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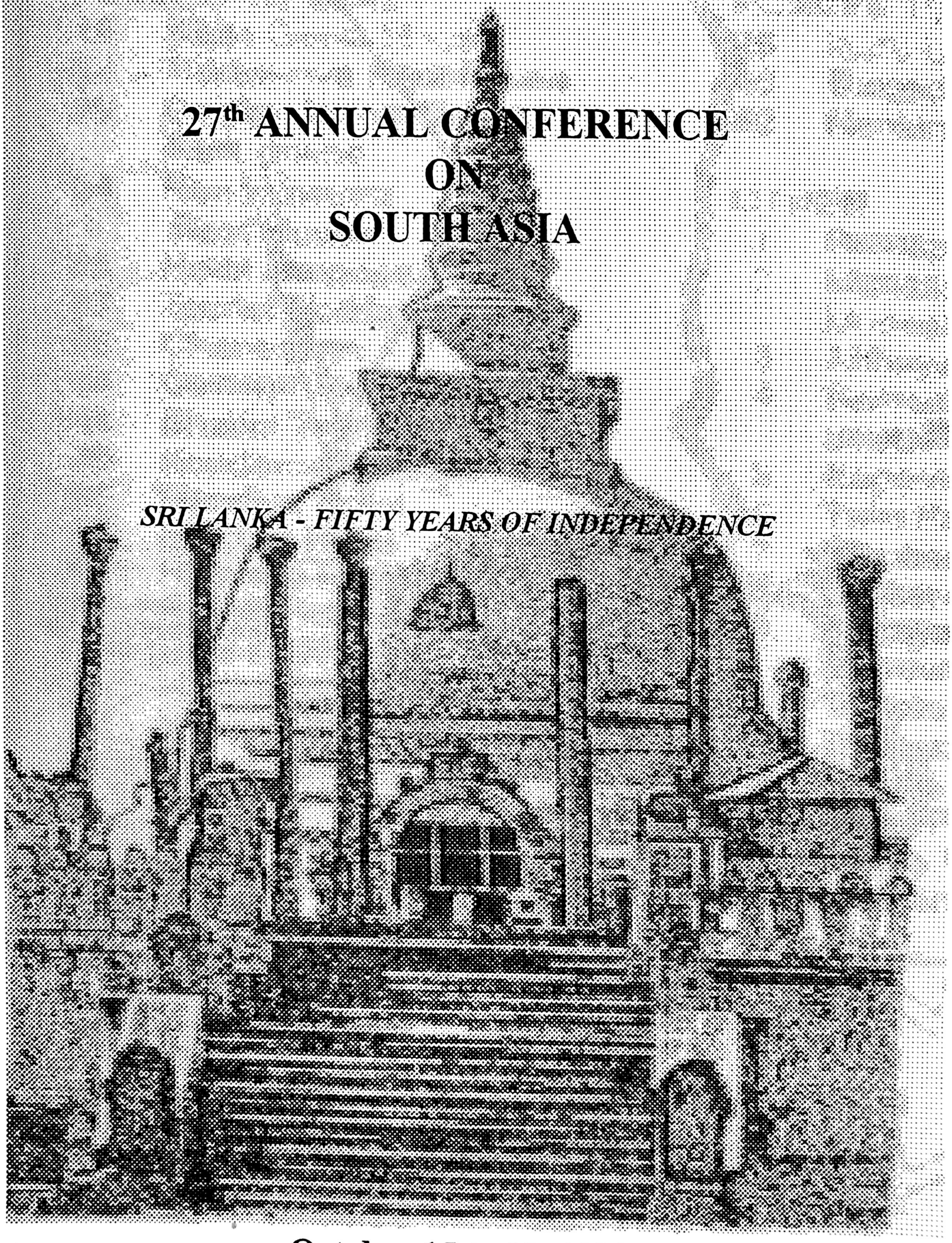

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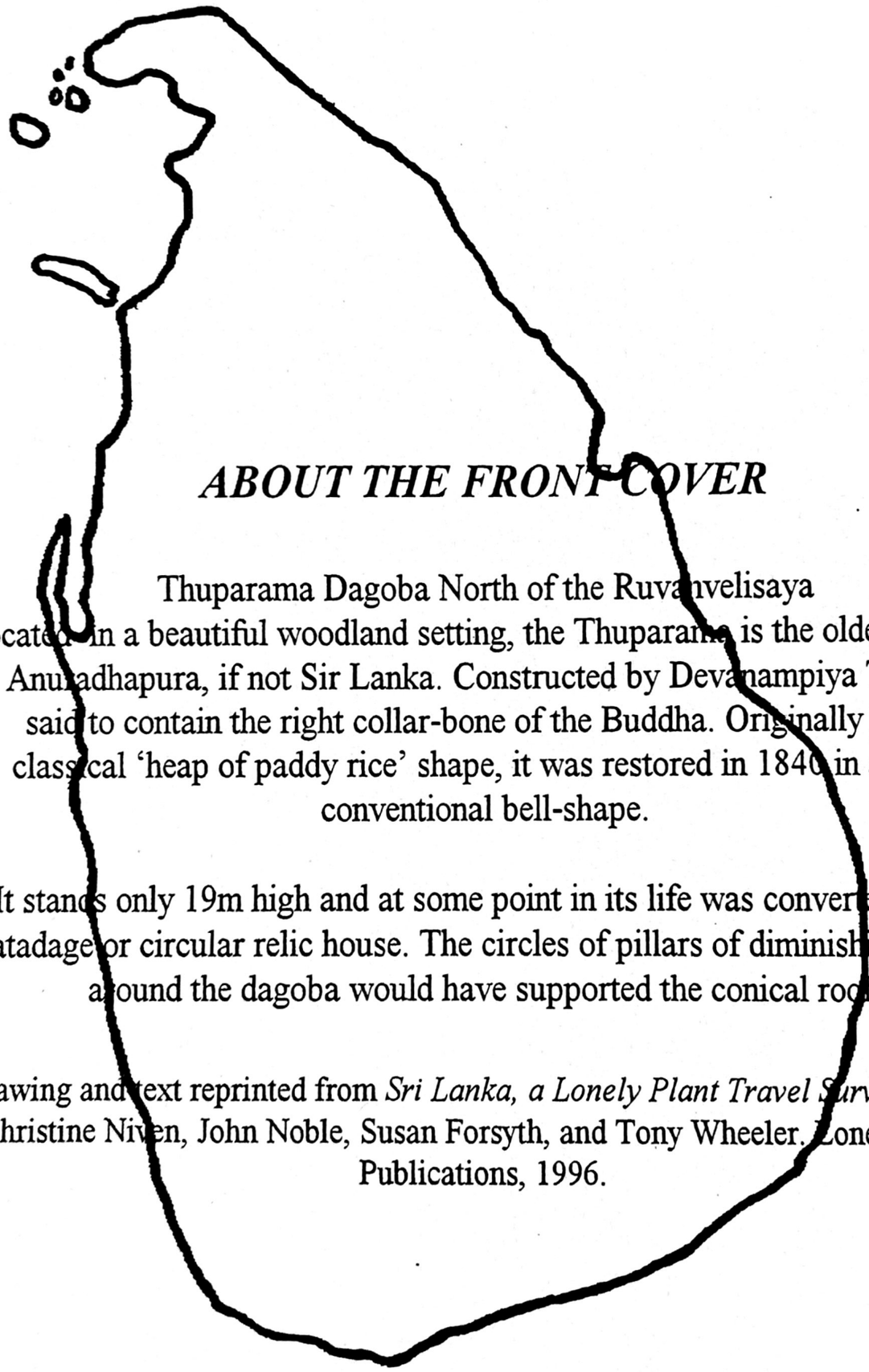
**October 15 to 18, 1998**
**Madison, Wisconsin**



## *ABOUT THE FRONT COVER*

Thuparama Dagoba North of the Ruvanvelisaya
Located in a beautiful woodland setting, the Thuparama is the oldest dagoba in Anuradhapura, if not Sir Lanka. Constructed by Devanampiya Tissa, it's said to contain the right collar-bone of the Buddha. Originally in the classical 'heap of paddy rice' shape, it was restored in 1840 in a more conventional bell-shape.

It stands only 19m high and at some point in its life was converted into a vatadage or circular relic house. The circles of pillars of diminishing height around the dagoba would have supported the conical roof.

