

# HEMANTH KADAMBI

## Curriculum Vitae 2022

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### EMPLOYMENT

- **Assistant Professor (Archaeology)** in the Department of History, Shiv Nadar University, Uttar Pradesh, India (Feb 2019- )
- **Assistant Professor on Contract (Archaeology)** in the Department of History, Shiv Nadar University, Uttar Pradesh, India (July 2018- January 2019)
- **Instructional Assistant Professor (Non-tenure track)** in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois (Fall 2012, Fall 2014, Fall 2015)
- **Instructional Assistant Professor (Non-tenure track)** in the Department of History, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois (Spring 2012- Spring 2017).

### EDUCATION

- **Ph. D., Anthropology (2011)** (*specialization in Archaeology*), Museum of Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA.
- **M. Phil., History (2001)** Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.
- **M.A., History (1999)** (specialization in Ancient Indian History) Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.
- **B.A. (1997)** in History, Economics, and Political Science, St. Joseph's College of Arts and Science, Bangalore, India.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journal articles

- Trivedi, Mudit, **Hemanth Kadambi** and Supriya Varma. 2021. Archaeologies of the Medieval in South Asia. Special Issue of *The Medieval History Journal*, 24 (1-2)
- Kadambi, Hemanth 2021. Agro-pastoralism, Archaeology and Religious Landscapes in Early Medieval South India. In *The Medieval History Journal*, 24 (1-2), 207-243.
- ‘Archaeological Landscape of Aihole: an early medieval imperial center’ (in preparation, article-length).
- ‘Some new inscriptions from Aihole’ (in preparation, article length).

### Monograph in preparation

- ‘Political landscapes in early medieval Indian Kingship: the Chalukyas of Vatapi’

### Edited Books

- *Ancient India: identities, boundaries and cultural practices*. Edited by Hemanth Kadambi and D.A. Prasanna. Manipal: Manipal Universal Press. (June 2019)

### Book chapters

- Archaeology of Identity: Early Chalukya Landscapes (June 2019) in *Ancient India: Identity, Boundaries, Cultural Practices*, eds., Hemanth Kadambi and D.A. Prasanna, pp. 101-136. Manipal: Manipal Universal Press.
- Negotiated Pasts and the memorialized present in Ancient India: Chalukyas of Vatapi (2007) in *Negotiating the Past in the Past: Identity, Memory, and Landscape in Archaeological Research*, ed. Norman Yoffee, pp. 155-182. Tucson: University of Arizona Press.
- Chalukyas of Vatapi: inscriptional analysis of patterns of rule (forthcoming, delayed from 2019) in Ravi Korisetar ed. Multi-volume series on Indian Archaeology.

### Online articles

- Early Chalukya Architecture and Archaeology: an essay. SAHAPEDIA (2018)

### Book Review

- *Decoding a Hindu Temple: royalty and religion in the iconographic program of the Virupaksha temple, Pattadakal-Cathleen Cummings (2014)*, In *South Asian Studies*, Vol. 31, issue 2 (2015), p. 266-268.

## CONFERENCES

### Papers presented 2017-2021

- ‘Landscapes of the Early Chalukyas (ca. 500-ca.750 CE): a historical archaeology’, paper presented at the virtual session titled Historical Archaeology of South Asia, at the Society for Historical Archaeology 2021 Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology (Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021).
- ‘Pastoralism, archaeology and religion in the southern Deccan: contextual understanding of Early Chalukya landscapes (c. 550-750 CE)’, paper presented at the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin, USA (Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019)

## **2009-2017**

- ‘Archaeology of Identity: Early Chalukya Landscapes’. Paper presented at the D.S. Achuta Rao National Conference on Ancient India: identity, Boundaries, Cultural Practices. Organized jointly by Manipal Center for Philosophy and Humanities, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, and Prof. D.S. Achuta Rao Centenary Programme Advisory Board, Karnataka, India (December 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2017).
- ‘Constituting Early Chalukyan identity: inscriptions and architecture in early medieval South India’, paper presented at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin, USA (Oct 17<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup>, 2013).
- ‘Constituting royal-dynastic identity in South India: negotiations in a sacred landscape’, paper presented at the Society of American Archaeology, Hawaii, USA (April 3<sup>rd</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>, 2013).
- ‘Water’ and ‘Stone’ in understanding religious identity during the reign of the Badami Chalukyas, paper presented at the Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin, USA (Oct 11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>, 2012).
- ‘Spatial configurations in the religious landscape of the Chalukyas of Badami’, paper presented at the conference titled ‘Monastery, Mosque and Temple: Jains, Muslims and Hindus in Medieval Deccan (ca. 700-1700 AD), Dept. of South Asian Studies, University of Pennsylvania (April 26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>, 2012).

