



# American Institute of Pakistan Studies

## NEWSLETTER



### Letter from the President

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

This is my third year as President of AIPS. In the past two and a half years, building on the successes of the past leadership, AIPS has move forward with energy and vision. We are financially secure, have started new initiatives to bring Pakistani scholars to AIPS affiliated universities and are convening a series of workshops on a range of topics for junior teachers at Pakistani universities. This is in addition to the BULPIP-AIPS Urdu program, which will start in Fall 2014.

We continue to be in conversation with our funding partners, whether CAORC, Government of Pakistan, US Department of Education or the US Embassy in Pakistan with new ideas and programs. While sustaining the research grants and providing grants for workshops in the US and Pakistan, we have proposed a post-secondary teacher training initiative to be based in Pakistan. This program builds on the Dissertation Workshops and the current Workshop Series. We are in the process of applying for a grant to enable more US-based scholars to travel to Pakistan to give public lectures on topics as diverse as the environment and climate change, urban studies, African Diaspora in South Asia and media studies.

Over the past two years the US Embassy in Pakistan has awarded grants to various US universities to establish exchange programs with Pakistani universities. The Embassy requested that AIPS convene a conference for the grantee Pakistani and US universities. AIPS organized this event, and a Pakistani contingent of 18 senior administrators and VCs came to Madison on October 16th for this conference, attending the South Asia Conference as well. This was an important milestone for AIPS and was a memorable event.

On the administrative side, we have had periodic elections and have new Executive Committee members (Sean Pue and Yasmin Saikia) along with a new Vice President (Farina Mir) and Secretary (Cabeiri Robinson). Similarly due to the increase in individual memberships, we have an additional at large Board of Trustee (BOT) member (Mehr Afshan Farooqi). Please join me in congratulating the newly elected colleagues.

In the last year among our many successes, one program stands out, the Summer Research Grant Program, which supported five grantees (out of 35 applicants) to conduct summer research in Pakistan. The selection process focused on graduate student scholars who are the future of AIPS. Encouraging this next generation of Pakistan experts is a goal worth investing in.

As AIPS' EC, BOT and members, I thank you for the support, advice and encouragement that all of you have provided me and congratulate you for achieving what we have done in the past year(s). None of this could have been possible without your efforts. My special thanks to our two directors, Laura Hammond and Nadeem Akbar, and their staff. Their dedication, hard work and tireless effort makes all this possible.

Thank you.

Best Wishes,

*K. Adar*

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## Upcoming AIPS-Sponsored Events

### Sponsored Conferences on Pakistan:

#### **Joint North Carolina Central University-North Carolina State University Conference: “Contextualizing Pakistan: From Within and Without”, April 4-5, 2014**

Despite on-going challenges in conducting research in Pakistan, the country remains important to key issues in the social sciences and humanities. To highlight this continued importance, NCSU-NCCU proposed a conference to crystallize new directions in the study of the country. This conference will examine how interconnections between local, regional, national and global forms of identity—within and outside of South Asia—impact what it means to be “Pakistani.” The conference will also explore questions concerning how these interconnections can shape the study of Pakistan in the 21st century.

#### **Sarah Lawrence College conference, “Re-Envisioning Pakistan: The Political Economy of Social Transformation”, April 4-5, 2014**

This international conference aims to bring together differing perspectives to examine challenges facing Pakistan. Pakistan’s tumultuous economic and political history reflects a socio-economic policy based on an orthodox ‘modernization’ paradigm with marginal trickle-down effects. Its politics of governance has focused on questions of security while paying lip service to democracy. In spite of calls for better governance and a move away from this technocratic paradigm, an ahistorical and simplistic understanding of its history and contemporary realities plague scholarly work, policy making, and media coverage of the country. This conference provides an alternative analytical framework on Pakistan, bringing together scholars from various disciplines in the humanities and social sciences, writers, journalists and activists.

#### **Monmouth College Conference on Pakistan, April 7-9, 2014**

In order to take full advantage of PLS speaker Zahid Hussain’s visit to Monmouth College (see next article), Monmouth will host a two-day conference on Pakistan, which will include presentations on political and social issues as well as a music performance and a presentation on film and literature in Pakistan. The presenters are reaching out to find additional interest from area colleges, universities, and the Pakistani American community. The Buchanan center for the Arts will sponsor an evening of sitar music, which will be held in conjunction with the conference.

### Sponsored Pakistan Lecture Series:

**Zahid Hussain, Senior Editor for Newline Magazine**, columnist for Dawn and correspondent for newspapers such as The Times of London, Newsweek, The Wall Street Journal, and the Economist is the sponsored Pakistan Lecture Series speaker for 2013-14. He will be lecturing at Sarah Lawrence College, Monmouth College and the University of Texas at Austin.

### Sponsored Workshops:

AIPS has received funding from the US Embassy for twelve workshop series. Each series has three workshops in four different subject areas. The same participants attend all three workshops within one particular series. Three series are scheduled for the upcoming months.

**Paula Newberg, University of Texas at Austin**, is organizing a series of workshops on the theme of peace-building and conflict resolution. The first workshop is on rights and the rule of law in building peace and will be held in March of 2014 at the Centre for Public Policy & Governance, Forman Christian College. Goals of the workshop are to provide a background in the fundamentals of the subject, gain familiarity with tools of the trade, and help create a syllabus, or teaching module, in one or more elements of the subject. Future workshops will be on sources of conflict and governing toward cooperation and building peace and resolving conflicts.

