Graduate School of Ancient Studies, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich.
- Member, Board of Governors, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, Oxford.

Former:

- Chairperson, National Monuments Authority, Ministry of Culture, New Delhi (until August 2015 with a rank equivalent to Secretary, Government of India);
- Professor of Ancient Indian History, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (until August 2012; joined in September 1980).

PUBLICATIONS

Series Editor, Archaeology and Religion in South Asia:
<http://www.routledge.com/books/series/AR/>

This Series, in association with the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, reflects on the complex relationship between religion and society through new perspectives and advances in archaeology. It looks at this critical interface to provide alternative understandings of communities, beliefs, cultural systems, sacred sites, ritual practices, food habits, dietary modifications, power, and agents of political legitimisation. The books in the Series underline the importance of archaeological evidence in the production of knowledge of the past. They also emphasise that a systematic study of religion requires engagement with a diverse range of sources such as inscriptions, iconography, numismatics and architectural remains.

Books in the Series:

- Daniel Michon, *Archaeology and Religion in Early North West India: History, Theory, Practice*, Routledge, 2015.
- Himanshu Prabha Ray, edited, *Negotiating Cultural Identity: Landscapes in Early Medieval South Asian History*, Routledge, 2015.
- Garima Kaushik, *Women and Monastic Buddhism in Early South Asia: Rediscovering the Invisible Believers*, Routledge, 2016.
- Susan Verma Mishra & Himanshu Prabha Ray, *The Archaeology of Sacred Spaces: The Temple in Western India (2nd century BCE to 8th century CE)*, Routledge, 2017.
- Salila Kulshrestha, *From Temple to Museum in the Middle Ganga Valley: Colonial Collections and Umā Māheśvara Icons* (forthcoming).
- Cathleen Cummings edited, *The Built Environment of Death and Cremation in Hinduism* (forthcoming).
- Himanshu Prabha Ray edited, *Buddhism and Gandhara: An Archaeology of Museum Collections* (forthcoming)

Books:

- ***Beyond Trade: Cultural Roots of India's Ocean***, Aryan Books International, New Delhi 2015.
- **The Return of the Buddha: Ancient Symbols for a New Nation**, Routledge, New Delhi, 2014.
- **Colonial Archaeology in South Asia (1944-1948): The Legacy of Sir Mortimer Wheeler in India**, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2007.
- **Monuments in India**, Wisdom Tree India, New Delhi, 2007.
- **The Archaeology of Seafaring in Ancient South Asia**, Cambridge World Archaeology Series, Cambridge University Press, 2003.
- **The Winds of Change: Buddhism and the Maritime Links of Early South Asia**, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1994; Oxford India Paperbacks, 1999; 2nd impression 2000.
- **Monastery & Guild: Commerce under the Satavahanas**, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1986.

Edited works:

- Himanshu Prabha Ray edited, **Bridging The Gulf: Maritime Cultural Heritage Of The Western Indian Ocean**, India International Centre & Manohar Publishers, 2016.
- Himanshu Prabha Ray and Manoj Kumar edited, **Indian World Heritage Sites in Context**, National Monuments Authority and Aryan Books International, 2014.
- Satish Chandra and Himanshu Prabha Ray edited, **The Sea, Identity and History: From the Bay of Bengal to the South China Sea**, Manohar Publishers, 2013.
- Patrick Olivelle, Janice Leoshko and H. P. Ray edited, **Reimagining Aśoka: Memory and History**, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2012.
- H.P. Ray edited, **Sanghol and the Archaeology of Punjab**, Aryan Books International, New Delhi, 2010.
- H.P. Ray edited, **Archaeology and Text: The Temple in South Asia**, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2010.

- H.P. Ray edited, **Sacred Landscapes in Asia: Shared Traditions, Multiple Histories**, Preface by Dr. Kapila Vatsyayan, Chairperson, India International Centre - Asia Project, Manohar Publishers, New Delhi, 2007.
- H. P. Ray and Daniel T. Potts, edited, **Memory as History: The Legacy of Alexander in Asia**, Aryan Books International, New Delhi, 2007.
- H. P. Ray and E. A. Alpers, edited, **Cross Currents and Community Networks: Encapsulating the History of the Indian Ocean World**, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2007.
- H.P. Ray edited, **Coins in India: Power and Communication**, ed. H. P. Ray, Marg Publications, volume 57, 3, March 2006.
- H. P. Ray and Carla Sinopoli, edited, **Archaeology as History in Early South Asia**, Indian Council for Historical Research & Aryan Books International, New Delhi, 2004.
- H.P. Ray edited, **Archaeology of Seafaring: The Indian Ocean in the Ancient Period**, Indian Council for Historical Research Monograph Series I, New Delhi, 1999.
- H. P. Ray and J.-F. Salles, edited, **Tradition and Archaeology: Early Maritime Contacts in the Indian Ocean**, Manohar Publishers, New Delhi, 1996. Updated edition 2012.

Chapters in Books:

- “Archaeology of Early Temples in the Chalukyan Regions,” Shonaleeka Kaul edited, *Cultural History of Early South Asia: A Reader*, Orient Black Swan, New Delhi, 2014.
- “From multi-religious sites to mono-religious monuments in South Asia: The colonial legacy of heritage management,” Patrick Daly and Tim Winter edited, *Routledge Handbook of Heritage in Asia*, Routledge, London & New York, 2012: 69-84.
- “Writings on the Maritime History of Ancient India,” Sabyasachi Bhattacharya edited, *Approaches to History: Essays in Indian Historiography*, Indian Council of Historical Research and Primus Books, 2011: 27-54.
- “Society and Culture in Southeast Asia and India’s Contacts before 1500 AD,” Satish Chandra and Baladas Ghoshal edited, *India and Southeast Asia: Cultural, Economic and Strategic Linkages*, Gyan Publishing House, 2011: 57-72.

