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## EDUCATION

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- 2014     **Ph.D.** in City and Regional Planning (focus: International Development Studies)  
Department of City and Regional Planning, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, USA
- Doctoral Dissertation: "The Urban Heritage Management Paradigm: Challenges from Lucknow, an Emerging Indian City"*
- 2009     **M.A.** in Historic Preservation Planning  
Department of City and Regional Planning, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, USA
- Thesis: "The Krishna Temple, Hampi: Exploring its identity as a Medieval Hindu Temple in the Contemporary Context".*
- 2005     **B.Arch** with Distinction  
School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi, India

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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- 01/2014-     Assistant Professor  
Director, Programs in Historic Preservation  
Department of Urban and Regional Planning, School of Architecture and Planning  
University at Buffalo, The State University of New York

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Academic Journal Articles

*All articles listed in this section went through a peer-review process. Articles indicated with an asterisk (\*) were invited journal articles or went through editorial review. Articles with a double asterisk (\*\*) are short peer-reviewed articles.*

Krishna, Ashima, Kerry Traynor, and Joy Resor. n.d. "Rethinking Historic Significance of Modern Architecture: Lessons from the Local Landmarking of Shoreline Apartments, a Public Housing Project in Buffalo." *Forthcoming in the Preservation Education and Research journal.*

Krishna, Ashima, and Enjoli Hall. 2019. "Serendipitous Conservation: Faith-to-Faith Conversion of Historic Churches in Buffalo." *Journal of Urbanism: International Research on Placemaking and Urban Sustainability* 00 (00). Routledge: 1–26. doi:10.1080/17549175.2019.1647276.

Krishna, Ashima. 2016. "The Catalysts for Urban Conservation in Indian Cities: Economics, Politics, and Public Advocacy in Lucknow." *Journal of the American Planning Association* 4363 (January): 1–4.  
doi:10.1080/01944363.2015.1132390. \*\*

Krishna, Ashima. 2014. "The Care and Management of Historic Hindu Temples in India: An Examination of Preservation Policies Influenced by the Venice Charter in Non-Judeo-Christian Contexts." *Change Over Time* 4 (2): 358–386.

Krishna, Ashima. 2013. "Reincarnation of the Sacred Space: Issues in Adaptive Use of Hindu Temples in India." *Forum Journal* 28 (1): 37–46. \*

Krishna, Ashima. 2012. "The Business of Heritage." *Context: Built, Living and Natural* 9 (2): 13–20.

### **Academic Journal Articles in preparation**

Krishna, Ashima. "Preservation in the Face of Bureaucracy: Lessons from Practice Stories from India"

Krishna, Ashima. "Challenges in conserving Kaiserbagh, Lucknow: Taluqdari identity, colonial legacy, and contemporary management"

Krishna, Ashima. "The Commodification of Heritage: Lessons from the Hussainabad historic precinct in Lucknow"

Krishna, Ashima and Andrew Abbey. "Conversion of vacant churches: A new community development tool for Rust Belt neighborhoods "

### **Books**

Chalana, Manish, and **Ashima Krishna** (eds). *Heritage Conservation Practice in the Postcolonial Decades: an Indian Perspective*. (submitted)

### **Book Chapters**

Chalana, Manish and **Ashima Krishna**. "Introduction." In *Heritage Conservation Practice in the Postcolonial Decades: an Indian Perspective*, edited by Krishna, Ashima and Manish Chalana. (submitted)

**Krishna, Ashima** and Manish Chalana. "Conclusion." In *Heritage Conservation Practice in the Postcolonial Decades: an Indian Perspective*, edited by Krishna, Ashima and Manish Chalana. (submitted)

Krishna, Ashima. "Heritage Activism: A strong tool for preservation in the absence of policy." In *Heritage Conservation Practice in the Postcolonial Decades: an Indian Perspective*, edited by Krishna, Ashima and Manish Chalana. (submitted)

Krishna, Ashima. "Politics, the Public, and Urban Conservation in Lucknow, India." In *Untitled Volume*, edited by Bishwapriya Sanyal. *forthcoming, spring 2020*.

