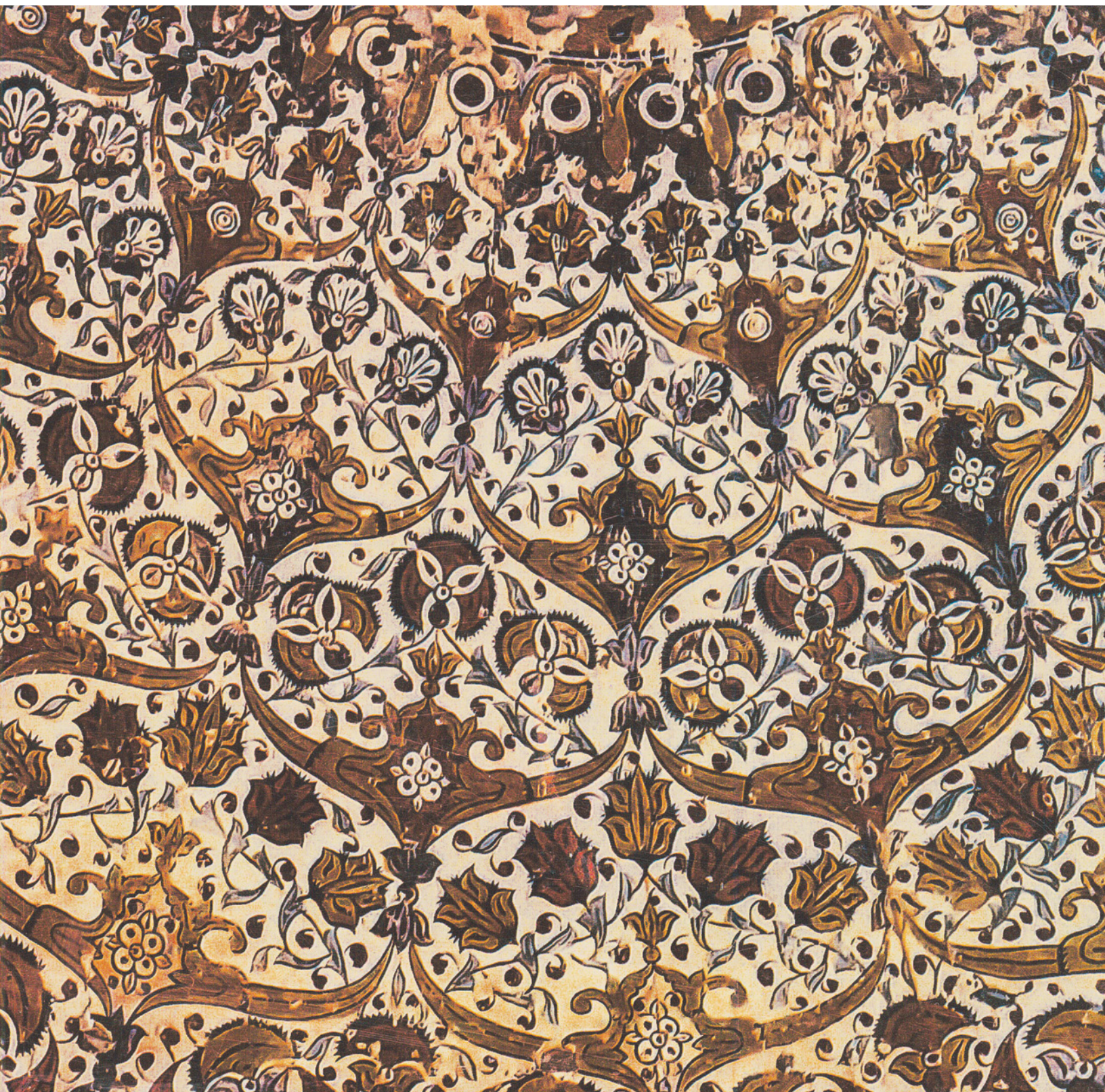


# AIPS



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# President's Report



**Farhat Haq,  
AIPS President**

**A**s we scramble to get used to our COVID-19 existence, AIPS continues its mission of enhancing Pakistan Studies in the U.S. and strengthening higher education in Pakistan.

In September 2019, we concluded a Junior Faculty Training and Exchange Program funded by the U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Section in Islamabad. Under this grant, we brought eighteen U.S.-based scholars to Pakistan to conduct faculty development workshops and engage in one-on-one mentoring of junior Pakistani faculty. Fourteen junior Pakistani faculty members traveled

to the United States to research, develop new courses, and learn about innovative pedagogical techniques. The consistent and long-term transfer of expertise happened not only because of connections this grant enabled us to build between American scholars and junior Pakistani faculty but also because of the participants' crucial feedback. This feedback shows that robust networks emerged within the Pakistani junior faculty participants. They remained in contact with each other after participating in the workshops. They also, in many cases, stayed in close touch with their U.S. mentors.

For this grant, we prioritized faculty members from regional universities in Pakistan. Junior faculty members from the four provinces and areas like Lasbela, Bahawalpur, Sargodha, Chiniot, Khairpur, and Waziristan participated in this Training and Exchange

Program. AIPS sponsored U.S. senior faculty, who are scholars of South Asia and will continue to come to Pakistan, but for several others, this was their first experience in Pakistan. They have now been invited by colleagues to return for conferences or workshops. During my winter trip to Pakistan, I met with vice-chancellors and academic deans of several public universities in Punjab, Sindh, KPK, and Baluchistan to discuss scholarly exchange between U.S. and Pakistan. As a bi-national institution, we are eager to increase linkages between U.S. and Pakistani higher education institutions.

In June 2019, AIPS brought 12 faculty members from American community colleges and minority-serving institutions to Pakistan for a two-week faculty development seminar. Hosting a faculty development seminar in Pakistan is a crucial step toward "normalizing" Pakistan as a safe travel destination for American scholars. We hope that this kind of faculty development seminar will enable greater integration of Pakistan into social science courses at U.S. community colleges and become a yearly event. The participants' evaluations of the experience tell us that the program was highly successful. U.S. faculty members were impressed by the warmth and hospitality of Pakistanis, and several of them are eager to visit again. To continue this momentum, AIPS will host a second development seminar for faculty and administrators from minority-serving institutions and community colleges in the spring of 2021.

The teaching of Urdu to Americans is an essential cornerstone of enhancing Pakistan Studies in the United States. For the last six years, AIPS has partnered with the University of California on the Berkeley Urdu Language Program in Pakistan (BULPIP) to renew teaching Urdu to Americans after many years of hiatus. In the fall of 2019, one of the larger cohorts of American students came to Lahore to engage in an intensive Urdu study program. The BULPIP-AIPS program plays a significant role in preparing future graduate students, diplomats, and policymakers in the United States. Funding for BULPIP-AIPS ends in 2020, and we are looking for other models to ensure that Americans can continue learning Urdu in Pakistan.

We are in an uncertain time, and it is not clear when life will return to normal in this global pandemic. We are trying to manage this uncertainty by continuing our work in funding research, conferences, travel, and workshops knowing that the activities might not happen as scheduled. We have turned to some virtual programming but hope that we can soon resume our usual in-person activities.

As always, Laura Hammond and Nadeem Akbar have stepped up to manage what appears to be ever-increasing demands on AIPS. John Burmaster, Paige Kieler, and Atufa Qazi have provided invaluable service to keep our operations going. I want to thank the Vice President of AIPS, Dr. Matthew A. Cook, for always responding to the call of duty. He has managed the fellowship committee and the newsletter, provided much-needed help with writing grants, and offered programming for our faculty exchange grants. Thank you, Matt!

