

Resume

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CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor
Heritage Science and Society Program,
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SEX, PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH

Female; Chennai, India; March 4, 1982

PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS

E4, Shreeniketan,
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Previously Position

November 2015- December 2016: Assistant Professor – Department of History, School of Humanities and Social Science, Shiv Nadar University

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

2015: Fulbright Post-Doctoral Fellow-Anthropology Department, University of Chicago, Chicago, USA

2014: Post-Doctoral Associate, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Indian Institute of Science campus, Bangalore

2011: Research Associate, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Indian Institute of Science campus, Bangalore

2010: PhD, Anna University, Chennai

Dissertation topic: Iron-age Early Historical *megalithic* burials and geo-archaeology.

2005: MA, Experimental Archaeology, University of Exeter, Exeter, UK

2004: MA, Archaeology, First Class, University of Madras, Chennai, India

2002: BA, History of Fine Arts, Drawing and Painting, First Class, Stella Maris College, Chennai, India

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Haricharan S. 2016. *Siruthavoor An Iron Age-Early Historical burial Site, Tamil Nadu, South India.* Archaeopress. UK.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Haricharan S. 2009. Archaeological sites near Chennai being destroyed. Madras Musings. September 1-15, 2009, Vol. XIX No. 10

Cox M and **Haricharan S.** 2011. Telangana field survey: Macro morphological analysis of technological debris. Pioneering metallurgy: The origins of iron and steel making in the Southern Indian subcontinent. Telangana field survey interim report 2011. (edts) Juleff G, Sharada S and Ranganthan S. NIAS: Bangalore

Bhadreenath S, Achyuthan H, **Haricharan S** and Mohandas K.P. 2011. Saluvankuppam coastal temple- excavation and application of soil micro morphology. *Current Science*, 100 (7), Pp. 1071-1075

Haricharan S and Achyuthan H. 2012. The Megalithic Burial Potteries of Siruthavoor: Micromorphology in Multifaceted studies in South Asian Archaeology. S. Rama Krishna Pisipaty (**Edt**) BAR S2361, Arpitam. Festschrift for Professor Vidula Jayaswal:**107-112**

Haricharan S, Achyuthan H and Suresh N. 2013. Situating Megalithic burials in the Iron Age-Early Historical landscape of southern India. *Antiquity* (87): 1–15

Lowson A and **Haricharan S.** 2013. Sharing India's Past: Recording Portable Antiquities and Facilitating a Shared Heritage. *Heritage and Us* 2(1): 6-12

Haricharan S and Achyuthan H. 2013. Post depositional processes and the appearance of megalithic burials at Siruthavoor. *Indian Journal Of Physical Anthropology and Human Genetics* for a special volume on Indian prehistory and paleoanthropology [Guest editor: Prof. D.K. Bhattacharya] 32(1): 143-162

Haricharan S and Keerthi N. 2014. Can the tinai help understand the Iron Age Early Historic landscape of Tamilnadu?. *World Archaeology* 46(5): 641-660.

Haricharan S, Nagabhooshan, Srinivasan S, Rajani M B and Ranganathan S. 2016. Insights on locating iron production sites in Telangana using satellite imagery. *Current Science* 111(9): 1536-1543.

Haricharan S, Bhadreenath S and Achyuthan H. (Accepted). Excavating different Iron age-Early Historical burials in Siruthavoor. *Tamil Civilization*.

Haricharan S. (Accepted). Looking beyond the stone structures of the Iron age-Early Historic burials. *Purattava*

Haricharan S and Jaikishen S. (*In prep.*). Exploration of Karimnagar District and the Iron Age Early Historical burials.

Haricharan S, Nalini N.S, Srinivasan S and Ranganathan S. (*In prep.*). Fort walls and moats at Vallam, Thanjavur: Exploring them using satellite images.

Haricharan S and Lowsan A. (*In prep.*). Past perfect, Present tense: Perceptions of heritage in contemporary southern India.