- “The Archaeology of Stupas: Constructing Buddhist Identity in the Colonial Period,” Jason Hawkes and Akira Shimada edited, *Buddhist Stupas in South Asia*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2009, pp. 3-19.
- “Interpreting the Mauryan Empire: Centralized state or multiple centers of control?” Grant Parker and Carla Sinopoli edited, *Ancient India in its Wider World*, University of Michigan Press, 2008: 13-51.
- “Inscribed Pots, Emerging Identities: The Social Milieu of Trade”, Patrick Olivelle edited, *Between the Empires: Society in India 300 BCE to 400 CE*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2006, pp. 113-143.
- “The Axial Age in South Asia: The Archaeology of Buddhism (500 BC – AD 500)”, Miriam T. Stark edited, *Archaeology of Asia*, Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2006, pp. 303-323.
- “Far-flung fabrics – Indian textiles in ancient maritime trade”, Ruth Barnes edited, *Textiles in Indian Ocean Societies*, London: Routledge Curzon, 2005: 17-37.
- “Shipping in the Indian Ocean: An Overview” & “Seafaring in Peninsular India in the Ancient Period: Of Watercraft and Maritime Communities” in David Parkin and Ruth Barnes edited, *Ships and the Development of Maritime Technology in the Indian Ocean*, London: Routledge Curzon, 2002: 1-27; 62-91.
- “South and Southeast Asia: The commencement of a lasting relationship”, in K. van Kooij and Marijke Klokke, eds., *Fruits of Inspiration, Studies in honour of Prof J.G. de Casparis*, Leiden, 2001, pp. 407-21.
- “Coastal Trade in the Bay of Bengal”, in J. Reade, ed., *Indian Ocean in Antiquity*, Kegan Paul International, London, 1996, pp 351-64.

Published Research Papers:

2009 - 2016:

- “Oceanography In Historical Perspective: Mapping The Past In The Present,” Maritime History Society, Anniversary Commemorative Lecture, Mumbai, 2015.
- “Narratives in Stone: The Ramayana in Early Deccan,” Anila Verghese and Anna L. Dallapiccola edited, *Art, Icon and Architecture in South Asia: Essays in Honour of Dr. Devangana Desai*, Aryan Books International, New Delhi, 2015: 201-222.

- “The King and the Monastery: The Pandu Lena at Nasik”, Pia Brancaccio, edited, *Living Rock: Buddhist, Hindu and Jain Cave Temples in the Western Deccan*, Marg, Volume 64 Number 4, Marg Publications, Mumbai June 2013: 44-59.
- “Trade Networks in Northwest India and Bactria: The Material Record of Indo-Greek Contact” D. N. Jha edited, *The Complex Heritage of Early India. Essays in Memory of R. S. Sharma*. Manohar, New Delhi, 2014: 347-372.
- “Multi-religious Maritime Linkages across the Bay of Bengal” Nicolas Revire and Stephen Murphy edited, *Before Siam: Essays in Art and Archaeology*, River Books & The Siam Society, Bangkok, 2014: 132-51.
- “Narratives of Travel and Shipwreck” Peter Skilling and Justin McDaniel edited, *Buddhist Narrative in Asia and Beyond*, Bangkok: Institute of Thai Studies, Chulalongkorn University, 2012, vol. 2: 47-66.
- “The Shrine in Early Hinduism: The Changing Sacred Landscape” *The Journal of Hindu Studies*, 2009, 2: 76-96
- “Providing for the Buddha: Monastic Centres in Eastern India” *Arts Asiatiques*, 2008, 68: 119-138.

2006-2008:

- “Coastal Settlements and Communities: Defining the Maritime Landscape in Early South Asia” Lakshmi Subrahmanian edited, *Ports, Towns, Cities: A Historical Tour of the Indian Littoral*, Marg Publications, Mumbai, 2008, pp. 58-77.
- “Archaeology and Empire: Buddhist Monuments in Monsoon Asia” *The Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 45, 3, 2008, pp. 417-449.
- “Narratives of Faith: Buddhism and Colonial Archaeology in Monsoon Asia”, Asia Research Institute Working Paper Series no. 99, November 2007, pp. 1 - 42. http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/article_view.asp?id=267
- “The Archaeology of Ritual Spaces: Satellite Images and Early Chalukyan Temples”, *Man and Environment*, XXXII (1), 2007, pp. 89-101.
- “The Beginnings: The Artisan and the Merchant in Early Gujarat, Sixth-Eleventh Centuries”, *Ars Orientalis*, 34, 2007, pp. 39-61.
- “The Archaeology of Bengal: Trading Networks, Cultural Identities”, *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*, Volume 49, Number 1, 2006, pp. 68-95.

2001-2005

- “The Apsidal Shrine in Early Hinduism: Origins, Cultic Affiliation, Patronage”, *World Archaeology*, 36,3, 2004: 343-359.

- “Roundtable Review of Michael Pearson, The Indian Ocean”, *International Journal of Maritime History*, XVI, 1, June, 2004: 153 – 197.
- “Accumulation of Knowledge: Pilgrimage as Leitmotif in the Indian Ocean in the Ancient Period”, Frans Hüsken and Dick van der Meij edited, *Reading Asia: New Research in Asian Studies*, Curzon Press, Richmond, 2001: 110-127.