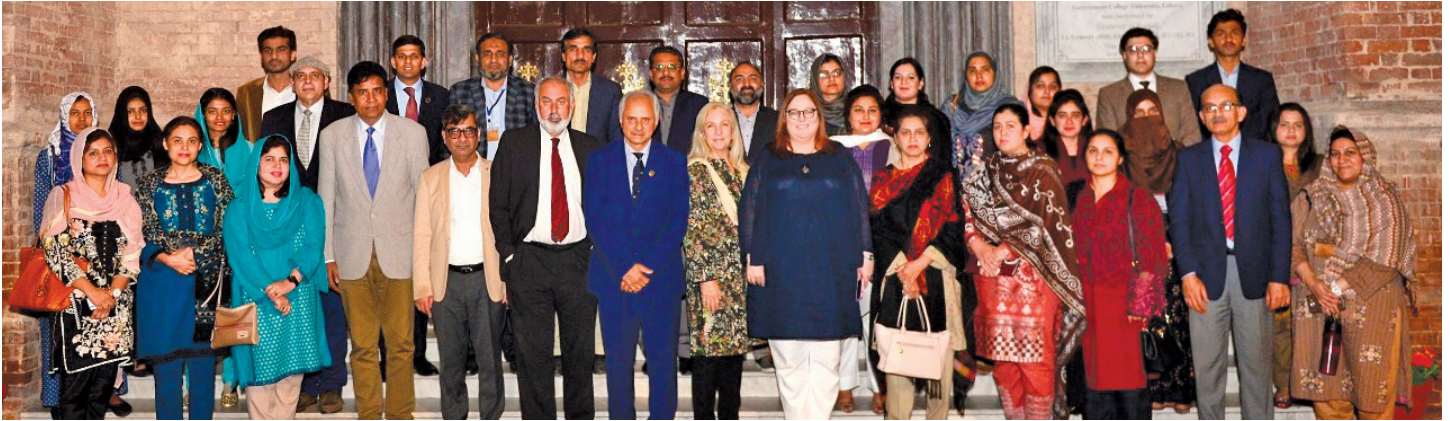
Stay safe during these uncertain times.

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# AIPS and U.S. Embassy Events



**U.S. TechWomen Team after a seminar at Government College University, Lahore with the Vice Chancellor and other guest participants.**

## TechWomen Pakistan Program Summary

Eileen Brewer and Cathy Simpson conducted a series of over 30 talks, workshops, and sessions on topics relating to women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and entrepreneurship in February and March 2020 in Lahore and Islamabad. The program's participants discussed new frontiers in STEM education and practices and how best to support women pursuing STEM education or entrepreneurship. Women made up a majority of attendees at almost all of the venues and were promised continuing support from the speakers in their pursuits of using STEM ideas and practices in start-ups. Brewer and Simpson also hosted five separate programs at various institutions across Lahore and Islamabad, including a panel discussion at the Government College University, Lahore, that featured four prominent Vice-Chancellors. These additional programs allowed the speakers to explore topics such as cyber-security and STEM education for younger students. Participants in these programs were excited to use their knowledge and spread information at their institutions to further the program's reach.

## Digital Humanities Extension Programs

Several follow-up programs have sprung from the 2019 Digital Humanities Exchange Program, sponsored by AIPS and the U.S.

Embassy. Ayesha Akram hosted a series of three workshops in Lahore to continue conversations and training in Digital Humanities pedagogies. Akram's workshops focused on hands-on tutorials and Digital Humanities research, and she presented to over 75 participants across the three workshops. Ibrahim Khokhar hosted a one-day session on "Learning with Tools of Digital Humanities" at the Kamran Institute of Modern Science and Technology, Kandiaro. Dr. Sania Muneer also hosted a workshop on Digital Humanities at the University of Lahore. Participants in the Digital Humanities program continue to plan and host workshops and lectures to carry on the conversations around Digital Humanities, and how it can be impactful in pedagogies and research.

## Pakistani-U.S. Alumni Network (PUAN) Masterclass Program

Dr. Audrey Iffert-Saleem and Dr. Hassan Abbas helped facilitate two editions of the Pakistani-U.S. Alumni Network (PUAN) Masterclass Program titled, "#PeaceLab: Promoting Regional Peace and Stability." This 5-day program aimed to facilitate the creation of safer societies regionally and locally and connect young social entrepreneurs from Pakistan and Afghanistan. Dr. Iffert-Saleem presented a workshop on crowdfunding for Pakistani and Afghani entrepreneurs. Dr. Abbas gave his lectures on preventing and countering violent extremism in South Asia and building peace strategies. The pro-

gram was made available to 100 alumni of U.S. government exchange programs from across Pakistan and Afghanistan. ■

## CSS Exam Speaker Series on U.S. History

The U.S. Embassy and AIPS facilitated a U.S. History Speaker Series for Pakistanis who are planning to take the highly competitive Central Superior Service (CSS) exam. The series included six virtual sessions. Please see below and on the AIPS website for more details.

### June 30, 2020

*The American Constitution: Its Origins and Development*

Dr. Eric T. Kasper

### July 7, 2020

*U.S. Congress and its Mandate*

Dr. Andre P. Audette

### July 20, 2020

*The Civil Rights Movement*

Dr. Dianne Pinderhughes

### July 28, 2020

*The Forces that Shaped Modern America*

Dr. Courtney Fullilove

### August 13, 2020

*Making America: The Society and Culture of the United States*

Dr. Stacy Cordery

### September 3, 2020

*U.S. Presidential Election*

Dr. Andre P. Audette

## AIPS Pakistan Lecture Series 2019: Sheema Kermani

As part of the AIPS Pakistan Lecture Series, Sheema Kermani led a series of presentations at Michigan State University (MSU), University of Chicago, and Monmouth College from October 2 to 19, 2019. Kermani is a highly regarded activist, dancer and theater performer from Pakistan whose art explores Pakistani cultural identity and national history. Through this Pakistan Lecture Series, organized by Professor Sean Pue at MSU, Sheema Kermani was able to reach many participants across all three institutions – including performers, scholars, artists, activists, etc. Her work is a significant contribution to understanding Pakistani cultural identity, and the lecture series helped to convey challenges and counternarratives to traditional ideas surrounding Pakistani culture. Kermani's work serves as a counternarrative to the usual expressions of Pakistani cultural identity. Focusing on performance, especially in dance and theater, she offers an alternate paradigm of Pakistani culture. Kermani also founded Tehrik-e-Niswan, a women's organization that organizes lectures and workshops on women's issues and cultural identities. ■



## In Memory of Professor Hafeez Malik

On Saturday, July 13, 2019, the Embassy of Pakistan in Washington, DC, and AIPS co-hosted an event to commemorate Professor Hafeez Malik's contributions in promoting educational exchanges between the U.S. and Pakistan. Professor Saeed Shafqat from Forman Christian College and Professor Farhat Haq contributed to organizing the event. In 1973, Professor Malik helped establish the American Institute of Pakistan Studies.



Still, there are many other significant contributions made by Professor Malik. He was responsible for creating Villanova's Center for Arab and Islamic Studies in 1983 and founded the Journal of South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies. Several professors, policymakers, diplomats, and students of Professor Hafeez Malik paid homage to his life and legacy. We were fortunate to hear from him the story of AIPS's origin. As a journalist who knew Prime Minister Z.A. Bhutto, Professor Malik convinced the Prime Minister that, rather than lamenting that Americans do not understand Pakistan, he should establish a research institute that would allow American scholars to research in Pakistan. Luckily, Z.A. Bhutto saw the logic and agreed to establish a bi-national American Institute of Pakistan Studies.

In April 2020, we heard the sad news that Professor Malik had passed away. Though this news profoundly saddened us, it is comforting that we had the chance to pay tribute to his contributions while he was alive. ■

## AIPS Reception in Memory of Prof. Muhammad Umar Memon

At this year's Annual Conference on South Asia in Madison, WI, AIPS hosted a reception, organized by Zahra Sabri, in memory of Professor Muhammad Umar Memon (1939-2018). It included tributes by Farhat Haq, C.M. Naim, Zahra Sabri, and Ali Akbar Natiq also recited his poetry. Following the tributes to Prof. Memon, Farhat Haq introduced the AIPS 2019 Book Prize Awardee, Ammara Maqsood, and Akbar Hyder launched the Journal of Urdu Studies. ■



**Zahra Sabri helped to organize the event and gave a tribute to Prof. Memon. C.M. Naim and Prof. Memon's wife, Nakako Memon, sit at the front table.**



# AIPS Islamabad Center Highlights



**1. AIPS organized a reception at Lahore Gymkhana** on December 27, 2019. Vice Chancellors, Deans, and Senior Management from several Lahore-based universities attended the event.

