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Educational Qualifications				
Degree		Institution	Year	
Ph.D.		University of Delhi	1991	
M.Phil.		University of Delhi	1983	
PG		University of Delhi	1981	
UG		University of Delhi	1979	
Any other qualification				
Career Profile				
July 14, 2001 - till date: Professor in Department of History, University of Delhi 1993 - 2001: Reader in Department of History, University of Delhi 1982- 1993: Lecturer in History, Department of History, Hindu College, University of Delhi				
Administrative Assignments				
Dean of Colleges, University of Delhi, August 2007 till December 2010 Dean of International Relations, University of Delhi, December 2006 till October 2007 Professor-in-Charge, South Campus Unit, Department of History, University of Delhi for several years from 1997 till 2005 Teacher-in-Charge, Archaeology and Museum Unit, Department of History, University of Delhi from 1997 till 2006				
Areas of Interest / Specialization				
Indian Archaeology, Archeological Theory, Heritage Studies, Ancient India				
Subjects Taught				

Ancient India : Protohistory, Historical Archaeology, Epigraphy

Research Guidance

Supervision of awarded Doctoral Thesis

Dili Raj Sharma. 2006. Stone Art in Western Nepal.
Radha Madhav Bharadvaj. 2006. Vratas and Utsavas in North and Central India.
Devika Rangachari. 2004. Constructing Society and Polity in Early Medieval North India: 7th century – 12th century AD: A Gender Perspective.
Shakti Chakrabarti. 2013. Settlements, Resource-Use and Patterns of Communication in Early India (c. 200 B.C. - 750 A.D.)

Supervision of awarded M.Phil Dissertations

Aditi Mann.2010. Archaeology of Religious Worship in North-West Delhi
Gurpreet Kaur. 2008. Ranchi: An Archeological Perspective (circa First Millennium AD).
Sanjukta Datta. 2007. The Archaeology of Early Historic Bengal (4th century AD to 7th century AD).
Shibani Bose. 2003. Forests and Fields in the Middle Gangetic Plains (From the Mesolithic upto c. 3rd Century BC).
Rewant Vikram Singh. 2002. Settlements in the Yamuna-Hindon Doab: An Archeological Perspective.
Jaya Kashyap. 2001. Archaeological Conservation 1861-88.
Shakti Bhattacharya. 2001. Resource-use and Resource-access in the Gangetic Plains (1st to 5th centuries AD).
Vaisali Sethi. 1999. Taxila: a situational analysis.
Siddeshwar Shukla. 1998. Religious Geography of Gopalganj and Siwan Districts – an ethno-archaeological profile.
Deeksha Bhardwaj. Investigating the Archaeology of Female Figurines in North-West India (upto c. 200 BC).
Vivekanand. 1997. Harappan Artisanal Production.
Devika Rangachari. 1997. Gender and the Historical Chronicle: A study of Kalphan's Rajatarangini.

Publications Profile

BOOKS/MONOGRAPHS (AUTHORED/EDITED)

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 2015. *Ashoka in Ancient India*. Delhi: Permanent Black (South Asia) and Cambridge (Outside South Asia): Harvard University Press.

Lahiri, Nayanjot.2012. *Marshalling the Past - Ancient India and its Modern Histories*. Delhi: Permanent Black.

Lahiri, Nayanjot and Upinder Singh, ed. 2009. *Ancient India: New Research*. Delhi: Oxford University

Press.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 2005. *Finding Forgotten Cities: How the Indus Civilization Was Discovered*. Delhi: Permanent Black.

Lahiri, Nayanjot, ed. 2000. *The Decline and Fall of the Indus Civilization*. Delhi: Permanent Black.

Lahiri, Nayanjot and Dilip K Chakrabarti. 1996. *Copper and its Alloys in Ancient India*. Delhi: Munshiram Mahoharlal Publishers.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 1992. *The Archaeology of Indian Trade Routes (upto c. 200 B.C.) Resource Use, Resource Access and Lines of Communication*. Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 1991. *Pre-Ahom Assam: Studies in the inscriptions of Assam between the fifth and the thirteenth centuries AD*. Delhi: Munshiram Mahoharlal Publishers.

EDITED JOURNAL

Lahiri, Nayanjot and Elisabeth A Bacus, ed. 2006. The Archaeology of Hinduism . *Special issue of World Archaeology* 36(3).

RESEARCH PAPERS PUBLISHED IN ACADEMIC JOURNALS

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 2014. Before Buddhism, Beyond Buddhism: Aspects of the Archaeology of Buddhism in India'. *Pragdhara* 23: 249-70.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 2014. Graveyards of Prehistoric Life: Understanding the Evolution of Helmut de Terra as a Researcher and Writer on South Asia. *Man and Environment* XXXIX (1): 1-23.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 2011. Revisiting the Cultural Landscape of Junagadh in the time of the Mauryas. *Puratattva* 41:114-30.