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# Schedule of Events

**Thursday, October 15**

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| 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. | The Present and Future of Indus Valley Archaeology |
| 8:00 p.m. | Illuminations: Women Encountering the Divine, Performance pieces, Helmsley Theater |

**Friday, October 16**

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| 9:00-11:00 a.m. | Panel Session I |
| 9:00 a.m.-6:45 p.m. | Chingari VIDEOFEST - Play Circle, Memorial Union |
| 11:00 a.m.-1:15 p.m. | Lunch Break |
| 1:15-3:00 p.m. | Panel Session II |
| 3:00-3:15 p.m. | Break - Main Lounge, Lowell Center and the Paul Bunyan Room, Memorial Union |
| 3:15-5:00 p.m. | Panel Session III |
| 5:00-6:00 p.m. | Social Hour/Cash Bar - Elvehjem Museum of Art |
| 6:00-7:00 p.m. | All Conference Dinner - Dining Room, Lowell Center |
| 7:00-7:45 p.m. | Keynote Address: R.A.L.H. Gunawardana, University of Peradeniya - Dining Room, Lowell Center |
| 8:00 p.m. | Illuminations: Women Encountering the Divine, Performance pieces, Helmsley Theater |

**Saturday, October 17**

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| 8:15-10:00 a.m. | Panel Sessions IV |
| 9:00 a.m.-5:45 p.m. | Chingari VIDEOFEST - Play Circle, Memorial Union |
| 10:00-10:15 a.m. | Break - Main Lounge, Lowell Center and the Paul Bunyan Room, Memorial Union |
| 10:15 a.m.-Noon | Panel Session V |
| Noon-1:15 p.m. | All Conference Luncheon - Dining Room, Lowell Center |
| 1:15-3:00 p.m. | Panel Session VI |
| 3:00-3:15 p.m. | Break - Main Lounge, Lowell Center and the Paul Bunyan Room, Memorial Union |
| 3:15-5:00 p.m. | Plenary Session - Lowell Center, Dining Room |
| 5:00-7:00 p.m. | Rajasthan Studies Roundtable; Komal Kothari |

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|---|---|
| 5:00-6:30 p.m. | Social Hour/Cash Bar - Main Lounge, Lowell Center |
| 8:00 p.m. | Illuminations: Women Encountering the Divine, Performance pieces, Helmsley Theater |

**Sunday, October 18**

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|---|---|
| 8:00 a.m. | Social Hour/Continental Breakfast - Main Lounge, Lowell Center |
| 9:00-10:00 a.m. | Poetry Reading and Commentary, Vijay Seshadri, *The New Yorker*, 118 Lowell Center |
| 10:00-10:15 a.m. | Break - Main Lounge, Lowell Center |
| 10:15-Noon | Panel Session VII |
| Noon | Conference Adjournment |

## Conference Information

*Please Note*: A Copy of the Program Book is provided with each paid registration. Remember to bring it with you to the Conference. Replacement programs are $5.00.

Conference Registration: All participants and attendees are expected to register, including students.

The pre-registration rate for panelists is $75 ($25 for students). The same rate applies to participants who register in advance before September 1. Registration rates after that date and at the door are $80 for regular registration and $30 for students. Conference materials are available at the registration desk in the main lounge are of Lowell Center.

**Abstracts:** "Abstracts of Papers Presented at the 27th Annual Conference on South Asia" is available for $10.00 in the Conference Office, Room 115, Lowell Center.

**Location of Panels:** Panels are presented in both Lowell Center and the Memorial Union. For panels scheduled in the Memorial Union be sure to check the **Today in The Union Board** located to the right of the front stairway to confirm locations.

**Conference Office:** The Conference office is located in Room 115, Lowell Center. The office will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Sunday.

**Message Board:** A message board is available near the registration desk at Lowell Center throughout the Conference.

**All-Conference Meals:** Tickets for the All-Conference Dinner and Lunch were made available with pre-registration.

**Shuttle Service:** A shuttle is provided between the Friederich Center and Lowell Center at key times. Check the Conference Office at Lowell Center or the main desk at the Friederick Center for departure times.

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**Video-Tapes:** Preview the UW Center for South Asia's new videos. Video tapes will be available for viewing in room 116, Lowell Center for the duration of the conference. They may be checked out at the Conference Office, 115 Lowell Center.

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## Association Meetings

Thursday, October 15
**CONSALD** 7:00 - 9:00pm Lower Lounge, Lowell Center
**Title VI Directors** 8:00 p.m. Room 118 Lowell Hall

Saturday, October 17
**AISLS** 6:00 - 7:30pm Room B1A Lowell Hall

## *Thursday, October 15*
## *9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.*

*Room 118, The Lowell Center*

### The Present and Future of Indus Valley Archaeology, I

**The Dynamics of the Rise and Fall of Harappan Civilization**
Farzan Ali Durrani, Peshawar University, Pakistan

**Early Harappan Phase in Saurashtra with Special Reverence to Padri and its Contribution to the Development of the Mature Phase of Harappan Culture**
Vasant S. Shinde, Deccan College, India

**Pre and Proto-Historic Profile of the Salt Range: Result of Recent Explorations**
Saifur Rahman Dar, Lahore Museum, Pakistan

**In Quest of New Cultural Horizons in the Gomal Plain**
Shabaz Khan, Punjab Department of Archaeology, Pakistan

**New Evidence for the Origin of Harappan Civilization: Excavations at Jhandi Babur I and II**
Ihsan Ali Khan, Peshawar University, Pakistan

## *1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

*Room 118, The Lowell Center*

### The Present and Future of Indus Valley Archaeology, II

**Impact of the Indus Civilization on the Chalcolithic Cultures of India, with special reference to the Mewar Region of Rajasthan**
V. N. Misra and V. S. Shinde, Deccan College, India

**Recently Discovered Site of Bhando Kubo**
Nilofer Shaikh, Khairpur University, Pakistan

**On the Results of Recent Archaeobotanical Investigations with Reference to Harappan Sites in Rann of Kutch and Saurashtra Penninsula, Western India**
Mukund D. Kajale, Deccan College, India

**Do the "Sorath Harappan" Sites in Kathiawad Represent a Local Chalcolithic Culture?**
Supriya Varma, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

## *Thursday, October 15*
## *3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

*Room 118, The Lowell Center*

**The Present and Future of Indus Valley Archaeology, III**

**Archaeological Problems with Specialization**
Jaya Menon, M. S. University, India

**How do we Assess the Significance of the Harappan External Trade?**
Shereen Ratnagar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

**Sailing on a Dhow from Gujarat to the Persian Gulf**
Lajwanti Shahani, Deccan College, India

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## *Dance Performance*
## *Thursday, October 15*

### *8:00 pm*

### *Hemsley Theater*

*"Illuminations: Women Encountering the Divine"*

Performance pieces featuring
**Gitanjali Kolanand**
Bharatanatyam dancer

and
**Deborah Procter**
performance artist/actress.

## *Friday, October 16*
## *9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.*

*Beefeaters Room, Memorial Union*

### Roundtable: What's Marx(ism) Got to Do with It? A Roundtable Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Communist Manifesto

Chair: S. Shankar, Rutgers University

Srimati Basu, DePauw University
Purnima Bose, Indiana University
Chandana Mathur, New School for Social Research
Vijay Prashad, Trinity College

*Capitol View Room, Memorial Union*

### Media, Modernity, and Tradition: Re-presenting Indian Representations of India

Chair: Shanti Kumar, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Beauty Pageants as a Discourse of Globalization**
Radhika Parameswaran, Indiana University-Bloomington

**"Made in India:" Music, Television, and Global Youth Culture**
Shanti Kumar, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Tradition and Modernity in Bombay Cinema: Through a Cognitive Lens**
Pradeep Sopory, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Mediating the Boundaries of Medical Identity: Indian Feminists and Pathological Representations of Purdah in Colonial India**
Maneesha Lal, University of Wisconsin-Madison

## *Friday, October 16*
## *9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.*

*Inn Wisconsin West Room, Memorial Union*

### Social Contexts of Writing in South Asia: Interdisciplinary Approaches

Chair: Robert Simpkins, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Text as Talisman in Tibetan Cultural Regions**
Katherine Anne Paul, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Comparative Graffitology of Buddhist Inscriptions**
Jason Neelis, University of Washington

**Social Contexts and Social Perceptions of Books as Seen in South Asian Art**
Robert Simpkins, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussant: Richard Salomon, University of Washington

*Inn Wisconsin East Room, Memorial Union*

### Emerging Identities in Sri Lanka: Nationality, Religion, and Violence, I

Chair: Michele R. Gamburd, Portland State University

**Linking Self and Social Structure: A Psychological Perspective on Sinhalese Social Identity**
Mark A. Freeman, Drew University

**Hell in a Faraway Place: Human Rights Abuses in Batticaloa, Sri Lanka**
Robert C. Oberst, Nebraska Wesleyan University

**Transforming the Feminine Body through the Violence of War: Conversations with Tamil Women in Jaffna**
Yamuna Sangarasivam, Syracuse University

**Violence and the Transformation of Masculinity, Motherhood, and National Identity**
Michele R. Gamburd, Portland State University

## *Friday, October 16*
## *9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.*

*Lower Lounge, The Lowell Center*

### Siting Sita: Contested Images of the *Ramayana's* Heroine, I

Chair: Mary McGee, Columbia University

**Curating Sita**
Anne Murphy and Shana Sippy, Columbia University

**Relocating Ramarajya: Perspectives on Sita's Kitchen in Ayodhya**
Phyllis Herman, California State University, Northridge