**2. The AIPS-Islamabad Center** hosted Ms. Asli Mutlu (Senior Program Officer) and Ms. Sanem Sevgi Bozan (Assistant Director) of the Hollings Center (Istanbul, Turkey) from November 5, 2019, to November 8, 2019. They participated in academic workshops at Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi, and the Hollings Alumni meeting and reception dinner at Saidpur Village, Islamabad, on November 6, 2019.



**3. AIPS formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding** with the newly established National Skills University, Islamabad, and hosted a high tea reception in honor of Dr. Farhat Haq (President, AIPS) and Dr. Muhammad Mukhtar (Vice Chancellor, National Skills University) on December 17, 2019. Other prominent attendees included Dr. Muhammad Ali Shah (Vice Chancellor, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad), Dr. Naushad Khan (Vice Chancellor, Islamia College, Peshawar), and Mr. Hussain Ahmed (Secretary IBCC, Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training). Representatives from local universities and other government officials were also present at the occasion.

**4. AIPS is pleased to share** that it continues to receive support and annual funding from Pakistan's Government in pursuance of its scholarly mission in the U.S. and Pakistan. In this regard, the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training (MoFEPT) formally notified the below-mentioned personnel to serve on the AIPS-MoFEPT Scholarly Committee, which is chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training:

- Dr. Sajid Yoosufani, Federal Secretary, Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training, Islamabad
- Dr. Zia ul Qayyum, Vice Chancellor, Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad
- Dr. Muhammad Ali, Vice Chancellor, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad
- Dr. Muhamamd Mukhtar, Vice Chancellor, National Skills University, Islamabad
- Mr. Muhammad Anwar Rashid, Ex-Member Punjab Public Service Commission

Additionally, the MoFEPT nominated Mr. Noman Laiq (Joint Education Advisor, IC) to serve on the AIPS board as a representative of the Government of Pakistan. AIPS welcomed the committee and board members' appointment by the Government of Pakistan and assured the ministry of maintaining a close working relationship with the serving committee's honorable members and board.



**5. The AIPS Islamabad Center organized presentations** on "Impeaching a President: American Politics in a Post-Truth World," by Dr. Farhat Haq (President of AIPS & Professor at Monmouth College) while visiting Pakistan. These presentations were at various locations:

- Department of History, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, on December 19, 2019
- Social Sciences Wing, Superior University, Lahore, followed by MoU signing on January 1, 2020
- Sindh Madrassatul Islam University, Karachi, followed by MoU Signing on January 6, 2020

## AIPS Islamabad Center Highlights



**6. AIPS and COMSATS Islamabad** jointly founded “International Centre for Training and Development (ICTD)” based at COMSATS’ secretariat, G-5 Islamabad. The aim and objective of ICTD are to encourage and support Master trainers, professionals, managers, academicians, and researchers from public and private sectors in Pakistan and 27 member countries of COMSATS. AIPS responsibilities include engagement of relevant trainers/scholars for the workshops while COMSATS will be required to recruit participants from across Pakistan and other member countries. AIPS and COMSATS signed a cooperative document for the functioning of this joint venture.



**7. The Berkeley Urdu Language Program in Pakistan**, class of 2019, attended an AIPS orientation meeting and U.S. Embassy Briefing at LUMS in Lahore on August 28, 2019. BULPIP-AIPS faculty members, students, and U.S. Consulate Lahore officials were present at the occasion.



**8. AIPS hosted a dinner reception at Karachi Gymkhana Club** on January 6, 2019. Attendees included Dr. Farhat Haq, U.S. Consulate-Karachi officials, as well as Vice Chancellors of Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur, University of Sindh, Jamshoro, SZABIST, Karachi, Benazir Bhutto Shaheed University, Lyari, University of Turbat, Baluchistan, Lasbela University of Agriculture & Marine Sciences, Baluchistan, and IBA Karachi.

**9. AIPS President, Dr. Farhat Haq, and the AIPS Pakistan Director, Mr. Nadeem Akbar**, visited Lahore and Karachi to engage with universities and colleagues from various institutions. AIPS signed formal MoUs with the below mentioned Pakistani institutions during these visits to Pakistani cities:

- Pak-Austria Fachhochschule Institute of Applied Sciences and Technology, Haripur on December 18, 2020
- Government College University, Lahore at the Gymkhana, Lahore on December 27, 2019
- The Women University, Multan (WU) at AIPS Lahore Center on December 28, 2019
- Superior University, Lahore at Superior University on January 1, 2020
- Sindh Madressatul Islam University, Karachi at SMIU on January 6, 2020
- Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Women University Lyari, Karachi (BBSU) at the Karachi Gymkhana on January 6, 2020
- Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water & Marine Sciences (LUAWMS), Baluchistan at the Karachi Gymkhana on January 6, 2020
- University of Sindh, Jamshoro at the Karachi Gymkhana on January 6, 2020
- University of Turbat, Kech Balochistan at the Karachi Gymkhana on January 6, 2020 ■



# Upcoming Events

## 1. Faculty Development Seminar - "Religion & Culture in the Postcolonial City"

Location: [Lahore, Pakistan](#)

Date: [Spring 2021 \(tentatively\)](#)

AIPS recently selected its next cohort for the Faculty Development Seminar in Pakistan. This seminar, organized by AIPS with support from CAORC, aims to provide participants with firsthand experiences of various cultural sites and practices in Lahore, including its medieval walled city and its colonial architectural landmarks, as well as facilitating meetings with local scholars, artists, and others. Participants are faculty members or administrators of a community college or minority-serving institution, who seek to provide a global perspective to their students.

## 2. Berkeley-AIPS Urdu Language Program in Pakistan

Location: [Lahore, Pakistan](#)

Date: [Spring 2021 \(tentatively\)](#)

The sixth cohort of BULPIP-AIPS students will travel to Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) in Pakistan. Jointly administered by AIPS and the Berkeley Urdu Language Program in Pakistan (BULPIP) at ISAS in the University of California, Berkeley, this Urdu language program offers daily classroom instruction, five days a week, for approximately fifteen weeks. Particular emphasis is on connecting with the local speech community as well as self-management of learning. Participants will engage in various program events, such as attending films, plays, and other cultural activities. The program awards annual fellowships to students.

## 3. Annual Conference on South Asia

Location: [Madison, WI](#)

Date: [October 2021](#)

Due to COVID-19, the 2020 Annual Conference on South Asia was postponed until October of 2021. This conference brings together scholars, students, and professionals from around the world for lectures, performances, panels, and much more. AIPS will be hosting its fourth Emerging Scholars Symposium and a Panel at the 2021 Annual Conference on South Asia.

## 4. Research Encounters in Pakistan

Location: [Metropolitan State University of Denver, USA](#)

Date: [TBD \(postponed\)](#)

As a minority-serving and mostly undergraduate institution, MSU Denver will host an academic discussion on Pakistan, with conversations about research opportunities, study abroad opportunities, scholarly exchange, and Pakistan's cultural milieu with faculty and students. The conference, organized by Dr. Sanaa Riaz, will host Dr. Kathryn Besio from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, a minority-serving institution. Dr. Besio's talk, from the perspective of her area of expertise, Geography, will be followed by a discussion by Dr. Joel Gordon, Professor of History of the Middle East and Islamic Studies at the University of Arkansas.

## 5. Pakistan and Partition Through Bengali Eyes: Elias's Khoabnama

Location: [Johns Hopkins University, USA](#)

Date: [TBD \(postponed\)](#)

The workshop, facilitated by Dr. Naveeda Khan at Johns Hopkins University, will host twelve participants. They will present and discuss one another's papers on Akhteruzzaman Elias's novel, *Khoabnama*, to produce pithy pieces and academic work on a figure richly deserving of more engagement. Graduate students working on related topics will be involved in the conference. The university will also advertise it to the broader public.

