President’s Report

Dear Friends,

With the height of the COVID-19 pandemic increasingly behind us, planning and support for AIPS’s mission continues on multiple fronts. AIPS funded and helped organize multiple workshops this past year. In Pakistan, it supported workshops by Joel Gordon (University of Arkansas), Zehra Hashmi (Brown University [but now the University of Pennsylvania]), Richard Wolf (Harvard University)/Alien Ray (University of Indiana, Bloomington), and Ifthikhar Dadi (Cornell University)/Faiza Mushtaq (University of Kansas)/Faiza Mushtaq (Indus Valley School of the Art & Architecture). The hosting partners for these workshops were in Islamabad, Lahore, and Karachi:

- Forman Christian College University in Lahore and the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi, hosted Joel Gordon’s Popular Culture and History; Research Directions and Approaches workshop.
- Quaid-e-Azam University in Islamabad hosted Zehra Hashmi’s Writing and Publishing Workshop for Ph.D. and M.Phil. Students.
- The National Council of Arts in Lahore hosted Richard Wolf and Anil Burdette’s Faculty Development Workshop in Ethnomusicology.

The Indus Valley School of Art & Architecture in Karachi hosted Ifthikhar Dadi, Farhan Karim, and Faiza Mushtaq’s workshop titled Architecture, Urban Design and Environmental Activism in Contemporary Pakistan.

In addition to these workshops, AIPS supported the Pathways to Development: Equitable and Sustainable Growth in Pakistan conference. A three-day conference at LUMS, several US-based scholars attended it. Facilitated by AIPS Trustee Dr. Sarah Khan of Yale University, the multidisciplinary event covered themes ranging from macro-economic stability to climate change and gender and social justice.

In the United States, AIPS conducted the Third Emerging Scholars Symposium and a Q&A panel session with the editors of Critical Pakistan Studies at the 2022 Annual Conference on South Asian Studies (ACSSA). The institute will host a second Q&A session with the Critical Pakistan Studies editors at ACSSA 2023 and plans a Fourth Emerging Scholars Symposium (ACSSA 2024). In addition to these events, AIPS co-sponsored the 12th Annual Pakistan Conference at the University of Michigan and a second event, The Pakistan Conference: 75 Years of Independence, at Harvard University’s Lakshmi Mittal and Family South Asia Institute. In addition to conferences, symposia, and panels, AIPS created a new curricular introduction to Urdu Language and Culture online course.

Offered through extended learning at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the course is open to the public for credit. Requiring no previous knowledge, it provides participants with a solid starting foundation in Urdu and the socio-cultural traditions of Pakistan. AIPS funded a wide variety of research grants this past year. This year’s short-term fellowship recipients were Ahmed Afzal (California State University-Fullerton), Daniel Waqar (Tufts University), Izaq Ahmad (University of Georgia), Jonathan Parmore (University of California, Santa Cruz), Muntazir Ali (Brown University), Noor Habib (University of Massachusetts, Amherst), Omar Gondal (Washington University in St. Louis), Osama Ahmad (Brown University), Sharmeen Mehr (University of Buffalo (SUNY)), and Syed Haider Shahrab (University of California, Los Angeles). The recipients’ projects crossed many disciplines:

- Ethnographic Study of the Uses of Mobile Social Networking Apps in Urban Pakistan (Anthropology).
- Seeing Beyond Control: Assessing the Impact of the 18th Amendment on Pakistan’s Higher (Higher Education Administration).
- Nasalization in Punjabi and Marikiyali (Linguistics).
- Remapping Literary Worlds: Miraji’s Urdu Translations of World Poetry (Comparative Literature).

1. Dr. Richard Wolf (Professor, Harvard University) gave a talk on the role of music studies in humanities’ curricula at the Islamabad Club on December 7, 2022. Professors and lecturers from Nigeria, Uganda, Kenya, Kazakhstan, and Pakistan attended the discussion.

2. Students and scholars attended a screening of Dr. Wolf’s film “Two Poets and a River” at the National College of Arts in Lahore on November 30, 2022.

3. Dr. J. Mark Kenoyer (Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison) visited Pakistan to facilitate archaeological workshops and excavation from December 24, 2022–January 20, 2023. Over 170 people attended these events.

4. From December 12-18, 2022, AIPS assisted with the workshop titled “Pedagogic Research: Advancing Methods, Analysis, and Practices” at Fatima Jinnah Women University. Dr. Michael Hirsch (Professor, Hunter-Tiltonson University) led the workshop along with Dr. Saima Hamid, Dr. Aneela Mappood, Dr. Adeela Rahman, Dr. Shazia Hashmat, Dr. Shaberyar Naheed, and Dr. Sadaf Safaj. Over 800 people attended the event.

5. Caroline Cummings (University of Oregon, CEO of the Regional Accelerator & Innovation Network (RAIN)) led workshops for Women Entrepreneurs at Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU) from January 13–31, 2023. AIPS facilitated her lodging and travel for the events, and 129 people were in attendance.


7. AIPS facilitated the visit of Dr. Jason Brownlee (Professor, University of Texas at Austin) as he attended meetings and gave lectures at the Lahore University of Management Sciences from October 14-22, 2022.

AIPS Islamabad Center Highlights

President’s Report

Front cover photo: Mohenjo-daro, Sindh, Pakistan by Dr. Uzma Rizvi

AIPS 2023 NEWSLETTER

1. President’s Report
2. Islamabad Center Highlights
3. AIPS-Pakistan Director Updates
4. Short-Term Research Grants
5. Travel Grants
6. Fellowships
7. Conferences and Workshops
8. AIPS Opportunities
9. Urdu Language Course
10. Critical Pakistan Studies
11. Book Prize 2023 Interview
12. Book Prize 2023 Annoucement
13. Member Publications
14. Member Highlights
15. New Institutional Members
16. Institutional Member News
17. Election Results
18. EC, BOT, and Mission Statement

Continued on page 18
AIPS Islamabad Center Highlights

8. Ms. Afifa Qazi (Assistant Director, AIPS-Pakistan Office) gave opening remarks at the “Pop Culture and History – Research Directions” workshop led by Dr. Joel Gordon (Purdue University of Arkansas) at FCCU Lahore from March 13-14, 2023, below.