1991-2000

- “Maritime Archaeology: the Ethnographic Evidence”, *Man and Environment*, vol XXI, no 1, 1996, pp 74-85.
- “Seafaring and Maritime Contacts: an Agenda for Historical Analysis”, *Journal of Economic and Social History of the Orient*, vol XXXIX, no 4, 1996, pp 422-31.
- “The Parallel Tradition – Early Buddhist Narrative Sculpture”, *Bulletin of the Deccan College Research Institute*, vols LIV-LV, Sir William Jones Commemoration Volume, Pune, 1996, pp 349-56.
- “Buddhism and Trade in Early Historical India”, in D. Mitra, ed., *Explorations in Art and Archaeology of South Asia*, Calcutta, 1996, pp 545-56.
- “The Western Indian Ocean and the Early Maritime Links of the Indian Subcontinent” *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, vol XXXI, no 1, January-March 1994, pp 65-88.
- “Kanheri: Archaeology of an Early Buddhist Pilgrim Centre in Western India”, *World Archaeology*, vol XXVI, no 1, June 1994, pp 35-46.
- “Satavahanas” & “Mauryan and post-Mauryan Developments”, in G. Burenhult, ed., *Old World Civilizations*, Harper Collins, 1994, pp 72-7.
- “Trade and Contacts”, in R. Thapar, ed., *Perspectives in Ancient Indian History*, Popular Prakashan, Bombay, 1995, pp 142-67.
- “East Coast Trade in Peninsular India – c BC 200 to 400 AD”, A.J. Gail, ed., *South Asian Archaeology*, Berlin, 1993, pp 573-84.
- “A Resurvey of Roman Contacts with the East”, *TOPOI*, vol 3/2, 1993, pp 479-91.
- “In Search of Suvarnabhumi: Early Sailing Networks in the Bay of Bengal”, *Bulletin of the Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association*, no 10, 1991, pp 357-65.

1981-1990

- “Seafaring in the Bay of Bengal in the Early Centuries AD”, *Studies in History*, vol VI, no 1, 1990, pp 1-14

- Papers on: “Ahar”, “Jaina”, “Jorwe”, “Monastic Establishments”, “Navdatoli-Maheshwar”, “Nevasa”, “Personal Ornaments”, “Pottery – Glazed Ware” in A. Ghosh, ed., *Encyclopaedia of Indian Archaeology*, New Delhi, 1989
- “Early Maritime Contacts between South and Southeast Asia”, *Journal of South East Asian Studies*, vol XX, no 1, 1989, pp 42-54
- “Early Historical Settlements in the Deccan – an Ecological Perspective”, *Man and Environment*, vol XIV, no 1, 1989, pp 103-8
- “Early Historical Trade – an Overview”, *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, vol XXVI, no 4, 1989, pp 437-57
- “Yavana Presence in Ancient India”, *Journal of Economic and Social History of the Orient*, vol XX, no 1, 1988, pp 311-25
- “Early Buddhist Caves in the Western Deccan”, *Expedition*, vol XXX, no 2, 1988, pp 3-9
- “Early Trade in the Bay of Bengal”, *Indian Historical Review*, vol XIV, nos 1&2, July 1987-January 1988
- “Inscribed Potsherds – a Study”, *Indica*, *Journal of the Heras Institute*, Bombay, vol XXIV, no 1, 1987, pp 1-14
- “Early Historical Urbanisation – the Case of the Western Deccan”, *World Archaeology*, vol XIX, no 1, 1987, pp 94-104
- “Trade in the Western Deccan during the Satavahana Period”, *Studies in History*, vol I, no 1, 1985, pp 15-35

1970-1980

- “Sakti Cult in the Seventh to the Ninth Centuries AD”, in UV Singh, ed., *Archaeological Congress & Seminar: 1972*, Kurukshetra, 1976
- “Zoomorphic Ornaments in Early Indian Sculpture”, in R. Subramanyam, ed., *Sri M.S. Sarma Commemoration Volume*, Hyderabad, 1976
- “Anthropomorphic Ornaments in Early Indian Sculpture”, *Puratattva*, vol VII, 1973
- Regular reviews in: *Indian History Review*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*, *Asian Perspectives*, *International Journal of Maritime History*, *Biblio*.

AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS:

- Anneliese Maier research award of the Humboldt Foundation for collaborative research with Distant Worlds Programme, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich 2014 – 2019.
- Short-term residency (four weeks), Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University May, 2013.
- Membership, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, 2010 – 2011.
- Keynote Speaker, conference on Globalizing South Asia, Nordic Association for South Asian Studies, Helsinki 27 – 29 May 2010.
- Visiting Professor, Department of Art Education and Art History, University of North Texas, 20th to 25th April, 2009.
- Quebec-India Visiting Professorship at Concordia University, Montreal for two months October-November 2008.
- Visiting Professor, Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris in May 2008.
- Hyde Fellow at the Department of Ancient History, University of Pennsylvania and the Department of Classics, Stanford University from 31st March to 6th April 2008.
- Senior Visiting Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore from July to September 2007.
- Shivdasani fellow at the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, Oxford from 2nd October to 2nd December 2005.
- JNU Visiting Fellow in Arts by the University of Sydney, Australia from 2nd to 12th June 2005.
- Invited to give Tenth Professor Adhir Chakravarti Memorial Lecture at Centre for Archaeological Studies and Training, Eastern India on 24th April 2004.
- Visiting Professor, University of Lyon II, Lyon from May to July 2001.
- Fulbright Visiting Lecturer, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, January to April 2000.
- Nominated for Hassam Toorawa Trust Distinguished Lecturer 1998 at the University of Mauritius/ Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Mauritius.