## 6. 10th Annual University of Michigan Pakistan Conference

Location: [University of Michigan, USA](#)

Date: [April 2021 \(tentatively\)](#)

The Annual UM Pakistan Conference is facilitated by Dr. Matthew Hull and organized by graduate students working on South Asia, in conjunction with the Center for South Asian Studies (CSAS). The conference is an initiative aimed at fostering an alternative intellectual and political discourse on Pakistan. The 2021 conference will concentrate on the theme, "Religious Landscapes." One featured session will be an exhibition with Dr. Claire Pamment

regarding the contestation and articulation of gender, class, caste, and religious identity in Pakistani theatre.

## 7. Before and Beyond Typography: Textual Production in Global and Multimodal Perspective

Location: [Stanford University, USA](#)

Date: [April 2021 \(tentatively\)](#)

The upcoming conference, "Before and Beyond Typography," explores the history of reproductive text technologies from a global, multimodal perspective. The conference brings together both established and emerging scholars. It will track the dynamic interplay between technological change and non-typographic printing in South Asia, East Asia, the Middle East, and North Africa; and the vitality of non-typographic publishing networks from the early modern era through the present. Dr. Thomas S. Mullaney of Stanford University and Dr. Andrew Amstutz of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock are organizing this conference.

## 8. Linguistic Anthropology: Mobilizing Key Concepts in the Context of Pakistan

Location: [Lahore, Pakistan](#)

Date: [TBD \(postponed\)](#)

The workshop, facilitated by Dr. Matthew A. Cook, Dr. Gwendolyn Kirk, and Dr. Elizabeth Keating, convenes an interdisciplinary and inter-university group of junior Pakistani faculty to introduce them to concepts from the theoretical toolkit of linguistic anthropology. The workshop addresses a knowledge gap about linguistic anthropology in Pakistan, where linguistics—instead of focusing on the country's rich language landscape—prioritizes ESL and Chomsky's generative grammar. It is similarly marginal in Pakistani anthropology, which is mostly limited to the discipline's socio-cultural subfield. Due to this double "blind spot" in linguistics and anthropology, the workshop will benefit Pakistani participants from both of these disciplines. Participants from other disciplines will also profit from it by exposing them to linguistic anthropology's concepts for understanding language, culture, and society. ■

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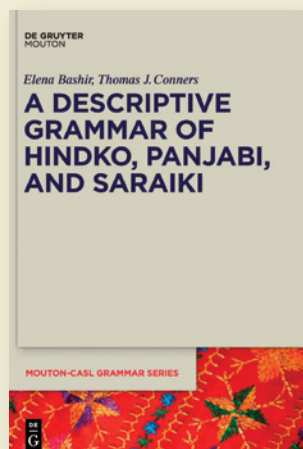
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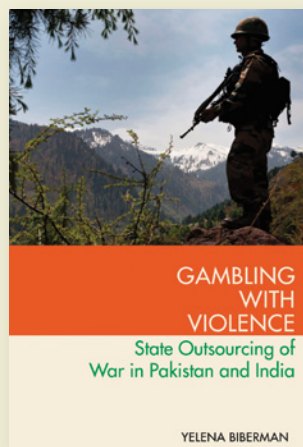
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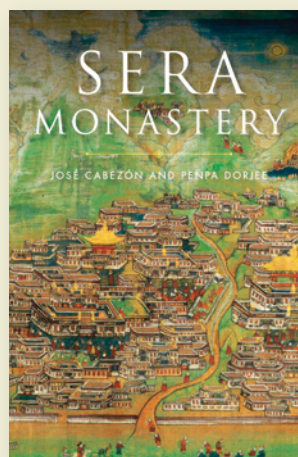
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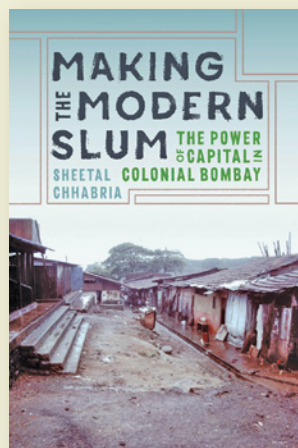


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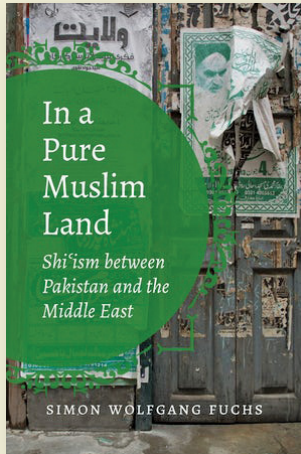
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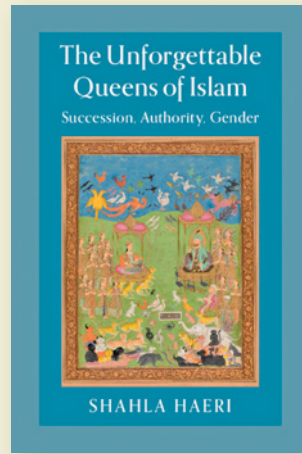
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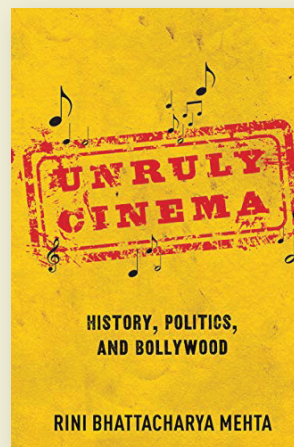
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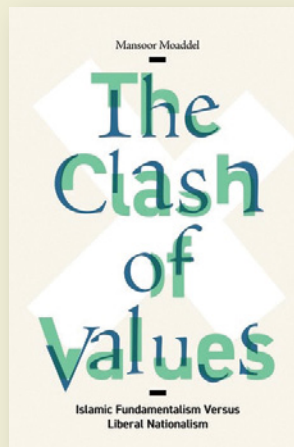
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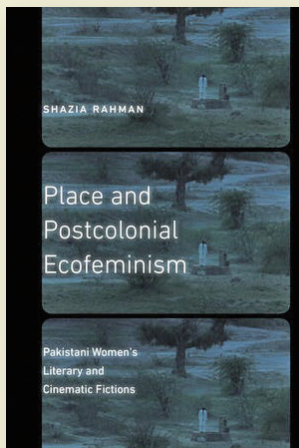
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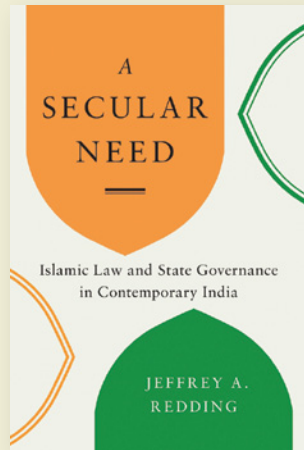
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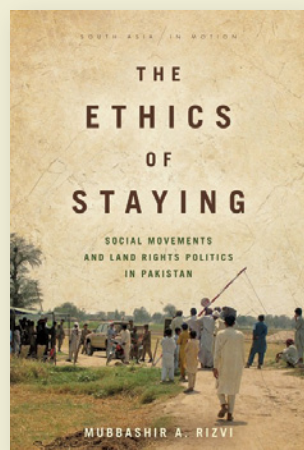
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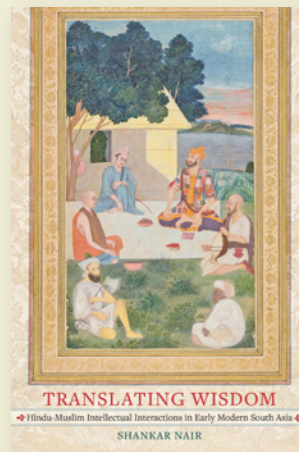
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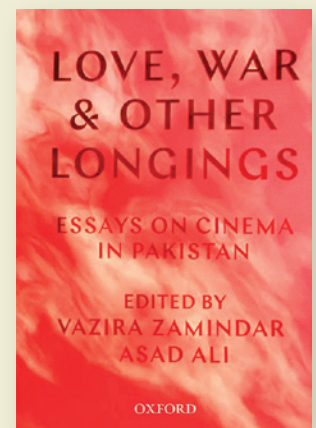
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# AIPS Member Highlights



## Amber Abbas

Associate Professor, St. Joseph's University

In November-December 2019, Amber Abbas traveled to Lahore and Islamabad to research death and dying in Pakistan and its diaspora. The project focuses on Muslim burial practices and how death links to place. During her research, Abbas interviewed graveyard overseers, grieving family members, and those who had experienced the death of loved ones who were distant from their homes. For this long-term and multi-sited project that engages oral histories as well as archival and media sources, Abbas welcomes suggestions and input from AIPS members!