**Iftikhar Dadi, Cornell University**, is organizing a workshop series based on the theme of Visual Analysis: art, architecture and media. A series of three seminars will be on methodological questions and case studies on these areas. The seminars will focus on assisting participants in developing their own curriculum and teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and provide them with frameworks useful in furthering their individual research projects.

**J. Mark Kenoyer, University of Wisconsin-Madison**, is organizing a workshop series on teaching Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Management. The objectives of this series is to provide examples of how archaeology is being taught in both large and small US Universities. Selected participants will attend all three workshops to receive the full benefit of this series.





## BULPIP-AIPS Urdu Program

In 2013, the Center for South Asia Studies (CSAS) at UC-Berkeley in collaboration with the American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS) submitted a successful proposal to the U.S. Embassy in Pakistan and the US Department of State to restart an Urdu language program in Pakistan for the next five years. The model was the former Lahore-based BULPIP (Berkeley Urdu Language Program in Pakistan) program. This program – which lasted between 1974 and 2001 – was instrumental in training over 250 US-based students from 45 institutions in Urdu. The new BULPIP-AIPS Urdu program will offer an intensive one-year course compressed into the fall semester. It will be open to anyone who is a US citizen/green-card holder and registered as a graduate student or faculty person at an American educational institution. The BULPIP-AIPS Urdu program has four broad objectives.

The first is to provide intensive Urdu language training to American students and faculty who have research and professional interests in Pakistan and India, in Islam and the Muslim community of South Asia, as well as in Urdu language and literature.

The second is to promote and develop more effective language teaching methods and techniques for teaching Urdu as a second language in Pakistan. The program will bring Pakistan-based teachers of Urdu to

the US, who will be placed at either UC-Berkeley or one of the AIPS consortium universities with a strong Urdu program.

The third is to train the next generation of Pakistan specialists. Students will be encouraged to take courses in their area of expertise or on Pakistani history or culture at LUMS.

The new BULPIP-AIPS program comes at an opportune moment for both UC-Berkeley and AIPS. In the fall of 2011 UC-Berkeley launched an Urdu Initiative. The benefits for Urdu at UC-Berkeley are already being felt in Introductory, Intermediate and Advanced Urdu classes every semester.

Since its establishment in 1973, AIPS has become the premier institution for promoting the academic study of Pakistan in the US and encouraging scholarly exchanges between the US and Pakistan. The BULPIP-AIPS Urdu program marks an important next step in AIPS's continuing efforts to foster interest in both Urdu and Pakistan.

The BULPIP-AIPS Urdu program will be based at the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS). LUMS is a research university and one of Pakistan's premier educational institutions.

For LUMS, the opportunity to host the BULPIP-AIPS program is an important extension of ongoing initiatives to build linkages between Pakistan and the United States as

well as to create a freestanding USL program in the years ahead.

Although the BULPIP-AIPS Urdu program will be largely administered through the Center for South Asia Studies at UC-Berkeley, oversight will come from two committees: an Executive Committee and a Curriculum Committee. Qualified faculty drawn from UC-Berkeley and the member institutions of AIPS will constitute them. In addition to hiring a Head Urdu Instructor and an Assistant Urdu instructor, the Urdu program will also have a Program Manager. S/he will be based in Lahore and will be responsible for managing the program, enriching the classroom experience of students by inviting scholars, cultural figures, and public intellectuals to visit the program, looking over the general welfare of the students, and also serving as the CSAS-AIPS liaison to LUMS. Further, there will be a faculty point person at LUMS who will be responsible for liaising between the program participants and the LUMS campus.

Ultimately, around fifty students will participate in the 2014-2019 cycle. This is on top of perhaps ten to fifteen Urdu teachers who will receive training in the United States.

Any questions about the BULPIP-AIPS Urdu program can be directed to Kamran Ali (asdar@austin.utexas.edu), Munis Faruqui (faruqui@berkeley.edu), or Sanchita Saxena (sanchitas@berkeley.edu).

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# Islamabad Center News

## AIPS Officers and Staff visit Pakistan

The AIPS Islamabad Center had an extremely active January (2014) with many AIPS officers and staff visiting the Center. Kamran Asdar Ali, AIPS President, Farhat Haq, AIPS Treasurer, Cabeiri Robinson, AIPS Secretary, and Laura Hammond, US Director descended on the AIPS Center during January. Taking advantage of having so many officers and the US Director in Islamabad, Nadeem Akbar arranged a major meeting with the US Embassy in Pakistan personnel on January 8th. Additionally, Kamran



Kamran Asdar Ali and Aqil Nadeem, former Consul General of Pakistan in Houston and now Additional Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan

Asdar Ali and Laura Hammond were invited to meet the US Ambassador to Pakistan, Richard G. Olson on Thursday, January 9th. During this meeting, they had the opportunity to promote the ongoing programs funded by the US Embassy and to strengthen the relationship



Mary Ellen Lane, Executive Director, CAORC, and Peter Brennan, Minister Counselor for Public Affairs, US Embassy in Pakistan

between AIPS and the US Embassy. AIPS held a gala event to coincide with these visitors to Pakistan and invited partner participants from the UT-Austin Fatima Jinnah Women University program and the University of Oregon Karakorum International University as well as officials from the Government of Pakistan, Higher Education Commission, US Embassy in Pakistan and local academics.