- Senior Visiting Fellow at the International Institute of Asian Studies, Leiden, June-August 1997.
- French Government (CNRS) Award of Visiting Fellow for Research at the Maison de l'Orient Meditteraneen, Lyon, May-August 1996.
- UK Travel Award 1994-95 & UK Small Study Grant for studying the Indian collection of the British and the Victoria & Albert Museums, London, June-July 1994.
- German Academic Exchange Fellow for postdoctoral research at the universities in Munich and Berlin, April-July 1991.
- ICCR/Indonesian Government Exchange Fellow for study tour of archaeological sites in Java and Sumatra, December 1991.
- Homi Bhabha Fellow for postdoctoral research on Maritime Contacts between India and Southeast Asia (c 100 BC to AD 300), July 1986-September 1987.
- Commonwealth Scholar for M.Phil at the University of Cambridge, England, September 1979-May 1980.
- Gold medal in Diploma in Archaeology, School of Archaeology, New Delhi, 1972.

EXPERIENCE

Excavations & Surveys

- Exploratory survey for early Buddhist sites in Punjab and Haryana from 2006-2008.
- Exploratory survey of indigenous boat-building techniques on the Orissa coast, February 1996.
- Bangla-French excavations at Mahasthan, Bangladesh, February 1993.
- Indo-US excavation at Arikamedu near Pondicherry, December 1990-February 1991.
- Thai-Italian project at Ban Tha Kae, Lopburi Province, Thailand, December 1989.
- Excavations at Purana Qila, New Delhi, 1971-72 & 1972-73; and at Mathura in 1973-74.

Research:

- “The Archaeology of Buddhist Stupas: Shared Traditions, Multiple Histories,” POSCO Research Award from March 2009 to February 2010.

- “Digital mapping of the archaeological sites of Aihole- Badami- Pattadakal through satellite imagery” sanctioned under JNU, VCs Discretionary Quota under its University with Potential for Excellence Programme (UPOE) and implemented by the Regional Remote Sensing Service Centre – Bangalore, a unit of the Indian Space Research Organisation (2005-2007).
- “Defining the Archaeological Landscape (1861-1947): The Legacy of Mortimer Wheeler”, research project, Indian Council of Historical Research, January 2003-December 2004.
- “Maritime History of the Indian Ocean” research project sponsored by the Society for Indian Ocean Studies, New Delhi for two years (1996-1998).
- University Grants Commission Research Scientist “A” for postdoctoral research on Ancient Indian Maritime Contacts, January 1990-September 1991; promoted to Research Scientist “B” in 1995.
- “Indigenous Traditions of Indian Navigation” project of the National Institute for Science, Technology and Development Studies, October 1992-March 1994.
- “The Encyclopaedia of Indian Archaeology” project of the ICHR under the Late Mr A. Ghosh, ex-Director General, Archaeological Survey of India, November 1976-September 1979.
- “A Catalogue of Gandhara Sculpture in India” project of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), New Delhi, February-December 1973.

DISTINGUISHED LECTURES:

2013-16

- “Reconnecting Across the Indian Ocean: A Case for Trans-National Maritime Heritage”, Distinguished Lecture Series, Stanford Archaeological Center, Stanford University, 19th May 2016.
- “From Salsette to Socotra: Early Maritime Travel in the Western Indian Ocean,” 18th Karl J. Khandalavala Memorial Lecture, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, Mumbai, 15th March 2016.
- “Nalanda: The Making of a World Heritage Site”, Nalanda University, Rajgir, 26 November 2015.
- “Commodities, Culture and Maritime Technology: Connecting the Indian Ocean World”, Public Lecture, New York University, Abu Dhabi, 17 September 2014.

- Presidential Address, “The Archaeology of Sacred Spaces in India: From Multi-religious Sites to Monuments”, Indian Archaeological Society Meeting, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, 14th December 2013.

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES:

2009-2016

- “Travelling Relics: Spreading the words of the Buddha”, Conference on Buddhism and the Movement of Objects, Centre for Global Asia, Shanghai, 28th – 29th April 2016.
- “Archaeology of the Greeks in India,” Conference on Globalizing Classics, Humboldt University, Berlin, 4 – 5 September 2015.
- “Trans-Locality and Mobility across the Bay of Bengal: Nagapattinam in Context,” International Conference on ASEAN-India Cultural Links: Historical and Contemporary Dimensions, New Delhi, 23-24 July 2015
- “Managing World Heritage Sites in India: Rani-ki-Vav, a case study”, Cultural Heritage Management: A Global Perspective, Asiatic Society, Kolkata, 26 – 27 March 2015.
- “Of Piracy and Sea Battles: Early History of the West Coast of India”, Indian Naval Academy Seminar Indian Maritime History: Expeditions, Operations & Players, Ezhimala, Kannur, 17 – 18 October 2014.
- “Contextualizing Nagapattinam: Srivijaya’s Maritime Links with the Tamil Coast”, International Seminar, Srivijaya in Southeast Asia and South Asia Regional Context, Jambi, 20th – 25th August 2014
- “Travelling with the Buddha”, Conference on Proto-Globalisation in the Indian Ocean World: Multidisciplinary Perspectives, Jesus College, Oxford, 8-10 November 2013.
- “Monuments and Archaeology in the History of the Deccan”, Paper presented at National Seminar on Interpreting Deccan History, Osmania University, Hyderabad, 28 – 29 June 2013.
- “The Choice of National Symbols and Cultural Unity”, International Seminar on Cultural Unity of India: Past, Present and Future, 11th to 13th November 2011, Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Kolkata.
- “Sailing to India: Greek and Indic perceptions of the western Indian Ocean”, Athens Dialogues: Stories and Histories, 25th – 27th November 2010 Athens, Alexander S.