**Rejecting Sita: Indians Respond to the Ideal Man's Cruel Treatment of his Ideal Wife**
Linda Hess, University of California at Davis

Discussant: Robert Goldman, University of California - Berkeley

*Old Madison West Room, Memorial Union*

### Nepal Bhasa and Newa Culture

Chair: Mohan N. Shrestha, Bowling Green State University

**Nepal Bhasa (the Language of Newars): Possibilities and Limitations**
Uma Shrestha, Western Oregon University

**Linguistic and Cultural Issues in Translating Nepal Bhasa (Newari) Literature**
David Hargreaves, Western Oregon University

**Vasudhara, the Buddhist Goddess of Wealth**
Gautama Vajracharya, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**The Social Ramifications of Marrying the God Narayan**
Gregory Price Grieve, University of Chicago

## *Friday, October 16*
## *9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.*

*Old Madison East Room, Memorial Union*

### Identifying Ladakh: People, Practices, Politics

Chair: Martijn van Beek, Aarhus University

**The Politics of Hill Council in a Marginal Place**
Kim Gutschow, Harvard University

**A Uniquely Marginal Place: Relocating Ladakh**
Martijn van Beek, Aarhus University

**Controversies Surrounding Shia Self-Mortification Practices in Leh Township, Ladakh**
David Pinault, Santa Clara University

**Searching for Ladakh on the World Wide Web: The GIGO Principle and Gossip from the Electronic Bazaar**
Michael J. Khoo, University of Colorado at Boulder

*Profile Room, Memorial Union*

### Economic, Urban, and Physical Geographical Patterns in South Asia

Chair: P. P. Karan, University of Kentucky-Lexington

**New Economic Policy and Foreign Direct Investments in India**
Jayati Ghosh, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

**Availability of Some Urban Services in Ludhiana: An Emerging Millionaire City in Punjab, India**
Satish K. Davgun, Bemidji State University

**Geographic Patterns of Japanese Investments in South Asia**
Todd Stradford, University of Wisconsin-Platteville

**Patterns of the Daily Summer Monsoon Rainfall: Events at Three Selected Stations in Bangladesh**
Rafique Ahmed, University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse

**Architectural Variation in the Ranked Dairies of the Toda Inhabiting the Nilgiris of Southern India**
William Noble, University of Missouri, Columbia

## *Friday, October 16*
## *9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.*

*Reception Room, Memorial Union*

### "Desis Represent:" Contests of Gender, Style, and Nation in Diasporic South Asian Youth Cultures

Chair: Sunaina Maira, Harvard University

**South Asian Youth Culture: Identity, Gender, and Community**
Shalini Shankar, New York University

**Gendered Belonging: Diaspora, Community and Sexual Behavior**
Linta Varghese, University of Texas at Austin

**Ethnic Yearnings: Second-Generation Indian Americans in New York City**
Sunaina Maira, Harvard University

Discussant: Kirin Narayan, University of Wisconsin-Madison

*Room 118, The Lowell Center*

### The Present and Future of Indus Valley Archaeology IV

**A Fresh Study Into the Urban Planning of the Harappans in the Light of Recent Excavations**
R. S. Bisht, Archaeological Survey of India

**Moenjodaro-The Metropolitan City of the Indus Civilization: Site Development**
Saeed-ur-Rehman, Archaeology and Museums, Pakistan

**Expansion and Contraction-Phenomena of an Urban Formation Process**
Michael Jansen, RWTH-Aachen, Germany

**Radiocarbon Dates and the Sites of Harappa and Mehrgarh**
Richard H. Meadow, Harvard University

**City and Countryside in the Upper Indus Valley**
Rita P. Wright, New York University

## *Friday, October 16*
## *9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.*

*Room B1A, The Lowell Center*

### Re-presenting Categories of Indian Modernity

Chair: Ronald Inden, University of Chicago

**The Anomalous Position of Bengal in Modern Indian Historiography**
Andrew Sartori, University of Chicago

**The Imagination of the "Local:" A Study of Provincial Museums in 20th Century Bengal**
Rochona Majumdar, University of Chicago

**Configuring Science in 19th Century India**
Nikhil Rao, University of Chicago

**The Discursive Practice of 'Freedom' in Colonial India: A Genealogy**
Mithi Mukherjee, University of Chicago

*Rountable North Room, Memorial Union*

### Institutional Breakdowns

Chair: Ashkant Nimbark, Dowling College

**Unofficial Local Civil Wars in India: A Study of Private Caste Armies and Rural Unrest in Bihar, a North Indian State**
Ashwani Kumar, University of Oklahoma

**Institutional Breakdown, Tamil Secession, and the Plausibility for Conflict Resolution: The Case of Sri Lanka**
Neil DeVotta, University of Texas at Austin

**The Role of Political Institutions in Economic Governance: Federalism and Center-State Relations in India**
Aseema Sinha, Cornell University

**BJP Government Watch: A Report Card**
S. P. Udayakumar, University of Minnesota

## *Friday, October 16*
## *9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.*

*Rountable South Room, Memorial Union*

### Going Against the Grain: Resisting and Refashioning Gender Imperatives in Sri Lanka

Chair: Jeanne Marecek, Swarthmore College

**Militant Comrades and Innocent Young Women: Negotiation of Identity among Free Trade Zone Women Workers of Sri Lanka**
Sandya Hewamanne, University of Texas at Austin

**A Matter of Life and Death: Women's Suicide as Gendered Protest in Sri Lanka**
Jeanne Marecek, Swarthmore College

**Co-opting Old Networks for New Businesses: Women Entrepreneurs in Sri Lanka**
Manjari Wijenaike, Boston University

**Nationalism and Feminism: The Case of Eelam (Tamil Sri Lanka)**
Jeyanthy Siva, University of California at Berkeley

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## Lunch

## Friday, October 16
## 11:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
## On Your Own

## *Friday, October 16*
## *1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

*Beefeaters Room, Memorial Union*

### Gender, Ethnicity, and Civil Society in Afghanistan: Taliban Public Policy and the Afghan State

Chair: Charles H. Kennedy, Wake Forest University

**War, Ethnicity, and the State in Afghanistan**
Rasul Bakhsh Rais, Quaid Azam University
**State Identity and Civil Society in Taliban-Controlled Afghanistan**
Megan Reif, Wake Forest University
**The Position of Women in Afghanistan**
Devendra Sharma, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Discussant: Robert Wirsing, University of South Carolina

*Capitol View Room, Memorial Union*

### Culture and Economy: Contemporary Criticisms in South Asia

Chair: Roby Rajan, University of Wisconsin-Parkside

**The Future of Criticism in India**
Vinay Lal, University of California-Los Angeles
**Toward Politics Beyond Ressentiment**
Shankar Ramaswami, University of Chicago
**Economics of Remembrance**
Roby Rajan, University of Wisconsin-Parkside
**Lines of Ascent in India Criticism**
Anil Lal, Roosevelt University

## *Friday, October 16*
## *1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

*Inn Wisconsin East Room, Memorial Union*

### Emerging Identities in Sri Lanka: Nationality, Religion, and Violence, II

Chair: Mark P. Whitaker, University of South Carolina-Aiken

**Stamp Acts: Philatelic Self-Representation in Ceylon and Sri Lanka**
Jonathan S. Walters, Whitman College

**Decolonizing Colombo: The Survival of the Colonial Landscape**
Nihal Perera, Ball State University

**Art and Identity**
H. L. Seneviratne, University of Virginia-Charlotte

**Tamil Intellectuals, Western Academia and Political Activism**
Mark P. Whitaker, University of South Carolina-Aiken

## *Friday, October 16*
## *1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

*Inn Wisconsin West Room, Memorial Union*

### Insights into Tibetan Diaspora: Community and Conflict

Chair: Susan Leanne Gartzke, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Death, Dying, and Diaspora: Tibetan Refugees in Chicago**
Jennifer Marie Chertow, Stanford University

**When Worlds Collide: Watching the West Enter Tibetan History**
Paul Donnelly, Northern Arizona University

**Lo-gsar: Ritual Preservation and Modification in the Tibetan Diaspora in Madison**
Susan Leanne Gartzke, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussant: Katherine Anne Paul, University of Wisconsin-Madison

*Lower Lounge, The Lowell Center*

### Mapping Post-Coloniality in Fiction and Film

Chair: Josna Rege, Dartmouth College

**Mutations in Migration: Salman Rushdie's *Satanic Verses***
Nalin Jayasena, University of California-Riverside

**Exile as Castration in *Mississippi Masala***
Stefanie Dunning, University of California, Riverside

***The Shadow Lines*: Erasing Hegemonies**
Sukanaya Banerjee, University of California, Riverside

**Making Life Possible: The Principles and Pragmatics of Women's Locations**
Josna E. Rege, Dartmouth College

## *Friday, October 16*
## *1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

*Old Madison East Room, Memorial Union*

### Dalit Discourses of Emancipation in India

Chair: Rahul Deepanker, University of Chicago

**Globalization vs. Dalits: A Cultural Interpretation**
K. P. Singh, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**"Our Culture is being Destroyed:" Dalit Buddhist Nationalism**
Owen M. Lynch, New York University