## CAORC Executive Director, Mary Ellen Lane visit to Pakistan

In addition to other visitors in Pakistan, AIPS was honored to host Mary Ellen Lane, Executive Director of the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) on her first visit to Pakistan in January of 2014. Mary Ellen Lane has announced her retirement from CAORC, and AIPS is extremely thankful for the years of support that Mary Ellen and CAORC have lavished on AIPS. Her leadership was instrumental during the post 9/11 issues



From left to right, J. Mark Kenoyer, Nadeem Akbar, Colin Davies, husband of and next to Mary Ellen Lane, Golam Mathbor, President, AIBS, Laura Hammond seated next to her husband, Edward Almasy

when CAORC agreed to fund scholars to study Pakistan in countries other than Pakistan. This kept Pakistan Studies moving forward in an atmosphere that could have cut off scholarship altogether. Mary Ellen has been a true friend to AIPS and her leadership and support will be dearly missed. We were extremely pleased that we had the opportunity to invite her to Pakistan!

Mary Ellen Lane and her husband, Colin Davies, along with Laura Hammond and her husband, Edward Almasy toured Lahore and Islamabad cultural sites. Nadeem Akbar and Ghulam Rasool were gracious hosts and the trip was an enormous success!



From left to right, Colin Davies, Edward Almasy, Laura Hammond, and Mary Ellen Lane visiting Rohtas Fort





## Islamabad Center facilitates Partnership programs funded by US Embassy in Pakistan

The AIPS Islamabad Center has been facilitating travel and logistics for some of the US institutions that have received University Partnership and other research grants from the US Embassy. The University of Texas at Austin has two partnerships, one with Fatima Jinnah Women University and the other with National Academy of Performing Arts; University of Oregon is partnering with Karakorum International University; and Southern Methodist University is partnered with Benazir Bhutto Women University. Also, the University of Wisconsin-Madison has been awarded a grant, “Archaeological Research and Conversation Project in India and Pakistan” funded by the US Embassy in Pakistan. The Islamabad Center is busy facilitating travel and logistics for these partnerships and grants, many of which pay a fee for services including visa processing, flight arrangements, workshop logistics, among other services. These programs both increase the exposure of the Islamabad Center to new faculty (US and Pakistani) while bringing in revenue to the Islamabad Center.



SMU Psychology workshop with Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University - students and faculty members, February 18-21, 2014

## AIPS Mentoring Project – Muhammad Shoib placed at Arizona State University

ASU had the pleasure to host Mohammad Shoib at the Center for Religion and Conflict at Arizona State University (ASU) in Fall 2013. He accommodated the busy work environment at the center, with an appreciation of the time that we devoted for mentoring his project. Every meeting with him was a joy because he asked questions, provided new insights about his weekly observations, and showed a great deal of academic agility combining humanistic perspectives along with social science methodology in his research and learning. At the end of his stay he lectured

at the South Asia Council at ASU. His topic was on the changing values of the urban middle class in Pakistan focusing on the impact of media and modernity. He seemed comfortable incorporating new ideas and methods of analysis that he had gathered during his study at ASU. Shoib impressed everyone at our center and was well liked. He was a fantastic emissary for Pakistan. We need more junior scholars to visit US universities for cross-cultural and academic exchanges.

– Yasmin Saikia, Arizona State University

Muhammad Shoib (University of Gujrat in Pakistan) was awarded an AIPS mentoring project grant (funded by the US Embassy in Pakistan) and worked at the Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict at ASU for the fall term of 2013. During his semester in residence, Shoib conducted a research project, sat in on graduate seminars and lectures,



Muhammad Shoib (left) with his research mentor, Dr. Victor Agadjanian

participated in workshops and conferences, while broadening his networking and intercultural experiences on campus. During his stay at ASU, he was paired with two faculty mentors, Victor Agadjanian, Professor and Faculty Affiliate of Sociology in the T. Denny Sanford School of Family and Social Dynamics, and Yasmin Saikia, History Professor and the Hardt-Nickachos Chair in Peace Studies.

Shoib reported that the opportunities presented by the program were extremely beneficial for his research. He noted that the ease of scholarship in the US made information accessible to him that he cannot access in Pakistan. He also noted that the work environment and facilities were extremely conducive to his research work.

Shoib is thankful to AIPS and the staff members at the Center and other ASU offices.





## Gwendolyn Kirk (UT Austin) on her AIPS Fellowship

With the AIPS grant I was able to conduct five months of my dissertation research in Lahore. My project focuses on the ties between the cinema industry and national language politics. I am working to understand vernacular Punjabi language within the diverse linguistic landscape of Pakistan; and my research investigates the connections that emerge from the deep and complex relationships between the Punjabi language and the aesthetics, representations, solidarities, and social commentaries found in Punjabi popular cinema. Integrating these two areas of focus, my project explores the structure of and attitudes about the cinema industry as they are co-constructed with ideologies of language, ethnicity, and social class.

Key outcomes of this research were: 1) completion of participant-observation research at Evernew Studios, Lahore; 2) the opportunity to better understand the cultural consumption patterns at the intersection of class, language, and urban geography; and 3) onset of theorizing film Punjabi as a constructed language.