9. “Pop Culture and History – Research Directions” workshop participants and facilitators are pictured below.

10. AIPS President, Dr. Matthew A. Cook (Professor, North Carolina Central University), met with Dr. Imran Ullah Leghari (Associate Professor and Chairperson, Quaid-i-Azam University), faculty, and students at GATU on July 18, 2023, below.

11. The University of Sindh’s Pakistan Study Centre organized a session for Dr. Cook to interact with chairpersons and faculty members of various departments at the university, below.

Individual Grantees

AIPS Short-Term Research Grants to Pakistan 2023
Since 2012, AIPS has offered Short-Term Research Grants to AIPS members regardless of citizenship. This year, AIPS allocated ten Short-Term Research Grants to allow scholars to perform preliminary or exploratory research in Pakistan for one to three months using AIPS’s unrestricted funds. Abstracts and final reports for these projects are available on the AIPS website.

Ahmed Afzal
Institution: California State University, Fullerton
Field: Anthropology
Project Title: “Ethnographic Study of the Uses of Mobile Social Networking Apps in Urban Pakistan”

Daniel Waqar
Institution: Tufts University
Field: History

Ijaz Ahmad
Institution: University of Georgia
Field: Higher Education Administration
Project Title: “Seeing Beyond Context: Assessing the Impact of the 18th Amendment on Pakistan’s Higher Education”

Jonathan Paramore
Institution: University of California, Santa Cruz
Field: Linguistics
Project Title: “Nasalization in Punjabi and Marikyal”

Muntazir Ali
Institution: Brown University
Field: Religious Studies
Project Title: “Chitralt as a ‘Tribal’ Region: The Promise and Perils of Integration, 1947-1969”

Noor Habib
Institution: University of Massachusetts Amherst
Field: Comparative Literature
Project Title: “Remapping Literary Worlds: Miraji’s Urdu Translations of World Poetry”

Omar Gondal
Institution: Washington University in St. Louis
Field: Economics
Project Title: “Asymmetric Information, Relational Contracts, and Prices: Evidence from Fresh Produce Supply Chain in Pakistan”

Osama Ahmad
Institution: Brown University
Field: History
Project Title: “City of Knowledge: Lahore’s Urdu Bazaar as Engine of Print, Uniqueness, and Self-fashioning”

Sharmeen Mehri
Institution: University at Buffalo, SUNY
Field: English
Project Title: “Dr. Dastruz Dhalia Library: Mapping Parsi Writing and its Literary Archive in Karachi”

Haider Shahbaz
Institution: University of California, Los Angeles
Field: Comparative Literature

AIPS Conference Travel Grants 2022-2023
AIPS awards travel grants to help facilitate its members’ participation in international and domestic conferences. Grants for U.S. citizens are 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). Non-US citizens are funded by AIPS’s unrestricted funds. Abstracts and final reports for these projects are on the AIPS website.

Aamir Suhail
Domestic Travel Grant
Institution:聊城 and Marshall College
Conference Name: Annual Conference on South Asia, UV-Madison
Conference Dates: October 19-22, 2022
Title of Paper: “Faith, Flood and Pesti- lence: Climate Change and the Incom- pleteness of Reality in Pakistan”

Andrew Amstutz
International Travel Grant
Institution: University of Arizona at Little Rock
Conference Name: Exhibit Asia; Partition and the Transition to Nation-States in South and East Asia
Conference Dates: September 1-2, 2023
Title of Paper: “Exhibiting Pakistan, Italian Style: Partition and the Exhibition of Bud- dhist Sculpture in Italian Museums”

John Mock
International Travel Grant
Institution: University of California, Santa Cruz
Conference Name: Roots of Partition; The Pre-Islamic Cultures of the Hindu Kush- Karakoram
Conference Dates: October 5-7, 2022
Title of Paper(s): “Tibetans in Gilgit and Wakan – New Data, New Implications”;
“On the Title Tham of Hunza Rulers”; and “Onomastics of Shri Badal, the Carnial King of Gilgit”

Masal Salef
International Travel Grant
Institution: Clemson University
Conference Name: Annual Conference of the British Association for Islamic Studies
Conference Dates: May 15-16, 2023
Title of Paper: “Between History and Memo- ry: Contemporary Pakistani Shī’a Ulama’s Re- flections on Politics and Sectarian Harmony”

Sarah Robinson
International Travel Grant
Institution: University of California, Los Angeles
Conference Name: AAS-in-Asia
Conference Dates: June 24-27, 2022
Title of Paper: “From Talkis to Shahed: Con- temporary Tarana Production in Pakistan”

Retirement of AIPS-Pakistan Director, Nadeem Akbar
After 25 years with AIPS, Mr. Nadeem Akbar, AIPS-Pak- istan Director, has retired. Nadeem has been integral to AIPS operations in Pakistan, and his contributions will be appreciated and remembered by many. AIPS thanks him for his many years of service. During his time with AIPS, Nadeem facilitated partnerships between US and Pakistani scholars and universities. As the resource person for those visiting Pakistan, and in his role as AIPS-Pakistan Director, he helped numerous scholars conduct research, facilitate workshops, and deliver lectures. AIPS applauds Nadeem’s quarter-century commitment to Pakistan Studies and extends its best wishes to him regarding his future plans.

GRANTEE TESTIMONIAL

“I am grateful to AIPS for supporting my dissertation research and giv- ing me the opportunity to develop a strong foundation for my prolonged ethnographic fieldwork.” — Shandana Waheed, AIPS Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
**ACSA Panel Funding**
AIPS funded the travel of one scholar in Pakistan to participate in an accepted panel at the 2022 Annual Conference on South Asia in Madison, WI.

**J. Mark Kenoyer on behalf of panelist, Abdul Samad**
International Travel Grant
Institution: University of Wisconsin-Madison
Conference Name: Annual Conference on South Asia
Conference Dates: October 19-22, 2022
Title of Panel: “Innovative Approaches to Traditional Archaeology in South Asia: Indus to Early Historic Periods”
Title of Paper: “Researches and New Approaches in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Ancient Gandhara)”

**AIPS Fellowships 2022-2023**
Each year, AIPS awards long-term Pre-Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Fellowships for two to nine months. 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 from AIPS’s unrestricted funds. These awards have been highly 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.