Onassis Public Benefit Foundation in collaboration with the Accademia dei Lincei, the Deutsche Archäologisches Institut, Harvard University's Center for Hellenic Studies, the Institut de France, the Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Oxford University and Stanford University.

- “Narratives of Travel and Ship-wreck” Conference on Buddhist Narratives in Asia and Beyond, 8th – 11th August 2010, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok.
- “Early Buddhism in Punjab: A Forgotten Heritage” International Seminar on Buddhist Heritage, Gujarat, 15 – 17 January 2010, M.S. University, Vadodara.
- “The Archaeology of Ritual Spaces and the Temples at Aihole, Karnataka” Space, Time and Place 2009, III International Conference on Remote Sensing in Archaeology, 17th to 21st August 2009, Tiruchirappalli.
- “Trading Partners across the Indian Ocean: The Making of Maritime Communities”, East Meets West along the Maritime Silk Route, Waseda University, Tokyo, 2nd-3rd July 2009.
- “Dhammarāja Aśoka and the archaeology of Mauryan sites (317 and 186 BC) in Peninsular India” Conference on Buddhism Across Asia, Institute of Southeast Asia Studies, Singapore, 16th to 18th February 2009.

2006 - 2008:

- “The Shrine in Early Hinduism: The Changing Sacred Landscape,” Department of Asian Studies, University of Texas, Austin, 4th December 2008.
- “Archaeology and Empire: Buddhist Monuments in Monsoon Asia,” Guest Lecture, Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University, 17th November 2008.
- “Colonial Archaeology & Buddhism: Punjab Plains in the early centuries AD” Kushana Glory: Contemporary Challenges, International Conference, 3rd to 5th October 2008, Banaras Hindu University & Bharat Kala Bhavan.
- “Emblems of the Indian Republic: Uncovering the modern history of Buddhism in South Asia,” The Fourth Seminar on Indo-Thai Cultural Linkages “A Reflection of Indo-Thai Cultural Relations in the Contemporary Scenario” 7-9 July 2008, Thammasat University, Bangkok
- “Providing for the Buddha: Monastic Centres in Eastern India”, Lecture, École Française d’Extrême-Orient and Musée Guimet Lecture Series, Images and Imagination: Buddhism across Asia, 14th May 2008, Paris.
- “Bonds of History: Cultural Interaction across the Bay of Bengal in the pre-colonial period” Asia Research Institute Seminar, 25th September 2007.

- “Questioning Art History: Locating Religious Identities”, Historiography of Indian Art & Emergent Methodological Concerns National Museum Institute, National Museum, New Delhi, 18-21 September 2006.
- “Creating Religious Identities: Buddhist Monuments In Colonial And Post-Colonial India” Culture and Commerce in the Indian Ocean, University of Leiden, 25th – 27th September 2006.

2001-2005

- Organised panel on “Archaeology in the Study of Indic Religions” at Second International Conference on Religions & Cultures in the Indic Civilisation, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, 17-20 December 2005.
- “Indian Contribution to the archaeology of Southeast Asia”, Asian Horizons: Cities, States and Societies, National University of Singapore, 1 – 3 August 2005.
- “Ta Prom: The Rajavihara in its Wider Context” Symposium on Conservation and Preservation of Ta Phrom Complex, Siem Reap, Cambodia, Archaeological Survey of India. 3 May 2005.
- “The Legacy of Alexander’s Campaign: Archaeology of Northwest India”, 16th Oxford Numismatic Symposium, Recent Advances in Reconstructing the Past, Worcester College, Oxford, 15-17 September, 2004.
- “Alexander Cunningham (1814-1893) and the Archaeology of Buddhist Sites in India” Conference on Exploring Theravāda Studies: Intellectual Trends and the Future of a Field of Study, Asia Research Institute, Singapore, 12-14 August 2004.
- “Inscribed Pots, Emerging Identities: The Social Milieu of Trade” Conference on Between the Empires, Department of Asian Studies, University of Texas, Austin, April 10-13 2003.
- “Trading Commodities and Ideology: The Study of the Ancient Indian Past” National Seminar on Dialogue with the Past: Trends in Historical Writings in India, Indian Council of Historical Research, Southern regional Centre, Bangalore, 14-16 February 2003.
- “The Beginnings: The Artisan and the Merchant in Early Gujarat” Conference on Communities & Commodities: Western India and the Indian Ocean (11th-15th centuries AD), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, November 2002.
- “Business in the Ancient Period: Some Methodological Issues” National Seminar on Indian Business: Pre-colonial and Colonial Perspectives, Department of History, Jadavpur University, 15-16 March 2002.

- “Early Urban Centres in Peninsular India and Sri Lanka: A Study in Linkages and Contrasts” Conference on Indo-Sri Lanka Relations, University of Peradeniya, December 2001.

1991-2000

- "Interpreting the Mauryan Empire: Centralised State or Multiple Centres of Control?" Conference on ‘Ancient India in its Wider Context’ March 17-18, 2000, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- "Far-flung Fabrics: Indian Textiles in Ancient Maritime Trade," Conference on the Indian Ocean: Trans-regional creation of societies and cultures, Oxford, March, 1999.
- "Seafaring in Peninsular India in the Ancient Period," Conference on the Indian Ocean: Trans-regional creation of societies and cultures, Oxford, May 1998.
- “India and the Indian Ocean – an Ethnohistoric Approach”, Conference on Seafaring Communities in the Indian Ocean held at the Maison de l’Orient Mediterranee, Lyon, 1-5 July 1996.
- “Maritime Archaeology and Early Historic Port Sites: the Evidence from the East Coast”, XIII Conference of the European Association of South Asian Archaeologists, Cambridge, 3-7 July 1995
- “The Emergence of Urban Centres in Bengal and its Implications for the Late Prehistory of Southeast Asia”, XV Congress Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association, Chiang Mai, 5-12 January 1994
- “Maritime History of Ancient India”, Conference on New Directions in Maritime History, Fremantle, 8-10 December 1993
- “East Coast Trade in Peninsular India”, Conference of South Asian Archaeologists, Berlin, 1-5 July 1991