This fellowship also afforded me the chance to present my research in a variety of forums, including the Council for Social Sciences, and receive wonderful feedback from and network with Pakistani academics. I was able to present my work and conduct workshops on social science research with students at Foreman Christian College University and Sargodha University. The fellowship experience overall has strengthened and developed my project in unexpected and fruitful ways, and I am deeply grateful to AIPS for this opportunity.

## Muntasir Sattar (Columbia University) on his AIPS Fellowship

In my three months as an AIPS fellow, I was able to make the transition between being a student to being a fieldworker. In that time, the AIPS fellowship enabled me to clarify my research questions and to familiarize myself with these issues from the perspective of youth. I gave a few talks at various institutions of higher education and networked

with both Pakistani and American scholars who had thought about and written about similar topics. This strengthened my theoretical framework and improved my language skills. Simply, I can't imagine finishing this dissertation and degree without the support and guidance of AIPS.

## Travel Grant Awardees (April 2013- February 2014)

### International:

**Dr. Matt Nelson**, Professor at SOAS (University of London)

**Title of Paper:** Voting for Impunity: On the Conceptual Limits of Patronage Democracy

**Conference paper was presented:** Annual Conference on South Asia

**Location:** Madison, WI

**Date:** October 17-20, 2013

**Faiza Moatasim**, Architecture PhD  
Dissertator at University of Michigan  
Anne Arbor

**Title of Paper:** Temporary Provisions- Rethinking Hybridization in the Planned Modernist City of Islamabad

**Conference paper was presented:** Urban Hybridity in the Post-Colonial Age (International Institute for Asian Studies)

**Location:** Macau

**Date:** December 16-20, 2013

**Sahar Khan**, Political Science PhD  
Dissertator at University of California – Irvine

**Title of Paper:** What's the State's Relationship with Terrorism?

**Conference paper was presented:** Reevaluating Agency in Terrorism  
International Studies Association 55th Annual Convention

**Location:** Toronto, Ontario

**Date:** March 26-29, 2014

### Domestic:

**Dr. Walter Hakala**, Assistant Professor

at University of Buffalo, SUNY

**Title of Paper:** Dictionary Dacoits: Self-Quotation and Plagiarism in Colonial Urdu Lexicography

**Conference paper was presented:** Annual Conference on South Asia

**Location:** Madison, WI

**Date:** October 17-20, 2013

**Dr. Nadia Loan**, Adjunct Professor at University of Oregon

**Title of Paper:** Quranic Legibility: Inscribing Devotion in Contemporary Pakistan

**Conference paper was presented:** Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association

**Location:** Chicago, IL

**Date:** November 20-24, 2013

**Naeem Mohaiemen**, Anthropology PhD student, Columbia University

**Title of Paper:** Prisoners of "Shothik Itihash"

**Conference paper was presented:** Annual Conference on South Asia

**Location:** Madison, WI

**Date:** October 17-20, 2013

**Syeda Sara Abbas**

**Title of Paper:** Incomplete Exposition or Propaganda Tools? A look at Sunday school textbooks as a case study

**Conference paper was presented:** Hawaii University International Conferences on Education and Technology

**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii

**Date:** June 10-12, 2013





## William Johnson (University of Oregon) AIPS Short-term Embassy Fellow

In April 2013 I traveled to Pakistan as an AIPS Short Term Fellow. The focus of my research is corruption, and more specifically how perceptions of corruption (and impunity) inform the rule of law in countries confronting systemic violence. My fieldwork consisted of formal and informal interviews, supplemented with analysis of media and some government documents. I conducted interviews with private lawyers, government officials, and academics, and informal interviews with several dozen individuals - mostly students, recent graduates, and members of the business community - who had interacted with the Pakistani judicial system. I also presented four lectures at three Pakistani universities.

I arrived in Pakistan several weeks before the historic 2013 elections, which created both a problem and an opportunity. Problematic because some of the judicial officials, including high court judges and a justice of the Supreme Court, were inaccessible due to security issues. However, because the topic of my research – corruption – was also a key election issue, the timing presented me with an invaluable opportunity. In this context the informal interviews I held with students, academics, businessmen, and others informed my research almost as much as the interviews with members of the Pakistani bar. The fellowship was an incredible success, and the data I gathered has significantly strengthened my argument that misperceptions of the causes and consequences of corruption too often lead to ineffective anti-corruption programs.



William Johnson in Pakistan

## Andrew Amstutz (Cornell University) on his AIPS Fellowship

My research on the AIPS fellowship was centered in Urdu libraries and archives in Delhi and Mumbai, particularly collections related to the Anjuman-i Taraqqi-yi Urdu (Association for the Advancement of Urdu). The Anjuman-i Taraqqi-yi Urdu is one of the oldest and largest Urdu scholarly associations in South Asia, yet the impact of its scholars, texts, and patrons on South Asian intellectual life has not been fully analyzed. For my dissertation, I am connecting the lives, letters, and libraries of the Urdu scholars of this association spread between India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. Following Partition, separate branches of the scholarly association were established in India and

Pakistan. In Delhi, I spent time tracing the history of the division of the expansive Urdu and Persian manuscript collection of the Anjuman, much of which originally derived from the Deccan, between India and Pakistan after 1947. I also found that Urdu libraries in Mumbai have extensive collections of publications from early post-colonial Pakistan, particularly Urdu scientific texts, which illustrates the continuing scholarly and commercial ties between Karachi and Bombay after 1947. This AIPS fellowship support was crucial for my dissertation, tentatively titled “Finding a Home for Urdu: The Urdu Language Movement in 20th Century South Asia.”