Krishna, Ashima. 2017. "From Alliance to Dissonance: Two Centuries of Local Archaeology and Conservation in Indian Cities. The Case of Lucknow, India." In *Urban Archaeology, Municipal Government and Local Planning*, edited by Sherene Baugher, Douglas Appler, and William Ross. Springer International Publishing AG.  
[https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-319-55490-7\\_9](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-319-55490-7_9).

### **Other Relevant Publications and Reports**

Krishna, Ashima. 2012. "Agra: The City of Monumental Urban Contradictions. A Final Report". *Global Heritage Fund*, Palo Alto, CA.

Dongre, Amit, Kanishka Jain, Mobin Khan, Ankita Kothari, **Ashima Krishna**, Sachin Kumar, and Suruchi Mahajan. 2005. "Crime Prevention: A Design Dimension." In *Seminars on Architecture*, edited by Malay Chatterjee and Ranjana Mital. New Delhi (India): School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi.

## ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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Year	Name and Amount of Award	Awarding Agency/Institution
2017	OVPRED/HI Seed Money in the Arts and Humanities, \$5000	UB's Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development (OVPRED), in partnership with the Humanities Institute (HI), Buffalo, NY
2016	University at Buffalo Excellence in Course Instruction Through Enquiry (UB EXCITE) Fellowship, \$10,000	UB Center for Educational Innovation (CEI), Buffalo, NY
2011	Preservation Fellowship, \$2000	Global Heritage Fund, Palo Alto, CA
2010	Grant for Doctoral Research, \$15,000	Clarence S. Stein Institute for Urban and Landscape Studies, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
2010	International Research Travel Grant, \$2000	Einaudi Center, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
2009	Grant for Community workshop, \$19,000	Clarence S. Stein Institute for Urban and Landscape Studies, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
2007	Book Award, \$500	ISSO (International Students and Scholars Office), Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
2007	Research Travel Grant, \$2000	Graduate School, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

## CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

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### Papers Presented

- 2018 "Serendipitous conservation: faith to faith conversion of historic churches in Buffalo, NY", Association for Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference.
- 2017 "Looking beyond modern architecture: Issues in designating and preserving Paul Rudolph's Shoreline Apartments", Association for Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference. \*Presented by co-author Kerry Traynor

- 2015 “Lucknow: In Search of an Urban Identity”, Association for Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference.
- 2014 “Hazratganj, Lucknow: Reimagining the Historic Commercial Streetscape in an Emerging Indian City”, Association for Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference.
- 2014 “Lucknow: From Incremental Garden City to Deliberate City of Gardens”, International Planning History Society Conference.
- 2014 “Application of the Venice Charter in non-Judeo-Christian Contexts: The case of religious historic sites in India”, US/ICOMOS Symposium, University at Pennsylvania.
- 2012 “Managing Cultural Heritage Landscapes in Lucknow: Challenges from a Developing Indian City”, Association for Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference.
- 2011 “Historic Preservation, Cooperation and Participation: How conservation architects navigate bureaucracy in India”, Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Conference.
- 2009 “Future of Hindu Temples at Hampi as Intangible and Tangible Resources”, at ‘The Tangible and Intangible Heritage of Hampi’ Conference in Bangalore, India.