**Who Will Write Our History?**
Peter Gottschalk, Southwestern University

Discussant: Eleanor Zelliot, Carleton College

*Old Madison West Room, Memorial Union*

### South Asian Women's Narrativity: Describing the Diaspora

Chair: Nalini Lamba Nieves, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Narratives of Diasporic South Asian Feminism**
Anupama Jain, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Historicizing Early 20th Century European and Late 20th Century South Asian Narratives**
Kulvinder Arora, University of California, San Diego

**Questioning Community: First and Second Generation South Asian Women Write Identity**
Nalini Lamba Nieves, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**The Politics of Arrival: Bharati Mukherjee and Chitra Divalaruni**
Shailja Sharma, DePaul University

## *Friday, October 16*
## *1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

*Profile Room, Memorial Union*

### Recent Research in the Himalayas

Chair: John J. Metz, Northern Kentucky University

**Mountain Madness: The 1930's Nazi Expeditions to the Himalaya**
Nigel J. R. Allan, University of California, Davis

**Palaces, Politics and the Contemporary Urban Fabric in the Kathmandu Valley**
Cory Saft, University of Oregon

**Coping with Changes in Population and in Forest Resources: Institutional Mediation in the Middle Hills of Nepal**
George Varughese, Indiana University

**Institutional Opportunities and Constraints in the Performance of Farmer-Managed Irrigation Systems in Nepal**
Neeraj N. Joshi, Indiana University

*Reception Room, Memorial Union*

### Translating Cultures, Translating Selves: Critical Issues in Representing South Asian Experience

Chair: Geeta Patel, Wellesley College

**The Story that Comes After**
Kamala Visweswaran, University of Texas at Austin

**A New Breeze: Questions on Region, Representation, and Postcoloniality**
Ravina Aggarwal, Smith College

**The Didactic: A Continuous Challenge in Translating from Urdu**
Agha Shahid Ali, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Discussant: Piya Chatterjee, University of California-Riverside

## *Friday, October 16*
## *1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

*Room 118, The Lowell Center*

### The Present and Future of Indus Valley Archaeology, V

**Tracing the Origins of Indus Writing, Craft Specialization, and Hierarchical Socio-Economic Organization: The Ravi and Kot Diji Phases at Harappa**
J. M. Kenoyer, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**The Language of the Indus Civilization and the Prehistoric Settlement of South Asia**
Michael Witzel, Harvard University

**Southeastern Baluchistan During the Early 3rd Millennium BC**
Ute Franke-Vogt, Institute of Near Eastern Archaeology, Germany

**Dhera and the "Zhob" Culture in the Punjab**
Mohammad Siddique, Department of Archaeology, Government of Pakistan

*Room B1A, The Lowell Center*

### Spectacle and the Staging of "Woman" in 19th and 20th Century Theatres of South Asia

Chair: Kathryn Hansen, Columbia University

**Space and Spectacle: Gender and Visual Configuration in the 19th Century Bengali Public Theatre**
Rimli Bhattacharya, University of Baroda

**Setting the Stage: Gendering the Nation in the Theatre of John de Silva**
Neloufer de Mel, University of Colombo

**On the Side of Draupadi: Teejan Bai's *Dushashana Vadh***
Sameera Iyengar, University of Chicago

**Women's Parts: Female Impersonators in the Parsi Theatre**
Kathryn Hansen, Columbia University

## *Friday, October 16*
## *1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

*Rountable South Room, Memorial Union*

### Down Memory Lane: Constructing the Colonial Family using Law, Personal Narrative, and Photographs

Chair: Geraldine Forbes, SUNY-Oswego

**Remembering and Writing the Subaltern: Reminiscences of Domestics in Middle-Class Writings of Colonial Calcutta**
Swapna Banerjee, University of Florida, Gainesville

**To Honor and Obey: Indian Christian Companionate Marriage**
Eliza F. Kent, University of Chicago

**On Bigamy, Divorce, and Inter-Caste Marriage: Some Questions Regarding the Place of "Law"**
Anupama Rao, University of Michigan

**Family Photographs and Feminist Outrage: The Dynamics of Memory**
Geraldine Forbes, SUNY-Oswego

*Rountable North Room, Memorial Union*

### Textual Dating: Old Assumptions, New Reconsiderations

Chair: Edwin Bryant, Harvard University

**Dating the *Mahabharata***
Alf Hiltebeitel, The George Washington University

**Astrochronology: Dating the Vedic Texts**
Edwin Bryant, Harvard University

**Dating the *Bhagavadgita* : What is the Evidence for Such an Enterprise?**
Robert N. Minor, University of Kansas

**Dating the *Bhagavata Purana***
Dennis Hudson, Smith College

***Break***
***Friday, October 16***
***3:00 to 3:15 p.m.***
***Main Lounge, Lowell Center and Memorial Union***

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***Friday, October 16***
***3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.***

*Capitol View Room, Memorial Union*

## Crossing Cultures: Early British-Indian "Inter-Racial" Identities and Relationships

Chair: Durba Ghosh, University of California at Berkeley

**Changing Names and Converted Subjects: Her Highness, the Begum Joanna Nobilis Zeb-un-nissa Samru of Sardhana**
Durba Ghosh, University of California at Berkeley

**Henry Vivian Louis Derozio: From Above Caste, to "Half-Caste," to Out Caste**
Amanda Hamilton, University of Chicago

**"Inter-Racial" Sexual Relationships in 19th Century India and England: Women and Dyce Sombre**
Michael H. Fisher, Oberlin College

## *Friday, October 16*
## *3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

*Inn Wisconsin East Room, Memorial Union*

### Emerging Identities in Sri Lanka: Nationality, Religion, and Violence, III

Chair: Tessa Bartholomeusz, Florida State University

**Dharma Warriors: Buddhist 'Just-War Thinkers' in Sri Lanka**
Tessa Bartholomeusz, Florida State University

**Kali Before the Eelam War: Celebration of a Sri Lankan Tamil Goddess Festival in the 1970's**
Dennis McGilvray, University of Colorado-Boulder

**Kali in a Landscape of War: Responses to Social and Political Violence at a Tamil Goddess Temple**
Patricia Lawrence, University of Colorado-Boulder

Discussant: E. Valentine Daniel, Columbia University

*Inn Wisconsin West Room, Memorial Union*

### Buddhism in a Comparative Perspective

Chair: Stuart Sarbacker, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**The Bodhisattva's *Samadhi*: Meditation and Tradition**
Stuart Sarbacker, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Karma Kagyu: American Buddhism in Comparison**
Indira Y. Junghare, University of Minnesota

**Interpreting Competing Views: An Examination of the Gelugpa School of Tibetan Buddhism and Its Representation of Santaraksita and Late Developments in Indian Buddhist Doctrine**
James Blumenthal, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussant: Paul Donnelly, Northern Arizona University

## *Friday, October 16*
## *3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

*Lower Lounge, The Lowell Center*

### The Politics of Difference in the Himalayan Region

Chair: Susan Hangen, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Liberal Narratives in the Himalayas**
Selma K. Sonntag, Humboldt State University

**Shopping for Legitimacy: Environment, Inigenousness, and the Hill People of Uttar Pradesh**
Dave Stuligross, University of California at Berkeley

**Nepali Nation-State in the Era of "Tribalism"**
Pramond Mishra, Duke University

**Making Mongols in a National and Transnational Context: The Politics of Difference in Eastern Nepal**
Susan Hangen, University of Wisconsin-Madison

*Old Madison East Room, Memorial Union*

### Anxiety, Sexual Speech, and Censorship in 20th Century India

Chair: Ruth Vanita, University of Montana

**Pleasure as Perverse, Procreation as Pure: 20th Century Indian Approaches to the *Kamasutra***
Ruth Vanita, University of Montana

**The Troubled Existence of Sex and Sexuality: Feminists Engage with Censorship**
Shohini Ghosh, Jamia Milia Islamia University, India

**The Place of Artistic Vision in Postcolonial Times: In Defense of Arundhati Roy**
Sonya Jones, Allegheny College

Discussant: Carla Petievich, Montclair State University

## *Friday, October 16*
## *3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

*Old Madison West Room, Memorial Union*

### The Interrogation of Contemporary Politics and Ethics in South Asian Literature

Chair: Anupama Jain, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Khushwant Singh: Sex/Politics**
Amardeep Singh, Duke University