### AIPS 2013 Summer Grantees

#### **Kiran Ahmed**

**Field:** Social Anthropology

**Home Institution:**

University of Texas, Austin

#### **Maira Hayat**

**Field:** Social Anthropology

**Home Institution:**

University of Chicago

#### **Mariam Chughtai**

**Field:** Education

Policy, Leadership and

Instructional Practice

**Home Institution:**

Harvard University

#### **Safoora Arbab**

**Field:** Department of  
Comparative Literature

**Home Institution:**

University of California  
Los Angeles

#### **Shayan Rajani**

**Field:** Modern South Asia

**Home Institution:** Tufts  
University

## AIPS Sponsored Course Development on Pakistan/South Asia Studies

AIPS sponsored two courses on Pakistan/South Asia Studies in the past year. An introductory course to South Asia was taught at Huston-Tillotson University, a Minority-Serving Institution in Austin, Texas in Spring Term 2013. At North Carolina Central University, a Historical Black University, a course titled, “Sacred Texts and Traditions of South Asia” was taught during the Fall term of 2013. Funding for these two courses increased the impact of Pakistan/South Asian studies by increasing awareness in the US, especially to new audiences. Funding is available to support a graduate student stipend to teach such a course.





# Member Institute News

## Harvard University

The South Asia Institute (SAI) sent a Harvard team to the Pakistan Urban Forum in Karachi from January 9-12, 2014. The conference aimed to generate new knowledge into the driving forces, socioeconomic challenges and political implications facing the contemporary South Asian city. SAI was a sponsor for the conference, and a Harvard team participated in several panels. Rahul Mehrotra of the Graduate School



Rahul Mehrotra

of Design and Jennifer Leaning of the School of Public Health both gave guest lectures. Moving forward, SAI is coordinating 3-4 multiple interdisciplinary research projects in partnership with institutions and practitioners in South Asia. These projects encompass public health, mental health, disaster response, partition history, and urbanism in South Asia.

There is more information and photos on our website: (<http://southasiainstitute.harvard.edu/2014/01/exploring-south-asian-urbanism-in-karachi/>)

SAI just welcomed its inaugural Aman Fellow to Harvard: Muhammad Zahir, who will be

in residence for the spring semester. Dr. Zahir, an archaeologist, plans to use the resources at Harvard to deconstruct a genealogical analysis of the concepts of Aryans in Pakistan archaeology; its use in the interpretation of archaeological remains, ethnic identities, and the personal and professional interests of archaeologists/academics involved, and the state patronage, and acceptance in Pakistan.

SAI also welcomed a Research Affiliate from Pakistan: Mumtaz Anwar, who will be working with Professor Asim Khwaja of the Harvard Kennedy School. He is a research fellow at Hamburg Institute of International Economics, Germany, and an assistant professor at the Department of Economics, University of the Punjab. Areas of his research interest include International Political Economy and Development Policy.



Jennifer Leaning of the Harvard School of Public Health and Director of the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights being interviewed by Pakistani television.

## New Pakistan Club at the University of Chicago

The Pakistan Club at the University of Chicago started out as an alumni organization at the Booth School of Business at the University. The Club has expanded to include members from all divisions of the University, and the vibrant Pakistani-American community in the Chicago area.

Besides specifically professional presentations by senior corporate executives, policy makers and academics (including one Nobel Laureate economist), the Pakistan Club has conducted Admissions sessions for the University both in Chicago and in Pakistan. It has also organized a highly successful conference, Investment Opportunities in Pakistan, and another conference on emerging business opportunities in the Silk Road countries. In addition to several talks on US-Pakistan relations, the Club has held events with authors Leslie Mas (Back to Pakistan) and Ethan Casey (Alive and Well in Pakistan), academics such as Adil Najam (Pakistan in a Globalizing World), Pervez Hoodbhoy (Bridging the Islam-West Chasm), Atif Mian (Law and Governance in the Muslim World: The Case of Pakistan), and Chicago's own alumnus Nadeem ul Haque, a former Deputy Chairman of the Pakistan Planning Commission (Rethinking Pakistan's Development Strategy: A Comprehensive Legal and Economic Approach).

For more information:

<http://www.chicagobooth.edu/alumni/clubs/pakistan/news.aspx>

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## Arizona State University

In April 2014, a team of ASU faculty will be traveling to Pakistan to hold workshops in Kinnaird College focused on professional development and teaching American Literature. This is a partnership between ASU and Kinnaird College funded by the US Embassy in Pakistan.

Yasmin Saikia, AIPS Trustee, will attend the Spring 2014 conference on 'History and Historiography' at Punjab University.





## University of Michigan

In February, the University of Michigan hosted acclaimed author and BBC correspondent Mohammed Hanif who read from his book, *A Case of Exploding Mangoes*, and discussed the broader contours of his writing. He also participated in a one-day symposium on “India as a Regional Power”.

On April 4, U-M will be hosting a conference on Pakistan, “Cultures of Activism: Arts, Expression, and Pakistan,” which is organized by the U-M Pakistan Students’ Association, and coordinated by the Center for South Asian Studies. The conference will feature, among others: the prominent artist Shazia Sikander, who will show her recent film; Sabeen Mahmud, who has initiated an arts and discourse space in Karachi, T2F; and Arif Hasan, who works on Karachi’s urban environment. Hasan will be at the conference as part of a short residency at U-M.