**Aabila Noman Baqai**
Pre-Doctoral Fellow
Institution: University of Texas at Austin
Field: Community and Regional Planning
Project Title: “Re-imagining Citizenship through Informal Assemblies in Islamabad, Pakistan”

**Brannon Ingram**
Post-Doctoral Fellow
Institution: Northwestern University
Field: Religious Studies
Project Title: “Religion in Muslim South Asia: On the Colonial Pathways of a Modern Category”

**Du Fei**
Pre-Doctoral Fellow
Institution: Cornell University
Field: History
Project Title: “Gendering Property and Islamic Law in Bengal and Punjab, c. 1770-1870”

**Kylie Gilchrist**
Pre-Doctoral Fellow
Institution: University of Manchester
Field: Art History
Project Title: “Khurshid Ansari’s Early Works in the Urban Field”

**Mubbasir Rizvi**
Post-Doctoral Fellow
Institution: American University
Field: Anthropology
Project Title: “Food Geographies of Coexistence in the Aftermath of Violence”

**Muhammad Zubair Abro**
Pre-Doctoral Fellow
Institution: University of New Mexico
Field: Anthropology
Project Title: “Soft Voicing and Multiculturalism in Contemporary Pakistan: A Linguistic Anthropological Approach”

**Oniza Arshad**
Pre-Doctoral Fellow
Institution: CUHY Graduate Center
Field: Anthropology
Project Title: “Mediating National Past: Image and Built Environment in Andorran Lahore”

**Saffulah Nasar**
Pre-Doctoral Fellow
Institution: University of Michigan
Field: Anthropology
Project Title: “Value Across Margins: Regulations and Oil Smuggling in Iran-Pakistan Borders”

**Sameena Azhar**
Post-Doctoral Fellow
Institution: Fordham University
Field: Social Work
Project Title: “Gender-Based Violence against Khwaja Sira in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan”

**Syeda Shahbano Ijaz**
Post-Doctoral Fellow
Institution: University of California, San Diego
Field: Political Science
Project Title: “Aiding Accountability: The Politics of Last Mile Service Delivery”

**Walter Hakala**
Post-Doctoral Fellow
Institution: University of Buffalo
Field: Languages and Literature
Project Title: “Unda as a Critical Foreign Language in South Korea: Expanding Pakistan Studies at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies”

**Congratulations to Muhammad Zubair Abro for being chosen as this year’s recipient of the Suhail Zaheer Lari Memorial Fellowship Fund! The Lari Fund aims to promote studies on Sindhi through AIPS’s Fellowships and Short-Term Research Grants. A pre-doctoral candidate at the University of New Mexico, Abro explores “the mediation of Sindhi nationalism in the Soft voicing of the poetry of Shah Latif, and the implications of the practices of this under-represented group for highlighting the internal diversity of Pakistani nationalism.” Suhail Zaheer Lari (1936-2020) was a Pakistani historian and author who focused on research and documentation of the history of the Sindh region in Southern Pakistan. His family established this fellowship in his memory.**

**AIPS Emerging Scholars Symposium**
Date: October 20, 2022
Location: Madison, WI, USA

On October 20, 2022, AIPS hosted its biennial Emerging Scholars Symposium in conjunction with the 50th Annual Conference on South Asia in Madison, WI. The symposium showcased research being done by six junior scholars in the field of Pakistani Studies regarding a variety of topics including digital humanities, decolonization, women’s rights, political Islam, incarceration, and labor movements. The symposium was divided into four sessions, with each session’s chair giving detailed feedback that led to lively discussions on the papers. The scholars and papers are listed below:

- From “New Womanhood” to “New Working Class”: Gender and Class Ambiguity in Pakistan’s New Service Economy – Dr. Sidra Kamran, Assistant Professor, The New School for Social Research
- Arguing Pakistan in Late Colonial India: The Political Thought of Shabbir Ahmed Ulman – Hassan Namee, Ph.D. Candidate, Princetown University
- Double Bind of Gendered Digital Activism in Pakistan – Nafa Sahar, Postdoctoral Fellow, State University of New York, Buffalo

- “Digital Pakistan”: Dramas, Data Analytics and the Remaking of a Culture Industry – Elliot Montpellier, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Pennsylvania
- Militarizing the Psyche: Incarceration and the Ontologies of Mental Illness in Pakistan – Sanafarah Khan, Ph.D. Candidate, Johns Hopkins University
- Pakistani Women’s Labor at the Crossroads of Patriarchy and Colonial Capitalism: A Historical Perspective – Sameera Abbas, Ph.D. Candidate, State University of New York, Buffalo

Session chairs included Dr. Matthew A. Cook (North Carolina State University), Dr. Yaqoob Bangash (Harvard University), Dr. Rin Bhattacharya Nair (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), and Dr. Ifthikhar Dadi (Cornell University).

**The Pakistan Conference:**

**75 Years of Independence**
Date: November 29-30, 2022
Location: Harvard University, USA

This two-day conference, organized by Dr. Yaqoob Khan Bangash (Harvard University), had an interdisciplinary focus across all fields relating to Pakistan, with 40 presenters from a global community of scholars. The interdisciplinary focus ensures that the field of Pakistan studies is moving towards a more holistic humanities and social sciences approach beyond the traditional security studies that has dominated the field. The keynote speaker was Justice Qazi Faez Isa, the Senior Puise Judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan and the penultimate chief justice given by Dr. Papa Virdee from the De Montfort University in the UK. AIPS funds helped sponsor the participation of seven graduate students at the conference, ensuring that early-career scholars could also participate in this conference. The conference organizers are now working with Routledge to publish an edited volume based on select conference papers.

**Faculty Development in Ethnomusicology Workshop**
Date: November 30-December 4, 2022
Location: National College of Arts, Lahore, Pakistan

Led by Dr. Richard Wolf (Harvard University) and Alan Bundseth (Indiana University-Bloomington), this workshop was an opportunity for participants to give presentations of their research areas and discuss strategies for their respective workshops. Several sessions focused on developing and archiving teaching material and the value of audio recordings were also explored. Participants and organizers engaged in beneficial discussions regarding sound archive training, finding aids, audiences, and grant writing. Overall, the workshop contributed to making Pakistan’s musical heritage more accessible to scholars, musicians, and others who value it.

