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### **Chup kareke kareen guzare nu: Witnessing Violence and Staying Silent**

The AIPS- funded travel grant was used for a conference presentation titled “Chup kareke kareen guzare nu: Witnessing Violence and Staying Silent” at the Annual South Asia Conference at Madison, October 2017. The presentation reflected on contemporary politics and activism in Pakistan, and furthered a deeper understanding of Pakistan studies by raising critical issues pertaining to surveillance, militarism and social justice in Balochistan and the rest of the country at large. It also promoted an alternative perspective on Pakistani history and society, by reflecting on poetic possibilities and creative engagement in the moment. The Feminist Pre-conference at Madison is a prestigious avenue, and my presentation was the only invited talk at the pre-conference that was focused on Pakistan. The theme of the pre-conference was “Gender, Sexuality and Occupation” organized by the Critical Kashmir Studies group.