A highlight of the U-M spring South Asia program is a performance by Asif Ali Khan and his qawwali party. We are thrilled to be able to bring these performance artists from Pakistan, and offer our university and local community the opportunity to enjoy an art that is so well cultivated there.

Want to write an article for the next AIPS Newsletter? Contact Laura Hammond (ljammond@southasia.wisc.edu)

## Berkeley Pakistan Studies Initiative

On October 8, 2013, UC-Berkeley launched a Pakistan Studies Initiative. UC-Berkeley has been one of the leading US institutions for training generations of scholars, journalists, public servants and others with an interest in Pakistan. Nowhere is UC-Berkeley’s long-term commitment to Pakistan more apparent than in the existence between 1973 and 2001 of the Berkeley Urdu Language Program in Pakistan (BULPIP). BULPIP was the premier Urdu language-training program in South Asia until post-9/11 security issues forced its removal to India and finally, in 2008, closure.

The Pakistan Studies Initiative has four main objectives:

- i) To foster the widest possible range of conversations about Pakistan,
- ii) To amplify Pakistani voices in these conversations,
- iii) To highlight the diversity of those Pakistani voices, and,
- iv) To learn as much from those voices as they might learn from ours.

UC-Berkeley is committed to expanding one of the best library collections on Pakistan in the world and offering regular language instruction at all levels in Urdu as well as Punjabi.

UC-Berkeley has witnessed tremendous growth in the number of undergraduate students from Pakistan. At present there are almost fifty. Alongside over 300 Pakistani-Americans on campus, they have helped transform the Pakistani Students Association into a vibrant campus student group.

Moving forward, new currents promise to irrigate a growing Pakistan-focused eco-system at Berkeley. The first is defined by the resurrection of the BULPIP program in collaboration with AIPS. For more information, see the BULPIP article in this newsletter.

For more information about the UC-Berkeley Pakistan Studies Initiative, please contact Munis Faruqui (faruqui@berkeley.edu), Saba Mahmood (smahmood@berkeley.edu), or Sanchita Saxena (sanchitas@berkeley.edu).



(from left) Rafiq Habib, Asma Jahangir, Rafat Pirzada, Saba Mahmood at UC Berkeley



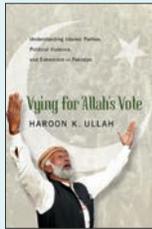


# Member Publications & News

## NEW BOOKS ON PAKISTAN STUDIES:

**Shabana Mir**, *Muslim American Women on Campus: Undergraduate Social Life and Identity*. University of North Carolina Press. 2014.

**Haroon K. Ullah**, *Vying for Allah's Vote: Understanding Islamic Parties, Political Violence, and Extremism in Pakistan*. Georgetown University Press. 2013.



**Haroon K. Ullah**, *The Bargain from the Bazaar: A Family's Day of Reckoning in Lahore*. Public Affairs. 2014.

## INDIVIDUAL MEMBER PUBLICATIONS (NON BOOK):

**Brian Caton**, "The Transition from Animal Capital to Land Capital in Colonial Punjab, 1850-1900" Lahore University of Management Sciences, conference on "Asian Ecologies: Capital, Modernity and the Environment," 6 April 2013.

This paper will be part of a special issue of Capitalism Nature Socialism, to be published soon.

**Naheed Haq**, "The Effects of Audio Lingual Methods of Teaching on Listening & Speaking Skills of Students." ELT Voices, India International Journal. Volume 4. Issue 1 (Feb., 2014).

This research pertains to Haq's masters degree in TEFL. Haq graduated from the Department of Applied Linguistics Allama Iqbal Open University, Pakistan.

**Tryna Lyons**, "The Marvelous Tree of Multan," in Mahesh Sharma and Padma Kaimal, eds., Themes, Histories, Interpretations: Indian Painting, Essays in Honour of B.N. Goswamy (Ahmedabad: Mapin, 2013), 232-46.

This essay traces a mystical theme with Sufi implications in the 19th-century wall paintings of Multan, Taunsa Sharif, Uch and other sites in the vicinity.

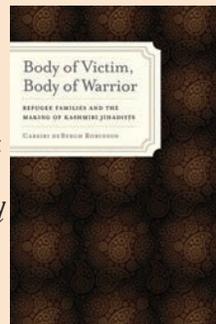


**Cabeiri Robinson**, *Body of Victim, Body of Warrior: Refugee Families and the Making of Kashmiri Jihadists*. University of California Press. 2013.

The book describes the history of Kashmiri refugee settlement in Pakistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir since 1947. It explains how the category "refugee of the state of Jammu and Kashmir" became a legal, administrative, electoral, and social category in post-colonial Pakistan and India. It further examines why Kashmiri refugees became involved in the armed struggle on the Indian side of the LoC in the 1990s and the effect their involvement had on the practice of the Kashmir Jihad.