### **Other Conference Participation**

- 2018 Created Pre-Organized Session: Preservation in the Resurgent City at Association for Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference.
- 2018 Organized Mobile Tour: Tour 1 – Preserving Buffalo’s Legacy: From Architectural Landmarks to Community Heritage at Association for Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference.
- 2018 Organized FS07 - Remaking Historic Churches Field Session at Association for Preservation Technology International Conference

### **Workshops And Panels**

- 2019 Hosted Public Panel, “The Future of Preserving Modern Architecture: Challenges, Successes, and Losses”
- 2019 Hosted community workshop, “Neglected Heritage, Histories, and Stories: A Community Conversation”

### **Invited Lectures/Seminars**

- 2019 Invited seminar presentation at Harvard University’s Graduate School of Design and Lakshmi Mittal and Family South Asia Institute
- 2017 Invited lecture presentation at MIT’s Department of Urban and Regional Planning

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### University at Buffalo, The State University of New York [2014-present]

Documentation and Field Methods in Historic Preservation	Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019
Introduction to Urban Environments	Summer 2014, Fall 2014, Summer 2015, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019
Global Perspectives in Historic Preservation	Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2019
Final Masters Project ( <i>required for Master in Urban Planning candidates not submitting a thesis</i> )	Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019

### Cornell University, Ithaca, NY [2006-2013]

Freshman Writing Seminar, "Whose Heritage Is It?" <i>Graduate Instructor (Instructor of Record)</i>	Fall 2012
The Global City <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	Spring 2010, Spring 2011
The American City <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	Fall 2009, Fall 2010
Real Estate Project Workshop <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	Spring 2007

## RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2012	Graduate Summer Assistant <i>Center for Teaching Excellence, Cornell University</i>
2010	Graduate Summer Assistant <i>Center for Teaching Excellence, Cornell University</i>
2008- 2009	Preservation Associate <i>Historic Ithaca Inc., Ithaca, NY</i>
2008	Graduate Summer Assistant <i>Cornell Urban Scholars Program (CUSP), Cornell University</i>
2007, 2006	Conservation Architecture Intern <i>Abha Narain Lambah Associates, Mumbai, India</i>
2005- 2006	Architect <i>ANB Consultants, Lucknow, India</i>
2004	Architectural Intern

*Romi Khosla Design Studios, New Delhi, India*

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Creator, Heritage Conservation Network of India  
 Association for Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)  
 Faculty Women's Interest Group (FWIG)  
 Global Planning Educators Interest Group (GPEIG)  
 International Planning History Society (IPHS)  
 Society of City and Regional Planning History (SACRPH)

## **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

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2019- present Member of Advisory Committee, NYS Canal Corporation and Erie Canalway STEM Programs  
 2012- 2013 Commission Member at Ithaca Landmarks Preservation Commission, City of Ithaca, NY

## **DEPARTMENTAL / UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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08/2017- 08/2018 Reputation Committee for Strategic Planning, School of Architecture and Planning, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York  
 08/2017- 05/2018 Department of Architecture Chair Search Committee Liaison, School of Architecture and Planning, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York  
 08/2017- 08/2018 Member, Asian Studies Executive Committee, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York  
 01/2016- 01/2018 Chair, MUP Admissions Committee, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York  
 01/2015- present BAED General Education Curriculum Committee, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York  
 08/2014- present Member, Asian Studies Advisory Council, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York  
 01/2014- present Co-Director, Programs in Historic Preservation, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York  
 01/2014- 01/2015 PhD Admissions Committee, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York  
 01/2014- 2015 PhD Theory Committee, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York

01/2014-present Historic Preservation Admissions Committee, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York

01/2014-present Historic Preservation Curriculum Committee, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York

### **EXTRACURRICULAR SERVICE**

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2010-2011 President of Cornell Association for PhD Planners, Cornell University

2009-2010 Secretary of Cornell India Association, Cornell University

2008 Volunteer for Cornell University's Historic Preservation Planning Annual Work Weekend at the Cascadilla Boathouse at Stewart Park in Ithaca, NY

2007 Volunteer for Cornell University's Historic Preservation Planning Annual Work Weekend at the Eastern State Penitentiary, Philadelphia, PA

2007-2008 Vice President of Preservation Studies Student Organization, Cornell University

2006-2008 Treasurer of Women's Planning Forum, Cornell University

2007-2008 Board Member of Cornell India Association, Cornell University