**Remembering Indira's India: The Indian Emergency in Rohinton Mistry's Novels**
Nalini Iyer, Seattle University

**"Subaltern Envy" and Ethics in Salman Rushdie's *The Moor's Last Sigh***
Samir Dayal, Bentley College

Discussant: Asha Sen, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

## *Friday, October 16*
## *3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

*Profile Room, Memorial Union*

### The Legitimacy of Liberalization in India

Chair: Ismail Shariff, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

**The Political Economy of Trade and Financial Liberalization in India**
Rahul Mukherji, Columbia University

**Rhetoric and Restructuring: Legitimating Industrial Change in South-Central Mumbai, India**
Harini Narayanan, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**The Market Subject?: The Identity of the Telecommunications Worker in the Context of Liberalization in India**
Paula Chakravartty, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Global Competition, the Indian Media Industry, and Identity Formation**
Anshu N. Chatterjee, University of California at Berkeley

*Reception Room, Memorial Union*

### Bringing Hindu Scriptures to American Students

Chair: Paul Mundschenk, Western Illinois University

**Introducing the *Vedas* to a New Generation**
Wendall Charles Beane, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

**Understanding the *Upanishads*: Creating a Comparative Context**
Boyd H. Wilson, Hope College

**Krishna in The Classroom: The Real Battle of the *Bhagavad Gita***
Paul Mundschenk, Western Illinois University

Discussant: Ishwar Harris, College of Wooster

## *Friday, October 16*
## *3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

*Room B1A, The Lowell Center*

### Food Fights and Feasts, Framing Identities through Food

Chair: C. E. Naim, University of Chicago

**A Gastro-economy of Indian Regions**
Krishnendu Ray, Culinary Institute of America

**Food Fights: Polemical Literature and Culinary Injunctions**
Katherine Eirene Ulrich, University of Chicago

**A Feast for the Mind: Food Images in the Poetry of Sukumar Ray**
Emily Bloch, University of Chicago

**Reading and Devouring: The Gastropoetics of Madhur Jaffrey**
Parama Roy, University of California, Riverside

*Room 118, The Lowell Center*

### The Present and Future of Indus Valley Archaeology VI

**The "Harappanization" of Saurasthra in Gujarat, India: Some Questions**
Frank Herman, Laboratorium voor Prehistorie, Belgium

**A Preliminary Ethnoarchaeological Study of Pastoralism in Gujarat, India**
Kuldeep K. Bhan, M. S. University, India

**From Loteshwar to Dholavira: The Development of Pastoralism in North Gujarat and Kutch**
Ajita Patel, M. S. University India and Harvard University

**Tilling the Land of Moving the Herds: An Ethnoarchaeological Approach to the Changing Landscapes of the Late Harappan in Gujarat, India**
Seetha N. Reddy, University of California-San Diego

## *Friday, October 16*
## *3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

*Rountable North Room, Memorial Union*

### Kannada Literature and Modernity

Chair: Nalini Natarajan, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras

**Gender, Caste and Modernity in *Samskara***
Nalini Natarajan, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras

**From Druvasapura to Oberlin: The Reception of SAMSKARA in a Small Midwestern Liberal Arts College**
Paula Richman, Oberlin College

**Secular Nationhood and the Reflexive Critique of Hinduism: Girish Karnad's *Tale-Danda***
Aparna Dharwadker, University of Oklahoma

Discussant: Leela Prasad, Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies

*Rountable South Room, Memorial Union*

### Rethinking Charity and Philanthropy in Modern India

Chair: Eliza Kent, University of Chicago

**Philanthropy as Public Culture: Merchants and Temple-Building in India**
Anne Hardgrove, University of Michigan

**Competing Empathies, Competing Charities in 19th Century India**
John R. McLane, Northwestern University

**Idioms of Benevolence: The Expression of Philanthropy in Colonia Bengal**
Brian Hatcher, Illinois Wesleyan University

Discussant: Douglas Haynes, Dartmouth College

***Social Hour/Cash Bar***
***Exhibition Tour***
***Friday, October 16***
***5:00 to 6:00 p.m.***
***Elvehjem Museum of Art***

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***All Conference Dinner***
***Friday, October 16***
***6:00 to 7:00 p.m.***
***Dining Room, Lowell Center***

***Pre-purchased dinner tickets only. Tickets will be collected as you enter the Dining Room. Wine service is available upon request.***

***Welcome and introductory remarks by***

***Usha Nilsson***
***University of Wisconsin-Madison***
***Conference Chair***

## *Keynote Address*

***Friday, October 16***
***7:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.***
***Dining Room, Lowell Center***

***R.A.L.H. Gunawardana***
Vice-Chancellor
Professor of History
University of Peradeniya
Sri Lanka

***Everyone Welcome***

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## *Dance Performance*
## *Friday, October 16*

***8:00 pm***

***Hemsley Theater***

*"Illuminations: Women Encountering the Divine"*

Performance pieces featuring
**Gitanjali Kolanand**
Bharatanatyam dancer

and
**Deborah Procter**
performance artist/actress.

## *Saturday, October 17*
## *8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.*

*Beefeaters Room, Memorial Union*

### Constructing Identities in India's Regions

Chair: Joyce Burkhalter Flueckiger, Emory University

**Localities of Festival, Identities of the "Local:" Shifting Loci of "Belonging" in Sringeri, Karnataka**
Leela Prasad, University of Pennsylvania

**Religious Geography and Regional Consciousness in Maharashtra**
Anne Feldhaus, Arizona State University

**Terukkuttu Goes Green**
David Rudner, Tufts University

**The Civic and the Ethnic in National Time and Space: Assam in the Music of Bhupen Hazarika**
Sanjib Baruah, Bard College

*Capitol View Room, Memorial Union*

### Sri Lanka in South Asia: Comparative Perspectives in an Anniversary Year I: History Writing Since Independence

Chair: Chandra R. de Silva, Old Dominion University

**History Writing on South Asia from a Sri Lankan Perspective**
John D. Rogers, Tufts University

**Modern Indian History and the History of Modern India**
Frank F. Conlon, University of Washington

**History as Myth in the Postcolonial State**
Robert Nichols, University of Pennsylvania

Discussant: Barbara N. Ramusack, University of Cincinnati

## *Saturday, October 17*
## *8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.*

*Inn Wisconsin West Room, Memorial Union*

### Male Goddesses and Benevolent Gods

Chair: David M. Knipe, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Virashaivism Redefined: The Heroic Folk Tradition of Shiva Devotees in Pre-Modern Telugu Country**
Daniel D'Attilio, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Sants, Warriors and Bards: Sectarian Literature as a Source for the Study of Dadupanthi Nagas**
James Hastings, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Dattatreya Worship in Popular Hinduism in Coastal Andhra Pradesh**
M. V. Krishnayya, Andhra University, India

**The Cult of Hariti**
Sree Padma, Bowdoin College

*Lower Lounge, The Lowell Center*

### Balancing the Two Worlds: Construction of the Indian Diasporic Identity in the U. S.

Chair: Rajeshwari Pandharipande, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**The Sacred Landscape of Hindu Temples: A Marker of Indian Diasporic Identity in the U. S.**
Bharat Mehra, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Bharatanatyam: An Artistic Tool for the Construction of Indian Cultural Identity in the U. S.**
Kalpa V. Raman, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**"Ritualizing" the Grammar of Culture: Indian Diasporic Identity in the U. S.**
Rajeshwari Pandharipande, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

## *Saturday, October 17*
## *8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.*

*Old Madison East Room, Memorial Union*

### Material Conditions for Literary History in Modern South Asia

Chair: Henry Schwartz, Georgetown University

**Mentalities on the Margins: The Telugu Book in a Colonial Province**
Pillarisetti Sudhir, American Historical Association

**Old Norms in New Bottles: Constructions of Gender and Ethnicity in the Early Tamil Novel**
Sita Raman, Santa Clara University

**Is There a Literary History of Modern Bengal?**
Henry Schwarz, Georgetown University

**Colonial Literature, Publicity, and Emerging Cultural and Political Discourses**
Veena Naregal, School of Oriental and African Studies

*Old Madison West Room, Memorial Union*

### New Approaches to Study the Problem of Child Labor in India

Chair: Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai'i

**Street Children and Liberalization: A Paradox of Inequality in India**
Dinesh Kumar Giroh, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

**Heating Glass on the Oven: A Plight of Child Labor in Shikohabad**
Raj Kumar Sharma, Jawaharal Nehru University, India

**Child Labor Among the SCs/STs and Others in India**
Rajeev Sharma, Jawaharalal Nehru University, India

Discussant: Rahul Mukherji, Columbia University

## *Saturday, October 17*
## *8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.*

*Reception Room, Memorial Union*

### Ethnicity, Gender and Religion: The Dynamics of Nation Building in Pakistan

Chair: Zillur R. Khan, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

**Ethnicity, Islam and the Army in Pakistan**
Hasan-Askri Rizvi, Columbia University

**Imagining the Nation: Gender, Ethnicity, and Nation Formation in Pakistan**
Farhat Haq, Monmouth College

**Bhutto's Ethnic Strategy: Conceptualizing Nation-Building and State-Formation**
Agha Saeed, California State University, Hayward

Discussant: Syed Bashir Hussain, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