Cabeiri has been conducting research for her second project on the social and political transformations in AJK after the earthquake of 2005. She is currently completing the research, on an AIPS short-term grant, for a second book, working draft title *Humanitarian Jihad and Humanitarianism, Incorporated: Islamic Charities, International Organizations, Volunteerism, and the Post-Disaster Reconstruction of Pakistani Kashmir*. The first essay based on this work, The Dangerous Allure of Tourism Promotion as a Post-Conflict Policy in Disputed Azad Jammu and Kashmir will be released by Cultural Anthropology in its open access series "Hot Spots" in late February, 2014.

Cabeiri was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure at the University of Washington in September 2013. She is currently affiliated with Fatima Jinnah Women's University where she is running a month-long workshop on fostering a research culture, and she has been asked to do a workshop on integrating qualitative methods into quantitative social science research at the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir. She writes from Pakistan that is fantastic to be there, conducting research and meeting old friends, interlocutors, and colleagues after several years away.



**L.M. Olivieri**, *The Last Phases at Barikot: Urban Cults and Preliminary Chronology*. 1. Data from the 2011-2012 Excavation Campaigns in Swat, «Journal of Inner Asian Art and Archaeology», 2013, 6 (in press).

**L.M. Olivieri**, *When and why the ancient town of Barikot was abandoned? A preliminary note*

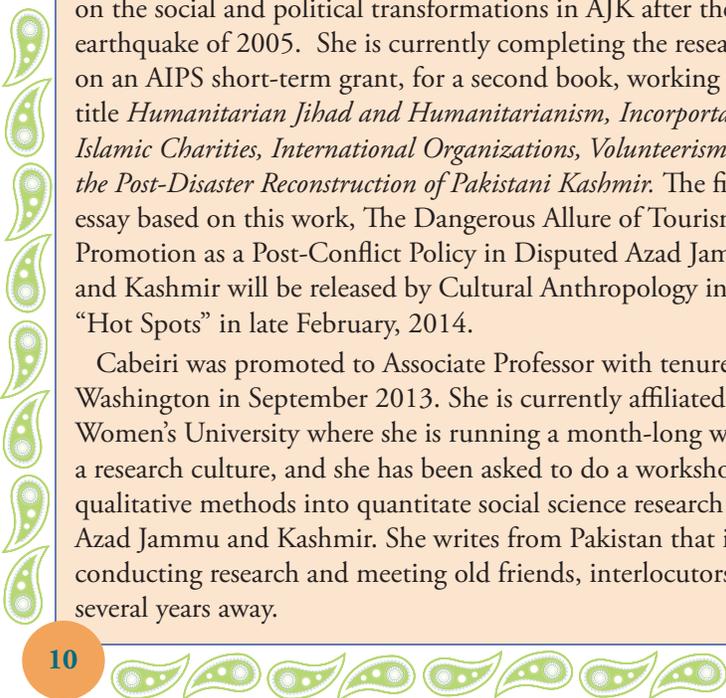


based on the last archaeological data, «Pakistan Heritage», 2013, 5 (in press).

**Marvin Weinbaum and Khurram Abdullah**, "Pakistan and Saudi Arabia; Deference, Dependence and Deterrence." Middle East Journal. (Pending)

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS:

**Nosheen Ali**, Habib University, started a digital humanities platform for poetic knowledge in Pakistan and South Asia: [www.umangpoetry](http://www.umangpoetry).





org. The platform showcases poetic thought in multiple languages as well as in multiple formats – including text, audio, video, and art. It also features a blog for covering all things poetry, including essays, book reviews, and interviews, while also providing a moderated forum for users to submit their own poems.

AIPS members working on language and literature in South Asia are warmly invited to submit their poems, translations and blog posts for Umang.

**Andrew Amstutz** received a Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad award for his project, “Finding a Home for Urdu: The Urdu Language Movement in Twentieth Century South Asia.” This is a continuation of his dissertation research begun on the AIPS long-term fellowship.



**Brian Caton** was appointed Department Head, History Department, Luther College, (June 2013).

**Robert Nichols**, in addition to his recent edited volume on the Frontier Crimes Regulation, Nichols has created a blog, “Peshawar Digital Archives”. The documents are related

to Gopal Das, who worked on the 1870s Peshawar land settlement. Of most interest is his Urdu language history, the Tarikh-e-Peshawar, which includes original material. More information can be found at the Stockton Blogsite: <https://blogs.stockton.edu/peshawardigitalstudies/>

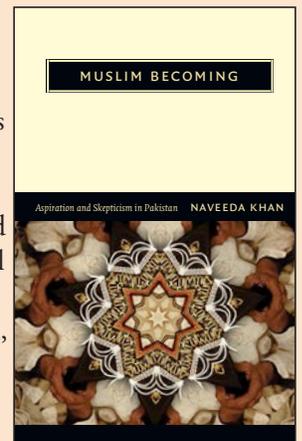
**Carla Petievich**, President, Hoshyar Foundation (educating girls for a better world) reported that the Hoshyar Foundation now supports over 500 students in six schools. Their ages range from 4 to 18 years, their

class level from nursery to college prep, with 39 new high school graduates in 2013! Probably the most exciting development in 2013 was that Hoshyar inaugurated higher secondary courses in four of our six schools, among other accomplishments. Twenty-four high school graduates in KPK are taking college prep classes and three new teachers have been hired. Scholarships for these courses are made possible by a donation from the Friends of Pakistan USA.

## AIPS Book Prize

AIPS was pleased to award **Naveeda Khan**, Associate Professor of Anthropology at Johns Hopkins University the 2012-13 AIPS Book Prize for her book, “*Muslim Becoming: Aspiration and Skepticism in Pakistan*”.

