

## NACHIKET CHANCHANI

### EMPLOYMENT

#### University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Associate Professor of South Asian Art and Visual Culture, History of Art Department, (2021 – present)

Associate Professor of South Asian Art and Visual Culture, History of Art Department and Asian Languages and Cultures Department, (2018 – 2021)

Adjunct Professor of Law, (2018)

Assistant Professor of South Asian Art and Visual Culture, History of Art Department and Asian Languages and Cultures Department, (2012 – 2018)

### EDUCATION

#### University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

Ph.D. in the History of Art, (2012)

#### University of Minnesota, Minneapolis-St. Paul

M.A. in Art History, (2005)

#### Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta

Research Training Programme. The Government of India recognizes this programme to be equivalent to a M.Phil. degree, (2004)

#### Muskingum College, New Concord

Majors: History and Studio Art. Minor English Literature, (2004)

#### The Doon School, Dehradun

CISCE, Indian School Certificate Examination, (2001)

#### *Additional Education*

#### Ohio State University, Columbus

John Glenn School of Public Affairs, Washington, DC: Washington Academic Internship Program, (2003)

#### University of California, Irvine

Summer School, (2002)

### PUBLICATIONS

#### **Books**

*Mountain Temples and Temple Mountains: Architecture, Religion, and Nature in the Central Himalayas*, Seattle: University of Washington Press, (2019).

South Asian edition: Niyogi Books, New Delhi, (2021).

Reviews:

- Amy-Ruth Holt in *International Journal of Hindu Studies*, 27.1, (2023).
- James Lochtefeld in *Reading Religion*, American Academy of Religion, October 25, 2022.
- Lokesh Ohri in *The Book Review*, vol. 41, no. 3 (2022), 26-27.
- PTI, *Assam Tribune* (newspaper), February 12, 2022.
- Press Trust of India (PTI), (India's largest news agency; like Reuters and Associated Press), February 9, 2022.
- Raaja Bhasain in *The Pioneer* (newspaper), January 23, 2022.

- David Andolfatto in *European Bulletin of Himalayan Research*, vol. 55 (2020), 80-99.
- Valérie Gillet in *Arts Asiatiques*, vol. 75 (2020), 180-182.
- Vasudha Pande in *The Indian Economic and Social History Review*, vol. 57, no. 3 (2020), 429-432.
- Tamara Sears in *Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians*, vol. 79, no. 1 (2020), 104-106.
- Joseph Alter in *Journal of Asian Studies*, vol. 79, no. 2 (2020), 455-457.
- Nokmedemla Lemtur in *Südasiens-Chronik*, vol. 9 (2019), 309-327.

*Amarúataka and the Lives of Indian Love Poems* (co-authored with Jahnabi Barooah Chanchani)  
Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya: Mumbai, (2022).

*India's Composite Heritage: A Workbook for Children and Parents*, Aleph Book Company: New Delhi, (2022). Reprinted: 2023.

### **Journal Articles**

Forthcoming: "In the Skin of Trees: Escape and Healing in Cambodia," *Journal of Asian Studies*, 84.2 (2025).

"Modern Postural Yoga in an Expanded Field," *RES: Anthropology and Aesthetics*, 78 (2021), 233-249.

"Castles of the Heartland: Place-Making in Early Modern Bundelkhand," *Arts Asiatiques*, 76 (2021), 47-66.

"Time Machines of Eighteenth-Century Mewar," *Archives of Asian Art*, 70. 2 (2021), 219-241.  
Honorable Mention, Rare Books School, Andrew W. Mellon Society of Fellows in Critical Bibliography,  
2022 Essay Prize

"As Many Pebbles, So Many Shivas," *Artibus Asiae*, 80.2 (2020), 211-238.

"Kindred Spirits in a Pahari Painting," *Bulletin of the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya*, 3 (2020), 50-63.

"Folding and Faulting: The Formation of 'Himalayan Art,'" *South Asian Studies*, 34.2 (2019), 93-113.

"Love and Longing in a Mewari Painting," *Aziatische Kunst*, 48.1 (2018), 55-64.

"Paper *Prāsādas*" *Artibus Asiae*, 76.2 (2016), 1-19.

Reprinted in Pika Ghosh and Pushkar Sohoni eds., *Chakshudana or Opening the Eyes, Seeing South Asian Art Anew* (Routledge: Abingdon, Oxon 2023), 111-132.

"Pandukeshwar, Architectural Knowledge, and An Idea of India," *Ars Orientalis*, 45 (2015), 14-42.