## Husnul Amin

Visiting Fulbright Research Fellow, Stockton University

Husnul Amin was interviewed by the *New York Times*, *VOA Pashto Service*, and *Naya Daur* on various issues related to COVID-19.

## Mushtaq Bilal

Fulbright Doctoral Fellow, Binghamton University

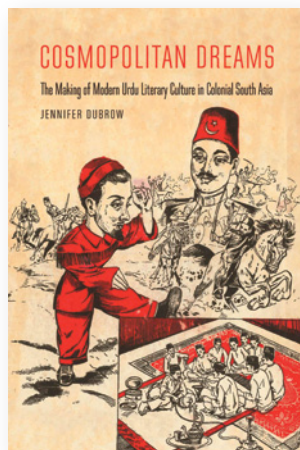
Mushtaq Bilal taught a course on Pakistani literature at Lyceum, a lifelong learning institute for adult learners over the age of 50. This institute is at Binghamton University, where Bilal is a Fulbright doctoral fellow in the Department of Comparative Literature. Bilal received the Bucali Manav Huseyin Skeremisoy Award for Lyceum. Established in 2018 by Dr. Oktay Sekerisoy, the award is for a graduate student who lectured during

the academic year for Lyceum and contributed to cross-cultural communications, international relations, or access to education for underrepresented students.

## José I. Cabezón

Professor, University of California, Santa Barbara

José Cabezón (Dalai Lama Professor at UC Santa Barbara) became a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Cabezón also became president of the American Academy of Religion—the largest professional organization for the academic study of religion—a position that he will hold until November of 2020.



## Jennifer Dubrow

Associate Professor, University of Washington

Jennifer Dubrow received a Senior Short-Term Fellowship from AIIS, a Short-Term Research Grant from AIPS, and a Grant to Scholars from the Friends of UW-Madison Libraries, to support work on her current book project, *Voicing Dissent: Urdu Literary Modernism and the Progressive Writers in 20th-century South Asia*. In May 2019, she received an award from the Urdu Writers Society of North America for her work and research on Urdu modernism and Urdu writers with the Progressive Writers' Movement. Lastly, Dubrow's recent book, *Cosmopolitan Dreams: The*

*Making of Modern Urdu Literary Culture in Colonial South Asia*, has been reviewed in the *Journal of Urdu Studies*, *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*, *India Today*, and *Dawn*.

## Joel Gordon

Professor, University of Arkansas

Joel Gordon was named the editor of the *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* (IJMES) at the University of Arkansas. IJMES "is a peer-reviewed academic journal published quarterly by Cambridge University Press (CUP) on behalf of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA)."

## Farhat Haq

Professor, Monmouth College

Farhat Haq participated in the Pakistan-U.S. Educational Cooperation Webinar sponsored by the Pakistani Embassy in Washington, DC. Participants spoke about the educational partnership between U.S. and Pakistani higher education institutions, and the benefits of international cooperation can have on higher education.

## Zehra Hashmi

Ph.D. Candidate, University of Michigan

Zehra Hashmi accepted a Charlotte Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship for 2020-2021 to work on her dissertation, tentatively titled, "Identifying Kin: Biometric Belonging and Databased Governance from Colonial South Asia to Postcolonial Pakistan."

## Maira Hayat

Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford University

Maira Hayat received the 2019 S.S. Pirzada Dissertation Prize in Pakistan Studies for her dissertation "Ecologies of Water Governance in Pakistan: The Colony the Corporation & the Contemporary." The S.S. Pirzada Dissertation Prize is for an exemplary dissertation on the humanities, social sciences, law, or public health in Pakistan. The prize is in memory of Syed Sharifuddin Pirzada.

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### Matthew Hull

Associate Professor, University of Michigan  
Matthew Hull won the 2019 J.I. Staley Prize for his book, *Government of Paper: The Materiality of Bureaucracy in Urban Pakistan*. The J.I. Staley Prize is awarded annually to an author who exemplifies outstanding scholarship and writing in anthropology and adds new dimensions to the field.

### Salman Hussain

Ph.D. candidate, University of Michigan  
Salman Hussain is currently in Pakistan doing fieldwork for his dissertation, tentatively titled, "Gulfee City: Migration and Class in Urban Pakistan."

### Mehreen Jamal

Ph.D. Candidate, University of Arkansas  
Mehreen Jamal was awarded a summer 2020 research fellowship from the Graduate School and International Education at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. Additionally, Jamal was to present at the Association of Asian Studies (AAS) 2020 conference, which was canceled due to COVID-19: "Selfhood and Citizenship: Urdu Periodicals and 'The New Pakistani Woman,'" and at a SAMSA sponsored panel, "Selfhood and Agency: Muslim Women's Fashioning of State, Religion, and Literature in South Asia." Jamal presented a paper at the Annual Conference on South Asia in October of 2019. This paper was

titled "Not One of the Family: The Representation of Domestic Servants in Pakistani Women's Writing."

### Shenila Khoja-Moolji

Assistant Professor, Bowdoin University  
Shenila Khoja-Moolji received the 2019 Michael Harrington Award from the Society for the Study of Social Problems for her book and community service work. The book traces the shifting constitution of Muslim girlhood in the context of colonial India and Pakistan.

### Iram Naseer

Visiting Scholar, Arizona State University  
Iram Naseer was the recipient of the World Scholar Travel Fund from the World History Association. The award supports Naseer's paper "Construction of Gwadar Port City and its role for the Global City development: A Critical Outlook," which the World History Association accepted to its 28th Annual Conference in San Juan in June 2019.

### Claire Pamment

Assistant Professor,  
College of William & Mary  
Claire Pamment's 2020 documentary film, *Vadhai*, was reviewed by Seerat Fatima on *The News on Sunday*. Fatima writes that the film is "an immersive performance exploring its namesake in contemporary Pakistan, and the importance of Khwaja Sira traditions for our music."

### Carla Petievich

Visiting Professor,  
The University of Texas at Austin  
Carla Petievich made two trips to Pakistan in 2019 as Executive Director of the Hoshyar Foundation, which works to increase girls' access to secondary education remote areas of the Mansehra District and Punjab. Since its inception, Hoshyar has opened some 12-15 schools and seen more than 1500 girls pursue post-primary education in villages where their older sisters and elders had been unable to attend even middle school, much less high school and beyond.

### Shazia Rahman

Associate Professor, University of Dayton  
Shazia Rahman joined the Department of English at the University of Dayton as an Associate Professor in August 2019. She is a sustainability scholar with the Hanley Sustainability Institute and teaches courses in Postcolonial and South Asian literature.

### Tariq Rahman

Ph.D. Candidate,  
University of California, Irvine  
Tariq Rahman received the following fellowships to support his dissertation research in Lahore, Pakistan this year: 2019 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant; 2019 Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship; 2019 American Philosophical Society Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research; 2019 American Councils for International Education Critical Language Scholarship; and 2019 American Institute of Indian Studies Summer and Fall Language Fellowship. Tariq's project is titled "Liquid Land: A Diasporic Market and the Making of Lahore."

### Jeff Redding

Dean of Shaikh Ahmad Hassan  
School of Law, LUMS  
Jeff Redding was appointed Professor and Dean of the Shaikh Ahmad Hassan School of Law at LUMS in Lahore, starting in July 2020.

### Mubbashir Rizvi

Assistant Professor, Georgetown University  
*The Chapati Mystery's* The XQs (Ten Questions) Series interviewed and featured Mubbashir Rizvi. Interviewed by Madhuri Karak, Rizvi discussed his book "The Ethics of Staying: Social Movements and Land Rights in Pakistan." The XQs Series is a conversation with the authors of new and exciting works in South Asian studies.