In *Muslim Becoming*, Naveeda Khan challenges the claim that Pakistan’s relation to Islam is fragmented and problematic. Offering a radically different interpretation, Khan contends that Pakistan inherited an aspirational, always-becoming Islam, one with an open future and a tendency toward experimentation. For the individual, this aspirational tendency manifests in a continual striving to be a better Muslim. It is grounded in the thought of Muhammad Iqbal (1877–1938), the poet, philosopher, and politician considered the spiritual founder of Pakistan. Khan finds that Iqbal provided the philosophical basis for recasting Islam as an open religion with possible futures as yet unrealized, which he did in part through his engagement with the French philosopher Henri Bergson.



## AIPS News and Funding Opportunities

### News:

1) AIPS has two new institutional members! Syracuse University and Tufts University were awarded membership. AIPS welcomes the new members!

2) AIPS-sponsored panel at the Association for Asian Studies 2014 Annual Conference, “Locating Forgotten Histories: Religious, Linguistic, and Economic limits of

Pakistan”. Presenters include: Sheetal Chhabria, Venkat Dhulipala, David Gilmartin, and Matthew Cook. Date: Thursday, March 27th, 7:00-9:30am

### Funding Opportunities with AIPS:

Funding opportunities are available for AIPS Institutional Members for conferences and workshops. We strongly encourage applications for any

of these programs!

1) Collaborative workshop with a public university in Pakistan  
<http://pakistanstudies-aips.org/content/collaborative-workshop-pakistan-university>

2) Workshop in Pakistan with participation/collaboration with a Minority-Serving Institution in the US  
<http://pakistanstudies-aips.org/content/workshops-pakistan-0>





### Fellows Completed Travel or in the Field (April 2013-February 2014)

#### Andrew Amstutz

**Project title:** Making a Home for Urdu in Pakistan: The Migrations of the Anjuman-i Taraqqi-yi Urdu  
**Home Institution:** Cornell University  
**Research Location:** New Delhi, India & Dhaka Bangladesh

#### William Johnson

**Project title:** Corruption and Impunity in Pakistan  
**Home Institution:** University of Oregon  
**Research Location:** Pakistan  
**Institutional Affiliation in Pakistan:** Quaid-i-Azam University

#### Muntasir Sattar

**Project title:** Finding a Job in the Megacity: the Relationships between Education, Work, and the Urban Setting  
**Home Institution:** Columbia University  
**Research Location:** Pakistan  
**Institutional Affiliation in Pakistan:** FC College University, Lahore

#### Gwendolyn Kirk

**Project title:** Punjabi and Popular Vulgarity: A Critical Analysis of Language and Cinema in Pakistan  
**Home Institution:** University of Texas at Austin  
**Research Location:** Pakistan  
**Institutional Affiliation in Pakistan:** LUMS

#### Anila Daulatzai (Currently in the field)

**Project title:** Heroin Use and Harm Reduction in an Islamic Context: An Ethnographic Study  
**Home Institution:** John Hopkins University  
**Research Location:** Pakistan  
**Institutional Affiliation in Pakistan:** Nai Zindagi Trust

#### Sean Killen (Currently in the field)

**Project title:** South Asian Legal Professionals and International Legal Order, c. 1860-c. 1970

**Home Institution:** University of Texas at Austin  
**Research Location:** London and Geneva

#### Dr. Cabeiri Robinson (Currently in the field)

**Project title:** Islamic Charities, Voluntary Organizations, and the Post-Disaster Reconstruction of Pakistani Kashmir  
**Home Institution:** University of Washington-Seattle  
**Research Location:** Pakistan  
**Institutional Affiliation in Pakistan:** Iqbal Institute of Research and Dialogue

#### Awarded, but not yet traveled

#### Dr. Syed Akbar Hyder

**Project title:** Lives of Passion and Paradox: Josh and His Peers  
**Home Institution:** University of Texas at Austin  
**Research Location:** Pakistan

#### Dr. Christopher Candland

**Project title:** Workshop-based Research Consultations on “Faith and Survival”  
**Home Institution:** Wellesley College  
**Research Location:** Pakistan

#### Sayyeda Razvi

**Project title:** A Space & Time for Storytelling: Reconfigurations of Spatial & Temporal Experience in the Work of Intizar Hussain  
**Home Institution:** University of California Davis  
**Research Location:** Pakistan

#### Marcia Hermansen

**Project title:** Shah Wali Allah Studies  
**Home Institution:** Loyola University Chicago  
**Research Location:** Pakistan

### AIPS At-Large Trustee Election results

AIPS is pleased to announce that the individual membership count is now over 80 individuals! Per the AIPS bylaws, there is one At-Large (General Member) Trustee for every 20 individual members. The AIPS membership grew from 60+ members to 80+ members, thus requiring an additional At-Large Trustee. An election was held in the Fall of 2013 to elect two At-Large Trustees. The term for one

of the existing three seats was up for re-election and Uzma Rizvi was re-elected by the general membership. A new seat was created and Mehr Farooqi was elected to the new seat.

AIPS plans to hold an election every year for an At-Large Trustee, so please keep your membership up to date and encourage your Pakistan-interested colleagues to join and become involved in keeping the AIPS a vibrant scholarly organization.

