

DETAILS

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Languages: Fluent in English, Spanish and Italian, rudimentary Hindi; reading proficiency in Latin.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Sept 2016 - Aug 2020 **PH.D., 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, SPSS, SQL and ODK databases).
- 2015 – 2016 **MPHIL/ PH.D., UCL**, Archaeology, Institute of Archaeology, UK. Relinquished.
- 2014 – 2015 **MA, SOAS, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON**, Archaeology of Asia. First Class with distinction [1*st].
- 2010 – 2014 **BA, UNIVERSITY SAPIENZA OF ROME**, Italy. Archaeological Sciences. First Class with Distinction [1*st].
- Awarded Erasmus Scholarship for 6-month programme at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain.

LEADERSHIP, RESEARCH AND TEACHING

- July 2020 – Present **RESEARCH ASSOCIATE** (temp.), 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 – August 2020 **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.
- Jan 2020 – 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.
- July 2019 – July 2020 **PRESIDENT** and Chair of Trustees, Cambridge University Graduate Union (GU).
- 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.
- Nov 2018 – July 2019 **LGBT+ 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.
- Oct 2018 – June 2019 **TEACHING ASSISTANT** and Supervisor, Department of Archaeology, University of Cambridge.
- Awarded the University of Cambridge Outstanding Student Contribution to Education Award (OSCEA) for ‘*Inclusive Practice*’ in 2019. A list of courses and modules is available [here](#).
- April 2018 – 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.
- July 2017 – March 2018 **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.
- Jan 2017 – May 2017 **EXPERT CONSULTANT** and Research Assistant, Evolution Institute & Seshat Project, San Antonio, FL, USA.
- Build and analysed a database of archaeological sites within the Kachi Plain, Baluchistan.
- 2014 – 2017 **TUTOR AND ASSISTANT LECTURER** (OPA), Learning Centre, 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.
- May 2015 – Sept 2016 **SPECIALIST DIGITAL ILLUSTRATIONS** and Field Archaeologist, Border Archaeology, England and Wales, UK.
- British commercial archaeology. Main duties: Digital photogrammetry; 3D modelling; digital illustrations via ArcGIS, Illustrator, Agisoft Photoscan, Faro PhoToPlan, and AutoCAD.
- 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 **Media:** 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 **Editor**, Archaeology Review from Cambridge, Knowledge-scapes, vol. 35.2; member of editorial board.

FUNDING, PRIZES & AWARDS

2019 – 2020	University of Cambridge College Levies Panel. Funding from Colleges (“levy request”).	£ 135,000
2018 – 2019	OSCEA Award , Outstanding Student Contribution to Education Award, University of Cambridge. CCTL, 2019: “demonstrate or advocate for inclusive teaching”.	n/a
2018 – 2019	NTICVA Awards - Nehru Trust for the Indian Collection at the V/A Museum, London.	£ 2,500
2018	Fitch Laboratory Awards , British School at Athens, Greece. Indus and Minoan societies.	£ 1,500
2016 – 2020	ERC- European Research Council, PhD Scholarship , Cambridge. Horizon 2020.	£ 65,000
2015 – 2016	IoA Awards, UCL. Project: Indus and PGW Ceramic Analysis at BHU, Varanasi, India.	£ 600
2010 – 2011	Erasmus Programme Scholarship , European Commission. BA exchange (Italy - Spain).	£ 2,500

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 Manager, Agisoft Photoscan 3D, Faro PhoToPlan, Trello, and MS Office 2019.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Monographs:

Jürcke, F., Montes-Landa, J. and **A. Ceccarelli**, 2020. Knowledge-scapes. *Archaeology Review from Cambridge*, Volume 35.2, November 2020.

Peer-Reviewed Journal/ Proceedings Publications:

Ceccarelli, A. and Petrie, C.A. 2020. Cultural evolutionary paradigms and technological transformations from the Neolithic up to the Indus urban period in South Asia. In Greaves, L.R. and Hardy, A. (eds), *Religions, Society, Trade and Kingship, South Asian Archaeology and Art 2016*, Volume 1, Dev Publishers, Delhi: 3-20. Available [here](#).

Naoko M., **Ceccarelli**, A., Janik, L., Shiraishi, J., Kajiki, T. and Ishimoto, Y. (2020). XRF analysis on the pottery sherds from Tsukumo Shell Midden. *Kasaoka City Excavation Report 6: Tsukumo Shell Midden*. Kasaoka City Board of Education.

松本直子、**アレクサンドロ・セカレリ**、リリアナ・ヤニック、白石純、加治木智也、石本雄一郎 2020年3月「津雲貝塚出土土器の蛍光X線分析」『*笠岡市埋蔵文化財発掘調査報告6 津雲貝塚総合調査報告書*』401-407頁 笠岡市教育委員会 (in Japanese, 2020)

Ceccarelli A. and C. A. Petrie (2018). Ceramic analysis and the Indus Civilisation: a review. In Frenez, D., et al. (eds). *Walking with the Unicorn. Social Organization and Material Culture in South Asia*. ArchaeoPress: Oxford. [Open access available here](#).

Singh R.N. et al. including **A. Ceccarelli** (2018). Living in the hinterland I: survey and excavations at Lohari Ragho 2015-2017. *Puratattva: Bulletin of the Indian Archaeological Society*, Vol. 48. Delhi. Available on [ResearchGate](#).