Lahiri, Nayanjot and D D Kosambi. 2009. The Historian as Writer. *Economic and Political Weekly*. 44(43): 41-48.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 2009. The archaeological landscape. *Journal of Landscape Architecture*. 7(1): 36-41.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 2007. Monumental Follies: India 60. *IIC Quarterly*. 33(3-4): 128-139.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 2007. Foro Virtual: Arqueologia Y Descolonizacion. *Arqueologia Suramericana/Arqueologia Sul-Americana*. 13(1): 3-19.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 2006. Archaeological Theory: A perspective from outside the western academy. *Puratattva*. 36: 1-11.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 2003. Commemorating and Remembering 1857: The revolt in Delhi and its afterlife. *World Archaeology*. 35(1): 35- 60.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 2002. Commissioned Comment on Robert Hayden's article, Antagonistic Tolerance: Competitive Sharing of Religious Sites in South Asia and the Balkans. *Current Anthropology*. 43(2): 223-224.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 2000. Archaeology and identity in colonial India. *Antiquity*. 74(285): 687-692.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 2000. Coming to grips with India's past and her 'living present': John Marshall's early years (1902-1906). *South Asian Studies*. 16: 89-107.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 1998. Coming to Grips with the Indian Past: John Marshall's early years as Lord Curzon's Director-General of Archaeology in India – Part I. *South Asian Studies*. 14: 1-23.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 1998. South Asian Demographic Archaeology and Harappan population estimates: A brief reassessment. *The Indian Economic and Social History Review*. 35(1): 1-22.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 1997. John Marshall's appointment as director general of the archaeological survey of India: A survey of the papers pertaining to his selection. *South Asian Studies*. 13: 127-140.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 1997. A little known Buddhist relic stupa in the Santhal Parganas. *Puratattva*. 27: 96-99.

Lahiri, Nayanjot, U Singh and T Uberoi. 1996. Preliminary field report on the archaeology of Faridabad – the Ballabgarh Tehsil. *Man and Environment*. 21(1): 32-57.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 1996. Archaeological landscapes and textual images: A study of the sacred geography of late medieval Ballabgarh. *World Archaeology*. 28(2): 244-264.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 1995. Investigating the inception and early use of Iron – Changing perceptions. *Current Development Reporter*. 2(1): 10-16.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 1995. Indian metal and metal-related related artefacts as cultural signifiers: An ethnographic perspective. *World Archaeology*. 29(1): 116-132.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 1995. The alloying traditions of protohistoric and historic India: Some general trends and their ethnographic dimensions. *Puratattva*. 25: 64-73.

Lahiri, Nayanjot and D K Chakrabarti. 1994. The Iron Age in India: the Beginning and

Consequences. *Purattatva*. 24: 12-32.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 1993. Some ethnographic aspects of the ancient copper-bronze tradition in India. *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland*. 3 (2): 219-232.

Lahiri, Nayanjot, D K Chakrabarti, G Sengupta, and R K Chattopadhyaya. 1993. Black-and-Red ware settlements in West Bengal. *South Asian Studies*. 9: 123-135.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 1991. Land holding and peasantry in the Brahmaputra Valley c. 5th – 13th centuries AD. *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*. 33: 157-168.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 1990. Harappa as a centre of trade and trade routes: A case study of the resource use, resource-access and lines of communication in the Indus Civilization. *The Indian Economic and Social History Review*. 27: 405-444.

Lahiri, Nayanjot and D.K. Chakrabarti. 1988. A preliminary report on the archaeology of the Ranchi district with a note on the asura sites. *Man and Environment*. 12: 29-53.

Lahiri, Nayanjot and D K Chakrabarti. 1987. A preliminary report on the stone age of the union territory of Delhi and Haryana. *Man and Environment*. 11: 109-116.

Lahiri, Nayanjot and D K Chakrabarti. 1986. The Assam-Burma Route to China. *Man and Environment*. 10: 123-134.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 1984. The Pre-Ahom roots of medieval Assam. *Social Scientist*. 12: 60-69.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (EDITED WORKS/BOOKS REVIEWS/FESTSCHRIFT VOLUMES ETC.)