"On the Task of Identifying New Archives," *Ars Orientalis*, 45 (2015), 163-166.

"Introduction," *Ars Orientalis*, 45 (2015), 7-13 (co-authored with Tamara Sears)

"From Asoda to Almora, The Roads Less Taken: Māru-Gurjara Architecture in the Central Himalayas," *Arts Asiatiques*, 69 (2014), 3-16.

"The Jageshwar Valley: Where Death is Conquered," *Archives of Asian Art*, 63. 2 (2013), 133-154.

"The Camera Work of Ananda Kentish Coomaraswamy and Alfred Stieglitz," *History of Photography*, 37.2, (2013), 204-220.

"Telling Tales: The Freer *Vasanta Vilāsa*," *Artibus Asiae*, 72.1 (2012), pp. 123-140.

"Gandhi's (In)fidelity: Some Reflections on Art Writing and Translation in Colonial India," *Art in Translation*, 2.2 (2010), 239-252.

### **Op-Eds in Leading Newspapers**

"A thumbs down for the 'Adopt a Heritage' scheme," *The Hindu*, (March 1, 2023).

"Tunnel vision that is endangering India's history," *The Hindu*, (July 20, 2022).

"Art museums and the craft of democracy," *The Hindu*, (April 23, 2022).

"The agonizing cost of ham-handed development," *The Hindu*, (February 12, 2021).

"The importance of art in the age of coronavirus," *The Indian Express*, (May 17, 2020).

"India, land of many masks," *The Hindu*, (April 25, 2020).

"Museums without meaning," *The Hindu*, (February 17, 2020).

"Where is Nandi's home," *The Hindu*, (April 10, 2019).

"'Monuments Men' needed in Nepal," *The Hindu*, (May 6, 2015).

"Leaving no stone unturned," *The Hindu*, (August 17, 2013).

### **Chapters in Edited Volumes**

"Of a Porcine Mother and her Tamil Children," *Conversations with the Animate Other: Historical Representations of Human and non-Human Interactions in India*, edited by Aloka Parasher-Sen (Bloomsbury: New Delhi, 2023), 123-139.

"The Ascendancy of Shiva and the Rise of Wilderness Urbanism," in *A History of Hindu Architecture in India* edited by Cathleen Cummings and Richard Etlin (in press, Berlin: E.B. Verlag, 2022), 141-158.

"The Aesthetics of Simultaneity in the Early Deccan," in *Questioning Paradigms, Constructing Histories: A Festschrift for Romila Thapar*, edited by Kumkum Roy and Naina Dalal (New Delhi: Aleph Book Company and The Book Review Literary Trust, 2019), 69-86.

"Lead, Kindly Light: A Preliminary Study of a Sculpture of a Lamp Bearer from Jageshwar Valley," in *Temple Architecture and Imagery of South and Southeast Asia: Prāsādanidhi: Papers Presented to Professor M.A. Dhaky*, edited by Parul Pandya Dhar and Gerd J.R. Mevissen (New Delhi: Aryan Publishers, 2016), 343-57.

"Cultural Cache" in *Jaina Manuscript Painting and Literary Culture*, edited by Julia Hegewald (Berlin: E.B. Verlag, 2015), 129-44.

"Revelation in Rock: Thal," in *Art, Icon, and Architecture in South Asia: Studies in Honour of Devangana Desai*, edited by Anna L. Dallapiccola and Anila Verghese (New Delhi: Aryan Publishers, 2015), 348-59.

### **Guest Editorship**

*South Asian Studies*, volume 34 no. 2, guest editor of an issue entitled "Looking Askance at 'Himalayan Art,'" 2019.

*Ars Orientalis* volume 45, co-guest editor (with Tamara I. Sears) of a volume on the "Transmission of Architectural Knowledge in Medieval India," 2015.

### Chapters in Textbooks

"Life in Northeast India," chapter in a Social Science Textbook for Grade VI, commissioned by the State Council of Education Research and Training, Government of Assam, India. To be used in middle schools across the state of Assam

### Book Reviews

Review of Boreth Ly, *Traces of Trauma: Cambodian Visual Culture and National Identity in the Aftermath of Genocide* (Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2020) in *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, vol. 32, no. 1 (2022), 272-274.

Review of Vijaya Nagarajan, *Feeding a Thousand Souls: Women, Ritual, and Ecology in India – An Exploration of the Kolam* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018) in *Journal of Asian Studies*, vol. 80, no. 2 (2021), 515-516.

