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Education

State University Of New York Binghamton, NY	Anthropology	Ph.D. (May 2020)
State University Of New York Binghamton, NY	Anthropology	M. A. (May 2015)
University Of California Berkeley, CA	Anthropology and Geography	B. A. (May 2013)

Graduate advisor: Randall McGuire, Binghamton University.

Research Interests

- Contemporary Archaeology.
- Historical Archaeology.
- Displacement and Resettlement.
- Built Landscapes and Domestic Architecture.
- Oral History.
- Materiality.
- The Welfare State.
- GIS (Geographic Information Systems).

Academic Distinctions

- Fulbright-Nehru Research Fellowship, \$17,400 (Sep 2017-May 2018).
- Critical Language Scholarship, Recipient, 9 week program in India to study Punjabi (Summer 2015 and 2016).
- SUNY Binghamton's Provost's Doctoral Summer Fellowship, total \$16,000 (Summer 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017).
- Senior Honors Thesis completed (May of 2013).
- Golden Key Honor Society, Member.
- Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Member.

Publications

- 2021: Chakravarthy, Sumedha; Riggs, Erin. Post-Independence Homescapes in Delhi: Mohan Rakesh's *Andhere Band Kamre* and a Nouveau Middle Class amidst Persistent Inequality. *Journal of South Asian History and Culture* (under review).
- 2020: Jat, Zahida; Riggs, Erin. Proximity Through Dwelling: Living in Evacuee Properties After the Partition of India and Pakistan. *Journal of Social Archaeology* (2020, Sep. 2): 1469605320954010.
- 2018: Riggs, Erin; Jat, Zahida. The 1947 Partition of India and Pakistan: Migration, Material Landscapes, and the Making of Nations. Reprinted in 'The New Nomadic Age - Archaeologies of Forced and Undocumented Migration'. Equinox Publishing, United Kingdom.
- 2016: Riggs, Erin P., and Zahida Rehman Jat. "The 1947 Partition of India and Pakistan: Migration, Material Landscapes, and the Making of Nations." *Journal of Contemporary Archaeology* 3, no. 2 (2016): 139-146.

Conference Papers

- "Usable Aid: Refugee Resettlement in Post-Partition Delhi", Society of Historical Archaeology, 2020.
- "Refugees as a Productive Force, National Belonging as Mutable: The Case of 1947 Partition Refugee Resettlement", Society of American Archaeology Meeting, 2019.
- "Delhi's Refugee Resettlement Housing: Reconstructing National Belonging After the 1947 Partition of India and Pakistan", Society of Historical Archaeology Meeting, 2019.
- "Engaging Students in Archaeology and Heritage Preservation at the Community College Level: Parkland's Approach", The Illinois Archaeological Survey Annual Meeting, 2018.
- "A Contemporary Archaeology of 1947 Partition Resettlement in Delhi", Central and South Asia Fulbright Conference, 2018.
- "Materializing nationhood: the many roles of built landscape management policy in post-Partition India and Pakistan", Society of American Archaeology Meeting, 2017.
- "De-polarizing Archaeology's Views on Cultural Pride: the Case of Houses and Plants in Castroville", Society of Historical Archaeology Meeting, 2017.
- "Violence and Place: An Archaeological Consideration of the San Bernardino Shooting Memorial", Radical Archaeology Theory Symposium, 2016.

- “The Many Functions and Meanings of Flora Within the Lives of Two American Immigrant Families”, Society of Historical Archaeology Meeting, 2016.
- “Innovative Applications of Archaeological Perspectives: An Analysis of Home Front Material Culture within the Context of Individual vs. Municipal Investments in Oakland, CA”, E. Riggs, A. Reagan, M. Riggs, Society of American Archaeology Meeting, 2015.
- “Curbed Boundaries: An Analysis of Home Front Material Culture within the Context of Individual vs. Municipal Investments in Contemporary Oakland, CA”, E. Riggs, A. Reagan, M. Riggs, Society of Historical Archaeology Meeting, 2015.
- “The Un-Internable; The Enduring Material Legacies of the Domoto Family”, Society for Historical Archaeology Meeting, 2014.

Invited talks

- “A Contemporary Archaeology of Partition Refugee Resettlement in India” talk given at the Anthropology Department of University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, 2018.
- “Contemporary Archaeology and Refugee Resettlement” talk given to the Central Illinois Society of the Archaeological Institute of America, 2018.
- “Place and Perspective: The 1947 Partition Through Oral History and Archaeology”, keynote talk given at UC Berkeley’s Oral History Center Summer Institute, 2018.
- “Dwellings that Define: A Contemporary Archaeology of 1947 Partition Refugee Resettlement”, talk given at Jawaharlal Nehru University’s Centre for Historical Studies, 2018.
- “Contemporary Archaeology of 1947: Partition Resettlement in Delhi”, talk given at Shiv Nadar University as a part of their Early Career Research Scholar’s Colloquium series, 2018.
- “Cityscapes as Archaeological Evidence: The Material Legacy of 1947 Partition Resettlements in Delhi”, talk given at Ambedkar University as a part of a United States India Education Foundation’s International Education Week event, 2017.