EDITED WORKS

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 2014. Archaeology and the Ancient City. In T. Khanna (ed.) *The City and South Asia*. Cambridge: Harvard South Asia Institute, pp. 7-9.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 2013. Living Antiquarianism in India. In A. Schnapp (ed.). *World Antiquarianism Comparative Perspectives*. Los Angeles: Getty Research Institute, pp. 423-38.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 2012. Partitioning the Past - India's Archaeological Heritage after Independence. In G Scarre and R. Coningham (ed.). *Appropriating the Past - Philosophical Perspectives on the Practice of Archaeology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 295-311.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 2009. Archaeology and some aspects of the social history of early India. In *A SOCIAL History of early India*, ed. B D Chattopadhyaya, 3-7, Delhi: Pearson Longman.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 2008. Geographical Overview: Asia, South: Ganges Valley. In *Encyclopedia of Archaeology*, ed. Deborah M Pearsall, San Diego: Elsevier.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 2004. From Ruin to Restoration: The Modern History of Sanchi. Belief in the Past. In *The Proceedings of the 2002 Manchester Conference on Archaeology and Religion*, ed. T Insoll, 99-114. Archaeopress, Oxford.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 2004. John Hubert Marshall. In *The Dictionary of British Classicists 1500-1960*, ed. R Bodd, Bristol: Thoemmes Press.

Lahiri, Nayanjot and D P Sharma. 2004. Harappan Settlers of the Yamuna-Ganga Doab. In *Indus Civilization Sites in India: New Discoveries*, ed. D K Chakrabarti, 52-56, Mumbai: Marg series.

Lahiri, Nayanjot, Vaishali Sethi and Baldev Purushartha. 2002. Historical Archaeology of India: An outline of the Work of the Archaeological Survey of India. In *Indian Archaeology in Retrospect - Archaeology and Historiography, Volume IV*, ed. S Settar and R Korisettar, 71-115, Delhi: Manohar.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 2001. Destruction or conservation? Some aspects of monument policy in British India (1899-1905). In *Destruction and Conservation of Cultural Property*, ed. Robert Layton, Peter G. Stone and Julian Thomas, 264-275, London: Routledge.

Lahiri, Nayanjot and U Singh. 1999. In the Shadow of New Delhi: Understanding the landscape through Village eyes. In *The Archaeology and Anthropology of Landscape*, ed. Peter J Ucko and Robert Layton, 175-188, London and New York: Routledge.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 1999. Bodh-Gaya: An ancient Buddhist shrine and its modern history (1891-1904). In *Case Studies in Archaeology and Religion*, ed. Timothy Insoll, 33-44, Oxford: Archaeopress.

FESTSCHRIFT VOLUMES

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 2014. Delhi's Capital Century (1911-2011): Understanding the Transformation of the City. In K. Veluthat and D.R. Davis Jr. (ed.) *Irreverant History – Essays for M.G.S. Narayanan*. Delhi: Primus Books, pp. 277-96.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 2003. The discovery of the indus civilization: Early intuitions and unknown reports, 1826-1920. In *Negotiating India's past essays in memory of Partha Sarthi Gupta*, ed. B Pati, B P Sahu and T K Venkatasubramanian, 3-28, New Delhi: Tulika.

Lahiri, Nayanjot. 1998. The end of the Harappan Civilization and the Aryan Question: First Formulation. In *reconstructing history essays in honour of Prof. V.C. Srivastava*, ed. V D Misra, 195-204, Varanasi.

Conference/Workshop Organization/ Presentations (in the last three years)

2015 (January-February). Gandhinagar: Closing lecture on 'Archaeology and the Study of the Indian Past – Possibilities and Challenges' at a Graduate Student Workshop organized by Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar on 'History and Archaeology of Ancient India'.

2014 (November). Chandigarh: Punjab University Colloquium lecture on 'Ashoka in Ancient India'.

2014 (July). Chennai: Infosys Foundation Lecture at Madras Institute of Development Studies on 'Ashoka in Ancient India: Archaeology and Biography'.

2014 (July). Chennai: Infosys Foundation Lecture at Indian Institute of Technology Madras on 'Indus Civilization: New Perspectives'.

2014 (January). New Delhi. Lecture at seminar on 'Exploring Indian Art and Aesthetics' on 'Antiquarians and Community Practices - An Archaeological Perspective'.

2014 (January). Kandy. Lecture on 'Indus Civilization: New Perspectives' at the Faculty of Arts at the University of Peradeniya'.

2014 (January). Colombo. Lecture on 'Asoka: Interweaving Archaeology with the Emperor's Story' at the Bendaranaike Centre for International Studies (jointly organized with the India-Sri Lanka Foundation.

2014 (March). Gandhinagar. Lecture at Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar on 'Emperor Ashoka – Between Archaeology and Texts'.

2013 (September). Melbourne. Keynote closing address on 'Indus Civilization: New Perspectives' at Australia-India Institute conference (University of Melbourne) on 'Gondwanalandings – Voices of the Emerging Indian Diaspora in Australia'.

2013 (March). Kolkata. Part of Panel Discussion on 'The Idea of India is Irrelevant'. Jointly organized by *The Telegraph* and the Bengal Club.

2013 (March). Pondicherry. Lecture at the University of Pondicherry on 'Partitioning the Past'.