Review of Valmik Thapar, Romila Thapar, and Yusuf Ansari, *Exotic Aliens: The Lion and Cheetah in India* (New Delhi: Aleph, 2013) in *Marg* vol. 66, no. 3 (2015), 86-88.

Review of Alka Hingorani, *Making Faces* (Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2012) in *The Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, vol. 23, no. 4 (2013), 589-91.

Review of Mary Shepherd Slusser, *The Antiquity of Nepalese Wood Carving: A Reassessment* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2010) in *Journal of Asian Studies*, vol. 71, no. 2, (2012), 576-78.

### Translations

(from Gujarati, with Babu Suthar): Sarabhai Manilal Nawab, "The Art of Gujarat Patronized by the Jains and its History," *Art in Translation* vol 2, no. 3 (2010), 261-308.

(from Sanskrit and Gujarati, with Deven M. Patel): M.A. Dhaky and P.O. Sompura, "A Temple for Ascending to Heaven," *Art in Translation* vol 2, no. 1 (2010), 79-86.

### Works in Progress

"A Humanistic Interlude in a Time of War," (journal article)

"Juridically Absent, Rhetorically Present: The Mughal Emperor in Assam" (book chapter)

"Assembling Values and Vessels in Assam" (monograph)

### SELECT INVITED TALKS

Bard Graduate Center, New York. Global Middle Ages Series: "Of Buddhas and Bowls." (2024).

Bard Graduate Center, New York. Seminar Series: "Shaping Vessels, Shaping Lives." (2024).

National Gallery Singapore, Supreme Court Wing. "In the Skin of Trees: Escape and Healing in Cambodia," (2022).

Hamburg University, Hamburg. Center for the Study of Manuscript Cultures, Permanent Seminar Series: "Fast Forward, Play, and Rewind: The Role of a Scroll in Princely Mewar," (2022).

School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, London. Department of Art History and Archaeology, Indian Art Circle Lecture Series: "Time Machines of Eighteenth-Century Mewar," (2021).

Ashoka University, Sonapat. Department of History, Seminar Series: "Time and the Shape of History in Mewar," (2021).

Smart Green Cities, an initiative of Tübingen, Germany and Dehradun, India (sister cities): Himalayas as a Sacred Landscape: Reflections on Heritage and Identity," (2020).

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Department of the History of Art, Colloquium Series: "Modern Postural Yoga in an Expanded Field," (2019).

University of Vienna, Vienna. Centre for Interdisciplinary Research and Documentation of Inner and South Asian Cultural History and Department of South Asian, Tibetan, and Buddhist Studies, Colloquium: "As Many Pebbles, So Many Shivas: Encounters and Reflections in Lakhamandal," (2019).

Kunsthistorisches Institut-Max Planck Institute, Florence. Scientific Advisory Board Meeting, Talk: "From Sangameshwar to Sambor Prei Kuk: Chalukyan Temples in Cambodia," (2019).

Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Berlin. Institute of Art and Visual History, Fellow Talk Series: "Art of Yoga," (2019).

Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin. Art Histories Seminar: "Picture Recitation and the Remaking of Western India," (2019).

Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg. Center for Transcultural Studies, Cluster of Excellence, Asia and Europe in a Global Context, Lecture: "Modern Postural Yoga in an Expanded Field," (2019).

Rheinische Friedrich Wilhelms Universität Bonn, Department of Asian and Islamic Art History, Institute of Oriental and Asian Studies, Lecture: "Beethoven and Bellur: Yehudi Menuhin and the Art of Yoga," (2019).

Hamburg Universität, Hamburg, NE Tamil and Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures, Lecture: "Citrlekha: Painting with Words and Writing with Letters in Western India," (2019).

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Institute for the Humanities, Humanities and Environments Series: "The Rise of Wilderness Urbanism in Medieval India," (2018).

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Department of the History Art, Seminar Series: "Modern Postural Yoga in an Expanded Field," (2018).

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Department of English, Seminar Series on the History of Material Texts: "Orality and Visuality in the *Vasanta Vilāsa*," (with Deven M. Patel), (2017).

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, Mumbai. Endowed Special Lecture: "Aesthetic Practices in Western India in the Vernacular Millennium," (2017).

Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit. Arts and Minds Lecture Series: "Moving Mountains: The Construction of Sacrality in the Central Himalayas," (2016).

India International Centre, New Delhi. Lecture Series: "Monumental Mountains: The Making of the Char Dham Yatra," (2016).