**Pop Culture and History Workshop: Research Directions**
Date: March 15-16, 2023
Location: Forman Christian College University, Lahore and the Institute of Business Administration, Karachi

The purpose of the workshop was to share theoretical and methodological questions and insight related to the study of popular culture and to expand participants’ horizons on what might constitute an ‘archive’. The two-day workshop at FICU was attended by approximately 25 graduate students from five institutions and one faculty mem-
AIPS Conferences and Workshops

Introduction to Urdu Language and Culture Course
AIPS will be hosting the Introduction to Urdu Language and Culture online course again in the spring of 2024. Enrollment is open to all interested in exploring Urdu language and culture, and faculty members at Community Colleges and Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) are eligible to receive full funding to participate in the course thanks to support from AIPS’s Department of Education’s Title VI Overseas Research Centers funding.

In this introductory level class, participants will have the opportunity to gain a basic foundation in Urdu and learn about the rich cultural traditions of Pakistan and other Urdu-speaking regions. The 10-week online course is ideal for those who want to get an overview of the basics of the Urdu writing system, learn conversational Urdu useful for daily activities (e.g. shopping, ordering in restaurants), and explore cultural themes via dramas, songs and poetry. No previous knowledge is required, and participants can earn up to 2.0 CEU credits for completing the course.

The course has been designed by Dr. Jameel Ahmad. Dr. Ahmad has been teaching beginning to advanced level Urdu for over a decade at the University of Washington, Seattle.

AIPS Opportunities

Please contact AIPS for more information on applying for these opportunities.

Institutional Membership Waiver
For the first two years of membership, AIPS waives the Institutional Membership fee ($250) for two-year colleges and Minority-Serving Institutions. Representatives of these institutions serve on the Board of Trustees, have full voting rights, and are eligible for numerous funding opportunities available through AIPS. A permanent faculty member who is involved in Pakistan studies should submit a proposal for affiliation. As soon as AIPS receives this application, the Executive Committee members will discuss and vote.

AIPS Book Prize
AIPS is soliciting books relating to Pakistan Studies (defined broadly) published within the last three years or soon to be published for the annual AIPS book prize. Books must be single-authored monographs (no edited volumes); please confirm eligibility with AIPS prior to sending books. The award recipient will receive a monetary prize from AIPS ($1,000). Applicants in all disciplines are encouraged to apply. The next deadline is January 10, 2024.

Pakistan Lecture Series
The Pakistan Lecture Series (PLS) is a program designed to support academic exchange between Pakistani and US scholars and to promote the field of Pakistan studies as a whole. As a part of this program, a Pakistani scholar, artist, musician, etc., is invited to travel to the US for two to four weeks to present lectures at a minimum of three AIPS Member Institutions. PLS speakers are nominated by AIPS members or member institutions. A three-member committee solicits and screens potential PLS speakers. The final selection and approval of the PLS speaker is made by the AIPS Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees and is contingent upon available funds.

The Trustee or Member Institution proposing a PLS speaker must make initial arrangements in terms of the speaker’s itinerary and the lectures that they will present. Each host institution is expected to provide local hospitality for the PLS speaker, including accommodations, meals and local transportation. This program is funded through grants from the Council of American Overseas Research Centers and the Government of Pakistan.
Critical Pakistan Studies
New Open-Access Journal from AIPS and CUP

AIPS is excited to announce the debut of Critical Pakistan Studies, a new open-access journal published with the support of Cambridge University Press. Critical Pakistan Studies will publish primary source interpretive research that, in addition to Pakistan and Pakistanis, tackle broader interdisciplinary issues. The journal's interdisciplinary approach pushes beyond the nation-state, security, Islam, extremism, and other topics that narrowly define the study of Pakistan. It will analyze, discuss, and seek to understand the varied and multi-layered context that constitute Pakistan and its people (both past and present and in South Asia and the wider world).

The journal is in affiliation with the Centre d’Etudes de l’Inde et de l’Asie du Sud—Center for South Asian Studies and the University of Exeter South Asia Centre. The journal is now accepting submissions. More information on the journal and author submission guidelines can be found on the journal’s website: Cambridge.org/cps

GRANTEE TESTIMONIAL

“Working with AIPS was smooth and their support during the process has been exceptional. I received the funds a months before my departing flight, and I was able to make all the arrangements well in time. I am grateful to AIPS for supporting my research and enabling me to better perform my responsibility to my community and to my research.” — Syed Eznar Haider, AIPS Short-Term Research Grantee

2022 AIPS Book Prize
Interview: Nosheen Ali

The 2022 AIPS Book Prize awardee, Dr. Nosheen Ali, was recently interviewed about her book Delusional States: Feeling Rule and Development in Pakistan’s Northern Frontier (Cambridge University Press, 2019).

How did you become interested in the topic(s) addressed in Delusional States: Feeling Rule and Development in Pakistan’s Northern Frontier?

I was stunned by the absence of the political and social identity of the then “Northern Areas” in the Pakistani national imaginary—in school, in popular literature, even in intellectual discourse, there was scarcely any mention of the region as a historical and present place and only talk of K-2 and KKH. Particularly, Gilgit-Baltistan’s constitutional liminality and repressive regimes of rule in relation to Kashmir were deliberately silenced. I thought it important to delve further.

What was the most challenging/rewarding part of researching Delusional States: Feeling Rule and Development in Pakistan’s Northern Frontier?

The most challenging part was navigating a new terrain in my early to late 20s, learning what “research” is, absorbing and observing so much not knowing where it is going, and learning what it means to inhabit and feel a new place. This was also the most rewarding part. The most challenging part was articulating a thought, a question, and laying out one’s ten-fold argument. This was also the most rewarding part. I was often told I do not have a “focus”, that I was “covering too much”,

What’s your next project?

Currently, I am working on Raachi publica-
tions, a new press that I have co-founded with Aziz Ali Dad, and our joint edited volume titled Beyond the Mountains: Social and Political Imaginaries in Gilgit-Baltistan. Second, I am working on karti dharti—a field-based ecological learning initiative based in Sindh that seeks to enhance understanding and preservation of native seed/soil. Finally, I am writing a book on gender, land and indigenous rights in Gilgit-Baltistan.