**Mashal Saif**

Assistant Professor, Clemson University  
 Mashal Saif received the following awards:  
 2020 Junior Researcher of the Year  
 (only one nominee is put forward by the college), Clemson University, College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities' nominee for the university award; 2020 Dean's Excellence in Research Award (sole recipient in the college), Clemson University, College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities; 2020 Clemson University, CU SEED Grant; 2020 Clemson University, Lightsey Fellowship. These awards will help support Saif's ongoing research.

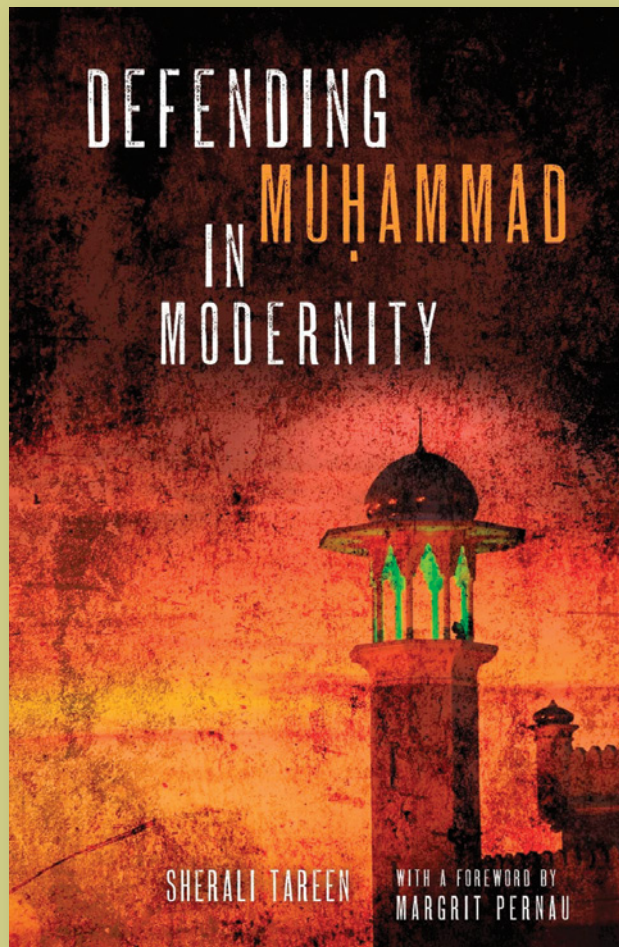
**SherAli Tareen**

Associate Professor,  
 Franklin & Marshall College  
 SherAli Tareen, the winner of the 2020 AIPS Book Prize, discussed his book, *Defending Muhammad in Modernity*, in Urdu with partial English translation at the Hast-O-Neest Institute in Lahore. It engaged the topic of the relationship between British colonialism and Muslim reform movements and debates in modern South Asia.

**Sylvia Jane Vatuk**

Professor Emerita,  
 The University of Illinois at Chicago  
 Sylvia Jane Vatuk gave two presentations in February 2020: "Edward Balfour, Colonial Knowledge, and the Muslims of Mid-Nineteenth Century Madras Presidency," at the conference on Colonial Knowledges: Environment and Logistics in the Creation of Knowledge in British Colonies from 1750 to 1950, (University of Manchester) and "Women, Islam, and the Law in India: The Question of Divorce," at the Institute for Islamic Studies (Free University, Berlin) In March 2019. Vatuk received the "Distinguished Contributions to Asian Studies" award from the Association of Asian Studies at its annual conference in Denver. ■

## 2020 AIPS BOOK PRIZE AWARDEE: SHERALI TAREEN



Each year, the American Institute of Pakistan Studies seeks submissions of books published within the last three years for its annual Book Prize award. AIPS is pleased to announce the winner of the 2020 Book Prize as Dr. SherAli Tareen for his book, *Defending Muhammad in Modernity*. Congratulations to Dr. Tareen!

Dr. Tareen's book is highly relevant to Pakistan Studies. It is a detailed examination of the debate between the Barelvis and Deobandis, an extremely significant dispute in South Asian Sunni Islam since the nineteenth century. It focuses on the continued theological, political, and social consequences of this

debate for contemporary Pakistan. Read more about this publication and the other AIPS Book Prize awardees on the AIPS website.

AIPS is now accepting applications for its 2021 Book Prize competition! This is an exciting opportunity to help publicize your new book and contribute to AIPS' mission. For more information on the prize, please see the AIPS website or contact AIPS directly. ■

# Interview with the 2019 AIPS Book Prize Awardee, Ammara Maqsood

Last year, AIPS Vice President, Dr. Matthew A. Cook, interviewed the 2019 AIPS Book Prize awardee, Dr. Ammara Maqsood, about her book – *The New Pakistani Middle Class*.



## **How did you become interested in the topic(s) addressed in *The New Pakistani Middle Class*?**

This book was originally my doctoral dissertation and, when I had started my fieldwork, I was interested in new practices of piety and the rise of public religiosity in Lahore. Like many others interested in the history and sociology of contemporary Pakistan, I traced its emergence back to the history of state-led Islamization of the country. However, as I delved deeper in my fieldwork, and interacted with people who represented this shift towards piety, I realised that class relations played an important role in how religious ideals and practices were mediated, deployed and inhabited. This is a story that gets lost in the larger narrative of state-led Islamization of Pakistan, and I wanted to bring it to the forefront by thinking and writing about the ways religion is implicated in the daily negotiations of class and power hierarchies in urban life in Lahore. By this, my aim was not to represent an instrumentalist account of religion – that “Islam is used” for upwardly mobility – but, rather to open ourselves to the way religion and religious ideas evolve and interact with other discourses. Just like other forms of knowledge, Islamic ideologies do not fully determine subjectivities but also that they are also ‘discursively produced’, and often through transnational discourse, in conversation with local competing political ideologies, class hierarchies, as well as wider social and economic changes. My aim thus was to point towards the open and dynamic quality of modern religious life.

In writing about the rise of the new middle class, I was also interested in highlighting how “the west” – or, rather, imaginings of the west – are implicated in everyday class relations and contestations.

I wanted to unravel that just as, old and established groups establish their moral and social position through connections with the west and, in particular, postcolonial liberalism, newer groups also understand and contest their position in local and wider hierarchies through their interactions with and knowledge of the outside world. Through this, I hoped to underscore the way that Pakistan’s position on a global stage is central in how class hierarchies are formed, navigated and contested.

## **What was the most challenging/rewarding part of conducting research for *The New Pakistani Middle Class*?**

For me, it has been challenging to write about Islam in a way that acknowledges the history and consequences of state-led Islamization of the 1980s, but also moves beyond it. Looking back now, I realize that I had started my doctorate with the exact same kind of thinking in the academic study of Pakistan that I now try to problematize – that is, a fixation with “what went wrong?” It is partially to do with a national discourse that remains interested in questions of modernization and development, and partially with the western academy that predominantly deals with Pakistan through this frame. I continue to see Zia’s Islamization agenda as problematic and with, long-lasting transformations of public life. But, at the same time, the overall picture is more complicated and these nuances are erased when we position our research within a fixed frame of “what went wrong.” Such framing does not allow us to see other forms of politics, the ways in which liberal narratives can also marginalize.

It is difficult to write about this, especially in a time when (well-founded) fears of religious violence and right-wing politics in Pakistan means that any criticism of liberal ideologies is viewed as sympathizing with “extremists.” I have, however, found it rewarding to pursue this approach. If we are to take recent calls for decolonization within the academy seriously, we also need to reflect upon the ways in which the meta-narratives about certain places and regions repli-

cate and strengthen the self-narratives of elites and established groups. In

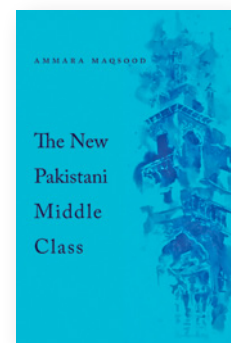
this particular case, by delving into the life worlds and practices of emergent groups and framing my ethnography around their voices, rather than an pre-existing meta-narrative, I have been able to discuss the ways in which inequalities, discrimination and contradictions of a postcolonial liberalism/modernism are experienced.