*Room L150, Elvehjem Museum of Art*

### The Present and Future of Indus Valley Archaeology, VII

**Enviromental Research in the Indus Valley (Mainly Archaeobotany and Paleopalynolgy)**
Lorenzo Costantini, IsIAO, Italy

**Environmental Constraint and Cultural Choice: Changing Agricultural Strategies During the Indus Valley Civilization**
Steven A. Weber, Washington State University, Canada

**Phytolith Analysis in the Indus Valley: A Still Untapped Technique for the Understanding of Secondary Products at Harappa: Faunal Methodologies for Understanding Urban Economics**
Marco Madella, Cambridge University, England

**Secondary Products at Harrapa: Faunal Methodologies for Understanding Urban Economies**
Laura J. Miller, New York University

**Perishable Trade and Dries Fish During Third Millennium B. C. in the Greater Indus Valley Region**
Wiliam R. Belcher, Central Identification Lab, Hawaii

## *Saturday, October 17*
## *8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.*

*Room B1A, The Lowell Center*

### Ordering Deviance: Studies in Coercion and Modernity

Chair: Satadru Sen, University of Washington-Seattle

**Food Fights: Prison Diets and the Modernization of Punishment in Colonial India**
Satadru Sen, University of Washington-Seattle

**Coercion and Integration: Mechanisms of Convict Control in the Penal Settlements, c. 1800-1880**
Clare Anderson, University of Leicester, United Kingdom

**Criminal Mothers and Superstitious Fathers: The Modernization of Maternal and Child Health Care in Tamil Nadu, South India**
Cecilia Van Hollen, University of California-Berkeley

**Masking Contradictions of Modernity: Colonial Textbook Narratives**
Clare Talwalker, Duke University

*Room L130, Elvehjem Museum of Art*

### Papers in Honor of McKim Marriott, I: Transaction and Meaning Revisited: The Problem of History and Colonial and Postcolonial Transformation in South Asia

Chair: Gloria Goodwin Raheja, University of Minnesota

**History: Of the Cube, In the Cube, For the Cube**
E. Valentine Daniel, Columbia University

**"Hindu Transactions" in Colonial Spaces**
Gloria Goodwin Raheja, University of Minnesota

**The Langauge of Shoes in the Kingdom of Sawar**
Ann Grodzins Gold, Syracuse University

**The Traffic in Kidneys: Debt, Dowry, and the Visceral Economy of the Gift**
Lawrence Cohen, University of California at Berkeley

## *Saturday, October 17*
## *8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.*

*Room 118, The Lowell Center*

### Construction of National Identities

Chair: Laura Jenkins, University of Cinncinnati

**Colonial Power and the Representation of Indian Communities**
Karni Pal Bhati, University of Notre Dame

**The Malleability of the Feminine: Gender and Nationalism in Tamil Nadu**
Christine Keating, University of Washington

**Hindu Nationalism and the Official Boundaries of Religious and Caste Communities in India**
Laura Dudley Jenkins, University of Cincinnati

**Heretical Body, National Space: On Being "Sindhi" in Karachi**
Laura A. Ring, University of Chicago

*Rountable North Room, Memorial Union*

### Material Modernities: Nationalism and the Transformation of Indian Urban Space

Chair: Mary Hancock, University of California, Santa Barbara

**Inside-Out: Public Space and the Speech Culture of the Bengali Middle Class in 19th Century Calcutta**
Swati Chattopadhyay, University of California, Santa Barbara

**Domesticating Colonial Space: Gandhi Topis, Charka Flags, and the Making of National Space, 1921-1930**
Lisa N. Trivedi, University of California, Davis

**Cities of Desire**
Mary Hancock, University of California, Santa Barbara

Discussant: Richard Fox, Washington University, St. Louis

## *Saturday, October 17*
## *8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.*

*Rountable South Room, Memorial Union*

### South Asian Spirituality and Psychology in Transnational Context

Chair: Suchitra Mathur, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

**Theosophy and the Body of J. Krishnamurti: Understanding Colonial Discourses through the Double Lens of Sexuality and Spirituality**
Nayomi Munaweera, University of California, Riverside

**Seduction and Sanitation: Hindu Tantra in American Academic and Popular Landscapes**
Mark Elmore, University of Colorado, Boulder

**The Spiritual Self and Psychopathology: Psychoanalysis in South Asia**
Alan Roland, National Psychological Association for Psychoanalysis

**Modernity and Its Other: Oppositional Appropriations of "Tradition" in Indo-English Women's Writing**
Suchitra Mathur, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

*Beefeaters Room, Memorial Union*

### India's 1998 12th National Elections: Extremism or Moderation? I

Chair: Paul Wallace, University of Missouri

**India's 12th General Elections and the BJP Phenomenon**
Pramod K. Kantha, University of Missouri-Columbia

**Religious Mobilization in North India During the 12th General Elections: Perceptions of the Janus-faced Policies of the BJP**
Virginia Van Dyke, University of Washington

**The 1998 General Elections in Maharashtra: Is the Saffron Alliance on its way out?**
Sikata Banerjee, University of Lethbridge, Canada

**Conflicting Ambitions in Goa's Parliamentary Elections**
Aurthur G. Rubinoff, University of Toronto

Discussant: Lloyd Rudolph, University of Chicago

## *Break*
## *Lowell Center and Memorial Union*
## *10:00 to 10:15 a.m.*

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## *Saturday, October 17*
## *10:15 a.m. to Noon*

*Capitol View Room, Memorial Union*

### Sri Lanka in South Asia: Comparative Perspectives in an Anniversary Year, II: Anthropologists Reconsider Village Studies

Chair: Deborah Winslow, University of New Hampshire

**Development and "Village" Identity on Sri Lanka's Southeastern Frontier**
Mike Woost, Hartwick College

**Stayers and Movers, Both Part of Globalization**
Pauline Kolenda, University of Houston

**Representing the Other in a Nepali Village: Tourism, Tharus, and Village Walks**
Arjun Guneratne, Macalester College

Discussant: R. L. Stirrat, University of Sussex

*Inn Wisconsin West Room, Memorial Union*

### Text, Context, and Non-Text: Inscribing Local Orders

Chair: Sheldon Pollock, University of Chicago

**Genre, Language, and Aesthetics: Community Practices in a Jain Temple**
Steve Heim, University of Chicago

**Verses and Vision in Central Java**
Julie Gifford, University of Chicago

**Non-Texts? Words and Works of the Weak**
Bronewn Bledsoe, University of Chicago

Discussant: Sheldon Pollock, University of Chicago

## *Saturday, October 17*
## *10:15 a.m. to Noon*

*Inn Wisconsin East Room, Memorial Union*

### Women's Bodies, Women's Lives

Chair: Lynn Vincentnathan, Northeastern Illinois University

**Learning to Labor on India: The Subculture of Women Construction Workers**
Lynn Vincentnathan, Northeastern Illinois University, and George Vincentnathan, Aurora University

**Everyday Landscapes: Historical Perception and Modernity in Banarsi Women's Material Narratives**
Rachel Meyer, University of Texas at Austin

**Transexualizing Translation: Performing the Voice of the (Male as Female) Narrator in Vijai Dan Detha's Short Story, *Two Faced***
Christi Merrill, University of Iowa

**Does a Good Indian Get AIDS?: A Postcolonial-Feminist Analysis of the Gendered AIDS Body in Indian Discourse**
Sarmistha Banerjee, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

*Lower Lounge, The Lowell Center*

### Siting Sita: Contested Images of the Raymayana's Heroine, II

Chair: Mary McGee, Columbia University

**Resiting Sita: Gender and Narrative in Valmiki's *Sundarakanda***
Sally Sutherland Goldman, University of California at Berkeley

**Like Mother, Like Son: Sita and Hanuman**
Philip Lutgendorf, University of Iowa

**From Divine to Human: Sita in Women's Songs**
Usha Nilsson, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussant: V. Narayana Rao, University of Wisconsin-Madison

## *Saturday, October 17*
## *10:15 a.m. to Noon*

*Old Madison East Room, Memorial Union*

### Images of India in the West

Chair: Bruce M. Sullivan, Northern Arizona University

**Idolatry and Indology: The Asiatick Researches and India, 1789-1839**
Brian K. Pennington, Maryville College

**Identity, Images, and Icons: British Representations of India**
Rose M. Deneve, Syracuse University

**The Whale Avatar of the Hindoos in Melville's *Moby Dick***
Bruce M. Sullivan, Northern Arizona University

**India Goes West: Report on a Vedic Soma Sacrifice in London in July 1996**
Frederick M. Smith, University of Iowa

*Old Madison West Room, Memorial Union Room, Memorial Union*

### Dalits as Agents for Social and Cultural Change, I

Chair: Eleanor Zelliot, Carleton College

**Untouchables as an Internal Colony**
Gary Michael Tartakov, Iowa State University

**The Death of Comrade Moti: A Dalit Christina Memory**
Mathew N. Schmalz, The College of Holy Cross

**The Economics of Ramnam Bhajan**
Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai'i

## *Saturday, October 17*
## *10:15 a.m. to Noon*

*Profile Room, Memorial Union*

### Agrarian Institutions: Questions of History, Power, and Culture

Chair: Vinay Gidwani, University of British Columbia

**Choice or Compulsion, Consent or Conflict, Continuity or Discontinuity? A Thematic Assessment of Marginalist and Marxist Approaches to Agrarian Institutions and Agrarian Change, With Special Reference to India, Part I**
Navroz Dubash, University of California at Berkeley