Turchin, P., et al. including **A. Ceccarelli**. (2018). Quantitative historical analysis uncovers a single dimension of complexity that structures global variation in human social organization. *PNAS (Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences)* 115(2), E144-E151. Available at <https://www.pnas.org/content/115/2/E144>

Currie, T. E., Turchin, P., et al. including **A. Ceccarelli**. (2018). Reply to Tosh et al.: Quantitative analyses of cultural evolution require engagement with historical and archaeological research. *PNAS (Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences)*. June 14, 2018. Available at <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1807312115>

Singh R.N. et al. including **A. Ceccarelli** (accepted, in Press). Living in the hinterland II: survey and excavations at Masudpur 2018. *Puratattva: Bulletin of the Indian Archaeological Society*.

Orijemie, E.A., **Ceccarelli**, A. and French, C.A.I. (accepted, in press). The ceramic assemblage of Tse Dura (Indyer Mbakuv) rock shelter in Benue State, north-central Nigeria.

Petrie C. A. et al. including **A. Ceccarelli** (submitted). Rethinking human and environment relationships in ancient northwest India: insights from the Land, Water and Settlement and TwoRains projects. *Ancient India (New Series) 'Recent Advances in Harappan Archaeology'*, special volume dedicated to Dr. R.S. Bisht.

Ceccarelli A. (submitted). The British Museum collection of Bronze Age South Asian archaeology: the Indus Civilisation display. Submitted to *History: Journal of the Historical Association*. Oxford: John Wiley & Sons Ltd.

Petrie, C.A. et al. including **A. Ceccarelli** (submitted). Living in the hinterland: progress of the TwoRains project in 2017 and 2018. *EASAA 2018, South Asian Archaeology*, Naples, Italy.

Other contributions:

Ceccarelli, A. (2020). A European migrant in the UK, helping a post-Brexit Britain to react to COVID19, in D. Aditya and P. Otermans (eds.), *Together: An anthology from the COVID-19 pandemic*. [Available here](#).

 SELECTED CONFERENCE TALKS

2019, Jan	Jomon Transitions in Comparative Context: complexity, materiality, ritual and demography in prehistoric Japan, University of Cambridge, UK	Ceccarelli, A., Liliana Janik, Emilie Green (with Naoko Matsumoto, Ryuzaburo Takahashi and Masato Nishino), 2019. Connecting the Landscape: Materiality of Substance in Jomon Japan
2018, Dec	CPG , Ceramic Petrology Group, Tübingen, Germany.	Ceccarelli, A., P. Quinn, R.N. Singh, and C. A. Petrie. 2018. Networks of craftspeople and ceramic traditions in NW India: an ethnoarchaeological study of the Kumhars in Haryana and western Uttar Pradesh.
2018, Dec	Allchin Symposium on the Archaeology of South Asia, University of Cambridge, UK	Ceccarelli, A., R.N. Singh and C. A. Petrie. 2018. Networks of craftspeople and ceramic traditions in NW India: an ethnoarchaeological study of the Kumhars in Haryana and western Uttar Pradesh.
2018, July	EASAA , European Association for South Asian Archaeology and Art, Naples, IT	Ceccarelli, A., P.S. Quinn, R.N. Singh, and C.A. Petrie, 2018. Pottery production and rural landscapes of the Indus Civilisation: a techno-compositional reassessment of Bronze Age ceramic traditions in NW India
2018, May	BSA , British School at Athens, Fitch laboratory, Greece	Ceccarelli, A., Ceramics and castes of India: ethno-archaeology of pottery making in Haryana and Uttar Pradesh
2017, Nov	IAS , Golden Jubilee of the Indian Archaeological Society. Joint conference IAS, ISPOQS, HCS, Varanasi, India	Ceccarelli, A., 2017. Questioning Collapse of Indus Craft Traditions: Petrographic Analysis of Ceramics from North-Western India.
2017, Sept	EMAC , European Meeting on Ancient Ceramics, Bordeaux, France	Ceccarelli A., Petrie C.A., Quinn P. S., 2017. Beyond the Eclipse of Urbanism: Clay, Crafts and Technologies of the Indus Age.
2017, Aug	EAAA , European Association for Asian Art and Archaeology, Zurich, Switzerland	Ceccarelli, A. 2017. Indus and Post-Indus Villages in NW India: Transformations and Innovations of Ceramic Industries in the Bronze Age of South Asia.
2017, May	HA , Historical Association Annual Conference, Manchester, UK	Ceccarelli, A., 2017. The Indus Civilisation: Recent Archaeological Discoveries and the British Museum Collection.
2016, Dec	UCL CREDOC : 'Could Modern Civilisation Collapse?', London, UK	Ceccarelli, A., 2016. A Tale of Rains, Fires and Lost Cities: Indus ceramic technology vis-à-vis urban decline.
2016, Dec	Allchin Symposium on the Archaeology of South Asia, University of Cambridge, UK	Ceccarelli, A., 2016. Memories of cities and rural technologies: social reproduction and transformations at the twilight of the Indus urbanism.
2016, Nov	CPG , Ceramic Petrology Group, Leiden University, Netherland.	Ceccarelli, A., Petrie, C.A., Quinn, P.S., and Singh, R.N., 2016. Urbanisation and De-urbanisation of the Indus Civilisation in NW India: A Technological and Compositional Study.