



AIPs Grantee Final Report

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Final Report Requirements

1. Complete the form below regarding details of your program. Please return this as a Microsoft Word document (doc or .docx).
2. Provide a one paragraph to one-page report highlighting the significance of this presentation on Pakistan Studies.

AIPs Grantee Information

Name:

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Affiliate Institution in U.S.:

Huston-Tillotson University

Affiliate/Host Institution in Pakistan (If Applicable):

Research Field:

Sociology

Conference:

Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology (AACS)

Paper Title(s):

"SWOTing in Pakistan: Examining the Efficacy of a Music Program at a Young Arts Institute"

Panel Title (if applicable):

Date of Conference or Presentation:

October 5, 2020

Summary of Program and Significance on Pakistan Studies

Two years ago AACS signed an MOU with the Sociology Department of Fatimah Jinnah Women University (FJWU) in Rawalpindi (I initiated this agreement). This year two faculty members at FJWU (and a co-author from Mohammad Ali Jinnah University, Karachi) along with nine students from FJWU participated in the conference (one of the FJWU students won first prize for her three-minute thesis presentation). My presentation reviewed a SWOT I conducted for the National Academy of Performing Arts in Karachi. It included discussions of research opportunities as they exist in Pakistan, information such as all institution of higher learning in Pakistan teach in English. It reminded participants of AACS' MOU with FJWU (faculty of which were in the presentation's audience). I also shared information about AIPs with those in attendance. I was queried about other work I had done in Pakistan (e.g., conference participation, publications in Pakistani journals).

My session and the wider conference exposed U.S. scholars to an array of Pakistani scholars and students, provided opportunities to meet potential research partners, provided insights into what the research landscape looks like and shared information about an important research consortium (AIPs).