**Choice or Compulsion, Consent or Conflict, Continuity or Discontinuity? A Thematic Assessment of Marginalist and Marxist Approaches to Agrarian Institutions and Agrarian Change, With Special Reference to India, Part II**
Vinay Gidwani, University of British Columbia

**Waste, Power, and Caste: Towards a Historical Ethnography of South Indian Drylands**
Anand Pandian, University of California at Berkeley

Discussant: David Ludden, University of Pennsylvania

## *Saturday, October 17*
## *10:15 a.m. to Noon*

*Reception Room, Memorial Union*

### Politics After "Nehruvianism:" Thinking Through the Effects of Markets, Media, and Migration

Chair: Arvind Rajagopal, Purdue University

**Emerging Markets and New Regimes of Value: Selling Fast-Moving Consumer Goods in India**
Arvind Rajagopal, Purdue University

**The Sexual Lives of Refugees: Legal Subjects of "American" Law, and Narratives of Punjabi Women in the U. S.**
Inderpal Grewal, San Francisco State University

**Transgressive Images: Television Censorship in the Cultural Politics of Economic Reform**
Rupal Oza, Rutgers University

Discussant: Purnima Mankekar, Stanford University

*Room 118, The Lowell Center*

### Language Learning Abroad: Maximizing the Role of the Local Environment

Chair: Surendra Gambhir, University of Pennsylvania

**Language Learning in a Study Abroad Context: A Self-Report**
Gabriela N. Ilieva, University of Minnesota

**Designing A Study Abroad Program to Incorporate Environmental Language Exposure: The UNC-JNU Semester India Program**
Afroz Taj, North Carolina State University

**Summer Intensive Language Study Abroad: Maximizing the Role of the Local Environment**
Herman H. van Olphen, University of Texas at Austin

**Cognitive Perspectives and Community Participation in Study Abroad Contexts**
Surendra Gambhir, University of Pennsylvania

## *Saturday, October 17*
## *10:15 a.m. to Noon*

*Room L130, Elvehjem Museum of Art*

### Papers in Honor of McKim Marriott, II: Narratives of Gender, Politics, and Place

Chair: Katherine Pratt Ewing, Duke University

**Being a Widow and Other Life Stories: The Interplay Between Lives and Words**
Sarah Lamb, Brandeis University

**More Ways to be Empowered: The Oriya Hindu Reality**
Usha Menon, Drexal University

**On *Nannul* 290, a Tamil Semeiotic**
Bernard Bate, University of Chicago

**Making Place and Space Matter in South India**
Diane P. Mines, Washington University, St. Louis

*Room B1A, The Lowell Center Hall*

### Writing and "Overwriting " History in Pre-Colonial South Asia: Sites of Production, Audiences, Repertoires

Chair: David Curley, Western Washington University

**Kings as Sites of Historical Memory: The Case of Kakatiya Prataparudra**
Cynthia Talbot, University of Texas at Austin

**History, Myth, and Time: A Perspective from 18th Century Bengal**
Kumkum Chatterjee, Pennsylvania State University

**This-Wordly Rituals, Other-Wordly Histories: Past and Present at the Court of Raja Raj'ballabh**
David L. Curley, Western Washington University

Discussant: Stuart Gordon, Independent Scholar

# *Saturday, October 17*
# *10:15 a.m. to Noon*

*Room L150, Elvehjem Museum of Art*

## The Present and Future of Indus Valley Archaeology ,VIII

**Cross-Craft Comparisons among the Indus High-Tempature Pyrotechnologies**
Heather M.-L. Miller, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Exploring Diversity in Harappan Material Culture: A Case Study of Metal Vessels**
Heidi J. Miller, Harvard University

**Aspects of Continuity in Copper-base Metallurgy and the Use of High-Tin Bronze From the Indus Valley Into Present Day South India**
Sharada Srinivasan, Smithsonian Institution, Conservation Lab Fellow

**The Harappan Phenomenon in an Archaeometallurical Perspective**
D. P. Agrawal, Physical Research Laboratory, India

*Rountable South Room, Memorial Union*

## Nations and Nationalisms: Reinterpreting Boundaries in Princely India

Chair: John E. McLeod, University of Louisville

**Demystifying the "Ideal Progessive:" Resistance Through Mimicked Modernity in Princely Baroda, 1900-1913**
Manu Bhagavan, University of Texas at Austin

**Democratic Discourse and its Discontents: Indian Nationalism in Hyderabad State**
John Roosa, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Patrons of Indian Arts and Humanities: Indian Princes as Cultural Nationalists**
Barbara N. Ramusack, University of Cincinnati

Discussant: John E. McLeod, University of Louisville

## *Saturday, October 17*
## *10:15 a.m. to Noon*

*Rountable North Room, Memorial Union*

**Icons of the Past: History, Memory, Politics**

Chair: James W. Laine, Macalester College

**"We Forgot to Remember:" Memories of the Chinese Invasion and Identity Politics in Assam**
Yasmin Saikia , Carleton College

**From the Silk Route to the Karakoram Highway: Remembering the Future**
Charles S. Haines, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Hunza Memorialized**
Julie Flowerday, University of Carolina-Chapel Hill

Discussant: Richard G. Fox, Washington University, St. Louis

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## *All-Conference Luncheon*

## *(Pre-purchased tickets only)*

## *Saturday, October 17*
## *Noon to 1:15 p.m.*

## *Dining Room, Lowell Center*

## *Saturday, October 17*
## *1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

*Beefeaters Room, Memorial Union*

### India's 1998 12th National Elections: Extremism or Moderation?, II

Chair: Harold Gould, University of Virginia

**The General (Lok Sabha) Elections of 1998: An Analytical Perspective on the State of Bihar**
Binoy S. Prasad, University of Missouri-Columbia

**Regionalism, Communalism, and Political Moderation in Punjab and Haryana**
Paul Wallace, University of Missouri

**Hegde Gaveth and Hegde Tooketh Away: A Dismantled JD Opens South Asia to BJP Penetration**
Harold Gould, University of Virginia

Discussant: Suzzane Rudolph, University of Chicago

*Capitol View Room, Memorial Union*

### Sri Lanka in South Asia: Comparative Perspectives in an Anniversary Year, III: The State and Economic Reform in South Asia

Chair: Amita Shastri, San Francisco State University

**Logics of State Intervention: The Problem of Social Democracy and Developmental States**
Ronald J. Herring, Cornell University

**Liberalizing India's Economy: Context and Constraints**
Vanita Shastri, Harvard University

**The Politics of Fiscal Management and Social Welfare in Pakistan, 1988-1998**
Christopher Candland, University of California at Berkeley

**Economic Liberalization in Sri Lanka: Growth vs. Welfare?**
Amita Shastri, San Francisco State University

## *Saturday, October 17*
## *1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

*Inn Wisconsin West Room, Memorial Union*

### Expanding Civil Society, Shrinking Political Spaces

Chair: Jael Silliman, University of Iowa

**Interrogating the Standard NGO Narrative: The Case of Women's NGOs in South Asia**
Jael Silliman, University of Iowa

**Democracy, Governance, and Civil Society in Bangladesh: Emergent Contradictions in NGO Practice**
Shelley Feldman, Cornell University

**Women's Wor(l)ds in India's Narmada Valley Movement**
Pratyusha Basu, University of Iowa

**In the Shadow of Globalization: State and Civil Society in South Asia**
Mustapha Kamal Pasha, American University

*Lower Lounge, The Lowell Center*

### Women and the Public Sphere in Colonial India

Chair: Christine Kwajewski, University of Wisconsin-Madison

***Life and Light for Heathen Women*, 1869-1910: Western Medicine in the Hands of American Missionary Women**
Christine Kwajewski, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Nautch Girls and Colonial Vice: Kipling's Fiction and Sexual Indian Women**
Anupama Taranath, University of California, San Diego

**On the Margins of Nationalist Autobiography: Real and Imagined Collaborators in Binodini Dasi's *Amar Katha (My Story)***
Esha Niyogi De, University of California, Los Angeles

**The Making of a Telugu Reading Public: Kandukuri Viresalingam's *Rajasekhara Charitramu***
Lisa Mitchell, Columbia University