“In school, in popular literature, even in intellectual discourse, there was scarcely any mention of the region as a historical and present place and only talk of K-2 and KKH.”

Nosheen Ali

Delusional States

Feeling Rule and Development in Pakistan’s Northern Frontier

What was the most challenging/rewarding part of researching Delusional States: Feeling Rule and Development in Pakistan’s Northern Frontier?

The most challenging part was navigating a new terrain in my early to late 20s, learning what “research” is, absorbing and observing so much not knowing where it is going, and learning what it means to inhabit and feel a new place. This was also the most rewarding part. The most challenging part was articulating a thought, a question, and laying out one’s ten-fold argument. This was also the most rewarding part. I was often told I do not have a “focus”, that I was “covering too much”.

What’s your next project?

Currently, I am working on Raachi publica-
tions, a new press that I have co-founded with Aziz Ali Dad, and our joint edited volume titled Beyond the Mountains: Social and Political Imaginaries in Gilgit-Baltistan. Second, I am working on karti dharti—a field-based ecological learning initiative based in Sindh that seeks to enhance understanding and preservation of native seed/soil. Finally, I am writing a book on gender, land and indigenous rights in Gilgit-Baltistan.

“In school, in popular literature, even in intellectual discourse, there was scarcely any mention of the region as a historical and present place and only talk of K-2 and KKH.”

Nosheen Ali

Delusional States

Feeling Rule and Development in Pakistan’s Northern Frontier

What was the most challenging/rewarding part of researching Delusional States: Feeling Rule and Development in Pakistan’s Northern Frontier?

The most challenging part was navigating a new terrain in my early to late 20s, learning what “research” is, absorbing and observing so much not knowing where it is going, and learning what it means to inhabit and feel a new place. This was also the most rewarding part. The most challenging part was articulating a thought, a question, and laying out one’s ten-fold argument. This was also the most rewarding part. I was often told I do not have a “focus”, that I was “covering too much”.

What’s your next project?

Currently, I am working on Raachi publica-
tions, a new press that I have co-founded with Aziz Ali Dad, and our joint edited volume titled Beyond the Mountains: Social and Political Imaginaries in Gilgit-Baltistan. Second, I am working on karti dharti—a field-based ecological learning initiative based in Sindh that seeks to enhance understanding and preservation of native seed/soil. Finally, I am writing a book on gender, land and indigenous rights in Gilgit-Baltistan.

“In school, in popular literature, even in intellectual discourse, there was scarcely any mention of the region as a historical and present place and only talk of K-2 and KKH.”

Nosheen Ali

Delusional States

Feeling Rule and Development in Pakistan’s Northern Frontier

What was the most challenging/rewarding part of researching Delusional States: Feeling Rule and Development in Pakistan’s Northern Frontier?

The most challenging part was navigating a new terrain in my early to late 20s, learning what “research” is, absorbing and observing so much not knowing where it is going, and learning what it means to inhabit and feel a new place. This was also the most rewarding part. The most challenging part was articulating a thought, a question, and laying out one’s ten-fold argument. This was also the most rewarding part. I was often told I do not have a “focus”, that I was “covering too much”.

What’s your next project?

Currently, I am working on Raachi publica-
tions, a new press that I have co-founded with Aziz Ali Dad, and our joint edited volume titled Beyond the Mountains: Social and Political Imaginaries in Gilgit-Baltistan. Second, I am working on karti dharti—a field-based ecological learning initiative based in Sindh that seeks to enhance understanding and preservation of native seed/soil. Finally, I am writing a book on gender, land and indigenous rights in Gilgit-Baltistan.
AIPS Member Publications and Resources

Congratulations to both Dr. Isabel Haucau Alonso (Columbia University) and Dr. Waleed Ziad (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill) for receiving the 2023 AIPS Book Prize! The AIPS Book Prize Committee selected two books for the annual award.

The committee found Haucau Alonso’s book, Radio for the Millions: Hindi Urdu Broadcasting Across Borders, to be “a fascinating history of the role of radio at crucial points in South Asian history... Political intrigue, anticorporal resistance, quarrels about cinematic and musical taste, and wartime national pride were maneuvered through the airwaves and the policies guiding them. Alonso’s impeccable research and accessible style of writing bring the background drama and the front-end effects of each turn of the events to the scholar and lay reader alike.”

Abdul Ajaz, Doctoral Candidate, Indiana University

Kamran Asad Ali, Professor, University of Texas at Austin

Maher Ali, PhD Student, Princeton University

Yaqoob Bangash, Fulbright Visiting Fellow for the Lakshmi Prasad and Family South Asia Institute, Harvard University
Bangash, Yaqoob, et al. “Partitioning the University of the Punjab's Indian Economic and Social History Review Volume 59, No 4. (October 2022).


Muhammad Bilal, Assistant Professor, Institute of Business Administration Karachi

Alexander Cromwell, Lecturer and Associate Director, George Washington University


Iftikhar Dadi, Professor, Cornell University


Sarah Halvorson, Professor, University of Montana


Sarah Khan, Assistant Professor, Yale University

Hamaq Isqal, PhD Student, University of Texas at Austin

Elizabeth LHOST, Postdoctoral Fellow, Dartmouth College

Daniel Majzochwicz, Assistant Professor, Northwestern University

Sarah Shahnaz Rouse, Professor, Sarah Lawrence College


Sher Ali Tareen, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Franklin and Marshall College

Natasha Raheja, Assistant Professor, Cornell University

As noted by the committee, Ziad’s book, Hidden Caliphate: Sufi Saints Beyond the Oxus and Indus, “is an ambitious study of a network of Sufi religious discourses and practices that spread through large stretches of Asia: across the Indus and Amu Darya well into the inner Asian Steppes and western China.” In Ziad’s meticulously detailed account, Shahnaz Ahmad Sirhindi’s concept of a millennial revival of Sufism lives through three centuries of tumultuous history that connects the Mughal, British, and Sikh entanglements in South Asia with the world that lay west of the ‘Oxus and the Indus.’ Apart from contributing to the religious history of the Mughal, Ziad has accomplished a truly connected and multi-disciplinary history of Sufism.”