Universität für angewandte Kunst Wien, Vienna. Lecture Series: "Conservation Challenges in India and the Himalayas: Policies and Practices," (2016).

Rheinische Friedrich Wilhelms Universität Bonn, Bonn. Institute of Oriental and Asian Studies: "Crafting Devabhumi, A Land of the Gods in the World of Men," (2016).

Universiteit Leiden, Leiden. Kern Institute, Lecture Series: "The Emergence of the Himalayas as a Sacred

Landscape," (2016).

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Centre for Historical Studies, Seminar Series: "Pandukeshwar, Architectural Knowledge, and an Idea of India," (2015).

University of Delhi, Delhi. Department of History, Seminar Series: "The Emergence of the Himalayas as a Sacred Landscape," (2015).

Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi. Seminar Series: "From Kiradu to Kumaon: Architectural Mobility and the Making of India," (2015).

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, Mumbai. Endowed Special Lecture: "Emergence of the Himalayas as a Sacred Landscape," (2015).

University of Chicago, Mumbai. South Asia Center, Lecture Series: "The Descent of the Ganga and the Ascent of the Dravida," (2015).

Princeton University, Princeton. Program in South Asian Studies, Seminar Series: "Figures of Speech: Picturing Poetry in Fifteenth Century Gujarat," (2013).

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Centre for South Asian Studies, Seminar Series: "Figures of Speech: Picturing Poetry in Fifteenth Century Gujarat," (2013).

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, Mumbai. Endowed Special Lecture: "The Camera Work of Ananda Kentish Coomaraswamy and the Stieglitz Circle," (2013).

Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, Kolkata. Seminar Series: "Multiple Exposure: Ananda Kentish Coomaraswamy and the Stieglitz Circle," (2013).

Jnanapravaha, Mumbai. Special Lectures Series: "Maru-Gurjara Monuments in the Central Himalayas," (2013).

Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC. Freer Gallery of Art and the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery Research-in-Progress Lecture Series: "Paint and Pleasure," (2013).

Victoria and Albert Museum, London. Curatorial Work-in-Progress Seminar: "Play, Performance, and Prestige: The Belles Lettres of Medieval Gujarat," (2012).

Jnanapravaha, Mumbai, Special Lecture Series: "Telling Tales: The Freer *Vasanta Vilasa*," (2011).

Ramamani Iyengar Memorial Yoga Institute, Pune. Annual Day Lecture: "Forms and Meanings in Hindu Temple Architecture," at the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Day Celebrations. (2011).

Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF), New Delhi. Lecture Series: "Where the Wild Things Are: Animals in Indian Art," (2011).

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Center for Historical Studies, Faculty Seminar Series: "Text and Textile: The Freer *Vasanta Vilasa*," (2010).

Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun. Lecture Series: "An Enduring Diversity" (2009).

### **SELECT CONFERENCE PAPERS, PANELS ORGANIZED AND CHAIRED**

Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Seattle. Organizer and chair of panel, "Recovering Metals and Retracing Lives." Paper title: "Where Metals and Plants Interact." (2024).

Vessels Beyond Containment. A Symposium at the Kunsthistorisches Institut-Max Planck Institut,

Florence: "Forging Vessels and Values in a Borderland," (2023).

XX Biennial Symposium of the American Council of Southern Asian Art, Emory University, Atlanta: Organizer and chair of panel "Matrices and Flows." Paper title "Empty Bowls Full of Meaning," (2022).

14<sup>th</sup> International Burma Studies Conference, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb: "From the Irrawaddy to the Brahmaputra: Toward a Connected History of Offering Bowls," (2021).

Temple Cultures and Premodern Worlds, Yale University, New Haven: Roundtable and Book Forum, (2021).

108<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the College Art Association, Chicago: "Castles of the Heartland: Placemaking in Early Modern Bundelkhand," (2020).

Trace: Artisanal Intelligence, Material Agency, and Ritual Technology in South Asian Art, Harvard University, Cambridge: "As Many Pebbles, So Many Shivas," (2018).

Questioning Paradigms, Constructing Histories: A Conference in Honor of Romila Thapar, India International Centre, New Delhi: "Stones and Songs: The Aesthetics and Politics of Simultaneity in the Early Deccan," (2018).

"Arts of Islam Symposium," University of Michigan, Ann Arbor: Panel chair, (2018).

XVII Biannual Symposium of the American Council of Southern Asian Art Symposium, Harvard University, Cambridge and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston: "Modern Postural Yoga in an Expanded Field," (2017).