## **Do you have any specific advice for emerging scholars of Pakistan after writing the book?**

I think it is a very exciting time for academic work on Pakistan – there have been several recent books by new scholars, and many more in the pipeline. There was a time when being a scholar of Pakistan was a somewhat lonely experience, but this is now changing, and I hope that an increased dialogue reinvigorates how the country is studied. My advice to new scholars would be to not take on the burden of “explaining Pakistan” – how it “works,” what went “wrong,” or how to “put it right.” Rather, I would urge them to pay attention to the nuances and details of their own research area, and to draw an argument and analysis from within that. This would allow for a scholarship that does not treat the country as a monolith that can be explained away, but is alive to the immense diversity, contradictions and dynamism of contemporary life.

## **What’s your next project?**

I have, since writing this book, conducted fieldwork on ideas on romantic love, intimacy and conjugal relations amongst young married women, belonging to upwardly-mobile families in Lahore and Karachi. When I had started fieldwork, I had hoped for this to be somewhat like a modern version of Ashfaq Ahmed’s *Aik mohabbat sau afsanay*. As I write up this fieldwork, I am realising that although it is full of tales of love, loss and betrayal, it is also about the reconfiguration of the family and notions of love in neoliberal regimes. ■





# AIPS Fellows and Grantees

**A**IPS granted the 25 awards for research fellowships and conference travel in the last year. AIPS fellowships, short-term research grants, and conference travel grants are available to AIPS members on an annual basis. The review committees comprise a combination of AIPS Executive Committee members and Trustees.

## AIPS Fellowships 2020-21

Each year, AIPS awards long-term Junior (pre-doctoral) and Senior (post-doctoral) Fellowships, two to nine months in length. Due to security restrictions, U.S. citizen applicants applying for Junior Fellowships must conduct their research in countries other than Pakistan. However, non-U.S. citizen applicants and U.S. citizens who are Senior Fellows can research in Pakistan and countries other than the United States. Funding for these fellowships comes from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State, through a grant from the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC), and AIPS's unrestricted funds. These awards have been extremely competitive, and AIPS is excited to announce the recently awarded fellows below. Full abstracts and final reports for all fellows are accessible on the AIPS website.

### Rachel Cochran

Institution: The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Field: History  
Project Title: Persianate Millenarianism: Musa Khan Dahbidi and Muslim Reform in the 18th Century  
Fellowship Type: Junior, four months in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, or India

### Zahra Khalid

Institution: The Graduate Center, City University of New York  
Field: Geography  
Project Title: Securitized Residential Enclaves in Urban Pakistan: (In)security, Middle-class Aspiration, and the "Military Real Estate State"  
Fellowship Type: Junior, two months in Pakistan

### Suneel Kumar

Institution: University of Georgia  
Field: Anthropology  
Project Title: Theorizing Deltas: A More-than-Human Ethnography of Indus Delta in Pakistan  
Fellowship Type: Junior, three and a half months in Pakistan

### SherAli Tareen

Institution: Franklin and Marshall College  
Field: Religious Studies  
Project Title: Longing for Revolution: Narratives of Emancipation in Modern Islam  
Fellowship Type: Senior, two months in London

### Sarah Waheed

Institution: Davidson College  
Field: History  
Project Title: Her City Disappeared Into Oil: Gulf Migrations, Urbanization, and South Asian Islam  
Fellowship Type: Senior, six months in Pakistan, Dubai, and Abu Dhabi

## AIPS Conference Travel Grants 2019-2020

AIPS awards travel grants to help facilitate its members' participation in international and domestic conferences. Grants for U.S. citizens get funded through either the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State or the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC). AIPS's unrestricted funds fund Non-US citizen travel grants. Abstracts and final reports for these projects are on the AIPS website.

### Iqbal Akhtar

Institution: Florida International University  
Conference Name: 3rd International Conference on Islamic Banking and Finance  
Conference Dates: November 2019  
Title of Paper: The Khoja Fiscal Model for Equitable Islamic Banking

### Christopher Candland

Institution: Wellesley College  
Conference Name: International Conference on Emerging Technologies in Educational Research and Practices  
Conference Dates: August 2019\*  
Title of Paper: Thoughtful Use of Technology for Online Learning  
\*Did not travel; conference dates changed post-award

### Rodrigo Chocano Paredes

Institution: Indiana University  
Conference Name: Annual Conference on South Asia  
Conference Dates: October 2019  
Title of Paper: Media-worthy Traditions: Musical Collaboration, Nation Building, and Neoliberal Logics in Coke Studio Pakistan

### Zahra Hayat

Institution: University of California, Berkeley  
Conference Name: AAA/CASA Annual Meeting  
Conference Dates: November 2019  
Title of Paper: Itineraries of Intellectual Property - The Story of Sovaldi

## AIPS Fellows and Grantees

### Michael Hirsch

Institution: Huston-Tillotson University  
Conference Name: Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology  
Conference Dates: October 2019  
Title of Paper: On Doing Research in Pakistan: A Primer

### Shelby House

Institution: University of Washington  
Conference Name: The South Asia Conference of the Pacific Northwest  
Conference Dates: February 2020  
Title of Paper: Taking Humor Seriously: Phone-Snatching, Comedy, and Vulnerability on the Streets of Karachi

### Asifa Jahangir

Institution: University of Punjab  
Conference Name: Annual Conference on South Asia  
Conference Dates: October 2019  
Title of Paper: Kabul Peacemaking Process: Role of Pakistan and its Concerns

### Mehtab Khan

Institution: University of California, Berkeley  
Conference Name: Annual Conference on South Asia  
Conference Dates: October 2019  
Title of Paper: Copyright Law in Context: The Construction of 'Fair Use' in South Asia

### Zunaira Komal

Institution: University of California, Davis  
Conference Name: Annual Conference on South Asia  
Conference Dates: October 2019  
Title of Paper: Misrecognition of a Calamity: Azad Kashmir, Psychiatry and the Hold of the Secular

### Mashail Malik

Institution: Stanford University  
Conference Name: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting  
Conference Dates: August 2019  
Title of Paper: Social Identification and Political Accountability: Respect as a Club Good in Karachi, Pakistan

### Mustafa Menai

Institution: University of Pennsylvania  
Conference Name: Annual Conference on South Asia  
Conference Dates: October 2019  
Title of Paper: The Adab (Etiquette) of Guidance: Intimacy and Pedagogy between Two Urdu Master Poets

### Ilma Qureshi

Institution: University of Virginia  
Conference Name: South Asian Studies Association Conference  
Conference Dates: Fall 2020  
Title of Paper: Sufi Thought and Literature in Colonial North India

### Tariq Rahman

Institution: University of California, Irvine  
Conference Name: Annual Conference on South Asia  
Conference Dates: October 2019  
Title of Paper: The Properties of Property: Patwaris, Digitization, and Land Records in Lahore

### Syeda ShahBano Ijaz

Institution: University of California, San Diego  
Conference Name: Canadian Political Science Association  
Conference Dates: June 2019  
Title of Paper: Voters and Foreign Aid: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Pakistan

### Sarah Thompson

Institution: Stanford University  
Conference Name: 2020 Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association  
Conference Dates: April 2020\*  
Title of Paper: Life Isn't a Highway: Measuring the Cost of Transport for Women in Pakistan

\*Due to COVID-19, the conference was rescheduled; updated travel dates pending

## AIPS Short-Term Research Grants to Pakistan 2020

Since 2012, AIPS has been able to offer Short-Term Research Grants to AIPS members, regardless of citizenship. This year, AIPS allocated five Short-Term Research Grants to allow scholars to do preliminary or exploratory research in Pakistan for one to three months. AIPS's unrestricted funds fund these awards. Abstracts and final reports for these projects are available on the AIPS website.