You can read the Book Prize Committee’s full summaries on our website: www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/content/2023-book-prize-awards.
Yaqoob Bangash
Fullbright Fellow at the Mett Institute
Yaqoob Bangash was awarded the Fullbright Scholar Fellowship to the LM South Asia Institute, Harvard University for 2022-23.

Matthew Cook
Professor, North Carolina Central University
On February 18, 2022, Matthew Cook presented, “Local Culture and Sufism: Colonial Debates, Graphic Pluralism, and the Teaching and Learning of Sindh,” in Boston, MA at the Association of Asian Studies Conference. In late 2022, Cook was invited to speak at the University of California, Berkeley as the Annual Mahomedali Habib Distinguished Lecturer on Pakistan. His talk was entitled, “Sindh, Graphic Pluralism, and Sufism: Script and Culture.” Additionally, he edited six articles in Volumes 2 and 3 for the Journal of Sindh Studies (Brill) and served as a panel chair, discussant, and organizer for the “AIPS Emerging Scholars Symposium” during the Annual South Asia Conference on October 20, 2022. Cook was also a co-organizer in the Research Proposal Writing Workshop: An AIPS Academic Workshop at Forman Christian College University in Lahore on June 6-7, 2023.

Alex Cromwell
Lecturer and Associate Director, George Washington University
On November 4, 2022, Alex Cromwell virtually presented “Musharraf’s Enlightened Moderation Program: An Attempt at Transforming Education in Pakistan.” He delivered this lecture at the book launch of Teaching Peace and Conflict: The Multiple Roles of School Textbooks in Peacebuilding at the University of Toronto, Canada.

Joel Gordon
Professor, University of Arkansas
Joel Gordon conducted a lecture titled “What is an Archive: Graffiti and Other Ephemera” at the Institute of Business Administration in Karachi on March 16, 2023. Gordon and the University of Arkansas (UA) have welcomed Dr. Irfan Wahed Usmani, (Assistant Professor of History, Government College University, Lahore) as a post-doctoral Fulbright fellow for 2023-24. Dr. Usmani will be resident in Fayetteville, Arkansas, affiliated with the UA Department of History and King Fahd Center for Middle East Studies, where he will be working on a forthcoming project, “Contextualizing the Movements of Islamic Socialism in South Asia: A Case Study of Islamic Socialist Movement in Pakistan c.1847-1997.” He is also working on a paper, “The Origins, Genesis, and Outcomes of the Islamic Socialist Discourse in Pakistan Between 1947 and the 1990s: A Critical Analysis;” at the Annual South Asian Conference in Madison in October 2023. Dr. Gordon first met Dr. Usmani via an AIPS-sponsored workshop on “Pop Culture across Borders” in Lahore in July 2018. Dr. Usmani is one of the first cohort of post-Covid Fulbright scholars to reach the US after a long hiatus in the exchange program.

Michael Hirsch
Professor, Huston-Tillotson University
In August of 2022, Michael Hirsch was invited as a guest on the PTUV program Diplomatic Enclave, hosted by Omar Khalid Butt.

Nelofar Kamisani
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Kansas State University
On March 27, 2023, Nelofar Kamisani presented at the Critical Question in Education Conference. The event took place in San Diego, California, and the theme for the conference was “Chang­ ing the Narrative about Teaching.” Her presentation was “Let Teachers Admire: Stories about Teachers and Students and” and focused on the experiences of both stu­ dents and teachers when Covid-19 policies first began to affect schools. Furthermore, she received certificates for Professional Development and Leadership, as well as other honors including the Alumni Lead­ ership Award, Social Justice Advocacy Award for the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, K-State Alumni Scholar­ ship Award, and the International Leader­ ship Award from Kansas State University.

Mehak Khan
Assistant Professor, University of Notre Dame
Mehak Khan concluded her PhD in English and Critical Theory in May 2023 at UC Berkeley. In Fall 2023, she begins her posi­ tion as Professor of Global Anglophonic Literature with a focus on South Asia at the University of Notre Dame.

Michael Hirsch
Professor, Huston-Tillotson University
In August of 2022, Michael Hirsch was invited as a guest on the PTUV program Diplomatic Enclave, hosted by Omar Khalid Butt.

Nelofar Kamisani
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Kansas State University
On March 27, 2023, Nelofar Kamisani presented at the Critical Question in Education Conference. The event took place in San Diego, California, and the theme for the conference was “Chang­ ing the Narrative about Teaching.” Her presentation was “Let Teachers Admire: Stories about Teachers and Students and” and focused on the experiences of both stu­ dents and teachers when Covid-19 policies first began to affect schools. Furthermore, she received certificates for Professional Development and Leadership, as well as other honors including the Alumni Lead­ ership Award, Social Justice Advocacy Award for the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, K-State Alumni Scholar­ ship Award, and the International Leader­ ship Award from Kansas State University.

Mehak Khan
Assistant Professor, University of Notre Dame
Mehak Khan concluded her PhD in English and Critical Theory in May 2023 at UC Berkeley. In Fall 2023, she begins her posi­ position as Professor of Global Anglophonic Literature with a focus on South Asia at the University of Notre Dame.

Ken LeBlond
Marketing Communications Manager, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Ken LeBlond hosted the Pakistan ambassador to the US and the New York Consular General on the UMass Amherst campus at the Donahue Institute. At the event, the ambassador spoke to a high school group in the morning and then led a discussion of Pakistan-US relations on the UMass campus in the evening.

Ken LeBlond and Rizwan Shinwari
Rizwan Shinwari and LeBlond collaborated on a presentation at the National University of Modern Languages on November 3, 2022. LeBlond gave a presentation on the U.S. credit system to Shinwari’s macroeco­ nomics class via Zoom. LeBlond detailed his experiences with credit cards, interest rates, and the credit reporting system. He then had a discussion with the students about Islamic banking.

Uzma Rizvi
Associate Professor, Pratt Institute
Uzma Rizvi recently completed her AIPS fellowship work in Sindh examining the archeological site of Mohenjo-Daro. During her trip in December 2022, Rizvi participated in a conference titled “New Challenges to the Physical Heri­ tage: Climate Change Perspective” which was hosted by the Government of Sindh’s Culture, Tourism, Antiquities, and Archives Department. The conference was covered in the Friday Times.