Haricharan S and Morrison K (*In prep.*). From Cromlechs, Kistvaens to Cists and Dolmen: The story of the megalithic terminology

POSTERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Oral Presentations

Haricharan S and Achyuthan H. 2006. Megaliths of Tamil Nadu. Geoarchaeology and Human Response to Landscape Evolution. Department of Geology, Anna University Chennai, India

Haricharan S and Achyuthan H. 2008. Landscape alteration from Megalithic period to present, Tamil Nadu. Living with Landscapes: Symposium and Workshop. Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt

Haricharan S and Achyuthan H. 2009 A review: The Coastal Megalithic burials of Northeastern Tamil Nadu. Oceanic cultural exchanges in Coramandal Coast. Pondicherry, India

Haricharan S and Achyuthan H. 2009. Spotlighting the importance of geo-archaeological analysis – Cultural transformation from Iron Age to early historic: An archaeological perspective. Department of History, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry, India

Haricharan S and Achyuthan H. 2010. Tamil Sangam literature and coastal megalithic burials around Chennai with special reference to site destruction. World Classical Tamil Conference (Government of Tamilnadu). Coimbatore, India

Haricharan S. 2010. Case Studies from Experimental Archaeology. Sessions and Practical's in Experimental Archaeology. National Institute of advanced studies, IISc campus, Bangalore, India.

Haricharan S and Lawson A. 2011. The viability of adjusting the Portable Antiquity Scheme in the Indian context. International Association for Asian Heritage (IAAH), Colombo, Sri Lanka

Haricharan S. 2011. From Dolmen to Dolmenoid at Siruthavoor. International Conference on the Archaeology of South Asia. Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

Haricharan S. 2012. Developing interdisciplinary applications in archaeometallurgy and geo spatial archaeology. University Of Exeter, Exeter, UK

Haricharan S. 2012. From Portable Antiquities to Archaeological Landscapes. Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India

Haricharan S. 2012. Developing interdisciplinary applications in archaeometallurgy and geo spatial archaeology. The Royal Society and Department of Science and Technology, conducted at the University Of Exeter, UK, titled

Poster presentations

Haricharan S, Achyuthan H and Bhadreenath S. 2009. Optically stimulated luminescence dating of pottery samples from a Megalithic Burials site, Siruthavur, Chennai. Second Asia Pacific Conference on Luminescence and Electron Spin Resonance Dating. Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad, India

Lowson A, **Haricharan S** and Wooten D. 2012. Addressing current concerns in the recording and reporting of portable antiquities. European Association of South Asian Archaeology and Arts Conference, Paris, France

Haricharan S. 2015. Mapping the Iron Age-Early Historical Burials of North Tamil Nadu, Interdisciplinary Archaeology Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, March 12th

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDINGS

- **Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellow:** September 2014 - September 2015. USIEF: Creating a Viable Methodology to Interpret the Landscape History of the Iron Age-early Historic Period of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh
- **Co-Principal Investigator: Stein Arnold Grant, UK.** Project: Foundations of Industry: exploring the Iron Age-Early Historic landscape of the steel-making region of Karimnagar, Andhra Pradesh. Period: 2013-2015

- **Co-Principal Investigator: Indian Council of Historical Research, Research Project Grant.** Project: Archaeological Exploration of Early Historic culture in Karimnagar District, Telangana. Period: May 2013-May 2015
- **UK Visiting Fellowship.** December 2011-February 2012. Nehru Trust for the Indian Collections at the Victoria and Albert Museum. Project: The viability of adjusting the Portable Antiquity Scheme in the Indian context
- **Junior Research Fellowship:** Indian Council for Historical Research. 2007-2009. Project: To carry out PhD research on megalithic burials and Geo-archaeology
- **Fellowship bursary.** 2004-2005. Department of Archaeology, University of Exeter, Exeter, UK.
- **Fox Lawrence funding.** 2005. Study trip of open-air centers in Sweden, Denmark and Germany and Holland awarded by the University of Exeter, in June 2005.
- **Prof. V.R.Ramachandra Dishitar Prize.** 2004. University topper. Masters in Archaeology. University of Madras, Chennai, India

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2012-2014 Implications of Satellite Imagery on Cultural Heritage Resource Management funded by Indian Space Research Organisation (S. Ranganathan and Sharada Srinivasan, co-directors) (**Haricharan S**- Postdoctoral Fellow)
- 2011-2013 System of voluntary registering of Portable Antiquities in India and UK (**Haricharan S** and Lawson A co directors)
- 2013 - 2014 Understanding the built heritage and government policies (JnNURM scheme) in Mysore, Karnataka (**Haricharan S** research consultant)
- 2011-2014 Survey and Documentation of iron age-early historic period burials and habitation sites in Karimnagar District, Andhrapradesh, India (**Haricharan S** and Jaikishan S - co directors)

ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2015- Survey and excavation of Amoor: Iron Age Early Historic site in Kancheepuram District, Tamilnadu (**Haricharan S** and Koshy J co Directors)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Field Work Experience

- **Field Director for exploration survey.** July-August, 2012. Karimnagar District of Telangana, Andhrapradesh, to understand Iron age landscape with specific reference to megalithic burials
- **Field Crew of excavation.** August-September, 2008. Excavated Megalithic burials at Siruthavoor, Kanchipuram District, Chennai, in project in which Dept of Geology Anna University, Chennai collaborated with ASI Chennai circle.
- **Field Crew in excavation,** February-March 2006. February 2008, February 2009 conducted by Dr. Michael Petraglia (Field Director) and Dr. Ravi Korisettar (Field Director) in Karnool, Andhrapradesh and Sanganakallu, Karnataka (www.homepages.ucl.ac.uk).
- **Field Crew in exploration survey,** 2007. Dr. Parth Chauhan (Field Director) on the Ganga valley, Madhya Pradesh, India.
- **Field Crew in exploration survey and Lab assistant,** 2007. Hemanth Kadambi (Field Director) on Chalukya pottery from Aihole, Karnataka, India.
- **Field Crew in excavation,** 2005. Dr. Gill Julleff (Field Director) on Exmoor of An Iron Age platform, Devon, UK.
- **Field Crew in excavation,** 2004. Department of Archaeology, University of Madras at Palur, early historical period site. Chennai, India.

Research Experience

- Currently Co supervising one PhD student from Exeter University on intangible heritage
- Research member of a Indo-British collaborative project supported under the British Council's UKIERI scheme, on the origins of early steel making in the southern India, together with University of Exeter. 2010-2011.
- Worked in project for INTACH (Pondicherry) at the Govt Museum for a month in order to document the pottery and other archaeological artifacts at the Pondicherry museum in 2008.
- Worked for a month in the Archaeological Survey of India, Chennai circle to documentation of graffiti and report writing of pottery for a month in 2006.
- Worked at the Victoria and Albert museum as a volunteer under the Portable Antiquities Scheme under Nicolla Powell from November 2004 – May 2005

- Took part in 30th refresher course on care of Museum Objects, Government Museum Chennai, scored 225/300.

Work Experience

- Volunteer at Royal Albert Museum, Exeter, UK from November 2004 to May 2005
- Project consultant at Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage, Pondicherry from May 2008 to September 2008
- Research Assistant at Archaeological Survey of India, Chennai Circle, Chennai from January 2006 to February 2006
- Post doctoral Fellow at National Institute of Advanced Studies , IISc campus, Bangalore 560012 from May 2010 (ongoing)

Teaching Experience

- Foundations Course 2012: Imagining Interdisciplinarity Mandatory 3 Credit Course for Incoming Cohort at National Institute of Advanced Studies, teaching, concept and coordinator along with Dr. Shivali Tukdeo and Dr. Mayilvaganan
- Foundation Course 2013: Imagining Interdisciplinarity Mandatory 3 Credit Course for Incoming Cohort at National Institute of Advanced Studies, taught 2 classes on migration, objects and archaeology
- Art and Architecture in south India 2013: 2 credit course for one semester
- Courses taught in Shiv Nadar University

-Spring 2016

Field Methods in Archaeology for Undergraduate students

Reading between the lines: perceptions in the media of archaeology for Undergraduate students

-Monsoon 2016

Introduction to Archaeology for undergraduate students

Workshops and conferences organised

- April 25th and 26th 2014. Workshop titled 'Introduction to archaeology and the megaliths.' INTACH, Bangalore (**Haricharan S**)
- February 2013. Scientific methods in archaeology. in Advance Exploration Training for PGDA Students of Institute of Archaeology, ASI, New Delhi, in Badami, Karnataka, India (**Haricharan S** and Girbal B).

- February 2010. Sessions and Practical's in Experimental Archaeology. UK India Education Research Initiative & Exeter University. In National Institute of advanced studies, IISc campus, Bangalore, India. (**Haricharan S**-co anchor)
- Part of program organization committee of International Association For Women Archaeologists working in South Annual Conference on Archaeology of South Asia. at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, August 2011. Co sponsored and organised by Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

LANGUAGES KNOWN

Hindi (Reading, writing and spoken), English (Reading, writing and spoken), Sanskrit (Reading and Writing) and Tamil (Spoken with some reading and writing)