Teaching

- Part Time Faculty of Anthropology/Archaeology at Parkland College (during the 2016-2017, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020 academic years)
 - Courses taught include ANT 200 (Introduction to Archaeology), ANT 101 (Introduction to Anthropology), and ANT 220 (Archaeological Field School).
 - Received Parkland’s IDEAs Grant funding to develop an ESRI online, GIS storymap project.
 - Received stipend from the Center for Global Studies to redevelop material for ANT 101.
- Teaching Assistant for six undergraduate Anthropology courses offered at SUNY Binghamton spanning all four subfields of Anthropology: Buried Cities and Lost Tribes, Introduction to Prehistoric Archaeology, Forensic Anthropology, Linguistic Anthropology, and Anthropology of Sex and Sexuality. (Fall 2013-Spring 2016).
 - Led two 10-25 student discussion sections for four of these courses.

Field Experience

- Completed fieldwork and data collection for independently developed dissertation project focused on 1947 Partition refugee resettlement in Delhi, India (September 2017-June 2018).
 - Included pedestrian survey and photography of over 40 neighborhoods, mapping floor plans of homes, GIS mapping, archival research, and oral history collection.
- Assisted with Jawaharlal Nehru University’s Warangal Archaeological Survey Project (April, 2018).
 - Included survey and surface collection of ceramics dating to the time of the Kakatiya Dynasty (twelfth to fourteenth century) in Warangal, Telangana, India.
- Instructor of ANT 220 (Archaeological Field School) at Parkland College (Summer 2017 and 2019).
 - Students participated in an excavation focused on identifying the cultural and temporal component of a prehistoric mound cluster site at Allerton Park in Monticello, Illinois in 2017. In 2019, they focused on preliminary work at the Lost Garden site within the Park (a early 20th century formal garden).

- Archaeological Specialist as ISAS, the Illinois State Archaeological Survey (Fall 2016-Spring 2017).
 - Assisted with Phase I survey in central Illinois (Fall 2016, full time).
 - Completed assignments related to data base and records organization and management (Spring 2017, 20 hrs/week).
- Excavated with SUNY Binghamton at an Alsatian immigrant homestead site in Castroville, Texas (Summer 2014).
 - Included excavating domestic features, floating soil samples from garden and privy features, oral history collection, and archival research.
 - MA thesis focused on the role of plant life within immigrant experiences drawing evidence from this excavation and my senior thesis work.
- Volunteer student assistant for UC Berkeley's field method course Anthropology 134A including excavation at an Observatory site on the UC Berkeley campus (Summer, 2013).
- Student assistant to Annelise Morris, a Graduate Student at the UC Berkeley, during the excavation of a 19th/20th century free African American site in Lawrence County, IL (Summer, 2012).
- Attended the University of Denver's Field School at the Amache Incarceration camp in Granada, Colorado (Summer, 2012).
 - Aided with excavation, pedestrian survey, GPR data collection, community outreach, museum display design, and GIS data collection.
 - Developed a senior honors thesis project and collected information about the physical legacy of one family of internees, both at the camp and in Oakland, California (their pre-incarceration home).
- Attended the University of Montreal's Field School in Asprovalta, Greece (Summer, 2011).

Professional Service

- Currently co-organizing a round table on 'Ethical Approaches to Historical Archaeology in South Asia' to be held at the Theoretical Archaeology Group meeting at Stanford University (scheduled for April 2021)
- Co-chaired and organized the scheduled session, 'Historical Archaeologies of South Asia' with Shobhna Iyer, which will take place at the forthcoming Society of Historical Archaeology Meeting, 2020.
- Co-chaired and organized the session, 'Archaeologies of Immigration and Refugee Resettlement' with Randall McGuire at the Society of American Archaeology Conference, 2019.
- Project consultant for the 1947 Partition Archive (ongoing)
 - Research specialist and content designer for an exhibit on the impact of Partition on Delhi's built landscape presented at the India Habitat Centre. Link: <https://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/art-and-culture/independence-day-partition-1947-delhi-exhibition-5310731/>
 - Project Manager for Volunteered Geographic Information (VGI) website project seeking to connect Partition migrants and their families with information about remembered locations on the other side of the border (in progress, funded by investor Amer Haider as a charitable project).
- Panelist for United States India Education Foundation's special session for Indian students, 'Opportunities for Women in Higher Education in the U.S.' (Spring 2018).
- Oral History Program Intern the 1947 Partition Archive.
 - Developed oral history collection training material and assisted with website development and Archive record organization (Summer 2013, full time)
 - Occasional work as a Volunteer Oral Historian with the 1947 Partition Archive, responded to the requests of Partition survivors in the San Francisco and New York City areas (Summer 2013-Spring 2015)
- Undergraduate Research Assistant, 19th and 20th century historic artifact analysis for Annelise Morris, Graduate Student of Archaeology at UC Berkeley (Spring 2012).
- Undergraduate Research Apprentice, digitizing pottery profiles on Adobe Illustrator for Dr. Kim Shelton at UC Berkeley (Spring 2011, Fall 2011).
- Undergraduate Research Apprentice, soil lab assistant for Anna Ribero, a Graduate Student of Archaeology at UC Berkeley (Spring 2009, Spring 2010, and Fall 2010).