Shannah Rouse
Professor, Sarah Lawrence College
Shannah Rouse was the lead organizer of the colloquium entitled “A Poetics of Presence: Photography, Documentation, and History” held at Sarah Lawrence College on November 4, 2022. Additionally, she was instrumental in the fundraising for this event through her work with internal and external grant applications.

Photo copyright of family of Yasir Alwan and Sarah Lawrence College.

Sadaf Saajad
Professor, Austin Community College
Sadaf Saajad has recently made a notable effort to incorporate the lens of Global Peace and Conflict Studies, specifically focusing on the region of Kashmir in Pakistan, into her current syllabus. This innova­ tive approach aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of human growth and development in the context of war and conflict in Pakistan.

SherAli Tareen
Associate Professor, Franklin and Marshall College
SherAli Tareen delivered a talk in Pashto and Urdu on his second book, Perilous Intimacies: Debating Hindu-Muslim Friend­ ship after Empire. He presented this work about Hindu-Muslim friendship at the 2023 Peshawar Literature Festival.

Anita Weis
Professor, University of Oregon
Anita Weis participated in a CAORC-hosted webinar on October 27, 2022. The webinar explored her experience on an AIPS-affiliated CAORC Multi-Country Research Fellowship and how the fellow­ ship helped influence her career research­ing Muslim women’s rights.
Institutional Member News

New Institutional Members

AIPS would like to welcome our three new institutional members! Prof. Farah Habib (Bristol Community College), Dr. Sameenah Agha (Pratt Institute), and Dr. Paul Edelman (Sauk Valley Community College) will serve as the new AIPS Trustees.

Institutional Member News

University of California, Berkeley

On December 1, 2022, the 10th annual Ha- heedal Habib Distinguished Lecture on Pakistan was delivered at UC Berkeley by Dr. Matthew A. Cook, a historian of South Asia and the current president of AIPS. His lecture was entitled, “Smith, Graphic Muralism, and Sufism: Script and Culture.”

UC Berkeley also supported the 2022 Mir Research Fellowship in Urdu Studies, an award that seeks to assist University of California graduate students in their research. Through this fellowship, scholars Andrew Kim, Tbilto Jabar, and Ambika Atreyaa were able to conduct various projects that contributed to academic Urdu studies.

Additionally, UC Berkeley has awarded the 2022 S.S. Pirzada Prize to two recipients: Dr. Shozab Raza and Dr. Zahra Hayat. This award was made possible by the generous contribution of Rafat Pirzada and Amma Jaffer. The S.S. Pirzada Prize honors the life of Rafat’s father, Syed Sharifuddin Pirzada. The endowment fosters and recognizes the best dissertations in areas of humanities, social sciences, law, and public health related to Pakistan. The University of Toronto’s Dr. Shozab Raza received one of the awards with his dissertation titled, “Theory from the Trenches: Revolutionary Decolonization on Pakistan’s Landed Estates.” Berkeley’s own graduate Dr. Zahra Hayat, who is now Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia, was the other awardee. Her winning dissertation was titled, “The Scandal of Access: Pharmaceuticals in Pakistan.” The recipients will attend the award ceremony in Fall of 2023.

This event will feature a lecture from Amna Gasyum, the 2021 recipient of the prize. Her discussion will be “Reproduction and Histories of Decolonization in Pakistan c. 1947-71.” Furthermore, another talk, “Marvi’s Sisters: Hindu Belonging and the Muslim State in Pakistan,” will be given by Ghazal Asif Farrukhi, who received an Honorable mention for the 2021 S.S. Pirzada prize.

Huston-Tillotson University

Huston-Tillotson University’s Trustee, Dr. Michael Hirsch, was invited to speak at the Second International Conference of Collaborative Partnerships in Strengthening Social Sciences: Addressing Indigenous and Global Challenges. This event was hosted by the Fatima Jinnah Women University in Rawalpindi from December 15-17. At the conference, Hirsch provided a keynote address entitled, “Students as Researchers: Undergraduate Research as an Innovative Teaching Pedagogy.” During his time in Rawalpindi, he also presented the talk “Globalized Thought in the Academy and Beyond” at the Arid Agricultural University Rawalpindi.

University of Oregon

To enhance the study of Climate Change and Glaciology Gilgit-Baltistan, Karakoram International University (KIU) in Gilgit has been visiting the University of Oregon (UO) as part of a two-year project funded by the US Embassy in Pakistan. The members of the KIU faculty possess extensive backgrounds in environmental sciences, earth sciences, glaciology, and media sciences. Each KIU colleague has been paired with a corresponding associate of the UO faculty, and the teams have met to discuss topics related to climate change. As part of this exchange, UO researchers have traveled to Gilgit to share their climate expertise and simultaneously learn about climate challenges in the high-altitude region of Gilgit-Baltistan. The central goal of this two-year project is to increase collaboration between KIU and UO faculty in research and curriculum development of climate change and glaciological studies. It draws upon successful UO teaching-learning and community outreach models, bringing them to KIU and customizing them according to the needs and requirements of the region.

Dr. Anita Weiss, professor of international & Global Studies, is the project director. Along with the UO Faculty Advisory Committee, Dr. Weiss organizes the logistics of the faculty exchange. Applications for the next round of exchanges have already been sent to KIU faculty, and the new cohort is lined up to begin meetings with the UO mentors in the fall. As the current visiting KIU faculty wrap up their visit to UO, both university partners have already reaped the benefits of one another’s expertise and enthusiasm for the project.

Johns Hopkins University

In coordination with Engra Corporation and the University of Lahore, the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) co-sponsored the Conference on the Future of the U.S.-Pakistan Relationship. The two-day event was hosted by the Atlantic Council’s South Asia Center from October 31 to November 1, 2022. During the conference, participants discussed the bilateral relationship between Pakistan and the US in terms of technology, climate change, economics, agriculture, and foreign policy. These enriching discussions highlighted the interdisciplinary issues connecting the two countries, and it provided insights into the shared futures of the nations.
Thank you to Dr. Ifthikhar Dadi, AIPS Vice President, and AIPS staff members Page Hendricks, Connor Steinnke, Vincent Chen, and Layne Geber for compiling and editing the newsletter.