1980-1990

- “In Search of Suvarnabhumi” presented at the Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association Seminar, Yogyakarta, 23 August-3 September 1990.
- “Trade Contacts between India and Southeast Asia”, UNESCO Seminar on the Silk Roads, Madras, 20-21 December 1990.
- “Early Trade in the Bay of Bengal”, British Museum Colloquium on Indian Ocean in Antiquity, London, 4-8 July 1988.
- “Settlement Patterns of Peninsular India”, Discussion-Meeting on Ecological History of India, organised by the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, 9-12 February 1988.

- “Early Buddhist Caves in the Western Deccan”, Prehistory of Southeast Asia Seminar, organised by SEAMEO Project in Archaeology and the Fine Arts (SPAFA), Bangkok, 12-25 January 1987.
- “Ancient Maritime Contacts”, Asian Relations Commemoration Conference, New Delhi, 2-5 October 1987.

Co-ordination of Workshops and Conferences:

- Co-ordinated a two-day workshop on “The Making of Museum Collections, with special reference to Gandhara”, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, National Museum Institute, New Delhi and India International Centre, New Delhi on 16 – 17 April 2015.
- Co-ordinated a two-day workshop on “Rethinking the Greeks in Gandhara”, Distant Worlds Graduate Studies Programme, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, 27 – 28 March 2014.
- Co-ordinated a three-day workshop on “Negotiating Space in the Medieval World”, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, 6 – 8 December 2012.
- Co-ordinated a two-day workshop on “Sanghol and the Archaeology of Punjab”, India International Centre, 15 – 16 March 2010.
- Co-ordinated jointly with Prof. Patrick Olivelle and Dr. Janice Leoshko, Department of Asian Studies, University of Texas, Austin, international conference and exhibition on “Ashoka and the Making of Modern India”, India International Centre, 5th to 7th August 2009.
- Co-ordinated jointly with Prof. Gavin Flood, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies a colloquium on “Archaeology and Text: The Temple in South Asia”, The Danson Room, Trinity College, Oxford, 20-21st October 2007.
- Co-ordinated the JNU-University of Sydney international conference on “Memory as History: The Legacy of Alexander in Asia” 27th February to 1st March 2006 under the ASIHSS and Department of Special Assistance Programmes of CHS, JNU.
- Co-ordinated workshop on “Power and Communication: Coins as Political and Cultural Documents” 20th-21st February 2005 under the Department of Special Assistance Programme of CHS, JNU.
- Coordinator of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library sponsored seminar on “Narratives of the Sea: Encapsulating the Indian Ocean World” 10th –12th December 2003.

- Joint Coordinator of the United States Educational Foundation in India and Indian Council of Historical Research sponsored workshop titled “Archaeology as History: South Asia” March 2002.
- Participation in Indo-Sri Lanka Project at the invitation of Professor S. Pathmanathan, University of Peradeniya, December 2001.
- External Collaborator for “Les Monarchies Hellenistiques – l’Arabie et l’Inde” project of Maison de l’Orient Meditteraneen, Lyon, 1996.
- Joint Coordinator of the International Seminar on “Techno-Archaeological Perspectives of Seafaring in the Indian Ocean”, hosted by NISTADS, 28 February -4 March 1994.

Administrative:

Warden of Ganga Hostel, Jawaharlal Nehru University from March 1994 to September 1999.

Memberships of Committees

- Executive Committee Member, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi, 2012 – 2016.
- Member of the Executive Committee of Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association from 2010 to 2018.
- Associate, The Indian Ocean World Centre (IOWC) at McGill University, Canada.
- Member of the Advisory Editorial Committee of The Oxford Journal of Hindu Studies, Oxford University Press.
- Member of Selection Committee for International Fellowships Programme of the Ford Foundation on 14th June 2007.
- Member of Selection Committee for Inlaks fellowships in Archaeology/ Psychology held on 25th May 2007.
- Member of the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Maritime History from 2004 to 2006.
- Member of Board, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University from March 2005.
- Member, Special Committee, Centre for Sanskrit Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University from March 2005 to March 2008.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- Life Member, Maritime History Society, Western Naval Command
- Life Member, Archaeological Society of India
- Life Member, Indian Association for Prehistoric & Quaternary Studies
- Life Member, Indian History Congress
- Member, Executive Committee, Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association

RESEARCH SUPERVISION:

PhD:

- Garima Kaushik, “Rediscovering the Invisible Believers: Women in Monastic Buddhism in Ancient North India” (awarded 2011).
- Alka Michael, “Environment and History: A Study of the interface of ecology and culture in the Brahmaputra valley during the pre-Ahom period” (awarded 2009).
- Shivani Agarwal, “The Archaeology of Mathura: Regional Complexities and Diversities (300BC to AD 300),” (awarded 2009).
- Subash Khamari, “Archaeology of the Orissan Temple circa 6th to 12th Century” (awarded 2008).
- Susan Verma Mishra, “Archaeology of Religion: A Study of the Religious Diversity in Gujarat from the Ancient to the Early Medieval Times” (awarded 2007).
- Chhaya, “Hydraulic Structures: Traditional Water Management of Buddhist Monasteries” (awarded 2007).
- Umakant Mishra, “Buddhism and Maritime Networks in Early Medieval Coastal Orissa (5th century AD – 12th century AD)” (awarded 2006).
- Panchanan Bhoi, “Use of Palm-Leaf Manuscript as a Historical Source” (awarded 2004).
- Dilip Sebak, “A Cultural Study of South Kosala in the Early Medieval Period with special focus on the temples of the Mahanadi and Tel Basin” (awarded 2004).
- Rev. H. Dheerananda, “A Historical Study of the Rituals of Ruling Circles of South Asia” (awarded 2001).