## **2008-2009**

- ‘Urbanization in early India: identity and memory in a sacred landscape’ paper presented at the Trehan India Initiative Graduate Student Conference (September 2009), Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- ‘Sacred Landscapes of the Early Chalukyas-an archaeological perspective’ paper presented at the Annual Conference on South Asian Studies (October 2008, Madison, Wisconsin).

## **Conference panels organizer/discussant**

- Discussant at Round Table on the ‘Concept of the Archive’ at ‘The Idea of the Archive’ conference at India International Center, New Delhi (March 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 2019) by Shiv Nadar University.
- Discussant on Panel titled ‘Articulating Religious and Political Landscapes in Pre-modern India’ at the Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, Illinois, USA (March 28, 2015)
- Organizer of Panel titled ‘Materiality of religion: the articulations of architecture and environment in early India’ at the Annual meeting of South Asia scholars at Madison, Wisconsin, USA (Oct 11-14<sup>th</sup>, 2012).
- Organizer and Moderator of a Forum titled ‘Recent researches in the archaeology of South India: sacred and political landscapes of Karnataka from the early historic to the colonial periods at the Annual meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, Memphis TN, USA (April 18-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012).

## INVITED LECTURES, WEBINARS

### 2017-2021

- Roundtable discussion participant in *Towards a Critical Historical Archaeology of South Asia*, conducted at the Theoretical Archaeology Group (TAG) meeting at Stanford University, USA, May 2021
- *Early Chalukya Landscapes: temples and beyond*. Bengaluru Historian's Society Webinar, March 7, 2021.
- *Reimagining South India's Past: archaeology, heritage-making and the public*. INTACH-NIAS Webinar series 'Back and Forth', June 25, 2020.
- Participated in a lecture/discussion titled *From Source to Survey: Reading and Interpreting Primary Sources*, Ijtihad, the History Association at the Lady Shriram College for Women, New Delhi, Feb. 2020.
- 'Archaeological record formation' and 'Archaeological Research Methods': two lectures delivered at the Institute of Archaeology, Archaeological Survey of India, Greater NOIDA, Nov. 2019.
- *Constituting identity within early medieval landscapes of South India: the Chalukyas of Badami (ca. 550-750 CE)*. Lecture delivered at Department of History, Delhi University, Delhi, September 2017.
- *The concept of the state in early medieval India: recent archaeological and historical evidence*. Lecture delivered at the History Society of St. Stephen's College, Delhi, September 2017.
- *Constituting identity within early medieval landscapes of South India: the Chalukyas of Badami (ca. 550-750 CE)*. Lecture delivered at Shiv Nadar University, Greater NOIDA, September 2017.
- *Constituting identity within early medieval landscapes of South India: the Chalukyas of Badami (ca. 550-750 CE)*. Lecture delivered at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, September 2017.
- *Constituting identity within early medieval landscapes of South India: the Chalukyas of Badami (ca. 550-750 CE)*. Lecture delivered at Azim Premji University, Bangalore, Karnataka, August 2017.

### 2004-2007

- *Landscape and Politics and Early Medieval South India: the Chalukya State and Society (ca. 550-750 AD)*: Lecture delivered at Department of Anthropology and Archaeology at Karnatak University, Dharwar, Karnataka, January 2007.
- *'Archaeological Field Methods: a brief overview of systematic survey and techniques* (2 lectures delivered in February 2007, Aihole, Karnataka, India): lecture delivered at the archaeological field site of Aihole to Masters students and Faculty of the Department of Ancient History and Epigraphy, Karnatak University, Dharwar, Karnataka, India. First lecture focused on theoretical training needed by archaeologists and demonstrated field data collection methods and analytical techniques to help analyze research hypotheses. The second lecture illustrated, using my own ongoing field survey generated data, the results of systematic archaeological investigations.
- 'Investigating sacred geography: first steps': lecture delivered at the International Institute, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Preliminary report of field research at Badami and Aihole (September 2004).

## FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- *Field Survey supervisor and assistant*, MANDU Project of French National Research Agency and IFP (French Institute of Research, Pondicherry), Mandu, Madhya Pradesh, India (March 7-15, 2020, March 8-15, 2022, May 14-27, 2022), conducted by Dr. Anne Casile (French Institute Pondicherry), Dr. Supriya Varma (Center for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University).
- *Field Survey assistant*, Maski, Karnataka, India (July 2014) on the Maski Archaeological Research Project (MARP) conducted by Drs. Andrew Bauer (Stanford University, California) and Peter Johansen (University of British Columbia, Canada).
- *Systematic archaeological survey* Aihole, Karnataka, India, (January-December 2007 and May-July 2008) For my doctoral dissertation as principal investigator I carried out an intensive archaeological survey of a 6 sq. km. area, assisted by 3-4 individuals who I trained in archaeological field methods and laboratory techniques.
- *Pre-dissertation archaeological surveys*, Badami and Aihole, Karnataka, India, (June-August 2004, June-August 2003, July 2002).
- *Excavation crew chief*, Homol'ovi, Arizona, (May-July 2006) Supervisor: Dr. Lisa Young (University of Michigan, Museum of Anthropology).
- *Field Survey assistant*, Texcoco, Mexico, (June-Aug 2003, June-July 2004) Supervisors: Prof. Jeffrey R. Parsons (University of Michigan, Museum of Anthropology) and Luis Morett Alatore (Director, Universidad Autonoma Chapingo).
- *Excavation crew member*, Karnataka, India, (January-February 2003) Supervisors: Prof. Carla M. Sinopoli (University of Michigan, Museum of Anthropology) and Prof. Kathleen D. Morrison (University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology) and Karnataka Department of Archaeology and Museums, Mysore.
- *Excavation crew chief*, Seco creek Rio Grande river, New Mexico, USA (May-July 2002) Supervisors: Prof. Margaret Nelson (University of Arizona) and Prof. Michelle Hegmon (Arizona State University).

### Other research experience

Conducted doctoral-level and Masters' level research using Historical methods and archaeological methods during my education.

### Graduate Student Research Assistant, University of Michigan

- *Birds Division, Museum of Zoology* (2009-2011) (cataloging bird skins and geo-referencing localities of South Asian Bird skin specimens using topographic maps, Google Earth and other map software)
- *Africa Collections, Museum of Anthropology* (2005-06); Illustrated artifacts such as ceramic sherds and metal implements; trained 4 undergraduate students of UROP (Undergraduate Research Opportunities) over two terms to do laboratory work in archaeology such as illustrations of artifacts, understanding human osteology and simple data collection and analysis using Microsoft Excel 2003. Directed these students in individual research projects leading to a poster presentation.
- *Asian Collections, Museum of Anthropology* (2001-04) Cataloged ceramic collections; transcribed field notes into a computerized database; assisted visiting scholars from Cambodia, Canada and United States with their research study with collections of South East Asian ceramics (14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> centuries AD) and Tibetan prayer rugs (thangkas).

## **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS**

- *Circle of Excellence Award for Teaching with Inspirational and Innovative practices*, Shiv Nadar University (2021)
- Dissertation write up fellowship, *Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan* (2011)
- James. B. Griffin Dissertation Research Award *Museum of Anthropology, University of Michigan* (2008)
- Ranvir and Arkush Trehan Award, *Center for South Asian Studies, University of Michigan* (2007-08)
- Block Research Grant (2008) *Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan*
- Graduate Student Research Grant (2006) *Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan*
- Faculty-Graduate Student Research Grant (2004) *Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan*
- Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award (2004) *Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan*
- Pre-dissertation Summer Research Grant, (2004) *International Institute, University of Michigan*
- Discretionary funds (2002) *Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan*
- Summer Research Grant (2002) *Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan*
- Qualified in University Grants Commission (India) administered National Educational Test Eligibility for Lectureship (December 2000)

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

South Asian Archaeology and History; Urban Landscapes; Space and materiality in religion; Anthropological understandings of Material Culture; States and empires.

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Languages written and spoken: Kannada (mother tongue), English, Hindi. High proficiency in English, Kannada and Sanskrit.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Society for American Archaeology, United States of America (SAA) (current)  
Society for Historical Archaeology, United States of America (SHA) (current)  
Association of South Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin Madison (previous)  
American Anthropological Association (AAA) (previous)  
Association of Asian Studies (AAS) (previous)