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**EDUCATION**

1991 Ph.D. Art History, University of California, Los Angeles.

Major: Indian Art

Minors: Classical, Islamic Art

1981 Ph.D. History, University of Mysore, Mysore, India.

Ancient History and Archaeology

1973 M.A. University of Marathawada, Aurangabad, Maharashtra, India

History, Art and Architecture, S.E.Asia

**Positions Held**

2006-2017 Associate Professor of World Art

Soka University of America, Aliso Viejo, CA

Asian Art, Classical, Modern Arts

2000-06 Assistant Professor of World Art

SUA

1997-98 Assistant Professor, Dept. of Art, University of Hawaii, Hilo

Introduction to Art History, Asian Art, East Asian Art,

Western Art, Modern Art.

1. Curator of Asian Art

Amarillo Museum of Art, Texas

1993- 96 Asian Art, CSULB

###### PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Rao, Nalini: Ed. *Sindhu-Sarasvati Civlilization: New Perspectives.* New

Delhi. DKPrintworld, 2014 .

Rao, Nalini: *Royal Imagery and Networks of Power at Vijayanagara: A Study of*

*Kingship in South India*. Originals. Delhi. 2010.

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*Vijayanagara Period*. Originals.Delhi. 2005.

Nalini Rao and Debashish Banerji: *Contours of Modernity: An Exhibition of*

*Contemporary Indian Art.* G.K. Pub. Bangalore. 2005*.*

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*Sculptures from the collection of Dr and Mrs. William Price*. Amarillo Museum

of Art, Amarillo, Texas. 1997.

*Sravanabelagola.* Art Publishers of India. Bangalore 1980.

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**Articles**

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Power and Patronage in the Making of Gandhara Art. *The Visual and*

*Performing Arts: An International Anthology: An Introduction.* Edited by

Stephen Andrew Arbury. Greece. 2012.

Narrative

Nalini N. Rao joined the Soka University of America, Aliso Viejo faculty as Professor of World Art in September 2000. Rao came to SUA from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, where she taught courses in South and Southeast Asian Art. Before that she was an Assistant Professor of Art at the University of Hawaii, Hilo (1998), and she was a Consulting Curator for Asian Art at the Amarillo Museum of Art in Texas (1997).

Rao holds two Ph.D.'s: one in Art History from the University of California, Los Angeles and the other in Ancient History and Archaeology from the University of Mysore, Mysore, India.

Currently, Rao is involved in research projects including, Buddhist and Hindu monasteries in South India and cataloging paintings for a private collection. And Rao is the chairperson of Dr. S.R.Rao Memorial Foundation for Indian Archaeology, Art and Culture, Bengaluru, India.