Shobhna Iyer

# Education

2021 MA, Anthropology, Stanford University

 Course GPA: **4.075**/4

2019 M. Phil., Ancient History, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

“Political Landscapes and the Construction of a Medieval City: An Archaeological Study of Warangal”

 Advisor: Prof. Supriya Varma

 Course CGPA: **7.42**/9

2012 M.A., Ancient History, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

 CGPA: **7.75**/9

2010 B.A., History (Ancient, Medieval, and Modern), St. Stephen’s College, Delhi University, New Delhi

# Professional Experience

2016–2019 Editorial Assistant, [***Studies in History***](https://journals.sagepub.com/home/sih)

***Studies in History*** is a peer-reviewed journaled on South Asian history and is published by SAGE

Liaising with authors, referees and book reviewers, preparing workflow for each issue, coordinating final proofs between authors and publishers, and meeting regularly with journal Editors to find the best academics to referee articles and review new titles

2015–2019 Copyeditor, ***Studies in History***

Editing and proofreading every article and book review published by the journal since February 2015. Checking for factual and textual consistency, making suggestions to the editorial board, and finalizing all documents sent to publishers

2016 Annotator and Editor, [*Riddles in Hinduism: The Annotated Critical Selection*](http://navayana.org/product/riddles-in-hinduism-the-annotated-critical-selection/), **Navayana**, 2016

Along with the publisher, editing and annotating Dr. B.R. Ambedkar’s unfinished manuscript *Riddles in Hinduism*. Consulting colonial volumes on Brahmanical texts—Dr. Ambedkar’s primary sources—to verify his quotes, and bringing his research up to date to the 21st century in the annotations

2014 Freelance editor, **Cactus Communications**

Edited academic papers in History, Archaeology, and Political Science

2015 Sub-editor, **Catch News**

2014–2015 Assistant Editor, **Outlook Travel Guides**

2014 Editor, Travel Guides, **Dorling Kindersley Pvt Ltd., Penguin Random House**

2012–2014 Assistant Editor, Travel Guides, **Dorling Kindersley Pvt Ltd., Penguin Random House**

# Publication

2022 Book review: *Power, Memory, Architecture* by Richard M. Eaton and Phillip B. Wagoner, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014. *The Medieval History Journal* 24.

# Conference Presentations/Organization

2021 April. Organizing committee, Theoretical Archaeology Group North America conference, Virtual.

January. Co-chair, ‘Historical Archaeology of South Asia.’ Society for Historical Archaeology 2021, Virtual.

2020 February. “800 years of contested construction: an archaeological survey of Warangal.” 8th Graduate Archaeology Research Conference, ‘Experiencing Destruction and Regeneration in Archaeology’, University of California, Los Angeles.

2019 April. “Defining the within and without: the construction of Warangal’s fortifications, c. 1195 CE”. Annual Young Scholars’ Conference, ‘Historicizing Space’, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

# Fieldwork Experience

2019 January. Field crew and Trench Leader, Excavation at Micropolitics and the Articulation of Sovereignty at **Tekkalakota, Karnataka**, led by Dr. Namita Sugandhi, Hartwick College.

July. Lab and Field Crew, Excavations at Maski Archaeological Research Project, **Maski, Karnataka**, led by Dr. Andrew Bauer, Stanford University, and Dr. Peter Johansen, McGill University.

2018 July–August. Field Crew, Excavations at Maski Archaeological Research Project, **Maski, Karnataka**, led by Dr. Andrew Bauer, Stanford University, and Dr. Peter Johansen, McGill University.

February and May. Survey leader, Warangal Archaeological Survey Project, **Warangal, Telangana**. Survey leader for MPhil dissertation, trained four JNU students in survey methodology.

January. Field crew, pre-excavation survey at Micropolitics and the Articulation of Sovereignty at **Tekkalakota, Karnataka**, led by Dr. Namita Sugandhi, Hartwick College.

2012 January–February. Participant, Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre Field School, **Cambodia and Singapore**. Curriculum included lectures on historical, economic, and cultural impact of intra-Asian interactions, and analysis and interpretation of Chinese and Southeast Asian ceramics.

2011 December. Field Crew, Survey and excavation at **Rohana Khurd, Uttar Pradesh**, led by Deepak Nair, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Dr. Supriya Varma, Jawaharlal Nehru University, and Dr. Jaya Menon, Aligarh Muslim University.

 May. Field Crew, Survey at Banavasi Gudnapura Regional Survey, **Banavasi, Karnataka**, led by PhD candidate Uthara Suvrathan, University of Michigan.

2010 February. Field crew, Excavation at Early Historic Landscapes of the Tungabhadra Corridor, **Kadebakele, Karnataka**, led by Dr. Kathleen Morrison, University of Chicago and Dr. Carla Sinopoli, University of Michigan.

2009 December. Field crew, Excavation at **Indor Khera, Uttar Pradesh**, led by Dr. Supriya Varma, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Dr. Jaya Menon, Aligarh Muslim University.

 June. Field Crew, Survey at Kelladi-Ikkeri Nayaka Zonal Survey, **Kelladi, Karnataka**, led by PhD candidate Elizabeth Bridges, University of Michigan.

 May. Field Crew, Survey at Banavasi Gudnapura Regional Survey, **Banavasi, Karnataka**, led by PhD candidate Uthara Suvrathan, University of Michigan.

2008 June. Field Crew, Survey at Early Chalukya Urban Landscape Survey, **Aihole, Karnataka**, led by PhD candidate Hemanth Kadambi, University of Michigan.

 May. Field Crew, Survey at Kelladi-Ikkeri Nayaka Zonal Survey, **Kelladi, Karnataka**, led by PhD candidate Elizabeth Bridges, University of Michigan.