2013 (Jan). Guwahati. Annual Lecture of the Humanities and Social Sciences on 'The Indus Civilization: The Story of its Discovery'.

2012 (November). Mumbai. Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay. Institute Colloquium on 'The Indus Civilization: Uncovering the Discovery'.

2012 (November). Mumbai. Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay. Lecture on 'Living Antiquarianism in India' at the Department of Humanities.

2012 (July). Seattle. Words on Water summer festival. In conversation with Vikram Prakash at Seattle Arts Museum on the Indus Civilization.

2012 (July). Vancouver. Eye on India summer festival. Lecture on Buddhist revival, Sanchi and the Begum of Bhopal at Goldcorp Centre for the Arts.

2012 (July). Chicago. In conversation with Madhuvanti Ghosh on my book *Finding Forgotten Cities* at Columbia College

2011: Ahmedabad: ISOLA Conference on 'Cultural Landscapes'. Title of Presentation: 'Understanding the Cultural Landscape of Ancient Junagadh'.

2011. Singapore: ICCR (India)-Nalanda Srwijaya Centre(Singapore) on 'Buddhist Revival in Asia'. Co-organizer of the Conference and chaired session on 'The Revival of Buddhism in East Asia'. Title of paper: ' Archaeology, Shrine Guardians and the Buddhist Revival in Colonial India through the Microcosm of Sanchi.'

Research Projects (Major Grants/Research Collaboration)

Awards and Distinctions

2013. Infosys Prize for Humanities – Archaeology for 2013

2013-14. Distinguished Visitor fellowship by the India-Sri Lanka Foundation

2013. Advisory Member of Shanghai Archaeology Forum of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences,

Beijing

2007 (March): Sectional President of 39th Session of the Punjab History Conference (Patiala, Punjab).
2006 (April – September): Daniel Ingalls Fellow at the Harvard-Yenching Institute, University of Harvard (Cambridge, U.S.A.)

2006 (June): Elected Honorary Member of Societa Indologica “Luigi Pio Tessitori” (Udine, Italy).

2004 (September – October): Hughes Endowment Visiting Fellow at the Centre For South Asian Studies, University of Michigan (Ann Arbor)

1996 (February – May): Visiting Fellow at Cambridge (U.K.), supported by the Ancient India and Iran Trust and the Charles Wallace Trust

1992-93: Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellow, Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Cambridge, Cambridge (U.K.)

Association With Professional Bodies

Trustee, Indira Gandhi National Centre of Arts (IGNCA, New Delhi)

Member, Delhi Urban Art Commission (New Delhi) - 2008-11

Member, Archival Advisory Board (National Archives of India, New Delhi)

Life Member, Indian Archaeological Society (Delhi)

Life Member, Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies (Pune)

Member, National Council of Educational Research and Training Council (New Delhi) – till 2013

Member, Indian Council of Social Science Research Council (New Delhi)

Member, Presidency Mentor Group (Presidency University, Kolkata)

Member, Presidency University Governing Board (Kolkata)

Member, Guru Gobinda Singha Indraprastha University Board of Management (New Delhi)

Member, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society (New Delhi)

Other Activities

Editorial Boards

Member, Advisory Editorial Board of *World Archaeology*.

Member, Editorial Board of *Archaeologies*.

Consultant/Reviewer

Part of a three member sub-committee appointed by the National Culture Fund (Ministry of Culture, Government of India) that went in December 2014 to assess the nature of the site museum that required to set up at Piprahwa and Ganwaria (Uttar Pradesh)

Consultant for History syllabus, Council of Indian School Certificate Examinations.

Academic Reviewer of research projects and fellowships, Indian Council of Historical Research. Review for academic journals including Indian Economic and Social History Review, Contributions to Indian Sociology, Man and Environment.

Reviewer of manuscripts for publishing houses like Oxford University (Delhi) Press, Primus (Delhi) and Permanent Black (Delhi).

Resource person for the M.A. course History of Indira Gandhi National Open University (New Delhi).

Resource person for E-learning material on History of India for National Mission for Education (Government of India) and Institute of Life Long Learning (University of Delhi).

Member, Three member Steering Committee appointed by the National Council of Education Research and Training in 2006 to examine school history textbooks.

Drafting of Legislation

Member, Committee set up by the Government of India in 2010 to analyse the impact of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation) ordinance, 2010 and to draft an alternative bill for parliament.

Popular Articles

Regular columnist for *Times Higher Education* (London). Have written regularly on education, Indian history, Indian archaeology and public policy pertaining to heritage issues for *Hindustan Times*, one of India's leading national dailies. Other articles on these themes have appeared in national dailies like *The Statesman* and *The Hindu* and in national magazines like *India Today*.

Book Reviews

Have reviewed books in academic journals, newspapers and newsmagazines.