

DETAILS

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EDUCATION

- 2016-2020 Ph.D. (completed), **University of Cambridge**, Department of Archaeology, Magdalene College, UK. Thesis title: *Traditions and Landscapes of the Indus Civilisation: technologies and socio-economic complexity*.
- Awarded the ERC scholarship. Designed and executed my own research projects, including proposal, fieldwork in India, data collection, data analysis and publications.
 - Self-taught databases, statistics and data analysis tools (e.g. R, SQL and ODK databases, and SPSS).
 - Commended for 'Inclusive Practice' when awarded the University of Cambridge Outstanding Student Contribution to Education Award in 2019. List of taught courses [here](#).
- 2015-2016 MPhil/ Ph.D. Archaeology, **UCL**, University College London, Institute of Archaeology, UK. Relinquished.
- 2014-2015 MA Archaeology of Asia, at **SOAS and UCL** Institute of Archaeology. First Class with distinction [1*st].
- 2010-2014 BA Archaeological Sciences, **University Sapienza of Rome**, Italy. First Class with Distinction [1*st].
- Awarded Erasmus Scholarship for 6-month programme at the **Universidad Autónoma de Madrid**, Spain.

LEADERSHIP & WORK EXPERIENCE

- July 2020 – Present **Research Associate**, Department of Archaeology, University of Cambridge
- Work independently to manage the ongoing delivery of research projects, and with teams within the department and external organisations. Contributed to the publication of reports, articles and data.
- July 2020 – Present **PR and Communications Consultant**, Together Anthology, Otermans Institute, UK
- Drive public relations activities to increase the reach and quality of communications, e.g. via media promotions and social media platforms, supervising the Digital Marketing team.
 - Coordinate relationships with key charity contacts and coordinated engagement initiatives in the UK.
- January – July 2020 **General Manager** (acting) and **Charity Secretary**, Cambridge University Graduate Union (GU)
- Line-managed team of 8 members, with flexible management strategies, and delivered training to staff.
 - Drafted plans and reports for the Board and stakeholders, presenting publications for the general public.
 - Supervised HR, safety and data protection procedures, including recruitment, grievances, and SAR.
 - Managed and allocated a budget of £170,000 (income 2019/20), and supervised financial procedures, coordinating employees of the Finance Staff Bureau.
 - Built successful relationships and established collaborations with local charities and other stakeholders.
- March 2019 – July 2020 **President** and **Trustee**, Cambridge University Graduate Union (GU), and **Trustee** of the Cambridge University Council, one of the **Directors** of the University of Cambridge
- Drafted and implemented policy and strategies, chaired the board of seven trustees, led and line-managed a team of officers and consolidated relationships with stakeholders.
 - Led the merger of two charities, GU (£265,000 budget in 2019) and CUSU (£480,000) devising and implementing the change management strategy, defining a structure to deliver the merger, with oversight of sub-working groups, and motivating a team of 15 people to deliver the project successfully.
 - Member of senior leadership groups, e.g. COVID19 Management, Industrial Action, Brexit-EU, E&D, Gender Identities and Sexual Orientations, Access and WP, and General Board of Education committees.
 - Chaired and led the GU Executive committee of nine officers covering several portfolios, i.e. BAME, women rights, LGBTQ+, international students, families and parents, and disabled students.

- 2018-2020 **LGBTQ+ Officer and Member of the Equality and Diversity Section**, University of Cambridge:
- Established the Gender Identities and Sexual Orientation steering committee, under the HR committee of the University of Cambridge, including senior leaders of the institution among its members.
 - Launched and managed successful inclusive leadership/managing unconscious bias training with the University of Cambridge for better staff training and fairer representation of BAME researchers.
 - Responsibility for drafting and implementing equality and diversity policy for Cambridge researchers.
 - Contributed to the organisation of the inaugural Cambridge Pride in 2019, and secured funding.
- April – July 2018 **Research Associate**, Fitch Laboratory Bursary Awards, British School at Athens (BSA), Greece.
- Completed a 3-month project with the local team and delivered results via public talks and a report.
- 2017-18 **Visiting Researcher**, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi, India.
- Set up a laboratory for scientific analysis of archaeological materials at the AIHC & Archaeology Department, and trained a team of 12 students, Master's students and PhDs, to use its facilities.
- 2014-2017 **Tutor and Assistant Lecturer**, Victoria and Albert Museum (V&A), London.
- Several years of experience designing and delivering educational projects to children and young adults.
- 2016-2017 **Research Consultant**, South Asian Department, The British Museum, London, UK.
- Adopted a framework for decolonising exhibitions for the Asian Gallery, South Asian collections.
- 2013-2015 **Assistant to Charity Director**, Hamsa Yog Sangh charity, for victims of domestic abuse, India.
- Supported the leadership team to fulfil the charity aims and led on projects to support vulnerable youth.

COMMUNICATION, PRESENTATIONS & TALKS

- 2017-2020 Featured in several newspaper articles and broadcast interviews, including The Guardian, BBC, and Cambridge News – e.g. on Brexit, immigration, LGBTQ+ rights, and the COVID19 pandemic - [list here](#).
- 2015-2020 **Conferences**: Presented at several UK and International conferences to audiences of up to 100, presenting in English, Spanish or Italian - [list here](#).
- Awarded the **McDonald Institute** and the **Division of Archaeology Awards** for organising conferences.
- 2017-2020 Member of the **Editorial Team**, Archaeology Review from Cambridge (ARC Journal), and editor of Vol 35.2.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS & TEACHING

- A list of 12 academic publications, including a peer-reviewed monograph, is available at the link below, along with taught courses and modules that I delivered in the UK, India, Spain and Italy.
See <https://alessandroceccarelli.com/>

FUNDING, PRIZES & AWARDS

- 2018-2019 **OSCEA Award**, University of Cambridge, Outstanding Student Contribution to Education Award. CCTL, 2019.
Stepping up to demonstrate or advocate for particular inclusive teaching and learning practices.
- 2018-2019 **NTICVA Awards** - Nehru Trust for the Indian Collection at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London.
- 2018 **Fitch Laboratory Awards**, British School at Athens, Greece. Comparative study of Indus and Minoan societies
- 2016-2020 **ERC- European Research Council, PhD Scholarship**, Cambridge. Horizon 2020 - Two Rains Project.
- 2015-2016 **IoA Awards, UCL**. Project: Indus and PGW Ceramic Analysis at BHU, Varanasi, India.
- 2010-2011 **Erasmus Programme Scholarship**, European Commission (EU). BA exchange (Italy, Rome - Spain, Madrid)

PROFICIENT SKILLS

- HTML5, CSS, SQL and ODK Database, Shopify, Oberlo, WordPress CMS, Adobe CC Illustrator and Photoshop, GIS and QGIS, statistics via SPSS, FB Business Manger, Agisoft Photoscan 3D, Faro PhoToPlan, Trello, and MS Office 2019.