

ARCPIP sponsored research and collaboration in India
Summary Report
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Dr. Katie Lindstrom, Honorary Fellow, University of Wisconsin, Madison, was invited by Dr. J. M. Kenoyer, Dr. K. Krishnan and Dr. P. Ajithprasad to undertake ceramic studies, participate in excavations and extend collaborations with Indian archaeologists as part of the ARCPPI Program. Her stay in India was facilitated by K. Krishnan, chair of the Department of Archaeology and Ancient History, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda.

Katie arrived in India on January 26 and spent 31 days in Vadodara (Gujarat) where she had the opportunity to meet with professors, undergraduate and graduate students from the Department of Archaeology and Ancient History, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda. More specifically, she reconnected with Drs. P. Ajithprasad, K. Krishnan, and Kuldeep Bhan, with whom she worked on previous research trips to India, and worked closely with Ph.D. students Charusmita Gadekar and Rajalakshmi Karakalum. She was also invited to participate in the department's on-going excavations at the Harappan period site of Shikarpur, where she spent five days recording pottery from the current excavations. She also visited local archaeological sites along with colleagues from India and Japan.

From January 28 to February 25, 2014 Katie undertook her own ceramic studies. This was Katie's first research trip following the successful completion of her dissertation; she earned her Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in May 2013. Katie's new research is extending archaeological understanding of cooking technologies and domestic practice in the ancient Indus Civilization. Her work is comparative and seeks to understand the similarities and differences in the cooking practices of ancient communities that lived in both India and Pakistan. Katie is currently in the process of analyzing this new data set and plans to present the results of her new research when she returns to India and Pakistan in 2015.

Overall the trip was very successful and allowed Katie to reconnect with students, scholars and archaeologists from Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, an ARCPPI partner institution. She reconnected with people whom when had met and worked with on previous research trips to India and also met many new colleagues. Thus, the trip allowed Katie to extend and strengthen her networks within India and to continue her interests in building professional networks between those working on cultural heritage issues in India and Pakistan.