- M. Somathilake, “A Historical Study of Buddhist Mural Paintings of Peninsular India and Sri Lanka during the Ancient Period” (awarded 2000).

MPhil:

- Mamta Dwivedi, “Yaudheya Coins: Exploring Numismatics as a Source of History” (awarded 2010).
- Mudit Trivedi, “Multiple Pathways in the Emergence of Complex Societies in the Ganga Basin: 2500BCE to 600CE” (awarded 2008).
- Shivane, “Reading Art, Writing History: A Study of Early Buddhist Art at Sanchi” (awarded 2007).
- Santoshi Kumari, “The Religious Development of Gaya c. 7th to 12th centuries AD” (awarded 2006).
- Aparajita Bhattacharya, “Rethinking the Gupta Temple: A Biographical Study of the Ancient Shrines of Udayagiri and Eran (Madhya Pradesh) circa 4th to 6th century” (awarded 2006).
- Uthara Suvrathan, “Archaeology and Text: A Study of the Landscape in Vidarbha” (awarded 2004).
- Shivani Agarwal, “Terracottas from Mathura and Ahicchatra: An Archaeological Study” (awarded 2004).
- Anita Rupavataram, “An Archaeological Study of the Temple in the Eastern Deccan” (awarded 2003).
- Susan Verma, “The Early Temples of Saurashtra: A Historical Study” (awarded: 2002).
- Tripuresh Dhar Dwivedi, “Early Temples of Vidarbha” (awarded: 2001).
- Hemant Kadambi, “Malaprabha Revisited: Synchronous Processes in a Humanscape (circa 1500 BC to 750 AD)” (awarded: 2001).
- Garima, “Tracing Evolutionary Trends in Early Buddhist Sculptures: Elements of Music and Dance” (awarded: 2001).
- Chhaya, “Early Healing Practices: A Study Based on Buddhist Literature and Archaeological Sources” (awarded: 2001).
- Abhishek Singh, “Ritual and Pilgrimage in Early Buddhism: Sacred Geography of the Middle Ganga Zone” (awarded: 2001).

- Alka Michael, “Along the Brahmaputra: Beginnings of History” (awarded: 2000).
- Smita Sahay, “Emergence and Expansion of Buddhist Centres in Lower Krishna Valley” (awarded: 2000).
- Subash Khamari, “Social Dimensions of the Brahmanical Temple in Early Orissa” (awarded: 2000).
- Dilip Sebak, “Cultural History of South Kosala in the Early Medieval Period” (awarded: 2000).
- Umakant Mishra, “Seafaring in the Context of the Material Culture of Early Historical Orissa: An Ethno-historical approach” (awarded 1997).
- Ahmad Sohaib, “The ‘Other’ in the Pali Nikayas: A Study of the Early Buddhist Attitude and Perception” (awarded: 1995).

TEACHING

Lecture Courses:

Ancient Society	M.A.
Sanskrit	M.A./M.Phil
Archaeology as History: South Asia	M.A.
Early Urban Centres	M.A.
Seafaring & Maritime Contacts	M.A.
Early History of Peninsular India	M.A.
Aspects of Southeast Asian History	M.A.

Seminar Courses:

Indian Art & Architecture:

A Parallel Tradition	M.Phil
Historical Archaeology	M.A./M.Phil
Political History of the Satavahanas	M.Phil

Guest Lectures:

Academic Staff College, JNU New Delhi	Continuing from 1993 to date (co-ordinator, History Programme) Feb' 2001
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Visiting Professor

Department of History, NEHU Shillong	26 April to 4 May 2010
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REVIEWS OF MY PUBLICATIONS

- **The Hindu**, January 12, 2015, Review of Indian World Heritage Sites in Context by K. R. A. Narasiah <http://www.thehindu.com/books/books-reviews/conservation-in-context/article6781627.ece>
- **Frontline** volume 29, issue 14, July 14 - 27, 2012, Review of *Reimagining Asoka: Memory and History*, by Shonaleeka Kaul, Delhi University. <http://www.frontlineonnet.com/stories/20120727291407400.htm>
- **The Book Review**, August, 2010, pp. 81-2, Review of *Archaeology and Text: The temple in South Asia* by Laxman Thakur, Professor of Ancient History and Archaeology, Himachal Pradesh University, Simla.
- **The Historian**, volume 72, issue 1, 5th March 2010, pp. 202-4, Review of *Cross Currents and Community Networks: The History of the Indian Ocean World* by Roxani Eleni Margariti, Associate Professor, Emory University, <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-bin/fulltext/123312871/PDFSTART>
- **Indian Historical Review**, volume 36, 1, 2009: 179-80, Review of *Colonial Archaeology in South Asia: The Legacy of Sir Mortimer Wheeler* by Rajan Gurukkal, Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.
- **The Journal of Asian Studies**, volume 67, no. 3, August 2008, Review of *Cross Currents and Community Networks: The History of the Indian Ocean World* by Eric Tagliacozzo, Cornell University.
- **South Asian Studies**, Volume 24, 2008:143-144, Review of *Memory as History: The Legacy of Alexander in Asia* by Suchandra Ghosh, Reader, Department of Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology, Calcutta University.
- **Times Literary Supplement**, April 2008 published the review of *Memory as History: The Legacy of Alexander in Asia* by Professor Tim Rood, University of Oxford.
- **The Book Review XXXII**, 3rd March 2008 published the review of *Memory as History: The Legacy of Alexander in Asia* by Professor Susan Vishvanathan, Jawaharlal Nehru University.
- **The Financial Express**, 13th January 2008 published the review of *Colonial Archaeology in South Asia*, OUP <http://www.financialexpress.com/news/Legacy-under-cover/260828/>