46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison: Organizer of panel "Images in Flux." Paper title, "Asanas in Flux," (2017).

104<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the College Art Association, New York: Chair and organizer of two panels sponsored by the Board of American Council of Southern Asian Art, (1) "Looking Askance at 'Himalayan Art'" and (2) "Conservation Challenges in India and the Himalayas, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" (2016).

103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the College Art Association, New York: "The Book-builders of Early Modern Gujarat," (2015).

Symposium on Sacred Landscape and Pre-Modern Architecture in South Asia, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, Harvard University, Washington, DC: "Pandukeshwar, Architectural Knowledge, and an Idea of India," (2014).

Symposium at the Centre for World Performance Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor: "Visual Music," (2014).

Chakshudana: Conversations in Honor of Professor Michael W. Meister, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia: "Paper Prasad," (2014).

International Conference on Rajasthani Paintings, National Museum, New Delhi: "Purva Uttara: Interrogating the Cultural Logics of the Freer *Vasanta Vilasa*," (2014).

101<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the College Art Association, New York: "Where Death is Conquered," (2013).

XV Biannual Symposium of the American Council of Southern Asian Art Symposium, Minneapolis: Chair and co-organizer of panel "Mobility, Mercantile Communities, and the Transmission of Architectural

Knowledge in Medieval India." Paper title, "From Asoda to Almora, The Roads Less Taken: Māru-Gurjara Architecture in the Central Himalayas," (2011).

"Looking Within/Looking Without: An International Conference on Exploring Households in the Subcontinent," Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi: "Homes of the Living, the Dead, and the Never-dying: A Reading of Early Lithic Architecture in the Himalayas," (2011).

40<sup>th</sup> Annual Middle Atlantic Symposium, Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts, Washington, DC: "Double Exposure: The Camera *Work* of Ananda Coomaraswamy and Alfred Stieglitz," (2010).

Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Philadelphia: "Telling Tales: The Freer *Vasanta Vilasa*," (2010).

Dialogues on Animality, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia: "Stable Identities? Housing Horses in the Age of Humanism," (2009).

Symposium on Art Writing: Translations, Adaptations, Modalities, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh: "Gandhi's (In) fidelity: Reflections on Art Writing and Translation in Colonial India," (2009).

219<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Albuquerque: "Armies of Prayer and Removers of Darkness: The Development of a Genre in Mughal Painting," (2009).

35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison: "Continuity and Innovation in Madhubani Painting," (2006).

International Conference on The Dreyfus Affair, Race, Religion, and National Identity, Wittenberg University, Springfield: "Exploding a Scientific Myth," (2003).

Asian Studies Symposium, Marietta College, Marietta: "Exploding a Scientific Myth: Reconsidering the Aryan Invasion Theory," (2002).

### **CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND MULTI-DAY TRAINING PROGRAMS ORGANIZED**

Convenor and Chair of the Symposium Organizing Committee, XXI<sup>st</sup> Biennial Symposium of the American Council for Southern Asian Art (ACSAA), a multi-day international conference.

Conceived and led a four-day workshop on the promises and pitfalls of curating Indian art in the 21<sup>st</sup> century at Dakshina Chitra Museum, Chennai. 30 individuals (mix of doctoral and postdoctoral students enrolled in various universities and curators working at museums across India) were selected to participate (2023).

Conceptualized and led a three-day curatorial training workshop in Singapore in collaboration with the National University of Singapore and the Asian Civilizations Museum. 30 individuals (mix of students enrolled in various universities and curators working at museums across the region) were selected to participate (2022).

Conceptualizer and convenor of a week-long Transregional Academy on the theme, "India and the World: New Arcs of Knowledge" that brought together about 50 doctoral students, postdoctoral scholars, mid-career professionals, senior academics, and museum leaders. Organized in collaboration with the Forum Transregionale Studien (Berlin), Kunsthistorisches Institut – Max-Planck-Institut (Florence), Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, (Kolkata) Dakshina Chitra Museum (Chennai), and the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, (Mumbai), (2019).

Directed a three-day curatorial training workshop under the aegis of the Devangana Desai Endowment

at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, Mumbai. 32 museum professionals from across India were selected to participate, (2019).

Directed a five-day workshop, "Early Indian Architecture: Theory and Practice," at the Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology (CEPT) University, Ahmedabad, India. 27 graduate students studying architecture, landscape design, and urban planning at five institutions attended, (2016).