Contact information: aips@pakistanstudies.org
www.pakistanstudies.org

AIPS MISSION STATEMENT

The American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS) was established in 1973 as a bi-national research and educational organization with a mission to promote academic study of Pakistan in the US and to encourage scholarly exchange between the US and Pakistan. To fulfill this mission, AIPS provides research fellowships to American researchers, administers lectureships, and sponsors academic conferences. It is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt, autonomous organization and a member of the Council of American Overseas Research Centers.

AIPS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Matthew A. Cook (President)
North Carolina Central University
Iftikhar Dadi (Vice President)
Cornell University
Michael Hirsch (Treasurer)
Huston-Tillotson University
Cara Cilano (Secretary)
Michigan State University
Rini Bhattacharya Mehta (At-Large Member)
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Daniel Majzrowicz (At-Large Member)
Northwestern University

AIPS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Arizona State University
Ball State University
Boston Architectural College
Boston University
Bristol Community College
Brown University
Clemson University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Florida International University
Harvard University
Huston-Tillotson University
Johns Hopkins University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Metropolitan State University of Denver
Michigan State University
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University
Northwestern University
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Sarah Lawrence College
Sauk Valley Community College
Stanford University
Stockton University
Syracuse University
Tufts University
University of Arkansas at Fayetteville
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Los Angeles
University of Chicago
University of Delaware
University of Hawaii at Mānoa
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Michigan
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Texas at Austin
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Wake Forest University
Wellesley College
Yale University

Individual Member Trustee
Individual Member Trustee
Individual Member Trustee
Individual Member Trustee

William Glover

AIPS 2022-23 Election Results

Thank you to the AIPS Board of Trustees for voting in the AIPS Treasurer election, and congratulations to Dr. Michael Hirsch!

Dr. Michael Hirsch (Treasurer from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023) is a Professor of Sociology and Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at Huston-Tillotson University. He received his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Texas and received his M.A. and B.A. in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. He was trained as a generalist and has published in numerous areas including drug use, program evaluation, sociology, expert witness testimony, the role of women’s education in the modern nation-states and how people make sense of what they believe to be encounters with ghosts. Dr. Hirsch was the President of the Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology in 2011 and was President of the Missouri Sociological Association in 1996. Dr. Hirsch served as the Mayor of Fayette, Missouri from 1998 – 2003. Dr. Hirsch is currently doing research on reconciliation between Pakistan and India and the career paths of Russian Cosmonauts.

President's Report continued from page 2

- Asymmetric Information, Relational Contracts, and Prices: Evidence from Fresh Produce Supply Chain in Pakistan (Economics).
- City of Knowledge: Lahore’s Urdu Bazaar as Engine of Print, Urbanity, and Self-fashioning (History).
- Dr.Doctor Dhalla Library Mapping Paris Writ- ing and its Literary Archive in Karachi (English).

In addition to this exciting range of proj- ects, AIPS awarded post-doctoral fellowships to Brannon Ingram (Northwestern University), Mabashir Rizvi (American University), Sameena Azhar (Fordham University), Syed Shahbano (Ijaz University of CA-San Diego), and Walter Hakala (University of Buffalo). It also awarded pre-doctoral fellowships to Aibahy Noman Baqai (University of Texas at Austin), Du Fei (Cornell University), Kylie Gilchrist (Yale University/University of Manchester), Muhammad Zubair Abro (University of New Mexico), Onaiza Ashraf (Graduate Center CUNY), and Safaih Nasar (University of Michigan). This year’s post-doctor- al and pre-doctoral fellowships explore various topics and include the disciplines of Anthropol- ogy, History, Religious Studies, English, Commu- nity Planning, Art, Political Science, and others.

Also congratulations to Muhammad Zubair Abro, who got the 2023 Saharah Lari Memorial Fellowship and a pre-doctoral fel- lowship. A doctoral candidate at the University of New Mexico, Abro’s project focuses on “the mediation of Sindhi nationalism in the Sufi voicing of the poetry of Shah Latif, and the implications of the practices of this underrepresented group for highlighting the internal diversity of Pakistani nationalism.”

At the start of September, AIPS got a 2.2 million dollar grant from the US Embassy in Islamabad. Over two years, AIPS will organize and implement five education and exchange programs with multiple partners in Pakistan and the United States. They include:

- A science, technology, engineering, and mathematics training and exchange series for female post-college students (University of Delaware and CAARC with multiple AIPS-affiliated women’s universities in Pakistan).
- A U.S.-Pakistan higher education workshop and exchange program (University of Wis- consin, Madison, and multiple AIPS-affiliated universities representing educators from all regions of Pakistan).
- A university partnership and exchange for Pakistani minority students and faculty to promote civic leadership (Huston-Tillotson University with ten AIPS-affiliated universities [one faculty and four students] or five universi- ties [two faculty and eight students]).

At the end of September, AIPS got a second grant from U.S. Embassy in Islamabad. This grant was for over $351,000. Instead of extending a grant AIPS obtained when Farhat Haq was President, the Embassy awarded a new one for all unspent funds, added additional monies, and extended the grant period.

The AIPS family grew in the past year. Dr. Paul Edelman (Sauk Valley Community College), Dr. Farah Habib (Bristol Community College) and Dr. Sameeha Agha (Pratt Institute) will serve as the trustees for the institute’s three newest institutional members. Institutional memberships are also likely to grow further. Indiana University, Bloomington, and the University of Massachusetts, Boston, both submitted applications in 2023.

After 25 years with AIPS, Mr. Nadeem Aliyar, AIPS Pakistan Director, retired. Nadeem has been integral to AIPS’s operations in Pakistan. His contributions are appreciated and remembered by many. AIPS thanks him for his many years of service! The new AIPS Pakistan Director, Noman Baig, began work in July. Dr. Baig is a cultural anthropologist with a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. He was a founding faculty member at Habib University in Karachi. He served there as an associate professor of Comparative Humanities and Social Development and Policy and in various administrative positions at Habib University.

AIPS welcomes Noman!

As is always the case, AIPS’s staff in Islam- abad and Madison deserve high praise. They are crucial to AIPS’s operations in the U.S. and Pakistan. Last year, you thank you to the BOT and EC members. Their engagement and work are critical to AIPS’s success and its promotion of Pakistan Studies.

At the best, Matt
Wazir Khan Mosque,
Lahore, Pakistan
Photo: Dr. Walter Hakala