- **The Hindu**, 14th May 2007 published the report of the Book Discussion held at the India International Centre on the edited volume *Memory as History: The Legacy of Alexander in Asia*. The discussants were: Professor Madhavan Palat (formerly of JNU), Professor Anil Bhatti (School of Languages, JNU), Dr. Sanjay Garg (National Archives).
<http://www.hindu.com/mp/2007/05/14/stories/2007051452310200.htm>
- **The Hindu**, 5th February 2007 published a report of the Book Discussion held at Nehru Memorial Museum and Library on the edited volume *Cross Currents and Community Networks: The History of the Indian Ocean World*. The discussants were: Professor Gita Dharampal-Frick (University of Heidelberg), Professor Gulshan Dietl (School of International Studies, JNU) and Dr. Rohan D'Souza (School of Social Sciences, JNU).
<http://www.hindu.com/mp/2007/02/05/stories/2007020500900200.htm>
- **The Hindu** dated Tuesday, Dec 12, 2006 reported a lecture that Dr. Sudha Ravindranath, ISRO and I delivered at the Indian Council for Historical research, Southern Regional Centre on 8th December 2006 on Use of Satellite Images for a study of Early Chalukya Temples.
<http://www.hindu.com/2006/12/12/stories/2006121203660400.htm>
- Review of *Coins in India: Power and Communication* by Professor Upinder Singh, **The Book Review**, volume XXX, no. 10, October 2006: 17-8.
- Review of *The Winds of Change: Buddhism and the Maritime Links of Early South Asia* by Jean François Salles, Director, Maison de l'Orient Méditerranéen, Lyon in M.-F. Boussac and J.-F. Salles edited, **A Gateway from the Eastern Mediterranean to India**, New Delhi: Manohar, 2005: 257-265.
- Review of *The Archaeology of Seafaring in Ancient South Asia* by Nayanjot Lahiri, Department of History, Delhi University, Delhi in **Man and Environment**, 34, 1, 2004, pp. 109-110.
- Review of *The Archaeology of Seafaring in Ancient South Asia* by M. N. Pearson, Professor Emeritus, University of Sydney in **International Journal of Maritime History** June 2004 issue (vol. XVI, No. 1), pp. 204-5.

- Review of *The Archaeology of Seafaring in Ancient South Asia* by Upinder Singh, Reader, St. Stephen's College, Delhi University in **Book Review** volume 28, nos. 5-6, May-June 2004, pp. 11-12.
- Review of *The Archaeology of Seafaring in Ancient South Asia* by Kenneth McPherson, Professor, South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg in **The International Journal of Nautical Archaeology**, 33, 1, 2004: 183-4.
- Review of *Archaeology of Seafaring: The Indian Ocean in the Ancient Period* by Jean Deloche, Ecole Francaise D'Extreme Orient, Pondicherry, in **The Indian Economic and Social History Review**, 41, 2, 2004, 225-7.
- Review of *Archaeology of Seafaring: The Indian Ocean in the Ancient Period* by Kenneth McPherson Professor, South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg in **The International Journal of Nautical Archaeology**, 32, 1, 2003: 129-130.
- Review of *Archaeology of Seafaring: The Indian Ocean in the Ancient Period* by Gary A. Lombardo, United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point NY, USA in **International Journal of Maritime History**, volume 14, no. 2, December 2002: 384-386.
- Review of *Tradition and Archaeology: Early Maritime contacts in the Indian Ocean* by K. M. Shrimali, Professor of History, Delhi University in **Topoi**, 7, 1, 1997: 401-413.
- Review Article "From Fines Indiae to the Indian Ocean", by K. M. Shrimali, Professor of History, Delhi University in **Social Science Probings**, volume 13, March – December 1996: 73-82.
- Review of *The Winds of Change* by K. M. Shrimali, Professor of History, Delhi University in **Social Science Probings** volumes 11 & 12, March 1994 – December 1995.
- Review of *The Winds of Change* by K. M. Shrimali, Professor of History, Delhi University in **Biblio**, February 1996.
- Review of *The Winds of Change* by Upinder Singh, Reader, St. Stephen's College, Delhi University in **The Indian Economic and Social History Review** 32, no. 4, 1995: 493-5.

- Review of *The Winds of Change* by Surjit Mansingh, Professor, Centre for International Politics, Organisation and Disarmament, Jawaharlal Nehru University, in **The Indian Express**, 12 March 1995.
- Review of *Monastery and Guild: Commerce under the Satavahanas* by G. R. Kuppuswami, **Quarterly Journal of Mythic Society**, 79, no. 1-2: 1-4.
- Review of *Monastery and Guild: Commerce under the Satavahanas* by Ranabir Chakravarti, Reader, Calcutta University in **The Indian Economic and Social History Review**, 24, 4, 1987: 443-7.
- *Monastery and Guild: Commerce under the Satavahanas* was cited in the Presidential Address, Ancient India Section by Professor R. Champakalakshmi at the 47th session of the Indian History Congress in 1986 and by Dr. Devangana Desai at the Golden Jubilee session of the Indian History Congress, 1989-90.

ONGOING RESEARCH:

- Archaeology of Religion in South and Southeast Asia.
- Maritime Heritage and Archaeology of the Indian Ocean.