### **Select Interviews**

Interview with Author: Nachiket Chanchani, *The Times of India*, July 19, 2022.

"Michigan Professor Studies Himalayan Temple Architecture, " *India West Journal*, July 19, 2022.

### **SELECT FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

#### **External**

Ashoka University, Center for Interdisciplinary Archaeological Research, Ashoka Fellowship in Ancient and Medieval Indian Archaeology and History (2024-25).

E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation Grant, (2023) for the *Angkor Complex* exhibition

National Endowment for the Arts Grant for Art Projects, (2023) for the *Angkor Complex* exhibition

Michigan Arts and Cultural Council Project Support Grant, (2023) for the *Angkor Complex* exhibition

National University of Singapore, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Issac Mannaseh Meyer Fellowship (2022)

Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung Award and Art Histories and Aesthetic Practices Program, Forum Transregionale Studien and Kunsthistorisches Institut in Florenz – Max-Planck-Institut to convene a Transregional Academy in Mumbai, Kolkata, and Chennai, (2019)

Forum Transregionale Studien and Kunsthistorisches Institut in Florenz–Max-Planck-Institut, Art Histories and Aesthetic Practices Fellowship, (2019)

College Art Association, New York. Millard Meiss Publication Fund Grant, (2018)

Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, Amsterdam and the International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden University, Leiden, Jan Gonda Fellowship, (2016)

Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Smithsonian Institution Postdoctoral Fellowship, (2012-2013)

Jawaharlal Nehru Trust for the Indian Collections in the Victoria and Albert Museum, and Charles Wallace Trust, London, Visiting U.K. Fellowship, (2013)

American Friends of the J.B. Harley Fellowship in the History of Cartography, Travel Grant, (2011, declined)

Asian Cultural Council, New York, Asian Artists and Specialists Fellowship, (2010).

#### **Internal**

University of Michigan, History of Art Research Grant Program (2023)

University of Michigan, College of Literature, Sciences and Arts, Humanities Initiative Research Grant (2022)

University of Michigan, History of Art monograph subvention (2022)

University of Michigan, History of Art Research Grant Program (2022)

University of Michigan, Centre for World Performance Studies, Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, (2022)

University of Michigan, Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Amnuay-Samonsri Viravan Endowment for Thai Studies Grant (2002)

University of Michigan, History of Art Research Grant Program (2021)

University of Michigan, Centre for Southeast Asian Studies Southeast Asia Travel Grant, (2018)

University of Michigan, Centre for World Performance Studies, Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, (2018)

University of Michigan, Office of Research Faculty Grants and Awards Program, (2018)

University of Michigan, History of Art Department, monograph subvention, (2017)

University of Michigan, Centre for South Asian Studies, Faculty Grant, (2016)

University of Michigan, Office of Research Faculty Grants and Awards Program, (2015)

University of Michigan, Center for World Performance Studies Research Fellowship, (2015)

University of Michigan, Office of Research Faculty Grants and Awards Program, (2014)

University of Michigan, Center for World Performance Studies Research Fellowship, (2014)

University of Michigan, Centre for South Asian Studies, Faculty Grant, (2013)

University of Pennsylvania, History of Art Department, Goldman Grant, (2010)

University of Pennsylvania, History of Art Department, Campbell-McCoubrey Grant, (2009)

University of Pennsylvania, History of Art Department, Latner Fund Grant, (2009)

University of Pennsylvania, South Asia Studies Department, PhD Topic Development Grant, (2008)

University of Pennsylvania, Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, (2007 – 2012, full tuition + stipend)

University of Minnesota, Art History Department, Puffer Fund Grant (2006)

University of Minnesota, University Fellowship, (2005 – 2007, full-tuition + stipend)

Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta Scholarship, (2004 – 2005, full-tuition)

Muskingum College, Senator John H. Glenn Jr. Scholarship, (2001 – 2004, full-tuition)

#### **SELECT MUSEUM AND CURATORIAL WORK**

**University of Michigan Museum of Art**, Ann Arbor

Guest Curator, "Angkor Complex: Cultural Heritage and Post-Genocide Memory in Cambodia," (2020 – to date). Scheduled to open in February 2024, this exhibition will occupy 5,000 sq. ft. and bring together eighty objects spanning a millennium, on loan from collections worldwide. Supported by grants from various agencies

**Assam State Museum**, Guwahati

Invited by the Government of Assam to design and create wall texts, captions, and other bilingual

interpretive materials for about 125 medieval temple sculptures from the Brahmaputra Valley displayed in the museum's sculpture galleries. Secured CSR funds for the project and partnered with the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage, (2020 – 2021).

**Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit**

Consulting Curator of South and Southeast Asian Art, (2016 – 2018)

**University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Philadelphia**

Graduate Student Coordinator, (2008)

**Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia**

Research Associate in the Indian and Himalayan Art Department, (2007 – 2009)

**Museum of Fine Arts, Boston**

Consultant in the Department of the Art of Asia, Africa, and Oceania, (summer 2007)

**Museum of Fine Arts, Boston**

Curatorial Intern in the Department of the Art of Asia, Africa, and Oceania, (summer 2006)

**Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC**

Senator John H. Glenn Jr. Fellow in the Department of South and Southeast Asian Art, (Fall 2003)

**Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia**

Summer Intern in the Indian and Himalayan Art Department, (Summer 2003)

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**University of Michigan** (*Instructor of Record*)

Introduction to South Asian Art, (History of Art 243/Asian Languages and Cultures 243)

Art of Yoga, (History of Art 304/Asian Languages and Cultures 304)

Himalayas: An Aesthetic Exploration, (History of Art 489/505 Asian Languages and Cultures 439/589/Environmental Science 304/International Studies 384)

Ocean of Stories: Telling Tales in India, (History of Art 495/ Asian Languages and Cultures 494)

Curatorial Seminar: Gallery Installation at the Detroit Institute of Arts, (Museums 498/History of Art 689)

Law, Development, and Heritage Preservation in India, (Environmental Science 731, Economics 741, School of Education 717, School of Law 741, School of Public Health 741, School of Public Policy 710, School of Information 605, and School of Social Work 741)

Bodies and Buildings: Studies in the Temple Architecture and Sculpture of India, (History of Art 577/Asian Languages and Cultures 577)

Curatorial Seminar: Gallery Installation at the Art Institute of Chicago, (Museums 498/History of Art 689)

Cultural Heritage and Post-Genocide Memory in Cambodia, (History of Art 689/Southeast Asian Studies 655)

**University of Pennsylvania** *Teaching Assistant*

Architect and History, Renaissance/Modern, and Introduction to South Asian Art

**University of Minnesota** *Teaching Assistant*

Art of Islam, Roman Art and Archaeology, Classical Myth in Western Art, Art of Film, and Hollywood

Musicals

**Muskingum College** (Spring 2004) *Teaching Assistant*  
Introducing the Arts and Humanities of the Western World

#### **POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW SUPERVISION**

Akshaya Tankha, Forsyth Postdoctoral Fellow in South Asian Art (2022 – present)

#### **GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION**

##### **PhD Dissertation Supervisor (Dissertations in Progress)**

Suyog Prajapati, University of Michigan, (2021 – present)

Srishti Sankaranarayanan, University of Michigan, (2020 – present), “Conveying the Divine: Procession Cars in Tamil Nadu Since the Sixteenth Century”

Ross Bernhaut, University of Michigan, (2018 – present), “City on a Hill: Constructing Edifices and Carving Identity in Gwalior”

##### **PhD Committee Member (Dissertations in Progress)**

Swapna Joshi, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune (2023 – present), “Celestial Impact: A Cultural Narrative of Lonar Crater through Architectural Forms”

Kaeun Park, University of Michigan (2023 – present), “Capturing the Crisis of Landscapes: Documentary Photography in the 1960s and 1970s in South Korea”

##### **PhD Committee Member (Dissertations Completed)**

Nirupama Singh, Jawaharlal Nehru University, “Tirthas in the Central Himalayan Region: An Analysis of Cults, Myths, and Patronage, c. 300 – 1300 CE,” (2022)

Susan Dine, University of Michigan, “Seeing Speech, Reading Bodies: Manifestations of the Nenbutsu in Japanese Buddhist Culture from 1100-1400,” (2021)

Dev Kumar Jhanjh, Jawaharlal Nehru University, “Political Processes in the Central Himalayan Region, From Pre-State to State,” (2021)

Natasha Kimmert, Universität Wien, “Nako – The Village Adorned with Temples: Residential Architecture on the West Tibetan Frontier (c. 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> centuries),” (2019)

Allison Martino, University of Michigan, “Stamping History: Stories of Social Change in Ghana’s Adinkra Cloth,” (2018)

Chun Wa Chan, University of Michigan, “Female Sovereign, Immigrant Technologies: The Opportunity of Buddhism in Early Japan,” (2018)