## *Saturday, October 17*
## *1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

*Old Madison West Room, Memorial Union*

### Dalits as Agents for Social and Cultural Change, II

Chair: Owen M. Lynch, New York University

**Regeneration vs. Reservation: A Dalit Struggle**
Rahul Deepankar, University of Chicago

**The Grounds for, and Limits of, Affirmative Action Policy in India**
Ashok K. Acharya, University of Toronto

**Through the Looking Glass of the Dalits**
Charles Wendell Barlow, University of Aarhus, Denmark

Discussant: Marc Galanter, University of Wisconsin-Madison

*Old Madison East Room, Memorial Union*

### Feminine Vulnerabilities: A Consideration of Women and Power in South Asia

Chair: Jyotsna Vaid, Texas A & M University

**Hand-Outs or Liberation? Status Manipulations and Gender Implications Among Immigrant Muslim Women**
Huma Ahmed Ghosh, San Diego State University

**Blueprint of a Revolution?: Resistance of Male Power by South Asian Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence**
Shamita Das Dasgupta, Rutgers University

**A Heart Like a Man: Feminine Power and Patriarchal Constraints in a Nepali Community**
Ernestine McHugh, University of Rochester

Discussant: Rashmi Luthra, University of Michigan-Dearborn

## *Saturday, October 17*
## *1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

*Profile Room, Memorial Union*

### Agrarian History Meets the Environment

Chair: Anand S. Pandian, University of California at Berkeley

**The Expansion of Agriculture and Agrarian Politics in South Asia**
David E. Ludden, University of Pennsylvania

**The Impact of Agriculture on Environment: The Case of Late 19th Century Berar**
Laxman D. Satya, Lock Haven University

**Coping with Scarcity: Wild Foods and Common Lands**
Marcia J. Frost, Denison University

Discussant: Sugata Bose, Tufts University

*Room B1A, The Lowell Center*

### The Politics of Performance through History

Chair: Punam Madhok, East Carolina University

**Shifting the Power with Street-Theatre in Nepal**
Carol Davis, Pomona College

**Kalighat Painting: The "Bazaar Art" of the Black Town**
Punam Madhok, East Carolina University

**Pilgrimage and Power: Temple Towns of the Vijayanagara Period**
Alexandra Mack, Arizona State University

**A Hitchhiker's Guide to India, ca. 1630**
Richard Foltz, Columbia University

## *Saturday, October 17*
## *1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

*Room L130, Elvehjem Museum of Art*

### Papers in Honor of McKim Marriott, III: Transnationalism and Rhetorics of Identity and Difference

Chair: Lawrence Cohen, University of California at Berkeley

**Escape from "Border Crossings:" Using Marriot's Ethnosociology to Re-examine Multiple Identities**
Katherine Ewing, Duke University

**Nationalism, Transnationalism, Metabolism: Yoga, Naturopathy, and the Bioecology of World Health Reorganization**
Joseph S. Alter, University of Pittsburgh

**Teaching Complexes: Education and Ideologies of Language in Banaras**
Chaise LaDousa, Syracuse University

Discussant: Steven Kemper, Bates College

*Room 118, The Lowell Center*

### Muskaraake: Sarcasm, Satire, and Farce in North India

Chair: Manindra Verma, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**How to be Sarcastic in Hindi-Urdu**
Peter Edwin Hook, University of Michigan

**Expressing Sarcasm in Maithili and Hindi**
Mithilesh K. Mishra, University of Chicago

**Bharatendu Hariscandra Makes Fun of English**
Sagaree Sengupta, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Language and Humor: A Study of Yusufi's Writings**
Tahsin Siddiqi, University of Michigan

## *Saturday, October 17*
## *1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

*Room L150, Elvehjem Museum of Art*

### The Present and Future of Indus Valley Archaeology, IX

**Harappan Eschatology and the Organization of the Harappan State**
Paul Christy Jenkins, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**New Insights on the Late Harappan Phase at Harappa**
Manabu Koiso, Kamakura, Japan

**Deterioration and Conservation of Mohenjodaro**
Niaz Rasool, Department of Archaeology and Museums, Pakistan

**On-Site Conservation: Ensuring a Future for Indus Archaeological Collections**
Harriet Beaubien, Smithsonian Institution, Conservation Analytical Lab

*Roundtable North Room, Memorial Union*

### Witness and Defendant: The Role of Urdu in Debates Around Indian Nationalism

Chair: Raza Mir, University of Massachusetts

***Gandhi ho ke Ghalib ho*: Urdu Poetry at National Crossroads**
Ali Mir, Purdue University

**Willed Losses of Memory: Urdu Novel and the Decline of Socialist Values**
Raza Mir, University of Massachusetts

**Breaking the Sectarian Mold: Urdu and Telugu in Hyderabad**
Vamsi Vakulabharanam, University of Massachusetts

Discussant: Maya Yajnik, University of Massachusetts

## *Saturday, October 17*
## *1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

*Rountable South Room, Memorial Union*

### Indian Transregional Commerce in the 18th Century

Chair: Scott Levi, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Warfare and Horse Trading in Pre-Colonial India**
Pradeep Barua, University of Nebraska at Kearney

**The 18th-Century Indo-Central Asian Textile Trade**
Scott Levi, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**The Bengal Saltpetre Trade and World Gunpowder Supplies, 1600-1850**
James W. Hoover, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussant: Kevin Downey, University of Wisconsin-Madison

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## *Break*
## *Lowell Center and Memorial Union*
## *3:00 to 3:15 p.m.*

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## *Saturday, October 17*
## *3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

*Room L150, Elvehjem Museum of Art*

### The Present and Future of Indus Valley Archaeology, X

**Was the North Bactrian Oasis Colonized by Populations from South Central Turkmenistan? Craniometric Approach**
Brian E. Hemphill, Vanderbilt University

**The Bronze Age Natural Resources of Southern Central Asia**
Randall Law, Uiversity of Wisconsin-Madison

**The Floral-Wreath Attribute in Buddhist Art of Ancient Gandhara**
Carolyn W. Schmidt, Independent Scholar

**The Indus Civilization: Strategies for the 21st Century**
Mohammad Rafique, Mughal Dept of Archaeology, Pakistan

***Plenary Session***

***South Asia Before and After the Nuclear Tests***

***Saturday, October 17***

***3:15 to 5:00 p.m.***

***Dining Room, Lowell Center***

*Special invited speakers*

***K. Subrahmanyam***
*Consulting Editor*
The Economic Times
*and author*
Nuclear Proliferation and International Security

***George Perkovitch***
*U.S. Foreign Policy Consultant*
*and author*
History of India's Nuclear Program

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***Social Hour/Cash Bar***
***Exhibition Tour***
***Saturday, Oct 17***
***5:00 - 6:00 p.m.***
***Elvehjem Museum of Art***

## *Saturday, October 17*
## *5:00 to 7:00 p.m.*
*Penthouse Room, Madison Inn*

**Rajasthan Studies Roundtable Featuring Komal Kothari**

Peter Claus, California Stae University, Hayward
Joan L. Erdman, Columbia College, Chicago
Ann Grozdins Gold, Syracuse University
Carol Henderson, Stern College, New York
Nancy Martin, Chapman University, California
Michael Meister, University of Pennsylvania
Daniel M. Neuman, University of California, Berkeley

## *Dance Performance*
## *Saturday, October 17*

## *8:00 p.m.*

## *Hemsley Theater*

*"Illuminations: Women Encountering the Divine"*

Performance pieces featuring
**Gitanjali Kolanand**
Bharatanatyam dancer

and

**Deborah Procter**
performance artist/actress.

## *Sunday, October 18*
## *8:30 - 10:00 a.m.*

*Room 118, Lowell Hall*

**Sunday Morning Special Event**

Poetry Reading

Vijay Seshadri

contributor, *The New Yorker*

## *Sunday, October 18*
## *10:15 a.m. to Noon*

*Lower Lounge, The Lowell Center*

**Sri Lanka in South Asia: Comparative Perspectives in an Anniversary Year, IV: Civil Society and Change**

Chair: Robert C. Oberst, Nebraska Wesleyan University

**Communal Violence in Karachi**
Kavita Khory, Mount Holyoke College

**NGOs, the State, and Democratization in Bangladesh and Nepal**
Jeff Key, Sweet Briar College

**State, Civil Society, and Representative Democracy: Some Observations on Sri Lanka, 1977-1994**
Samual S. Gurupatham, Mott Community College

## *Sunday, October 18*
## *10:15 a.m. to Noon*

*Room 118, Lowell Center*

### Roundtable: The Present and Future of Indus Valley Archaeology

Chair: J. M. Kenoyer, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Open Forum

*Room B1A, Lowell Center*

### Living in the U.S.A.: UnWrapping Identities of Indian Americans

Chair: Miriam Sharma, University of Hawai'i

**Illuminating India: How a South Asian Diaspora Helps Build a Hindu Nation**
Himanee Gupta, University of Hawai'i

**Performing Selves: Expressions of Indian American Identities through Popular Culture**
Nitasha Sharma, University of California-Santa Barbara

**What's So Funny About an Indian Accent?**
Monica Ghosh, University of Hawai'i

Discussant: Miriam Sharma, University of Hawai'i

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