

**Name:** Christopher Candland

**Title:** Purpose of grant: *Faith and Welfare: Religious Philanthropy in Pakistan*

**Abstract:**

Religious philanthropy has strong historical and culturally diverse roots in Pakistan. Religious philanthropies provide vital aid to tens of millions of people in Pakistan annually. I propose to conduct interviews with founders, leaders, and beneficiaries of religious philanthropies and to give lectures at AIPS host institutions during a 12-week visit to Pakistan. Interactions with Pakistani colleagues would greatly aid the research; and lectures at host institutions would greatly facilitate such interactions. The interviews in Pakistan would allow me to complete a book manuscript by January 2011. The book will describe the geography of charitable religious activities, demonstrate that religious philanthropies are diverse and are make major contributions to combating human insecurity in Pakistan, and discuss the limits of private sector provision of essential services.

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**Time Frame:** 3 Months