### Hardeep Dhillon

Institution: Harvard University  
Field: History  
Project Title: Indians on the Move: Law, Borders, and Freedom in the Twentieth Century

### Muntazir Ali

Institution: Brown University  
Field: Religious Studies  
Project Title: Between Samarkand and Delhi: Mapping Conceptions of Space and Belonging in late-Nineteenth and early-Twentieth Centuries Chitral

### Sundas Amer

Institution: The University of Texas at Austin  
Field: Asian Studies  
Project Title: Contesting the Canon: Women's Participation in the World of Urdu Poetry

### Zain Mian

Institution: University of Pennsylvania  
Field: Comparative Literature and Literature Theory  
Project Title: The Poetics and Politics of Urdu Journal Culture in Pakistan

### Zarak Sohail

Institution: University of California-Irvine  
Field: Economics  
Project Title: Do Remediation Classes Improve Student Learning in Developing Countries? Evidence from Pakistan



# AIPS Institutional Member News



**Nadeem Akbar (AIPS), Robert Nichols (Stockton University), and Husnul Amin at the International Islamic University in Islamabad where Amin is Director of the Iqbal International Institute for Research and Dialogue.**

## Stockton University

In July 2019, Professor Robert Nichols received a grant from AIPS to spend two weeks in Pakistan having follow-up meetings with graduate students. The students had attended History Ph.D. dissertation workshops organized by Professor Nichols, David Gilmartin, and Matthew Cook in December 2018 and January 2019. In July, he met with graduate students at the Lahore University of Management Sciences, Quaid-i-Azam University in Islamabad, and the Women's University in Peshawar. Participants discussed different problems and aspects of dissertation formulation, research, and writing.

Dr. Husnul Amin, associate professor at the International Islamic University in Islamabad, is spending the 2020 calendar year in the U.S. on a Fulbright Research grant, affiliated with Stockton University, and the South Asia Center at the University of Pennsylvania. Nadeem Akbar in Islamabad helped facilitate the process. His research is on social movements and the Pashtun Protection Movement.

## University of Michigan

The University of Michigan scheduled its 10th Annual UM Pakistan Conference in April 2020, but the pandemic forced them to delay until April 2021. The 10th Annual Conference will focus on the theme of "Religious Landscapes" and is being organized by Matthew Hull, Brittany Puller, and Zehra Hashmi in conjunction with the UM Center for South Asian Studies (CSAS).

The conference will also include an exhibition with Director and Professor Claire Pamment regarding the contestation and articulation of gender, class, caste, and religious identity in Pakistani theatre.

## Florida International University

FIU hosted the International Fellows Conference on May 7, 2020, via Zoom. The event, introduced by AIPS Institutional Trustee, Professor Iqbal Akhtar, included various scholars from Pakistan. Speakers presented on foreign language learning, general education reform, assimilation, among other topics. FIU also held a conference titled "South Asia in the Age of Pandemic: Regional Perspectives on COVID-19." During the webinar, which was moderated by Prof. Akhtar, six scholars provided regional, communal, and indigenous perspectives on the pandemic's impact on South Asian societies.

Additionally, FIU hosted a Full-Time Teaching Assistant from Pakistan, Sanaa Abbasi. Abbasi taught Urdu 1 & 2 this academic year. Several lectures at FIU also included Pakistan-related themes. On February 28, 2019, Dr. Teena Purohit of Boston University gave a lecture titled, "Prophetic Accusations and Aspirations in Modern Muslim Thought." UC Davis's Fulbright Fellow, Aparna Malaviya, presented "Trapped in the 'Territorial Identity': Khosti Afghans in India" on March 21, 2019, and Dr. Nazia Iqbal of the International Islamic University lectured on "Pakistani and American Familial Transformations" on October 24, 2019.

## Ball State University

Ball State's Trustee, Professor David Roof, planned to travel to Pakistan in April for a conference organized by the International Islamic University in Islamabad. However, the meeting got postponed. The plan is to now move the "International Conference on Innovation in Teaching & Learning (IC-ITL-2020)" to a virtual platform in August 2020. Professor Nichols will be giving a talk virtually through distance technology.

## Sarah Lawrence College

As the Campbell Chair in the Humanities at Sarah Lawrence College, Professor Shahnaz Rouse brought in a speaker from Australia, Malini Sur, who presented her work on the India-Bangladesh border. Along with UT-Austin and Columbia, Sarah Lawrence College will also be hosting Salima Hashmi, AIPS's 2020 PLS awardee, in Fall 2020 or Spring 2021. ■

## New AIPS Institutional Member: BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

### Institutional Trustee – David Roof

For three years, Ball State University (BSU) has hosted a cohort of Pakistani graduate students who took courses and worked on an in-depth research project. BSU faculty traveled to Pakistan to conduct on-site training and collaborated with students and faculty there on research. It organized an international conference with Quaid-i-Azam University in Islamabad. David Roof also worked on programs with Islamic International University in Islamabad. There are an estimated 15-20 faculty members involved in BSU projects that relate to Pakistan. Some are also engaged in collaborative grant proposals with institutions in Pakistan.



# Funding Opportunities for AIPS Member Institutions and Individual Members

The AIPS grants below are open to faculty from any AIPS Member Institution and AIPS Individual Members. A scholarly committee reviews all applications. Please watch for updates and application instructions in the AIPS announcements or contact AIPS for more information. Funding for these grants comes from the US Embassy, CAORC, or AIPS's unrestricted funds.

## Institutional Member Opportunities

### 1) Conference on Pakistan in the US in collaboration with an MSI or Community College

AIPS provides small grants (up to \$4,500) to support a collaborative conference on Pakistan in the US with an MSI or Community College. The budget can fund travel or can be used to assist an MSI in organizing a conference/workshop. This workshop must be collaborative with (or an application from) an MSI or Community College. Application information: <http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/content/conferences-pakistan-us-msi>

### 2) Conference in Pakistan in Collaboration with a Minority Serving Institution (MSI)

AIPS currently has seed money (\$6,000) to organize workshops or conferences at a Pakistani university. This award requires one to invite or collaborate with at least one individual working at a minority-serving institution or community college located in the United States.

Application information: <http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/grants/workshops-pakistan-collaboration-minority-serving-institution>

## Individual Member Opportunities

### 1) Conference Travel Grants

AIPS Conference Travel Grants fund travel to scholarly conferences for the presentation of papers or organization of panels on topics relevant to Pakistan Studies. AIPS reviews applications for these grants quarterly. To apply, please see the AIPS website: <http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/content/conference-travel-grants>.

### 2) Research Fellowships

AIPS offers Senior and Junior Research Fellowships annually to support two to nine months of research on the topic of Pakistan Studies. Award amounts and eligibility requirements vary. For more information, please visit the AIPS website: <http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/fellowship>.

### 3) Short-Term Research Grants

AIPS offers short-term research travel grants to Pakistan (\$3,000/award) each year to support up to three months of research. This grant is open to members in good standing, regardless of citizenship. AIPS reviews applications for these grants annually. A description of this grant is available on the AIPS website: <http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/content/short-term-research-grants-pakistan>. ■

## AIPS 2019-20 ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to those who were elected to the AIPS Executive Committee and Board of Trustees in 2019-20. Thank you to all those who were willing to serve!

### Executive Committee



**Sanaa Riaz:** *At-Large EC Member from October 1, 2019, to September 30, 2023.*

Sanaa Riaz is an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Metropolitan State University Denver. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas in 2011. She teaches cultural anthropology courses, and her research centers around Islamic education, cultures, and identity politics in South Asia. Riaz is the author of *New Islamic Schools: Tradition, Modernity and Class in Urban Pakistan* (2014).



**Daniel Majchrowicz:** *At-Large EC Member from October 1, 2019, to September 30, 2023.*

Daniel Majchrowicz is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures at Northwestern University. He received his Ph.D. from Harvard University in 2015, and his research interests include Urdu literature, travel writing, the history of Islam in South Asia, sociolinguistics and language politics, and translation studies. He is the author of two forthcoming books, provisionally titled: *Travel Writing and the Journey in Modern South Asia* (2021) and *Forgotten Voyages: Travel Writing by Muslim Women from around the World* (late 2020).

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