##### **PhD Preliminary Exam Committee**

Kaeun Park, University of Michigan (2022)

Srishti Sankaranarayanan, University of Michigan (2022)

Ross Bernhaut, University of Michigan, (2021)

Emily Cornish, University of Michigan, (2017)

Susan Dine, University of Michigan, (2016)

Rebecca Bloom, University of Michigan, (2015)

#### **M.A. Thesis Co-Director**

Jacob Dingman, University of Michigan, "Visual Persuasion in China and Tibet, ca. 1750-1970" (2014)

#### **B.A. Thesis Director**

Ross Bernhaut, University of Michigan, "Nicholas Roerich: A Russian Yogi in the Himalayas?" (2016)

#### **Other**

David Andolfatto, PhD Candidate, Université Paris-Sorbonne (Paris IV), research supervisor during his four-month stay in Ann Arbor as a Freer Visiting Graduate Student, (2013)

Shreya Hari Nurani, PhD Candidate, Virginia Tech, research supervisor during her one-year stay in Ann Arbor as a Forsyth Visiting Graduate Student (2023-24)

#### **SELECT DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

Member, Search Committee for an assistant professor of South Asian Art (Shireen and Afzal Ahmad Professorship), Department of the History of Art (2023-24)

Member, Third-Year Review Committee for Professor Nicola Barham, (2021 – 2022)

Member, Medieval and Early Modern Studies Executive Committee, (2021 – 2022)

Head, Forsyth Postdoctoral Fellowship in South Asian Art Search Committee (2021 – 2022)

Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee for Professor Ana María León, (2021 – 2022)

Member, External Review Committee, Department of the History of Art (2021 – 2022)

Member, Lecturer Review Committee, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, (2020 – 2021)

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of the History of Art, (2019 – 2021)

Member, Search Committee for an advanced Sally Michelson Davidson assistant/associate professor of Chinese Arts and Cultures, Department of the History of Art, (2020 – 2021)

Member, Search Committee for a professor of Sanskrit literature (open-rank), Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, (2017 – 2018)

Member, Department of the History of Art, Graduate Committee, (2017 – 2021, 2023 – 2024)

Member, Department of the History of Art, Executive Committee, (2016 – 2021)

Member, Department of the History of Art, Undergraduate Committee, (2013 – 2015 and 2016 – 2017)

Member, Department of the History of Art, Freer Committee, (2012 – present)

Led workshops on architectural ethics and heritage politics for the Department of the History of Art and the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, (2013, 2017)

#### **SELECT UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Conceptualized and organized a series of events in conjunction with "Angkor Complex" exhibition at the University of Michigan Museum of Art (2024)

Co-organized a dance performance at the University of Michigan Museum of Art, (2015)

Led docent training, University of Michigan Museum of Art, (2015)

Periodically organized talks and lecture-demonstrations by distinguished scholars, curators, instrumental musicians, and classical dancers at the University of Michigan, (2012 – present)

### **SELECT PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Consultant, State Council of Education Research and Training, Government of Assam, Guwahati (2022 – present)

IMASI: The Maharaj Kumari Binodini Devi Foundation, Consultant (2021 – 2022)

American Council of Learned Societies, Fellowship Programme, Application Reviewer (2022)

*The Art Bulletin*, Editorial Board Member, (2021 – present)

Center for Art and Archaeology, American Institute of Indian Studies, Advisory Committee Member, (2021 – present)

Prince Claus Fund for Culture and Development, Cultural Emergency Response Program, Grant Application Reviewer, (2021)

*Ars Orientalis*, Editorial Board Member, (2014 –2018)

Peer reviewer for articles submitted to *Arts Asiatiques* (2021), *Comparative Studies in Society and History* (2021), *Art History* (2018), *European Bulletin of Himalayan Research* (2017), *Journal of Cultural Geography* (2015), *History of Photography* (2016), *Sikh Formations* (2017), and *The Art Bulletin* (2015)

Peer reviewer for book manuscripts submitted to Rutgers University Press (2021) and University of Chicago Press (2018)

Consultant for M.Sc. curriculum design, Center on UNESCO World Natural Heritage Management and Training for Asia and the Pacific Region, Wildlife Institute of India, (2020)

Consultant for a multi-year initiative, “Sacred Ecologies, Express Cultures, and Environmental Crisis” at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, Yale University, (2019)

### **LANGUAGES**

Fluently read, write, and speak Gujarati and Hindi.

Reading knowledge of Sanskrit (intermediate) and French (elementary).

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